

CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

April - June 2019

**MAYOR
CHUCK ALLEN**



As always, I hope this spring newsletter finds our citizens doing well and enjoying some warmer weather.

We have a lot going on here at the City, so I will start with personnel. We are interviewing potential city manager candidates in late March, so I hope to have a new manager hired and in place by May. We are also in the process of hiring a new Paramount Theater/Event Center director as Sherry Archibald, the previous director, has taken a position as executive director of the United Way. We appreciate all the good work Sherry did here at the City, and I am glad she will still be in a position to do great things in our community at the United Way. We are also still in the process of interviewing for a new Parks and Recreation director and hope to have that position filled soon.

We have multiple projects under way. The much-needed Police/Fire Complex and Station 4 construction is well under way with local contractor Daniels and Daniels performing that work. In partnership with our construction manager, T.A. Loving Co., we continue to move forward with the design of the new Herman Park Center, as well as the next phase of the Streetscape project and the reconstruction of Cornerstone Commons downtown. We continue to do multiple paving, stormwater and sewer projects that I am sure you notice as you ride around town. These projects are part of our continued efforts to improve and upgrade our infrastructure.

There is a lot going on this spring with Pig in the Park kicking off at Waynesborough Park April 5-6, 2019. The following weekend, April 13 is the Mount Olive Pickle Festival to be held in Mt. Olive. We are super excited, along with Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, to host the Wings Over Wayne Air Show on April 27-28. By all accounts, this should be a great show with some awesome performers and displays, so I

encourage all our citizens to come out to the air show.

The fields at the Bryan Multi-Sports Complex continue to exceed our expectations on usage. We are now hosting a semi-pro football team, the East Carolina Phantoms, and a semi-pro soccer team, the Goldsboro Strike Eagles. I encourage our citizens to come out to the Complex and see them practice and/or play.

For those who do not have access to the base, they have started providing community tours on the fourth Thursday of each month. If this is something you would like to do, you can sign up by calling our Travel and Tourism Department at 919-734-7922 or emailing your request to ahoggard@goldsboronc.gov.

Our summer youth employment program is gearing up strong. Through this initiative, we offer 57 jobs for kids ages 14-18 from low to moderate income households and let them participate in a real work environment, as well as receive soft skill training and cultural enrichment training. In addition to this program, we are also hiring 15 lifeguards and six camp counselors through our Parks and Recreation Department.

Lastly, if you are considering serving in public office, the deadline for filing for mayor and all six seats on the City Council is July 19, 2019.

In closing, I continue to urge all our citizens to make the appearance of our city better as it truly matters. Until the next newsletter, I hope each of you has a great spring and as always, if I can be of any assistance to you, I can be reached at 919-580-4330 or callen@goldsboronc.gov.

With kindest regards I am,
Chuck Allen
Mayor

Get Ready for Wings Over Wayne 2019!

Travel & Tourism

Reserve your spot on one of several guided tours throughout Goldsboro.

The countdown is on for this year's Wings Over Wayne Air Show, which will be April 27-28 at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. The skies and streets of the city come alive for the Air Show, with families from far and wide coming to be awed by the impressive display guaranteed. This year, the headline performers will be the U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds, and much more, including TORA TORA TORA and the F-35 demo team.

Leading up to the air show weekend, the Travel & Tourism Office (also known as Visit Goldsboro, NC), is planning guided tours for the public. The first tour kicks off on the morning of Thursday, April 25 with a Seymour Johnson AFB Tour. Take a look behind the scenes as the base gears up for the greatest Air Show in the state.

Next up at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 25 is a Guided History Tour. Goldsboro has a rich history, from battlefields to railroads, right through the development of Downtown and the amazing public art. The history tour is a chance to take all this in and more, and all you have to do is hop on the tour bus and listen to our guide as they impart all their knowledge.

But, wait — there's more! At noon Friday, April 26 is the start of our Guided BBQ Trail Tasting Tour – and trust us, we have a treat in store for you! Goldsboro is home to legendary, historic BBQ and on this tour, you will get to taste a variety of delicious BBQ, as well as meet the pit masters and learn about the pit, the pigs and the process.

Once you've had your fill, it'll be time to walk off the BBQ by taking a Guided Ghosts of Goldsborough Tour at 8 p.m. Friday, April 26. Led by Candlelight Tour Company, come to historic Downtown Goldsboro to follow a real-life paranormal investigator dressed in period costume, and hear stories of war, death and the spirits of Goldsboro. And, there will be a unique opportunity to catch a glimpse of the night air show taking place, as planes sail eerily overhead and light up the skies.

To top it all off, on Saturday, April 27, we'll be ending Day One of #WOW19 with a bar crawl through Downtown Goldsboro. There'll be drink specials, giveaway swag, and a chance to mingle with the Air Show crowds still buzzing from the weekend. The bar crawl starts at 8 p.m. at the Flying Shamrock, covering five bars in four hours.

