

Glance Ahead- Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting:** Monday, March 4th- Development Services Conference Room, 303 1st Street
- **Fire-Rescue Open House & Truck Pull:** Saturday, March 9th-10 a.m. to 2 p.m.- 1401 Neuse Boulevard Fire House

City Wide

- New Bern 101 begins on Thursday, March 7th!!
- The City Manager and Assistant Manager attended the Eastern North Carolina Manager’s meeting in Washington.
- Staff met with Wildlife Resources regarding design of the proposed Broad St. fishing pier.



Department Items

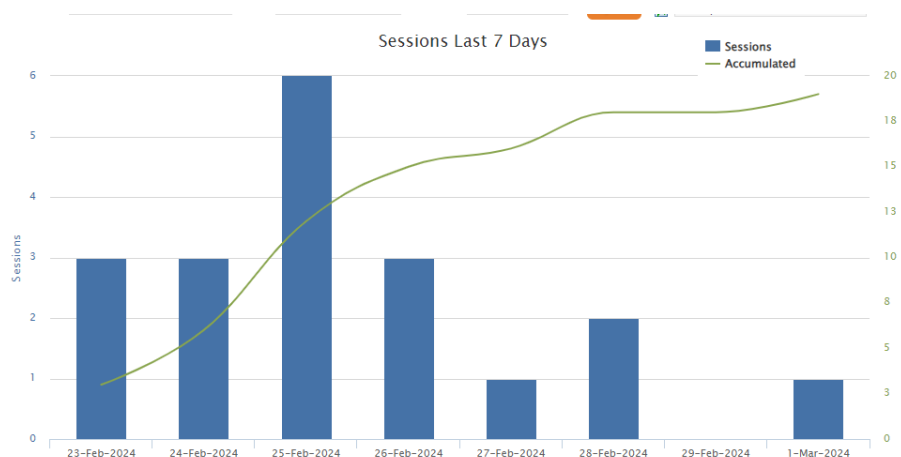
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Land Use Ordinance Update

Development Services staff attended two days of meetings with the Land Use Ordinance Update consultants on Monday and Tuesday, providing important directions and information to the consultants as they begin the 2-year project. Meetings with the Staff Steering Committee and Key Stakeholders from the community were also conducted. A brief presentation by the consultant was given to the Board of Alderman to detail the scope and timeline of the project.

ELECTRIC UTILITY:

- Red Bear EV Charging Site – A total of nineteen (19) charging sessions occurred over the past 7 days.



FINANCE

- The Finance Department hosted their annual Chili Cook Off. Judges decided the winners for the seven contestants: Kimberly Ostrom 2024 Champion; Kim Rose, Best in Red; Jackie Dee's, Best in White.
- The Accounting Manager attended the Government Finance Officers' Association webinar on government-wide financial statements, conversions, and consolidations.

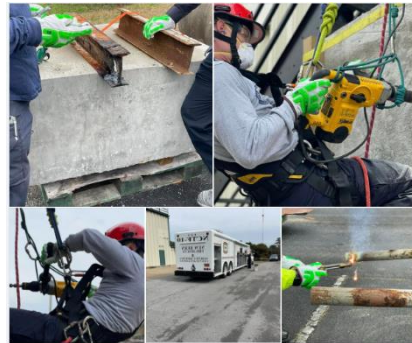
FIRE-RESCUE

Incidents (51)
Investigations (0)
Inspections (31)
Home Safety Visits (4)
Education (25 people)
Detector Battery Installs (1)

Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (4)
Fire & Life Safety Events (1)
Mutual Aid Calls (1)
CO Detector Installs (2)
Smoke Detector Installs (6)
Training (602)

Note:

Members of NC Task Force 10 got together this month to train on breaching & cutting. This elite team of highly trained firefighters from several ENC cities train once each month, all year. For February, they trained at the New Bern Fire-Rescue training grounds.



HUMAN RESOURCES:

No report

PARKS & RECREATION:

Stanley White Recreation Construction:

- All but three precast panels have been installed.
- Steel framing is complete in the multipurpose area.
- Roof joists and steel decking have been installed in the gym.
- Underground plumbing has been completed.
- Underground electrical has been completed.
- The gym floor will be poured the week of March 4th.

Special Event Applications – 4 this week.

Burials – 2 this week.

CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT

March 1, 2024

POLICE

The 30 Sumn Lounge is located at 1503 D. South Glenburnie Road. Over the past year, the NBPD has responded to 11 calls for service pertaining to loud noise complaints coming from that business. Those dates range from February 1, 2023, through January 28th, 2024. On November 15, 2023, an officer cited the manager (warning) for violation of our noise ordinance along with a violation notice filed with ALE and ABC. In the other calls for service, the noise readings, when these could be conducted, did not violate the current ordinance. At its core, the issue pertaining to the problem, as stated by the resident who appeared at the Board of Alderman meeting, is the low frequency percussion (base sound). In 2023, the NBPD worked on two components of the current city ordinance, 26-66 and met with the City Attorney to discuss each.

1. To add language and requirements within the code to include a standard for low frequencies sound associated with the bass sound. For example, the frequency range for the bass is 60 to 250 Hz, while the midrange sound is 500 Hz to 2 KHz.
2. Change the ordinance from a civil violation to a criminal statute. Note: Civil penalty is \$250 for first violation, then caps at \$1,250 for 5th offense within a year.

