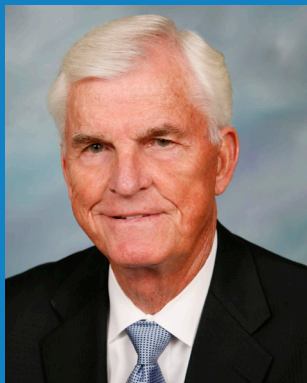


CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

October - December 2021

**MAYOR
DAVID HAM**



Hiawatha Jones
District 1



Bill Broadaway
District 2



Taj Polack
District 3



Brandi Matthews
District 4



Gene Aycock
District 6

** District 5 vacant at the time of publication.*

Goldsboro City Council

Hello citizens of Goldsboro. My name is David Ham. As your new mayor, I want to briefly introduce myself. I was born and raised in Goldsboro. I attended public schools and graduated from Goldsboro High School and Methodist College (now Methodist University). I had an Army career lasting 25 years. Afterward, I held management positions in both private and corporate businesses. I have served on the Goldsboro City Council since December 2015, during which I served two terms as mayor pro tem. I am married and have one son. That is enough about me!

Now I want to speak of our former mayor, Mr. Chuck Allen. Mayor Allen recently passed away after having served this city since 1999. During that period, he served as mayor pro tem for 10 years before succeeding Mayor Al King as mayor in 2015. Mayor Allen's legacy will speak of many contributions to our city government operations, attention to the needs of our citizens during normal and emergency periods such as the recent hurricanes, physical and infrastructure improvements (think downtown Goldsboro) and his interaction and support to programs that contributed to the all around betterment of the place you call home, and many other achievements. It was my pleasure to serve with him these past six plus years. I learned a lot from him along the way. I witnessed his ability to bring unity among opposing parties, to focus on the end objective and not get sidetracked by individual interests and to always let the ultimate goal be to continue advancing Goldsboro forward. Mayor Allen will be truly missed.

Finally, I want you to know that I intend to carry on the vision that Mayor Allen had for Goldsboro and that our City Council shared. Goldsboro is comprised of people of many races and experiences. Those experiences come from having lived in varied geographic locations, having different professional and educational backgrounds, and last but certainly not

least, is the personal and family histories we each have. These experiences make up our DNA; they contribute to our daily decisions and our individual goals and objectives. My goal and objective is to work to continue to improve Goldsboro's economic state and to improve your (all our citizens) standard of living. If I can be of any assistance to you, I can be reached at 919-580-4330 or DavidHam@goldsboronc.gov.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS*

Oct. 4 | Oct. 18 | Nov. 1
Nov. 15 | Dec. 6 | Dec. 20

Council meets at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
*Subject to change with public notice.

UPCOMING SANITATION CHANGES

Veterans Day | Nov. 11

Thursday routes will be serviced Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Thanksgiving | Nov. 25-26

Thursday and Friday schedules
will be serviced Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Christmas | Dec. 23-24

Thursday and Friday schedules
will be serviced Wednesday Dec. 22.

New Year's Day | Dec. 31

Friday schedules will be serviced Wednesday Dec. 29.

No leaf & limb pickup Thanksgiving and Christmas Week.
No bulk pickup during holiday weeks.

GFD Earns New Water Rescue Certification



As Goldsboro and the surrounding communities continue to grow, the Goldsboro Fire Department identified a need to increase its level of care. For years, GFD has provided fire, EMS, and rescue services to the Goldsboro community. Through the years, the fire department has expanded on services provided by means of equipment and training.

The Fire Department not only provides fire protection, but our firefighters also provide vehicle extrication, trench rescue, confined space rescue, and water rescue. As of September 2021, GFD's water rescue team is certified by the North Carolina Rescue Association as a Deployable Type III water rescue team. A lot of hard work and training from the 20-member team has happened over the last year to achieve this goal.



Our new deputy clerk, Holly Jones, was sworn in Monday, Aug. 16. She worked in the City Manager's Office as an intern in 2017. Jones has a master's degree in Public Administration from UNC Pembroke and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Campbell University.



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YOU
KNOW?

The City has an ordinance regarding grass and lot maintenance. Failure to follow these rules could result in a code enforcement violation and a fine.

According to Chapter 96.03 of our ordinances, the existence of any of the following conditions on any lot or parcel of land in the city, is considered a public nuisance:

- Any uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds or grasses to a height in excess of 10 inches and/or the uncontrolled growth of bushes;
- On an undeveloped parcel larger than 5 acres, any uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds, grasses or bushes to a height in excess of 24 inches ;
- The growth is within a distance of 50 feet from any residential use.

Code Enforcement will issue a nuisance violation for overgrown lots, and property owners will have 10 days from the receipt of the notice to cut the grass and/or clean up the lot. If the owners do not take care of the issue within 10 days, a City contractor will do the work. Property owners will receive a bill for the cost of the work plus a \$100 administrative fee.

For more information about the City's ordinances, visit goldsborongov.gov.

Got questions about City services, ordinances and more? Submit them to lhenry@goldsborongov.gov to be answered in a future newsletter.

City Accepting Applications for 2022 Citizen's Academy

The City of Goldsboro is accepting applications for its upcoming Citizen's Academy, which will be held Jan. 13 through March 3, 2022. The application deadline is Friday, Oct. 29.

The 2022 Citizen's Academy was established to create opportunities for residents to participate and learn more about the operation of city government. This program serves as an excellent primer for residents interested in serving on City boards and commissions or as an elected official.

