

Glance Ahead- Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Magic Midways Spring Fling Carnival:** Beginning Friday, April 12th -5:00 p.m.-Lawson Creek Park
- **NBPD Special Olympics Disk Golf Tournament:** Saturday, April 13th -8:30 a.m.-Glenburnie Park
- **Festival of Fun:** Saturday, April 13th -10:00 a.m.-Union Point Park
- **Stanley White Recreation Center Advisory Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, April 16th -6:00 p.m.-City Hall
- **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting:** Wednesday, April 17th -5:30 p.m.-City Hall
- **Planning and Zoning Meeting:** Thursday, April 18th-5:30 p.m.-City Hall
- **Movies in the Park:** Friday, April 19th-7:50 p.m. -Union Point Park



City Wide

New Bern 101

New Bern 101 participants learned all about Public Works this week. Despite the rainy weather, they visited the Jack Smith Creek Stormwater Wetlands site, the Leaf & Limb facility, the city garage, and the Public Works complex before enjoying a special presentation by staff and Q&A session.



Comings, Goings and Such

There were no new hires this week.

Department Items

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Land Use:

- The Planning and Zoning Board meeting will be held on April 18, 2024. Three items will be on the agenda: two final subdivisions, and one general subdivision plan.

- The Departmental Review Committee meeting will take place on April 19, 2024. Three items have been placed on the agenda: one rezoning, one site plan review, and one general subdivision plan.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

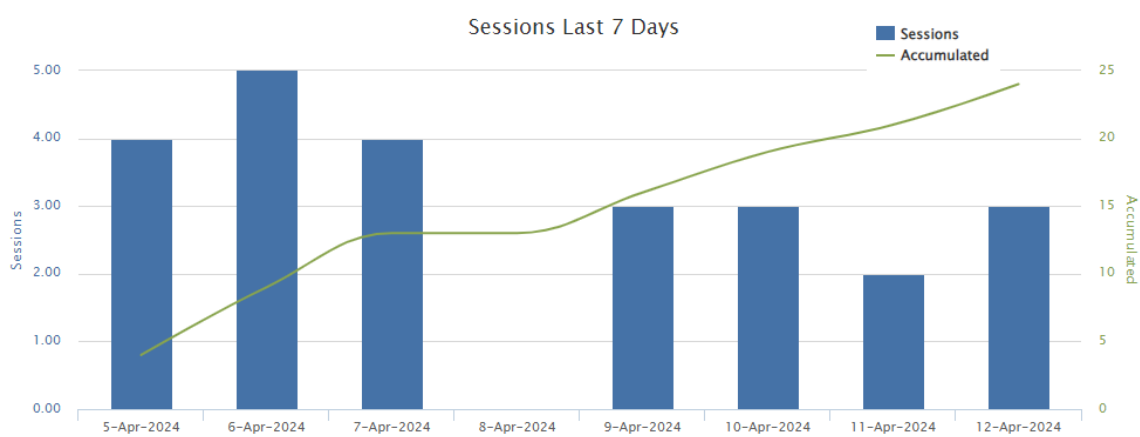
- A Phase I Environmental Assessment has been completed on the former West Street School (F.R. Danyus School) and the school parking lot.
- The bid opening for the Pierce Park project takes place on Friday, April 12, 2024. Staff anticipates receiving three bids for this project.

Historic Preservation:

- Staff prepared for and led the HPC’s Historic Property Owners Support (HiP) Work Group meeting on Thursday. In May, the Group is planning a public outreach event for the resident homeowners in Dryborough to provide information on what the Work Group can help them with, provide a short DIY demonstration, and show them a sample of the historic plaques we can provide for their homes.
- The HPC Regular Meeting will be held April 17, 2024. Five projects on the agenda: one new house to replace an approved demolition at 715 E. Front St., three house renovations and/or additions, and one storefront remodel for Studio M at 217 Middle St.

ELECTRIC UTILITY:

Red Bear EV Charging – Twenty-four (24) charging sessions occurred in the past 7 days.



FINANCE

- RFP for financing of the Kale Road property has been distributed to local, regional, and national lending institutions.
- The Year-End Purchasing and Accounts Payable Calendar was emailed to departments and training has been scheduled for next week with staff.

- Staff attended the first of five sessions for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Statement Builder training with Tyler Technologies.
- Budget Committee Meetings were held regarding the FY25 budget.
- Monthly financial reports were revised and updated.

