

Glance Ahead- Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Black History Parade**: Saturday, February 17th-12:00 p.m. on 3rd and Cedar St.
- **MSD Work Session**: Tuesday, February 20th-12:00 p.m. City Hall
- **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**: Wednesday, February 21st-5:30 p.m. City Hall
- **Board of Adjustment Meeting**: Thursday, February 22nd- City Hall-5:30 pm.
- **Reiki in the Park**: Sunday, February 25th-9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Union Point Park

City Wide

- At the February 13th Governing Board meeting, City Staff unveiled the new anti-litter campaign. The campaign officially kicks off in March, with monthly community clean up days being held throughout the year. A clean-up day will be held in each ward. Citizens are also encouraged to organize litter cleanups in their neighborhoods.



Comings, Goings, and Such

A warm welcome to the following new employees:

- Ashley Hayes, PST/Telecommunicator I (Police)
- Moses Gooding Jr., Equipment Operator I (Public Works)
- Michael Miller, Pump Station Mechanic (Water Resources)

Department Items

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Historic Preservation

- Staff received approval to submit the City Hall addition, repairs, and renovations for the Preservation NC Awards this year.

Land Use

- The Planning and Zoning Board meeting held on February 15, 2024 facilitated discussion on two items:

- 1) Glenburnie Road Rezoning which was recommended unanimously.
- 2) 684 W Thurman Road initial zoning which was recommended with a 6 to 1 vote.

The Director gave the Board an update on the Land Use Ordinance update process.

Board of Adjustment

- Eric Remington (Ward & Smith) on behalf of Stars & Stripes, will be making a presentation to request a special use permit for a townhouse project at Lake Tyler.

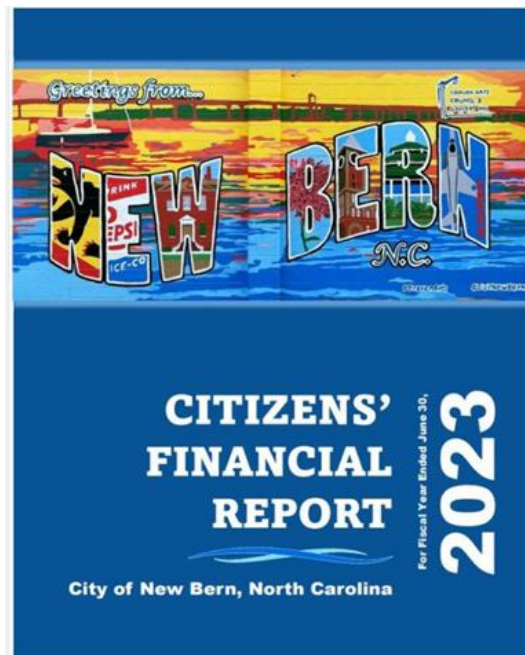
ELECTRIC UTILITY:

- Red Bear EV Charging Site – Forced outage due; ChargePoint software failure.
- The Department of Public Utilities put together a creative graphic & message discouraging the release of balloons to celebrate Valentine's Day.



FINANCE

- The Citizens Financial Report is now online, giving viewers an easy-to-understand look at the City's finances. We shared this valuable resource on social media after the report was presented to the Board of Aldermen. This information is available on our website.



FIRE-RESCUE

Incidents (50)
Investigations (0)
Inspections (48)
Home Safety Visits (1)
Education (1,007 people)
Detector Battery Installs (1)

Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (0)
Fire & Life Safety Events (1)
Mutual Aid Calls (1)
CO Detector Installs (0)
Smoke Detector Installs (1)
Training (473)

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Information provided in Comings, Goings and Such

PARKS & RECREATION:

Approximately 69 people attended the 2nd Annual Father-Daughter Valentine Ball held at the West New Bern Recreation Center on Friday, February 9, 2024.



Pine Tree removal in Union Point Park

Several years ago, a large pine tree in the playground area of Union Point Park was struck by lightning. As a result, it has several large cracks and is now infested with insects and most of the canopy is dead. The city arborist has completed their evaluation and determined this tree is a hazard and must be removed. It is tentatively scheduled to be cut down on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Portions of the park will be closed.

