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Leaf Truck Enhances Collection in City



The Cemetery and Grounds Division received an early Christmas present this year. A new leaf collection truck came in earlier than expected, just in time to help with the huge piles of leaves on City streets. This truck is different from trucks and vacuums that have been used in the past because the vacuum hose is operated by the driver from the comfort of the cab. There is no machine to be towed and operated by workers on the ground. A leaf crew can be reduced from three workers to one and eliminates the need to put employees at risk in heavy traffic, rain, ditches and harsh weather. It is much more efficient with its larger hauling capacity, eliminating the need to unhook and re-hook the vacuum prior to dumping. The leaves may be dumped without the driver leaving the cab. This truck will enhance leaf collection, better serving the residents of Burlington.

Get Your Family Motivated and Recycle

- ◆ Throwing away a single aluminum can versus recycling it is like throwing away six ounces of gasoline.
- ◆ The EPA estimates that 75% of what Americans throw in the trash could actually be recycled. Currently, only 25% is being recycled.
- ◆ Incinerating 10,000 tons of waste creates one job; landfilling 10,000 tons of waste creates six jobs; recycling 10,000 tons of waste creates 36 jobs.
- ◆ The aluminum can is 100% recyclable and can be used to make a new beverage can indefinitely, demonstrating recycling at its finest! "Every can, everytime!"
- ◆ Recycling 35 percent of our trash reduces global warming emission equivalent to taking 36 million cars off the road.

www.recyclingcurbside.com

Council Approves Water & Sewer Allocations

Proposed Water and Sewer Allocations from Burlington (Gallons Per Day)

Town of Elon	Current Allocation	Current Usage	Proposed Allocation
Water	1,000,000	700,000	1,600,000
Sewer			
East Plant	0	250,000	900,000
South Plant	0	525,000	700,000
Total Sewer	0	775,000	1,600,000
Town of Graham			
Sewer			
South Plant	900 Dwellings	200,000	500,000
Town of Haw River			
Water			
East Plant	1,100,000	500,000	1,500,000
Sewer			
East Plant	2,500,000	400,000	No change



Look for your 2006 sanitation holiday collection schedule in your current water bill.

Introducing Burlington's City Council



Stephen M. Ross, a Burlington native, was sworn into his first term of office on December 16, 1997. On December 2, 2003, he was sworn in as Burlington's mayor. Eager to serve the citizens of Burlington, Ross brings financial expertise and a strong sense of volunteerism to the job.

Ross graduated from Elon University in 1973 where he served a three-year term on the Elon University Alumni Executive Board. He attended graduate school at North Carolina State University. He has been in financial services since 1980 and is currently a Vice President and Financial Advisor with Citigroup/Smith Barney.

Ross is also an active volunteer and is currently a member of the Old North State Council of Boy Scouts Executive Committee, member of the National Eagle Scout Association and former member of the Eagle Scout Review Board and is a former Alamance District Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America. Ross earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1967. Ross is a former Alamance area President of the American Heart Association. Active in local government boards he is a member of the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments executive board, Vice-Chairman of Piedmont Triad Council of Governments, member of the executive board of Piedmont Triad Area Regional Transportation Board, member of the 2004 Transportation, Communications and Public Safety Committee of the North Carolina League of Municipalities and a member of the North Carolina Coalition of Mayors.

Mayor Ross would like to see more people get involved in government and non-profit organizations. His concern for his community stems partly from a desire to keep Burlington clean and safe for his own family. He and his wife have four daughters. Ross hopes that the City will be an attractive location for his children to raise their own families. Ross suggests that Burlington is challenged with problems associated with rapid growth, including traffic congestion and inability to provide services fast enough to meet demand. He is a strong proponent of regionalism seeking to find regional solutions to the many complex issues facing municipalities in today's environment.

With his family, profession, volunteer service, and position as Mayor, Ross may not have much time for recreation. He does enjoy many outdoor activities including camping, hiking, scuba diving and currently completing his private pilot certificate. He is an active member of St. Mark's Reformed Church.



Mark A. Jones is dedicated to "enhancing the quality of life of Burlington citizens at a reasonable cost." To this end, Mark served six years on the Recreation and Parks Commission, playing a key role in developing plans for the Aquatics Center, Tennis Complex and City Park renovation. He was elected to the City Council in 1995 and appointed Mayor Pro Tem in 2005.

Jones has a diverse and varied background. An Army veteran, he was in the Military Police Corps from 1972 to 1975. He graduated from Duke Divinity School and became an ordained United Methodist minister, working as a pastor for ten years, including his service as Associate Pastor of Front Street United Methodist Church in Burlington from 1979 to 1982. He graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law in May 1987 and has practiced law with the Burlington firm of Vernon, Vernon, Wooten, Brown, Andrews & Garrett, P.A., since then.

Jones and his wife, Cathy, have two children, Christopher and Nathan, and two grandchildren, Cameron and Landon. When not working or with his family, Jones likes to play golf and fish.

Asked about the challenges currently facing Burlington, Jones voiced concern that the City should continue to coordinate Burlington's growth services to provide Burlington citizens a high level of service at reasonable rates.



David R. Huffman became involved with City government at an early age, starting his first four-year term on the City Council in 1979 at the age of 24. He returned to the City Council in 1990, where he has served up to the present. Huffman holds two advanced degrees—a Master's in Public Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill and a Juris Doctorate from Mercer University. He has practiced law in Burlington since 1989.

When not at the law office or working on City Council matters, Huffman spends quality time with his wife, Robin, and two children, Landis and Reid. He also enjoys cycling and running.

According to Huffman, current goals for Burlington include development of the Greater Alamance Creek Sewer Outfall Line and controlling growth south of Interstate 85/40. He argues that the City should continue to use its zoning authority to maintain control and avoid haphazard growth in this area.



Donald C. Starling was recently elected to a four-year term on the Burlington City Council after serving two years of an appointed term. Starling is retired from Glen Raven Mills after 34 years of service. He was the Assistant Treasurer in the Accounting Department upon his retirement.

He served on the Planning and Zoning Commission with the City of Burlington since 1982. He was appointed secretary of the commission in 1985 and chairman in 1986 and served in that capacity until his appointment to the City Council in 2004.

Starling attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he majored in accounting. He and his wife Priscilla have four children and five grandchildren living in the area.



Ronnie K. Wall is the newest member to the Council. He was sworn into office in December 2005. Wall is a Burlington native and graduate of Hugh M. Cummings High School and North Carolina State University. He holds two graduate degrees – a Master's in Safety and Driver Education and a Master's in Educational Administration from A & T State University. Wall comes to the City Council with 26 years in the Alamance Burlington School System. Currently he is Assistant Superintendent of Facilities.

Wall grew up in east Burlington and wants to focus on revitalizing the area. According to Wall, current goals are to continue planning for controlled growth and improving communication between the Council and citizens. Enhancing the quality of life and providing services to residents at an affordable cost are also important to him. Challenging issues for the City are to control water, sewer and tax rates and improve retention of City employees.

Wall is married to the former Susan (Susie) Black of Greensboro, and they have two children, Ann Love and Maggie Love. When not spending time with his family he enjoys golf, running and landscaping. Wall is active in the community as well as involved in several state organizations. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Burlington.

Best wishes to Coach David L. Maynard for his 28 years of service to the citizens of Burlington. David is honored to have served his community and appreciates the support he has been given over the years. He is proud of the City and its accomplishments. He is especially proud of the employees and the job they do, working together for the good of the City.

