

City Works



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MLB Pitch, Hit & Run
May 12
(Call 222-5030)

Memorial Day Closure
May 28
Holiday Garbage Collection:
Mon. Route: Tues. 5/29
Tues. Route: Wed. 5/30

Kids' Bank Fishing
May 19
Guilford Mackintosh Park
(Call 449-2078)

Senior Trip to Barn Dinner Theater
May 22
(Call 222-5135)

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Be sure to surf over to www.BurlingtonNC.gov next time that you need information about the City. The website's fresh new design and streamlined navigation make finding what you need a breeze. Pay your utility bill, report a concern to CBC, sign up for e-newsletters, or view the City's traffic cameras, all with one click of your

mouse. You can also learn more about the City's upcoming events, read news and announcements, or browse through recent photos on the City's homepage. Can't find what you are looking for? Type a key word into the centrally located "search bar" to be directed to your answer. Of course, you can always call 222-5000 and a City staff member will be happy to assist you.

A World Premier at the Paramount



The Paramount Acting Company (P-A-C) will present the world-premiere production of *The Hermit of Ft. Fisher* at The Paramount Theater of Burlington, June 21-24. The play, written by P-A-C Artistic Director David Anthony Wright, is based on the life of Robert Harrell, who became known as "the Fort Fisher Hermit."

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The Hermit of Ft. Fisher Premier

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Robert Harrell at his bunker near Ft. Fisher.

In 1955, at the age of sixty-two, Harrell left his home in Shelby, NC. Three months later, he turned up in the marsh area around historic Ft. Fisher on the North Carolina coast, taking up residence in an abandoned World War II ammunition bunker. Over the course of the next seventeen years, without benefit of water, electricity, or employment of any kind, he battled the elements, society, and his own demons. In the process, he became one of the biggest tourist attractions on that part of the Carolina coast.

Records kept in dozens of spiral notebooks indicated that over one hundred thousand people made the trek out to see Harrell, who entertained them with stories, antics and his own brand of self-help therapy.

Harrell's death in 1972 became a source of controversy that continues until this day. On a Saturday morning in June, a group of visitors found him inside his bunker, dead. Photos taken at the scene showed signs of violence and his sleeping bag filled with sand. There were drag marks leading to the water's edge and back. A man's new dress shoe was found stuck in the mud near the bunker. Despite this evidence, the County Coroner made an on-the-spot finding: Robert Harrell died of a heart attack. In addition, the Sheriff ruled there would be no autopsy.

"There have been at least two excellent documentaries on the 'who, what, when, where, and how' of Harrell's story," playwright Dave Wright said. "My play endeavors to look at the 'why.' What were the factors that led a man to do what he did and what were the factors that helped him survive as long as he did?"

Tickets for the production will go on sale April 1, 2012, at 12 noon. Advance tickets are priced at \$10, while tickets purchased at the door will be \$12 each. A special \$9 ticket is available for seniors, students and groups of ten or more. Credit card reservations can be made by calling 336.222.TIXS. All other tickets must be purchased at The Paramount Theater box office from 12-3PM, Monday thru Saturday or one hour prior to the curtain.

The Paramount Theater is located at 128 E. Front St. in downtown Burlington, NC. Show times June 21-23 are set for 8PM, with a matinee on June 24 at 3PM.



Robert Harrell writing a letter.

Fire Department & CBC

Burlington Fire Department: Fighting More than Fires

Everyone knows that you can always rely on the Burlington Fire Department in an emergency, but when the Burlington Fire Department staff is not attending to medical calls, fighting fires, completing training exercises, or educating the public about safety, they are usually trying to find other ways to contribute to the community.



In 2010 and 2011 the Fire Department raised \$47,154 for various charitable causes. The Susan G. Komen Foundation, ARMC Pink Ribbon Fund, Wounded Warrior Project, Alamance County Fallen Firefighter's Memorial, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the United Way of Alamance County were all recipients of money raised through the charitable efforts of the Burlington Fire Department.

The Fire Department has no plans to stop here. T-shirt designs are currently being created for a spring T-shirt sale. This spring, the department is planning to unveil multiple fire-related designs created by Burlington Firefighters.

The firefighters plan to contribute the funds raised this fall to benefit breast and prostate cancer research foundations in our area.

Call 229-3564 for more information about how to reserve your Burlington Fire Department T-shirt.

CBC: Providing Solutions for Your City

The City of Burlington's "Connecting Burlington Communities," or CBC program was established to give residents a quick and easy way to report problems they spot in their community. Residents can anonymously report issues ranging from tall grass and junked motor vehicles to illegal activities. The CBC program can be used in several different ways. Residents can call the CBC hotline at 222-5024, email a tip to CBCinfo@ci.burlington.nc.us, or visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/CBC to use the online tip form. CBC even has a "Citizen Request Tracker" iPhone application that can be downloaded and used to report problems.



Recycling & Sewer Safety

Ready, Set, Roll: City Rolls Out New Recycling Carts



The City's cart supplier will be distributing new 95 gallon recycling carts to residences during the month of June. You may begin placing recyclables in the new cart immediately, but please do not place the cart at the curb until your first collection day in July. Carts will begin being serviced for customers on the red route the week of July 2 and for customers on the blue route the week of July 8. Recycling will still be collected every other week and you will receive a collection calendar and some other important information with the new recycling cart. The existing bins will be collected by the City's current recycling contractor, TFC, during its last collection week.

Please place your new recycling cart by the curb on your scheduled pickup day. Place the cart at the edge of the street with the handle facing your house. Each cart must be placed 5 feet apart and 5 feet away from cars, mailboxes or other obstructions so that it can be reached by the recycling truck. Do not block the road, sidewalk, or driveways with your cart. You may place any recyclables such as paper, cardboard, plastics, glass bottles, aluminum, or steel cans in your new cart to be collected. Please use paper bags if you need to bag any materials.

Additional information can be found at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/recycle or by contacting Waste Industries at 229-0525.

Keeping Fats, Oils and Grease Out of Sewer Lines

Fats, oils and grease may not appear to be harmful when you simply pour them down the drain, but as they cool and harden they stick to the inner lining of sewer pipes and cause damaging blockages. The costly repairs of these blockages effect all residents. However, keeping fats oils and grease out of the City's sewer lines can be as easy as following these simple steps:



Use a drain strainer to capture food particles.



Put fats, oils and grease into a tin can, let cool, and then dispose in the garbage.



Do not put fats, oils, grease, or food scraps down the drain!