



# City News



## Message from City Manager

Happy New Year from the City of Laurinburg. We hope everyone had a great holiday season shared with family and loved ones. A new year offers opportunities for new beginnings and growth.

Municipalities in North Carolina operate under a fiscal year running from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> so we are over halfway complete with our current budget/fiscal year. Looking back, a lot has been accomplished in the first half of the budget year. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, the new highly competitive pay plan that was adopted by Council was implemented for our valued employees. This allows the City to be extremely competitive in recruiting new talent to the City, while also ensuring that our current dedicated employees are being fairly compensated. Our employees are the City's most important asset. They are charged with planning for the future and providing services to our citizens in a highly efficient and effective manner.

We have multiple capital projects that are currently underway with the intent to ensure stability and improve the service of our utilities network. We have started construction of our second Electrical Substation. This will give us redundancy with electric utilities, which will increase the ability to keep our customers with electricity during weather events.

On the Water/Sewer side, we are finalizing an Asset Inventory and Assessment Grant, which we received to give us a complete evaluation of our water and sewer infrastructure. Once finalized, we will have a blueprint for improvements that need to be made to ensure our citizens are getting the best valued service.

We have also started waterline replacements, multiple pump station renovations, and sewer rehabilitation efforts throughout the City. In the current budget we have been able to implement many City Council objectives and projects, in light of the severe impacts sustained from Hurricane Florence last fall.

While many of those repairs to infrastructure have been completed, those recovery efforts will continue over the next several months and possibly year to other impacted infrastructure and facilities. We will strive to fulfill our duty to you to not only maintain essential services for our residents and businesses, but also increase and improve on these services, while keeping rates as low as possible.

Sincerely,  
Charles D Nichols III  
City Manager

## Free Mulch

Why buy mulch when you can get it for free? The City of Laurinburg takes the limbs that are picked up curbside and has them ground into mulch for all county residents to use. You can come get as little as a bucket full or as much as a truck load for free. If you need a truck load, we can help load it for you. Simply call 910-276-2364 to make an appointment.

We encourage you to stop by and check out our mulch pile to see if it is a material you can use for your landscaping or gardening needs. The mulch is located at our Recycling Center at 600 Hall Street.

## Calendar of Events

**City Council Regular Monthly Meetings**  
City Council Chambers  
January 22, February 19, March 19  
7:00 pm

**City Offices Closed**  
Good Friday  
April 19

**Pet License Renewal Deadline**  
February 15

## Holiday Schedule

The City of Laurinburg offices will be closed on Friday, April 19, 2019 in observance of Good Friday. All commercial solid waste routes for that Friday will be picked up on April 18th.

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## Leaves and Limbs...

The Sanitation Department has begun their peak season for collecting leaves and limbs within the City of Laurinburg. 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. Please do not rake your leaves into the street, 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. Please place your limbs and other debris in a separate pile. They will be picked up by a different type of city truck. 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.



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## Garbage and Recycle Cart Policy

The City of Laurinburg provides all residential customers with a green garbage cart and a blue recycle cart. Each cart has a serial number and is assigned to a specific address. We ask that you do not move the cart from its assigned address. The customer will be held responsible if the cart is lost or damaged. Below are a few reminders about the carts assigned to your address:

- Place only household garbage in the green cart and only recyclable items in the blue cart.
- All carts must be at the curb no earlier than 7 PM the day before scheduled collection, but no later than 6 AM the day of collection.
- All carts must be removed by 7 PM the same day of collection and placed back behind the residence. Repeated failure to remove the carts could result in a civil penalty.
  - Carts must be positioned at the curb with the handle side to the house.
    - Do not place carts in the street.
  - Place the carts behind the curb and at least 3 feet from mailboxes, poles, trees, and other obstructions.
    - Do not place volatile liquids, gas, paint or hazardous items in the carts.
    - Do not place rocks, dirt, building materials, or hot ashes in carts.
      - Do not place yard waste in carts.
  - Ensure sharp objects are put in a plastic container with a lid to secure the sharps and place in the green garbage cart.

If you are unsure of what can be placed in a specific cart, or are unsure of your schedule please call the Public Works office at 910-276-2364.

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## Recycling Drop Off Location Relocated

Don't forget that we have a recycling drop off location at the Recycling Center. We placed a mixed recyclable dumpster and a cardboard dumpster inside the Recycling Center gate to the left. They are clearly marked and easy to find. The Recycling Center gate is open Monday – Friday from 7 AM to 4:45 PM.

The address for the Recycling Center is 600 Hall Street. If you have any questions about what can be placed in these dumpsters, please call Public Works at 910-276-2364.