

Glance Ahead- Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Shriners Winter Parade:** Saturday, January 27th-Downtown at 12 noon.
- **Redevelopment Commission Strategic Planning Session (Redevelopment Commission):** Saturday, January 27th 9am-12 noon -Development Services

Comings, Goings, and Such

A warm welcome to the following new employees:

- Police – Michael Zak, Police Officer (Reinstated)
- City Hall – Rebecca (Becky) Alford, Administrative Assistant
- Electric – Kourtney Trott, Billing Services Representative

Department Items

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

J.T. Barber Elementary School Bike Rodeo

NCDOT recently announced the Bike Helmet Initiative Grant which gives away free bike helmets to promote bicycle safety. The Police Department, in conjunction with the New Bern Area MPO and the New Bern Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, are requesting 100 bike helmets to be distributed during the J.T. Barber Elementary School Bike Rodeo. The J.T. Barber Elementary School Bike Rodeo is planned to coincide with National Bicycle Safety Month in May. Attendees will learn about bike safety through hands on activities, helmet fitting, distribution of flyers, and more through community partnerships with the New Bern Police Department, New Bern Recreation Department, Craven County Schools, Craven County Sheriff's Department, Boys and Girls Club, local bike shops and cycling groups.

Transportation Advisory Committee – MPO

Met on January 25, 2024. During this meeting, the Committee approved amendments to the FY 24 budget to reappropriate funding to begin work a Feasibility Study for Microtransit and the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Additionally, the Committee formally endorsed the exploration of expanding the MPO planning area boundary as part of updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Board of Adjustment

Met on January 25, 2024. The approval order for ThriveMore was confirmed and approved on a 5-0 vote. Staff and the board had an excellent discussion on updating processes and procedures.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Staff is working in collaboration with Urban Design Ventures to continue interviewing for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

- Priority Community Needs and Goals have been identified for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The staff is working with Urban Design Ventures to review and finalize before adding to the plan.
- Staff has reviewed 3 applicant files provided by Religious Community Services (RCS) to receive services through the Housing Rehabilitation program. These homes will now move to the next phase of environmental review.
- Staff have assembled bid documents for the upcoming bid for the construction of a half basketball court at Sunnyside Park. Urban Design Ventures is currently reviewing the bid documents to ensure compliance with HUD.
- Staff have been working with Christine Botta of the State's Department of Emergency to assist local homeowners with the elevations of 209 King Street, 1707 Washington Street, and 907 West Street.
- Staff submitted an agenda item for the February 13, 2024, Board of Aldermen meeting. This item includes a delegation of authority resolution for the Mayor to give authority to the City Manager to sign CDBG-related items.

Resiliency

On Wednesday, the City Planner attended the WATERS Summit in Greenville hosted by three Congressmen Greg Murphy, M.D., David Rouzer, and Don Davis. The all-day Summit focused on resiliency strategies to address flooding in the future.

Historic Preservation

The HPC members toured the Sudan Shriners' Temple as part of the review process for a demolition application.

ELECTRIC UTILITY:

- Glenburnie transformer bank 1 remains out of service.
- Red Bear EV Charging Site – Thirteen (13) charging sessions in the past 7 days.

FINANCE

- The Finance Director attended Advanced Cash Management class through the School of Government on 1/23/24 and 1/24/24.
- RFP was posted for Audit Services, beginning FY24.
- Staff are working on W2s and 1099s, which are due on January 31st.
- The Finance Department received notice that the City of New Bern is the recipient of the FY24 Distinguished Budget Award.

FIRE-RESCUE

Incidents (49)	Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (5)
Investigations (0)	Fire & Life Safety Events (0)
Inspections (36)	Mutual Aid Calls (0)
Home Safety Visits (12)	CO Detector Installs (8)
Education (23 people)	Smoke Detector Installs (26)
Detector Battery Installs (10)	Training (499.5)

Note:

- An arrest was made regarding stolen equipment at the fire training grounds.
- Chief Tyndall Attended the National Fire Academy.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

IT

- Migrated GIS and AMI systems to new hardware.
- Cyber Security Grant - Submitted application for 194k to implement additional security measures.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Stanley White Recreation Center Construction

- 70 of 118 panels have been installed.

