

## ***Greetings from City Hall!***

I hope this letter finds all our citizens doing well and getting ready for spring. I would like to take a few minutes to update our citizens on some of the things we are working on the next few months.

As summer is approaching, I would like to remind everyone of the activities for youth through our Parks and Recreation Department. We are working on a Summer Youth Employment Initiative where we hope to employ up to 70 of our youth between the ages of 14-21 years old for various jobs. This is a partnership with Wayne Community College, the Goldsboro Housing Authority, and the City. I encourage any youth who resides inside the city limits to apply. Details on our summer camps and jobs programs will be available at [www.goldsboronc.gov](http://www.goldsboronc.gov) and via Facebook in April.



The City Council voted to move forward with CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) for our Police Department as several of our sister cities are already doing this. We are in the process of hiring a CALEA manager and look forward to getting this program implemented in hopes of improving our delivery of public safety services. Additionally, we are exploring options for a Police Athletic League. In this league, police officers would coach and mentor youth who are involved in sports leagues. We expect to have more information about this league by late June. If this is an activity you think your children would be interested in, please let us know.

As part of an effort to reach out to the community and improve our communication, we are scheduling town hall meetings and plan to have one every couple of months. So if your area of the city is interested in hosting, please reach out to us to schedule as we want to improve our transparency and relationships in the community.

The council has voted not to tear down the former W.A. Foster Center and is currently working on how to place it into a non-profit to operate as a community center/meeting space for some of our non-profit groups focusing on kids and young adults. We have also awarded Phase I of the Multi-Sports Complex to S.T. Wooten Construction for \$2,900,000 and we are excited to get that project underway. We will receive bids in late May/early June for the paving of Humphrey Street and resurfacing of many city streets so our citizens should see lots of paving activity and progress on our streets this summer.

We want all our citizens to know we are working hard to clean our city up. We have a crew out almost daily picking up litter. It's really disheartening for us to clean an area up and a week later you can't tell we have been there. I say it's everyone's responsibility to help keep our city clean. We would appreciate all our citizens help with changing the mind set of some of our citizens that littering is ok because it's not. Furthermore, if you have an unsightly or unmowed lot, please take some responsibility and clean it up yourself.

In closing, I want our citizens to know that we are working hard here at City Hall to make Goldsboro more attractive and more inclusive for all our citizens. I urge each of you to do your part to partner and participate with us in these efforts. As always, if I can be of any service or speak to any group, please let me know. I can be reached at 919-580-4362.

With warmest regards,  
 Chuck Allen, Mayor

## **Save the Date!**

### **UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Tuesday, April 4  
 Monday, April 17  
 Monday, May 8  
 Monday, May 15  
 Monday, June 5  
 Monday, June 26

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

*\*Subject to change with public notice.*

### **UPCOMING CITY HOLIDAYS**

**EASTER FRIDAY**  
 Friday, April 14

All solid waste services for Good Friday ONLY will be serviced on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
 Monday, May 29

All solid waste services for Monday ONLY will be serviced on Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

For additional information please call  
 (919) 734-8674.

# GET INVOLVED! JOIN AN ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION

Citizen involvement is vital to the performance of City government. Currently several vacancies exist on the following Advisory Boards and Commissions:

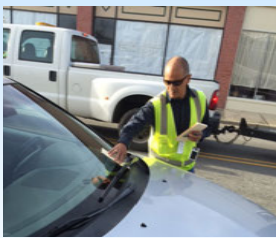
- **Appearance Commission**
- **Historic District Commission (Alternates)**
- **Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities**
- **Committee on Community Development**
- **Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course**
- **Community Affairs Commission**

For additional information on how you can become involved and volunteer to share your time and talents, please visit our website at [www.goldsboronc.gov/mayor-of-goldsboro/boards-and-commissions-resume/](http://www.goldsboronc.gov/mayor-of-goldsboro/boards-and-commissions-resume/).

