

CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

January – March 2021

**MAYOR
CHUCK ALLEN**



Goldsboro City Council

I hope this newsletter finds all our citizens doing well and staying healthy. As we enter 2021, I would like to reflect a minute on 2020 and mention some of the things that happened in Goldsboro.

I want to thank you all for the way you have looked out for your friends and family during this COVID emergency. We need to keep up the hard work. As of this letter, Wayne County is one of 27 counties across the state experiencing substantial community spread of the virus. I urge all of you to wear your mask, practice social distancing and wash your hands often. These simple steps will help us to keep this virus under control and keep from overwhelming our hospital.

A highlight of 2020 was the completion of the final phase of the Center Street Streetscape Project. If you have not been downtown to see the wonderful work, please stop by and drive to the end at Elm Street. We have a brand new stage at the HUB for hosting the Center Street Jams when they are able to resume safely. The HUB also includes seating areas and public restrooms.

Our Goldsboro Police Department continues to do great work. Our crime rate is down for the fifth consecutive year, and they just recently earned CALEA accreditation. CALEA accreditation is the gold standard in law enforcement accreditation and demonstrates the Department's commitment to excellence and best practices. Congratulations to Chief Mike West and his staff for their accomplishments.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS*

Jan. 4 | Jan. 19 | Feb. 1 |
Feb. 15 | March 1 | March 15

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

*Subject to change with public notice.

I would like to take this opportunity to focus on the best Air Force Base on planet Earth — our very own, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Please thank our service members for their service when you see them out and about. Goldsboro is fortunate to have the base, and we thank them for protecting our freedom. In case you have not heard, due to the concerns of COVID-19 on public health, the Wings over Wayne Air Show will be delayed until 2022.

As always, I ask all our citizens to help us improve the cleanliness of our city by helping us work on the blight, clutter, unsightly lots, litter, etc. Everyone has a big part and responsibility to help keep our city clean.

In closing, we wish former Councilmember Antonio Williams well as he goes on to work with the county as a Commissioner. I look forward to working with my fellow Council members, our city employees and our citizens in 2021, and pray that this is a better year for us all.

With warmest regards,

Mayor Chuck Allen

UPCOMING SANITATION CHANGES

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday | Jan. 18

Monday routes will be collected Wednesday, Jan. 20.
No bulk waste pickup during the holiday week.

Solid waste services could be delayed or postponed in the event of inclement weather.

All refuse and recycle material must be containerized; we do not pick up loose trash.

Bulk waste services is limited to 6 items per household.

Any home or business clean outs are the resident's responsibility.

2020 USTA North Carolina Outstanding Parks & Recreation Department

Goldsboro Parks & Recreation



Award-winning Program: The Goldsboro Parks and Recreation Department was named the Most Outstanding Parks & Recreation Department by USTA NC and the NC Tennis Foundation. The Department was specifically recognized for its unique Abilities Tennis program, offered in partnership with the Goldsboro High School Girls Tennis Team, to teach special needs children to play tennis.

Winter Weather Safety Tips

Public Works

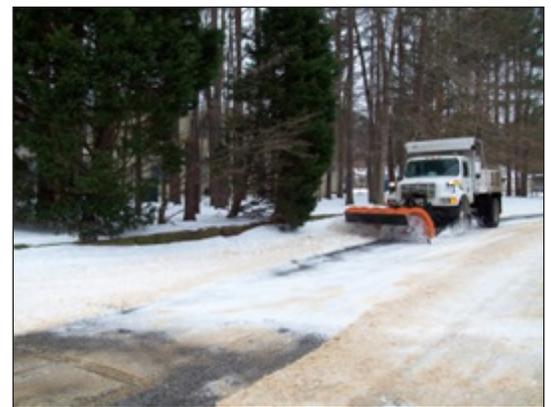
Make sure you're prepared in case snow and ice hits our area.

