

## Glance Ahead- Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Board of Aldermen Meeting**: Tuesday, January 9th – 6pm. City Hall.
- **Redevelopment Commission Meeting**: Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. City Hall.
- **Art Walk**: Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm. Middle Street.

## City Wide

- City Manager and City Attorney have been working to finalize the proposed agreement for the lease of Kafer Park for a summer collegiate baseball league. This information will be presented at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- The City will launch a new anti-litter campaign in March with a new logo and tagline. Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Administration have been working on a plan to address litter throughout the city along with an outreach campaign for the community. The plan includes an active annual campaign that will stretch from March through October; regularly scheduled board/city staff cleanup opportunities; public outreach to encourage the community to schedule their own regular neighborhood cleanups; educational and informational materials to share with schools, at city events, at cleanup sites, in customer areas of city buildings, etc.; new signage for city vehicles; expansion of our Adopt-a-Street program; a partnership with local restaurants to feature stickers on drive-thru windows and in pickup areas reminding customers to properly dispose of food items and waste; and revisiting locations for trash and recycling receptacles across the city. The new campaign also includes an awards program at the end of the season where the city will recognize a community cleanup group for all their hard work.

## Comings, Goings, and Such

- A warm welcome to the following new employees:
  - Brandon Bechtel, Auto Mechanic (Public Works)
- Congratulations to our recent retirees:
  - Nancy Donahue, Office Assistant III (Parks & Recreation)
  - Grayling Wyrick, Pump Station Mechanic (Water Resources)

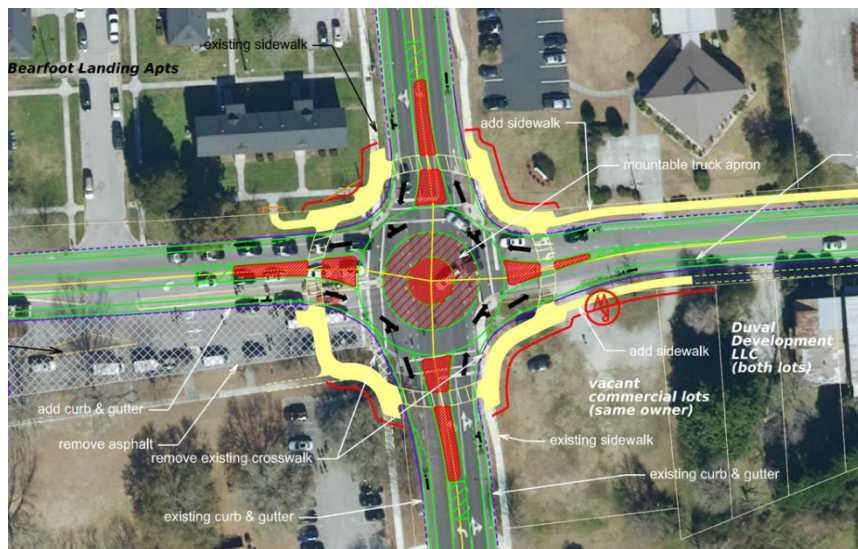
## Department Items

### **Development Services**

**MPO**: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) codified the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) in an effort to reduce transportation emissions. Federal funding is given to states to use statewide (CRP-Anywhere) as well as a direct apportionment to MPOs. These funds can be used on a wide range of projects that reduce emissions such as traffic management, public transportation, congestion management, construction of sidewalks, and more. CRP funded projects are 80% federal funded with a 20% non-federal match for projects. However, NCDOT funds the local match for CRP-Anywhere projects. The CRP is a five-year federal funding stream that began in 2022.

The MPO has been working with NCDOT to utilize the CRP-Anywhere funding to identify a project that meets this criteria. The intersection of Trent Blvd/Rhem Ave/Pollock Street/First Street has been previously identified as needing improvement. An express design had been completed for this project to convert the intersection to a roundabout at a cost of ± \$2.5M. The entire cost of this project would be funded by NCDOT and CRP-Anywhere funds if selected.

Project applications may be submitted anytime to NCDOT who then reviews the projects and informs applicants if and when the project is selected. The MPO and NCDOT are currently working on getting updated cost estimates and completing the application. We are hopeful that this project will get selected since it has been identified as a high crash frequency intersection and NCDOT Division 2 supports this project.