FIRE-RESCUE

Incidents (51)	Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (1)
Investigations (1)	Fire & Life Safety Events (3)
Inspections (48)	Mutual Aid Calls (0)
Home Safety Visits (2)	CO Detector Installs (0)
Education (45 people)	Smoke Detector Installs (1)
Detector Battery Installs (1)	Training (380)

Note:

- Fire and Life Safety Presentation at the Community Watch Meeting for the Kings Row community.
- Fire and Life Safety Presentation at the Meadows Apartments.
- Fire and Life Safety Presentation at Tried By Fire "My Sister House"

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

PARKS & RECREATION:

Stanley White Recreation Center

- Interior wall framing has started on the main level.
- Concrete floors on the 2nd level and the walking track were poured today.
- The fire suppression system is being installed.
- HVAC ductwork is being installed in the gym.

Lawson Creek Park All items for Minor Permit modification for the Marshwalk Phase 3 have been submitted. DEQ is circulating to outside agencies for any comments. Once completed, modification should be received.

New Bern Aquatic Center

- Staff recently drained, cleaned, and refilled the pool.
- New sand was installed in the filter system.
- Filter valves have been replaced or repaired.
- All play features have been waxed and are ready for summer.

Special Event Applications – 4 this week

Burials – 1 this week

POLICE

ShotSpotter Activations			
Date/Time	Location	# of Shots	Notes
4-3-24 @ 5:31 PM	283 Hamilton Dr.	5	1 gunshot injury to an adult male- 3 adults arrested; evidence collected. Investigation ongoing
4-5-24 @ 9:12 PM	809 Miller St.	2	Evidence collected and 1 adult male arrested
Total		19	

Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
2	Sex Offense-Forcible Fondling	4/1/2024 11:22	Further Investigation
	Burglary / B&E	4/2/2024 9:54	Further Investigation
	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	4/2/2024 9:54	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	4/2/2024 21:16	Further Investigation
	Assault, Aggravated	4/3/2024 17:32	Further Investigation
	Assault, Aggravated	4/4/2024 11:59	Further Investigation
5	Assault, Aggravated	4/3/2024 13:37	Closed/Cleared
6	Larceny-All Other	4/2/2024 16:23	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 2 Tips Last 30 Days: 4 Tips Tips Received This Year: 27 Tips

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	2	2	1	1	2	1	9
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Traffic Stops	35	42	3	16	34	17	147
Noise Complaints	1	1	1	3	3	1	10

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Public Works sent out informal bid packages for the Walt Bellamy & Bern Street Paving Project and the Country Club Road Paving Project, with bids to be received within the next two weeks. The East Front Street parking lot/fishing pier preliminary

engineering and costs are complete. The consultant is preparing a design proposal. The Pembroke Road signal upgrades were completed by NCDOT, and monitoring continues for the Lowes Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project with approximately 200 feet of sidewalk currently installed.

- Asphalt Crews repaired a water/sewer cut at 5303 Hatcher Road, Trent Woods, and assisted Stormwater Crews with cleaning storm drains during recent rain events.
- Heavy Equipment Crews assisted Stormwater Crews with cleaning catch basins, performed tree trimming/mowing along City rights-of-ways, mowed the Redevelopment Commission's vacant properties, and swept along curbed streets throughout the City of New Bern.
- Public Buildings Superintendent attended the Swiss Bear meeting this week to discuss the upcoming MumFest Event, the Civil War Monument Sign (pending mounting bracket and location to install), and Public Buildings Crews performed many tasks for maintenance/repairs to City buildings, equipment, and/or grounds (City Hall, City Garage, EOC, Finance (CAPS/Billing), Old Fireman's Museum, Parks & Recreation (West New Bern Recreation), Police Department Headquarters, Police Department Satellite Office, Public Works, and Waste Water Treatment Plant).
- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove litter along rights-of-ways throughout the City of New Bern and from City's leased parking lots downtown. They continue to remove litter along US Highway 70 Bypass (between Pembroke & South Glenburnie Road exits), and within city limits, as part of the City's participation in the NCDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program. The City of New Bern's Community Cleanup event was held Wednesday, April 10, 2024, along Oaks Road, with Public Works staff in attendance to assist. Approximately 44 bags of litter were collected by volunteers & City staff. The NCDOT Spring Litter Sweep Event is planned for April 13-27, 2024; the Craven County Spring Clean Sweep Event is scheduled for May 4, 2024; and the Duffyfield Community Cleanup Event is set for May 4, 2024.
- Stormwater Crews continue 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:

During the April 10th meeting, The Redevelopment Commission transferred the Walt Bellamy houses to the "sellable lots" list. This action will allow interested parties to request the purchase of these homes. The houses were placed on the "sellable lots" list for a minimum bid equal to the appraised value. They are as follows:

1002 Walt Bellamy \$161,000

1004 Walt Bellamy \$163,000

1006 Walt Bellamy \$161,000

The Executive Director was given direction to place "For Sale" signs in front of the houses to inform the community that these houses are for sale. This will take place in the next two weeks. The commission wants to encourage engagement with individuals who may desire to be homeowners. The RDC will begin to build a database of these

individuals and I will work with them to connect to credible lenders that can serve to prepare them for homeownership. The commission has learned to keep all possibilities open. If, for some reason, a deal does not come to fruition with the housing authority, it will be wise to have residents who are ready to purchase.