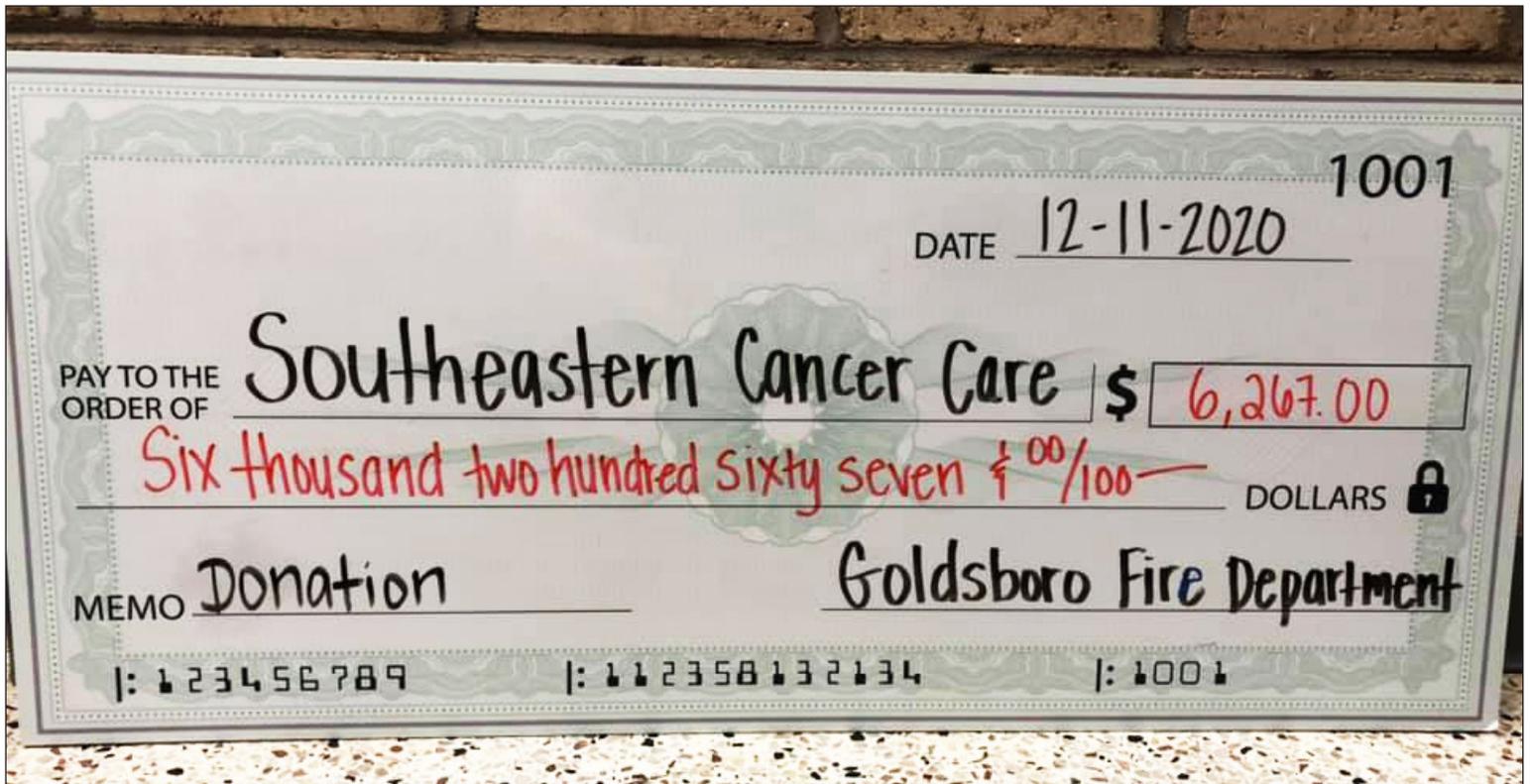
Preparing for winter weather conditions, including removing snow and ice from our City streets, is a service provided by the City's Streets and Storm Water Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department. When snow removal becomes necessary, City crews work around the clock to improve travel conditions on our major transportation routes.

Our crews are equipped with three salt spreaders and four snow plows. Bridges, overpasses, major thoroughfares and major arterial streets are given top priority. Accumulation, temperature and time will determine when secondary streets and neighborhoods can be cleared.

Help us help you by following a few simple safety tips:

- Try to stay off the roads during snow and ice related events, unless absolutely necessary.
- Reduce your speed and drive cautiously. Remember, driving on slick winter pavement is hazardous — even if streets have been plowed.
- Finally, have patience. Snow plowing is a time consuming, laborious and stressful task, typically accomplished during poor weather and hazardous driving conditions.
- Give our trucks plenty of space and stay back at least 100 feet, especially while spreading salt and plowing.
- Again, help us help you keep our City streets and our residents and visitors safe this winter.





GFD's Annual Cancer Care Donation Surpasses \$6,000: Thanks to support from the community, the Goldsboro Fire Department recently donated \$6,267 to Southeastern Cancer Care. The donation was funded through GFD's annual breast cancer T-shirt fundraiser. Southeastern Cancer Care is Southeastern Medical Oncology Center's non-profit organization that provides eastern NC cancer patients and their families with financial assistance to help with life's basic needs during their treatment.



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>.



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Don't even think about it.

If you're thinking of tossing your trash out the window or on the ground, you better think again. Put trash where it belongs — in a garbage can. Do your part to help keep Goldsboro clean.

Connect with us on

nextdoor

<http://bit.ly/goldsboronextdoor>

EVERYONE THRIVES IN A VIBRANT COMMUNITY.



We all want access to opportunities in our neighborhoods, such as quality schools, healthcare, housing, food, jobs and transportation. However, in many communities these resources are very limited. Be a part of the movement to ensure everyone lives in safe housing and has access to opportunities that help us all succeed.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Community Relations Department engages state and local units of government, private and public organizations, civil and human rights groups, local community leaders, and citizens of Goldsboro in deep and diverse ways.

The Community Relations Department is committed to assisting the citizens of Goldsboro to develop mechanisms and community capacity to link the underlying interests of the community to ensure racial and cultural harmony. For more information or to learn how you can get involved, please contact the Community Relations Department at (919) 580-4360, (919) 580-4359, fdwilliams@goldsboronc.gov, cjohnson@goldsboronc.gov, or ssimpson@goldsboronc.gov.