

City Works



City of Burlington, NC - "Connecting the Triad & Triangle"

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New Council Sworn In Councilman Sharpe Says Goodbye

Voters decisions came to fruition on December 2 as the new Burlington City Council electees were sworn into office. Friends and family members joined the electees during the official ceremony.

Current Mayor Ronnie K. Wall was resworn into office while former Mayor/Councilman Stephen Ross also rejoined the group. Newcomer Celo Faucette assumed his first term as a Councilman.

Judge Tom Lambeth, Jr. presided over the event. All three gentlemen raised their right hands and affirmed their duties for public office.

Preceding the event, the former City Council recognized Councilman Larry Sharpe for his service to the City. Sharpe was appointed to fill the



remainder of Councilman Don Starling's position after he passed away earlier in 2009.

"I've been in public service now for 21 years... it's been an honor to serve the citizens of Burlington and Alamance..."

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Another Public-Private Partnership City to Open Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

With nearly 9,000 animals ending up at the City's animal shelter annually, on-going steps have been taking place each year to reduce the number of animals taken in. The first large step in that direction was the opening of the Burlington Pet Adoption Center in 2003. Since that time, the Center now averages over 1,000 adoptions annually reducing the euthanasia rate by a significant percentage.

Despite these best efforts, the shelter mortality rate remains high. In response, the Pet Adoption Welfare Society (PAWS) has stepped in to help further reduce the shelter euthanasia rate by sponsoring a low-cost spay/neuter clinic.

Beginning in spring 2010, the former veterinary practice at 1919 South Church Street will reopen



its doors as the Spay & Neuter Clinic of Alamance County. This new facility will be operated by the City of Burlington and provide residents with a new, low-cost option for spaying and neutering surgeries. The facility is being sub-leased to the City by PAWS at the rate of \$1 per year.

The new clinic is currently undergoing minor renovations while supplies are on order. Additional information on the facility will be made available as business plans are established.

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City Council, Spay/Neuter, & Signs

CLINIC from Page 1 To help promote the facility, some Burlington-Alamance school children will be able to participate in a poster/essay contest. Winners will earn prizes for themselves and their schools.

The new facility is marked with a banner (see front page) denoting the new location adjacent to the intersection of Alamance Road and South Church Street. A telephone number will be added in the near future along with additional contact information. The clinic hopes to begin taking appointments in April. A media campaign will lead up to the grand opening.



For additional information on the Spay & Neuter Clinic of Alamance County, visit BurlingtonNC.gov for the latest updates.



Address Signs Available

Is your address visible in the event of an emergency? Clear signage is vital for fast and accurate location during an emergency.



The Burlington Fire Department, Firefighter's Benefit Fund is selling reflective address signs. These signs are available for purchase at the Headquarters Fire Station located downtown, 215 S. Church St. The signs are intended to supplement the requirements set forth in the City of Burlington zoning ordinance. A downloadable request form is available online at BurlingtonNC.gov/Fire.

Please contact Lieutenant Dawnn Saul for more information at 229-3577.

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from Page 1 County," said Sharpe. "I can tell you from being on the inside, the City is a well run operation that citizens can be proud of."

Sharpe went on to speak directly about his experience working with the late Councilman "Coach" David Maynard.

"One of the reasons I chose to fill this position was the privilege of being able to serve with such a wonderful public servant."

The Burlington City Council meets twice a month in the Burlington Municipal Building at 425 S. Lexington Ave. Meetings are broadcast live online at BurlingtonNC.gov/media the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM.



In addition to live meetings, archived videos are always available online. Meetings are also broadcast on Time Warner Cable Channel 5 at 7:00 PM the Wednesday following each meeting.

Copies of meeting minutes and agendas are available at BurlingtonNC.gov. Citizens can click on "Notify Me eNewsletters" in the left-side menu and select which documents they'd like to subscribe to.



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2010 Census

An Introduction to the 2010 Census

Counting Everyone Once — and Only Once — and In the Right Place



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

Reaching an Increasingly Diverse Population

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. To help ensure the nation's increasingly diverse population can answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13 million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistance. Additionally, questionnaires in Spanish, Chinese (simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian - as well as language guides in 59 languages - will be available on request.

