

# CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

January – March 2020

**MAYOR  
CHUCK ALLEN**



**Goldsboro City Council**

I hope this newsletter finds each of our citizens doing well and that you all enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. It is my hope that 2020 will be a safe, healthy and happy year for us all.

We are excited to bring in the New Year with new opportunities and growth for the city. Many good things are happening in Goldsboro.

The following projects were started and are nearing completion:

- Replacement of living quarters for Fire Station 4 on Poplar Street.
- Police/Fire Complex Expansion
- The \$9 million Phase IV Sewer Rehabilitation project that lines about 30,000 feet of existing sanitary sewer mains.
- The TIGER VIII Grant Project, which includes the last two blocks of Center Street, Cornerstone Commons (now called the HUB), and wayfinding signage.

Private investment activity is very impressive. The most notable is a planned \$12 million rehabilitation of six

historic buildings, including the Wayne National Bank. The project will include 63 market-rate residential units and around 20,000 square feet of commercial space.

I'm pleased to welcome new councilmembers Taj Polack, District 3, and Brandi Matthews, District 4. I look forward to working with Taj and Brandi, as well as the returning council members, to continue bringing growth and progress to Goldsboro.

In closing, I want to remind everyone to keep our city clean and free of litter. This goal can be accomplished by putting trash in the trashcan, cleaning up in front of your property, keeping your truck bed free of debris that would fly out and always cover your loads if you are hauling trash.

I look forward to working with our citizens, community partners and employees to make 2020 a terrific year in the City of Goldsboro.

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

With kindest regards I am,

Chuck Allen

Mayor

## UPCOMING SANITATION CHANGES

**Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday | Jan. 20**

Monday routes will be collected Wednesday, Jan. 22.

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS\*

Jan. 6 | Jan. 21 | Feb. 3 |

Feb. 17 | March 2 | March 16

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

\*Subject to change with public notice.

# The New Year brings New Excitement to Goldsboro–Wayne County

## Travel & Tourism

2020 will feature many exciting events throughout Goldsboro and Wayne County.

As we kick off 2020, Goldsboro–Wayne County is an exciting place to be. With so much momentum behind Downtown development, new places to eat and shop, some memorable historical events and some delicious foodie events, the new year is looking bright. Here are just some of the highlights to get excited about in the near future, and of course, there are many, many more. For all events in Goldsboro–Wayne County, check out [www.visitgoldsborongc.com](http://www.visitgoldsborongc.com). Here's to a fantastic 2020!

### Wilber's reopening

It's been a tough year without Wilber's, but spring 2020 will see the end of those dark days! That is the anticipated time of year that the barbecue joint, which put Goldsboro on the map, is set to reopen. Widely acclaimed as North Carolina's favorite barbecue, Wilber's has famously served Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. If it's good enough for them, it's good enough for us! Restoration of the iconic, historic building on U.S. 70 has begun, and the reopening can't come soon enough if you ask us!

### Downtown Streetscaping continues

Goldsboro's beautiful Downtown continues to improve, and more changes and improvements are coming in 2020 as the final phase of the Center Street Streetscape Project nears completion. The work is happening at the southern end of Downtown Goldsboro, where the Cornerstone Commons will be transformed into "The Hub," which will feature seating areas, biking paths, public restrooms and a performance stage. And, importantly, the historic Freedom Tree at the intersection of Center and Spruce streets is protected, and will remain. Development is expected to be complete by May 2020, just in time for summer and Center Street Jams!

### New Event Calendar

Want to know if there's anything going on tonight, next weekend, next month? Want a way to share your event with the public? Visit Goldsboro has launched a community calendar that allows every single event in our community to be easily found out about. The calendar is



open to anyone hosting an event, and all you have to do is visit [www.visitgoldsborongc.com](http://www.visitgoldsborongc.com), and hit 'submit your event' to share all the relevant information. The calendar is also a great tool to check out whether your event's date could overlap with other events taking place. As always, the calendar will be shared in a monthly e-newsletter and on our social media pages. To receive the e-newsletter, visit our website [visitgoldsborongc.com/contact](http://visitgoldsborongc.com/contact).

### Cheers to new breweries in town!

Downtown Goldsboro is set to see not one, but two brand new breweries open in 2020. Opening dates are yet to be confirmed, but both are highly anticipated. The owners of Goldsboro Brew Works are responsible for one of the Breweries, situated in an old gas station, with plans for a tap room, outdoor beer garden and live performances. The second brewery will be run by Anderson Brewing, and is set to feature an on-site bakery, using the hops not used in the beer. Watch this space for opening details, and get thirsty!

# JET NOISE

**Find out about all the  
events & fun stuff**  
by subscribing to our free newsletter at  
**[www.visitgoldsborongc.com/contact](http://www.visitgoldsborongc.com/contact)**





## Public Utilities

Follow these tips to help prevent frozen pipes this winter.

As the temperatures begin to drop, the Public Utilities Department reminds you to take steps to prepare your water pipes for the winter, if you haven't done so already.

- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses.
- Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas.
- Consider installing heat tape or heat cable.
- Seal off access doors, air vents and cracks.
- Find the master shutoff valve.
- Contact Public Utilities for additional measures.

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/winterwaterinfo>.

## Tickets for 2020 MLK Luncheon available now

The City of Goldsboro will host its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Luncheon at noon Monday, Jan. 20 at The First PH Church, 1100 The First Church Road, Goldsboro. U.S. Congressman G.K. Butterfield will be the keynote speaker for the event.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$15. Seats are limited. To purchase tickets or advertise in the souvenir booklet, contact the Community Relations Department at 919-580-4359 or [ssimpson@goldsboronc.gov](mailto:ssimpson@goldsboronc.gov).



