

October – December 2017

Greetings from City Hall!

I hope this newsletter finds each of our citizens doing well and enjoying your fall. We have had a lot of activity and great achievements since our last newsletter that I would like to share with you.

First was the announcement from the Secretary of the Air Force that the 916th Refueling Wing would be home to 12 of the new KC-46A Tankers. Construction of hangers and infrastructure to accommodate these planes will start immediately and we expect planes to arrive in 2020. This is a great win for Goldsboro and Seymour Johnson! We are very appreciative to our partners at Seymour Johnson for all their hard work every day in making this announcement possible as well as all the phenomenal work they do across this nation. Colonel Sage and the base also hosted the 75th Anniversary of Seymour Johnson with celebrations and the unveiling of a time capsule from 25 years ago. We had seven former wing commanders come back for the weekend and it was great to have them back in town and here at Seymour.



During the month of September, we held the Beak Week Festival downtown. It was the best one so far, with lots of vendors, a car show, entertainment and food. This festival is a fun way to celebrate and show the importance of poultry to our community. We look forward to growing this festival in years to come and I encourage all our citizens to come and participate next year.

The DGDC recently had its Annual Dinner and I want to congratulate all the award winners, especially the folks at Worrell Contracting downtown for winning the Business of the Year award. In addition, I want to congratulate Ed Borden for winning the Lifetime Achievement award. Mr. Borden and his family have been a part of Goldsboro since the late 1800's and have helped to build many parts of our community. He is very deserving of this recognition.

I would like to mention that downtown has moved from a previous state of economic depression to one of an economic engine. In the next 12-20 months, I expect there will be more than 15 million dollars in private investment downtown with folks building new buildings and renovating existing buildings. The city has put a lot of time and resources in revitalizing our downtown and now the private sector is doing their part. I encourage all our citizens to come spend some time downtown with our great merchants and business owners.

The City Council and I continue to be concerned with criminal activity, especially violent crime. I am happy to share that overall violent crime is down significantly in 2017 as compared to 2016. We are still focused on improving our community policing efforts, becoming a CALEA accredited agency, preventing gang and drug activity, and closing down some of our problem businesses that have become a danger to our city, citizens and law enforcement officers.

Some of our continuing projects include the following:

- Community Appearance—We have torn down 50 plus houses this year as well as continuing our work with our litter campaign throughout the city.
- Former WA Foster Building on Leslie Street—We are working to convert the building into a community center for various non-profits to use.
- Street Resurfacing—Over \$2,500,000 in street resurfacing is under contract. You should see activity in or around your neighborhood soon.
- Stormwater Drainage System Improvements—Council approved the purchase of an additional Jet Vacuum truck and excavator to begin cleaning out our storm drain systems. In addition, several contracts have been awarded to clean the streams and rivers running through the city of debris in an effort to improve our drainage system.

Since this is the last newsletter of the year, I want to invite all our citizens to our Annual State of the City and County Address that will be held in conjunction with the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Holiday Event on December 14th at the Goldsboro Event Center.

I also hope each of you have a great holiday season, stay safe and as always, please do whatever you can to help your neighbors who might be in need. Equally, I ask that you do your part and all you can to help make our city cleaner, safer, and more inclusive for all our citizens as we can only be as good as our citizens!

As always, please feel free to share your thoughts and comments about our city with me anytime.

With kindest regards I am,
Chuck Allen, Mayor

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS*

October 2 | October 16 | November 6 | November 20 | December 4 | December 18

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

**Subject to change with public notice.*

City's Hurricane Matthew Recovery

Hurricane Matthew caused devastating flood damage to much of our community. In the year since the storm hit Eastern North Carolina, the City of Goldsboro has spent \$4.2 million for debris removal, emergency response and repairs; street and sidewalk repairs; flooded equipment and vehicle replacement; pump station repairs; cemetery repairs; and golf cart and path repairs.

Hurricane Matthew caused over \$750,000 dollars' worth of damages to equipment in our water and wastewater facilities. Over the last year, we have worked diligently with FEMA, the insurance company, and local contractors to repair those damages and mitigate future damages, in order to continue to provide uninterrupted services. Below are some of those projects of how they looked after the flood and how they look after mitigation.

Water Treatment Plant River Intake Structure: Before and After



Flood Level and Mitigation

All of the electrical and control panels at both Big Cherry Pump Station and Little Cherry Pump Station are being relocated outside of the building and are being raised to a minimum height of 3' over the high water mark from Hurricane Matthew.



Big Cherry Pump Station



High water mark inside pump station.



New raised platforms for electrical controls.

Little Cherry Pump Station



High water mark outside building door.



New raised platforms for electrical controls.

Federal and State grant funding is available for community floodproofing or drainage improvements and other types of mitigation projects. The City has been awarded \$105,355 for stream clearing and this project is underway along Howell Creek, Stoney Creek, Big Ditch, Mimosa Park, and a tributary leading to the Little River. Per the grant award, all work is to be accomplished by hand and not with heavy equipment, and must be finished by December 2019. In addition, we have applied for \$6,000,000 to help with additional stream clearing, shelter improvements, floodproofing our water treatment plant and pump stations, and housing. We will continue to seek outside funds to help our community recover and be better prepared for the next natural disaster.

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

Funding for individuals affected by Hurricane Matthew is still coming. It is a slow process, but funding from our Federal and State governments will provide assistance to many that are still recovering. Some of this funding is based on income levels. Please contact the Community Relations Department for more information and/or to receive an application for assistance at (919) 580-4359 or cjohnson@goldsboronc.gov.

