

Glance Ahead- Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

Events listed below are either a city event or a special event permit was issued:

- **Governing Board Meeting**: Tuesday, January 23rd - 6pm – City Hall
- **Shriners Winter Parade**: Saturday, January 27th – Downtown- 12 noon.
- **Redevelopment Commission Strategic Planning Session (Redevelopment Commission)**: Saturday, January 27th 9am – 12 noon – Development Services

City Wide

City Manager met with representatives from the IEDC (International Economic Development Council) to discuss the old Days Inn property and the corner lot at Hancock and South Front Street. The group will be providing technical assistance to help determine the highest and best use of those properties. As part of their scope of work, we convene focus groups to discuss these parcels. The group will be in town for approximately three days. Work is scheduled to begin late March/early April. These services are being performed at no cost to the City. Technical assistance is made possible through a grant from the ECCOG and US EDA Atlanta Regional office.

Comings, Goings, and Such

A warm welcome to the following new employees:

- Marcus Reels, Equipment Operator 1 (Public Works)

Department Items

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

No Report

ELECTRIC UTILITY:

- A transformer at the Glenburnie substation was forced out of service during the recent winter storm. Repairs are in progress.
- Red Bear EV Charging Site – Twenty (20) charging sessions in the past 7 days.

FINANCE

No Report

FIRE-RESCUE

Incidents (43)

Investigations (0)

Inspections (31)

Home Safety Visits (43)

Education (92 people)

Detector Battery Installs (6)

Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (0)

Fire & Life Safety Events (1)

Mutual Aid Calls (0)

CO Detector Installs (8)

Smoke Detector Installs (74)

Training (392)

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The Director of Human Resources will be speaking to two 8th Grade AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) classes at HJ MacDonald Middle School on January 24, 2024. The mission of AVID is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society. The purpose of AVID at the middle school level is to provide students with the skills needed to be college and career ready.

IT

- Staff are working with departments on the phone system update to migrate from analog to digital.
- Staff are working on a Cybersecurity grant.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Stanley White Recreation Center Construction

- Storm Drain is now complete along Gaston Blvd.
- Working on installing concrete vault for FD connection.
- Gymnasium walls are complete except for panels being left out for steel.
- Crane will be relocated today to start erecting panels on administration side of gym.
- Electrical rough-in in gym has started.
- Planning for steel deliveries Monday-Wednesday next week.
- 57 panels installed to date.





Cemetery Pruning & Vegetation Management

- Cedar Grove, Cedar Grove Ext., Greenwood, and Evergreen Cemeteries have been pruned and cut for all unwanted vegetation, and trees limbed up. Approximately 90 loads of vegetation were removed.

Lawson Creek Park Marshwalk Extension

- Phase 2 of the Marshwalk was completed this week which includes the walk and a floating fishing pier.

Monk Mallard Shelter

- Construction continues

Ft. Totten Shelter

- Posts have been set and footers have been poured.

Special Event Applications– 4 this week.

Burials – 4 this week.

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

January 19, 2024

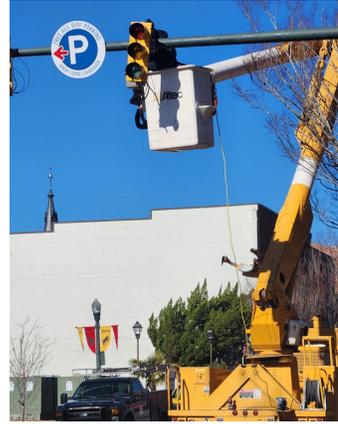
POLICE

Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Sex Offense-Forcible Fondling	1/8/2024 8:48	Further Investigation
	Robbery	1/10/2024 14:41	Further Investigation
	Assault, Aggravated	1/10/2024 14:41	Further Investigation
2	Assault, Aggravated	1/7/2024 2:47	Closed/Cleared
	Burglary / B&E	1/7/2024 4:13	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	1/7/2024 10:34	Closed/Cleared
	Burglary / B&E	1/8/2024 20:52	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/10/2024 21:27	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	1/10/2024 21:27	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	1/11/2024 13:35	Further Investigation
	Robbery	1/12/2024 19:39	Further Investigation
3	Burglary / B&E	1/9/2024 12:22	Further Investigation
	Burglary / B&E	1/12/2024 13:10	Closed/Cleared
4	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/10/2024 19:00	Further Investigation
	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/11/2024 5:53	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	1/11/2024 5:53	Further Investigation
5	Burglary / B&E	1/8/2024 17:12	Further Investigation
	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/8/2024 17:12	Further Investigation
	Sex Offense-Forcible Fondling	1/10/2024 16:42	Further Investigation
6	Larceny-All Other	1/8/2024 14:47	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	1/11/2024 13:13	Closed/Leads Exhausted
	Larceny-All Other	1/11/2024 14:41	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	1/12/2024 13:05	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	1/12/2024 15:33	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	1/13/2024 17:18	Closed/Cleared

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	2	2	0	1	1	2	8
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Traffic Stops	34	19	0	4	17	13	87
Noise Complaints	0	0	0	1	4	0	5