New Bern Memorial Cemetery

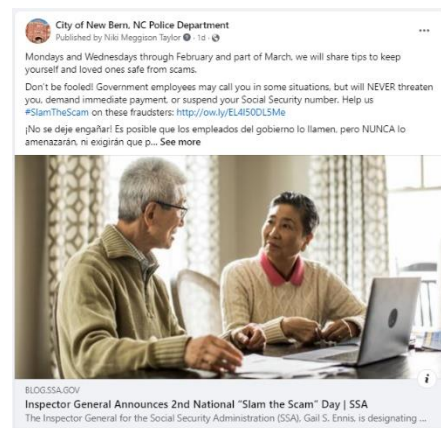
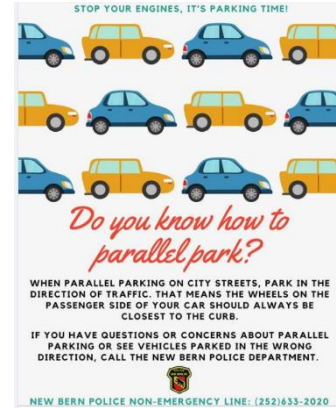
Earlier in the week, a large pine tree fell in the cemetery due to heavy winds. The tree has been removed.

Special Event Applications – 3 this week.

Burials – 1 this week.

POLICE

- The police department put out a series of messages to let the public know about a change in the parking ordinance, making it unlawful to parallel park in the wrong direction. They will give out warning tickets for an interim period.
- The police department continues to share information related to online safety and how to avoid scams.



Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Larceny-All Other	2/6/2024 13:48	Further Investigation
2	Burglary / B&E	2/4/2024 11:10	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	2/6/2024 11:15	Closed/Cleared
5	Assault, Aggravated	2/4/2024 2:49	Closed/Cleared
	Assault, Aggravated	2/9/2024 19:33	Closed/Cleared
6	Sex Offense-Forcible Fondling	2/6/2024 17:24	Further Investigation
	Sex Offense-Forcible Rape	2/8/2024 18:07	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	2/10/2024 11:32	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	2/10/2024 12:23	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 3 Tips Last 30 Days: 7 Tips Received This Year: 15 Tips

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	2	0	1	1	3	2	9
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Stops	49	39	0	24	34	21	167
Noise Complaints	0	0	0	1	3	1	5

2023 HOMICIDE UPDATE

Mishawn Jackson (29) and Paul Edwards (34) – January 21, 2023 Marketplace Shopping Center

- The suspect, Clonzie Lee Nealy, Jr. (34) was arrested and charged with two counts of murder. He is currently in jail.

Nia’Loni Sheptock (Infant) – July 4, 2023 1105 LaGrange Street

- A taskforce of Federal, State and Local law enforcement agencies has formed with a focus on solving this murder and addressing violence in this community. In addition, **\$6,000 reward monies** have been offered by Craven County Crime Stoppers (\$1,000) and the ATF (\$5,000).
- To date, over 1,000 hours have been put into this investigation.
- Over 50 interviews have been conducted.
- 25 search warrants executed.
- Over 400 items of evidence collected.
- Approximately 135 homes canvassed or attempted to be canvassed. The canvassing of our community was held on different dates and by different agencies.
- The sharing of information, resources, personnel, computerized link analysis, strategy meetings, and operational deployment are but a few of the outcomes of our efforts. Our Federal Partners, to include the commitment of Mr. Michael Easley, Jr. US Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and his dedicated team, to include Assistant US Attorneys, Julie Childress and Phil Aubart have been unprecedented in the level of cooperation. The FBI’s support under the leadership of Supervisory Senior Resident Agent Gregory Coats and his staff to include S.A. Michael Morehead and Kasey Bratt have also provided unprecedented assistance to our city. This is not to minimize the support we

have received from the ATF and Marshal's Service. This team is dedicated to resolving this case.

- 2 Press Conferences were held in the Duffyfield Community to help gain support from the community were held at the Abundant Life Ministries. Community support was requested, and passionate testimonials were given by Reverend Sampson.

