

Glance Ahead- Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **NC Beekeepers Spring Conference:** Friday, March 8th-Union Point Park
- **Art Walk Live Musicians:** Friday, March 8th- 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.-Kress Mall
- **Fire Truck Pull:** (Rescheduled for Sunday, March 10th due to rain) 2:30 p.m.- 1401 Neuse Boulevard Fire House
- **Stanley White Recreation Center Topping Ceremony:** Tuesday, March 12th- 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - SWRC
- **Board of Alderman Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12th-6:00 p.m.- City Hall
- **Coffee with a Cop:** Wednesday, March 13th-8:30-10:30 a.m.- Ghent Sandwich Shop & Bellator Roasting Company
- **Redevelopment Commission Meeting:** Wednesday, March 13th-6:00 p.m.-City Hall

City Wide

- **Budget** – the City Manager and Budget Committee met with all city departments this week to review their fiscal year's 2025 budget requests, fees, charges, personnel, and capital requests.
- **Metronet Update** – the City Manager and Assistant City Manager met with the Government Affairs Representative with Metronet this week to get updates on concerns brought forward from the last Board of Aldermen meeting:
 - **Taberna**-Originally, Metronet did not have any plans to build their infrastructure in the Taberna community. They did have plans to install general infrastructure in the area to connect to other parts of the city. After hearing our concerns of not building in Taberna, Metronet has revisited this community and plans to reach out to the HOA and hold some public meetings to see whether or not there is enough support to build out their infrastructure and offer services in Taberna.
 - **Downtown**-Metronet is still planning on building their infrastructure to reach businesses and residents downtown. Their biggest obstacle is in designing the best route to serve everyone and working through private easements. They have been meeting with Swiss Bear and the Chamber on their proposed plans. Metronet also plans on meeting with the Downtown Business Council at an upcoming meeting.
- Several City staff attended the funeral of **Yao Missebukpo**. He was employed as a Wastewater Plant Treatment Operator with the City for approximately 13 years. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and co-workers.
- **New Bern 101** - the Spring 2024 edition of this popular program started on Thursday. The Administration, Technology, and Human Resources Departments made their presentation. This program will last for 8 sessions and will include visits to all city departments. Twenty-two attendees are currently enrolled in this program.



Welcome to New Bern 101

Comings, Goings and Such

- A warm welcome to the following new employee:
Zachary Hill, Utility Maintenance Worker I -Water Resources

Department Items

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Community Development

The CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds provided to Catholic Charities and Religious Community Services assisted with rent and utility aid to a total of **196** low-income households impacted by the COVID pandemic.

HPC Design Review Meeting

The HPC Design Review meeting was held this Wednesday, March 6th. There were 10 projects on the agenda. The meeting resulted in the following actions:

- 506 CRAVEN ST. – enclose back porch, change windows in the rear, and add a parking area: all in the Secondary and Tertiary AVC – Hearing at the March 20th regularly scheduled meeting.
- 217 HANCOCK ST. – new rear addition, basement access, six windows, plus a variety of other minor work in the Secondary and Tertiary AVCs –Hearing at the March 20th regularly scheduled meeting.
- 805 S. FRONT ST. – demolish pump station that was replaced and no longer functional – staff to handle this as a minor work application.
- 715 E. FRONT ST. – 2-story, infill house as redevelopment following already approved demolition. Minor adjustments were suggested, and the application was moved forward - Hearing at the March 20th regularly scheduled meeting.
- 207 POLLOCK ST. – remove exterior stairs and new addition in the Secondary AVC –Hearing at the March 20th regularly scheduled meeting.
- 217 MIDDLE ST. – storefront remodel in the Primary AVC- Hearing at the March 20th regular scheduled meeting.
- 614 MIDDLE ST. – fencing revisions (AVCs are unclear)
- 414 POLLOCK ST. (Athens Theater) – new blade sign in the Primary AVC
- 401 Avenue C – screened porch addition to detached non-contributing shed in the Tertiary AVC
- 309 JOHNSON ST. – multiple alterations in all AVCs
- 221 S. FRONT ST. – full-site landscaping – this walk-in project was a follow-up to a condition for a previously issued CoA, plus extra landscaping work.

