

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

		
<p>4 Independence Day <i>(City Offices Closed – Trash Delayed One Day)</i></p> <p>6 Lowell Veteran’s Club, 7 pm, Community Center</p> <p>10 City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall</p> <p>20 Recreation Commission, 6 pm, Community Center</p> <p>24 Master Planning Committee, 6 pm, City Hall</p> <p>25 Lowell Women’s Club, 7 pm, Community Center</p>	<p>1 Planning Board, 6 pm, City Hall</p> <p>3 Lowell Veteran’s Club, 7 pm, Community Center</p> <p>10 Parks & Recreation Senior Luncheon, 11:30 am – 1 pm, Presbyterian Church of Lowell</p> <p>14 City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall</p> <p>17 Recreation Commission, 6 pm, Community Center</p> <p>22 Lowell Women’s Club, 7 pm, Community Center</p> <p>28 Master Planning Committee, 6 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>4 Labor Day <i>(City Offices Closed – Trash Delayed One Day)</i></p> <p>5 Planning Board, 6 pm, City Hall</p> <p>7 Lowell Veteran’s Club, 7 pm, Community Center</p> <p>11 City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall</p> <p>21 Recreation Commission, 6 pm, Community Center</p> <p>25 Master Planning Committee, 6 pm, City Hall</p> <p>26 Lowell Women’s Club, 7 pm, Community Center</p>



MEALS ON WHEELS

Gaston County Adult and Aging Services is dedicated to promote, maintain, and improve the health and well-being of homebound older adults (60 years old and older) through the provision of nutritionally balanced meals five days a week. If it appears that you or someone you know qualifies, please call 704-862-7540 Monday-Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm to apply.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mayor - Sandy Railey	704-860-7162
City Council	
Ken Ervin	704-824-4182
Candy Funderburk	704-824-2816
Thomas Gillespie	704-824-1249
Sam Mitchem, Jr.	704-824-8251
Shane Robinson	704-824-1971
City Manager - Kevin Krouse	704-824-3518
City Clerk - Beverly Harris	704-824-3518
Police Chief - Scott Bates	704-824-8540
Fire Chief - Scott Moore	704-824-3357
Public Works Director - Thomas Shrewsbury	
	704-824-1072
Parks & Recreation	
	704-824-0099
After-hrs non-emergency law enforcement.	
	704-866-3300
After-hrs Public Works emergencies.	
	704-506-3145
	704-506-3146

City Website www.lowellnc.com
 Fire Department Website www.lowellfd.com

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CITY OF LOWELL NEWS & INFORMATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Hello Folks! It's officially Summertime! YAY!

With that said, it's time for fun filled vacations, but first we have to balance the BUDGET! Well, I love the beach and fun in the sun, so I'm happy to announce that the 2017-18 budget for our wonderful city has been finalized and there are NO increases to report at this time, so let's go and enjoy the summer!

I want to thank Kevin Krouse, Kevin Haney, Beverly Harris, Sue Lowe, Scott Bates, Thomas Shrewsbury, Yvette Broussard and last but not least Ken Ervin, Shane Robinson, Sam Mitchem, Candy Funderburk, and Thomas Gillespie. These guys and girls are my heroes and I can't thank them all enough for everything they do to make our city run smoothly and be great! I would also like to thank you, the citizens, for choosing to live in this wonderful place called Lowell and believing and trusting in us to make the best decisions for the future of our city. The key is to have respect for each other, the integrity to do what's right, and the willingness to work together for the good of our city! I'm all in! Are you? "Building Today for a Brighter Tomorrow!"



Your Mayor, *Sandy Railey*



LOWELL'S VISION STATEMENT

To be an inviting community where generations come together to live, work, and play.



LOWELL VETERAN'S CLUB

First Thursday of Each Month
7:00 p.m.

Lowell Community Center, 501 W. First St.

DID YOU KNOW?

You have always had the option of paying your utility bill through Online Banking if your financial provider offers that service. Simply set up "City of Lowell" as a vendor and make sure you reference your account number. Your financial provider will mail us your payment in the form of a check via US mail.

PAYMENT DROP BOX

FYI - we have a drive-up payment lockbox located behind City Hall for your utility payments too!



NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR UTILITY BILLS

We are pleased to announce the City of Lowell has added 3 new payment options for your utility bills. You can now pay with a credit/debit card. Payments can be made online at www.lowellnc.com or cards can be swiped at the payment counter at City Hall. You can also call 1-844-262-8223 and make your payment over the phone. Prior to using any of these options, you'll need to have your full 10-12-digit account number which is found printed on your bill. Please note when paying by card, a service charge will be added for each transaction. Also, no partial payments will be accepted. The full balance of your account must be paid in full each month to avoid disconnection.

