

# CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

January - March 2019



The City of Goldsboro recently celebrated the dedication of the T.C. Coley Community Center.

## MAYOR CHUCK ALLEN



As always, I hope this newsletter finds each of our citizens doing well and hopefully recovering from all the holiday activities. I am writing this newsletter the first week of December for the first quarter of 2019 (January-March), so first I hope all our citizens had a safe and joyful holiday season and that your new year is off to an “AWESOME” start.

On the city staffing side, we have officially begun the search for our new city manager, and I believe we will have this wrapped up by the second quarter of this year. We have hired our new finance director to replace Kaye Scott, who retired at the end of 2018, and we are currently interviewing for a new parks and recreation director.

We have many construction projects underway for 2019 – some in the planning stage and many in the actual construction stage. Our Fire/Police Complex addition is underway, along with the HV Brown Park restroom construction. The new Herman Park Center is in the design phase with construction starting in early fall or late summer of 2019. Our TIGER Grant and Wayfinding Projects downtown are moving forward. In addition to the above projects, we have multiple sewer, stormwater, water, paving and sidewalk projects scheduled for 2019.

One project I am extremely proud of is the renovation of the T.C. Coley Community Center (formerly the W.A. Foster Center) on Leslie Street. We held our ribbon cutting in November with the Coley family and a large crowd on hand. It is my belief this facility will provide a much needed community center and provide meeting space for this part of the city. I get calls or visits from many non-profits doing

good things in our city who need affordable space and this center provides that. Our goal is for the center to become self-sufficient over the next couple of years.

Carver Heights Elementary School has ascended to the top of our radar, and I have committed to go there weekly for the remainder of this school year to offer my support to both the students and staff. With Dr. Patrice Faison’s leadership and with everyone committed and working together, I believe we will see improvement in this school by year’s end. Our efforts at Carver Heights can help us develop a road map for working with other inner city schools that need additional support from our community. I encourage and ask each citizen to become involved and do what you can to help. The future of these students, and really, the future of Goldsboro is dependent on us educating and giving our kids an opportunity to learn and be successful, so there will be a lot of work and discussion on this in the future, I am sure.

In closing, I want to remind all our citizens that it is everyone’s responsibility to keep our city clean and free of litter by putting trash in its place – in the trash can – and cleaning up in front of your property where you are able. It would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to working with all our staff, citizens and partners to make 2019 an awesome year for our city.

If I can be of assistance, I can be reached at 919-580-4330.

With kindest regards I am,

Chuck Allen  
Mayor



## Can Grass Clippings and Yard Debris Contribute to Flooding Concerns?

**The answer is YES!** Vegetative yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of storm water pollution and contribute to our flooding concerns.

When yard waste is blown into the street, it can clog the storm drain system, causing drainage and flooding issues. Flooding is more likely to occur when our storm water infrastructure is clogged with excessive sediment and vegetative debris buildup. Once the vegetative debris enters the storm drains, pipes and ditches, it requires an extensive amount of effort and equipment to locate and remove. In most cases, we may not even know there is an issue until flooding actually occurs due to the blockage.

By merely accomplishing a few simple tasks, you can help keep our storm water infrastructure clear of vegetative

debris and free flowing — mitigating the potential for flooding and reducing costly maintenance and repairs.

### So, how can you help?

1. Sweep or blow leaves and grass clippings from paved surfaces back into the yard.
2. Rake and dispose of leaves in your yard before they accumulate and blow into the street or street gutter.
3. Remove leaves and debris from street gutters to prevent them from running into storm drains.
4. Periodically clean off accumulated debris on storm drain grates adjacent to your property.
5. Pile vegetative debris scheduled to be collected by City leaf and limb crews by the edge of the road, but still in the yard—avoid getting debris in the street gutter.

## Sports Complex Ranked Among Best Soccer Facilities in U.S.



The newly-opened Bryan Multi-Sports Complex has been named one of the top rated soccer facilities in the nation according to Connect Sports.

“This national recognition reassures that which we already knew — we have one of the most unique sporting venues in the country right here in Goldsboro, North Carolina,” said Randy Guthrie, Goldsboro city manager. “It’s all thanks to the persistent efforts of Seymour Johnson AFB, the U.S. Air Force, and the generous sponsors, such as the Bryan Foundation. With their help, Goldsboro continues on its course towards economic growth and improved quality of life.”

Connect Sports is a senior leader in sports destination marketing and event management. From advertising to education, Connect Sports is the go-to source for improving the way in which sports benefits communities across the country.

“Not only has the project surpassed its inherent goals, but the Bryan Multi-Sports Complex has clearly set a new standard in the industry as far as what tournament directors and athletes can and should expect out of a sports venue,” said Ashlin Glatthar, travel and tourism director for Goldsboro-Wayne County. “It means a lot to us that a credible organization, such as Connect, recognizes the complex’s accomplishments.”

