

CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

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Goldsboro City Council

Greetings,

Spring and early summer bring excitement to Goldsboro. Families fill the parks around our city. Students and families enjoy spring breaks before hitting their last sprint of the academic year. Graduations and summer breaks are upon us, bringing plans for vacations and fun away from school. There are more people outside enjoying life as the weather warms, and there is more energy around town. This energy brings with it opportunities. With more people being active, there are more opportunities to contribute to your community in a positive way and, in doing so, put on display the best characteristics of our city. Some of our neighbors will contribute by coaching a team in a sports league through Parks and Recreation or their church league. Some folks will contribute by inviting neighbors over who haven't gathered since last fall and, in doing so, create some unity within their neighborhood. Others will take the opportunity to try something new and offer that new thing to the larger community in some way. The point is simply that when there is energy, there is opportunity. Where there is opportunity, folks get excited.

Goldsboro offers an incredible number of opportunities to learn, explore, and grow. Some are unique and hard to believe. Experiences through the Healing Arts programs at the Art's Council of Wayne County are unique, eye-opening, and explore a side of "art" you

may not have considered. The exhibit honoring the 160th anniversary of the First African Baptist Church at the Wayne County Museum is inspiring and provides a wonderful account of an important piece of our city's history. Goldsboro Parks and Recreation always has a fantastic summer schedule full of opportunities to play as a family. No summer would be complete without taking in a concert during the Center Street Jam Summer Concert Series. This list is a mere sampling of the wonderful slate of offerings over the next few months right here in Goldsboro.

As mayor, my goal is to connect people and highlight the good deep within the DNA of this place we call home. As you start to feel the energy that comes with summer, seize the opportunity to get out and join your neighbors in doing something good. All these chances for fun, growth, and learning are created by people who are excited to bring opportunity to our community. Get involved and see for yourself. Downtown Goldsboro needs volunteers for the Center Street Jams; Parks and Recreation needs seasonal employees to work the pools, summer camps, and sports leagues. Organizations throughout the city will need help with their summer plans. Look and find your niche. There are opportunities right here in Goldsboro. Get out and have some fun.

Mayor Charles Gaylor

City Awarded More Than \$600,000 in Grant Funds to Explore Wastewater System Expansion

The City of Goldsboro has been awarded \$610,000 in grant funds through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Infrastructure to explore the future expansion of the wastewater system.

The City will receive \$260,000 in Viable Utility Reserve grant funding. This grant program provides funding to build a path toward viable utility systems using long-term solutions for distressed water and wastewater units in North Carolina. This grant funding will pay for Phase 2 of the Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study. The City already treats sewage from other municipalities and the County. However, the phase 2 study would provide a detailed analysis of the feasibility of a merged system under the City of Goldsboro or a regional water and sewer authority. Without this study, it's impossible to know the expected costs of creating a merged system versus a new regional water and sewer authority. The remaining \$350,000 in grant funding will be used to develop a regional wastewater master plan, which will evaluate, among other things, future wastewater capacity needs.

"As the City moves forward with planning the expansion of its wastewater treatment facility, these new studies will prove invaluable to understanding our future growth needs in addition to the viability, options and cost effectiveness for expanded regional sewer in Wayne County," said Interim City Manager Matt Livingston.

In addition to studying the feasibility of regionalization, the City of Goldsboro is planning for the expansion of the Water Reclamation Facility.

Expanded Resources Guide Available Online

The City of Goldsboro's Community Relations and Development Department produces an annual listing of community resources with contact information for organizations that provide assistance in Goldsboro and Wayne County. For the 2024 Community Resources Guide, Community Relations and Development partnered with the Wayne Reentry Council to expand the guide. As a result of the partnership, the number of listings more than doubled.

If you or someone you know is in need of food, help with utility bills, or access to other assistance, check out the 2024 Community Resource Guide at goldsborongov.gov.

2024 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOOD | INFANT/BABY NEEDS | MENTAL HEALTH | FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
SENIOR CITIZENS | MISCELLANEOUS



**Saving Union
Station Day**

May 14

4pm - 8:15pm

Goldsboro Union Station
101 N. Carolina St., Goldsboro

goldsborongov.gov/saving-union-station

DOWNTOWN PARKING UPDATE: The soft rollout phase of downtown parking management enforcement, which was slated to end March 31, was extended an additional 60 days. During this time, warning tickets will be issued to those in violation of two-hour parking rules. For more information, visit <https://www.goldsboronc.gov/parking/>.

