

Louisburg Speaks

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City Administrator Nathan Law's family moved to Louisburg just in time for a visit with Santa Claus last year. Posing with Santa are, from left, Edith, Ivy, Atticus and Emerson.



Santa Claus is coming to City Hall!

Calling all kids! Make sure you are on your best behavior because Santa Claus has called City Hall staff to let us know he plans to stop in Louisburg for a visit before Christmas.

Santa said he's very busy this year making lots of presents for good girls and boys but said Louisburg is a very special place, and he wants

to come visit again this year.

Santa will arrive Sunday, Dec. 4 and plans to be at City Hall between 4-6 p.m. Kids should get those lists ready for a visit with Santa.

A special Santa mailbox will be set up at City Hall after Thanksgiving so kids or their parents can drop off those letters to Santa anytime.

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Grab your shades!

Our future looks so bright we may have to wear shades. That may be an old cliché but fits what is currently happening in the City of Louisburg. The city is undergoing exciting changes.

We are planning for the future by developing a 20-year comprehensive plan that will help direct the city's growth and are in the beginning stages of building a waste water treatment plant. New businesses are finding Louisburg an attractive place to set up shop. City officials are exploring ways to add needed sidewalks around the city and a stoplight at Metcalf and Amity St. is targeted to be completed next summer. Louisburg continues to be an amazing city with growing potential, but believe it or not, these are not the only reasons our city's future looks so bright.

During the last few weeks, I have had the opportunity to talk to groups of elementary students and Cub Scout groups about what the city government means and what it looks like locally. These young people were attentive, inquisitive and excited to learn about our city and how local government works. This, along with the fact that our high school band will be one of the select few bands in the Rose Parade in 2018, makes me swell with pride when I realize that this is our city and this is our future. These individuals are the future leaders of our great city and I'm telling you Louisburg's future looks so bright you might need shades.

Mayor's Minute



What do you think?



More than 500 ballots were returned answering the City's call if the community wanted Broadway to be a one-way street or remain open to two-way traffic between Amity and South Third streets.

That is a terrific response rate and your time and effort is appreciated.

Two-way traffic was the favorite by far with 443 ballots cast by the residents. One-way traffic received 93 ballots.

The City Council will take the public feedback as well as the Downtown Committee's input under advisement as it makes the final decision about what direction traffic should flow on Broad-

way as street and sidewalk improvements begin next spring.

There are currently 82 parking spaces on Broadway between Amity and South Third streets. After the improvements, if Broadway remains two-way, there would be 46 spaces with angled parking on the west side of the street and parallel parking on the east side. If Broadway were converted to one-way, there are 61 spaces planned with angled parking on both sides of the street.

The improvements will correct storm water run-off, fix sidewalks and allow for ADA access to buildings and provide green space downtown.

Yes, snow is coming... someday

It's hard to believe with the 70- and 80-degree temperatures in late October and into November, but winter will be here before we know it and that could mean Louisburg will get its fair share of snow.

