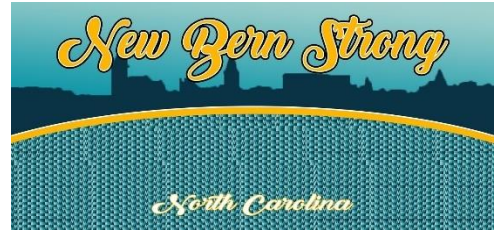


Glance Ahead-Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **New Bern Strong-Mural Painting:** Saturday, April 27th -10:00 a.m.-328 S. Front Street (organized by the Craven Arts Council)
- **Arts in April Music Festival:** Saturday, April 27th - 1:00 p.m.-Bear Plaza
- **New Bern Cup-Annual Charity Golf Tournament:** Sunday, April 28th -9 a.m.- Taberna Country Club to benefit True Justice
- **Neuse River Bridge-Super Kids Fun Run:** Friday, May 3rd-4:00 p.m.-Union Point Park
- **Heritage Homes Tour:** Friday & Saturday, May 3rd-4th-10:00 a.m.-New Bern Historical Society



City Wide

2024 City Vision Conference

The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Clerk attended the annual North Carolina League of Municipalities Conference in Winston-Salem this past week. Originally created in 1908, the NCLM strived to promote excellence in municipal government, provide opportunities for officials to exchange ideas, to advocate for cities and towns, and to develop a "cooperative approach to all municipal problems of statewide import." Brenda Blanco, City Clerk, was sworn in for a second term by the NCLM Board of Directors. Congratulations!

New Bern 101



This week's session was hosted by our Parks & Recreation Department. Each Parks & Recreation division presented information on their responsibilities, then the group boarded a bus to tour Martin Marietta Park, Lawson Creek Park, and the new site of the Stanley White Recreation Center. When they returned to Pleasant Hill Community Center, they enjoyed hotdogs on the grill & more Q&A with staff.

Session 8, on May 14th, is the last session of the spring season. They'll learn about the Finance Department, enjoy dinner with the Board of Aldermen, and graduate the program at the board meeting that evening.

Comings, Goings and Such

A warm welcome to the following new employee:

- Heather Beachy, Police Service Technician-Front Desk

Department Items

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Historic Preservation

HPC Historic Property Owners Support (HiP) Work Group: The Group is facilitating a public outreach event for the resident homeowners in Dryborough at the First Missionary Baptist Church on May 16th, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The event will include a short demonstration on window restoration by a volunteer from the Shop Class, show them a sample of the historic plaques we can provide for their homes, and provide information to help them repair and rehabilitate their historic homes. The Redevelopment Commission will also provide information at the event.

HPC Design Review Meeting May 15, 2024: Three applications are on the agenda, plus one tentative project for fencing:

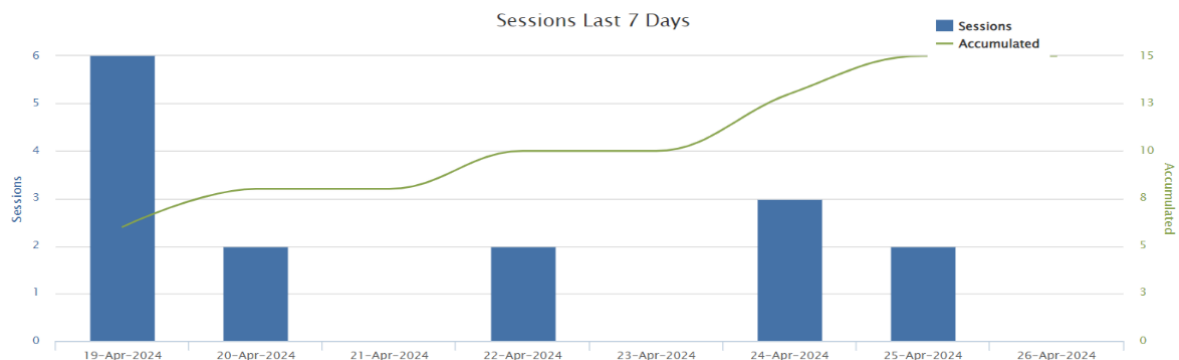
- 1) Demolition of the Sudan Shriners’ Temple building and redevelopment of the site by Craven County
- 2) A new garage at 712 Pollock St.
- 3) Demolition and redevelopment of the Florence-damaged house by ReBuildNC at 104 Johnson Street.

New Bern Area MPO

NCDOT recently notified the City that they were awarded 100 children’s bike helmets as part of their 2024 Bike Helmet Initiative. This initiative is an effort by NCDOT’s Integrated Mobility Division to reduce bicyclist injuries and fatalities by distributing helmets to agencies conducting bicycle safety events for underprivileged children. Efforts are being planned to hold a Bike Rodeo at J.T. Barber Elementary School in the coming months. This is a collaborative effort of the Police Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Craven County Sheriff’s Department, Craven County Schools, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain.

