

# CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

July - September 2021



## Mayor Allen Announces Resignation

*Mayor Chuck Allen announced his resignation Tuesday, June 15, citing health issues. He shared the following message with Goldsboro residents.*

Since 1999, I have served on the Goldsboro City Council. I served as Mayor Pro Tem for eight of those years and have been Mayor since 2015. I have done this simply because I care about Goldsboro, am very proud of Goldsboro and have always been committed to making it better.

The time has come because of

my health, that it is best that I step down as Mayor.

It has been an honor to work alongside each of you and serve this community that I love so dearly. While I will be stepping down as Mayor, my unwavering commitment and love for this community will always be first in my heart. I encourage all citizens to find helpful and positive ways to continue to make our community great!

Sincerely,  
Chuck Allen, Mayor

## Highway named in Allen's honor



Mayor Chuck Allen now has a permanent tribute on one of our local highways.

U.S. 70 Bypass between North Berkeley Boulevard (U.S. 13) and North Beston Road was named in Allen's honor. The N.C. Department of Transportation unveiled the highway sign during a dedication ceremony held in June at the Wayne County Courthouse.

"... Mayor Allen has long been an important advocate for better transportation throughout Wayne County. He is very deserving of this honor," said Gus Tulloss, a Rocky Mount leader who will have a bridge named in his honor.

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### UPCOMING SANITATION CHANGES

**Labor Day | Sept. 6**

Monday routes will be collected Wednesday, Sept. 8.

### UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS\*

July 12 | Aug. 2 | Aug. 16  
Sept. 7 | Sept. 20

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

# Goldsboro Selects New Fire Chief

## Fire Department

Stempien has been with the Goldsboro Fire Department for more than 25 years.

The City of Goldsboro has selected Ron Stempien as the new chief of the Goldsboro Fire Department.

Stempien was selected after a broad search for candidates that yielded 51 applicants. City Manager Tim Salmon and Human Resources Director Bernadette Dove narrowed the pool of applications and sent their top 12 to Developmental Associates, a professional talent identification consultant, which further narrowed the field to five.

“Our top five candidates went through a rigorous selection process involving subject matter experts and fire chiefs from communities across the state of North Carolina, and Ron came out on top,” Salmon said. “I look forward to what he will do for our firefighters and the City of Goldsboro.”

Stempien previously served as assistant chief of Support Services for the Goldsboro Fire Department, where he has worked for the last 25 years. Stempien began his career with GFD as a firefighter in 1996. He was promoted to fire engineer in 1998, fire captain in 2004, and assistant chief in 2019. In addition, Stempien has served as an emergency services instructor since 2005. Prior to joining the Goldsboro Fire Department, Stempien served for four years in the United States Air Force as a fire protection specialist.

“I am humbled for the opportunity to serve as the next fire chief of Goldsboro. I look forward to continuing to work with the employees of the Goldsboro Fire



**Fire Chief Ron Stempien was sworn in June 30. He most recently served as GFD’s assistant chief of Support Services.**

Department and the citizens to embody the mission, vision and values of the City of Goldsboro,” Stempien said.

Stempien, a Detroit, Mich. native, holds an associate’s degree in Emergency Preparedness from Nash Community College and will receive his bachelor’s degree in Public and Non-Profit Administration in December 2021 from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Stempien holds numerous specialized fire-related certifications, has received an array of awards during his military and firefighting career, and he is active in several associations.

ATTENTION GOLDSBORO RESIDENTS:

# BECOME INVOLVED IN CITY GOVERNMENT

*Apply to serve on a board or commission.*

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North Carolina

The City of Goldsboro is soliciting residents to serve 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.

Residents of the City of Goldsboro who wish to be considered for appointment to one of the boards and commissions are invited to submit a completed application to the City Manager’s Office. To access an application or for a listing of all City boards and commissions, visit [www.goldsboronc.gov](http://www.goldsboronc.gov) and select Boards and Commissions under the Government tab. You can also pick up an application at City Hall, 200 N. Center St. For more information, call 580-4330.



**Laura Getz named City Clerk:** Laura Getz is the City of Goldsboro's new city clerk. Getz was sworn in by Rep. John Bell during the Monday, June 8, City Council meeting. Getz, who previously served as deputy city clerk, has been with the City of Goldsboro for nearly nine years. Before joining the City, Getz worked with the University of Mount Olive and Wayne County Public Schools.

# NC Freedom Fest Set for Sept. 18



NC Freedom Fest is full-steam ahead for its inaugural event on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, in Downtown Goldsboro.

Freedom Fest is an event honoring local veterans and servicemen and women. The festival will also honor first responders, who have spent the last year on the front lines of the battle against COVID-19.

The entire lineup of talented musicians has a connection to North Carolina, and they are honored to have the opportunity to perform for the military and our first responders. The live acts will include Spare Change, one of the Southeast's most well-known party bands; Tyler Davis, soulful singer/songwriter and owner of Gold City House of Music; Sayer McShane, who brings the girl power and a unique blend of rock, blues, Motown, funk, soul, and pop; and finally Brooke McBride, a singer/songwriter from Asheboro who will close out the show with her self-described "country music with a razor edge."

The Kids Zone, sponsored by Goldsboro Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics and brought to you by Fun Fest Midways, will feature more than 10 rides, games, and amusements at the carnival, which will be active throughout the week of the festival. As a bonus, kids can ride free from 4 – 7 p.m. on Saturday during the festival.

Go to [www.ncfreedomfest.org](http://www.ncfreedomfest.org) to view the schedule of events and register for street fair vendor space, "Wings of Wayne" Wing Cook-Off Teams (hosted by Goldsboro Elks Lodge BPOE #139), Corn Hole Tournament, NCFF 5K & Fun Run, and Call for Artists for the Arts Council of Wayne County's "Red, White, & Blue" Exhibit. You can also sign-up now for the Car & Bike Show, courtesy of Wayne County Cruisers and Wood Cycles.



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**JOIN US IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY & TAKE A STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE**

Tuesday, August 3rd  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Herman Park

**Free Food - Games**  
**Resource Fair - Live Entertainment**



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(919) 580 4244 [spowers@goldsboronc.gov](mailto:spowers@goldsboronc.gov)



**DOWNTOWN GOLDSBORO PRESENTS**

# **CENTER STREET JAM**

**JULY 22ND**

**JIM QUICK & COASTLINE**

**AUGUST 5TH**

**THE EMBERS**

**AUGUST 19TH**

**CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD**

**SEPT 2ND**

**SPARE CHANGE**

**SEPT 17TH**

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**\*"GRUB AT THE HUB" EVENT DURING FREEDOM FEST**

**THE HUB | 6PM - 9PM**