City selects new water metering service provider

Following over a year of analysis and planning by staff and City consultant MeterSYS, the City of Goldsboro has selected Ferguson Waterworks as a provider for Sensus FlexNet AMI water metering solution. This City investment will provide improved customer service, enhanced operational efficiencies, and greater water resource conservation by helping detect water leaks.

As part of this solution, the City will develop a web-based customer portal for their users allowing customers to track their daily water usage and contribute to water conservation efforts. AMI technology provides the City with real-time meter reading, reporting, and monitoring of the more than 15,000 customers served by the Water Department. This investment will improve accuracy and reduce labor costs associated with manual, direct reading and also lower emissions associated with City fleet vehicles used for collecting monthly customer usage information.

The City Council awarded a \$4,625,608.65 contract to Ferguson to replace all of our water meters with new meters that can be remotely read. These meters will also change our billing based on cubic feet to gallons which should help our customers better understand their water consumption each month.

Sensus, a global leader in AMI metering solutions, will provide the meter equipment, network technology, and software for the project. Ferguson will begin changing out commercial meters in October 2017 and residential meters in January 2018. The estimated completion date for the project is November of 2018.



Stormwater Utility Fund

In July, the City of Goldsboro implemented a stormwater utility fee in order to help manage, maintain, and repair the City's stormwater conveyance infrastructure, which consists of over 300 miles of storm drain piping and associated appurtenances, ditches, creeks, and streams.

The current fee for all developed property is \$4.50 per month per equivalent residential unit (ERU). In 2018, residential customers will continue to be billed at \$4.50 per month while all others will be billed based on their actual impervious area. The City has retained a consultant to help with recommendations on the maximum fee to charge, credits to the bill for stormwater detention and treatment facilities onsite, and drafting ordinance language, with examples, for the City Council to consider adopting.

Goldsboro Mayor's Youth Council

Gift Wrapping Dates

December 9th - December 23rd

Inside of Berkeley Mall

Minimum Price List



Jewelry Boxes	\$1.00 ea.
Shirt & Pants Boxes	\$2.00 ea.
Robe & Coat Boxes	\$3.00 ea.
Large & Customized Boxes	\$5.00 ea.

Additional Donations are Welcome

All proceeds go to the Goldsboro Mayor's Youth Council Scholarship Fund and Spring Convention. For more information, contact the Community Relations Department at (919) 580-4359 or email cjohnson@goldsborongov.

What To Do With Your Leaf Piles This Fall

Leaf season is underway please remember to rake your leaves to the curb for pickup on your scheduled recycle day. Due to the increased volume, leaf pickup could be delayed during leaf season. Do not place leaf piles in the streets, ditches, by hydrants or on meter boxes, as they may clog storm drains or cause damage! Do not mix trash with leaf piles as it could damage equipment; mixed piles will not be serviced.



PARAMOUNT theatre
TENTH
anniversary
Series

just imagine the experience

"A lot of love can happen in ten years."
— Jim Carrey



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday in the Park

October 8 | Herman Park

Free music, crafts, art and food vendors! Family and pet friendly environment.

Pinkalicious the Musical

October 9 | 7 p.m. | Paramount Theatre

This fun musical based on the book is great for kids 2 to 7!

Ailey II

October 17 | 7:30 p.m. | Paramount Theatre

World-renowned dancers and choreographers.

Community Action Day

October 21 | 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Lace up your sneakers, grab your gardening gloves, and help us spruce up Downtown Goldsboro!

Paramount Movie Night: Beetlejuice

October 29 | 3 p.m. | Paramount Theatre

Movie Night tickets are only \$5 with children 12 and under free!

5th Annual Beaver Moon Bike Ride

November 4 | 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Stoney Creek Mountain Bike Trail

An Evening of Dance with ECU

November 4 | 7:30 p.m. | Paramount Theatre

A spectacular program featuring a diverse range of genres, creative choreographers, and talented student dancers.

The Lantern Fest: Goldsboro

November 11 | 205 S. Center St.

Lanterns will fly when the sun goes down. Be sure to arrive early enough to park, check-in and find a place to enjoy the event.

Downtown Lights Up

November 21 | 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

This free event features visits with Santa Claus, holiday characters, hot cocoa, kid's crafts, trolley rides, holiday entertainment and more! Catch the NC Symphony Holiday Pops Concert at the Paramount afterwards!

Tipsy Turkey Ball

November 22 | 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. | Terrace Room

All-Inclusive event featuring beer & wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment from DJ Tommy King.

FREE Holiday Trolley Rides

Every Tuesday | November 28 – December 19

Free festive horse-drawn trolley rides in Downtown Goldsboro. Pick-up and drop off will be on Center Street, in front of the John Street Parking Lot (130 N. Center St.).

Jingle in the Park

December 8 – 9 | 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Herman Park

Paramount Movie Night: It's a Wonderful Life

December 19 | 7 p.m. | Paramount Theatre

Movie Night tickets are only \$5 with children 12 and under free!

30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.



Holiday Luncheon



**Monday, January 15, 2018
12:00 pm**

Ticket Cost \$15.00

Tickets can be purchased from the Community Relations Department or at the Luncheon. For more information on Tickets or Advertisement within the 2018 Souvenir Booklet contact (919) 580-4359 or email ssimpson@goldsboronc.gov



Upcoming City Holidays and Solid Waste Collection Schedule

Veterans Day

Friday, November 10

All solid waste services for Friday will be serviced on
Wednesday, November 8.

Thanksgiving*

Thursday – Friday

November 23–24

All solid waste services for Thursday and Friday will be serviced on
Wednesday, November 22, 2017.

Christmas*

Monday – Tuesday

December 25–26

All solid waste services for Monday and Tuesday will be serviced on
Wednesday, December 27, 2017.

**No yard waste pick-up during the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas.*

STAY CONNECTED!

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