ELECTRIC UTILITY:

- Red Bear EV Charging – Fifteen (15) charging sessions occurred in the past 7 days.



FINANCE

- The Finance Director attended the quarterly meeting with NC CLASS.
- Staff provided Year-End Purchasing/Accounts Payable Training to various departments.
- Financing bids for the property purchase of 212 Kale Road was due Thursday, April 25th.

FIRE-RESCUE

Incidents (38)	Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (2)
Investigations (0)	Fire & Life Safety Events (2)
Inspections (53)	Mutual Aid Calls (0)
Home Safety Visits (2)	CO Detector Installs (0)
Education (66 people)	Smoke Detector Installs (4)
Detector Battery Installs (0)	Training (499.5)

Upcoming Events:

- 4/26/2024 Car Seat Clinic at Target

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

PARKS & RECREATION:



Parks & Recreation partnered with Oaks Road Academy earlier this week for Earth Day. Kids learned how to make an “Earth in a Jar” terrarium and how to properly nurture and care for our environment.

Jack’s Island Shelter – Shelter construction has been completed and fill dirt has been added around the shelter.

Special Events

- Saturday, April 27th – Bass Tournament – Lawson Creek Park – 4:30am – 4:00pm
- Saturday, April 27th- Autism Awareness 5k – Union Point Park – 7:00am – 11:00am
- Saturday, April 27th – Arts in April – 400 block of Pollock St.– 1:00pm – 8:00pm
- Sunday, April 28th – Bass Tournament – Lawson Creek Park – 4:00am – 4:00pm

Special Event Applications – 2 this week

Burials – 1 this week

POLICE

ShotSpotter Activations			
Date/Time	Location	# of Shots	Notes
4/16/2024 @ 7:50 PM	919 Cedar St	1	No subjects or shell casings located on scene
Total		1	

Note: This report was generated using an alternate reporting tool due to a GIS data error. The error could have resulted in inaccurate data reported for Wards 1 and 6. Staff have evaluated previous report data, and all previous reports were accurate. Staff are working to correct the error and will work to ensure that subsequent data reporting is correct. We apologize for the inconvenience.

NBPD officers participated in the NC Traffic Safety Conference in Greenville to learn more about traffic safety strategies and to collaborate with other departments on successful outreach and public programs.



Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Larceny-All Other	4/19/2024 19:48	Further Investigation
2	Assault, Aggravated	4/17/2024 0:25	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	4/18/2024 10:20	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	4/18/2024 18:50	Further Investigation
5	Larceny-All Other	4/15/2024 14:53	Closed/Leads Exhausted
6	Burglary / B&E	4/15/2024 09:11	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	4/15/2024 09:11	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	4/20/2024 19:56	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	4/16/2024 14:45	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 2 Tips Last 30 Days: 4 Tips Tips Received This Year: 29 Tips

CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT

April 26, 2024

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	2	5	1	2	2	7	19
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Traffic Stops	34	47	0	11	29	29	150
Noise Complaints	3	2	1	1	6	1	14



The NB Noble Knights Chess Club wrapped up their season with an awards ceremony at West New Bern Recreation Center. This outreach program for our youth & their parents teaches how to play chess & the value of critical thinking. The next 11-week session of the Noble Knights will begin this fall.

Special Events:

- 4/23/2024 – Grover C Fields AVID program Police Department Tour
- 4/26/2024 – Safety speaking engagement at Woodland Crossing
- 4/27/2024 - Operation Medicine Drop – Realo Drug
- 4/29/2024 – Interfaith Refugee safety presentation
- 4/30/2024 – Craven Pamlico Re-Entry resource fair
- 5/02/2024 – Mock Crime Scene for Epiphany students at the substation
- 5/03/2024 – Trent Court Family Fun Day
- 5/04/2024 – NBPD Teen Summit

PUBLIC WORKS:

- The Country Club Road Paving Project bid opening was held Thursday, April 25, 2024. Public Works is preparing a notice of award to the apparent low bidder – Onslow Grading and Paving, Jacksonville, N.C.
- The FEMA CAT D Trent River Project bid opening was held April 17, 2024, and Public Works is executing a contract with the apparent low bidder – Carolina Cleaning, Greenville, N.C.
- Public Buildings Crews performed many tasks for maintenance/repairs to City buildings, equipment, and/or grounds (City Hall, City Garage, Finance (CAPS/Billing), Fire Headquarters, Old Fireman’s Museum, Police Department Headquarters, Police Department Satellite Office, and Public Utilities (Electric). The Civil War Monument Sign is pending due to a mounting bracket and location for installation.
- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove litter along City rights-of-ways throughout the City of New Bern and from the City’s leased parking lots downtown.

