

City Works



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

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Dates to Remember:

4th Fridays

July 24 & Aug. 28
4:30 - 9:00pm
Downtown Depot
222-5002

Low-Cost Rabies & Microchip Clinic

July 25 & Sept. 12
Pet Adoption Center
578-0343

1/2 Price Pet Adoption Special

August 15 - 22
Pet Adoption Center
578-0343

Coming Soon: Public Transit

Public Transportation is coming to Burlington! The Burlington City Council approved a fixed-route public transit system in June of 2014. Funding has been secured and preparations are underway for the transit vehicles to hit the streets of Burlington as soon as late spring /early summer of 2016.

In the coming months, information regarding the transit system, its routes, and how to ride will be widely distributed. Stay tuned to **www.BurlingtonNC.gov** for links to rider information.

You Can Help Prevent Sewer Overflows

Sewer overflows are costly and can have potentially damaging effects on the environment. The City of Burlington is able to clean approximately 20% of sewer lines every year and regularly monitors line integrity with closed circuit cameras. However, the City can't prevent sewer overflows alone. Residents are the critical first line of defense. By diligently keeping fats, oils, grease, and other debris out of household drains, residents can prevent sewer backups and the damage that results from them.



Did you know that many wipes (baby wipes, makeup removing wipes, hygienic wipes) advertise that they are "flushable" but actually contribute to sewer clogs and overflows? These wipes break down very slowly and tend to catch other debris in sewer lines, eventually creating backups. Please make sure that all wipes are thrown in the garbage, even those labeled "flushable" on their packaging.

Do you have questions about how you can prevent sewer overflows? Call Burlington's Water Resources Department at (336) 222-5133 or email **wgoswick@ci.burlington.nc.us**.

Get Outdoors!

Get Outdoors and Discover Burlington's Lakes & Trails

Discover your hometown in new and exciting ways. Get out on the water and on the trails this summer with new Burlington Recreation & Parks outdoor programs.

Guided Sunset Paddle

August 21st, 6:00-8:00PM

Guilford Mackintosh Marina | 1345 NC 61 South, Whitsett

End your week on beautiful Lake Mackintosh with a guided paddle under the setting sun. An experienced guide will lead the group on the lake and provide basic instruction as needed. Paddlers may launch their own kayak or canoe for \$8.00, rent a solo kayak for \$20.00, or a double kayak for \$25.00. Rental fees include paddles and flotation devices.



Quick Start to Kayaking

August 4th, 5:30-7:30PM

Guilford Mackintosh Marina | 1345 NC 61 South, Whitsett

This class is designed for the beginner paddler and will introduce students to safety, kayak equipment, kayak fit, paddle strokes, entry and exit of the boat and how to launch the craft into the water. This course involves classroom-style instruction at the launch site and on-water practice. The course fee is \$30.00 per student.



For more information about either program, call (336) 222-5135. Register online at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Recreation or by calling (336) 222-5030.

Hikes with Hounds

Dates, times, and locations will vary

Take a shelter dog for a walk and explore new trails as a guide leads you on a hike to remember! Discover a new trail, meet new friends, and provide exercise, socialization, and exposure to potential adopters for some of Burlington Animal Services' adoptable dogs. This program is operated one Friday each month. Volunteers must be 18, be able to hike up to 4 miles, and attend a volunteer orientation training before becoming a trail dog walker. For more information or to register, call (336) 229-3150 and visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Pets.



Discover more ways to get outdoors with Burlington Recreation and Parks by checking www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Outdoors often.

BPD Strategic Plan & Housing Rehab

Police Department Strategic Plan

The Burlington Police Department (BPD) would like to thank the 150+ residents and other “partners in policing” who participated in a Community-Based Strategic Planning Initiative that took place throughout March and April of 2015.

The BPD hosted 7, four-hour Community-Based Strategic Planning Sessions which allowed the Police Department to bring officers together with community leaders and residents for candid conversations about police services. Each session provided a detailed exchange of information, including a briefing and question/answer session hosted by Chief Jeffrey Smythe. This was followed by 2-3 hours of discussion, brain storming, and planning.

This information was used to formulate a 5-year Community-Based Strategic Plan for the future of the Burlington Police Department.

You can review this plan and learn more about how it was created by visiting www.BurlingtonNC.gov/StrategicPlanning.



Does Your Home Need Critical Repair?

The City of Burlington’s Department of Planning & Community Development provides a Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation and Repair Program to help low and moderate income homeowners fix critical issues with their homes. Funding from federal Community Development Block Grants and the HOME Investment Partnership allow the City to make loans to qualifying home owners within the City of Burlington and Alamance County.

Home rehabilitation takes care of major housing code and structural problems, making homes safe for residents, improving home values for resale or inheritance, and enhancing the viability of Burlington neighborhoods.

See if you qualify to take advantage of the Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation and Repair Program by calling (336) 222-5070. After reviewing the program with you, staff will mail you an application to determine your qualification.



Grass Clippings

When grass clippings and bits of leaves are blown into the street after lawn maintenance, they can be just as bad as other forms of litter that end up in gutters and storm drains. What doesn't get stuck, clogging up storm drains and gutters, ends up in the nearest waterway, causing further problems. Any material (litter, grass clippings, leaves, etc.) in the storm drains reduces the amount of stormwater that can move through the drain system. Stormwater that should move quickly through the system may begin to back up, causing high water on roads or other, more hazardous, flooding situations.



Yard wastes contain an abundance of nutrients from fertilizer and natural sources; however, too much of a good thing may be harmful. When these wastes decompose, the nutrients fuel excessive and uncontrolled growth of aquatic weeds and algae, which offset water conditions and can lead to fish kills.

To maintain your lawn properly, mow high and mow often so that you only take off about 1/3 of the length of the grass. This will result in an attractive, neatly trimmed lawn, and clippings will disappear when they filter down to the soil. To shade the soil, cool the roots, and block weed growth, most lawns should be mowed 2-3" high, especially in summer.

Leave clippings on the lawn and sweep any that fall on paved surfaces back onto the lawn where they will naturally decompose and fertilize. You can also rake and blow clippings into a compost pile. If you use a lawn maintenance company, please be sure they do not blow or dump yard wastes into the street and down the storm drain inlets.

For residents that prefer not to recycle their grass or yard debris, the City provides a yard waste collection service through the Sanitation Department. Any yard waste that is properly containerized will be collected on the same collection day as household waste. Visit the Sanitation Department website www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Sanitation for more information about this service.

If you would like more information please contact the Stormwater Division at 336-222-5140 or stormwater@ci.burlington.nc.us.

