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WELCOME CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR AND CITY CLERK/HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER

We would like to welcome Lisa Nolen to the City of Lowell, who was recently hired as the new Finance Director. Lisa attended Gardner-Webb University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. She has over 12 years of experience in local government accounting.



We would also like to welcome Cheryl Ramsey to the City of Lowell, who was recently hired as the new City Clerk/Human Resource Officer. Cheryl received her Masters of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Virginia Tech University, her bachelor's degree from Hampton University, and her Human Resources Certificate from CPCC. She has over 17 years of experience in local governments with an emphasis on internal organizational auditing.



SPRING EDITION 2022

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COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAM

The Lowell Police Department has started a Community Watch Program. The Police Department will host meetings quarterly for each of the six zones in Lowell. For a map of the zones, the upcoming meeting dates and locations: www.lowellinc.com/319/community-watch-program

INAUGURAL LOWELL CITIZENS ACADEMY GRADUATION

Congratulations to Cathy Johnson, Jack Frye, Norris Lamb, and JoAnna Fulbright- they are the graduates of the Inaugural Lowell Citizens Academy! This group has completed ten sessions with different department heads learning about how city government works and we were excited to honor them at January's City Council meeting!

The 2022 Citizens Academy will begin in September. Applications will be accepted from July 1 thru September 1.

For an application, please visit www.lowellinc.com or contact City Hall at 704-824-3518.



BLACKBOARD CONNECT

We want to keep you informed about water outages, holiday closures, trash/bulk pick-up changes, and community events! Create a free account on our Blackboard Connect Portal and you can choose your communication preference, whether it's a phone call, text message, or an email.

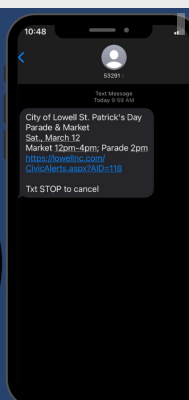
What is Blackboard Connect?

Blackboard Connect® is our City-to-Citizen communications service. With it, we can send periodic and personalized voice, text or e-mail messages to residents and businesses within minutes. The Blackboard Connect® service will be used to inform the citizens of Lowell of important emergency situations and public interests. With many in our community using a variety of home and mobile devices, MyConnect Portal will allow you to enter the best way to reach you, your family, or your business.

Your contact information is secure and will not be shared with anyone else. This service is only used to contact you for emergencies or public interests.

Sign up today! <https://92911204.bbcportal.com/Entry>

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KEEP YOU
CONNECTED!**



NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY AND RIVERFRONT PARK

Situated at 1602 North Main Street Lowell, NC is a retired dye plant that has not been in operation since 2004. This property has been an eyesore to the community since the former dye plant shut its doors. This 17.02 acre site boasts over 850 feet of frontage along the South Fork River and has over 25 abandoned structures from the previous dye plant. Residential neighborhoods are the predominant adjacent land uses, as well as Gaston County's Poston Park to the north.

On December 14, 2021 the Lowell City Council unanimously voted to receive donation of the property to pursue a brownfield redevelopment of the site. The architecture firm, Creech and Associates, was selected in the August of 2021 to perform the conceptual master plan for this site. This process involved a high-level rendering of what amenities and layout of the site could look like. The planned redevelopment of this site would include a new location for the City's Public Works Facility and many recreational amenities such as:

- Connection to the Carolina Thread Trail
- Outdoor classrooms
- Multiple playgrounds
- Amphitheater
- Obstacle courses
- Kayak launch
- Banquet hall
- Picnic shelters
- Skate park
- Walking paths
- Fishing pier, & more!



The City of Lowell has been working with a third-party environmental consultant, Mid-Atlantic Associates, for over 3 years to identify all environmental issues present on the site. The City has also utilized over 50 historical environmental reports from the property owner to determine the risk associated with this property. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) has been very active remediating the site over the past several years. The City of Lowell applied for a Brownfield Agreement with NCDEQ in order to bring this property back to life for a different use. The City of Lowell subsequently received a Letter of Eligibility (LOE) into the Brownfield program on November 16, 2021.

