

# City Works



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## Dates to Remember

**City Offices Closed for MLK Day,**  
January 16th

**Burlington Youth Council** meets 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 6-7pm  
(222-5134)

**Family History Workshop** on 1st Tuesday of every month  
(222-5135)

## Staying Safe While Keeping Warm this Winter

The Burlington Fire Department would like to remind residents to use caution this winter while heating homes.

### Residents should remember to:

- Use heaters that have been approved for indoor use and are approved by Underwriters Lab (indicated by a "UL sticker").
- Heaters should be plugged directly into a receptacle. Never use an extension cord or power strip with a heater.
- Maintain at least 3 feet of clearance around the heater or in front of the fireplace. Nothing combustible, including drying clothes, should be near the heat source.
- Use kerosene heaters in well ventilated rooms.
- Most importantly, don't forget to check the smoke alarm in the house! A working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire.



For more information, contact the Burlington Fire Department at 229-3558 or visit [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Fire](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Fire).

## Take Advantage of Free Income Tax Preparation

VITA, also known as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a program of the Burlington Police Department's Community Relations Division, will be offering FREE tax preparation services and E-filing to individuals who make \$30,000 per year or less and are filing single with no dependents or \$50,000 for those filing single with dependants or married and filing jointly. Bring a picture ID, Social Security Card/ ITIN, income documents, deduction documentation and a copy of last year's returns to get started. You may be eligible for up to \$5,751 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) or \$1,000 per child in Child Tax Credits (CTC). Call 570-6530 today to schedule an appointment!

# Bulk Waste Fees Waived 1/30 - 4/6

**I**n an effort to help keep our city clean, the Burlington City Council has waived bulk waste collection fees from January 30, 2012, through April 6, 2012. This promotion applies to all residential units currently receiving bulk waste collection services.

No fees will be charged for collection of bulk yard waste, bulk junk or bulk metals/ white goods during this time period. **Residents will be billed as normal for bulk items that are set out for pick up before January 30th or after April 6th.** Normal bulk collection fees are \$6.75 per “bite” of the bulk truck (bulk yard waste truck, bulk junk truck, bulk metal/white goods truck) unless only one bite per type of bulk waste is placed for pickup, in which case, there is no charge.

## Bulk Yard Waste

- Tree trimmings 6 feet or less in length
- Limbs 6 inches or less in width
- Large yard waste volumes
- Note that collection of small yard waste items, properly placed/ containerized are always collected at no additional charge
- All yard waste is taken to be recycled



## Bulk Junk

- Large household items
- Mattresses
- Sofas
- Large furniture items
- Rolled carpet



## Bulk Metal/White Goods

- Large appliances
- White goods
- Large metals/white goods are taken to be recycled.



## Items NOT Collected by the City of Burlington

- Used oil and filters, anti-freeze, lead acid batteries
- Scrap tires
- Construction debris and wood pallets
- Oyster shells
- Florescent light tubes and e-waste (electronics)
- Recyclables (collected separately by TFC)

**Have Questions?**

Contact the Sanitation Division by e-mail at [kmurray@ci.burlington.nc.us](mailto:kmurray@ci.burlington.nc.us) or by phone at 222-5111.

For more general information about sanitation services, please visit [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Sanitation](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Sanitation)

# Senior Games & Council Connection

## Seniors Shine at the Alamance/Burlington Senior Games

The Alamance/Burlington Senior Games is a program that offers many healthy opportunities for persons over the age of 55. The athletic competition includes a variety of events from the one-mile funwalk to softball teams. Individuals compete for awards in their own sex and age category within five year increments (55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94, 95-99, 100+). SilverArts is a major component of the traditional athletic competition and includes performing, visual, heritage and literary arts.



The games begin on April 9 and conclude on May

5. The SilverArts competition is held at the Paramount Theatre on May 19. Senior Games and SilverArts winners of first, second or third place medals qualify to compete in the state-wide North Carolina Senior Games in September.

If you want to know more or wish to compete in the Alamance/Burlington Senior Games, please call the Kernodle Senior Center 222-5135 to receive an application.

## Burlington City Council Connection

The Burlington City Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building located at 425 S. Lexington Ave.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Meetings can also be viewed live or on-demand online at [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/media](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/media).



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# Stream Restoration & Police Survey

## City Park Stream Restoration

Little Alamance Creek has been listed as “impaired” by the LNC Division of Water Quality (DWQ) due to poor stream biological ratings. The creek’s challenges include poor water quality, degraded biology, loss of riparian vegetation, bank erosion and urban runoff. This stream drains to the Haw River, a major recreational and cultural asset for the region, and subsequently to Jordan Lake, a drinking water supply also classified by DWQ as Nutrient Sensitive Water.

The Stormwater Division will host a meeting on **Wednesday, February 8, 2012**, to discuss this topic and the City’s stormwater management plan. Please save the date and plan on being at the **Kernodle Senior Center, 1535 S. Mebane Street, from 6 to 8pm.**

In 2009, the City Council approved a conservation easement (over 7 acres of dedicated land) necessary for a project to restore the Little Alamance Creek. The State’s Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) is financing the design, construction and monitoring of the project taking place in City Park.



City Park will be active with stream restoration work until the spring and should offer some interesting views from outside the work area.

Shamrock Environmental will begin earthmoving activities on the stream channel beginning at the upstream location (South Church Street) and work downstream towards the project end at Overbrook Road. Construction activities include the use of excavation equipment and dump trucks within the permitted limits of construction.

Construction activities will occur Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the City Park will remain open. As a concern for public safety, park users and interested onlookers are asked to avoid the construction zones which will be clearly marked with safety fencing.

## Burlington Police Department Survey

The Burlington Police Department has a commitment to improving the quality of life, in partnership with the community, through professional police services. The Police Department, with Elon University will be conducting a survey of citizens’ attitudes and opinions. Surveys will be accessible on the City of Burlington’s website and social media outlets and the Police Department’s webpage and social media outlets. Paper surveys will also be available at the Police Department. The dates for accessibility of the survey will be announced in upcoming City utility bills. The Police Department values citizens’ contributions and concerns, and the City hopes residents will take time to participate.

