

CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

January – March 2025

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Goldsboro City Council

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has made resolutions and plans for their goals for the year. I know I have. One of my goals this year is to communicate more with our citizens about all the work that goes into the management and operation of a city. This year, we will be intentional about engaging with citizens through commissions, radio interviews, newspaper pieces, social media, and this newsletter. It is important for citizens to be engaged in their city and to help it grow in a way that benefits all concerned. That brings me to our plans for the first few months of 2025. It is going to be a very good year for Goldsboro.

In last year's budget, we committed to getting proper plans in place for a variety of things. We committed to a Business Development and Recruitment Plan, a new Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and a new Parks & Recreation Master Plan. We committed to inspecting and evaluating our water infrastructure and building a plan for its safe maintenance and future growth. We committed to transparency and financial stability through consistent accounting methods and up-to-date audits. We committed to investing in our children through key partnerships and safer communities through a highly trained and appropriately sized police department.

All of these commitments and plans are now underway. Some, like the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, will take over a year to complete. Other priorities will come to fruition much quicker. But, having made those commitments, it is now time to work on our next annual budget. I want to commit to you that we will be doing this work with the city's best interests at the front of our minds. We will be mindful of both the need to repair worn-out streets and the costs to our citizens to make those repairs. This process is exhausting and exciting, and I hope you will stay engaged. We will be talking about the city's needs a lot over these next few months, and I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Mayor Charles Gaylor

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS*

Feb. 3 | Feb. 17 | March 3 | March 17

Council meets at 5:30 p.m.

*Subject to change with public notice.

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Goldsboro Water Treatment Plant Awarded for Exceeding Water Quality Standards

The City of Goldsboro's Water Treatment Plant is one of 79 water treatment plants across the state recently honored by the North Carolina Division of Water Resources for surpassing federal and state drinking water standards in 2023. The division's Public Water Supply Section awarded the facilities the prestigious N.C. Area Wide Optimization Award, which is part of a state effort to enhance the performance of existing surface water treatment facilities. This is the second consecutive year that Goldsboro's Water Treatment Plant has received this award.

Awards are given each year to water systems that demonstrate outstanding turbidity removal, a key test of drinking water quality. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness or haziness of water caused by individual particles that can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Microbes are microscopic particles that occur naturally but can include harmful bacteria and viruses.

While all drinking water systems must meet strict state and federal drinking water standards, these systems met performance goals that are significantly more stringent than state and federal standards. In 2023, over 3.6 million North Carolina residents were served by these award-winning plants.



GPD Special Enforcement Unit Makes Significant Impact

To address the rise in violent crimes in the City of Goldsboro, the Goldsboro Police Department launched the Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) on July 1, 2024. This initiative was established under the direction of Chief of Police Mike West and supported by the Goldsboro City Council, temporarily assigning officers from various ranks and units to focus on gun and drug suppression efforts.

Despite operating with limited staffing, the SEU has played a pivotal role in improving public safety within the community. Their relentless efforts have been recognized not only by the residents of Goldsboro but also by the Investigation Bureau, which has greatly benefited from their invaluable assistance in solving assigned cases.

The results of the Special Enforcement Unit speak to their dedication and impact. To date, the unit has seized:

- 50 firearms
- 2,712 grams of marijuana
- 113 grams of spice
- 97 grams of crack/cocaine

- 60 grams of methamphetamine
- 20 dosage units of PCP
- 6 grams of heroin
- 123 dosage units of MDMA
- \$6,705 in U.S. currency

Approximately 383 warrants/ magistrate orders have been served.

These accomplishments are especially noteworthy given the limited staffing available, underscoring the hard work and dedication of the SEU officers. As staffing continues to increase, the Special Enforcement Unit will remain active and implement more proactive measures to enhance public safety and target violent crime.

The success of the Special Enforcement Unit is a testament to the dedication, teamwork, and resourcefulness of the Goldsboro Police Department. Eighty-eight offenders have been charged with felonies or gun-related offenses as part of this operation.



