

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Planning Board, 6 pm, City Hall</li> <li>9 Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall</li> <li>18 Recreation Commission, 6:30 pm, Community Center</li> <li>20 Octoberfest, 11 am-4 pm, E. First Street</li> <li>22 Community Improvement Advisory Comm., 6:00 pm, Community Center</li> <li>25 Treat Walk, 4-5 pm, City Hall</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Daylight Savings Time Ends</li> <li>6 Election Day (PLEASE VOTE)</li> <li>7 Planning Board, 6 pm, City Hall</li> <li>8 Senior Luncheon, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Presby. Church of Lowell</li> <li>12 Veteran’s Day (City offices closed. Trash delayed 1 day this week.)</li> <li>13 Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall</li> <li>15 Recreation Commission, 6:30 pm, Community Center</li> <li>22 Thanksgiving</li> <li>23 State Holiday (City offices closed.)</li> <li>26 Community Improvement Advisory Comm., 6:00 pm, Community Ctr.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Planning Board, 6 pm, City Hall</li> <li>11 Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall</li> <li>15 Light Up Lowell, 2-5:30 pm, E. First St.</li> <li>15 Christmas Parade, 3 pm, N. Main St. to W. First St.</li> <li>20 Recreation Commission, 6 pm, Community Center</li> <li>24 State Holiday (City offices closed.)</li> <li>25 Christmas Day (City offices closed.)</li> <li>26 State Holiday (City offices closed.)</li> <li>27 Mon. &amp; Tues. trash routes picked up for week of 12/24.</li> <li>28 Wed. trash routes picked up for week of 12/24.</li> </ul> |

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Thomas Gillespie   | 704-824-1249                 |
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| <b>City Clerk</b> - Beverly Harris   | 704-824-3518                 |
| <b>Police Chief</b> - Scott Bates  | 704-824-8540                 |
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| <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Director</b> - Cristy Cummings                       | 704-824-0099                 |
| After-hrs non-emergency law enforcement.                                       | 704-866-3300                 |
| After-hrs Public Works emergencies.  | 704-506-3145<br>704-506-3146 |
| City Website <a href="http://www.lowellnc.com">www.lowellnc.com</a>            |                              |
| Fire Department Website <a href="http://www.lowellfd.com">www.lowellfd.com</a> |                              |

## Lowell, NC The Patriotic City



The City of Lowell newsletter is published quarterly to inform the residents of Lowell about their city and related activities. Questions and comments should be directed to the City Clerk’s Office, 101 West First Street, Lowell, NC 28098.

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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

# CITY OF LOWELL NEWS & INFORMATION

October, November, & December 2018



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



- Mayor Sandy Railey

We are excited about some upcoming projects on the horizon. Many of you will be happy to know that we are bringing a new recycling option to you. Work is underway to establish a drop off station at Harold Rankin Park. This new station will be secured with a physical attendant as well as video surveillance. The center will be open limited days and hours for better management and we will keep you updated on the opening date.



The Pedestrian Improvements scheduled downtown were delayed by NCDOT as we wait for them to resurface Main Street. It could be spring before we can begin the improvements, but the wait will be worth it to our downtown.

The Community Center will be getting much needed repairs. A new roof will be the first item completed along with other needed repairs.

A new City of Lowell website is under development. The new site will be interactive and allow you and the City Staff to communicate with each other. Information will be much more attainable, and you will also be able to sign up for alerts, newsletters, etc online.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO STOP WATER THEFT!

### Water Theft

To ensure our customers are provided with safe, clean, and reliable drinking water, the City of Lowell utilizes high-quality monitoring and efficient delivery systems. Those systems are compromised when water is illegally taken from fire hydrants. Illegal and unregulated connections can not only increase the risk of contaminating our water supply, but also lower pressure needed for fire protection. **Unauthorized use or theft of water costs more for everyone.**

### How to Spot Theft

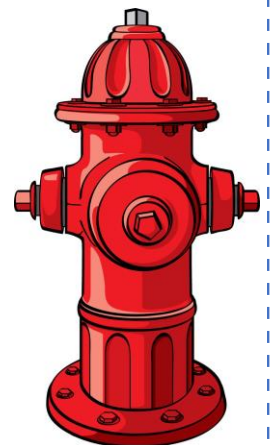
Water theft from fire hydrants occurs most often when the user does not have a metered connection. To legally use water from a fire hydrant, the business or contractor must obtain a permit and utilize the one point in town, the Lowell Fire Department, to fill up. If you see water being used from any other free-standing fire hydrant around town or in your neighborhood, theft may be occurring.