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Public Works crews repaired the traffic signal mast/arm and signal wiring at South Front Street & Craven Street (images shown below):



- Asphalt Crew continues loose-leaf collection services and street sweeper operations along curbed streets throughout city limits.
- Solid Waste Litter Crew continues to monitor/remove litter along City rights-of-ways throughout City of New Bern and continues to remove litter along US Highway 70 Bypass between Pembroke & South Glenburnie Road exits, within city limits, as part of the City's participation in the NCDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program.
- Stormwater Crew continues to perform normal maintenance with cleaning/clearing of city-maintained inlets, outlets, and outfalls throughout the City of New Bern.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Community Outreach:

- This week, the Redevelopment Commission worked to prepare for the upcoming Strategic Planning session. The housing working group met to prepare recommendations for residential development for the next two years. The conversation included ideas about acquiring strategic parcels and developing the West A street parcels for sale. In addition, staff met with Neighborhood and Wellness working group members to support proposals for strategic planning. The commission will meet for the strategic planning session on Saturday, January 27th (9 am-12 pm) at Development Services. In addition to working toward strategic planning, staff met with several community partners to tour potential development sites inside the Redevelopment zone.

Walt Bellamy Update:

- The contractor continues to work at the small housing site. Siding and drywall have continued on all three parcels. All three houses will be available for sale by late April or early May.



Eubanks Update:

- Staff met with Habitat this week to discuss details of CDBG funding again. After presenting the options to the Habitat board of directors, Habitat made the decision to withdraw from the project. Staff have begun communication with other potential partners and will work to ensure an alternative is provided to the commission in short order.

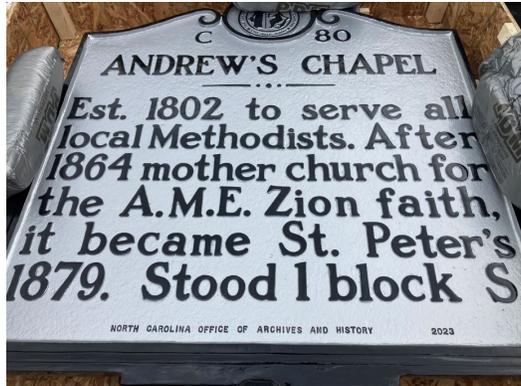
WATER RESOURCES:

- This week operations staff worked to install new connections, renew several old water and sewer services, and repair damaged services at various locations throughout the City, including Chiles Drive, W. Pleasant Hill Road, Walt Bellamy Drive, Brown Drive, McArthur Avenue, Battleground Avenue and Water scape Way.

Significant Ward Related Items

Ward 1

- Concrete Crew requested utility locates and will begin installing foundation within City-owned lot at 310 Hancock Street for future installation of the Andrew's Chapel Historic Marker received this week from NCDOT to replace marker damaged (image shown below):



- Concrete Crew assisted with traffic light at South Front and Craven; Reinstalled keep right signs that were taken up at Broad Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crew edged and cleaned sidewalks in Riverside; N. Pasteur and Craven Streets; Put up bear banners Council Bluffs to Persimmons.
- Solid Waste Litter Crew continues to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- This week the contractor is working on the construction of the new sewer pump station at the corner of South Front Street and Eden Street, installed the generator and is working to complete the remaining electrical work at the station. Start-up and testing of the new pump equipment is scheduled for early February.



Ward 2

- Concrete Crew removed Adopt-A- Street sign from Kings Row Community Watch; Replaced poles on Stop Ahead signs at 1205 Queen & Grace Ave.
- Heavy Equipment Crew hauled loads of debris from McKinley Ave. for Stormwater.
- Litter Crew did litter cleanup from Pinetree Drive to Amhurst Blvd.

Ward 3

- Concrete Crew completed three driveway inspections at 1004 Tuppy Lane, 3004 Sharpnose Street & 3006 Sharpnose Streets.
- Stormwater Crew cleaned ditch and vegetation along Marion Drive.

Before



After



Ward 4:

- Had a Pre-construction meeting for Racetrack Road Improvements Tuesday, 1/16/24, construction will start March 1, 2024.
- Stormwater Crew cleaned pipes at Colony and Neuse to address citizen complaints, Continued berm repairs at Jack Smith Creek Wetlands.

Before



After



Ward 5:

- Asphalt Crew helped with completion of demolition of old Oaks Road BP Station.
- Heavy Equipment Crew began old Oaks Road BP Station demolition and removal of debris this week (images shown below).



- Heavy Equipment Crew cut and cleared tree in Right of Way on Biddle Street Lot; Removed hangers from trees on Lincoln Street.
- Stormwater Crew started storm drain repairs on Sweetbriar Court; Cleaned ditch behind Meadowview Subdivision; Discovered beavers and dams upstream of Williams Street on Duffyfield Canal. The dam in main canal has been removed.
- This week the contractor working at Northwest Interceptor rehabilitation project activated the bypass systems and continued to work on the pre-cleaning and CCTV work for the project. The installation of the CIPP lining is scheduled for the first week of February.



Ward 6

- Heavy Equipment Crew cut/removed fallen limb from City right-of-way at Belle Oaks.