



# City of Lowell Newsletter

101 West First Street

www.lowellinc.com

## Message from the Mayor

Great things are happening in Lowell. The announcement of Sonic Automotive locating their call center here was great news. Their investment in Lowell and 500 jobs was the largest white collar job announcement in the history of Gaston County. If you are interested in applying for one of those jobs, please go to [jobs.sonicautomotive.com](http://jobs.sonicautomotive.com).



We were happy to learn that we were successful in our Community Development Block Grant Application. The City was awarded \$750,000 to provide assistance for housing repairs for low income residents in a specific target area. A portion of the grant money will be used for repairs to the community center. Once the city receives the grant guidelines from the State (probably this spring) we will begin to inform you of how to apply for the grant funds. We also applied for a grant to help pay for sewer line replacement and are awaiting the grant award announcements.

Be on the lookout for our new city website that will be launched March 1st. This site will be much more user friendly and will provide you with a one stop shop for all things Lowell. Communication with you, the citizen, will be greatly improved as you will be able to sign up for text or email alerts for the specific information that interests you.



## Welcome Sonic Automotive

We are happy to announce that Lowell is the new home to Sonic Automotive's new call center. 500 new jobs with an average wage of \$53,000 and \$11.2 million in additional investment on site. Pictured above is Lowell's Mayor Rayley and City Council along with Sonic Automotive CEO David Bruton Smith and Deputy Secretary Liz Crabill of the NC Dept of Commerce.

### CITY OF LOWELL

# FREEDOM FESTIVAL

MAY 24 - 25, 2019

HAROLD RANKIN PARK



## Freedom Festival is Back!

Children's rides, thrill rides, games, food, live entertainment, vendors, and more!

Harold Rankin Park  
Friday, May 24th 6pm-10pm  
Saturday, May 25th 1pm-10pm

Please check our website or our event page on facebook for more details on the event!



### Stay Connected with Us!

Our new website launches in March!

[www.lowellinc.com](http://www.lowellinc.com)

[www.facebook.com/lowellnorthcarolina](http://www.facebook.com/lowellnorthcarolina)

# POLICE DEPT.

The Lowell Police Department recently added some new vehicles to the fleet. An all-wheel drive Dodge Durango SUV, and two Dodge All-Wheel Drive Chargers. With all three of these vehicles being All-Wheel Drive, this will enable us to have more cars on the roads during adverse weather. We would also like to welcome aboard three new officers who filled existing vacant positions. Our new officers are; Jonathan Fulbright, Wayne Hollar and Sable Cranford. Ms. Cranford will be the first full-time female officer for the City of Lowell. We are excited to have these officers join the team.



# WELCOME



We would like to welcome Scott Attaway to the City of Lowell who was recently hired as the new Development Services Administrator. Scott is a graduate of Appalachian State University. We are excited to have his experience and knowledge in Lowell. For Questions about Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement contact Scott at [sattaway@lowellinc.com](mailto:sattaway@lowellinc.com)

## GOOD NEWS!



We are happy to announce that Lowell was awarded a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant from the NC Department of Commerce. The grant will provide assistant to eligible homeowners to make needed housing repairs. \$150,000 will go toward repairs to the Lowell Community Center. More information will follow about how to apply for these grant funds.

City of Lowell  
Flashlight Easter Egg Hunts  
Friday, April 12, 2019

**Harold Rankin Park**

6:15pm (Daylight) - 3 and Under Hunt (T-Ball Field)	7:15pm - 4-6 Years Hunt (T-Ball Field)
6:30pm-7:30pm - Easter Bunny Appearance	7:30pm - 7-12 Years Hunt (Baseball Field)

**Arbor Day Celebration**  
Sat., April 27, 2019  
10:00am  
Harold Rankin Park

**FREE Community Workshop**  
**Cooking with Fresh Herbs & Spices**  
Thursday, June 27, 2019 -10am  
Community Center  
Limited availability. Reservations required (704) 824-0099  
Instruction by NC Cooperative Extension

Lowell Parks and Recreation  
Youth Baseball Sign-Ups  
February 1 - March 1  
Ages 4-15  
Info: 704.824.0099

February 1 - March 1 - Youth Baseball Sign-Ups:  
\$50/Lowell Residents - \$65/Non-Lowell Residents  
Registration includes child's uniform. Full payment and registration form 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@lowellinc.com](mailto:ccummings@lowellinc.com)

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.  
Teams may fill up before the deadline.



