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City Events:

July 2,
Independence Day Celebration
(City Park)

July 16,
Stone Soul Picnic
(North Park)
E-Waste Recycle Day
(Public Works, Summit Ave.)

July 22-24,
Tar Heel National Competition
(BMX)

August 20,
Breakfast at the Carousel
(City Park)

More Info: 222-5076

Celebrating Success in Animal Services

The Spay and Neuter Clinic of Alamance County celebrated its first anniversary this spring. The clinic, which was established through the efforts of the Pet Adoption and Welfare Society and the City of Burlington, opened with the aim of addressing the increasing population of unwanted pets in Alamance County. The clinic provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs.



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Grease -B- Gone

Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) can come from many items in our kitchen including, fats in foods, cooking oil, shortening or other cooking fat, butter, margarine, gravies, mayonnaise, dressings and dairy products. When FOGs go down the drain and enter the sewer system, they stick to the inside of pipes creating buildup and causing blockages, backups, and even sewer pipe bursts. These problems can lead to costly pipe repairs, state-imposed fines on the City, and even damage to the ecosystem if sewage migrates to lakes and streams. Fortunately, by following some simple steps you can help avoid these issues:



- Do not allow FOGs to go down the drain or into the plumbing system.
- Pour used cooking grease into an empty, heat safe container such as a soup can and then place in the refrigerator or freezer until the grease solidifies. Then place the can and the grease in the garbage.
- Wipe all cooking surfaces and utensils with a paper towel before washing to prevent grease from washing down the drain. Reduce the amount of food scraps you put in the garbage disposal by scraping plates into the trash.

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In one year, 1,378 animals have been spayed or neutered at a subsidized rate. Now, these animals will not contribute to the troublesome amount of unwanted litters in the county. Preventing animals from reproducing is the most effective method of decreasing pet over-population. Every animal that is adopted through the Burlington Pet Adoption Center is spayed or neutered as well.

In part because of the increased efforts to promote spay and neuter surgeries, the Animal Shelter has seen a 13.5% reduction in unwanted animals going through in-take. Reducing the population of unwanted pets reduces the number of animals that must be euthanized at the shelter every year.



The Spay and Neuter Clinic is located at 1919 S. Church St. in Burlington and currently operates on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Appointments can be made by calling 570-6767 any time during the week. Rabies vaccines must be current on all animals before they can receive spay or neuter surgery. A \$10 rabies vaccination is available at the clinic if the animal's vaccination is not current. The fee for spay surgery is \$70 for female cats and \$90 for female dogs. The fee for neuter surgery is \$50 for male cats and \$80 for male dogs. Clinic staff strongly advises that all animals be current on all vaccinations prior to their surgery and that pet owners establish a relationship with a veterinarian to provide for the animal's complete health care due to the limited amount of services offered by the Spay and Neuter Clinic.

Although the Spay and Neuter Clinic offers only spay and neuter surgeries and rabies vaccinations, the clinic is run by a licensed veterinarian and is staffed with veterinarian technicians and assistants who monitor and attend to pets throughout their surgical procedure and post-operative recovery. Surgeries are performed in the same manner that they would be at a private animal hospital but at a subsidized rate in order to encourage and afford all pet owners to have their pet spayed or neutered. Other options for spay and neuter surgeries in Alamance County are available through the Humane Society of Alamance County and local veterinarians in private practice.



As a result of overwhelming community support through online voting, Burlington Animal Services will be competing in the ASPCA \$100K Challenge from August 1st through October 31st. During these three months, Animal Services will be challenged to save 300 more lives than they did last year. Look forward to several special events starting in August as Animal Services accepts the

challenge to "save more lives." More information about the Spay & Neuter Clinic or Burlington Animal Services can be obtained by calling 578-0343.

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E-Waste Ban & Grease -B- Gone

E-Waste Landfill Ban

The North Carolina Discarded Computer Equipment and Television Management Law, otherwise known as the “E-Waste Ban,” takes effect July 1, 2011. This ban regulates the disposal of electronic equipment and will no longer allow landfill disposal of electronics and computers.

These items can no longer be placed in your regular trash; they must now be taken to a proper electronic collections site:

Home Electronics	Personal Computers	Personal Electronics	Other Electronics
televisions	desktop computers,	mobile telephones	uninterruptible power supplies
VCRs	servers	MP3 players,	printed circuit boards
tape players, radios, stereos	laptops, docking stations	PDA's	routers
fax machines	automated typewriters	portable handheld calculators	power and network cables
DVD and CD players	copy machines	electronic games	network hubs
telephones	CD ROM drives		controllers
rechargeable batteries	hard drives		switching boxes
	modems		telephone systems

E-Recycling locations available in Burlington are:

-Goodwill Industries*: 2129 N. Church St. or 2320 Maple Ave.

*Note that Goodwill Industries will not accept televisions.

-A&D Environmental: 3149 Lear Dr.

-The Alamance County Landfill located at 2701 Austin Quarter Road in Graham also has an e-recycling location.

-The City of Burlington will hold a free E-Waste Recycling Drop-Off on July 16th from 9am to 4pm at the Public Works parking lot at 234 Summit Ave.

If you still have questions regarding the new E-Waste ban, contact the City of Burlington's Sustainability Division at 229-3172.



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- Place a catch basket in sink drains to catch scraps while rinsing dishes or preparing food.
- Recycle large quantities of oil or place it in a sealed container in your garbage.

With your cooperation, the City of Burlington can continue to maintain a healthy and functioning sewer system. If you have additional questions about FOGs and how to keep them out of the sewer system, please contact the City's Water Resources Department at 222-5133.

Fire Department Teaches Child Passenger Safety

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children ages 3 to 14. In an effort to combat this statistic, the Burlington Fire Department purchased a Vehicle Seat Simulator to help educate parents on the safe and proper way to protect children while traveling in a vehicle. The money for the simulator was made possible through a grant offered by the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal and Safe Kids North Carolina. The fire department was one of 11 recipients of the grant made available to agencies across the state.

The simulator is located at the Headquarters Fire Station downtown across from the Police Department and provides technicians with a method of hands-on education for caregivers. Parents in the past were only exposed to the seatbelt system specific to the vehicle they were driving. The simulator allows parents to experience multiple seatbelt designs. This will prepare parents for transporting children in different vehicles as the seatbelts are typically different.



The Burlington Fire Department encourages caregivers to stop by Headquarters Fire Station to receive this education before families enter into the summer travel season. The education is provided by nationally certified child passenger safety technicians and is available Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4:30 pm. Citizens may also contact the Burlington Fire Department at 229-3358 for more information.

Comprehensive Pedestrian Planning



The City of Burlington has embarked on a process to design a Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan that will provide the City with a complete, up-to-date framework for moving forward with tangible pedestrian improvements. The plan will offer guidance for enhancing pedestrian opportunities through policies and physical improvements to encourage people to walk more often and to grow as a City with the needs of the pedestrian in mind.

On Saturday, June 11th, the Burlington Company Shops Market hosted its grand opening celebration. The City and Pedestrian Plan Consultant, Alta/Greenways, had a booth at the celebration to raise awareness for the Pedestrian Plan. The City was also able to gather feedback from citizens through identifying possible sidewalk project locations on a map and by utilizing a comment response form. The City will hold an additional public input session this summer.

You can contribute to this plan at any time by filling out an online comment form at www.surveymonkey.com/s/burlingtonped. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the Comprehensive Pedestrian Planning process, please contact the Mike Nunn of the Burlington- Graham Metropolitan Planning Organization at burlmpo@ci.burlington.nc.us or 513-5418.