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Welcome to **LOWELL**

We're always glad you're here. We work hard every day to make sure life in Lowell is the best it can be for residents and visitors alike.

We know it can be a challenge to keep up with all of the new developments taking place around the city, so we wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the things that we've been doing out in the open and behind the scenes to keep the quality of life here high.

If you have questions about any of the things happening in our great city, answers are just a call, click, or visit away—**we love to hear from you!**

Meet Your **CITY COUNCIL**



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MAYOR
Sandy Railey



COUNCILMEMBER
Thomas Gillespie
Mayor Pro-Tem



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GRANTS & FUNDING

The City has received more than \$3 million in state and federal grant funding. Here's how that money is being used:

A **CDBG-NR township grant** for pedestrian improvements that are already underway, as well as future improvements to the Lowell Community Center

A **CDBG-NR grant** to rehabilitate approximately 14 qualifying low-/moderate-income owner-occupied homes

A **CDBG-I grant** to rehabilitate or replace about 1.5 miles of 50-year-old sewer pipes

A **Pedestrian & Bicycle Planning Grant** to develop the first comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan

These funds support the creation and maintenance of vital public infrastructure without financially burdening the local taxpayer.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Lowell's Capital Improvement Plan outlines how the city will make capital expenditures through 2035 to provide the high level of service residents expect.

PLAN – We have developed and funded a Water & Sewer Capital Improvement Plan to ensure our utility systems are safe and reliable for decades to come.

CREATE – Our water meter replacement program is underway, providing numerous benefits to our customers while improving City meter reading efficiency.

MAINTAIN – We have replaced roofs on two City facilities and invested in water and sewer system repairs.

PROTECT – We have purchased new radar speed signs to help notify drivers of their speed as well as a mobile radar unit that can be transferred between neighborhoods on request.

TAX RATES

Did you know? Lowell's tax rate, which has been maintained at 43 cents per 100 dollars, ranks among the lowest rates in Gaston County. The City's water/sewer rates are among the lowest 10 percent in the State of North Carolina.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lowell Community Health Fair

October 14th, 2019
11am-4pm
Harold Rankin Park
Free health screenings, mobile mammography, blood drive, nutrition, fitness classes, and more!

Lowell Treat Walk

October 24th, 2019
4pm-5pm
Downtown Lowell
Participating merchants will be providing lots of treats! Free event! Line-up starts at 3:45pm on Mill Street (next to Randy's Garage.)

Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon

Thursday, November 14th, 2019
11:30am-1:00pm
Presbyterian Church of Lowell
\$3 Residents/\$5 Non-Residents
RSVP required by 11/12 to (704) 824-3518

Senior Bingo-A-Thon

Thursday, December 12th, 2019
1:00pm-2:30pm
Lowell Community Center
\$2 per person – light refreshments provided
Limited to first 50 sign-ups – RSVP to (704) 824-3518

Light Up Lowell

December 14th, 2019
2pm- Local Artisans
4pm- Christmas Parade
5:15pm- Tree Lighting Ceremony
Downtown Lowell
Parade starts at Woodlawn Baptist Church and ends at First Baptist Lowell

Keep an eye out for the Lowell Bike!

Positioned outside local businesses, the Lowell Bike can be decorated and painted at each stop to help advertise our city and companies!



LEAF COLLECTION

October 16-February 14

Leaves will be vacuumed if left at the curb (no more than 3ft) in a neat row. Leaves further in yards or near mailboxes will not be vacuumed. Please ensure there are no rocks, sticks, or brush mixed in with leaves. Thank you!

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Mayor	Sandy Railey	704.860.7162
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City Council	Phil Bonham	704.674.1452
	DeWayne Chitwood	704.616.0265
	Ken Ervin	704.813.1586
	Candy Funderburk	704.824.2816
City Manager	Kevin Krouse	704.824.3518
City Clerk	Beverly Harris	704.824.3518
Planning & Zoning	Scott Attaway	704.824.3518
Police Chief	Scott Bates	704.824.8540
Fire Chief	Kenneth Barr	704.824.3357
Public Works	Thomas Shrewberry	704.824.1072
Parks & Recreation	Cristy Cummings	704.824.0099

Recycling Center at Harold Rankin Park 715 N. Main St.

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 12-6pm; Saturday 10-6pm

After Hours Non-Emergency 704.866.3300

After Hours Public Works 704.506.3145

Emergencies 704.506.3146

The City of Lowell newsletter is published to inform 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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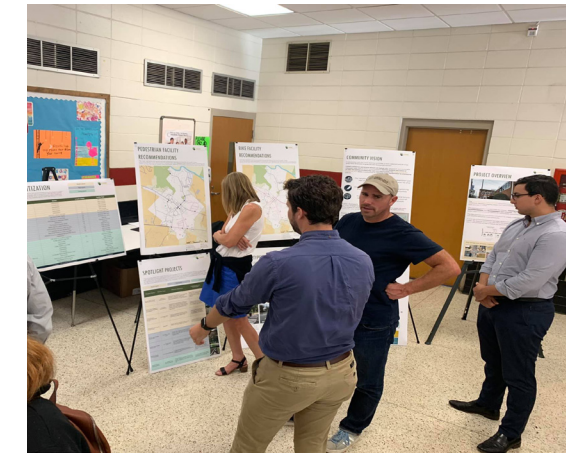
With the City's new Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan as well as having great trails in Lowell's backyard at Poston Park and the Carolina Thread Trail, Lowell is excited about becoming a bike friendly city! Check out our new banners and new bicycle stakes in the flower planters downtown!



October is GO month. Visit www.gastonoutside.com/gomonth for special deals and events throughout Gaston County!



The weather was perfect as people shopped dozens of art & craft vendors that lined the streets while live music filled the air from Crimson Rose Band. Children enjoyed the Kid Zone which included bounce houses, face painting, balloon twisting, and free games provided by sponsors and non-profit organizations.



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Holbrook Middle School hosted Lowell Community Night which featured the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Open House. Holbrook Middle School Band kicked off the evening with a short performance,

followed by a speaker from Tobacco Free Gaston on the negative uses of e-cigarettes on today's youth. Afterward, attendees visited stations that highlighted the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian plan as well as curriculum spotlight booths set up by Holbrook Middle, Brookside Elementary, and Lowell Elementary.



Lowell's first ever Touch a Truck event was a huge success. Hundreds came out to explore the many different vehicles including police, fire, medic, SWAT, trash, and more! The highlight of the Touch a Truck event was Med Air's helicopter landing at the event. Children had an opportunity to meet the crew and check out the inside of the helicopter.