### New Applications:

- One (1) Special Use Permit – Lake Tyler Project (Stars N' Stripes, Thomas Engineering)
- One (1) Rezoning – Two Properties to be rezoned from R-10 to C-3.
- One (1) Site Plan Review – “Landscaping business to be established on Old Airport Road”

### HPC Design Review Meeting

The HPC held its Design Review Meeting Wednesday with 6 projects on the agenda and the following actions for each.

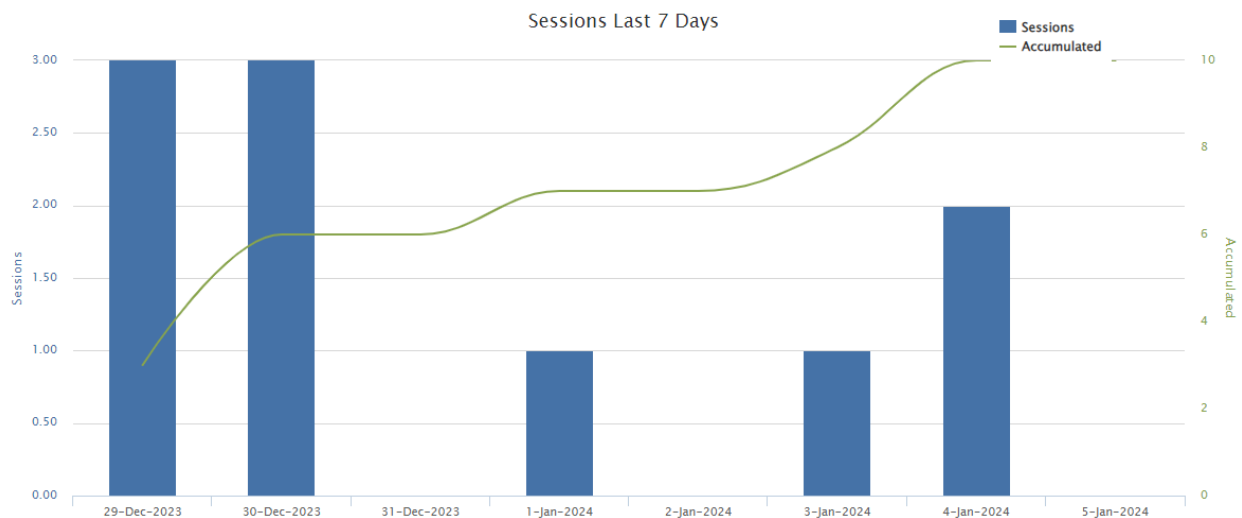
- 1308 N. PASTEUR ST. – fencing in the Primary AVC – applicant postponed to February
- 110 (or 104) KING ST. – new infill house – application did not meet several significant guidelines and is therefore not ready for the General Meeting, they are discussing their alternatives.

- 511 E. FRONT ST. – remove one window, add two new windows – adjustment to the design recommended, directed staff to handle the application as a minor work.
- 312 METCALF ST. – new rear porch – adjustment to the design and communication from neighbors recommended, directed staff to handle the application as a minor work.
- SUDAN SHRINERS' TEMPLE – demolition and redevelopment – pre-design discussion with architect, discuss preservation options and site tour
- 309 JOHNSON ST. – pre-application discussion of various restoration and rehab work in all AVCs.

The HPC also discussed the option in the City ordinance (15-423 (e) to allow the HPC, if it deems it necessary, to hold a public hearing concerning the application for major work projects. The HPC Policies and Rules of Procedure clarifies that “a public hearing may be called for large projects that may materially affect a large number of property owners beyond 100 feet of the project.”

### **Electric Utility:**

Red Bear EV Charging Site – Ten (10) charging sessions in the past 7 days.



### **Fire-Rescue**

Incidents (50)  
Investigations (0)  
Inspections (10)  
Home Safety Visits (0)  
Education (18 people)  
Detector Battery Installs (0)

Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (3)  
Fire & Life Safety Events (1)  
Mutual Aid Calls (0)  
CO Detector Installs (0)  
Smoke Detector Installs (0)  
Training (198)

### **Human Resources:**

- Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

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## Parks & Recreation:

- Kari Warren has returned to work. Welcome back Kari!

## New Year's Eve Block Party

- Approximately 8,600 attended the event. This is the largest turnout to date. Thanks to Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Fire-Rescue, and Police for their assistance in coordinating this event.

Grounds Maintenance crews have been working this week to remove the ice-skating rink and all holiday decorations.

## Athletics

- Youth basketball league kicks off next week with games. We have 128 participants and enough teams to play in-house.
- Adult Coed Volleyball has 56 participants and are playing games twice a week at West New Bern Recreation Center. Participation has doubled from last year.