Recruiting Census Workers

By 2010, there will be an estimated 310 million people residing in the United States. Counting each person is one of the largest operations the federal government undertakes. For example, the Census Bureau will recruit nearly 3.8 million applicants for 2010 Census field operations. Of these applicants, the Census Bureau will hire about 1.4 million temporary employees. Some of these employees will be using GPS-equipped hand-held computers to update maps and ensure there is an accurate address list for the mailing of the census questionnaires.

10 Questions, 10 Minutes to Complete

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about how we live as a nation - our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more - are now covered in the American Community Survey, which is conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire. Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at <http://2010.census.gov>.

22 million people reside in America's urban communities

78 million students are counting on their education for a better tomorrow

1 million people call rural America home

777 thousand people farm U.S. soil

10 QUESTIONS. MINUTES. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MAKE HISTORY.

Unknown Ordinances & USPCA Winners

Unknown Ordinances



Ignorantia juris non excusat... ignorance of the law does not excuse. However it's said, citizens need to be aware of ordinances that can impact their daily lives. The City makes its ordinances available online for citizens to review at BurlingtonNC.gov and at the Municipal Building.

Some ordinances that are unintentionally broken include:

Sec. 13-31 Curbside Collection Service (7)(d) - Refrigerator and freezer doors must be removed or secured to prevent entry by small children. **Sec. 13-71** - Violation of any provisions of this chapter shall subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.00;

Sec. 26-8 Peddlers - No person shall sell, or offer goods for sale, or solicit contributions for personal benefit or for charitable organizations by going upon the streets of the City unless such persons have registered therefor. **Sec. 26-10** - Any violation of this section shall subject violators to a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.00;

Sec. 6-19 Bicycles - It shall be unlawful for any resident of the City to operate or use a bicycle propelled wholly or in part by muscular power upon any of the streets, alleys or public highways of the city without first obtaining a certificate of registration from the police department and attaching to such bicycle a registration number. **Sec. 6-24** - Any law enforcement officer of this City may impound any bicycle operated in violation of the provisions of this chapter and retain possession of the same until ownership is established; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit the authority of law enforcement officers to take into custody any bicycle believed to have been stolen.

U.S. Police Canine Association Region 2 Winners

The Burlington Police K-9 Unit has been members of the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) since the division was created. The USPCA is the largest and most recognizable canine association dedicated to training and certifying police canines. Due to the fact that there is no North Carolina state training standard for police canines, it becomes important for a professional K-9 unit to certify its training under a governing body such as the USPCA. Having Burlington's K-9 Units evaluated and certified by an outside entity helps protect the City in the event of civil litigation. In an attempt to meet training standards, Burlington's K-9 teams log over 192 hours of training each year.



In October of this year, two canine units attended the USPCA Region 2 canine trials hosted by the Carolina Beach Police Department. Region 2 consists of member agencies from North and South Carolina. The teams competed for Police Dog I certification and were evaluated in several exercises including: obedience, agility, evidence search, suspect search, and apprehension with and without gunfire including handler protection. Forty-eight K-9 teams from eighteen law enforcement agencies were in attendance. Burlington K-9 teams each obtained their certification.



Cpl. Todd Long and K-9 Ronnie were awarded 1st place team overall honors with a score of 664.33 points. In addition, the pair placed first in obedience and second in evidence search.

Cpl. Jason Comer and K-9 Sasha finished third place overall with a total score of 656.33 points and had a third place award in agility.

On October 28, S/Sgt. Reid Metters attended the competitors meeting where it was announced that the Burlington Police Department had been selected to host the Fall 2010 Trials.

This past spring Burlington's other two teams obtained their certification at trials hosted by Cleveland County. Cpl. Richard Marsh and K-9 Mishka finished first in suspect search and Cpl. Todd Herndon and K-9 Hasko were awarded the Earl Godwin award for top novice team.