

City Works

Sept./Oct. 2011



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

City Works is a publication of the City of Burlington Public Information Office.

Contact:
rhawley@ci.burlington.nc.us
(336) 222-5076

Visit the City of Burlington on the web at BurlingtonNC.gov.



"Like" The City of Burlington on Facebook at [Facebook.com/BurlingtonNC](https://www.facebook.com/BurlingtonNC)

Leave the Leaves to Us

Fall Leaf Collection Guidelines

- Loose leaves should be piled behind the curb or on the shoulder of streets without curb and gutter by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of the scheduled week of collection.
- Please do not pile leaves in the street, in drainage ditches, or over water meters.
- Do not park in front of or on leaf piles.
- Leaves which contain gravel, limbs, glass, or other solid debris cannot be collected.
- Should you require more frequent leaf collection, you may place leaves in your yard waste can, box, or in clear plastic bags for collection on your regular trash day.
- Please do not mix limbs with leaves. Leaf piles with limbs will not be collected.
- Leaves will be collected "on demand" during the month of February by calling 222-5077.

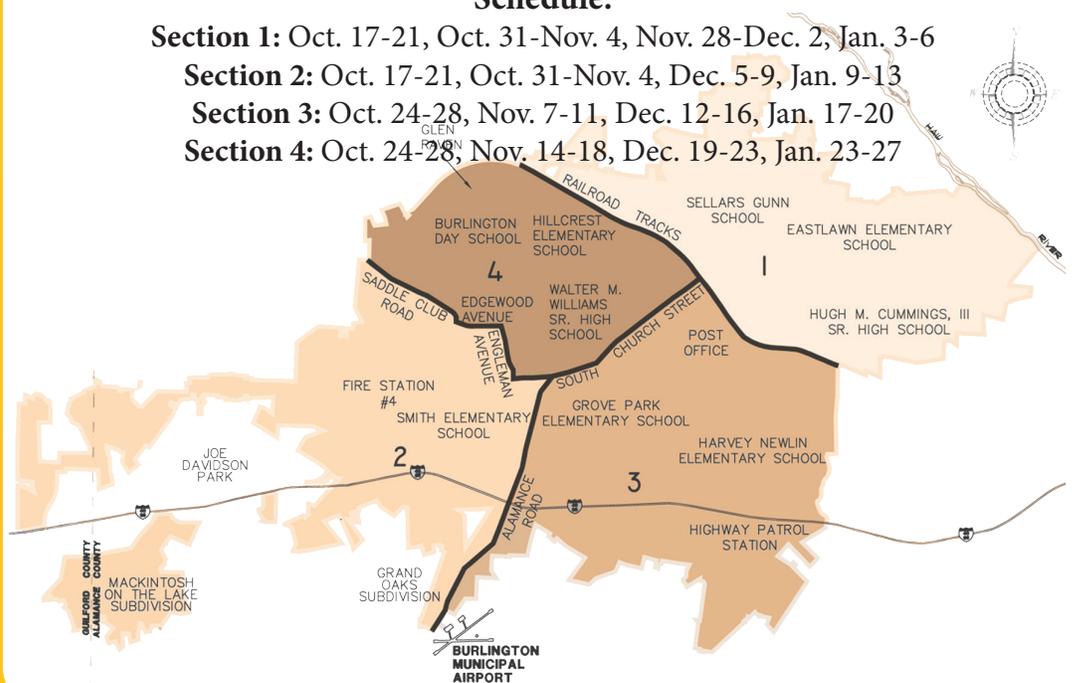
Schedule:

Section 1: Oct. 17-21, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Jan. 3-6

Section 2: Oct. 17-21, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, Dec. 5-9, Jan. 9-13

Section 3: Oct. 24-28, Nov. 7-11, Dec. 12-16, Jan. 17-20

Section 4: Oct. 24-28, Nov. 14-18, Dec. 19-23, Jan. 23-27



Upcoming Events:

Musical Chairs:
9/9, 9/23
(Info: 513-5469)

Carousel Festival:
9/17 - 9/18

Downtown Spooktacular:
10/28

Dark in the Park:
10/29

Haunted Train
10/28 - 10/30
(Info: 222-5030)

Student Artists Help City Recycle

As a result of a state grant, the innovation of the City's Sustainability Division and Green Committee, and the creativity of local elementary school students, Burlington's parks will soon be home to newly converted recycling cans.

In May of this year, the City was notified of its successful application for the Community Waste Reduction Grant awarded by the NC Department of Natural Resources for the diversion of waste from landfills through increased recycling efforts. This \$25,984 grant, along with a \$6,496 match from the City, would allow the City to implement a recycling program in its parks. Instead of purchasing recycling receptacles to place in parks, the City decided to take recycling to a new level by converting existing waste receptacles in the parks into recycling cans. In order to differentiate recycling receptacles from typical trash cans, the decision was made to wrap the cans designated for recycling with a distinguishing plastic can wrap.



Instead of simply adorning these wraps with the words "Recycle" or stock images of a recycling logo, the Green Committee chose to get the community involved. Art classes in local elementary schools were given the opportunity to design the graphics for the recycling can wraps. Burlington Christian Academy, Grove Park Elementary, Highland Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary and Smith Elementary students stepped up to the plate and knocked the art contest out of the park. Eleven pieces of student art work were ultimately selected to be displayed on the prototypes for the parks' new recycling containers.

On July 7th, all of the winning artists and their parents were invited to Springwood Park for the official reveal of the eleven recycling containers displaying their artwork. Mayor Ronnie K. Wall, City Manager Harold Owen, Recreation & Parks Director Tony Laws, Sustainability Engineer Eric Hilton, and members of the City's Green Committee gathered to congratulate the young artists and promote recycling in the City's parks and in daily life. Please look for these recycling containers while you are enjoying the City's parks and take advantage of this opportunity to reduce waste and promote a sustainable city.