## GFD Unit Awarded for Heroic Actions

Goldsboro Fire Department awarded the members of Company 2-B shift with a unit citation for actions taken Sept. 7, 2019. On that day, Captain Robert Loreman and Engineer Adam Taggart responded to a report of a person unresponsive in the water. Because of their swift actions, the child, Jaylen Suggs, was rescued and resuscitated on the way to the hospital. Though the child never fully recovered and eventually succumbed as a result of the trauma, the selfless act was greatly appreciated by the family. In addition to the unit citation, Loreman and Taggart were awarded the Medal of Bravery on Sept. 23.

Fire Chief Joe Dixon has worked diligently to ensure that such a tragedy is less likely to occur in the future. Collaboration with City administration, the family, and the YMCA has yielded a swimming program in memory of Jaylen Suggs, who could not swim. Classes began in December. For more information, contact the Goldsboro YMCA at 919-778-8557 or <https://www.goldsboroymca.org/programs-goldsboro-y/aquatics>.

**MEN**  
are from  
**MARS**

**WOMEN**  
are from  
**VENUS**

*Live!*

**THE OFF-BROADWAY HIT COMEDY**  
Based on the Best-Selling Book by John Gray

**Friday | January 31 | 7:30 p.m.**

**SPECIAL OFFER! \$25**  
(Regular price: \$30)  
Use Coupon Code **GALAXY** at check-out.

This event is not appropriate for children under 13.

**PARAMOUNT** theatre

139 S. Center Street | Historic Downtown Goldsboro  
919-583-8432 | [www.GoldsboroParamount.com](http://www.GoldsboroParamount.com)

**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.

**LOVE  
GOLDSBORO**  
Keep it clean.

# Parks and Recreation Events

## JANUARY

### Mini Movers Open Gym

(Ages 1-5) We are offering a non-structured, open-gym environment full of bouncy balls, mats, tunnels, and more for you and your little ones to laugh, run, jump, play, and burn some energy!

Date: Mondays (4-7 p.m.) and Tuesdays (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

Fee: \$5 per child – Sign up on site

Location: Herman Park Center, 901 E. Ash Street

## FEBRUARY

### Daddy Daughter Dance

(Ages 4-12) Join Goldsboro Parks & Recreation on Friday, Feb. 7 for this special night out for daddy and his little girl that they will cherish forever. Enjoy dinner, dancing, a photo booth, games, prizes, and memories to last a lifetime. Claim your ticket at [www.goldsboroparksandrec.com/register](http://www.goldsboroparksandrec.com/register).

Date: Friday, Feb. 7

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Fee: \$20 per couple; \$10 for additional child or adult

Location: Goldsboro Event Center, 1501 S. Slocumb Street

### Family Tennis Night

(All Ages) Enjoy free play tennis in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere! Fundamentals of tennis will be offered for newcomers, and tips will be available for experienced players with on-site instruction from Goldsboro High School tennis players. Racquets and balls available for use.

Dates: Wednesdays beginning Feb. 19

Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Registration: No Registration Required

Fee: FREE!

Location: Herman Park Tennis Courts, 900 Park Avenue

### ECU Basketball Game vs. Temple University

(Ages 6-15) Join Goldsboro Parks & Recreation as we travel to Greenville for Youth Sports Day on Sunday, Feb. 23 at Williams Arena to watch the ECU Men's Basketball team play Temple University. Transportation will be provided for the first 20 people who sign up. To sign up, visit [www.goldsboroparksandrec.com/register](http://www.goldsboroparksandrec.com/register).

Date: Sunday, Feb. 23

Time: 12-7 p.m.

Fee: \$10 per person (includes ticket and transportation)

Location: Herman Park Center, 901 E. Ash Street

## Spring Athletics

(Youth and Adults) Sign ups begin in February for the following sports: Youth T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, Youth Soccer, and Adult Ultimate Frisbee leagues. Sign up at [www.goldsboroparksandrec.com/register](http://www.goldsboroparksandrec.com/register).

Fee: Fees Vary; Youth Sports all \$40 per player.

Location: Various Facilities

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## MARCH

### Shad Fishing Tournament

(All Ages) Join Goldsboro Parks & Recreation and E-Z Bait & Tackle on Saturday, March 14 for the 19th Annual Shad Fishing Tournament. This tournament begins at sunrise, with participants fishing all over Wayne County, and commences at 4 p.m., with the official weigh-in at E-Z Bait & Tackle. All ages are welcome to participate. Children 12 and under can participate for free or they can pay the \$20 entry fee to have a chance at competing with the adults for the bigger prize money. For more information, visit [www.goldsboroparksandrec.com/register](http://www.goldsboroparksandrec.com/register).

Date: Saturday, March 14

Time: Sunrise to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$20 per angler (Free for kids under 12)

Location: All across Wayne County, Weigh in at E-Z Bait & Tackle

Register: E-Z Bait & Tackle, 2049 US-117 S, Goldsboro

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PARAMOUNT theatre

VIOLET BELL

Absolutely gorgeous.  
-Michael Johnathon, Woodsongs Old-Time Radio Hour

Friday | February 21 | 7:30

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Sons of Mystro

"Our protégés, Sons of Mystro are an innovative musical force that is ready to take the world by storm."  
- Black Violin

PARAMOUNT theatre  
Just imagine the experience...

Saturday | March 21 | 7:30 p.m.

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