

# City News



CITY OF LAURINBURG

## Quarterly Newsletter

### Separate Piles Required



Separating leaves and limbs at the curbside is very important and we need your help. We have two different ways of processing our yard debris, and because of that we need for all leaves, pine straw, and grass clippings to be placed in one pile together and all limbs to be placed in a separate pile at the curb for pick up. Any piles that are mixed together will be left for the customer to separate. Once the piles have been separated properly, our city crews will pick them up during their next pass on the route.

We have a vacuum truck that will pick up all leaves, pine straw and grass clippings together. This pile must be free from limbs and trash in order for the equipment to run properly without damage. The vacuum truck will deliver the leaves, pine straw and grass clippings to our compost facility, where they will be placed in windrows and turned each week until a nice compost is produced. The compost will then be given to our residents free of charge for their gardening or landscaping needs.



Our knuckle-boom trucks collect our limbs by the curb and should not be picking up any piles of leaves, pine straw or grass clippings. The limbs are taken to our Treatment and Processing area, where we have an air curtain incinerator that will incinerate all debris, turning it into a bio-ash, which can be mixed with our compost to create a better quality compost for our residents. In order for the air curtain incinerator to work properly, we cannot burn leaves or pine straw.

Please remember that in accordance with our Solid Waste Policy, the City does not pick up any trees that have been removed or any debris that is created as a result of tree removal such as leaves, limbs or tree trunks without charging penalties and fees.

If you have any questions or concerns about yard debris pick up, please call the City of Laurinburg Public Works Department at 910-276-2364.

### Calendar of Events

**City Council Monthly Meetings**  
City Council Chambers @ 6:00p.m.  
October 18; November 15; December 13

**Customer Appreciation Day**  
Consumer Billing at City Hall  
October 5th, 2022

**City Offices Closed**  
Thanksgiving – November 24-25  
Christmas – December 23-26  
New Year's – January 2

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### Customer Appreciation Day

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!!!**

We welcome your presence at City Hall located at 303 West Church Street, on **Wednesday, October 5, 2022** for Customer Appreciation Day and an opportunity to Celebrate Public Power Week together.

We look forward to seeing you **Wednesday, October 5, 2022.**

# A Great Day for Laurinburg

The phrase “a long time coming” would be an understatement regarding the construction of our new North Fire Station. Hurricane Florence struck our community, along with many others in North Carolina, hard in September 2018, leaving standing water, destruction, and many people displaced from their homes. The home of our Fire Department was one of these that fell victim. Located right beside Leith Creek, it had 4 feet of water in the living quarters and rushing water through the bays.

In the aftermath of the storm, many Federal agencies rushed in to assist and promised financial assistance to recover and relocate vital operations, such as our North Fire Station, to “higher ground.” Months later, when the dust settled, we were left to fend for ourselves. City Council understood that having one of only two manned Fire Stations in our City located in the flood zone wasn’t what was best for our community’s future protection. The question was, how can we secure funding to construct the needed facility in a new location and not burden the taxpayers of our community?

Enter the GoldenLEAF Foundation and our State partners at the General Assembly! Thanks to the grant funding the City received through GoldenLEAF and the gap funding (needed because of construction cost increases) that we received through direct State appropriations, we were able to celebrate a groundbreaking and the start of construction for our City’s new North Fire Station on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Our community owes a great debt of gratitude to everyone associated with the GoldenLEAF Foundation and our elected officials in the NC General Assembly for making this much needed project a reality!



## Annual Tree Give Away Program

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 3rd-7th, 2022 from 8:00-5:00pm.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

*The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24th and Friday, Nov. 25th for Thanksgiving. The residential garbage, bulky items, and recycling route for Thursday, Nov. 24th will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. The commercial dumpsters for Thursday and Friday of that week will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, while the cardboard dumpsters for Wed. will be picked up on Tuesday.*



*The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, and Monday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday. All solid waste routes for Friday will be picked up on Thursday, December 22nd, and all solid waste routes for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, December 27th.*

*The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 for the New Year’s Day Holiday. All solid waste routes scheduled for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday of that week.*