MCPD Reminds Businesses to Check their ADA Compliance

More than 50 million Americans — 18 percent of our population — have disabilities, and each is a potential customer. People with disabilities are living more independently and participating more actively in their communities. They and their families want to patronize

businesses that welcome customers with disabilities. Studies show that once people with disabilities find a business where they can shop or get services in an accessible manner, they become repeat customers.

Businesses that provide goods or services to the public are called “public accommodations” in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA establishes requirements for 12 categories of public accommodations, which include stores, restaurants, bars, service establishments, theaters, hotels, recreational facilities, private museums and schools, doctors’ and dentists’ offices, shopping malls, and other businesses. Regardless of the size of the business or the age of their buildings, businesses covered by the ADA are required to modify their business policies and procedures when necessary to serve customers with disabilities and take steps to communicate effectively with customers with disabilities.

For more information on how to keep your business ADA compliant please visit: <https://www.ada.gov/resources/title-iii-primer/#steps-for-success>.



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES '24

- 5/2 BAND OF OZ
- 5/16 JIM QUICK AND COASTLINE
- 5/30 THE EMBERS
- 6/13 TOO MUCH SYLVIA
- 6/27 BLACKWATER
- 7/11 SOUL PSYCHEDELIQUE
- 7/25 SPARE CHANGE
- 8/8 THE MIGHTY SAINTS OF SOUL

GOLDSBORO COMPOST



The City of Goldsboro sells compost and mulch to ALL customers, both wholesale and retail. Goldsboro Compost is produced from municipal biosolids and yard trimmings. This compost is great for amending depleted soils, enriching planting mixes, and enhancing the growth of turf and ornamental plants, as well as food crops.

You can purchase mulch and compost from our Compost Facility at 200 Westbrook Road, Goldsboro. Call 919-735-0110 for current pricing.



The City of Goldsboro’s Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at <https://bit.ly/annualccr>. This report is a snapshot of last year’s water quality. Included are details about your water source, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.



DO NOT LITTER

PUT TRASH IN ITS PLACE.

Keeping our city clean is everyone's responsibility and it takes everyone's help. Do your part by making a personal choice to put trash in its proper place and encouraging others to do the same.



Annual Water Line Flushing Program Begins May 8

The City of Goldsboro Water Plant will temporarily stop adding ammonia to its water treatment disinfecting process at 7 a.m. Wednesday, May 8. They will resume adding ammonia to the water treatment process on Thursday, June 20.

To promote optimal disinfection throughout the water distribution system, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality recommends public water systems using chloramine disinfection switch to chlorine-only disinfection for a minimum of three consecutive weeks every year. This switch to chlorine-only disinfection can produce a temporary chlorine taste and odor in some cases.

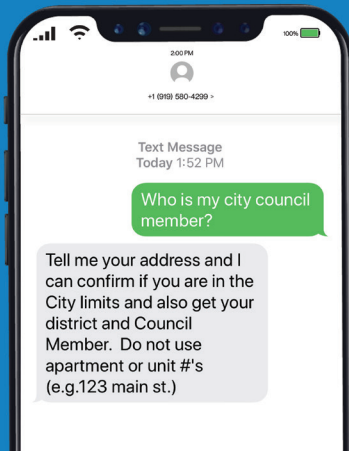
The City of Goldsboro also conducts flushing of the water distribution system during this period as part of an annual unidirectional flushing program. This flushing may cause some temporary discoloration in the water. The water is safe. Short periods of flushing may be necessary to clear up any discoloration in the home. However, as a precaution, customers may want to check to see if their water is discolored before laundering white clothes.

If you have any questions, please call 919-735-3329.

Got a question about City services?

Ask our chatbot.

Text 919-580-4299 or visit goldsboronc.gov and click the speech bubbles at the bottom of the page.



NEED TO REPORT A STREETLIGHT OUTAGE?

If you notice a streetlight that is not working, you can contact Duke Energy Progress to report the outage.

800-452-2777

www.duke-energy.com

- Select Outages > Request a light repair
- Select your location > Carolinas > Duke Energy Progress
- Type the location of the streetlight needing repair in the search bar.



Connect with us on

nextdoor

<http://bit.ly/goldsboronextdoor>

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS*

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

Memorial Day | Monday, May 27

Monday routes will be serviced Wednesday, May 29.

Independence Day | Thursday, July 4

Thursday routes will be serviced Wednesday, July 3.