Edition #41 AUGUST 2025

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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Join us for National Night Out! This event is FREE and open to the public and will feature live music, food, raffles, and fun activities for all ages. Come out and help build stronger connections between neighbors and local law enforcement!

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Big things are coming to the Marietta Street Corridor! The City has launched a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) study to create a plan that brings real change to the community, and we need your input!

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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A lot is happening in our community this summer! Don't forget you can reserve the Block Party Trailer or Movie in a Box for your next neighborhood event.. Plus check out upcoming programs at the library and museum!

GASTONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS A COMMUNITY EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FREE EVENT

Gastonia First
Assembly of God

Located at 777 S. Myrtle School Rd.

Tuesday Aug 5th from 6pm-8pm



Live Music - Food - Raffles - Vehicle Tours - Fun Games - DJ - Much More!

For more information: (704) 866-6702

Sponsored by:

Gastonia City Police Department Gastonia Police Foundation



Educate. Engage. Empower.

Public Hearing

Join us — virtually or in-person — for a vital conversation about HUD federal housing grants in Gastonia. Together, we'll align on what matters most and chart a path toward meaningful success. Your voice matters~ Be part of the change.



PUBLIC HEARING #1 Monday, August 4, 2025 5:30 pm



call-in #: 1-650-479-3208

WebEx Meeting code: 2535 886 4605

Virtual attendees may log-in by entering the meeting code at https://signin.webex.com/join

FY2024 CAPER

Year-end report that outlines HUD activities for 2024-2025 year.

HOME-American Rescue Plan Amend budget to add additional HUD funds for homelessness.

FY2019-2025 Annual Action Plan: Reprogram unused CDBG and HOME funds.

Public Comment Period Friday 08/01/2025 to Mon 09/01/2025

PUBLIC HEARING #2

Monday, August 25, 2025 5:30 pm

call-in #: 1-650-479-3208

WebEx Meeting code: 2530 631 7368



For More Information https://gastonianc.gov



Meeting location Gastonia City Hall 181 S South Street Gastonia, NC 28052



(704) 866-6758 (704) 866-6745

YOU'RE INVITED

MARIETTA STREET CORRIDOR Community Visioning Session

Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 P.M. at the Gaston Public Library Auditorium located at 1555 E Garrison Blvd, Gastonia, NC 28054

Why is this important?

Your voice helps shape the future. The Marietta Street Corridor has the opportunity to be reimagined for the entire community. With your input, the City of Gastonia can invest where it matters most.

How can I help?

Get involved and share your ideas. Your ideas help shape the strategy that guides on-the-ground change.





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Scan to Share Your Thoughts!

The City of Gastonia is developing a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Plan for the Marietta Street Corridor to guide investments in housing, safety, infrastructure, and economic opportunity. Your voice matters—take a few minutes to complete our survey and help identify the improvements that matter most to you. Your input will directly influence the priorities and actions in this community-driven plan.

Your feedback matters! Take a moment to let us know your thoughts by scanning the QR code below.



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Scan the QR Code 2

Answer a Few Quick Questions 3

Submit Feedback





BRING YOUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

Movie in a Box & Block Party Trailer FREE for Recognized Communities

Planning a neighborhood event?

Our Movie in a Box and Block Party Trailer are available at no cost to officially recognized communities!

They're perfect for block parties, outdoor movie nights, neighborhood celebrations, and any event that brings your community together.













Did you know? You can file a Police Report online!

When to use On-Line Reporting:

- Harassing Phone Calls
- Fraud (exception of Embezzlement)
- Lost Property (except guns and passport)
- Shoplifting (suspect NOT in custody)
- Theft from a Vehicle
- Vandalism
- Damage to a Vehicle





To begin the reporting process scan the QR code or visit: <u>GastoniaPD.org</u> and click <u>Online</u> <u>Citizens Reporting System</u> under quick links.

When including videos, keep to under 1 minute

Should any issues arise with uploading documents or a video, please email them to coplogic@gastonianc.gov You must provide a case number in order for the documents and/or video to be attached.

BACK/SCHOOL

TEACHER SUPPLY GIVEAWAY





In Partnership with:

Supporting Today's **TEACHERS** for Tomorrow's **FUTURE**



Mount Zion **Restoration Church**



Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry



City of Gastonia Police

LOCATION:

2311 Crescent Ln Gastonia, NC 28052



Community Advocate 101 Black Men Sierra Hall



For Highland



Other People's Souls

READY, SET, GROW

A COMMUNITY BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2025 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM EASTRIDGE MALL

Learn More



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GET READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL WITH US!

https://bit.ly/ReadySetGrow2025



CaroMont Health













ST. PETER'S TABERNACLE BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 · 11AM - 6:30PM EDT. DOORS AT 10AM 911 NORTH YORK STREET GASTONIA, NC 28052



JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY AS WE CELEBRATE HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL.
THERE WILL BE GAMES, FOOD, MUSIC, AND MORE! DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS
EXCITING IN-PERSON EVENT WHERE YOU CAN MEET NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE A
BLAST BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR KICKS OFF. SEE YOU THERE!

