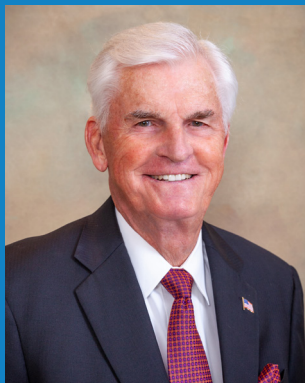


CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

January – March 2023

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Happy 2023 Greetings Fellow Goldsboro Residents,

I trust that each of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year observance. It's a new year and with it comes opportunities for a better life style and community improvement. Here in our city government, we are planning for the growth of Goldsboro and the expansion of services that are expected to accompany that growth.

I want to speak to the issues we've had with our leaf and limb pick up along our city streets. The normal schedule for our Public Works Department to pick up yard leaves and limbs alongside your street is every other week. No doubt you've experienced an abnormal gap in that schedule. Currently, our crews are running as much as four weeks behind that schedule. There are two factors that contribute to this situation. The first being that this has been an unusual year for the volume of limbs and leaf accumulation. The second factor is the availability of equipment and personnel to remove that volume of accumulation.

Public Works has five leaf collection machines. Unfortunately, only two of them are operational at the time of publication. The other three are inoperable due to undergoing major repairs (transmission, engine) or other mechanical problems. Complicating the repair of these problems is the fact that some critical parts are not available due to manufacture supply line delays. In the post-pandemic period, we've heard a lot about supply line issues in almost everything we consume, and this is affecting our ability to get these pieces of equipment back on the streets. One piece of good news: we have one new leaf machine currently on order from July 2022 — delayed due to the lack of an available chassis. The build is scheduled to start in January with a delivery date of February/March.

In the meantime, I can assure you that we are diligently working to do the best we can to remove the debris from your street. Please be patient with us. You can help prevent further collection delays by making sure you have leaves and small limbs separated. Leaves and limbs cannot be collected together, so please make sure your yard waste is ready to be picked up when crews arrive at your house.

As we face the colder months, some of our residents may be struggling to heat their homes. Help is available through the following programs:

- The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally-funded program that provides a one-time annual vendor payment to help eligible families pay their heating expense.
- Individuals and families experiencing a heating or cooling related crisis may apply for assistance through the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP). A household is considered to be in a crisis if it is currently experiencing or is in danger of experiencing a life threatening or health related emergency and sufficient, timely and appropriate assistance is not available from any other source.

For more information about these programs, visit <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/energy-assistance> or contact the local Department of Social Services at 919-580-4034.

Additionally, residents who need assistance can dial 2-1-1 or 1-888-892-1162. NC 211 is an information and referral service provided by United Way of North Carolina that provides free and confidential information on health and human services and resources within their community.



Can Grass Clippings and Yard Debris Contribute to Flooding Concerns?

The answer is YES! Vegetative yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of storm water pollution and contribute to our flooding concerns.

When yard waste is blown into the street, it can clog the storm drain system, causing drainage and flooding issues. Flooding is more likely to occur when our storm water infrastructure is clogged with excessive sediment and vegetative debris buildup. Once the vegetative debris enters the storm drains, pipes and ditches, it requires an extensive amount of effort and equipment to locate and remove. In most cases, we may not even know there is an issue until flooding actually occurs due to the blockage.

By merely accomplishing a few simple tasks, you can help keep our storm water infrastructure clear of

vegetative debris and free flowing — mitigating the potential for flooding and reducing costly maintenance and repairs.

So, how can you help?

1. Sweep or blow leaves and grass clippings from paved surfaces back into the yard.
2. Rake and dispose of leaves in your yard before they accumulate and blow into the street or street gutter.
3. Remove leaves and debris from street gutters to prevent them from running into storm drains.
4. Periodically clean off accumulated debris on storm drain grates adjacent to your property.
5. Pile vegetative debris scheduled to be collected by City leaf and limb crews by the edge of the road, but still in the yard — avoid getting debris in the street gutter.