The seven-week course features presentations from each City department. Sessions will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays. The final session will be a graduation ceremony.

Applications are available online at goldsboronc.gov or at City Hall, 200 N. Center St. Completed applications must be received and/or postmarked by Friday, Oct. 29.

For more information, call Octavius Murphy at 919-580-4351.

ATTENTION GOLDSBORO RESIDENTS:

BECOME INVOLVED IN CITY GOVERNMENT

Apply to serve on a board or commission.

The City of Goldsboro is seeking applications from residents interested in serving on advisory boards and commissions. These boards and commissions give residents an opportunity to become actively involved in their community by providing recommendations to the City Council.

The following boards and commissions currently have vacancies or will have vacancies by the end of the year: Historic District Commission; Goldsboro Planning Commission; Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course Committee; Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities; Commission on Community Relations and Development; Goldsboro Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission; and Goldsboro Tourism Council.

Goldsboro residents who wish to be considered for appointment to one of the above boards and commissions must submit a completed application to the City Manager's Office no later than Nov. 5. To access an application, or for a listing of all city boards and commissions, visit www.goldsboronc.gov. Application forms are also available at City Hall, 200 N. Center St. For more information, call 919-580-4330.

NC Department of Labor Annual Safety Awards

Each year, the state Department of Labor



recognizes public

and private firms that achieve and maintain good safety records. According to the N.C. Department of Labor, "this program is designed to stimulate interest in accident prevention and to promote safety in the workplace by providing an incentive to employers and employees to maintain a safe and healthful workplace."

To qualify for an annual safety award, a business must:

- Have no fatalities during the calendar year at the site or location for which the award was given; and
- Have maintained an incidence rate at least 50 percent below the average for its particular industry group.

The following City of Goldsboro departments and divisions are safety award recipients.

Silver Awards (Rate of days away from work are at least 50% below the industry average.):

Fire Department Headquarters (first year); Sanitation Division, Public Works (second year); Utility Maintenance Division, Distribution and Collection.

Gold Awards (Rate of days away from work, job transfer or restriction are at least 50% below the industry average.):

Finance Department (first year); General Government (first year); Information Technology (first year); Parks & Recreation/Golf Course Division (first year); Stormwater Division; Fire Department Station #4 (second year); Fire Department Station #5 (second year); Water Treatment Facility (second year); Compost Facility (third year); Fire Department Station #3 (fourth year); Streets and Storm Division (fourth year); Parks & Recreation - Herman Park Center (sixth year); Public Works Department/Building & Traffic Division (sixth year); Fire Department Station #2 (seventh year); Planning Department (eighth year); Inspection Department (ninth year); Human Resources Department (tenth year); Water Reclamation Facility (eleventh year); Cemetery Division (twelfth year); Engineering Division (twelfth year); Garage Division (seventeenth year).

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Goldsboro Information Technology Department's Programs Recognized by Center for Digital Government

Goldsboro's Information Technology department once again earned accolades from the Center for Digital Government. The City of Goldsboro was selected as a finalist for the Overall City Government Experience Award. The awards recognize the achievements and best practices of states, cities and counties that are radically improving the experience of government and pushing the boundaries of how citizen services are delivered.

"As state and local governments navigated another year of uncertainty — compounded by shifts in constituent expectations and the emergence of new technologies — the experience of government has remained a significant focus for leaders," said Dustin Haisler, Chief Innovation Officer for the Center of Digital Government. "This year, agencies demonstrated the importance of having an omnichannel strategy with an increased focus on enabling personalized experiences while balancing citizen and business privacy. We applaud the continued efforts state and local leaders have made to build constituent-centric digital experiences and look forward to seeing how these agencies adapt their digital services in the years to come."

Goldsboro's IT department has created and



implemented several programs and systems that make city operations more efficient and effective, and strengthen citizen engagement efforts. The Overall Experience Award recognizes all aspects of those programs and systems.

Information Technology won a Project Experience Award in 2020 for its chatbot application.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DOWNTOWN GOLDSBORO

dgdc.org | 919-735-4959

Fall Outdoor Movie Series — 7 p.m., Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11; The HUB

Creepy Crawl — 8 p.m., Oct. 29

Veterans Day Parade — 11 a.m., Nov. 11

Downtown Lights Up — 5-8 p.m., Nov. 23

Horse-Drawn Trolley Rides — 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, Nov. 30 – Dec. 17

Holiday Drive-in Movies — 6 p.m., Thursdays, Dec. 2 & 16

Goldsboro Christmas Parade — 4 p.m. Dec. 4

Santa Stumble — 8 p.m., Dec. 10

PARAMOUNT THEATRE

goldsboroparamount.com | 919-583-8432

Black Box Dance Theatre — 7:30 p.m., Oct. 15

Malpass Brothers — 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23

"Hocus Pocus" — 4 p.m., Oct. 30

"The Grudge" — 7 p.m., Oct. 30

North Carolina Symphony Holiday Pops Concert — 8 p.m., Nov. 23

The Embers featuring Craig Woolard — 7:30 p.m., Dec. 20

Holiday Double Feature: "Mickey's Christmas Carol" and "It's a Wonderful Life" — 6:30 p.m., Dec. 21

PARKS AND RECREATION

goldsboroparksandrec.com | 919-739-7480

Beaver Moon Bike Ride — Nov. 20

Jingle in the Park — Dec. 3-4

TRAVEL & TOURISM

visitgoldsboronc.com | 919-734-7922

Goldsborough Bridge Battlefield Ghost Tour — Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 6

Downtown Ghost Tour — Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 13