




IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 New Year's Day (City offices closed - Trash delayed 1 day this week.) 2 Planning Board, 6 pm, City Hall 8 City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall 15 Martin Luther King Jr Day (City offices closed – Trash delayed 1 day this week.) 18 Recreation Commission, 6:30 pm, Community Center 22 Master Planning Committee, 6 pm, City Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Planning Board, 6 pm, City Hall 8 Senior Valentine's Luncheon, 11:30, Presbyterian Church of Lowell 12 City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall 15 Recreation Commission, 6:30 pm, Community Center 26 Master Planning Committee, 6 pm, City Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Planning Board, 6 pm, City Hall 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins 11 City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall 21 Recreation Commission, 6 pm, Community Center 26 Master Planning Committee, 6 pm, City Hall 30 Good Friday (City offices closed.)



LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES THROUGH MID FEBRUARY

No need to bag leaves! Leaves will be vacuumed if left at curb (no more than 3 feet) in a neat row. Leaves further in yard or near mailboxes will not be vacuumed. **Please ensure there are no rocks, sticks, or brush mixed in with leaves.**

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Ken Ervin	704-824-4182
Candy Funderburk	704-824-2816
Thomas Gillespie	704-824-1249
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City Clerk - Beverly Harris	704-824-3518
Police Chief - Scott Bates	704-824-8540
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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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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Hello Everyone!

It's a new year and we are ready to hit the ground running! Thank you for your support in re-electing me as your Mayor and re-electing incumbents; Thomas Gillespie, Ken Ervin and Candy Funderburk. We are looking forward to working with our two new Councilmen: Phil Bonham and DeWayne Chitwood as well. What a great team you have entrusted to do the work of our city. We will continue to work hard and accomplish much. One of our main goals is to keep you, the citizens, informed. With that being said, let's welcome our newest neighbors opening soon...Echo Park Automotive at Exit 22 and Enterprise Rent-A-Car on Wilkinson Blvd. Building our tax base is key to moving forward! This growth is very encouraging and exciting!



We want you to be involved and look forward to seeing you at the Council meetings on the second Monday of each month.

Happy New Year to you all!

Your Mayor, *Sandy Railey*



Newly elected Councilmembers and Mayor were sworn in at the Council meeting of December 11, 2017. Pictured from left to right: Phil Bonham, Councilmember; Thomas Gillespie, Mayor Pro-Tem; Sandy Railey, Mayor; Candy Funderburk, Councilmember; DeWayne Chitwood, Councilmember; and Ken Ervin, Councilmember.

NOTES FROM THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Happy New Year from the Lowell Police Department! We would like to remind our citizens that potential for bad weather is upon us. Colder temperatures prompt us to start our vehicles to warm up while we wait inside our cozy warm residences. Please make sure if you do this to lock your vehicle doors. This makes an easy target for thieves to steal your vehicle if the doors are not locked. We would also like to remind you that if bad weather occurs such as snow or ice, please don't be out on the roads unless you just absolutely have to be. There are also a lot of leaves on the roadways and when they are wet, they become very slippery when hitting your brakes or making a turn. In case of bad weather and you need police assistance, please be patient as it may take our officers longer to respond and our call volume may be higher but we will be responding as needed.

Just another reminder, please keep your vehicle doors locked at all times. We are still having break-ins into vehicles that are left unlocked. We have made an arrest in one of our recent cases in the Lauren Woods and River Falls developments, but still continue to have break-ins in other areas. Please report anything suspicious that you see, it may be nothing but it could also be someone that we are looking for.

When riding past the police department, keep a check on the appearance of the outside as we have started making some changes in the landscaping and will be making more changes in the future to the appearance of the building. We are excited about the changes that are coming to the Police Department!

We would like to recognize three officers that have recently received their Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate, Chief Scott Bates, Captain Carl Moore and Sergeant Jerry Scott. This is the most significant award that officers can receive from Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. These awards are issued upon completion of training hours and years of service.

- *Chief Scott Bates*

Lowell Parks & Recreation News



Spring T-Ball and Baseball Registration

Feb 1-Mar 15

Register Online (www.lowellnc.com)

Senior Valentine's Luncheon

Feb 8 – 11:30-1:00pm

Presbyterian Church of Lowell

\$3.00 Residents/\$5.00 Non-Residents

RSVP by Feb 5th by calling City Hall
at 704-824-3518.



REMINDER ...

UTILITY PAYMENT OPTIONS

In-Person (Cash/Check/Money Order/Credit Card)

By Mail (101 W First Street)

Secure Drive-Up Drop Box (Located Behind City Hall)

Online (www.lowellnc.com)

Toll-Free Number (844-262-8223)

PUT A THERMOMETER ON FREEZE WINTER FIRES

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your house.**

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

Heating equipment is involved in **1** in every **6** reported **home fires** and **1** in every **5** **home fire deaths.**



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.



Keep anything that can burn at least

3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/ and www.nfpa.org/winter/