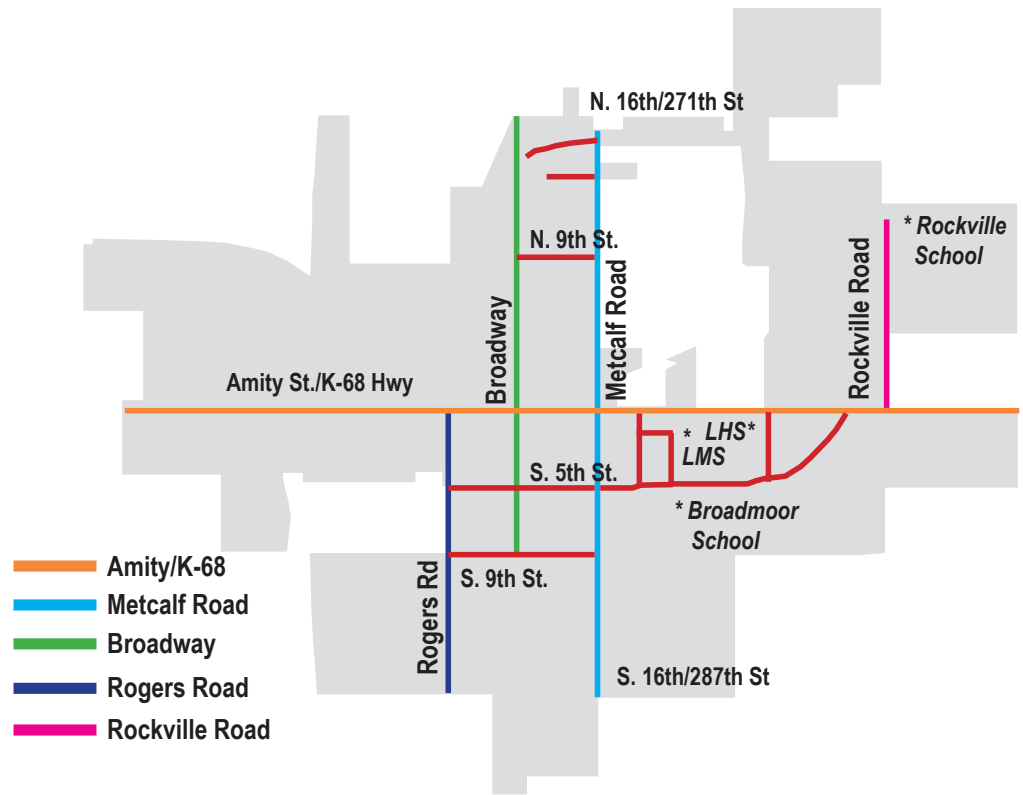
It takes about 2 inches of snow before city crews will begin plowing the streets, according to Craig Hufferd, public works supervisor. Crews can also be called if police officers think conditions have deteriorated for roads to become unsafe.

Streets that are plowed first generally include major routes to and around the schools. The City and Miami County jointly clear snow on Rockville Road from the highway north to the elementary school, Hufferd said. The County maintains Metcalf Road while the State Department of Transportation is responsible for K-68/Amity Street through town.

City crews also clear and treat all the intersections exiting onto Metcalf Road and Amity Street.

The City has five plow trucks and three salt/sand spreaders to aid in the snow removal and street treatment, he said.

"We watch the weather closely and if ice is forecast, we try to pretreat the streets. We will also treat streets when the snow gets packed down and we can't plow



These are the priority routes for clearing snow from City streets.

them. We use three-part street sand and one-part street salt," Hufferd said.

"I would like to remind everyone that if there is a possibility of any snow or ice to please not park on the side of the road. This makes it harder for us to effectively plow the streets and will save you from having snow piled by your vehicle."

After the priority streets are cleared, Hufferd said crews will begin working on all other public streets.

City residents offered disposal option for Christmas trees

City residents can take advantage of the City's brush/burn pile to dispose of their natural Christmas tree or wreath after the holidays.

Residents are asked to remove all decorations including any tinsel from

the tree before taking it to the brush pile. Any wires or hooks should be removed from wreaths before disposal.

The brush pile is a benefit to City residents and only brush and tree limbs should be dumped there. No fall

leaves or grass clippings should be taken to the brush pile.

The brush pile is located just south of the City shop located at 29146 S. Rogers Road.

Getting to know the..... Fire Dept.



A dedicated team of about 22 volunteer fire personnel keep Louisburg and the rural community safe from fires and assist in emergency medical treatment, according to long-time Fire Chief Paul Richards. Volunteers conduct training twice a month at the local fire station located at 205 S. Metcalf. Richards says the crew responds to about 250-260 calls a year.

The busiest time for the crew is during the spring when grass fires get out of control. That's followed by car and house fires in the summer when temperatures rise, then grass or leaf fires in the fall and then again house fires during the winter months.

The crew also serves as first responders if the ambulance, which is also housed at the fire station, is out on assignment.

The City has four fire units, which includes the chief's vehicle. Rural Fire District No. 1 has six trucks with a seventh truck on order and to arrive by year's end.

The rural fire district includes all rural areas outside the county's municipalities.



Several members of the Louisburg Fire Department pose for a photo on the back of a fire truck. Halloween on Broadway as seen from the fire department's ladder truck.