



City News



City of Laurinburg Launches First Citizen's Academy...

The City of Laurinburg will launch its First Citizen's Academy beginning January 2017. This free, comprehensive, six-week program is designed to help Laurinburg citizens learn and better understand how Laurinburg Municipal Government operates. During our 2017 Budget discussions, City Council made this effort a priority. The Academy's goals are:

- ◆ To inform, educate, engage, and empower local citizens with a thorough, behind-the-scenes view of City of Laurinburg Municipal Government in order to help grow and develop future City Governmental leaders;
- ◆ To personally meet and talk with City elected officials, department heads, and staff to better understand how Municipal Government operates. Eventually, this will enable Academy graduates to be actively involved with Municipal Government;

- ◆ The ultimate goal of the Academy is to equip citizens with the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to become actively engaged in the community and to gain a working knowledge about the City's overall organization, vision, mission, goals, objectives, budget policies, procedures, and day-to-day functions to create civic ambassadors who may enlighten others about City Government.

The Citizens' Academy will consist of six programs focusing on major City Governmental topics. Short videos will introduce sessions followed by department heads and staff presentations. Classes may involve problem solving exercises, hypothetical examples, or case studies. The main dialogue involves participants being actively engaged in each session.

Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire...

The City of Laurinburg Fire Department will host a Christmas Tree Bonfire at Legion Park on Friday, **January 6, 2017 at 6:30PM**. The City of Laurinburg Sanitation Department will collect live Christmas Trees that are placed by the curb January 3rd thru January 5th. 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.

Pet License Reminder:

Pet License renewals are due by February 15th. Don't forget to get your license at any one of the 4 locations:

- City of Laurinburg (City Hall)
- X-Way Animal Hospital
- Scotland Veterinary Hospital
- Scotland County Animal Shelter

Calendar of Events

City Council Regular Monthly Meetings
City Council Chambers
January 17, February 21, March 21
7:00 pm

City Offices Closed
New Years Day
January 2

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16

Christmas Tree Bonfire
January 6, 2017

Pet License Renewal Deadline
February 15

Holiday Schedule

The City of Laurinburg offices will be closed on Monday, January 2nd, 2017 in observance of the New Years Holiday. All solid waste routes for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday along with the Tuesday route.

Also, the City of Laurinburg offices will be closed on Monday January 16th, 2017 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.

Winter Savings...

Preparing your home for the cold weather can save you money, help keep your bills under control, and keep your family safe and warm when the temperature drops. Below are a few ways you can prepare your home for cold weather:

- ◆ Installing a programmable thermostat properly can be very energy efficient. Lower your thermostat and wear socks and jackets inside. Lowering your thermostat by just one degree Fahrenheit will reduce your energy use by three percent. Lowering your thermostat by 10 degrees at bedtime can be very beneficial.
- ◆ Service your heat pump once a year, change air filters quarterly, and maintaining good duct work can help your unit run efficiently.
- ◆ Adjust your hot water heater to 125 degrees. Drain off a bucket of hot water annually to remove sediment that could possibly interfere with the heater's long term use. Any water heater older than five years could use a hot water heater blanket. Insulate the pipes around the water heater with easy to install pipe insulation.
- ◆ Weather strip and caulk windows can save you five percent on your energy bill. Install plastic-film storm windows to help with containing warm air inside the home. Check window frames for cracks and fill them with caulk that contains silicon.
 - ◆ Keep all doors and windows closed as much as possible, this includes garage doors also.

We all can do our part with managing energy better to conserve natural resources, save our environment, and lower our energy bills.



What is Recyclable?



PAPAPER:

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 or plastic bags)

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.