Special Event Applications the week: 0

Burials the week: 3

## Police:

Ward	Case#	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	2023-00041691	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	12/26/2023 13:19	Further Investigation
	2023-00041898	Burglary / B&E	12/28/2023 13:17	Further Investigation
2	2023-00041629	Assault, Aggravated	12/25/2023 17:27	Further Investigation
	2023-00041713	Larceny-All Other	12/26/2023 16:27	Closed/Cleared
	2023-00041808	Larceny-Purse Snatching	12/27/2023 14:13	Closed/Cleared
	2023-00041808	Larceny-All Other	12/27/2023 14:13	Closed/Cleared
	2023-00041965	Larceny-Theft From Motor Vehicle	12/29/2023 6:53	Further Investigation
	2023-00042054	Larceny-Pocket Picking	12/29/2023 20:04	Further Investigation
3	2023-00041658	Burglary / B&E	12/26/2023 3:13	Closed/Cleared
5	2023-00041987	Larceny-Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	12/29/2023 11:09	Further Investigation

## Tip 411 Reports:

Tips Last 7 Days: 1

Tips Last 30 Days: 15

Tips Received This Year: 1 Tip

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Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash ( <i>No Injury</i> )	0	2	1	1	3	1	8
Traffic Crash ( <i>With Injury</i> )	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Traffic Crash ( <i>Unknown Injury</i> )	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Traffic Stops	20	30	0	14	29	13	106
Noise Complaints	2	0	1	1	2	0	6

## **Public Works:**

- Public Works Crews removed Christmas decorations downtown and from US 70 Bypass bear displays; cleaned downtown from New Year's Eve event and removed decorations; and reinstalled the bear banners downtown.
- 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:**

- Walt Bellamy Update: All three houses are roughed in. HVAC internal work and electrical wiring has been completed. Windows and doors have been installed. The project is ahead of schedule.
- Eubanks Update: Staff met with Habitat this week to discuss details of CDBG funding. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled next week with the City's consultant and CDBG staff.

## **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 Hazel Avenue, Taberna Way, Sellover Avenue, Oaks Road, and Audery Lane.

## **Significant Ward Related Items**

### **Ward 1**

- Over Christmas, the City was notified of a water leak on Henderson Avenue, near the intersection with Meadows Street. This week staff were able to make the repair on the 2" water main at this location, with minimal impact to the customers in the area.

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- Public Works will meet with the contractor onsite next week to discuss Council Bluffs sidewalk/bulkhead repairs.
- Concrete Crew adjusted pavers at 214 Middle Street (images shown below).



- Heavy Equipment Crew cut/removed tree/brush from City-owned lot at 612 Bern Street.
- Public Buildings Crew completed install of new yard hydrant at City of New Bern Yard Waste Facility.
- Solid Waste Litter Crew continues to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.

### **Ward 2**

- On Tuesday of this week, the City was notified of a large water leak on Pine Tree Drive. On Wednesday, operations staff were able to excavate down to the water main and broken 2" galvanized water service was found as the source of the leak. Staff were able to completely replace this service line without impacting the service to any of the customers in the area.
- Heavy Equipment Crew cut/removed fallen tree at 806 Haywood Place.
- Stormwater Crew began cleaning lot at McKinley Avenue & Pearson Street.

### **Ward 3**

- Stormwater Crew cleared drainage line along 200 block of Neuchatel Road (before/after images shown below).

**Before**



**After**



### Ward 4:

- Heavy Equipment Crew cleaned/removed debris from median island at Racetrack Road & Neuse Blvd.
- Stormwater Crew cleaned/regraded drainage ditch near Colony Estates & South Glenburnie Road (before/after images shown below).

Before



After



### Ward 5:

- Stormwater Crew cleared beaver dam near railroad track several times this week at Jack Smith Creek Wetlands (before/after images shown below); and cleaned/removed debris from homeless camp at Oaks Road end of Jack Smith Creek Wetlands (before/after images shown below).

Before



After



Before



After



**Ward 6**

- This week City staff and a repair contractor have completed the second of two emergency sewer repairs along Highway 17 South. The first repair was located near the Honda dealership, and it was completed last week and the repair this week was in front of the Royal Farms gas station. Both repairs were necessary to replace deep sections of truss pipe that had recently collapsed.
- Concrete Crew replaced a stop sign post at Jimmies Creek & MLK Blvd. and replaced a street name signpost at Tomlinson Blvd. & Academic Drive.