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NEIGHBORS BY RING APP

Lowell Police Department would like to make the community aware of a free downloadable app called Neighbors by Ring. This particular app connects neighbors together with real-time safety information from your neighbors, local news sources, and public safety agencies. It's a great source to share updates and to keep our community both safe and informed. More Info: www.lowellinc.com/neighbors-app/

DYE PLANT UPDATE

The Council has awarded the demolition contract of select structures at 1602 N. Main Street (Formerly Yorkshire Americas) and we anticipate demo to begin in the Spring of 2023. We anticipate many concerns and questions from the community as we move forward and we want our communications to be out front at every stage of this project. NCDEQ has said that they would welcome any inquiries to:

Joselyn Harriger; Program Analyst for the Brownfields Redevelopment Section; Division of Waste Management; NC Dept. of Environmental Quality ; Joselyn.Harriger@ncdenr.gov

For more information on the project, please visit:
www.lowellinc.com/upcoming-riverfront-parks-and-public-works-facility



SPOTLIGHT ON LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was on January 9th but we think everyday should be National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day! We are particularly thankful for these men and women that work hard to ensure our city and neighborhoods are safe. Thank you Lowell Police Department!



BULK ITEM POLICY CHANGES

City Staff had been receiving numerous complaints regarding random items (i.e. couches, chairs, mattresses, etc.) being placed curbside outside of the scheduled free bulk collection timeframes. In an effort to clean up the City of Lowell efficiently and quickly, as well as offering an additional service to residents, City Council has approved a revision to the Lowell Code of Ordinances and updated the fee schedule. This new policy allows sanitation crews to pick up items on regular pickup days and bill the customer for the removal of those items in accordance with the new fee schedule. This new policy will also allow crews to pick up white goods, appliances, tires, and rims that do not qualify for free quarterly free bulk pick-up. Similar policies have been adopted by other jurisdictions, and they have noted their successes with keeping their cities clean.

Approved Addition to the FY 2022-2023 Adopted Fee Schedule

Electronics Curbside Collection	\$25 per item
White Goods/Appliances Collection	\$25 per item
Tires on Rim	\$8 per tire
Tires off Rim	\$5 per tire
Excess Household Trash ≤ 100 lbs	\$15
Excess Household Trash > 100 lbs	\$25

*Excess Household Trash above 300lbs will require heavy equipment removal and will be billed based off equipment costs.

CITY OF LOWELL BULK PICK-UP

2023 DATES

- JANUARY 9-11
- APRIL 3-5
- JULY 10-12
- OCTOBER 2-4

www.lowellinc.com/bulk-pickup

ARPA

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

What is ARPA?

The funding provided under ARPA provides a unique opportunity for state and local governments to make strategic investments in long-lived assets, rebuild reserves to enhance financial stability, and cover temporary operating shortfalls until economic conditions and operations normalize.

Federal guidelines allow revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent fiscal year prior to the emergency,

Restrictions on the uses of these funds include:

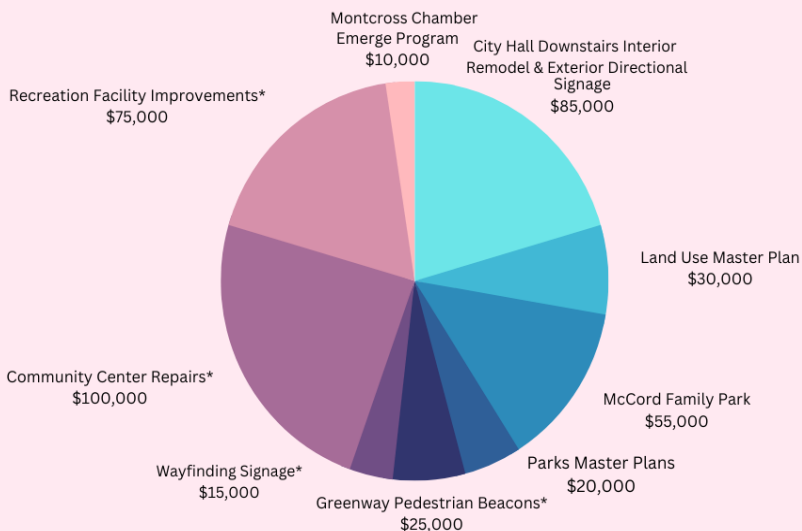
- Funds allocated to states cannot be used to directly or indirectly to offset tax reductions or delay a tax or tax increase;
- Funds cannot be deposited into any pension fund.