Goldsboro Paramount Theatre
139 S Center St, Goldsboro, NC 27530

Goldsboro FAN FEST 2025

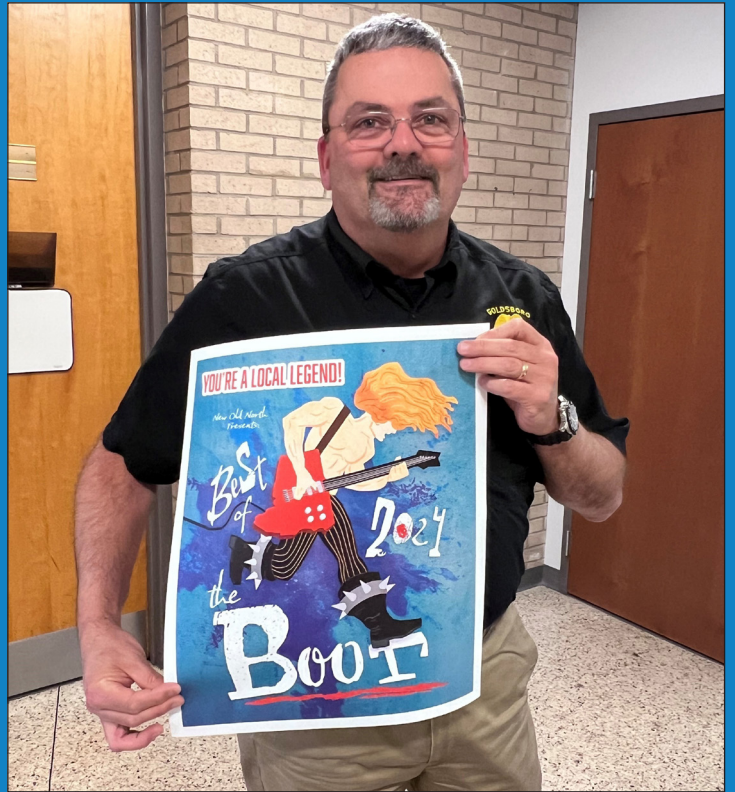
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VENDORS COSPLAY GAMING TABLES RPG MAGIC BOARD GAMES
COMICS PANELS CONCESSIONS DISCOUNTS AT DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES
First 50 Through The Door Receive A Commemorative Pin

TICKETS: \$10

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12 PM-8PM

STAR WARS: RETURN OF THE JEDI Showtime: 6pm
www.goldsboroparamount.com



Best of the Boot: Congratulations to Police Chief Mike West, who was voted Best Government Employee in the annual Best of the Boot publication. Councilmember Beverly Weeks was selected as Best Local Mentor.

Report an issue

- Online at goldsboronc.gov
- Goldsboro 311 App



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DISTRICT 4 CALL



Last Thursday of
every month
6 PM

NUMBER: (605) 313-5490
ACCESS CODE: 7356335#

District 4 residents can stay connected and informed by participating in monthly conference calls with Councilmember Brandi Matthews. Councilmember Matthews will host the conference calls the last Thursday of every month. For more information, follow <https://www.facebook.com/CouncilwomanBrandiMatthews>.



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Goldsboro FanFest 2025

12-8 p.m., Feb. 22 — We are excited to announce Paramount’s third annual “FanFest”! This humble version of “Comicon” will include table-top gaming, vendors, cosplayers from the 501st Carolina Garrison and Blue Ridge Base, and “STAR WARS: Return of the Jedi” at 6 p.m.

The Phantom of the Opera

March 6-9 — StageStruck: The Young People’s Own Theatre presents The Phantom of the Opera. Come experience the unforgettable music, emotion, and mystery that has made The Phantom of the Opera a timeless classic.

Romeo & Juliet

March 14-16 — Center Stage Theatre presents Romeo and Juliet, William Shakespeare’s classic tale of love and tragedy.

Buckets N Boards

7:30 p.m., March 28 — Buckets N Boards is a high-energy show blending percussion, comedy, and interactive audience engagement, led by Matthew Levingston and Gareth Sever. Their unique performance features amazing percussion, tap dancing, and inventive instrumentation, making it a hit with all ages. Touring globally headlining for Disney Cruise Lines, Buckets N Boards offers an unforgettable, family-friendly theatrical experience that continues to captivate and delight audiences around the world.

Ricky Melton: Stories, Jokes & Dirty Country Music Songs

8 p.m., March 29 — Recently dubbed by a fan as “a mix between Rodney Carrington & Wheeler Walker Jr.,” Ricky Melton is quickly becoming one of the most talked about touring comedians on the road today. An absolute force on stage, his act is equal parts comedy, music and absurdity. For nearly 15 years Ricky has been making audiences around the country laugh with his stories of growing up in the “not best” circumstances, falling in (and very much OUT) of love & even the occasional witness of a murder. All of his stories are true AND are all set to the soundtrack of Ricky playing his guitar and singing his original and outlandish country music songs that are sure to bring a smile to your face. Well, bring a smile to your face if you are not uptight and/or bashful around dirty words.

WINGS OVER WAYNE
2025 AIR SHOW

Save The Date!
May 3-4, 2025

Featuring USAF Thunderbirds!
Admission & Parking Are Free



Travel and Tourism moves into new office space: Congratulations to our Travel and Tourism department, who recently moved into a new location at 119-C N. Center St.

YARD WASTE SERVICES

LEAVES	LIMBS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rake all leaves into a pile at the right of way, by the street. <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT place leaf piles in the street, in the ditch or in the gutters or they will not be serviced. <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT place leaf piles over meter boxes, manhole covers or water valves or they will not be serviced. <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT mix leaf piles with garbage, it will not be serviced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Limbs must be no longer than 6 feet in length and no wider than 12" in diameter. <input type="checkbox"/> Limb piles must be no more than a quarter truck load per household. <input type="checkbox"/> Larger limbs and stumps should be taken to the landfill by resident; the city will not service. <input type="checkbox"/> Contractors are responsible for disposal of ALL work they do!