# CITY OF LOWELL RECYCLING CENTER OPENS MARCH 12, 2019

Location: Harold Rankin Park  
Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 12pm-6pm; Saturdays 10am-6pm  
This site will be for Lowell residents only and monitored by an attendant to assist with placing your recyclables in the containers.



**RECYCLE OFTEN.  
RECYCLE RIGHT.™**



**RECICLE SEGUIDO.  
RECICLE BIEN.™**



## Always recycle:

## Recicle siempre:



**Food & Beverage Cans**  
Latas de alimentos y bebidas



**Plastic Bottles & Containers**  
Botellas y envases de plástico



**Paper**  
Papeles



**Food & Beverage Cartons**  
Cartones de alimentos y bebidas



**Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard**  
Cartón y cartulina aplastados



**Glass Bottles & Containers**  
Botellas y frascos de vidrio

## Do NOT include in your mixed recycling cart:

## NO incluya en su contenedor de reciclaje mixto:



**NO Food Waste**  
(Compost instead!)  
Residuos de comidas  
(¡úselos para compostaje!)



**NO Foam Cups & Containers**  
(Check Earth911.org for options.)  
NO asos y contenedores de poliestireno  
(Vea opciones en Earth911.org.)



**NO Plastic Bags & Film**  
(Find a recycling site at [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org))  
NO Bolsas y envolturas de plástico  
(Busque un sitio de reciclaje en [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org).)



**NO Needles**  
(Keep medical waste out of recycling. Place in safe disposal containers like Waste Management's MedWaste Tracker® box.)  
NO Agujas  
(No bote los residuos médicos en el reciclaje. Colóquelos en contenedores seguros como la caja MedWaste Tracker® de Waste Management.)

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**To Learn More Visit:**  
**Para más información, visite:**  
[RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com](http://RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com)

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RECYCLE RIGHT.™**



## Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



### NO Recyclables in Plastic Bags

Empty loose recyclables in bin but leave the plastic bag out.



### NO Food & liquids

Compost instead! Otherwise, it belongs in the trash.



### NO Electronics & Small Appliances

Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available. Check [earth911.com](http://earth911.com) for a local drop off site.



### NO Textiles, Bedding, Rugs & Carpet

Donate these items if they are in good condition. Large quantities may require special disposal.



Please join us at City Hall on March 28 from 6:00-8:00 pm to provide your input to the City's Pedestrian Plan. The Plan will address citywide pedestrian needs like gaps in the sidewalk, safer ways to cross the street, and better ramps at street corners. The Pedestrian Plan outlines issues and proposes solutions to problems for pedestrians with the ultimate goal being safe, easy, and convenient pedestrian travel. In addition, the Plan will promote a pedestrian friendly environment where public spaces, including streets and off-street paths, offer a high level of comfort, convenience, efficiency, and safety within the city.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

## March 2019

- 1 Last Day of Spring Youth Sports Registration, City Hall and [www.lowellInc.com](http://www.lowellInc.com)
- 5 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
- 7 Recreation Committee, 6:30pm, Community Center
- 12 Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall
- 25 Community Improvement Advisory Committee, 6pm, Community Center
- 28 Pedestrian Plan Public Input Meeting, 6-8pm, City Hall

## April 2019

- 2 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
- 4 Recreation Committee, 6:30pm, Community Center
- 9 Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall
- 12 Flashlight Easter Egg Hunts, 6:15pm-8:00pm, Harold Rankin Park
- 19 Good Friday, City Offices Closed
- 22 Community Improvement Advisory Committee, 6pm, Community Center
- 27 Arbor Day Celebration, 10am, Harold Rankin Park

## May 2019

- 2 Recreation Committee, 6:30pm, Community Center
- 7 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
- 14 Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall
- 24 Freedom Festival, 6-10pm, Harold Rankin Park
- 25 Freedom Festival, 1-10pm, Harold Rankin Park
- 27 Memorial Day, City Offices Closed

## June 2019

- 4 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
- 6 Recreation Committee, 6:30pm, Community Center
- 11 Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall
- 24 Community Improvement Advisory Committee, 6pm, Community Center
- 27 Community Workshop - Cooking with Fresh Herbs & Spices, 10am, Community Center (Reservation required)
- 30 Registration begins for Fall Youth Sports, City Hall and [www.lowellInc.com](http://www.lowellInc.com)



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City Website [www.lowellInc.com](http://www.lowellInc.com)  
Fire Department Website [www.lowellfd.com](http://www.lowellfd.com)



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