Crews continue to remove litter along US Highway 70 Bypass between Pembroke & South Glenburnie Road exits, within city limits, and as part of the City’s participation in the NCDOT’s Adopt-A-Highway Program. The NCDOT Spring Litter Sweep Event continues through to April 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. The Rotary Club will host their state conference in New Bern today, Friday, April 26, 2024, and is performing a litter cleanup service project today in Lawson Creek Park with assistance from Parks & Recreation/Public Works.

- 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:**

The Walt Bellamy Drive homes are officially finished. The Housing Authority of New Bern has drafted a purchase agreement to request that the RDC sell these homes to them as replacement units. The assistant city Attorney is working on the purchase agreement, and an official presentation will be forthcoming for the commission’s consideration.

Looking ahead:

The next Redevelopment Meeting is May 8, 2024.

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 East Front Street, MLK Jr. Boulevard, Elizabeth Avenue, Riverdale Road, Clark Street, Brooks Drive, and Highway 70.

Significant Ward Related Items**Ward 1**

- The Broad Street and Middle Street Project is pending due to awaiting an installation date of additional audible pedestrian crossing signal from contractor.
- The Walt Bellamy and Bern Street Paving Project bid opening was held Thursday, April 25, 2024, and Public Works is preparing a notice of award to the apparent low bidder – Onslow Grading and Paving, Jacksonville, N.C.
- Concrete Crews repaired sidewalk near 498 Avenue A; replaced pole on “keep right” traffic sign at Broad Street & Hancock Street; installed new handicap signs near 307 George Street; painted additional parking lines on National Avenue near Kafer Park; and removed trash from contractor along North Pasteur Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crews removed a dead tree from a ballfield at Pierce Park, Neuse Avenue.

- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- Stormwater Asset Inventory and Assessment Project field survey and storm structure inspections are being completed.

Ward 2

- Concrete Crews replaced the post on stop sign at 3rd Avenue & Cedar Street; and continue to monitor the Lowes Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements Project.
- Public Works is preparing bid documents to proceed with the Pembroke Micro-surfacing Project once the quote is received from the contractor.

Ward 3

- This week, the contractors working on the water and sewer relocation work in James City were able to complete the tie-ins necessary to activate 3,150 feet of newly relocated 8" sewer main.
- Project Coordinator continues to monitor Metronet work on Judge Manly Drive, Bettye Gresham, Tesie Trail, and Clydesdale Court; and monitoring Metronet and Optimum repair work in Taberna.

Ward 4

- Asphalt Crews performed street repairs within 1600 block of Concord Street; repaired potholes near 3727 Elizabeth Avenue and 1600/1602 Concord Street; and the Racetrack Road Improvements Project continues with contract work complete and additional paving/improvements planned for completion by June 2024 with remaining funds.
- Concrete Crews repaired water/sewer cut at 1302 South Glenburnie Road.
- Project Coordinator is overseeing Optimum subcontractor installing fiber in Athens Acres and responded to a resident's concern regarding Brightspeed on Elizabeth Avenue.
- Stormwater Crews repaired a catch basin near 103 Forerunner Court and cleaned dual culverts at Colony Drive & Neuse Blvd. (before & after images shown below).



Ward 5

- Asphalt Crews performed street repairs on Stallings Parkway, First Avenue, and High Street; repaired potholes near 200 First Avenue; and repaired a water/sewer cut at 603 First Avenue.
- Concrete Crews repaired a water/sewer cut at 1310 Beaufort Street.

- Heavy Equipment Crews continue walkway construction on Sutton Street/Henderson Park; completed whalers and started deck construction (images shown below).



- Project Coordinator is monitoring ongoing construction in West New Bern.
- Stormwater Crews cut a drainage ditch near 301 North Glenburnie Road downstream; cut a drainage ditch near 1403 Hazel Avenue due to erosion issue, which crews will schedule to install an erosion protection barrier soon to address this issue; installed a driveway culvert at 161 East Pleasant Hill Drive due to recent drainage backups; assisted contractor with locating 12" water main at LaGrange Street & East Rose Street in conjunction with the Duffyfield Enhancement Phase 1 Project; and the FEMA CAT D Jack Smith Creek Project is out for a bid with a bid opening scheduled for April 30, 2024.

Ward 6

- This week, a CCTV contractor completed work on the inspection of existing sewer mains that run along the north side of Highway 17, from Trent Creek Road to Glenburnie Drive. The information gained in this survey is currently being reviewed by City staff and will be used to prioritize future sewer rehabilitation work along this corridor.
- Concrete Crews repaired street name signs at Sardis Lane and Thorpe Abbots Lane.
- The Project Coordinator is monitoring Lambert's Cable repair work on River Road; overseeing Piedmont Natural Gas repair work on Laurel Valley Drive; and continues to monitor repair work by Optimum in Greenbrier and Belle Oaks.
- Stormwater Crews cleaned culverts at Coriander Drive drainage crossing (image shown below).

