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**LUNCH IS READY: A DRIVE THRU EASTER LUNCH FOR SENIORS**

Thursday, March 25th- Drive thru pick-up between 11:30am and 12:00pm at the Community Center. Lowell senior citizens only. Delivery will be available to those in need. \$3 a plate. RSVP required by 3/19 by calling 704-824-3518, option 1.

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**2020 RECAP**

- 1 In-person Senior Luncheon
- 1 River Sweep Clean-up Event
- 1 Historical Recognition Ceremony
- 2 Collaboration Events
- 8 Drive-Thru Community Events
- 8 Virtual Contests, Programs, and Events
- 125 Seniors Participated in Luncheons
- 300 Kids Goodie Bags Distributed by Lowell PD
- 388 Pounds of Trash Collected at River Sweep
- 425 Attendees of the Reverse Parade
- 1,500 Goodie Bags Distributed by Lowell Fire Dept. on Santa Ride
- 5,750 Face Masks Distributed




WINTER EDITION 2021

**NEW CITY MANAGER**



The City of Lowell would like to welcome Scott Attaway into his new role as City Manager. Scott previously served as the City of Lowell's Planning Director and brings over 10 years of government and 10 years of private sector experience with him. Scott graduated from Appalachian State University and is also a recent graduate of Leadership Gaston. Scott is committed to helping make Lowell the best all-around community that it can be through community conversation and working with staff and City leaders to help make Lowell's strategic vision for the future a reality.

**NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR**



The City of Lowell would like to welcome Alex Blackburn, who was recently hired as the new Planning Director. Alex is a graduate of Appalachian State University. Alex has over 5 years of experience in working with local governments and we are excited to have Alex's knowledge and skills in Lowell.

**VALENTINE'S DAY SENIOR EVENT**

Instead of our traditional lunch, we are putting together goodie bags that we will be distributing drive-thru style on Friday, February 12 from 10am-11am at the Community Center. Spoiler alert: you can now represent your hometown of Lowell while shopping! The bags will be free and will be limited to City of Lowell senior citizens, age 60 and up. Delivery will be available to those that need it. Please call 704-824-3518, option 1 before 2/8 to reserve your bag!

**COVID-19 TESTING CLINIC**

Free drive-up COVID-19 testing on Monday, February 15 from 10am until 2pm at Harold Rankin Park.- Pre-registration is encouraged, call Kintegra Health at 704-874-3316. Traffic delays are also expected on N. Main Street during the clinic.

**YOU GOT EGGED!  
A HOME EDITION EASTER EGG HUNT**

During the week of Easter, Lowell Parks and Recreation will be delivering surprise filled Easter Eggs to kids' homes for ages 12 and under. Child must be a City of Lowell resident. Registration will be March 1st-22nd on the City's website or by calling City Hall at 704-824-3518, option 1. Mark your calendars now! Registration will be limited.

## STORMWATER SPOTLIGHT: VEHICLE MAINTAINENCE

Stormwater runoff is simply rainwater that does not soak into the ground, but runs off hard surfaces like paved streets, parking lots, sidewalks and rooftops. As stormwater travels, it can pick up pollutants along the way. This stormwater pollution enters our waterways and can be detrimental to water quality and aquatic life. The storm drainage system in Lowell is a network of storm drain inlets and underground pipes that carry stormwater from our streets directly to our streams.

Fluid spills and improper disposal of materials such as oil, grease, antifreeze, etc. during or after common maintenance shop activities may result in pollutants, heavy metals and toxic materials entering our waterways through the storm drain system, creating public health and environmental risks. For this reason, it is important to understand the ways in which the vehicle maintenance industry can aid in keeping our waterways clean through the following Best Management Practices (BMPs). BMPs are methods or activities that may help prevent stormwater pollution.



### VEHICLE MAINTAINENCE BMPs

- Designate wash pads or servic bays away from storm drains for engine, parts, or radiator cleaning.
- Do not wash or rinse parts outdoors.
- Connect shop floor drains to a pre-treatment system that removes grit and oil & grease before discharging to the sanitary sewer system.
- Never discharge cleaning solutions used for engines or parts into the storm drain, parking lot or street.
- Routinely inspect vehicles and equipment for leaks, including all vehicles entering the service area.
- Tightly contain and cover all solid and liquid wastes.
- Store antifreeze, oil and other chemical-containers within a confined area specifically designed for storing hazardous materials, such as a tank or drum.
- Use non toxic solvents whenever feasible.
- Regularly pick up litter and clear off storm drains on your property.
- Recycle used oil, oil filters, grease, antifreeze, etc., as well as car tires and batteries.
- Inquire about rules and regulations for pre-treatment systems within the City of Lowell.

## QUARTERLY BULK PICK UP INFORMATION

Lowell provides quarterly curbside collection at residential homes of items that are too large, heavy or bulky to fit in the City garbage cart for normal garbage pickup. Please keep in mind this program is intended for pick-up of customary residential items and is not intended for removal of commercial/contractor items or remnant items from home renovation projects. There will be no brush collection during Bulk Pickup Week.

4 times a year the City will pick up bulk items.

