

## Meeting Schedule

**Board of Aldermen Board of Aldermen Work Session** June 25 Redevelopment Commission June 12 **Stanley White Advisory Committee** June 18 Historic Preservation Commission June 19 Municipal Service District Work Session\* June 20 Planning & Zoning June 20 **Board of Adjustment** June 27

Meetings subject to change or cancellation based on quorum requirements or lack of business.

\*Municipal Service District meetings are now being held at the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce, 316 S. Front Street

### Community Cleanup June 13, 3-4pm Amhurst Blvd.



Meet us at the ballfield parking lot next to West New Bern Recreation Center (1225 Pine Tree Dr.) as we "Keep New Bern Clean" on Thursday, June 13 along Amhurst Boulevard. We'll gather for a safety brief, then grab safety vests, bags, gloves & trash pickers for our litter cleanup. The "Keep New Bern Clean" program is an annual campaign to reduce litter & encourage recycling & proper trash disposal.



## This Month!

Friday, June 7 at 6:30pm Union Point Park:

> Thurston Howell Band (Yacht Rock)

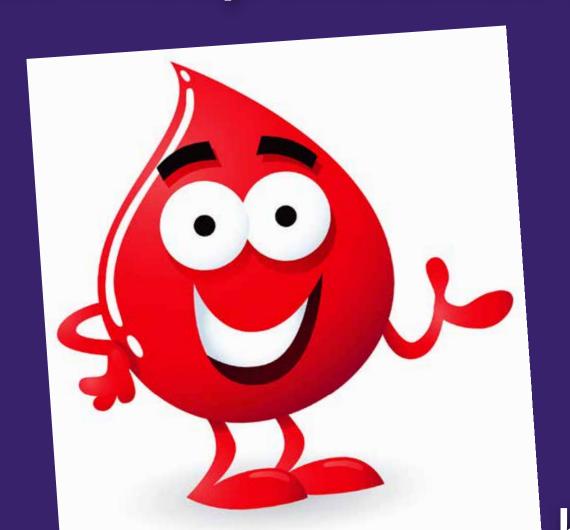
Friday, June 21 at 6:30pm

Union Point Park: (Jimmy Buffett Tribute)

## SAVE THE DATES!

June 11 & 25 4th of July Celebration Thursday, July 4th Lawson Creek Park

> Yes, we're hosting fireworks this year & a festive 4th of July celebration including live music, activities for the kids & more! Follow us on Facebook @cityofnb for special announcements about our annual Independence Day event.



United Badges Blood Drive Thursday, July 18 **Knights of Columbus** (1125 Pine Tree Drive)

Help us save lives & replenish blood banks with the American Red Cross at our

United Badges Blood Drive on July 18. Appointments are available by visiting www.redcrossblood.org, typing in your zip code under "Find a Blood Drive" & then scrolling down to the July 18 event. Or, call/text our American Red Cross representative, Kristin Willis, at (252)341-1325 & she can help you schedule an appointment that fits your schedule. Hope to see you there!

## Neighborhood Canvass Protects Homeowners

New Bern Fire-Rescue conducted a smoke alarm canvass last week in partnership with the American Red Cross. Teams of firefighters & Red Cross staff knocked on doors in the Duffyfield community offering to test

and/or install smoke alarms & sharing other safety info. They visited nearly 120 residents. The smoke alarms were donated by the NC Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) & the American Red Cross. The event coincided with "Smoke Alarm Saturday," an annual event by the OSFM promoting fire safety. Need your smoke alarms checked? Call Captain Mike & the Shipwrecket Fire-Rescue at (252)639-2931 to make an appointment.





## Finance Department Awarded Triple Crown

Congratulations to our Finance department on their recent triple crown award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The triple crown signifies that the City has won three prestigious awards in a single year from the organization. Our finance department was recognized with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award & the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. All awards are for the fiscal year 2022. Plaques are displayed at the finance office, located at 606 Fort Totten Drive. Only 16 agencies in North Carolina have achieved the triple crown.

