



City News



Happy New Year from the City of Laurinburg

The New Year can mean different things for different people. It can be a fresh start, some much needed change, or a continuation of success and happiness. In my opinion, our community should focus on the “continuation” of the many GREAT things currently going on.

We all know our community was hit hard in the early 2000s with the loss of 3 major industries, thousands of jobs and the struggles that followed. When I returned home from college, the community I grew up in looked completely different. There was absolutely no construction taking place, companies and industries were closing, and there were empty storefronts and dilapidation in our once beautiful Historic Downtown.

Thanks to the efforts of MANY individuals and organizations, our community has

more positives taking place than in the past two decades. Our Historic Downtown is becoming something of which we can all be proud, new retail and commercial construction is occurring in ALL parts of our Community, industrial expansions and new announcements are happening annually, and a sense of PRIDE has been restored.

In my eyes, the end of 2019 should neither be an end nor a beginning, but a continuation of the great things we have going on and even greater things to come.

Abraham Lincoln said, “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” Please help us to continue creating a great and prosperous future for our community.

Sincerely,
Charles D Nichols III
City Manager

Christmas Tree Bonfire

The City of Laurinburg Fire Department will host a Christmas Tree Bonfire at Legion Park on Friday, **January 10, 2020 at 6:00PM**. The City of Laurinburg Sanitation Department will collect live Christmas Trees that are placed by the curb January 6th thru January 9th. 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.

Calendar of Events

City Council Regular Monthly Meetings
City Council Chambers
January 21, February 18, March 17
7:00 pm

Christmas Tree Bonfire
Legion Park
January 10, 2020
6:00pm

City Offices Closed
Martin Luther King Day
January 20
Good Friday
April 10

Pet License Renewal Deadline
February 15

Holiday Schedule

The City of Laurinburg offices will be closed on Friday, April 10, 2020 in observance of Good Friday. All commercial solid waste routes for that Friday will be picked up on April 9th.

Free Mulch is Ready

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 untreated 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 large truck load and are using it in Scotland County, we can deliver to 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 behind our Recycling Center at 600 Hall Street.



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.

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. Servicing your heat pump once a year, changing air filters, and maintaining good duct work is also necessary.

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.

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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