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City News

CITY OF LAURINBURG

Quarterly Newsletter

New Garbage Carts for All Residents

All City of Laurinburg residents will be receiving a new green garbage cart soon. Most of the older garbage carts were originally purchased in 2005 and many of them have started to crack due to time and weather. If all goes as planned, we will deliver your new garbage cart on your collection day the week of January 17-21, and will pick up your old cart on your next collection day the week of January 24-28. Please help make this transition as smooth as possible by putting your old green garbage carts out by the road no later than 6:00 AM on your designated collection day during the week of January 24-28, even if it is empty so that we can get it picked up.

In order for the City to keep the cost of the new garbage carts low, we must pick up the old garbage carts and send them back to the manufacturer for a recyclable rebate. Because of this, we cannot allow any residents to keep their old carts. If there are any old carts that are in very good shape, the City will keep and use them for special events such as Laurinburg After 5, Highland Celebrations, and other special events inside the city limits.

These carts are designed to last at least 10 years with proper use and care. Proper use and care would include, but not limited to, bagging garbage whenever possible, washing and rinsing the carts on a regular basis, keeping cart lids closed to prevent water accumulation, the growth of bacteria, odor and pests, and not placing any banned or materials the city does not collect in the carts. Residents are responsible for proper use and care of the roll-out carts. Roll-out carts damaged through misuse or abuse will result in the resident being responsible for the repair or replacement of the cart.

If you have any questions about the upcoming transition please call public works at 910-276-2364.

Christmas Tree Bonfire

The City of Laurinburg Fire Department will host a Christmas Tree Bonfire at Legion Park on Friday, **January 7, 2022 at 6:00PM**. The City of Laurinburg Sanitation Department will collect live Christmas Trees that are placed by the curb January 3rd thru January 6th. Please remove all Christmas ornaments and lights from the tree before you place it at your curb.

Residents are encouraged to come out and park around the bonfire. Those who decide to get out of their vehicles for any reason are encouraged to wear a mask and practice social distancing. We hope that you come out and enjoy this wonderful experience. We look forward to seeing you there.

Calendar of Events

City Council Regular Monthly Meetings
City Council Chambers
January 18, February 22, March 22
7:00 pm

Christmas Tree Bonfire
Legion Park
January 7, 2022
6:00pm

City Offices Closed
Martin Luther King Day
January 17

Good Friday
April 15

Pet License Renewal Deadline
February 15

Holiday Schedule

See Back for Sanitation Holiday Schedule

The City of Laurinburg offices will be closed Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. All solid waste and recycling routes for that Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

The City of Laurinburg offices will be closed Friday, April 15, 2022 in observance of Good Friday. All solid waste routes for that Friday will be picked up on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

Leveraging Future Interstate for Business Growth

Laurinburg is looking to grow our economy by leveraging available resources. One of those resources is the creation of an interstate corridor that begins in North Carolina's southern-most counties before turning north to Winston-Salem, then Mt. Airy and then exits the state into Virginia – Interstate 74.

Designated in 2013, the interstate construction has occurred in phases, but for Laurinburg, the effects are now being seen, even as the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted some of the progress. We see this as an opportunity to enhance our retail business footprint and then to build from that to create wider economic growth.

Over the past three years, despite the negative effects of the pandemic on job growth across the state and the country, we have seen eight retail establishments begin operation creating 124 jobs and generating nearly $12 million in annual sales.

One response to the pandemic has been more people forming their own business. Statewide, nearly 127,000 new businesses filed with the N.C. Secretary of State's Business Registration Division in 2020. That represents a 27% increase over 2019. And Scotland County saw the **most** growth out of all counties, with 252 new business filings. Obviously, it is too soon to know the true impact of those filings and what type of economic growth and job opportunities they represent. It is, though, another positive sign for our community.

Laurinburg on the Move

- Eight new retail establishments creating 124 jobs and nearly $12 million in annual sales.
- 252 new business filings in Laurinburg and surrounding Scotland County.
- Investments in a small business innovation center and Laurinburg-Maxton Airport.
- A focus on leveraging Interstate-74 in business-friendly and customer-friendly ways to enhance business and job opportunities.
- A continuing focus on quality-of-life enhancements for residents and downtown re-development, shown by being named an All-America City three times and a nationally recognized Main Street America Accredited program the last two years.
- A newly constructed electrical substation and four additional circuits that nearly tripled the available capacity of the electric system, providing the ability to seek out industry looking for a place to call home while also providing increased reliability to our existing customers.
- Over $21 million in water and sewer capital project investments over the last three years to renovate and replace existing facilities and ensure continued reliable service to City customers.

We hope that 2022 sees Laurinburg continue growing, and that 2022 is a great year!

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