# **CITIZENS** NEWSLETTER



#### October – December 2024

### MAYOR **CHARLES GAYLOR**





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**Goldsboro City Council** 

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#### Greetings,

As residents of this vibrant community, we have the power to shape our city's future and positively impact the lives of those around us. One of the most meaningful ways to contribute is by getting involved in public service.

We learn a lot by entering public service. We learn about our communities in ways we previously had blind spots. We learn about other public servants, their strengths and their challenges. We become acutely aware of our own capabilities and opportunities for self-development. We also learn all the reasons why citizens choose to enter public service through one form or another.

The overwhelming reason people give for dedicating time, talents, and dollars toward public service is because they want to see improvements in their neighborhoods. They want change. They want things to be better. We can argue about the fringes, but the main thing I have witnessed in our local public servants is a desire to help improve our communities.

One of the most consistent questions I get is, "How can I get involved?" This one, for me anyway, is an easy question. It starts by taking control of your own life, finances, and relationships. By doing this, you are stabilizing an important piece of the community - you. Always start there because you matter. Then, in a small way, offer to help stabilize a friend, neighbor, or loved one who desires assistance. This may be helping them shop for groceries, keep up their yard, or understand what a phishing email looks like. It truly can be that simple. The goal here is simply to try to be a stabilizing

force for those around you and meet people where they are. The first two steps are by far the most important.

For those who feel they have accomplished the first two steps, there is another huge opportunity. For those ready to commit to the next level, we encourage you to consider serving on one of the various boards and commissions within the City of Goldsboro. These boards cover various areas, including development, community engagement, parks, support for persons with disabilities, and many more. By serving on a board or commission, you can actively contribute to the betterment of our city. Your recommendations and insights will help shape city policies and investments, making a tangible impact on the future of Goldsboro.

If you are interested in this opportunity to serve your city, I invite you to submit an application to the City Manager's Office. You can find the application and a listing of all City boards and commissions at https://www.goldsboronc.gov/ mayor-of-goldsboro/boards-and-commissions-resume/. Additionally, applications are available with the receptionist at the City Hall Addition, 200 N. Center St. For more information, please call 919-580-4330.

Let's join hands and work together to bring stability and positive outcomes to every corner of Goldsboro. Your involvement can make a real difference, and together, we can build a brighter future for our community.

Mayor Charles Gaylor

## City Accepting Applications for 2025 Citizens' Academy

The City of Goldsboro is accepting applications for its 2025 Citizens' Academy, which will be held Jan. 9 through Feb. 27, 2025. The application deadline is Thursday, Oct. 31.

The Citizens' 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 https://www. goldsboronc.gov/public-affairs-department/2025citizens-academy-application/ or at the City Hall Addition, 200 N. Center St. Completed applications must be received and/or postmarked by Thursday, Oct. 31.





The City of Goldsboro is calling on its residents to step up and play a crucial role in their community by applying to serve on an advisory board or commission. By serving, you can actively contribute to the betterment of our city by providing recommendations to the City Council.

City residents who would like 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 https://bit.ly/ servecog. You can also pick up an application at the City Hall Addition, 200 N. Center St. For more information, call 919-580-4330.

### **UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS\***

Oct. 21 | Nov. 4 | Nov. 18 | Dec. 2 | Dec. 16

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

### **UPCOMING SANITATION CHANGES**

**Veterans Day | Nov. 11** Friday routes will be serviced Wednesday, Nov. 13.

> **Thanksgiving | Nov. 28-29** Thursday and Friday routes will be serviced Wednesday, Nov. 27.

#### Christmas | Dec. 23-27

Monday and Tuesday routes will be serviced Monday, Dec. 23. Thursday and Friday routes will be serviced on Friday, Dec. 27.

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

## **City of Goldsboro Hires WithersRavenel** for Pavement Survey



WithersRavenel will survey 163 miles of city streets to develop a report that will help guide the allocation of funding for road repairs.

The City of Goldsboro has hired civil engineering firm WithersRavenel to conduct a citywide pavement condition survey at a cost of \$70,350.

A pavement condition survey provides an unbiased assessment of the City's 163-mile street system and information that helps to allocate funding for street repairs objectively. As part of the process, a team of surveyors will ride city streets to record the presence of eight types of distress: alligator cracking, block cracking, reflective cracking, rutting, raveling, bleeding, ride quality, and patching. These criteria are based on the Institute for Transportation Research and Education's (ITRE) methodology.

"This survey will help the city prioritize repairs and rehabilitation projects based on the condition and usage of the street, and it contributes to the development of long-term infrastructure plans for road management," said Jonathan Perry, engineering services manager for the City of Goldsboro.

The City's Engineering Department has conducted this survey internally every three to five years, as recommended by ITRE. This is the first time since 2009 that a third party has been contracted to do the work.

WithersRavenel will collect data through October and complete their report in January.

### **Recycling Guidelines**

Keep unacceptable items out of the recycling bin.

### ACCEPTED



Plastics 1 &2: Cleaning bottles and containers (put pumps in the trash); food and beverage tubs, jugs and bottles (keep lids and caps screwed on); bathroom bottles (put pumps in the trash)



Paper: Mixed paper, office paper, glossy paper, envelopes, Post-it notes, newspapers, magazines, phone books and catalogs, paper towel rolls, paper bags, flattened food boxes, paperboard and cardboard (free of food stains only)





Metal: Aluminum, tin, steel cans (quick rinse)

Aerosol cans

Aluminum foil

Ceramic items

Disposable cups

(plastic and coffee)

Food-tainted items

Electronics\*\*

lithium. etc.)

Clothing or

textiles\*\*

Diapers

All batteries (car,

**Glass:** Bottles and jars (empty and rinse)

### NOT ACCEPTED

- Hazardous waste
- Household glass
- Medical waste
- Plastic bags/wrap\*
- Scrap metal/wood
- Shredded paper\*\*
- Styrofoam/peanuts
- Tanglers (cords,
- hoses, wires, etc.)
- Tires\*\*
- Toys
- \* Take clean and dry

plastic bags and wrap back to the grocery store.

\*\* These items may be able to be taken to a convenience center or other facility that will recycle them. Call your local recycling agency to find out how.

**Please do not bag** your recyclables.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **DOWNTOWN GOLDSBORO** dgdc.org | 919-735-4959

Veterans Day Parade - 11 a.m., Nov. 11 Downtown Lights Up - 5-8 p.m., Nov. 26 Goldsboro Christmas Parade – 4 p.m., Dec. 7

### **PARAMOUNT THEATRE**

### goldsboroparamount.com | 919-583-8432

Rocky Horror Picture Show – 9 p.m., Oct. 26 Newsies: The Broadway Musical - Nov. 2-10 The Malpass Brothers — 7:30 p.m., Nov. 22

Preacher Gone Wild! — 3 p.m., Nov. 23 North Carolina Symphony's Holiday Pops Concert - 8 p.m., Nov. 26

The Nutcracker Ballet — Dec. 6-8

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A Christmas Carol — Dec. 13-15

It's a Wonderful Life – 7 p.m., Dec. 23

PARKS AND RECREATION goldsboroparksandrec.com | 919-739-7480

Jingle in the Park — 4-8 p.m., Dec. 6-7; Herman Park