DeVaughn Deandre Bryant – November 2, 2023 Trent Court

- To date, over 100 hours have been put into this investigation.
- Multiple investigative leads have been followed-up to include surveillance video, neighborhood canvasses and numerous interviews. A Press release has been disseminated and directed and planned patrols in the area continue in the Trent Court Area. This case is still an active investigation and additional leads continue to be pursued. Our Federal Partners have assisted in this investigation, and we are hopeful that this case will be solved.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Loose Leaf Pickup continues through February 29, 2024. Beginning in March, leaves will need to be bagged.
- Asphalt Crew continues loose-leaf collection services throughout the City of New Bern; loose-leaf season ends as of February 29, 2024; and crew hung event banners for Coastal Railroaders Train Show.
- Heavy Equipment Crew reported street sweeper repaired and resumed street sweeper operations as of today, Friday, Feb. 16th, along curbed streets throughout the City of New Bern.
- Public Buildings Crew performed many tasks for maintenance/repairs to City buildings, equipment, and/or grounds (City Hall Courtroom, Fire Headquarters, Police Headquarters, Police Satellite Office, Police 911 Communications, Public Works Facility, West New Bern Recreation, and Utility Billing Office,
- Solid Waste Litter Crew continues to monitor/remove litter along City rights-of-ways throughout City of New Bern and from City's leased parking lots downtown; 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.

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 Fort Totten Drive, Pine Crest Drive, Queen Street, Dove Field Court, Trent Road, and Mechanic Street.

Significant Ward Related Items

Ward 1

- This week the contractor working on the construction of the new sewer pump station at the corner of South Front Street and Eden Street, completed the start-up and testing of the new pump equipment and all components operated as designed.
- Asphalt Crew repaired water/sewer cuts at 2208 Henderson Avenue.
- Concrete Crew repaired pavers/concrete due to gas line cuts at 319 Middle Street, and 1602 Trent Blvd.; repaired pavers/concrete due to water/sewer cut at 221 South Front Street; replaced signpost for street name sign at Queen Anne Lane & Trent Blvd.; and installed the new Andrew’s Chapel Historical Marker at 310 Hancock Street, which was damaged by unknown motorist recently when displayed at Broad Street & Hancock Street (image shown to the right).
- Heavy Equipment Crew repaired banner arms on lamp posts downtown; cut/removed trees from lot at 710 West A Street (Redevelopment Commission property); trimmed/cleaned tree grate near Federal Courthouse, Middle Street; and grinded stump on City right-of-way at 606 Hancock Street.
- Solid Waste Litter Crew continues to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- Stormwater crew removed leaves/debris from drainage way at 1908 Park Avenue.
- Union Point Park- The large pine tree was recently evaluated by the City Arborist. Due to lightning strikes over the years, the tree is dying, severely damaged, and has been deemed hazardous. The tree will be removed on Wednesday, February 21st. Portions of the park will be closed for safety.



Ward 2

- Asphalt Crew repaired water/sewer cut at 829 Kennedy Avenue.
- Concrete Crew replaced a 25 MPH speed limit signpost on Pembroke Avenue.
- Stormwater Crew began construction of the drainage improvements at 1208 Broad Street.

Ward 3

- Asphalt Crew repaired potholes on Tyler Ryne Trail.
- Concrete Crew performed driveway inspections at 6000, 6001 & 6003 Bayberry Park Drive.

Ward 4:

- The Racetrack Road Improvements Project is scheduled to begin in the first week of March.
- Heavy Equipment Crew removed fallen hazardous tree from Neuse Blvd. roadway.
- Stormwater Crew removed tree/debris from drainage area between Fulcher Lane & Karen Drive.

Ward 5:

- This week the contractor working at Northwest Interceptor Rehabilitation project completed the manhole rehabilitation for the project.



BEFORE LINING



AFTER LINING

- Asphalt Crew repaired water/sewer cut on Hazel Avenue and performed street repair at the intersection of Hazel Avenue & Washington Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crew mowed abatement at 1117 Main Street; repaired traffic light at Oaks Road & South Glenburnie Road; removed deceased deer from Oaks Road; and is prepping materials to begin construction of walkway from Sutton Street to Henderson Park.

- Stormwater Division plans to have fence installed along rear area of Jack Creek Smith Wetlands to deter motorcyclists from entering this area from railroad tracks; and crew repaired washout at the Biddle Street Pond area (images shown below).

Before



After



Ward 6

- Nothing significant to report at this time.