

## Glance Ahead- Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Wreaths Across America**: Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.-Lawson Creek Park
- **Budget Work Session**: Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. - City Hall
- **Father-Daughter Valentine's Day Dance**: Friday, February 9, 2024- WNBRC
- **Redevelopment Commission Strategic Planning Session**: Thursday, February 15, 2024

## City Wide

- The City Manager and Assistant City Manager attended the NC City & County Management Association's Winter Seminar in Winston Salem.
- Congratulations to Ginger Sims, Center Supervisor (Parks & Recreation). She is pursuing her MPA at ECU and was awarded the Donald B. Hayman Scholarship at the NCCCMA Winter Seminar.



- On **January 31, 2024**, the NBPD, RCS, NC Works, and Faith Connection conducted a Point-in-Time study to gather data on Craven County's homeless population. Results are as follows:

20 in New Bern  
2 in Vanceboro  
12 in Havelock

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is an annual effort led by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to estimate the number of Americans, including Veterans, without safe, stable housing. HUD requires that CoCs conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. CoCs also must conduct a count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness every other year (odd numbered years). Each count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally.

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory of provider programs within a Continuum of Care that provide beds and units dedicated to

serve people experiencing homelessness (and, for permanent housing projects, where homeless at entry, per the HUD homeless definition), categorized by five Program Types: Emergency Shelter; Transitional Housing; Rapid Re-housing; Safe Haven; and Permanent Supportive Housing.

Data for the PIT count and HIC are submitted to HUD via the online data submission Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX). New users of the HDX should view the HUD HDX Training Modules, a series of six user-friendly HDX training modules to help communities use the HDX and gain the most out of their data.

## Comings, Goings, and Such

- A warm welcome to the following new employee:  
Electric - Branden Hood, Electric Groundworker

## Department Items

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

No report

### **ELECTRIC UTILITY:**

- Red Bear EV Charging Site – Twenty-seven (27) charging sessions in the past 7 days.
- The Utility & Billing Office building signage has been ordered (sign image shown below).



### **FINANCE**

- Finance submitted the FY23 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).
- The Finance Director met with the LGC regarding anticipated borrowing needs for potential property purchases.

## **FIRE-RESCUE**

Incidents (24)	Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (0)
Investigations (1)	Fire & Life Safety Events (0)
Inspections (49)	Mutual Aid Calls (1)
Home Safety Visits (5)	CO Detector Installs (1)
Education (6 people)	Smoke Detector Installs (3)
Detector Battery Installs (11)	Training (424)

## **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

## **IT**

- We're recruiting five volunteers to test the phone migration which begins next week.
- Assisted HR in developing an email distribution list for "Active Employees."

## **PARKS & RECREATION:**

### Henderson Park Redevelopment

- Grading has started at the site of the new fitness course. Wet conditions are delaying the process.

### Lawson Creek Park

- New Gate has been installed at the chokepoint.
- Poles have been installed for security cameras.

Special Event Applications – 2 this week.

Burials – 2 this week.

## **POLICE**

- The Chief attended the annual Opioid Epidemic Response Meeting on Jan 30, 2024. Attorney General Josh Stein has announced \$56 billion in national opioid settlements, which will help bring \$1.5 billion to North Carolina. Craven County's portion is slightly over \$15.6 million. These funds will be used for treatment and prevention strategies with disbursement over the next 18 years.

# CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT

February 2, 2024

- Police personnel will escort the Wreaths Across America truck traveling from New Bern to Havelock on February 2, 2024.
- Police personnel will host the Chess Club on Monday February 5, 2024, at the West New Bern Recreational Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The AED’s pictured below have just arrived! The NBPD is in the process of getting them deployed as soon as possible, to aid in our ability to provide additional medical services to our community. These were obtained through a grant which was supported by the Board of Alderman last year.



Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/26/2024 22:19	Further Investigation
2	Larceny-Shoplifting	1/22/2024 14:59	Closed/Cleared
	Sex Offense-Forcible Fondling	1/22/2024 15:19	Further Investigation
	Sex Offense-Forcible Rape	1/25/2024 7:10	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	1/26/2024 10:39	Closed/Cleared
5	Assault, Aggravated	1/21/2024 21:40	Closed/Cleared
6	Larceny-All Other	1/22/2024 10:21	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	1/22/2024 15:26	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	1/24/2024 15:55	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 2 Tips Last 30 Days: 11 Tips Tips Received This Year: 11 Tips

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>Traffic Crash (No Injury)</b>	2	1	0	1	4	2	10
<b>Traffic Crash (With Injury)</b>	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
<b>Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	33	40	1	8	35	19	136
<b>Noise Complaints</b>	0	1	0	0	1	1	3

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Asphalt Crew continues loose-leaf collection services throughout the City of New Bern. Loose-leaf season ends as of February 29, 2024.
- 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, and/or grounds (911 Communications, City Hall, Cub House, Development Services, Finance/Utility Billing Office, Fire Headquarters, Parks & Recreation, Police Headquarters, Public Utilities Complex, Public Works Complex, and Water Plant).
- 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 next Craven County Clean Sweep Event is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 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.
- Several truckloads of building supplies were delivered to the Stanley White Recreation Center construction site this week, including close steel roof joists to join the walls and support the ceiling of the structure. A portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue was closed while crews offloaded supplies. TA Loving supplied flaggers for traffic control.
- A traffic shift is in place for south/west drivers along Trent Boulevard, between Queen Anne Lane and Chattawka Lane. Piedmont Natural Gas is working to relocate a gas main. Directional cones are in place to assist drivers. We expect this traffic shift to last until approximately February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

### Community Outreach:

- On February 1, 2024, a public forum was held at the Omega center to give an update on the Health and Wellness center. Thirty people were in attendance.
- Staff also met with Ms. Ruth Cooper to discuss the community clean up being held on May 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the city's clean sweep program. Staff have reached out to several commissioners to ensure an RDC presence for this day.

