

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager 

DATE: June 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A letter from Senator Donald G. Davis congratulating the City of Greenville on being the recipient of the Brownfields Grant
2. A letter from Anthony Cannon, General Manager/CEO of Greenville Utilities, regarding the temporary conversion to chlorine for water treatment beginning June 19, 2017
3. A memo from Ben Griffith, Community Development Director, regarding neighborhood liaison activities

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Attachments



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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Miss Barbara Lipscomb  
200 West Fifth Street  
Greenville, NC 27835

Dear Miss Lipscomb,

It brings me great joy to congratulate you and your colleagues in the City Manager's Office, the Office of Economic Development, and the City Council on your collaborative efforts as the recipients of the Brownfields Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the city of Greenville. The Office of Economic Development has continued to help local businesses and start-ups grow, providing avenue for many to work towards increasing the social welfare and prosperity of the city and its residents.

I am pleased that this grant will support brownfield site revitalization in order to help local governments redevelop vacant and unused properties, as well as provide assistance to businesses in overcoming financial and environmental barriers to development. I am confident these initiatives will ultimately transform communities and the local economy. I am also pleased this grant supports the completion of critical environmental assessments. I believe the completion of environmental assessments is vital to ensuring that commercial land development and the construction of new properties do not pose health and environmental risks.

Thank you for your hard work and service to the great city of Greenville, North Carolina. It is an honor to represent Pitt County and continue to help local leaders carry out their vision for its residents and the great of state of North Carolina. Congratulations again and best wishes on the successful completion of your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Davis





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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

June 12, 2017

Ms. Barbara Lipscomb  
City Manager  
City of Greenville  
Post Office Box 7207  
Greenville, North Carolina 27835

Dear Barbara:

In December 2002, Greenville Utilities changed the disinfectant used in our drinking water from chlorine to chloramines, which is a mixture of chlorine and ammonia. This change was made to improve drinking water quality and meet new federal/state drinking water regulations. Chloramines are an effective disinfectant and also reduce the level of byproducts that are regulated by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

State drinking water guidelines recommend that water systems using chloramines periodically switch back to free chlorine (chlorine alone) for a period of time. The temporary use of chlorine will ensure that a high level of disinfection is maintained throughout the water distribution system.

Attached is a news release that we plan to distribute to the local media in reference to our conversion to chlorine as a disinfectant in our water treatment process. I'm providing this information to you in the event you feel it is appropriate to inform any members of your staff and/or town officials before the conversion, which begins June 19 and continues through July 31. In addition to the news release, our Public Information Officer has prepared other communications to inform the public of the conversion.

If I can provide further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Anthony C. Cannon  
General Manager/CEO

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## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **GUC: Temporary Conversion to Chlorine**

Beginning June 19 and continuing until July 31, Greenville Utilities will temporarily change the disinfectant used in the water treatment process. GUC will be using chlorine rather than chloramines during this period of time.

Since December 2002, GUC has used chloramines, a mixture of chlorine and ammonia, as the disinfectant in its water treatment process. "Chloramines are an effective disinfectant and also reduce the level of byproducts that are regulated by the US Environmental Protection Agency," said Randy Emory, Director of Water Resources. "State drinking water guidelines recommend that water systems using chloramines periodically switch back to free chlorine (chlorine alone) for a period of time. This brief, scheduled change in disinfectant is a standard water treatment practice to keep water mains clean and free of potentially harmful bacteria throughout the year." GUC last switched to chlorine from June 20 through August 1, 2016.

During the temporary switch to free chlorine, customers may notice a slight change in the taste or smell of their tap water. The mild chlorine taste and smell is normal and poses no health risk. Most customers will not need to take any precautions as the water remains safe to drink and is treated according to both state and federal standards. People and businesses that normally take special precautions to remove chloramines from tap water, such as dialysis centers, medical facilities and aquatic pet owners, should continue to take the same precautions during the temporary switch from chloramines to free chlorine.

For additional information, please go to [www.guc.com](http://www.guc.com) or contact GUC at 551-1551.

# Memorandum

**To:** Merrill Flood, Assistant City Manager

**From:** Ben Griffith, Community Development Director *Ben*

**Date:** June 12, 2017

**Subject:** Neighborhood Liaison Activities

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Since her start with the City on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> of this year, Neighborhood Liaison Christi Williamson has thrown herself into her duties. Not only has she provided staff support to the Neighborhood Advisory Board, she has been familiarizing herself with the area's community garden and urban food production systems, immersed herself in learning the neighborhoods around the City and actively recruited and begun to organize new neighborhood associations. Ms. Williamson has attended several neighborhood association meetings, seasonal picnics and participated with City Code Enforcement staff in the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Intergenerational Community Center in West Greenville.

Ms. Williamson's law enforcement background has allowed her to work easily with the Greenville Police Department (GPD) in their various community outreach programs, attending neighborhood meetings, often with one or more patrol officers assigned to that particular neighborhood. She has met with several of the Lieutenants in their respective zones to see where she can best be utilized to assist the officers in their community outreach and organizational efforts. Ms. Williamson also attends various informational update meetings with GPD and other City personnel and will soon be attending training to become certified in CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) to further assist residents in the community.

At all of the various neighborhood association meetings and other community events she has attended, Ms. Williamson has introduced countless residents to the "City Compass App" which allows residents to self-report potholes, broken streetlights and other issues to the City. She will often help residents install the app on their smartphones and show them how to use it, providing a hands-on demonstration for everyone within earshot. By empowering the residents, Ms. Williamson feels that they become more involved in their neighborhoods which helps to build stronger communities. One of her primary tasks at present is updating of the City's neighborhood directory with current membership, contact info and by-laws. As she learns which neighborhoods are organized and which ones are not, Ms. Williamson will be able to concentrate her efforts at helping to establish new neighborhood associations and helping to strengthen weaker ones. Be sure to look for her at your next neighborhood association meeting!

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Neighborhood Liaison Christi Williamson at (252) 329-4228 or [cwilliamson@greenvillenc.gov](mailto:cwilliamson@greenvillenc.gov).