AGENDA

PRE-REGISTRATION - 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

LUNCH WILL BEGIN BEING SERVED 12:30 PM - 4:30 AM

SUPPLIES WILLL BE HANDED OUT - 12:30 PM - 6:00 AM

BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY - 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

WANT TO KNOW HOW YOUR CITY WORKS?

JOIN THE MUNICIPAL CITIZENS' ACADEMY!

A behind-the-scenes experience of your local government. Open to Gastonia residents ready to learn, connect, and make a difference.

What You'll Experience:

- · Learn how your city runs
- · Meet city staff & leaders
- · Behind-the-scenes city tours
- · Discover how to get involved

When:

- · January June 2026
- · 2 Mondays a month
- · 6:00 8:00 PM

APPLY TODAY!



Questions?

Contact Karely Chavez Karely.Chavez@gastonianc.gov (704)-866-6907

https://www.gastonianc.gov/ municipal-citizens-academy



FALL GARDENING

Gardening season doesn't end with summer. Come learn about growing through fall and winter. All ages welcome.



Saturday August 9, 2025
11 AM
Gaston County Public Library
1555 E Garrison Blvd
Carol K Reinhardt Auditorium
https://gastonlibrary.org

NC STATE

EXTENSION

Master Gardener | Gaston County



TECH 101 Series

MICROSOFT WORD Basic Skills

Essential Word Skills for Work and Life.



When? Where?



Main Branch Library, Auditorium 1555 E. Garrison Blvd. Gastonia NC. 28054

Intended for Adult Learners

What to Expect:

Want to get more comfortable using Microsoft Word? This beginner-level session will walk you through the essentials—from creating and formatting documents to saving, printing, and adding simple elements like images and tables. Perfect for anyone looking to build confidence and boost their Word skills!

For More Information

704.868.2164

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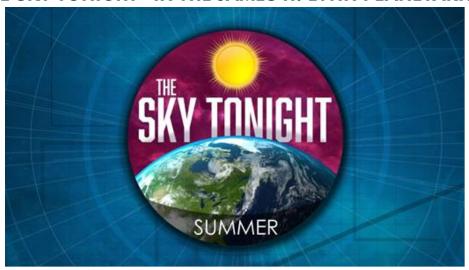
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SCHIELE MUSEUM

"THE SKY TONIGHT" IN THE JAMES H. LYNN PLANETARIUM



SHOWING DAILY AT 1:30 PM

Recommended for all ages. Find your way around the summer night sky TONIGHT. Discover the stars, planets, and other celestial objects you can see from your own backyard!

JUST \$5 PER PERSON



SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 10 AM - 4 PM

DID YOU HEAR THE BUZZ? THE SCHIELE IS CELEBRATING THE WILD AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF INSECTS, ARACHNIDS, AND EVERY BUG IN BETWEEN!

FEELING BRAVE? DON'T MISS THE BUG EATING CONTEST!

GET DETAILS AT HTTPS://WWW.SCHIELEMUSEUM.ORG/SCHIELE-NEWS/BUG-DAY/DISCOUNTED TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE IN ADVANCE.



SANTIAGO DE SURCO, PERU

- Explore museums, cathedrals, tour Cusco, ride a train to Machu Picchu, learn about the history of Peru, taste traditional foods and barter in markets
- Enjoy a homestay with a Peruvian family, attend school with your host student and experience the sites and sounds of our sister city.

\$2,400-2,700

*HIGHER COST DUE TO MULTIPLE FLIGHTS



GOTHA, GERMANY

- Travel by trains and trams to small villages, museums, castles and a concentration camp.
 Experience medieval history and modern marvels.
- Partnering with our sister school, you will stay with a host family and enjoy traditional meals and customs on weekends and after day trips.

\$1,900-2,100

INFORMATION

- Travel 10-12 days in early June, housing and most meals included, full itinerary is provided by hosting country
- · Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors can apply
- Q+A Session Sept 8,
 Public Library Auditorium, 6 pm
- Applications due by October 1st 2025
- Enjoy sharing our culture with exchange students from Germany or Peru in Fall 2026



LEARN MORE & APPLY



