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Managers Message

Dear Residents,

July 1st marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for the City of Laurinburg and we are eager to get started.

We would like to invite everyone to the City of Laurinburg's Fireworks Display on July 4th at Pate Stadium. The display will begin around 9pm (depending on the darkness) and should last for thirty to thirty-five minutes. Gates will open at 7pm and concessions will be made available inside the stadium by the Scotland High School Band Booster Club.

City staff has been working with the Beautification Committee over the last six months to choose entrance signs for the gateways into our community and I am extremely pleased with the finished product. We would like to thank the Beautification Committee and City Council for their tireless efforts during this process. The City unveiled one new entrance sign on Highway 401 South last month. We identified 6 locations for the entrance signs and the last 5 signs should be installed by the end of July. We are all very excited about this addition to our great City.

In an attempt to keep our city clean, we have implemented a new program with this year's budget. We will be adding a new position to city staff, which will have the responsibility of managing a "Litter and Edging Crew." With the help of inmates, this crew will tackle litter and will edge streets and sidewalks year-round. We strongly feel that this program will put a polished, "finishing touch" on the City of Laurinburg's appearance.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Nichols III City Manager

Changes to NC Electricity <u>Tax Take Effect on July 1</u>

Electric customers across North Carolina will notice a change on their power bill, beginning July 1.

The NC General Assembly changed the way electricity is taxed as part of the Tax Simplification and Reduction Act that was passed last year.

Electric customers currently pay tax on both wholesale and retail electricity. The wholesale tax (3.22 percent) is built into the cost of electricity, while the retail tax (3 percent) is listed as a line item on customer bills.

Beginning July 1, customers will pay just one tax on electricity: a 7 percent retail tax that will be listed on all customer bills. The tax on wholesale electricity has been eliminated, meaning that the price of wholesale electricity will be reduced by 3.22 percent.

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Recycling Schedule

Calendar of Events

City Council Regular Monthly Meetings
City Council Chambers

City Council Chambers
July 22; Aug 19; Sept 16
7 pm

City of Laurinburg Fireworks Display

SHS Pate Stadium Parking Lot July 4, 2014

Independence Day

City Offices Closed July 4, 2014

National Night Out

Main Street August 5, 2014

Labor Day

City Offices Closed September 1, 2014

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday's route will be picked up on Thursday, July 3rd.

LABOR DAY

Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, September 3rd.

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Bi-Weekly Recycling Schedule





The City of Laurinburg collects residential curbside recyclable materials on a bi-weekly collection schedule. Each residence is assigned to either the **GREEN** or **RED** recycling route. This determines which week recyclables are collected according to the schedule below.

The recyclables will still be collected on the same day of the week as garbage. For example, if garbage collection day is on Monday, then recyclables collection will be every other Monday.

GREEN	JUNE 23 - 26	GREEN	OCT 27 - 30	GREEN	MARCH 2 - 5
RED	JUNE 30 - JULY 3	RED	NOV 3 - 6	RED	MARCH 9 - 12
GREEN	JULY 7 - 10	GREEN	NOV 10 - 13	GREEN	MARCH 16 - 19
RED	JULY 14 - 17	RED	NOV 17 - 20	RED	MARCH 23 - 26
GREEN	JULY 21 - 24	GREEN	NOV 24 - 27	GREEN	MARCH 30 - APRIL 2
RED	JULY 28 - 31	RED	DEC 1 - 4	RED	APRIL 6 - 9
GREEN	AUG 4 - 7	GREEN	DEC 8 - 11	GREEN	APRIL 13 - 16
RED	AUG 11 - 14	RED	DEC 15 - 18	RED	APRIL 20 - 23
GREEN	AUG 18 - 21	GREEN	DEC 22 - 25	GREEN	APRIL 27 - 30
RED	AUG 25 - 28	RED	DEC 29 - JAN 1	RED	MAY 4 - 7
GREEN	SEPT 1 - 4	GREEN	JAN 5 - 8	GREEN	MAY 11 - 14
RED	SEPT 8 - 11	RED	JAN 12 - 15	RED	MAY 18 - 21
GREEN	SEPT 15 - 18	GREEN	JAN 19 - 22	GREEN	MAY 25 - 28
RED	SEPT 22 - 25	RED	JAN 26 - 29	RED	JUNE 1 - 4
GREEN	SEPT 29 - OCT 2	GREEN	FEB 2 - 5	GREEN	JUNE 8 - 11
RED	OCT 6 - 9	RED	FEB 9 - 12	RED	JUNE 15 - 18
GREEN	OCT 13 - 16	GREEN	FEB 16 - 19	GREEN	JUNE 22 - 25
RED	OCT 20 - 23	RED	FEB 23 - 26	RED	JUNE 29 - JULY 2

The City of Laurinburg now collects all the following items in the curbside recycling program:

Newspaper; Aluminum Cans; Steel Cans; All plastic containers with #1 - #7 on bottom (does <u>not</u> include Styrofoam); Magazines; Mixed office and computer paper; Cardboard; Clear, Brown, and Green glass bottles; Used Motor Oil (secured in a plastic bottle with a tight cap and placed <u>beside</u> the recycling cart); Used Cooking Oil (place in a plastic bottle with a tight cap and call Public Works office @ 276-2364 for pick up)

Other Solid Waste Collection Schedules:

<u>Corrugated cardboard</u> is collected <u>every other week</u> along with other recyclables. Please flatten your cardboard boxes and place inside or next to your recycling bin on your scheduled recycling collection day.

<u>Yard Waste</u> is collected <u>as often as possible</u> with a goal of one pickup per week. It is not assigned to any particular day as the trucks just get as far as they can each day. <u>Please separate all yard waste into two separate piles</u>, one containing limbs, shrubbery clippings, and/or pine cones, and the other containing leaves and/or grass clippings.

Bulky Items are collected weekly on the <u>same day of the week as household garbage</u>. Please place your bulky items at the curb on the same day that you place your roll-out cart at the curb for collection. Bulky items includes all large trash items that can't fit in your cart, such as furniture, white goods (appliances), television sets, large toys such as bicycles and swing sets, lawn equipment, and used tires. The City does <u>not</u> collect building materials resulting from construction, demolition, remodeling, or repair work.

Bulky items may <u>not</u> be placed at the street more than 24 hours prior to your scheduled collection day.