Our consultation with the City Attorney involved a historical overview of the pros and cons of the recommendations. Included was a reluctance of the D.A.’s office to prosecute noise violations. It was agreed that the NBPD would not pursue a code change and continue to engage in noise complaints in accordance with standard practices.

- On February 27th, NBPD conducted a presentation at Easter seals on “what’s it like to be a police officer and how to interact with a police officer if you encounter one.”
- On February 28th, Forty “Avid Kids” students from Grover C. Middle School participated in a tour of the NBPD facilities.
- On February 29th, Detective Lee prepared a presentation on Forensics for Epiphany’s students.

Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Larceny-All Other	2/19/2024 15:11	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	2/22/2024 10:24	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	2/23/2024 11:39	Closed/Leads Exhausted
2	Larceny-All Other	2/18/2024 14:42	Closed/Leads Exhausted
	Assault, Aggravated	2/19/2024 12:22	Further Investigation
	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/21/2024 10:04	Further Investigation
5	Burglary / B&E	2/21/2024 17:20	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	2/21/2024 17:20	Further Investigation
	Assault, Aggravated	2/23/2024 19:25	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	2/24/2024 10:58	Further Investigation
6	Larceny-All Other	2/18/2024 14:33	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	2/24/2024 12:23	Closed/Leads Exhausted

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 2 Tips Last 30 Days: 8 Tips Tips Received This Year: 18 Tips

March 1, 2024

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	2	2	0	2	1	4	11
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Stops	51	44	0	10	34	16	155
Noise Complaints	0	1	1	1	5	0	8

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Asphalt Crew completed loose-leaf season, which ended Thursday, February 29, 2024.
- Heavy Equipment Crew continues 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 (Cedar Grove Cemetery, City Hall, City Warehouse, Fire Headquarters, Police Department, Police Department Satellite Office, Public Works Complex, Utility & Billing Office, and West New Bern Recreation).
- 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 Highway 55, Blades Avenue, Aycock Avenue, Sandhurst Drive, Simmons Street, Howell Road, and Ticino Court.

Significant Ward Related Items

Ward 1

- This week operations staff replaced a section of sewer main and rebuilt a manhole on East Front Street that had become damaged from tree root intrusion.
- Asphalt Crew repaired water/sewer cut at 207 Country Club Drive.

- Concrete Crew marked parking spaces on Cedar Street, George Street, National Avenue and Queen Street; repaired paver near concrete ring at 221 South Front Street; replaced stop-signpost at Contentnea Avenue & National Avenue; replaced bricks in Federal Alley due to Piedmont Natural Gas line repair; and continues sidewalk repair/replacement along Blades Avenue.
- Heavy Equipment Crew performed tree removal along City right-of-way near 1421 Rhem Avenue; trimmed trees along rights-of-ways on Pollock Street, Queen Anne Lane, and New Street; grinded stumps along rights-of-ways on Pollock Street, Cedar Street & Fort Totten Drive, and in Union Point Park; and performed welding repair on traffic light pole at Middle Street & South Front Street.
- Public Buildings Crew assisted the Streets Division with construction of signs for City's Brown Bear Parking Lot; and the new signage for the Utility & Billing Office building is currently being installed with power to be connected to aluminate sign next week.
- Solid Waste Litter Crew continues to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.

Ward 2

- Asphalt Crew continues repair of water/sewer cuts along with general street/shoulder repair near on Grace Avenue, which is planned to be completed Monday, 3/4/24.
- Concrete Crew replaced stop-signpost at Lori Drive & Pinetree Drive; and completed driveway inspection at 1006 Meadows Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crew assisted Stormwater Crew with brush removal on Educational Drive; and performed tree trimming along City rights-of-ways on Queen Anne Lane and Carolina Avenue.
- Stormwater Crew addressed drainage issue within the vicinity of Charles Street.

Ward 3

- On Monday, a boring contractor struck an 8" water main on Old Airport Road, between Taberna and Brice's Crossing. Operations staff quickly responded to the site and were able to isolate the damaged section of the water main and make the necessary repairs, without impacting service to any of the customers in the area.
- Concrete Crew completed driveway inspections at 1000 & 1002 Red Drum Way.
- Stormwater Crew performed cleanup/repair in drainage area within the 400 block of Taberna Way.

Ward 4

- The Racetrack Road Improvements Project is scheduled to begin Monday, 3/4/24.
- Concrete Crew completed driveway inspections at 1003, 1005 & 1007 Hot Rod Road, Athens Acres Subdivision.

Ward 5

- Asphalt Crew repaired water/sewer cut at 1016 Mechanic Street and repaired potholes near 1201 Raleigh Street and 1122 Biddle Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crew trimmed/cleaned City-owned lots within the Duffyfield Community.
- A pre-construction meeting was held Tuesday, 2/27/24, for the Duffyfield Stormwater Enhancement Phase I Project.
- Stormwater crew cleaned/cleared drainageways on Bray Avenue at rear of 2500 Neuse Blvd.

Ward 6

- Asphalt Crew performed street repair on Innisbrook Court.
- Concrete Crew performed sidewalk/curb repairs near 2035 Fairways West Drive.
- Heavy Equipment Crew performed tree trimming along City rights-of-ways on Newman Road and Morton Road.