\$1,184,279.70
Total Funds City of Lowell Received

\$200,000.00
Amount City of Lowell Has Spent

\$215,000.00*

Amount City of Lowell has Allocated but Not Spent



18%

Allocated of Total Funds Received*
Updated as of 2/16/23

17%

Spent of Total Funds Received
Updated as of 2/16/23

Timeline Per Federal Guidelines

- May 2021 – City of Lowell received initial ARPA funding
- August 31, 2021 – Began annual financial reporting
- December 31, 2024 – All funds must be allocated
- December 31, 2026 – All funds must be spent

STORMWATER PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

What is an illicit discharge?

An illicit discharge is any substance that flows into storm drains that is not entirely made up of stormwater. Examples include car wash wastewater, gas and motor oil, cleansers, pet waste, solvents, and yard waste. Illicit discharges are most noticeable during dry weather. Examples of illicit discharge include unusual odors, suds, oily sheens, or unclear flowing liquids into storm drains or out of storm pipes.

Why is it a Problem?

Storm drains lead directly to local water bodies, untreated. Illicit discharges pose a threat to our drinking water supply and make the treatment process more difficult and expensive. Additionally, pollutants can be damaging to wildlife and negatively affect recreation.

How can I help?

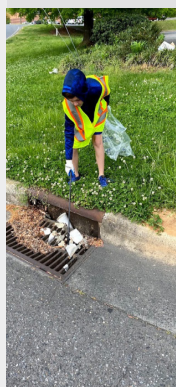
- Always dispose of trash properly. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle whenever possible. Lowell citizens can recycle materials at the City Recycling Center at Harold Rankin Park.
- Reduce use of fertilizer on yards. You can compost yard waste, then apply it to lawns and flower beds as a natural fertilizer.
- DO NOT dump yard waste into storm drains or onto creek banks. Lowell runs a weekly brush route for leaves, grass, and tree limbs. Check the city's public works webpage (<https://www.lowellnc.com/departments/public-works/>) for more information.
- Dispose of all paints, cleaners, household chemicals, and other hazardous household wastes properly. DO NOT pour down storm drains or household drains. Instead, take to the Gaston County Landfill at 3155 Philadelphia Church Road, Dallas, NC 28034.
- Clean up after your pet by using a scooper or plastic grocery bag. Be sure to seal the bag before putting it in the trash.
- Report any suspected illicit discharge, stormwater pollution, or other concerns at (704) 824-351. You can also report a stormwater concern through the Service Center which is located on the homepage of our website.



ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

Lowell

we all live downstream



CITY OF LOWELL

LITTER SWEEP

April 15, 2023 | 9am-12pm

HELP US BEAUTIFY THE STREETS OF LOWELL AND KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN!



REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

CITY CALENDAR

April 2023

- 3 Bulk Item Pick-Up for Monday Trash Routes
- 4 Bulk Item Pick-Up for Tuesday Trash Routes
- 5 Bulk Item Pick-Up for Wednesday Trash Routes
- 4 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
- 6 Senior Easter Lunch, First Baptist Church of Lowell, 11:00-11:25am- Drive-Thru | 11:30am- Dine-in
- 7 City Holiday (City Offices Closed)
- 11 Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
- 15 Litter Sweep, 9am, City Hall
- 24 Community Committee Meeting, 6pm, City Hall

May 2023

- 2 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
- 9 Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
- 20 BBQ Cookoff, 12pm, McCord Family Park
- 22 Community Committee Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
- 25 Memorial Day Service, 10am, Edgewood Cemetery
- 29 City Holiday (City Offices Closed)

June 2023

- 3 Music in the Park, 6pm, McCord Family Park
- 6 Planning Board, 6pm, City Hall
- 13 Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
- 26 Community Committee Meeting, 6pm, City Hall



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.



THANK YOU SPONSORS!

Thank you to Choice USA for purchasing food for Lowell veterans for the Lowell Community Committee's Veteran's Day lunch on November 5, 2022.



Thank you to the Shell Station Gas Station/QSC Food Mart on McAdenville Road for covering our seniors cost for the City of Lowell Thanksgiving Senior Lunch on November 17, 2022. Their employees also volunteered along side of the Lowell Community Committee members to help us put this event together. We'd also like to thank the Pharr YMCA for putting on a free chair yoga class!



PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY & DISABLED PUBLIC MEETINGS

Hear from Gaston County Tax Office on the different types of NC Property Tax Relief Programs and eligibility requirements.

Two Dates to Choose From:
 April 12th, 2023 at 6:00 pm
 April 28th, 2023 at 11:30 am
 Lowell City Hall
 101 W. 1st Street
 Lowell, NC 28098
 More info at WeValueGaston2023.com



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Public Works After Hours Emergencies		704.506.3146	
Police Non-Emergency Dispatch		704.866.3300	

Recycling Center at Harold Rankin Park

715 N. Main Street

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





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Lowell to McAdenville
1101 Catawba Run Road