

City Works



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Dates to Remember:

Independence Day Celebration
July 3, 6-10 PM
City Park
(Call 222-5030)

City Offices Closed
July 4

Musical Chairs in Burlington
July 13, 27
Aug. 10, 24, 31
(Call 226-4495)

Senior Trip to Barn Dinner Theatre
July 31
(Call 222-5135)

Emergency Preparedness

An emergency can strike anywhere at any time; therefore, stocking up now on emergency supplies can add to your family's safety and comfort during and after a disaster.



The best time to assemble an emergency supply kit is well before you will ever need it. Most people already have these items around the house and it is only a matter of assembling them before an emergency strikes. Store enough supplies for at least three days, preferably seven days, in one place.

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Gang Awareness Takes Center Stage

Reducing gang-related crime within the city is a high priority for Burlington's City Council. To address the issue, the Burlington Police Department has deployed several strategies that work toward the prevention, intervention, and suppression of gang-related crime. In addition to the city's successful "Connecting Burlington Communities" (CBC) program, in which citizens are asked to anonymously report any suspected criminal activities, the Police Department is utilizing two specialized teams of officers to identify and reduce gang presence in the community. The Burlington Police Department's Community Crime Abatement Team and Gang Investigations Unit collaborate within the city limits to combat gang activity; however gangs do not operate exclusively within municipal boundaries.

To be as far reaching as the influence of gangs, the Burlington Police Department has partnered with law enforcement agencies from every jurisdiction within Alamance County to form the Alamance County Gang Crimes Task Force. The Task Force shares county-wide jurisdiction granted

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through mutual aid agreements between the participating agencies, allowing officers to address gang activity that reaches beyond any particular municipal boundary. The Task Force is heavily involved in every aspect of gang prevention, intervention, and suppression. Task Force members also collaborate with Federal and State Law Enforcement organizations. Through the use of cross-jurisdictional partnerships, the Task Force is able to begin tackling the root of the area's gang problem instead of only addressing the crimes that result from it.

Prevention:

Members of the Alamance County Gang Crimes Task Force routinely use tactics aimed at preventing the growth of street gangs within Alamance County and its municipalities. These tactics include various forms of outreach, education, and awareness that are designed to both prevent increasing gang membership and to bring attention to the problems that exist within our communities as a result of gangs. Task Force members conduct Gang Resistance Education & Awareness Training and give formal presentations to interested civic, professional, faith-based, and business organizations. Additionally, Task Force members make one-on-one contact with youth in the community who are considered at-risk for gang involvement and then refer those individuals to social assistance organizations or other available programs.

Intervention:

Members of the Alamance County Gang Crimes Task Force also take part in providing intervention counseling to youth who either may be affiliated with, or are already known to be members of a gang. This counseling is usually conducted on a one-on-one basis in conjunction with other methods of gang prevention, intervention, or suppression. Task Force members often provide their direct contact information to the parents of these youth so that parents may contact Task Force members as soon as concerns or problems arise. Task Force members often solicit the assistance of social service agencies to provide counseling or assistance to effected individuals and families alike.

Suppression:

Task Force members conduct and participate in the execution of search warrants, undercover drug buys from suspected gang members, and surveillance operations. Task Force members photograph known gang members and their tattoos in addition to documenting their activity when spotted in public. If possible, Task Force members will also interview gang members in regards to their gang affiliation and participation.

The Gang Crimes Task Force can't do it all alone; they need your help to fight gangs. Do you suspect gang activity in your community? If so, please call the "CBC" hotline at 222-5024, submit an online tip to "CBC" at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/CBC or visit any city facility to issue an anonymous "CBC" complaint.



Afterschool & Breakfast at the Carousel

Afterschool Programs with Burlington Recreation & Parks



The Burlington Recreation and Parks Department and the Alamance-Burlington School System offer Afterschool Programs on site at Andrews, Grove Park, Hillcrest, and Newlin Elementary schools. A bus/van pick up program is also offered at Thataways Youth Center for students of Eastlawn & Smith Elementary, Turrentine Middle, Clover Garden School, and River Mill Academy. Field trips, homework time, arts and crafts, and organized games are provided in a safe, fun and recreational environment.

Throughout the year, surprise activities and fitness challenges are also offered to keep kids excited for the end of the school day and to integrate physical activity into their daily routine. As part of the afterschool program, "Fundays" are also offered on certain teacher workdays, holidays, and snow days at Thataways Youth Center. Registration is currently underway for the 2012-2013 school year! Ages 4-12 and middle school students are accepted to full time, part time, or daily afterschool programs.

Learn more about each of the Burlington Recreation & Parks Afterschool Programs and additional youth activities at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/youth or call 222-5030. Summer Day Camps and week-long themed Specialty Camps are also offered during the summer months.

Breakfast at the Carousel: A Summer Tradition

On August 18, enter a world of magical menagerie with Burlington City Park's 3rd annual Breakfast at the Carousel. Enjoy a catered breakfast and then a wonderful story about Burlington's very own Dentzel Carousel. After the performance, feel free to have fun riding the carousel and train for no additional cost.

Tickets include breakfast from 8:30am to 9:30am, the theatrical performance and the FREE rides on the Carousel & Train until 11am. Tickets are available for ages 12 and under at \$5.00 and at ages 13+ for \$8.00. This event is for all ages. For more information, please call 513-5469 or visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Recreation.



Emergency Preparedness Continued

Start with an easy to carry, water tight container - a large plastic storage container will do:

Essentials:

- Water - 1 gallon per person per day
- First aid kit and first aid book
- Pre-cooked, non-perishable foods, such as canned meats, granola bars, instant soup & cereals, etc.
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, and paper towels
- Baby supplies
- Non-electric can opener
- Anti-bacterial hand wipes or gel
- Blanket or sleeping bag per person
- Portable radio or portable TV and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Essential medications
- Extra pair of eyeglasses
- Extra house and car keys

- Small fire extinguisher - ABC-type
- Food, water, leash and carrier for pets
- Cash and change
- Seasonal change of clothing, including sturdy shoes
- Copies of important documents

Sanitation supplies:

- Large plastic trash bags for waste, tarps and rain ponchos
- Bar soap and liquid detergent
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Toilet paper
- Household bleach
- Rubber gloves

These items are considered essential to your emergency preparedness kit; however, households should feel free to add additional supplies as needed or desired.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit Ready NC at www.readync.org or contact the City of Burlington Emergency Management Office at 229-3122.

Prevent Heat Stroke in Children

You might be surprised to hear that a child can die from heat stroke on a 72-degree day. A child's body can heat up five times faster than an adult's. Did you know that even on a mild day, the temperature inside a car can rise 20 degrees in just 10 minutes? On an 80-degree day, the inside of a closed car can quickly reach 100 degrees in the time it takes to run into the store for an errand. Heat stroke happens when the body cannot cool itself fast enough and the core temperature rises to dangerous levels. Check out these tips and be sure to call the Burlington Fire Prevention Division at 229-3132 with questions:

- Have a reminder in your vehicle. Most of the children die as a result of the caregiver forgetting the child is in the vehicle.
- Lock your car doors when the vehicle is parked at your house. Toddlers find incredible ways to open and close car doors.
- Don't leave them alone even for a minute!
- Check out the free iPhone app, "Baby Reminder"