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report provides details about where your water comes from, laboratory analysis information, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. Goldsboro's drinking water meets and surpasses all state and national water quality standards and regulations. The City of Goldsboro's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available via download from our website at <http://www.goldsboronc.gov/> or by calling the Public Utilities Director at 919-735-3329, ext. 101.

## New Parking Citations



It has been a long time since the City issued parking citations. Since the completion of the downtown streetscape the City has seen an increase interest and activity in the downtown area. The additional traffic has cause some safety concerns. For that reason, the City Council has asked that Code Enforcement participate in the issuance of \$25.00 citations for illegal parking, especially in the downtown area. Gaston Lopez, a former police officer, has very enthusiastically taken to this new duty. In January of this year, a total of 73 parking citations were issued. By far, the most tickets issued were for vehicles parked in the wrong direction on downtown side streets. On Center Street, parking in crosswalks or prohibited areas has comprised the largest number of citations.

## Attention residential and commercial customers, the Solid Waste Division now offers several optional services for your convenience:

1. Don't want to put your cans to the curb? We provide premium backyard service at a rate of \$40 per month.
2. Have large items that don't fit in the trash can? We provide a free bulk waste pick up that is serviced every Wednesday throughout the year, unless there is a holiday during the week. Simply schedule an appointment for a pick up before putting items to the curb and you can even schedule a bulk pick-up right from our website.
3. Need a dumpster? Dumpsters can be rented for a small monthly fee starting at \$30.
4. Have a small cleanup project, especially with Spring approaching? We offer our "Flexi-dump" bags at a rate of \$125 for the first bag and \$100 for every bag thereafter. The maximum capacity of each bag is 3,300 pounds.



## Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Your Community from Mosquitoes

Mosquito season is coming. In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, the possibility for an increase in the mosquito population is higher than normal. The following are a few tips to help protect against and control the possible spread of virus' mosquitos are prone to carry:

### Eliminate standing water in and around your home.

1. At least once a week, empty, turn over, cover up or throw out items that hold water, including tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, etc.
2. Tightly cover water storage containers, buckets, cisterns, rain barrels, etc., so mosquitoes can't get inside to lay eggs.
3. For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.
4. If you have a septic tank, repair cracks or gaps and cover open vents or plumbing pipes using wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

### Keep mosquitoes out of your home.

1. Only open doors and windows with screens for ventilation and ensure they don't have holes.
2. Use air conditioning when possible, keeping doors and windows closed.

### Prevent mosquito bites.

1. Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered insect repellent--all EPA registered insect repellents are evaluated to make sure they are safe and effective. Always follow the product label instructions and reapply insect repellent every few hours. Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing. If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.
2. Treat clothing and gear (such as boots, pants, socks, and tents) with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear. Treated clothing typically remains protective after multiple washings. Do not use permethrin products, intended to treat clothing, directly on skin.
3. Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants.

**For more information visit [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) and search for Mosquitos.**

WHATEVER YOU DO  
**DO IT**  
DOWNTOWN  
GOLDSBORO

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Community Action Day | April 22 | 9 – 11 a.m.**

Pitch in Downtown! Join a team of volunteers and spend a couple of hours beautifying Downtown Goldsboro in honor of Earth Day.

**Wayne County Senior Games | April 3 – 28**

This annual event features sporting events, a talent show, art exhibits and more! All events are open to participants 50 years of age and older.

**Center Street Jam Summer Concert Series**

**May 4 – August 24 | 6 – 9 p.m.**

Center Street Jam is a FREE downtown summer concert series, hosted every other Thursday through August 24th.