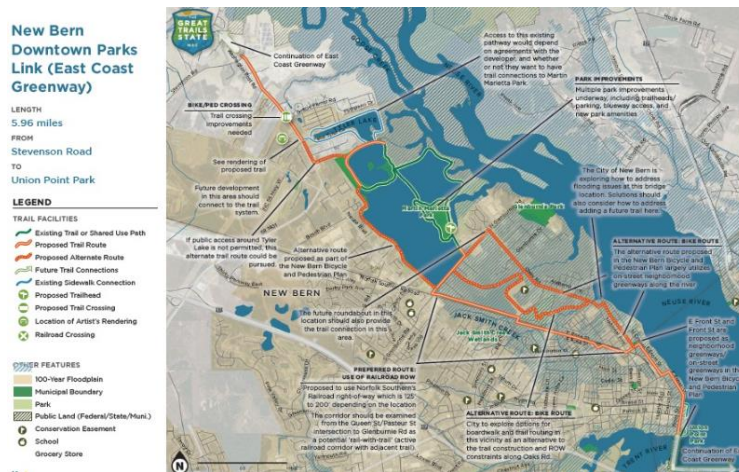
The DRC meeting is coming up for March 15th with five items to discuss. The first item is a 10,000 square foot expansion of the Coca-Cola site. The second item is the interior renovation and a 150 square foot addition for McDonald's. There will also be a change in the design of their parking lot. The third is a rezoning on Amhurst. The Fourth is the Belle Oaks final subdivision submittal, which is 26 lots. The last submittal was a final subdivision for Chambray at Carolina Colours, which is 27 lots.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee met on Monday. One item on the agenda was NCDOT's Great Trails Implementation Report featuring New Bern's Downtown Parks Trail. This was one of 11 projects aimed at increasing connections to state designated trails and equity benefits. Other items included discussion about the J.T. Barber Bike Rodeo, Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, and identifying priority projects.

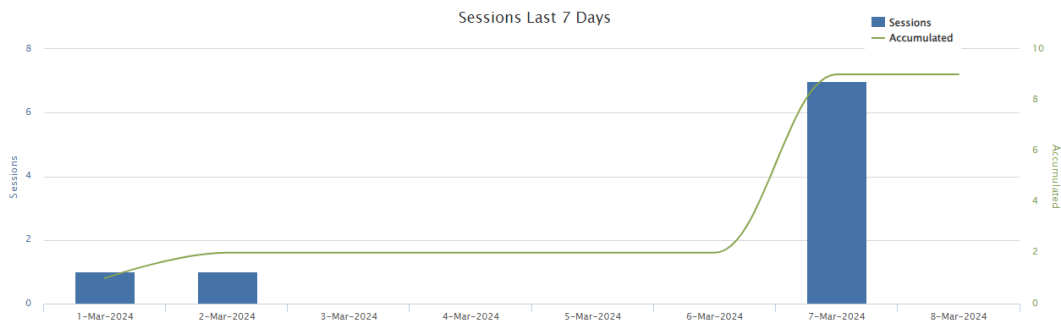
Transportation Advisory Committee – MPO

The New Bern Area MPO is seeking input on the New Bern Downtown Parks Link project connection downtown to several of the City's major parks. The project is being undertaken by NCDOT. The route will become part of the East Coast Greenway's complementary route through NC, serving as an eastern alternative to the spine route through the center of the state (below).



ELECTRIC UTILITY:

- Red Bear EV Charging Site – A total of nine (9) charging sessions occurred over the past 7 days.



FINANCE

- This week the Accounting Manager attended the Intermediate Governmental Accounting virtual classes held by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA); the Purchasing Manager attended the North Carolina Association of Governmental Purchasing (NCGAP) Conference; and one of the Senior Accountants attended the North Carolina GFOA Spring Conference.
- The Finance Director met with Utility Financial Solutions, LLC along with the Director of Public Utilities to review and discuss the rate study which is in progress.
- The Purchasing Manager received the North Carolina Contract Manager certification through the NC Procurement Academy.

FIRE-RESCUE

Incidents (40)	Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (2)
Investigations (0)	Fire & Life Safety Events (0)
Inspections (35)	Mutual Aid Calls (0)
Home Safety Visits (1)	CO Detector Installs (1)
Education (4 people)	Smoke Detector Installs (6)
Detector Battery Installs (0)	Training (455)

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

POLICE

The New Bern Police Department, Ghent Sandwich Shop, and Bellator Roasting Company are partnering this month to host **Coffee with a Cop;** a casual meet-and-greet event where residents and visitors can get to know the police department!



CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT

March 8, 2024

Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/27/2024 9:41	Closed/Leads Exhausted
	Larceny-All Other	2/28/2024 14:33	Closed/Leads Exhausted
	Burglary / B&E	2/28/2024 14:57	Closed/Leads Exhausted
	Larceny-All Other	2/29/2024 19:02	Further Investigation
2	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	3/1/2024 7:27	Further Investigation
	Motor Vehicle Theft	3/1/2024 7:27	Further Investigation
	Assault, Aggravated	3/2/2024 1:31	Further Investigation
5	Larceny-All Other	2/27/2024 11:34	Closed/Cleared
	Assault, Aggravated	2/27/2024 16:17	Further Investigation
	Robbery	2/29/2024 3:24	Further Investigation
	Kidnapping/Abduction	3/1/2024 21:35	Closed/Cleared
	Assault, Aggravated	3/1/2024 21:35	Closed/Cleared
6	Larceny-All Other	2/25/2024 13:48	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	3/1/2024 20:22	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 4 Tips Last 30 Days: 10 Tips Tips Received This Year: 22 Tips

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	0	3	0	0	1	3	7
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Stops	47	32	0	6	44	19	148
Noise Complaints	1	2	0	6	3	0	12

PUBLIC WORKS:

- The Director of Public Works attended the Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting Monday evening, 3/4/24, at the Development Services Department.
- Heavy Equipment Crew continues street sweeper operations along curbed streets throughout the City of New Bern and assisted Stormwater Division with catch basin maintenance citywide due to recent rain events.
- Public Buildings Crew performed many tasks for maintenance/repairs to City buildings, equipment, and/or grounds (Cedar Grove Cemetery, City Hall, Finance/UBO/CAPS, Fire Headquarters, Parks & Recreation (Lawson Creek/West New Bern), Police Department, Police Department Satellite Office, Public Works Complex).
- 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.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Walt Bellamy Update:

The Walt Bellamy houses are nearing completion. The landscaping is in. All three houses have appliances and flooring. Finishes are ready for installation next week. If all goes well, IMEC projects that they will be CO ready in two weeks' time.



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 E, Front Street, Third Street, Rhem Avenue, Beaufort Street, Batts Hill Road, and Howell Road.

Significant Ward Related Items

Ward 1

- This week the new sewer pump station at the corner of South Front Street and Eden Street was activated and put online. The new station is now fully operational. The demolition of the old pump station that sits on the bank of Lawson Creek is scheduled to begin next week.
- Asphalt Crew repaired water/sewer cuts at 501 & 505 East Front Street; repaired potholes on River Lane, North Craven Street and Fleet Street; and assisted Stormwater Crew with cleaning storm drains downtown due to recent rain events.
- Concrete Crew painted start/finish lines at Fire Headquarters for the Annual Fire Truck Pull Event planned for Saturday, 3/9/24; removed old painted parking lines on South Front Street; and continues sidewalk repair/replacement along Blades Avenue.
- Heavy Equipment Crew trimmed/cleaned sidewalks along North Craven Street, North Pasteur Street, and George Street near Kafer Park.
- Public Buildings Crew began pressure washing the Blue Angel Jet at Lawson Creek Park, which is scheduled to be completed next week; and new sign

installation continues for the City Finance/CAPS/UBO building, 606 Fort Totten Drive.

- Solid Waste Litter Crew continues to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- Stormwater Crew cleared storm drainpipe blockage on Ruth Avenue and addressed drainage issue near 1908 Park Avenue; scheduled to install manhole cover next week near 501 Franklin Avenue for drainage access; and cleaned/cleared debris from drainage area at the City of New Bern Yard Waste Site, Country Club Road.

Ward 2

- Bids received/opened Wednesday, 3/6/24, for the Lowes Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements Project, and the apparent low bidder was Charles W. Hughes Construction LLC, La Grange, N.C., in the amount of \$173,173.00. Contract documents are currently under review for approval.
- Asphalt Crew completed repairs of water/sewer cuts along with general street/shoulder repairs on Grace Avenue.
- Heavy Equipment Crew continues construction work for the Sutton Street Walkway Project.
- Stormwater Crew addressed drainage issue near 1503 Elizabeth Avenue.

Ward 3

- City contractor began street repair Thursday, 3/7/24, on Tesie Trail, Brices Crossing; and City contractor completed repairs this week on Old Airport Road.
- Asphalt Crew performed street shoulder repairs within Carolina Colours; assisted Stormwater Division with cleaning storm drains in Taberna; and repaired potholes on Emmen Road, Waterscape Way and Tesie Trail.
- Concrete Crew completed driveway inspection at 2017 Tarpon Trail; and replaced post for stop sign at Onyx Lane & Bayberry Park Drive.

Ward 4

- The Racetrack Road Improvements Project began Monday, 3/4/24, with culvert replacements.
- Asphalt Crew performed street repairs on Fulcher Lane.

Ward 5

- Public Buildings Crew completed renovation to add women's bathroom at Public Works Complex, which was needed due to increased meetings held at the Public Works Complex.
- Stormwater Crew addressed drainage issue near 305 Ellington Street; and cleared blockages in downstream drainageway at the entrance of Police Communications Site, Wind Hill Court.

Ward 6

- Stormwater Crew removed debris from drainage basin at 412 Innisbrook Lane; and addressed drainage issue near 1107 Basil Drive.