Five days after the grand opening on April 23, 2018, the City of Goldsboro and Wayne County United Soccer Club co-hosted the North Carolina Youth Soccer Association (NCYSA) Kepner President’s State Cup, which brought in 50 teams and 1,700 visitors from across the state. The success of this tournament led to the bookings of two additional NCYSA state cups, which will draw an estimated 50-60 soccer teams and 2,000 visitors per tournament weekend.

The state’s Olympic Development Program (ODP) for youth soccer has booked the complex for several training events from November 2018 to March 2019 serving the athletes in eastern NC. Additionally, ODP will host a two-day soccer showcase on the first weekend in January 2019.

# JET NOISE

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S MAKING NOISE AROUND TOWN

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### GFD Raises More Than \$3,000 for Charity

Each year, the Goldsboro Fire Department sells T-shirts in October to raise money for Cures for the Colors, a non-profit organization that provides support for cancer patients and their families. Thanks to those who purchased T-shirts, GFD donated \$3,481 this year!

### REMINDER from the Inspections Department

All Business Registration renewals were due July 1, 2018. If you have not renewed your Business Registration for 2019, please contact the Inspections Department at 919-580-4385 or drop by to see us at the City Hall Annex, 200 N. Center Street.

If your company has relocated, or if you are opening a new business, you will need a Business Registration. The annual Business Registration is beneficial to assist in the management of the City’s zoning and public safety responsibilities.

For more information, contact the Inspections Department at 919-580-4385.



City of Goldsboro



Seymour Johnson  
Air Force Base



**Annual Interfaith Breakfast**  
Goldsboro Event Center  
Thursday, February 14, 2019 - 9:00 am  
Ticket Cost \$8.00

*Tickets can be purchased from the Community Relations Department or at the Breakfast. For more information, contact (919) 580-4359 or email [cjohnson@goldsborongov.com](mailto:cjohnson@goldsborongov.com).*



**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Relations Award Banquet**



**Goldsboro Event Center**  
Thursday, February 28, 2019 - 6:30 pm  
Ticket Cost \$10.00

*Tickets can be purchased from the Community Relations Department or at the Banquet. For more information, contact (919) 580-4359 or email [cjohnson@goldsborongov.com](mailto:cjohnson@goldsborongov.com).*

# The Paramount Theatre Continues its Eleventh Performing Arts Series



Ronald K. Brown's EVIDENCE, A Dance Company in New Conversations. Photo by Matt Karas.

## Classic country music from Wayne County natives

The Malpass Brothers will return to the Paramount on January 11 at 7:30 p.m. Goldsboro natives, Christopher and Taylor Malpass started performing the music of classic country artists at a young age, and continue to keep those classics alive while creating new music and making their mark on the lineage of rich American cultural heritage.

## A new generation of artists with music that paved the way for African American vocal groups

New to the Paramount stage, the Platters will perform as part of the Performing Arts Series on February 13 at 7:30 p.m. In 1955, the Platters crashed through the racial divide in the music industry. Today, the new members continue to evolve and entertain music fans of all ages with a foundation of hit songs thanks to the founding members.

## A Latin-American songstress that seamlessly blends English and Spanish music

Gina Chavez will bring her unique blend of sounds of the Americas to the Paramount on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. The multi-ethnic Latin pop songstress's passionate collection of bilingual songs takes audiences on a journey through

the Americas. The Paramount is proud to pARTner with the Arts Council of Wayne County to bring this multi-cultural experience to Goldsboro.

## Contemporary dance rooted in African American culture

The Performing Arts Series will close March 29 at 7:30 p.m. with Ron K. Brown's Evidence, A Dance Company, continuing a new tradition of professional dance in Goldsboro. Focusing on the seamless integration of traditional African forms and rhythms with contemporary choreography and spoken word, Evidence provides a unique view of human struggles, tragedies, and triumphs. Brown uses movement as a way to reinforce the importance of community in African American culture.

In addition to the annual series of professional performances, the Paramount will continue its tradition of classic and family movies with *The Color Purple* (January 20), and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (March 24).

Tickets are available at the Paramount Theatre Box Office, online at [www.GoldsboroParamount.com](http://www.GoldsboroParamount.com) or by calling 919-583-8432.



**PUT TRASH IN ITS PLACE.**

Litter has no place in our city. Do your part to keep Goldsboro clean.

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BE MORE. DO MORE. BETTER.  
Goldsboro, NC

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS\*

January 7 | January 22 | February 4 |  
February 18 | March 4 | March 18

Council meets at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

\*Subject to change with public notice.