**Sprinkler Fun Days**

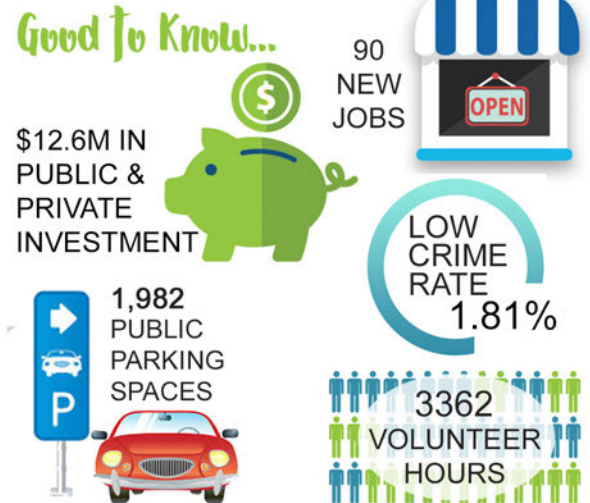
**Every Thursday, June 15 – August 17 | 3 – 4 p.m.**

Beat the heat this summer at Sprinkler Fun Days downtown at Cornerstone Commons!

For a complete list of Downtown Goldsboro events please visit [www.downtowngoldsboro.com](http://www.downtowngoldsboro.com), or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

# Downtown GOLDSBORO

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*Just beyond the gateway*

"Gregory is a legend... each time you see him, he'll be better than the time before."  
Austin-American Statesman

**JAMES GREGORY**  
**"THE FUNNIEST MAN IN AMERICA!"**

MAY 12, 2017 AT 7:30 PM  
139 SOUTH CENTER STREET, HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GOLDSBORO  
WWW.GOLDSBOROPARAMOUNT.COM | BOX OFFICE: (919) 583-8432

**SAVE THE DATE**

Wings Over Wayne  
May 20 & 21, 2017

**GOLDSBORO**  
BE MORE DO MORE SEYMOUR  
Travel & Tourism

# Registration is now open for summer camps!



### Youth Fishing Camp I | Ages: 6-16

Campers will learn how to fish, and have the chance to visit various local ponds & lakes.

### Youth Basketball Camp I & II | Ages: 4-8 & 9-17

Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball in a fun and challenging atmosphere.



### Youth Soccer Camp | Ages: 4-12

Campers will learn the fundamentals of soccer in a fun, skill-building atmosphere.

### Youth Volleyball Camp | Ages: 6th -9th grade

Campers will build upon the core fundamentals of volleyball in a fun and challenging atmosphere.



### Youth Golf & Tennis Camp | Ages: 5-16

Learn basic golf and tennis skills.

### Youth Baseball Camp | Ages: 5-12

Campers will learn the fundamentals of baseball in a fun and challenging atmosphere.

### Beach/Fishing Camp II | Ages: 7-17

Campers will learn how to fish, and have the chance to visit various beaches.

### Advanced Golf Camp | Ages: 13-17

This camp seeks to improve golf skills with Golf Pro, Jody Dean.

### WA Foster Summer Camp | Ages: 7-13

Campers will participate in: arts & crafts, sports, fun games, dancing, game room activities, swimming and more!



### Fun Bunch Summer Camp | Ages: 6-12

Campers will take field trips to various locations, fishing, bowling, skating, swimming, arts & crafts, sports & games, swimming & unlimited FUN!

**For registration and information, visit [GoldsboroParksandRec.com](http://GoldsboroParksandRec.com) or call 919-739-7480.**



The beautiful Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course offers a user-friendly, yet challenging golf experience for experienced golfers, families, and new learners. The peaceful, 18-hole course features a FootGolf course, 6 clay-surfaced tennis courts, a full-service pro shop in the former Goldsboro Country Club, and a majestic pair of American Bald Eagles nesting near hole 14.

Golf lessons, clinics, and camps are offered through the Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course for learners at any level. Plan your own fun, affordable day at GMGC by visiting [www.GMGCgolf.com](http://www.GMGCgolf.com), calling 919-735-0411, or finding us on Facebook.



The Goldsboro Event Center opened at the site of the former Goldsboro Country Club in April of 2016. The GEC has since hosted more than 85 weddings, receptions, celebrations, memorials, presentations, and meetings.

Call 919-735-4075 for reservations and information.  
[www.GoldsboroEventCenter.com](http://www.GoldsboroEventCenter.com)

## STAY CONNECTED!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.GOLDSBORONC.GOV](http://WWW.GOLDSBORONC.GOV)

