



110/112/114/116 East Water St

Investing in Smart Growth

City Council is taking bold steps to shape future growth in the downtown Central Business District. With a goal of attracting businesses that will add to the quality of life for residents and draw visitors, the City of Lincolnton launched an ambitious plan to redevelop 110 East Water Street into a full-service restaurant. The city purchased the building and council issued a Request for Proposals to identify a development partner with demonstrated success creating a restaurant that provides a high-quality, affordable, casual dining option in downtown. The requirements include a full commercial kitchen, open at least 6 days a week with a minimum of 100 seats. Ultimately, the city expects the selected development partner to purchase the building.

In a related decision, council also approved a Targeted Incentive Program as a catalyst to entice new or expanding full service restaurants to locate in downtown Lincolnton. The TIP offers up to \$200,000 with a 1:1 match as a declining forgivable loan. After a minimum of 5 years in operation, the loan would be 100% satisfied. For more information, contact the Lincolnton Planning Department, 704-736-8930.

Police Department

Police Headquarters

Construction of the new Police Department Headquarters is progressing on time and on budget. The interior demolition is completed and the electrical, plumbing and HVAC rough-in has started. Build-out for offices, work stations and public areas will be underway soon. The new headquarters is located on East Main at Flint Street, across from the current PD & all personnel will be in the same facility. Stay tuned for moving day in mid 2020!

Water Resources

Smart Meter Update

Lincolnton residents should start reaping the rewards of the city's investment in new smart water meters soon. Roughly 50% of the new meters have been installed with project completion expected before Christmas when every city residential water customer will have a new water meter.

The smart meter technology provides early water leak detection & usage monitoring to save water, and money, for residents.

Public Works

Leaf Season Starts 10/15!

Free curbside leaf pick-up service starts for residents on October 15 and continues through February 15. Residents just need to rake leaves to the curb for city crews to vacuum up. There are no set dates for pick-up and crews will monitor locations and order the vacuum truck as leaf piles are raked to the street.

PLEASE - NO limbs, twigs, mulch, debris or other materials, ONLY leaves so the public works vacuum truck equipment is not damaged.

NEW DOG PARK IN LINCOLNTON!

City Council has been listening to citizen requests and looking for the right opportunity to create a dog park for residents and their four-legged friends.

So when the opportunity to purchase property adjacent to the Rail Trail on Motz Avenue was offered to the city, council jumped on it. The property already has a city water line easement that needs to be protected. And the location at the south end of the Rail Trail near Betty G. Ross Park, with existing parking available on Motz Street, makes it an ideal place for a dog park.

The design calls for separate large and small dog areas, secure double gated entries, water and clean-up locations with benches and connecting paths. Look for a grand opening in late winter!



BGRoss Park Renovations!

After months of planning, grading, rearranging, building, planting and watering, the renovations at Betty G Ross Park are completed.

The ball fields have been moved to install three new regulation flag football fields with new lights & irrigation to support the fast growing NFL Flag Football program at Lincolnton Parks & Recreation. The River Launch & Fishing Pier have their finishing touches, including a new nature trail to connect both installations. New signage and wayfinding markers have been placed and final landscaping is completed. Congratulations to the City of Lincolnton Parks & Recreation Department on a job well done!

Come enjoy the fabulous amenities at Betty G Ross Park!!



New Zoning Map Tool

The Planning Department, in collaboration with Lincoln County GIS, has created a new interactive zoning map tool for residents to view property zoning information. The map is designed to help residents understand the different zoning districts that make up the Lincolnton Corporate City Limits and provide the uses and restrictions pertaining to each district.

Check it out on the [Zoning Department webpage](#).

EXPERIENCE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LINCOLNTON

Discover why visitors come to Lincolnton to celebrate the holiday season: shops filled with unique gifts and surprises, a beautiful 40' Christmas tree, and three weekends of holiday nights featuring Santa and carriage rides. Celebrate with us! Learn more at LincolntonNC.org/Christmas.

Main Street Paving Project

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is grading and repaving Main Street from Grove Street through downtown to General's Boulevard. After downtown is completed, the project will continue east all the way to the split at NC-150 and NC-27.

We have been working closely with NC-DOT to minimize the disruption and inconvenience to residents.

The contractor will be working on a block by block basis at night through downtown. Each block will be scraped overnight and then repaved the following night.

This is a long awaited project and there will be some inconveniences. But they will be worth it in the end when we have a freshly paved Main Street to enjoy.

The project should move quickly (depending on weather) & the goal is to complete downtown by the end of October.

Coming Up...

EXPERIENCE, EXPLORE, ENJOY LINCOLNTON, NC

- [Antique and Vintage Market Day](#) - Sat, Oct 12
- [Apple Festival](#) - Sat, Oct 19
- [Candy Land Downtown Open House](#) - Sat, Nov 9
- [Veterans Day](#) - Mon, Nov 11 (city offices closed)
- [Handmade for the Holidays](#) - Fri/Sat, Nov 22 & 23
- [Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting](#) - Sun, Dec 1
- [Candy Land Christmas Nights](#) - 3 weekends / Dec
- [Breakfast with Santa](#) - Sat, Dec 7
- [Miracle on 34th Street](#) - Fri/Sat/Sun, Dec 6-8 & 13-15
- [Nutcracker Ballet](#) - Fri/Sat, Dec 13-14

The [Calendar of Events](#) on the city website is the best source for accurate, up-to-date calendar listings.