HONORING **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

12 P.M. | MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

WATCH ON **FACEBOOK**



<https://www.facebook.com/www.ci.goldsboro.nc.us>

Presented by the Commission on Community Relations and Development



January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities



Glaucoma is a leading cause of vision loss and blindness in the United States. Glaucoma has no early symptoms — that's why half of people with glaucoma don't know they have it.

The only way to find out if you have glaucoma is to get a comprehensive dilated eye exam. There's no cure for glaucoma, but early treatment can often stop the damage and protect your vision.

Anyone can get glaucoma, but those at higher risk include:

- Everyone over age 60, especially Hispanics/Latinos
- African Americans over age 40;
- People with a family history of glaucoma.

For more information, visit the National Eye Institute's website at www.nei.nih.gov.



TOYS FOR TOTS: The Goldsboro Police and Fire departments recently teamed up to collect toy donations for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Wipes & Personal Hygiene Products Clog Sewer Lines!

Many baby and adult personal hygiene products, along with household wipes and cleaning towelettes, are labeled both DISPOSABLE and FLUSHABLE. While these products may be marketed as a convenience item in this way, the truth is these types of items cause blockages and service problems, not only in the sewer line on your property, but also the public sewer system and pump stations. This is primarily because, unlike toilet paper, these products DO NOT break down once they are flushed.

Since they do not break down, they collect and cause blockages in your on-site sewer, especially older pipelines that may already have existing greases, roots, or other obstructions. A repair of the on-site sewer line can leave the home or business owner with a very costly sewer repair.

When these products are introduced into the public sewer system, they collect and cause larger obstructions and clogs in the main sewer lines and even get tangled in the pump stations — requiring expensive repair or replacement of equipment.

What We Can All Do To Help...

ONLY flush toilet paper; more importantly, NEVER flush the following:

Disinfecting/Surface Wipes

Mop or "Swiffer" Refills

Baby Wipes

Paper Towels

Jewelry Wipes

Pet Care Wipes

Cosmetic Wipes

First Aid Wipes

Disposable Diapers or Liners

Bio-pads (nursing home, home health care, etc.)

Cotton Swabs

Feminine Hygiene Products

Toilet Cleaning Pads

ANY Moist Type Towelettes

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The Paramount Theatre
Invites You To A

Princess PARTY

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY
139 S Center Street, Goldsboro, NC 10am-2pm

Come enjoy cookies, punch, and activities with our guest princesses from NC Party Pals! Join us in the theatre for special showings of the Disney Classics "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at 10:30am and "Cinderella" starring Whitney Houston, at 12:30pm

\$10 Admission

Special Appearances by Snow White and Cinderella




advanced tickets may be purchased at www.goldsboroparamount.com



GFD Raises More Than \$7,000 for Charity

Each year, the Goldsboro Fire Department sells T-shirts to raise money for Southeastern Cancer Care's Cures for the Colors, a non-profit organization that provides support for cancer patients and their families. Thanks to those who purchased T-shirts during the 2022 campaign, GFD donated \$7,235 to Cures for the Colors.

GOLDSBORO FANFEST 2023

FEBRUARY 11 2023
12PM - 8PM
METROPOLIS @ 2PM
STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE @ 6PM
PARAMOUNT THEATRE
TICKETS \$10

- **GAMING**: D&D, Pokemon, Magic: The Gathering
- **COMICS** • **MOVIES**
- **PRIZES** • **FOOD**
- **COSTUMES**





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The City of Goldsboro Presents A Special Meeting

Downtown Public Parking Forum

Please Join & Share Your Input
Regarding Parking Needs &
Opportunities

Thursday, January 26, 2023
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Wayne County Museum - 116 N William St

All residents, property and business owners are encouraged to attend and discuss future parking needs in Downtown Goldsboro.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS*

Jan. 23 | Feb. 6 | March 20

Council Retreat: Feb. 22 and 23, Goldsboro Event Center

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

*Subject to change with public notice.

UPCOMING SANITATION CHANGES

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday | Jan. 16

Monday routes will be serviced Wednesday, Jan. 18.