A "brownfields site" is an abandoned, idled or underused property where the threat of environmental contamination has hindered its redevelopment. The Brownfields Program is the state's effort to break this barrier to the redevelopment of these sites. Mid-Atlantic is an industry leader in Brownfield redevelopment. More than 500 sites around North Carolina have gone through with this process to redevelop these same types of properties. You have likely been to a brownfield site before and did not know. The US National White-water Center and the Bank of America Stadium are two local instances where brownfield sites were remediated and repurposed. Other regional examples include the Rocky Mount Event Center, Camden Center (Charlotte), Guilford Mills (Greensboro), Conover Station, Smith Property (Shelby), and many more.

More updates on this site to come.



CITY CALENDAR

April 2022

2 Litter Sweep, 9am, City Hall
 4 Bulk Item Pickup for Monday Trash Route
 5 Bulk Item Pickup for Tuesday Trash Route
 5 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
 6 Bulk Item Pickup for Wednesday Trash Route
 8 Eggs in the Park, 6pm, Harold Rankin Park
 12 Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
 14 Senior Easter Picnic, 12pm, Harold Rankin Park
 15 City Offices Closed (City Holiday)
 25 Community Committee Meeting, 6pm, City Hall

May 2022

3 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
 7 Mommy & Me Yoga, 10am, Harold Rankin Park
 10 Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
 23 Community Committee Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
 27 Memorial Day Service, 10am, Edgewood Cemetery
 30 City Offices Closed (City Holiday)

June 2022

4 Music in the Park, 7pm, Harold Rankin Park
 7 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
 14 Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
 27 Community Committee Meeting, 6pm, City Hall

City of Lowell

EGGS IN THE PARK

APRIL 8, 2022

6:00PM - AGES 2 AND UNDER
 6:30PM - AGES 3-5
 7:00PM - AGES 6-12

CITY OF LOWELL SENIOR EASTER PICNIC

12PM - APRIL 14 - HAROLD RANKIN PARK
 LUNCH | EGG HUNT | BINGO
 \$3 RESIDENTS | \$5 NON-RESIDENTS

RSVP REQUIRED BY APRIL 11 - CALL CITY HALL
 AT 704-824-3518, OPTION 1

2022 BULK ITEM PICK-UP DATES

April 4-6 | July 11-13 | Oct. 3-5 | Jan. 9-11

LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB

The Lowell Women's Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm at the Lowell Fire Department. Membership registration is open and all are welcome! For questions, please contact Candy Funderburk at (704) 678-0292.

Citizen's Guide to Stormwater

Tips for Reducing Stormwater Pollution

CHECK STORM DRAINS OFTEN

Locate the storm drains around your home and check them often. You can remove debris, leaves and trash from around the grate to prevent a blockage or litter ending up in the storm drainage system. Always keep yard waste out of storm drains and dispose of it properly. For major blockage or sediment building inside a storm drain, report it to the stormwater contact listed below.



IMPLEMENT NATURAL AREAS OR GARDENS AROUND YOUR PROPERTY

Specifically-designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground, which could prevent flooding. In addition, rain from rooftops or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into the storm drain, limiting stormwater runoff.



PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS

Bacteria, parasites and diseases from pet waste can be easily picked up by stormwater and washed into storm drains, ending up in our waterways without being treated. This poses public health concerns and impact areas of recreation. Cleaning up after your pet results in cleaner areas of recreation and safer waterways for all!



WASH YOUR CAR AT A CARWASH FACILITY

When you wash a car at home, all of the dirt, grime, and grease from your car washes down the driveway into the nearest storm drain. This runoff also contains chemicals and soaps, which are harmful to aquatic life. However, dirty water from commercial car washes goes to the sanitary system and is treated posing no harm.

Report Spills or Stormwater Pollution to the city's Stormwater Administrator at 704-824-3518

For more information, visit:
<http://lowellnc.com/248/Stormwater-Management>



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Recycling Center at Harold Rankin Park
 715 N. Main Street
 Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 12-6pm; Saturday 10-6pm





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