All tours require pre-registration, on a first-come, first-served basis. All tours are \$5 per person, with the exception of the free tour of Seymour Johnson AFB. For more information and to register for any of the tours here, visit <http://www.visitgoldsborongc.com/registerfortours/>.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS*

April 1 | April 15 | May 6 |
May 20 | June 3 | June 17

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

*Subject to change with public notice.

UPCOMING SANITATION CHANGES

Good Friday | April 19

Friday routes will be serviced Wednesday, April 17.

Memorial Day | May 27

Monday routes will be serviced Wednesday, May 29.



Come to Goldsboro this April for a month of **Pigs, Pickles and Planes!** April kicks off with Pig In The Park on April 5th, followed by the NC Pickle Festival on April 13th, and last but not least, Wings Over Wayne Air Show on April 27-28th. Check out www.visitgoldsborongc.com or call us on (919) 734-7922 for more details!

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Fats, Oils & Grease are a Pain in the Drain

Public Works

Grease down the drain can cause big problems in the sewer system.

As a byproduct of cooking, fats, oils & grease are typically found in: baking goods; butter, lard and shortening; cooking oil; fats and oil from cooked meats; food scraps; gravy; mayonnaise; salad dressings; sauces; and sour cream.

Why are fats, oils and grease a problem?

Blockages can lead to sewer overflows on your property. All too often, fats, oils and grease are disposed of improperly during food preparation and kitchen clean up. When poured down the drain, fats, oils and grease can build up, blocking sanitary sewer lines. This accumulation can drastically reduce the capacity and effectiveness of the wastewater collection system. In severe cases, blockages can lead to:

- Sewage backing up into your home or business
- Sewage overflowing onto roadways and private property — eventually entering into local waterways and causing contamination.

How can you help avoid sewer clogs from fats, oils and grease?

You can help avoid sewer clogs simply by keeping fats, oils and grease out of the sewer system. Through awareness, education and adoption of certain habits, it is easy to minimize fat, oil and grease sources at home. Follow these tips to keep your drains fat-free:

- Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a disposable container and put it in the trash.
- Before washing dishes or cookware, wipe any fat, oil or grease off with a napkin or paper towel and dispose of it in the trash.
- Use sink strainers to catch food waste.
- Put food scraps in the trash, not through the garbage disposal.
- Simply put, never put fats, oils or grease down sink drains or in the toilet.



GFD in the Community

The Goldsboro Fire Department is looking forward to a great 2019. In addition to response to fires, emergency medical, and various other call types, GFD will be ramping up its community engagement efforts. You have and or will see personnel: reading in the schools; volunteering as lunch buddies; recruiting potential firefighters (Explorer Program); providing heat relief and recreation (sprinklers for kids); offering blood pressure screenings; giving public education/safety talks; volunteering through Adopt-a-Highway; hosting coat drives; and raising money for various charitable organizations.

Goldsboro Fire Department owns a historic piece of fire apparatus. Its 1919 American La France is about to celebrate its 100th birthday. This has been reported as the first piece of mechanized fire apparatus in Wayne County. If you are a business owner or individual that has an idea regarding a potential partnership in the effort to restore this gem or positively impact the community in any way, contact GFD at 919-580-4265.

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.



RECYCLE ALL TOGETHER

PLEASE EMPTY OUT ALL FOOD AND LIQUIDS



Plastic #1 and #2 cleaning bottles and containers
(put pumps in the trash)



Plastic #1 and #2 food and beverage tubs, jugs and bottles
(keep lids and caps screwed on)



Plastic #1 and #2 bathroom bottles
(put pumps in the trash)



Aluminum, tin, steel cans
(quick rinse)



Mixed paper, office paper, glossy paper, envelopes and Post-It notes



Newspapers, magazines, phonebooks and catalogs



Paper towel rolls, paper bags, **flattened** food boxes, paperboard and cardboard
(clear of food and food stains only)



EMPTY OUT FOOD AND LIQUIDS.

PLEASE DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES.



NOT ACCEPTED

- Aluminum foil or trays
- Aseptic containers
- Broken glass
- Clothing or fabric**
- Dishes or cookware
- Electronics**
- Food waste**
- Glass**
- Hardcover books

- Hazardous waste**
- Household trash
- Light bulbs
- Liquid waste (paint, cleaners, etc.)
- Medical waste
- Motor oil/pesticide containers
- Paper plates and paper towels

- Plastic bags and wrap*
- Scrap metal or wires**
- Shredded paper
- Styrofoam
- Tanglers (cords, hoses, wires, etc.)
- Wax boxes
- Window or mirror glass
- Yard waste



* Take clean and dry plastic bags and film back to the grocery store to recycle separately and/or take to a public or private drop-off recycling center.

** These materials can be taken to a public or private drop-off recycling center to be recycled separately. Visit the Wayne County Solid Waste Department's website for more information on what materials are accepted at the county convenience center: www.waynegov.com/382/solid-waste or call: 919-689-2994.