Schedule of Bulk Pickup (4 times per year)

- Your 1st collection day of March (\*beginning 2022)
- Your 1st collection day of June (beginning 2021)
- Your 1st collection day of September (beginning 2021)
- Your 1st collection day of December (beginning 2021)

Bulk items may be placed at the curb any time after 5 p.m. the day before your normal trash pickup day so long as they are out by 6:30 a.m. on your pickup day. Items that are placed at the curb outside of this time frame will be subject to a \$100.00 solid waste fine.

- Please DO NOT mix these items with limbs, leaves, or grass.
- Please DO NOT place any items in the street.
- Please DO NOT obstruct the sidewalk with items.
- Please DO NOT place these items on top of water meters or utility boxes.

Place items behind the curb and away from trees, parked vehicles, mailboxes or other obstructions.

Furniture: The City of Lowell will collect chairs, beds, mattresses and springs, sofas, bedroom/household furniture, and patio furniture.

Other Items: Disassembled swing sets, lawn mowers (drained of gas / oil), bikes, bagged trash, glass must be taped with the shape of a X (no windows), other bulky items.

E-Waste: Electronic waste is anything with a computer circuit board (cell phones, computers, radios, television, etc.). E-waste can be taken to all of the Gaston County Convenience/Recycling Centers. For more information, please call the Gaston County Recycling Hotline at (704) 922-7729.

Debris Resulting From Construction, Demolition or Repair: It shall be the duty of the property owner or contractor to dispose of debris resulting from the construction, remodeling, demolition, or repair of buildings. No material from land clearing will be picked up by the City.

The City does not pick up automobile parts, tires, batteries, paints and liquids, hazardous, toxic waste, or pool chemicals. This material must be taken to the Gaston County Landfill located in Dallas, NC.

Appliances: The City of Lowell does not collect appliances such as stoves, ovens, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, washers, dryers, air conditioners, trash compactors, and hot water heaters. North Carolina State Law now prohibits the dumping of appliances in landfills. This law also requires that businesses who sell appliances charge an appliance disposal fee to cover the cost of the appliance. Citizens are encouraged to allow the business selling the new appliance to dispose of the old one.

As a reminder, additional rollout carts can be ordered by calling City Hall. If you have more than a half pick-up truck load of debris that needs to be disposed of, you can request the use of the City's loaner dump truck. The City loaner truck is not to be filled with any debris from commercial contractors. You must have an active water account with us and a truck request form will need to be completed at City Hall.

For more questions about your bulk pick-up items, acceptable items, bulk waste quantities, pricing on additional roll-out trash carts, or loaner truck pricing, please call City Hall at 704-824-3518; option 1.

# CITY CALENDAR

## February 2021

- 2 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
- 9 Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall
- 12 Senior Citizen Goodie Bag Pickup, 10-11am, Community Center
- 15 Kintegra Health COVID-19 Testing, 10am- 2pm, Harold Rankin Park
- 15 Last day of Leaf Vacuuming
- 22 Community Committee Meeting, 6pm, City Hall

## March 2021

- 1 Easter Egg Hunt: Home Edition Registration Opens, www.lowellnc.com
- 2 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
- 9 Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall
- 22 Community Committee Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
- 25 Senior Drive-Thru Lunch, 11:30am-12:00pm, Community Center

## April 2021

- 2 Good Friday (City offices closed)
- 6 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
- 13 Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall
- 24 Arbor Day Shred It Event, 10am-12pm, City Hall
- 26 Community Committee Meeting, 6pm, City Hall

## YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

February 1- March 1

T-ball, Youth Baseball, & Adult Kickball  
Sign-up at [www.lowellnc.com](http://www.lowellnc.com) or at City Hall  
Questions: 704-824-0099

## SHRED IT EVENT

The City will be hosting a Shred-It event on Saturday, April 24 from 10am-12pm at City Hall. This event is only for secure PAPER document destructions. For questions about what can and can't be shredded, please visit our website or call City Hall at 704-824-3518, option 1.

## CITY HALL LIMITED ACCESS

Due to the rapidly increasing number of positive COVID-19 cases in Gaston County, City Hall is closed to the public until further notice. Payments may be made at the drop box at City Hall, by phone, or on our website at [www.lowellnc.com](http://www.lowellnc.com).

Thank you for your patience as we try to keep our employees healthy so that we can ensure that essential services will continue to be provided. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 704-824-3518 and press option 1.

## 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.



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The City of Lowell has a draft Stormwater Management Plan that is open for public comment now through February 28, 2021. For details, please visit: [www.lowellnc.com/248/Stormwater-Management](http://www.lowellnc.com/248/Stormwater-Management).

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program is mandated under the federal Clean Water Act. An NPDES MS4 permit is required for every MS4 owner or operator with jurisdiction in a U.S. Census Bureau designated Urbanized Area.

To obtain a NPDES permit for stormwater management, an applicant (i.e. the City of Lowell) shall develop, implement, and enforce a stormwater management plan approved by NCDEQ that satisfies the six "minimum control measures."

The City of Lowell has a MS4 Permit and because of that we must develop a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to be monitored and approved by North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that specifically addresses the following 6 minimum measures, often referred to as Best Management Practice (BMPs.)

The six minimum measures in the Lowell SWMP are:

- 1) Public Education and Outreach Program
- 2) Public Involvement and Participation Program
- 3) Illicit Discharge and Detection Program
- 4) Construction Site Runoff Control Program
- 5) Post-Construction Site Runoff Control Program
- 6) Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Program

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Recycling Center at Harold Rankin Park

715 N. Main Street

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

