



City News



Truly A Magical Season

The holiday season is behind us, and a new year has begun. Before we look forward to 2023, I wanted to reflect on how magical the last few months have been in our community.

For the last five years, our historic downtown has been transformed into a magical holiday winter wonderland by a special group of people. Each year is better than the last and the 2022 season was magical! What started as an idea on a ladies beach trip has grown into something so special for our community! The 'Tis the Season effort consists of a group of volunteers (with the help of our valued City employees) that decorate our downtown from "head to toe" and host events spreading Christmas cheer all season long. Lights, garland, hundreds of live Christmas trees, historic vehicles, an ice-skating rink, sleigh rides, a wreath memorial, a singing Christmas tree event, and so much more are added to our downtown, transforming it into something out of a fairy-tale.

The 2022 season brought more lighting, larger-than-life ornaments, a winter wonderland walkthrough, and the relocation of the ice-skating rink to Main Street. 'Tis the Season has received state-wide accolades and even attracted a visit from the Governor's wife to our downtown! If you drove through downtown any evening, you would catch the sidewalks lined with people walking, children enjoying the ice-skating rink, families taking pictures in front of the trees or under the huge ornaments, and more.

Please join me in giving a special THANK YOU to 'Tis the Season!!!

Sincerely,

Charles Nichols
City Manager

Christmas Tree Bonfire

The City of Laurinburg Fire Department will host a Christmas Tree Bonfire at Legion Park on Friday, **January 6, 2023 at 6:00PM**. The City of Laurinburg Sanitation Department will collect live Christmas Trees that are placed by the curb January 5th thru January 8th. 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. 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 17, February 21, March 21
6:00 pm

Christmas Tree Bonfire
Legion Park
January 6, 2023
6:00pm

City Offices Closed
Martin Luther King Day
January 16
Good Friday
April 7

Pet License Renewal Deadline
February 15

Holiday Schedule



The City of Laurinburg offices will be closed Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. All solid waste and recycling routes for that Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

The City of Laurinburg offices will be closed Friday, April 7, 2023 in observance of Good Friday. All solid waste routes for that Friday will be picked up on Thursday, April 6, 2023.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE READ BEFORE PLACING ITEMS CURBSIDE

The City of Laurinburg Sanitation Department is working hard to pick up all garbage and yard debris in a timely manner, but we need your help. Below are a few of our policies and guidelines that we need for everyone to adhere to. If our crews come to your area and see that your garbage or debris pile is not within our guidelines, we will leave the pile until the situation is resolved. If this happens, our crew will leave you a doorhanger to inform you as to why the debris was not removed. If you have any questions, please call our Public Works office at 910-276-2364. We are here to answer any questions you may have.

Please read this list and make sure you are within the guidelines so that we can service your address properly each time we are in the area.

- Separate all yard waste into 2 piles. One containing limbs, shrubbery clippings, and pinecones, and the other containing leaves, pine straw and grass clippings. Make sure piles are clear of litter and trash.
- Leaves and pine straw should be placed in 1 pile no wider than 6 feet.
- Limbs need to be 4 inches or less in diameter and 6 feet or less in length.
- Yard waste from tree removal will not be collected without an additional charge. This includes limbs, logs, stumps, and mulch. If you would like an estimate of charges, please call the Public Works office at 910-276-2364. We cannot give an exact quote because the fees are based on tonnage.
- Limbs cut by contractors or tree surgeons will not be collected without an additional charge.
- Do not put any yard waste in the road or in the curb. All yard waste should be placed behind the curb, so they don't clog up the gutters in the event of rain.
- Garbage and Recycle roll-out carts should be placed at the curb the night before your service day (or no later than 6am on your service day) and positioned with the handle side to the house.
- Do not place roll-out carts in the street.
- Place roll-out carts behind the curb and at least 3 feet from mailboxes, poles, trees, and other obstructions. Do not place roll-out cart near a parked car.
- Do not put yard waste in the roll-out carts.
- Blue Recycle Carts – Only loose recyclable items are to be placed in the Blue Recycle Cart. **Recyclable items are Plastic bottles/jugs (#1 - #2), Steel and Aluminum cans, Glass bottles and jars, Newspaper and Corrugated Cardboard.** **Do not put these items in a bag.**
- Recycling containers containing five (5) percent or more of garbage or non-recyclable items will result in a \$50 penalty or removal of cart.
- Bulky items only include furniture, white goods, lawn equipment, and large toys such as bicycles and dismantled swing sets and other large trash items that will not fit in a roll-out cart. They are to be placed beside the roll-out carts, behind the curb.
- **The following items will not be collected without an additional charge:**
 - **Cut Trees & Cut Tree Debris**
 - **Building Materials**
 - **Bricks or Concrete**
 - **Sand**
 - **Plywood**
 - **Boards**
 - **Drywall**
 - **Roofing Materials**
 - **Plumbing materials (toilets, sinks, etc.)**
 - **Electrical Materials**
 - **Carpet/Padding/Nail strips**
 - **Hazardous waste**
 - **Any other waste from construction or demolition (doors)**