



# City News

## Message from City Manager

Dear City of Laurinburg Residents,

As we conclude another year, I hope everyone had a very joyful holiday season. It's important during the holidays to remember to appreciate family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors for their presence and support throughout the year. We are very fortunate to live in such a tight-knit community that offers love and support.

Over the course of the last year, the City of Laurinburg has again experienced many positives. None of these successes would have occurred without the loyal employees that work for the City. We are extremely lucky to have such hard-working, dedicated employees that are committed to providing quality services at the

best value available. Most people, including myself, take for granted the services that these hard-working individuals provide to the citizens of Laurinburg day in and out, year around.

I have been with the City for a year and a half now and couldn't be more proud to be a part of the City of Laurinburg family. It is truly a pleasure to come to work every day with such a loyal group of individuals, and I hope all Laurinburg citizens are aware of how much the City staff cares about our community and helping to make it even better.

Sincerely,  
Charles D. Nichols III  
City Manager

## Disconnection Date

On March 18, 2014, the Laurinburg City Council amended its utility billing ordinance by extending the utility disconnection date until the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month. Previously, the disconnection date was the 26<sup>th</sup> of each month which allowed customers two (2) extensions within a twelve month period, leaving the balance to be remitted no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the next month to avoid disconnection.

By extending the disconnect date until the 5<sup>th</sup>, it is essentially eliminating the need for extensions. Disconnections will begin on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. The policy will not hold or delay a disconnection for any reason other than the guidelines set forth in City Code concerning Inclement Weather or death at the residence at which the disconnect is scheduled, which has always been an extended courtesy of the City of Laurinburg.

For your convenience, payments are accepted by debit or credit card via our automated phone service or our website at [www.laurinburg.org](http://www.laurinburg.org). For check payments, we also have a night drop payment box.

**All of these services are accessible 24/7.**

Our office hours are 8AM -5PM, Monday-Friday, if you prefer to visit our office. Please call us with any questions at (910)276-1521.

## Holiday Schedule

The City of Laurinburg offices will be closed on Thursday, January 1st, 2015 in observance of the New Years Holiday. All solid waste routes for Thursday will be picked up on Wednesday along with the Wednesday route.

Also, the City of Laurinburg offices will be closed on Monday January 19th, 2015 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. All solid waste routes for that Monday will be picked up on Tuesday along with the Tuesday route.

## Calendar of Events

**City Council Agenda Work Sessions**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**January 13, February 10, March 10**  
**7:00 pm**

**City Council Regular Monthly Meetings**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**January 20, February 17, March 17**  
**7:00 pm**

**City Offices Closed**  
**New Years Day**  
**January 1**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**January 19**

**Christmas Tree Bonfire**  
**Legion Park**  
**January 9**  
**6:30pm**

**Pet License Renewal Deadline**  
**February 15**

## Christmas Tree Bonfire

The City of Laurinburg Fire Department will host a Christmas Tree Bonfire at Legion Park on Friday, **January 9, 2015 at 6:30PM**. The City of Laurinburg Sanitation Department will collect live Christmas Trees that are placed by the curb January 5th - 8th. Please remove all Christmas ornaments and lights from the tree before you place it at your curb.

The Fire Department will supply coat hangers and marshmallows for roasting. Residents are encouraged to come out and have fun and fellowship with your neighbors and families. Bring your chairs, blankets, friends, and food (such as hot dogs for roasting) and enjoy this wonderful experience. We look forward to seeing you there.

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# Congratulations to the City of Laurinburg Fire Department



The Laurinburg Fire Department has been recognized for its efforts last year to prevent fire-related deaths. Laurinburg Fire Chief Randy Gibson was notified recently that the department is being recognized with a Life Safety Achievement Award by the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research & Education Foundation for "recording outstanding fire safety statistics and implementing effective prevention programs" during 2013.

Among other selection criteria, Laurinburg's department qualified because it had no fire deaths last year.

"Because zero fire deaths may not fully reflect a fire department's prevention efforts ... the criteria was revised to include those that record a 10 percent reduction in fire fatalities, as well as document an active and effective fire prevention program," said Butch Browning, president of the foundation, in a statement.

"The heroic efforts of our local fire service aren't limited to rushing into burning buildings to save families," Browning said.

The award was presented in conjunction with the association, Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance and the Residential Fire Safety Institute.

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## What is Recyclable?



### PAPER:

Newspaper; Junk Mail; Mixed office and computer paper; Magazines; Books

### CARDBOARD:

Corrugated Cardboard; Any other cardboard such as cereal, cake mix, or shoe boxes, etc.

### METAL:

Aluminum Cans; Steel Cans

### PLASTIC:

All plastic containers with #1 - #7 on bottom (does NOT include Styrofoam)

### GLASS:

Clear, Brown, and Green glass bottles

Please place **ONLY** these items in the blue cart. All other household items should be placed in the green garbage cart.

Used Motor Oil (secured in a plastic bottle with a tight cap) can be placed **BESIDE** the blue cart to be picked up with recyclables.

Used Cooking Oil (secured in a plastic bottle with a tight cap) - Call Public Works at 276-2364 for pick up.