### Walt Bellamy Update:

- Appraisals have been completed on the Walt Bellamy house project.

## 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 Miller Street, Highway 70, Hawthorne Road, Rivershore Drive, and South Front Street.
- This past Friday (1/26), the grading contractor working on the Highway 70 construction in James City broke a small, low-pressure sewer main that was previously unknown. Operations staff quickly responded to the site and were able to isolate the damaged section of force main and make the necessary repairs, without impacting service to any of the customers in the area. All the wastewater from the damaged pipe was contained at the repair site and recovered with vac-trucks. However, due to the volume of the sewer that left the pipe, the SSO was reported to NCDEQ.

## Significant Ward Related Items

### Ward 1

- This past Friday (1/26), a boring contractor struck a 6" sewer main on C Street, at the intersection of National Avenue. Operations staff quickly responded to the site and were able to excavate down to the sewer main and replaced the damaged section of pipe. Staff were able to make the necessary repairs and return sewer service to all the impacted customers Friday afternoon.
- Public Works Assistant Director and Stormwater Superintendent met with contracted engineers to inspect erosion behind sidewalk bulkhead along Council Bluffs. It was determined repairs could be completed by Public Works. Material is being acquired and work will be scheduled.
- Asphalt Crew is currently assisting Piedmont Natural Gas with gas main repair on Trent Road between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Queen Anne Lane and has closed a short section of the west bound lane to traffic on Trent Road. Traffic is being routed into the center lane until repair can be completed by the end of next week. Asphalt Crew repaired water/sewer cuts at 1002 North Bern Street, 1419 National Avenue, 1610 & 1706 Tryon Road, 513 C Street, intersection of C Street & National Avenue, and 711 East Front Street.
- Concrete Crew repaired water/sewer cut at South Front Street & Eden Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crew trimmed trees along the rights-of-ways on Fort Totten Drive and George Street.
- Public Works Project Coordinator met with fiber communication installers to resolve issues along National Avenue.
- Public Buildings repaired loose roof flashing on City Hall; and City Hall Annex bathroom latch and bathroom faulty light motion sensor warranty repairs completed by contractor.
- Solid Waste Litter Crew continues to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.

- Stormwater Crew performed additional repair to catch basin on Eden Street, which required to be raised further; and cleaned storm drain on Trent Road with vac truck.

## Ward 2

- Asphalt Crew repaired water/sewer cuts at 1607 & 1614 Colonial Way; and repaired potholes near 1810 & 2400 McKinley Avenue, 2400 Chestnut Avenue and along Country Club Road.
- Public Buildings Crew inspected electrical issues at the West New Bern Recreation ball fields with multiple issues found to be addressed. Parts ordered and work will begin next week.
- Stormwater Crew cleaned culvert crossing at Christopher Avenue.

## Ward 3

- Asphalt Crew completed the paving project in Carolina Colours.
- Concrete Crew completed driveway inspection at 2016 Tarpon Trail.

## Ward 4:

- The contractor has begun concrete driveway saw cuts and relocation of mailboxes in preparation for improvements on Racetrack Road.
- The Assistant Director of Public Works met with officials at H.J. MacDonald Middle School to discuss traffic impacts with upcoming construction on Racetrack Road.
- Stormwater Crew addressed drainage blockage (pine straw) near 901 Colony Drive; and completed removal of leaves to address drainage issue near 1210 Colony Drive with assistance of Asphalt Crew with leaf machine.

## Ward 5:

- This week the contractor has been working at Northwest Interceptor Rehabilitation project completed the installation of the 36" CIPP lining. All sections of the liner have been installed and the last 1,200' section is currently in the final curing phase.



- The Public Works Director will address installation of school zone street signage that may be necessary near the Duffyfield Child Development Center, 1200 Myrtle Avenue.
- Heavy Equipment Crew removed broken tree-top along right-of-way on West High Street; performed abatement cleanup/board-up at 1300 Clark Avenue;

removed tree from City-owned lot at 1017 Main Street; and performed traffic light maintenance at Oaks Road & South Glenburnie Road.

- Stormwater Crew mowed city property along fence line at rear of 304 Sunrise Way; and removed one beaver dam from Duffyfield Canal at Williams Street.

## **Ward 6**

- Concrete Crew replaced the street name signpost at Red Robin Lane & MLK Blvd.
- Stormwater Crew repaired erosion areas along River Road entrance of Belle Oaks Subdivision; and City Officials met with Greenbrier Emerald Golf Course member this week to discuss drainage leak issue with riser barrels along Greenbrier Parkway.