

# City Page

NEWS & INFORMATION FROM THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE

## At Your Service

**Q:** My wife and I recently moved into a newly constructed home in an older neighborhood. Unfortunately at our end of the street, there are no existing streetlights, and we would like the City to install one for safety and security reasons. How do I begin the request process?

**A:** The installation of an individual streetlight involves a simple process. Complete a streetlight request form from the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT). The form is available through the A-Z index of services at [cdot.charmeck.org](http://cdot.charmeck.org) or by calling 311. Specify the location for the streetlight on the form and **obtain a signature from each property owner within 75' of that location.** This usually includes your next door neighbor and the home(s) directly across the street. When the completed form is returned, CDOT will authorize Duke Power to schedule the installation. You will receive a copy of the authorization letter to Duke Power and you can expect installation of your streetlight in approximately six weeks.

## City Holiday Schedule

- City of Charlotte offices will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26.
- Solid Waste crews will collect garbage and recyclables on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26.
- CATS buses and shuttles will operate on a Sunday schedule on Christmas Day (Sunday), December 25 and Monday, December 26. Express service will not operate on either of these days.
- Call 311, if you need any assistance during the holiday hours.



Thursdays  
at 5:30 p.m.

**Straight from the Source.** Tune into this weekly news show with local anchor **Suzette Rhee** as she provides you the latest on City government happenings and issues.

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## City committed to trash clean-up

# Tips to help reduce roadside litter

Trash has piled up recently, especially along State-maintained roads, interstates and ramps. While the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) maintains areas on state roads, expressways and interstates, City crews are responsible for city streets. A state road usually has a number, such as Independence Boulevard (US 74), Tryon Street (HWY 49) or Pineville-Matthews Road (HWY 51). For more information, call Keep Charlotte Beautiful (KCB) at (704) 336-6399 or NCDOT at 1-877-DOT-4YOU (1-877-368-4968).

“We take a short, intermediate and long-range planning approach to cleaning city-maintained streets,” said Brandi Williams, City of Charlotte Solid Waste Services. “For example, we clean some streets like Central Avenue and Clanton Road every 2-3 weeks, while we may clean streets like Alleghany, Old Concord and Kilborne every 8-12 weeks.” The level of service is based on conditions of the area.

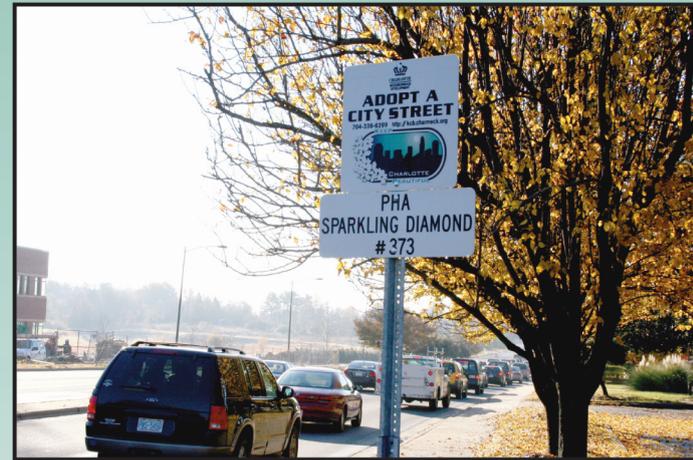
Some groups like Keep Charlotte Beautiful are advocating citizens become more active in reducing litter along our roadways. “We have to take a preventative approach and stop litter before it starts, otherwise we can plan on living with it,” said Mike Spinelli, chairman of the Keep Charlotte Beautiful (KCB) Committee. “Government and volunteer groups will never have enough resources to continuously pick up litter, by that time it’s too late anyway. The KCB committee is a city appointed volunteer group that works with Neighborhood Development and other City departments to maintain and improve the City’s appearance.

**Keep a litterbag inside your vehicle** instead of tossing trash out the window.

**Properly secure loads.** If you drive a truck, ensure loads are properly secured to ensure debris doesn’t fly out during travel.

**Report litter or litter bugs.** If the offense takes place on a State road, you may call NCDOT at 1-877-DOT-4YOU (1-877-368-4968), or you may report the offender online at [http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/dp\\_chief\\_eng/roadside/Beautification/Litterbug/](http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/dp_chief_eng/roadside/Beautification/Litterbug/). For City streets, call 311 if you see excessive roadside trash.

**Adopt a Street.** Keep Charlotte Beautiful sponsors an Adopt-A-City Street program. Groups or individuals may identify a specific roadside area and commit to cleaning that area at least four times a year. NCDOT offers a similar program for State highways. For more information, visit [kcb.charmeck.org](http://kcb.charmeck.org) or call (704) 336-6399. For the State’s Adopt-A-Highway Program, call 1-800-331-5864.



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## 2005-2007 Charlotte City Council

The 2005-2007 Charlotte City Council poses for its first group photograph after the Oath of Office Ceremony on Monday, December 5. Council members include (front row left to right) Patrick Mumford (At-Large), Anthony Foxx (At-Large), Mayor Pat McCrory, Mayor Pro Tem Susan Burgess, John Lassiter (At-Large), (back row left to right) Don Lochman (District 7), Warren Turner (District 3), Nancy Carter (District 5), Patsy Kinsey (District 1), Michael Barnes (District 4), James Mitchell (District 2) and Andy Dulin (District 6).



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