Cemetery Pruning & Vegetation Management

- The New Bern Memorial Cemetery has been pruned and cut for all invasive vegetation.
- Cedar Grove Cemetery – Hazardous Pine Tree removed.

Special Event Applications – 5 this week.

Burials – 2 this week.

POLICE

During the previous week, the NBPD was involved in the following:

- Coffee with a Cop at two locations
- The chief participated in the Taberna Civic League meeting and provided information relating to community concerns.
- NBPD initiated its 5th session of the New Bern Noble Knights Youth Chess Club. Several new kids were signed up. Plan to participate in an out-of-town trip to Virginia Beach for a youth tournament on February 10, 2024. Event paid for by volunteer and grant monies.
- Worked with Wildlife officials to mediate the issues of a boat that ran aground near the history center.
- Worked with a local faith-based/religious organization to provide an active-shooter assessment and plans for future training.



Future plans:

- Will host a kickoff meeting to initiate Shot Stopper in Duffyfield. Elected officials are welcome to participate. 1/30/24 at 2 pm at Police HQ. The public is not invited currently. RSVP if an elected official is interested in attending.
- NBPD members will attend the Craven County Opioid Epidemic Response Annual Meeting, 1/30, 5 PM, Riverfront Convention Center

CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT

January 26, 2024

Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Larceny-All Other	1/15/2024 10:07	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	1/16/2024 10:30	Further Investigation
	Motor Vehicle Theft	1/20/2024 13:27	Further Investigation
2	Sex Offense-Forcible Rape	1/15/2024 0:52	Further Investigation
	Robbery	1/15/2024 0:52	Further Investigation
4	Motor Vehicle Theft	1/20/2024 15:19	Further Investigation
5	Assault, Aggravated	1/15/2024 19:41	Further Investigation
	Burglary / B&E	1/18/2024 13:43	Closed/Cleared
6	Larceny-All Other	1/16/2024 14:25	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	1/19/2024 19:31	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 1 Tip Last 30 Days: 11 Tips Tips Received This Year: 9 Tips

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	0	1	0	0	2	2	5
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Stops	18	19	3	4	15	9	68
Noise Complaints	3	0	0	2	6	0	11

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Asphalt Crew continues loose-leaf collection services throughout the City of New Bern.
- Heavy Equipment Crew performed street sweeper operations along curbed streets throughout the City of New Bern.
- Public Buildings Crew performed many tasks for maintenance/repairs to City buildings/equipment/grounds (City Hall, Development Services, Finance, Parks & Recreation, Police & Public Utilities).
- 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. The Craven County Clean Sweep Event is set for February 4, 2024, and the Duffyfield Community Cleanup Event is planned for May 4, 2024.
- Stormwater Crew continues to perform normal maintenance with cleaning/clearing of city-maintained inlets, outlets, and outfalls throughout the City of New Bern.

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REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Walt Bellamy Update:

- Construction continues on the small house site. The homes are scheduled to be approved in the coming weeks.

Wellness Update:

- This week, staff met with several community stakeholders to discuss concerns about the project. Most of the concern shared has been about public input and the plan for the Bloomfield parcel. The staff has worked diligently to keep communication consistent and transparent. To that end, Commissioner Wallace and Bryant have planned a community gathering to address these concerns publicly. There is some excitement over forward momentum, and staff will work to support that excitement.

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 Bloomfield Street, Queen Ann Lane, Taberna Way, Robertson Lane, and Rivershore Drive.

