

# CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

April – June 2021

## MAYOR CHUCK ALLEN



I hope this newsletter finds all our citizens doing well and enjoying spring here in the beautiful city of Goldsboro. I wanted to share that I am taking some time to focus on my health. In my absence, Mayor Pro Tem David Ham will act on my behalf. I appreciate your continued prayers and support during this time.

We are thankful that the number of COVID cases continue to drop in the city and urge you to do

your part in putting an end to this pandemic. The County is administering the COVID-19 vaccine. If you would like to get more information, find your vaccination group or schedule an appointment, you can visit [www.waynegov.com/vaccine](http://www.waynegov.com/vaccine).

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our newest council member, Ms. Hiawatha Jones. Councilmember Jones brings years of experience and a wonderful attitude to the council, the citizens of District 1, and citizens throughout Goldsboro. I believe you will find Councilmember Jones helpful and willing to work to make Goldsboro a better place to live.

Let's talk litter. The Department of Transportation is helping to combat the growing litter problem on highways throughout North Carolina. In addition, a big thank you goes to Representative John Bell for introducing the Highway Cleanup Act of 2021. We are hopeful this passes and becomes law. It amazes me that people think throwing their trash out their window, not covering their loads or letting trash fly out of their truck bed is the right thing to do. Preventing litter is everyone's job. Please keep a check on the city's website and Facebook page for information concerning what we are doing to help clean up this beautiful city!

I would like to say on behalf of myself and the council, THANK YOU to the City employees for your hard work and dedication. Our employees are the backbone of the City, and we appreciate them.

In closing, I hope you all have a healthy and safe spring. I look forward to working with our citizens, councilmembers and staff to make this city the great city we all want it to be.

Thanks to all of you who are doing your part to make our community better, we really appreciate you. Call 919-580-4330 if we can be of assistance.

With kindest regards I am,  
Chuck Allen



### New Councilmember Sworn In: New District 1

Councilmember Hiawatha Jones was sworn in Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the start of the City Council retreat. Sen. Don Davis administered the oath of office. The City Council appointed Jones to fill the seat left vacant by former Councilmember Antonio Williams, who was elected to the County Board of Commissioners.

Connect with us on

# nextdoor

<http://bit.ly/goldsboronextdoor>

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS\*

April 5 | April 19 | May 3 |  
May 17 | June 7 | June 21

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

\*Subject to change with public notice.

## UPCOMING SANITATION CHANGES

Memorial Day | May 24

Monday routes will be collected Wednesday, May 26.

No bulk pick-up during holiday weeks.



**Spring Litter Cleanup:** NC DOT is hosting its 2021 Spring Litter Sweep April 10-24. The City of Goldsboro encourages local residents to join this effort by volunteering to pick up litter throughout the city from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, April 17.

Here's how you can participate:

■ Get a team together. This is a great opportunity for

your club, group or organization to get involved.

■ Decide on your cleanup location. We can provide suggestions.

■ Contact our local coordinator, Rachael Smith, at 919-580-4313. She will get your team registered and get you set up with supplies.

Please sign up by Monday, April 12.



**Farewell Chief Dixon:** We bid farewell to Fire Chief Joe Dixon on Friday, March 12. Dixon is off to Gainesville, Florida, where he will serve as chief of the Gainesville Fire Department. City Manager Tim Salmon presented Dixon with a gift from City department heads, and Chief Dixon presented the city with a donation for the 1919 LaFrance project. Deputy Chief James Farfour will serve as interim fire chief.



Solid Waste would like to thank the resident who anonymously donated 40 boxed lunches from Firehouse Subs for the crews on Feb. 26. We appreciate your generosity!

Pictured are: Carlos Wooten, Refuse and Recycle supervisor; Tomey Jones, Solid Waste superintendent; Demetrius Cogdell, Solid Waste Operations supervisor; and Jimmy Monroe, Yard and Bulk Waste supervisor.



# International Compost Awareness Week — May 2-8

## Public Utilities

May 2-8 is International Compost Awareness Week. The goal of the program is to raise the awareness of the public regarding the benefits of using compost. Compost adds nutrients to soil and your plants.

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. For more information, call 919-735-0110. Pricing is listed on the chart below.

	Compost	Mulch
Wholesale Customer >20 cubic yards	\$15.00 per cubic yard	\$2.00 per cubic yard
Wholesale Compost Bags	\$2.00 per 30 lb. bag	
Retail Compost <20 cubic yards	\$21.00 per cubic yard	\$2.00 per cubic yard
Retail Compost Bags	\$4.00 per 30 lb. bag	



## Grass Clippings, Yard Debris & Trash Contribute to Flooding Concerns!

### Public Works

The City of Goldsboro needs your help to effectively maintain the storm water infrastructure and minimize neighborhood flooding caused by clogged storm grates and drains. Clogged storm drains and grates are one of the primary reasons streets and neighborhoods experience flooding during normal rain events. When grass clippings, leaves and trash are blown into the street and allowed to collect in our gutters and storm drains, water can back up quickly and cause hazardous ponding in the streets and flooding in our yards.

- So, how can you help?
1. Periodically remove any grass clippings, leaves, trash, etc. from paved surfaces, street gutters and storm grates adjacent to your property.
  2. Rake and dispose of leaves in your yard before they accumulate and blow into the street.
  3. Blow grass away from the street when mowing your lawn to avoid clogging storm drains.
  4. Pile vegetative debris, scheduled to be collected by the City’s leaf and limb crews, by the edge of the road—avoid getting debris in the street or curb & gutter.
- If you are experiencing problems with flooding during normal rainfall events, even after taking these precautions, please contact the City’s Stormwater division at 919-739-7402 or 919-739-7419.





### Don't even think about it!

If you're thinking of tossing your trash out the window or on the ground, please don't. Put trash where it belongs — in a garbage can. Thank you for doing your part to help keep Goldsboro clean.

Have your say. Make a difference.  
Join our youth council today.

The Goldsboro Mayor's Youth Council offers programs of civic involvement, career and leadership, education, and fun. The council serves as a means for young people to practice democracy in order to better prepare themselves for later responsibilities as citizens and serve as a line of communication between the youth and the adults of the community.

Membership consists of 9th-12th graders from the following schools: Southern Wayne, Spring Creek, Charles B. Aycock, Wayne Country Day, Eastern Wayne, Rosewood, Wayne Early School, Goldsboro High, Wayne Christian and Wayne School of Engineering. The council meets from 7-8 p.m. every first and third Wednesday of each month from September to June of each year in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Teens have lots of fun in making a difference in their community!

Applications will be available starting May 1, and can be found on the City's website at <https://www.goldsboronc.gov/community-relations/mayors-youth-council/>, as well as at City Hall.



# RESIDENT SURVEY

Visit Goldsboro, the travel and tourism department for the City of Goldsboro and Wayne County is excited to launch a survey to get input from Wayne County residents for what they would like to see, do, experience in the local area that would achieve a greater quality of life and stronger leisure visitation to the area.

ALL SURVEY RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL.  
RESIDENTS OF WAYNE COUNTY CAN COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE:

[https://magellanstrategy.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9Fg929xiqEjheQe](https://magellanstrategy.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Fg929xiqEjheQe)

Residents have until April 12 to complete the survey. The survey is also available on Visit Goldsboro's Facebook page under the events section.



For upcoming shows and ticket information, visit [goldsboroparamount.com](http://goldsboroparamount.com).



**World Autism Awareness Month:** The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities invites friends and neighbors around the city to light up with kindness throughout April, World Autism Awareness Month. Join us in creating a world where all people with autism, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, can reach their full potential—and keep your commitment going all year long.