

City News



CITY OF LAURINBURG

Quarterly Newsletter

Celebrating Public Power...

45 million people in the United States and 1.2 million people in North Carolina receive power from a publicly owned utility like the City of Laurinburg's Electric Department. Many advantages come from having a locally owned and operated electric utility, including local jobs and an emphasis on economic development. In celebration of Public Power Week (October 1-7), I'd like to share with you the value that public power delivers to the City of Laurinburg.

Exceptional Reliability. If there is one trait that defines public power communities, it's a focus on providing safe and reliable power. That is the foundation of everything we do and we do it well. Laurinburg and other public power communities provide more reliable service than most major utilities and respond quickly when outages do occur. With local crews located right around the corner, we can get your power restored faster than large utilities that serve customers across the state and beyond. If a major storm hits, we receive immediate help from other public power communities across North Carolina to get your power restored.

Superior Service. It's reassuring to be able to pick up the phone and know the person you are calling is located right down the street. That's the case in the City of Laurinburg. The members of our customer service team are your neighbors, and they are here to answer your questions or help resolve any issues you are having with your electric service. One of the greatest advantages of living in a public power community is that our electric operations are locally controlled. That gives us greater flexibility to address local needs and respond to your concerns.

Economic Development and Cost Savings. A big part of our job is helping the community grow and prosper by supporting economic development activities. Whenever a new company locates here, it's good for our business and our employees who live here. Our reliable power supply, combined with exceptional customer service and competitive industrial rates, can play an important role in recruiting companies to locate here.

Public power communities are always looking for ways to generate cost savings for their customers. Back in 2015, the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA), which Laurinburg is a part of, reached an agreement to sell some of its electric assets to Duke Energy. That agreement significantly reduced NCEMPA's debt, which led to 7% percent rate reduction for residents of Laurinburg, putting money back in our community. As we celebrate Public Power Week, we thank you for allowing us to serve you and pledge to continue being powered by excellence and fueled by commitment.

Leaf Season is Here

With the fall comes the increased volume of leaves that will be collected by the City of Laurinburg Sanitation department. As a reminder, leaves are collected loose at the curb by City vacuum trucks.

Therefore, it is very important to keep leaves separated from all other types of debris year round. Please **DO NOT** rake your leaves into the street, over storm drain or near storm drain, **DO NOT** put leaves in any type of container (must be loose), and **ALWAYS** place leaves in an easily accessible area away from vehicles or other obstructions.

The timeliness of collection will depend on the volume of leaves set out for collection. During peak times, collection intervals could be as high as three (3) weeks.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

Calendar of Events

City Council Monthly Meetings
City Council Chambers @ 7:00p.m.
October 17; November 14; December 12

Customer Appreciation Day
Consumer Billing at City Hall
October 4th, 2017

City Offices Closed
Thanksgiving — November 23-24
Christmas — December 25-26
New Year's — January 1

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Customer Appreciation Day

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!!!

We welcome your presence at City Hall located at 303 West Church Street, on **Wednesday, October 4, 2017** for Customer Appreciation Day.

We will have refreshments, helpful energy tips and an opportunity to Celebrate Public Power Week together.

We look forward to seeing you on **October 4th.**

Annual Tree Give Away Program

Would you like to have an Purple Leaf Plum, Yoshino Cherry, Sugar Maple, Eastern Redbud, or Pink Crepe Myrtle tree planted on your property? If so, and you live inside the city limits, this may be the program for you. The City of Laurinburg Beautification Department will be taking orders during October 9-13. If you would like a tree to be planted on your property, simply call us and let us know which tree you would like. We will give you a flag to put on your property at a location visible from the street. At a later date in November, we will come back and plant the type of tree you chose.

Because this is such a popular program, we can only give 2 trees per customer each year with a limit of 4 trees per lifetime. Also, we ask that you do not call before October 9th, as we are unable to take pre-orders.

If you would like to take part in this years "Annual Tree Give Away Program", please call the Beautification Department at 910-276-8324 during the week of October 9-13, 2017 from 8:00-5:00pm.

Recycling Facts

- More than 60% of the rubbish that ends up in trash bins can be recycled.
- Around 16% of the cost of a product is spent on its packaging which is completely wasted if not disposed of properly.
 - 80% of a vehicle can be recycled.
- Aluminum cans can be recycled completely and put to use in a short time.
 - Thousands of glass jars and bottles are thrown away everyday.
 - Glass can be recycled 100% and reused.
- Plastics, which can often be recycled, take around 500 years to decompose.
- One recycled tin can saves enough energy to power a television for 3 hours.
- 70% less energy is utilized to recycle paper compared to making it from raw materials.

Find more interesting recycling facts at <https://www.earthsfriends.com>

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th for Thanksgiving. The residential garbage, bulky items, and "GREEN" recycling route for Thursday, Nov. 23rd will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. The commercial dumpsters for Thursday and Friday of that week will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, while the cardboard dumpsters for Wed. will be picked up on Tuesday.



The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Monday, December 25th, and Tuesday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday. All solid waste routes for Monday and Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday, December 27th, and all solid waste routes for Wednesday and Thursday, will be picked up on Thursday, December 28th.

The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Monday, January 1st 2017 for the New Year's Day Holiday. All solid waste routes scheduled for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday of that week.