### Help Stop Water Theft

If you suspect water is being stolen from a fire hydrant or identify a water meter that has been bypassed or tampered with, please call City Hall at 704-824-3518. Tampering with a water system is a violation and fines will be incurred to the company or contractor. A person who willfully and unlawfully uses water commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

### Thank You

Recently, several citizens have alerted City Hall of water theft happening in their neighborhoods. Thank you! Working together will help stop these crimes.



# Upcoming



## OCTOBERFEST

**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

E. First Street (Between Police and Fire Departments)

Music, food, vendors, bounce houses, and kid's activities. Free festival admission. *Event sponsored by the Lowell Merchant's Association and the City of Lowell.*

## HALLOWEEN TREAT WALK

**Thursday, October 25, 2018**

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Line-up starts at 3:45 pm at Lowell City Hall Parking Lot

The group will be led by adult volunteers. Police and Fire Department personnel will also assist to ensure the children's safety, especially at street crossings. *Free event sponsored by the Lowell Merchant's Association and the City of Lowell.*

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

**Thursday, November 8**

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Presbyterian Church of Lowell

\$3 Residents / \$5 Non-Residents

RSVP by Friday, November 2 at 704-824-3518

## LIGHT UP LOWELL

**Saturday, December 15**

2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

E. First Street (Between Police and Fire Departments)

Vendors, music, food, kid's activities, and lots of Christmas cheer! Free festival admission. *Event sponsored by the Lowell Merchant's Association and the City of Lowell.*

## CITY OF LOWELL CHRISTMAS PARADE

**Saturday, December 15**

3:00 pm

N. Main Street to W. First Street

Parade starts at Harold Rankin Park (715 N. Main St.) and ends at Poplar Street. *Free event hosted by the City of Lowell.*

## LOWELL PARKS & RECREATION

### YOUTH BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

**October 15 – November 15**

Ages 3-15 (Co-Ed, Boys, & Girls Leagues)

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Teams may fill up before the deadline. \$50/Lowell Residents - \$65/Non-Lowell Residents. Registration includes child's uniform. Registration forms available at Lowell City Hall. Full payment and registration form must be turned in together. Registration also available online at [www.lowellnc.com](http://www.lowellnc.com). PayPal full payment required at time of registration submission. For questions, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 704-824-0099 or email Cristy Cummings at [ccummings@lowellnc.com](mailto:ccummings@lowellnc.com).

**Lowell Parks and Recreation is conducting a coat drive for new and gently used coats of all sizes for those in our community. For more information, including drop off times, please call 704-824-0099 or email Cristy at [ccummings@lowellnc.com](mailto:ccummings@lowellnc.com).**

## “NEW” UTILITY PAYMENT OPTION

The City of Lowell is pleased to announce a new utility payment option for your water bills. Effective, October 1, 2018, you can have your checking or savings account automatically drafted each month. There is no charge for this option.

If interested, please submit a preauthorization form and voided check to City Hall. Forms can be found online at [www.lowellnc.com](http://www.lowellnc.com) under “Forms” or at City Hall.



### Below is a list of other payment options:

- In-Person (*Cash/Check/Money Order/Credit Card*)
- By Mail (*101 W First Street*)
- Secure Drive-Up Payment Box (*Located behind City Hall*)
- Online ([www.lowellnc.com](http://www.lowellnc.com))
- Online Banking (*Set us up as a vendor – Please allow 7-10 for us to receive a check.*)
- Toll-Free Number with Credit Card (*844-262-8223*)

## WANT TO VOLUNTEER

The City is always looking for Citizens willing to serve on one of its committees or boards. Applications can be found under the “FORMS” tab at [lowellnc.com](http://lowellnc.com).

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

### **Community Improvement Advisory Committee**

### **Planning and Zoning Board**

## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to recognize Officer Ross Hoffman on his promotion to Sergeant with the Lowell Police Department. Officer Hoffman has over 14 years in Law Enforcement and has served 12 years for the City of Lowell. Congratulations!!!

## WELCOME

We would like to welcome Cristy Cummings to the City of Lowell who was recently hired as the new Director of Parks and Recreation. Cristy received her bachelor’s degree in Sports Management from Belmont Abbey and brings over 10 years of Park and Recreation experience with her. Cristy is also a North Carolina Certified Parks and Recreation Professional so we are excited to have her knowledge and skills in Lowell.