Wellness Update:

During the regular meeting, the commission empowered the chair and vice chair to execute the agreement for the conveyance of 727 3rd Avenue to construct and operate a community convenient Care Clinic. This agreement includes transferring the allocated funds to the Health and Wellness Clinic. Once the agreement is executed, the deed will be signed and filed, and the project will be turned over to the hospital. At that time, the role of the RDC will transition to a community advisement role.

West A Street Update:

The structures at West A Street were demolished last week. The cleanup and clearing are nearing completion. The staff and Assistant City Attorney are conducting title work and developing site plans for the potential project. The staff will work with the established project team on this project.

Looking ahead:

On April 17th, The Commission will host a community round table with the Housing Authority geared towards a collaborative approach to community housing. The event will take place at the housing authority offices on Tatum Drive and will go from 11:30 until 1:00 P.M.

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 Hatchers Road, Lees Avenue, Glenburnie Road, Avenue A, Trent Road, Pollock Street, Mom Lane, and Meadows Street.
- Operations staff completed the annual sludge removal from the industrial park lagoon facility. All of the sludge that was removed was taken to the CRSWMA landfill for proper disposal.

Significant Ward Related Items

Ward 1

- Asphalt Crews performed street repairs at 120 1st Street and 730 West A Street.
- Concrete Crews removed two "no parking" signs at George Street & Queen Street; and installed sand in between pavers downtown due to pressure washing.
- Heavy Equipment Crews grinded/cleared a stump at 716 West A Street; treated weeds/grass along downtown sidewalks; removed a fallen tree along right-of-way on Ruth Avenue; and performed tree trimming along right-of-way near 404 Avenue B.

- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- The downtown sidewalk pressure washing project has been postponed due to weather. Public Works crews will resume work on Sunday night with an estimated completion by next Thursday morning. The work takes place overnight from 10pm to 7am.

Ward 2

- Asphalt Crews repaired a water/sewer cut at 401 Simmons Street and performed street repairs at 2506 Davis Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crews treated vegetation along a NCDOT fence line on Hotel Drive and hauled soil for the Lowes Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project.
- Stormwater Crews cut vegetation at the Biddle Street Pond; mowed the area behind the City of New Bern Aquatic Center; removed a couch from the drainageway at the rear of 2904 Union Court; and cleaned out a major blockage at the crossing under Red Robin Lane at the rear of 3306 Trent Road (before & after images shown below).

Red Robin Lane Before



Red Robin Lane After



Ward 3

- Asphalt Crews repaired a water/sewer cut at 2014 Flounder Run.
- Concrete Crews began a sidewalk replacement at 2934 Tesie Trail and began catch basin replacements for Stormwater Divisions on Weathersby Drive and Bettye Gresham Lane.
- The Stormwater Superintendent met with the Riverside Leadership Academy's developer's engineer on Friday, April 5, 2024. The developer has addressed Creekside Village residents' concerns regarding a stormwater sediment runoff issue into Creekside Village's stormwater pond. The Stormwater Crews, assisted by Heavy Equipment Crews, repaired a sinkhole on Old Airport Road at Boleyn's Branch (before & after images shown below).

Old Airport Rd. Before



Old Airport Rd. After



Ward 4

- Asphalt Crews performed street repairs on the cul-de-sac at the end of Racetrack Road.
- Stormwater Crews repaired erosion issues on Brunswick Avenue at rear of 1214 South Glenburnie Road (before & after images shown below).



Brunswick Ave. Before



Brunswick Ave. After

Ward 5

- Asphalt Crews performed street repairs at the 1600 block of Washington Street and Dillahunt Street.
- Concrete Crews replaced object marker signs at the Jack Smith Creek Bridge.
- Heavy Equipment Crews mowed/trimmed along rights-of-ways on Oaks Road.
- Stormwater Crews cleaned the area around pump station at Jack Smith Creek Wetlands.

Ward 6

- Asphalt Crews repaired water/sewer cut at 3605 Trent Road.