Significant Ward Related Items

Ward 1

- This week operations staff work at the corner of South Front Street and Eden Street to replace approximately 200' of old clay sewer main. Roadway repairs are scheduled for the coming weeks.
- Asphalt Crew repaired pothole on C Street; performed street repair at Middle Street & Pollock Street; repaired water/sewer cut at 924 Bern Street; and replaced torn Bear Banners along Pollock Street.
- Concrete Crew repaired water/sewer cut at 711 East Front Street; completed driveway inspection at 2105 Henderson Avenue; replaced "keep right" signpost on Broad Street; and painted traffic island at Chattawka Lane & Neuse Blvd.
- Heavy Equipment Crew cut/removed fallen tree/vegetation on Sandy Point Road; edged sidewalks in the Riverside Community; cut/removed low hanging tree limbs along Fort Totten Drive; and performed stump grinding on Craven Street.
- Public Buildings Crew inspected/repaired streetlight pole electrical outlet near 239 Middle Street for use during Shriner's Parade scheduled for this weekend; painted Cub House doors/trim and installed push panels to preserve paint; and refurbished/reinstalled the Dryborough Community sign at intersection of Bern Street & Queen Street (image shown below).



- Solid Waste Litter Crew continues to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- Stormwater Crew raised/installed stormwater box frame/grate on Eden Street.

Ward 2

- Asphalt Crew repaired potholes on Clark Avenue, New Bern Avenue, and Kennedy Avenue; performed street repair near 2310 New Bern Avenue; and repaired water/sewer cut at 1614 Colonial Way.
- Concrete Crew repaired water/sewer cut at 2203 High School Drive.
- Stormwater Crew responded to resident's concern of blocked driveway culvert near 1014 Devers Circle, which crew cleaned/cleared (images shown below).



Before



After

Ward 3

- Contractor completed cul-de-sac repairs/resurfacing on Robbie Lane.
- Asphalt Crew continues to assist with the Carolina Colours Paving Project.
- Concrete Crew completed driveway inspections at 2001 & 2003 Alizarin Lane and 1018 Red Drum Way.
- Stormwater Crew repaired a damaged drainage pipe near 510 Neuchatel Road, which appeared to have been punctured during installation of gas line and/or communication lines (images shown below).



Before



After

Ward 4:

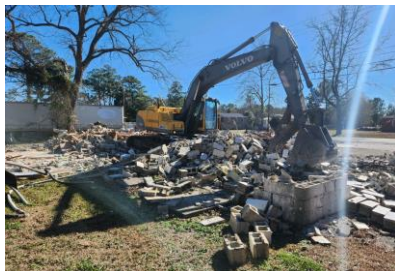
- Stormwater Crew addressed resident's concern regarding storm debris in drainageway near 1629 Racetrack Road.

Ward 5:

- This week the contractor working at Northwest Interceptor rehabilitation project completed the pre-cleaning and CCTV work for the project and began installation of the 36" CIPP lining.



- Asphalt Crew repaired pothole on Pavie Avenue; and repaired water/sewer cut at 912 Sampson Street.
- Concrete Crew repaired stormwater repair sidewalk cut at 131 Sweet Briar Court.
- Heavy Equipment Crew completed demolition at 2602 Oaks Road (old BP Station) and removed debris (images shown below).



Demolition 2602 Oaks Road

- Stormwater Crew cleaned/cleared large section of the Duffyfield Canal between Henderson Park & Williams Street (images shown below).



Before



After

Ward 6

- Asphalt Crew repaired potholes on Jimmies Creek Drive, and Yarmouth Road, Norwich Road; and repaired water/sewer cut at 1503 Princeton Lane.
- Stormwater Crew inspected and repaired two major drainage pipe leaks at lake outlet on Greenbrier Parkway.
- On Wednesday, the city was notified of a potential sewer leak near the intersection of River Road and Belles Way. Operations staff quickly responded to the site and were able to isolate the damaged section of 6" force main and make the necessary repairs, without impacting service to any of the customers in the area. All of the wastewater from the damaged pipe was contained at the repair site and recovered with vac-trucks.