## Get to Know Your Fire-Rescue Department

Damien Locklear joined the City of New Bern as Fire Chief in January 2024 after the previous chief retired. As he nears his first 6 months in New Bern, we are thankful for his service & leadership to the city!

3 Fire Stations: Headquarters Station 1401 Neuse Boulevard

Elizabeth Avenue Station 3101 Elizabeth Avenue

800 W. Thurman Road

Thurman Road Station

Budget: Staff: 75 \$8.6 million

#### 5 Divisions:

Fire Prevention Fire Suppression Support Services Training Administration



Damien Locklear

Fire Chief

Oldest chartered fire department in North Carolina.

 Nationally accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CPSE/CFAI).

• ISO/DOI rating 2 (a 1-10 score with 1 being the best that determines how well the fire department can protect your home. Insurance companies use this score to determine homeowners insurance rates).

 Member of NC Task Force 10, one of 7 teams strategically located throughout NC to respond in any kind of disaster.

 Arson Detection K9 Bobby is one of only 7 arson detection K9s in the state.

 In 2023, our Fire Prevention Programs helped educate 8,758 children, adults & families on how to lower the risk of fire & prevent injuries on the job & at home.

 Free child safety seat inspections are every Friday by appointment. Call (252)639-2931 to schedule one. Home fire safety checks are also offered by appointment.

 Our smoke detector community canvass tests & evaluates smoke detectors for local families.

 Our annual Fire Truck Pull raised \$9,247 this year to help families & increase awareness of muscular dystrophy.

• Responded to 2,462 calls for service in 2023.

Call us at (252)639-2931. Dial 911 in an emergency.



## Congratulations

New Bern Police Officer W. Bahr received the "Back the Blue" award a couple of weeks ago from the Craven County Taxpayer's Association. This annual award recognizes an outstanding

in service to the citizens of cities, towns & counties throughout eastern North Carolina. Congratulations Officer Bahr!

## Aquatic Center Hours of Operation

Beginning Friday, June 7 1155 Laura Lane

Monday-Friday: 12pm-6pm Saturday: 10am-6pm Sunday: 1pm-6pm

For pool party rates & reservations, please visit our website at www.NewBernNC.gov or call (252)639-2901.

# 10 things you should NEVER flush down the toilet:

1. Chewing gum

- 2. Diapers (for babies or adults)
- 3. First aid bandages
- 4. Cotton swabs, cotton balls, makeup remover pads
- 5. Hair
- 6. Dental floss
- 7. Paper towels or tissues
- 8. Wipes (of any kind)
- 9. Feminine hygiene products
- 10. Anything other than the 3 P's: pee, poo & (toilet) paper



# Thanks for helping us prevent expensive sewer clogs!

## Looking for a job?

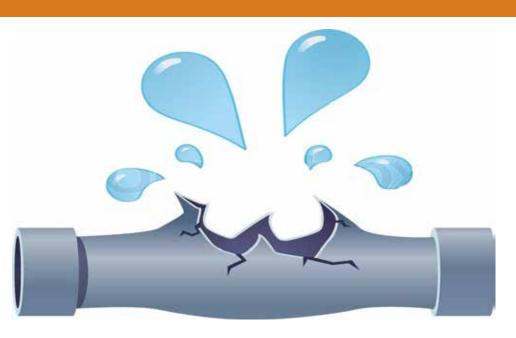
Scan the QR code or visit our website for access to all current openings with the City of New Bern. Apply online from your smartphone!

**Billing Services Representative Maintenance Construction Worker** Head Lifeguard & Lifeguard **Electric Engineering Manager** & more!



Apply online at www.NewBernNC.gov

Have a power, water or sewer emergency? Report it! Call us at (252)636-4070



## It's June...Are You Ready?

June 1st marks the official start of the Atlantic hurricane season. And while we don't typically see major hurricanes this time of year, even a tropical storm can cause major level of dedication by a law enforcement officer headaches. Take time now to prepare a disaster survival kit in case a disaster strikes. Visit www.ReadyNC.gov for preparedness tips, road conditions, evacuations routes & more.