UTILITY BILLING DATE/SCHEDULE RECAP

Bill Date First of Month
Bills Due By 5:00 pm 15th of Month
Late Fee 5:00 pm 15th of Month
Disconnections 8:00 am 25th of Month

NOTE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

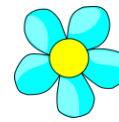
It's that time of year again with school coming to an end. The police department would like to remind the citizen's that there will be more children out and about, so please be careful when traveling on the roadways. We would like to remind parents that the roadway is not a playground for children, so please help us keep our children safe. To the drivers, please be aware of your surroundings as there will be kids playing in their yards and there is potential for them to dart out into the roadway. We would also like for the parents and children to report any suspicious vehicles and persons they see hanging around as there will be more children/teenagers out and about in the city while school is out. Our goal is to keep everyone safe!

The police department would also like to remind the citizens to be aware of phone scams. If you receive a phone call and someone is asking for your personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers, date of birth, etc. hang up the phone immediately. Also, if you receive checks in the mail and you are not expecting one, more than likely this is a scam also. There are usually instructions for you to cash the check then wire a certain amount to an unknown person in another state and you can keep the rest of the money. Even though this seems enticing, please do not cash these checks as you will end up being penalized by the bank if the bank cashes them and they come back as fraudulent.

It is also coming up on that time of year for vacations. If you would like the police department to keep a special check on your residence while you are out of town, please give us a call or stop by the police department. We will obtain information such as contact numbers, alarm company information, how long you will be out of town, and if anyone should be at the residence while you are gone.

The police department would like to welcome aboard our Volunteer Chaplain, Nicholas Martin. Nicholas will be a great asset to the police department as well as to the citizens of Lowell. Nicholas brings a wide variety of services that will be very valuable to the City of Lowell.

- *Chief Scott Bates*



GRILLING SAFETY TIPS FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

There's nothing like outdoor grilling this time of year. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a METAL container.

- *Chief Scott Moore*



LOWELL PARKS & RECREATION

Fall Soccer Registration

July 1 – July 30

Residents \$45 / Non-Residents \$55

Ages: 3-14

Fall Baseball Registration

July 1 – July 30

Residents \$45 / Non-Residents \$55

Ages: 7-12

Register Online (www.lowellnc.com)
or at City Hall

CITY MANAGER MEMO

Over the last few years we have offered two drop-off site locations to make recycling more convenient for our citizens. We have monitored this service and due to continued misuse, we have made the tough decision to end this service, however, we will explore new ways to offer recycling to you in the future. Many do not realize that there is a cost to recycle and when recycling becomes contaminated with waste we must pay additional land-fill fees because the recyclables becomes contaminated with waste we must pay additional land-fill fees because the recyclables are now considered trash. The sites have become dumping grounds used by businesses and individuals, many not living in Lowell, to dispose of bulk items like old sofas, TV's, and contractor's dumping material such as sheet rock and wood. Every morning including weekends, public works staff had to haul these items away as well as try to sort and remove items inside the bins to salvage any chance of recycling a bin. The annual cost of the service was \$25,000 not including staff time to haul away illegal bulk items and this cost was paid for by your tax dollars. The service was ineffective in accomplishing the goal of recycling therefore the service will be phased out during the month of June 2017.

Until another local option for recycling is offered, we wanted to provide the nearby recycling centers and information link for Gaston County: <http://gastongov.com/departments/solid-waste/recycling-centers>.

- Kevin Krouse

PUBLIC WORKS SCHEDULE

Solid Waste Pickup

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

White Goods

(Metal & Tires off Rims Only)

2nd & 4th Thursday of Month

Brush/Yard Waste

(Leaves, Grass, Tree Limbs)

Wednesday – Friday Weekly

Depending on where your neighborhood falls in the route rotation.

Due to holidays, unforeseeable circumstances, or inclement weather, this schedule could be altered if crews are behind in schedule.

LOWELL LIBRARY EVENTS

FAMILIES:

Animal Architects presented by the Schiele Museum

July 6, 10:30 am

Video Game Day

July 8, 11:00am-1:00 pm

Luau Party

July 13, 4:00 pm

Captain Underpants

July 24, 2:00 pm

Minecraft Finale Party

July 27, 4:00 pm

ADULTS:

Recipe Swap & Potluck

July 19, 1:00 pm

TEENS:

Tie Dye DIY

July 7, 3:00 pm

Cupcake Challenge

July 20, 3:00 pm

Call TECH&LOWELL for more information on any activities listed above. 704-824-1266