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# City News



# Dedication and Support...

The past few weeks have been a trying time for our Community in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. It is times like these that will make us a stronger, better Community.

Our Community is fortunate to be blessed with dedicated and knowledgeable public servants, particularly public safety and public utility personnel that respond during emergencies without hesitation. Tireless training goes into being prepared to handle situations like we experienced the middle of September. Once an event occurs, these individuals leave their families and spend countless hours trying to protect our Community and to make sure we have the utilities and services available that we sometimes take for granted. While everyone is at home with the families, these individuals are out battling the extreme weather conditions and other hazards, fighting to protect our Community's way of life.

When communities are hit with events like this, we are also fortunate to get support and assistance from all over the United States. These individuals leave their safe locations and head toward the "eye of the storm" and troubled areas to offer aid in numerous ways.

The following agencies were all involved and had key roles in protecting our Community before, during, and after Hurricane Florence:

City of Laurinburg
Scotland County
Arizona State Forestry
Peoria Fire, Peoria, AZ
Highlands FD – Flagstaff Arizona
Coconino National Forest, Arizona
North Carolina State Forestry
Orange County SO
Chatham County SO
Randolph County SO
NC Urban Search and Rescue
Columbus, OH Swiftwater Rescue
Louisville, KY Swiftwater Rescue
National Guard

Tennessee Fire Department
New Hampshire Fire Department
North Carolina State Highway Patrol
Cajun Navy
Hamlet Fire
Fayetteville Fire
City of Rocky Mount Electric
City of Wilson Electric
Town of Apex Electric
Town of Tarboro Electric
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority –
Prescott, AZ
North Carolina Task Force 8 – Raleigh Durham
& Chapel Hill

I can't stress how appreciative I am for all our city employees, the local devoted public safety and public utility personnel, and all the outside agencies that came into our Community to assist. I am proud of everyone that works behind the scenes, as well as those that are on the front line that make our Community the best!

Sincerely, Charles D Nichols III City Manager

### Calendar of Events

### City Council Monthly Meetings

City Council Chambers @ 7:00p.m.

October 16; November 13; December 11

Customer Appreciation Day Consumer Billing at City Hall October 10th, 2018

### **City Offices Closed**

Thanksgiving — November 22-23 Christmas — December 24-26 New Year's — January 1

**See Back for Holiday Sanitation Schedule** 

# Customer Appreciation Day

### **COME CELEBRATE WITH US!!!**

We welcome your presence at City Hall located at 303 West Church Street, on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018** 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 10th.

## **Annual Tree Give Away Program**

Would you like to have a small 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 8th - 12th. If you would like a tree to be planted on your property, simply call us and let us know. We will have several types of trees to choose from. 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 8th, 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 8-12, 2018 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

### Celebrating Public Power...

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.

If you have any questions about your power, please feel free to call either Consumer Billing at 910-276-1521, or Public Works at 910-276-2364.

### **Holiday Sanitation Schedule**

The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22nd and Friday, Nov. 23rd for Thanksgiving. The residential garbage, bulky items, and "GREEN" recycling route for Thursday, Nov. 22nd will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 21st. The commercial dumpsters for Thursday and Friday of that week will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 21st, while the cardboard dumpsters for Wed. will be picked up on Tuesday.





The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, and Wednesday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday. All solid waste routes for Monday and Tuesday will be picked up on Thursday, December 27th, and all solid waste routes for Wednesday and Thursday will be picked up on Friday, December 28th.

The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st 2019 for the New Year's Day Holiday. All solid waste routes scheduled for Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday of that week.