Burlington City Council

Ronnie K. Wall, Mayor
(336) 222-5023

David R. Huffman, Mayor Pro Tem
(336) 570-2823

James B. Butler, Councilmember
(336) 524-8291

Stephen M. Ross, Councilmember
(336) 516-4983

Celo I. Faucette, Councilmember
(336) 516-7271

Junk Motor Vehicle Ban Begins Oct. 1

During its June 7, 2011, meeting, the Burlington City Council voted to approve the “Ordinance to Amend City of Burlington Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Junked Motor Vehicles.” The amendments to the Junked Motor Vehicles Ordinance will take effect on October 1, 2011, at which time enforcement will begin.

The amendments to this ordinance regulate junked motor vehicles, abandoned vehicles, and hazardous motor vehicles from City limits.

A “**junked motor vehicle**” is defined as:

A vehicle that does not display a current license plate **and** meets one of the following criteria:

- A) Is either partially dismantled or wrecked
- B) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to move
- C) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$100.00

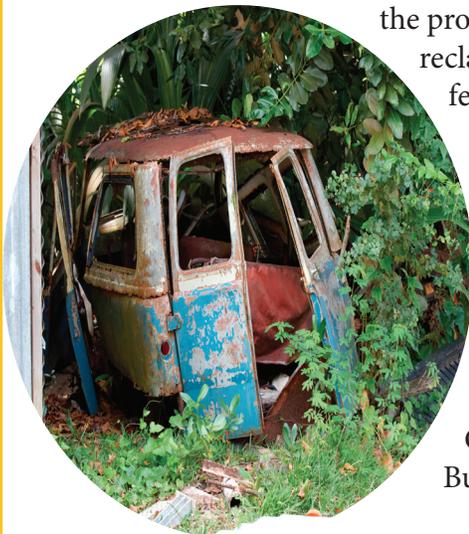
“**Abandoned motor vehicles**” are defined as:

- A) Vehicles that have been left upon a street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance
- B) Vehicles that have been left on City property for longer than 24 hours
- C) Vehicles that have been left on private property without consent for more than two hours
- D) Vehicles that have been left on any public street for more than seven days

A “**hazardous motor vehicle**” is defined as:

A vehicle that is declared to be a health or safety hazard by City Code Enforcement staff or the Police Department.

Once a City Code Enforcement Officer becomes aware of a violation of the ordinance, they will notify the property owner will be notified and allowed 14 days to come into compliance with the Junked Motor Vehicle Ordinance. Voluntary compliance with the ordinance is highly encouraged, but if compliance is not reached within 14 days, the vehicle will be towed from the property by a City contracted towing company. The vehicle may be reclaimed by the owner post-towing if all associated towing and storage fees are paid.



In order to issue a complaint regarding a junked, abandoned or hazardous motor vehicle, citizens may call the “Connecting Burlington Communities” hotline at 222-5024. A Code Enforcement Officer will then investigate the complaint and issue a notice of non-compliance if necessary.

For more information regarding the Junked Motor Vehicle Ordinance or its enforcement, please contact David Beal of the Burlington Planning Department at 222-5110.

Help Us Save More Lives

THE LIFESAVER CHALLENGE



In case you haven't heard, the Lifesaver Challenge is underway! The Burlington Pet Adoption Center is competing against 49 other shelters across the country in the ASPCA \$100K Challenge, which started August 1st and runs through October 31st. In order to be considered for the \$100,000 grand prize, Burlington Animal Services must save at least 300 more lives through adoption, rescue and return-to-owner than they did in the same three-month period last year. The Burlington Pet Adoption Center is the only shelter in central North Carolina competing!

You can help the Burlington Pet Adoption Center win in one of two ways. First, if you or anyone you know is interested in adopting a pet, now is the time to do so! The Pet Adoption Center has lots of wonderful dogs and cats that are just waiting for a second chance at love and a forever home. Adoption fees include spay/neuter surgery, one round of basic vaccines, a one-year rabies vaccine, a heartworm test for dogs over 6 months, and a bag of food. Adoption fees are \$80 for dogs and \$60 for cats, but during the Lifesaver Challenge, special promotions and fee reductions will be offered. Visit the Pet Adoption Center at 221 Stone Quarry Road in Haw River or call 578-0343 to learn about adoptable pets such as Cinco and Freya pictured below.

Already found your furr-ever friend? If you have a pet, please keep current identification on it at all times! This can be with a name tag, a rabies tag, writing your phone number on its collar in permanent ink, or a microchip. If your pet gets lost, current identification will increase its chances of returning home. Most importantly, if your pet is missing, check the shelter frequently. Returning lost/stray pets to their owners will help the Pet Adoption Center increase the number of lives saved for the \$100K Challenge.



This Challenge is about bringing the community together to help save more lives and give many wonderful animals a second chance. For more information about the ASPCA \$100K Challenge, visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/lifesaverchallenge or www.facebook.com/BurlingtonPetAdoptionCenter



Stay Safe by Contributing to a Good Cause

The Burlington Fire Department's Firefighter's Benefit Fund is selling reflective address signs. These signs are available for purchase at the Headquarters Fire Station located downtown, 215 South Church Street. The signs are intended to serve as one option for residents to meet the City of Burlington's address ordinance. The signs are \$15 each plus an additional \$5 if residents would like the optional sign post. A downloadable form is available at www.burlingtonnc.gov/fire for requests to be mailed to the fire department. Proceeds from the sign program go directly to the Burlington Firefighter's Benefit Fund. Residents may contact Captain Dawnn Saul for more information at 229-3577.

