

## Glance Ahead- Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Easter Seals UCP Glow Run:** Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> -6:00 p.m.-Union Point Park
- **Board of Alderman Meeting:** Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> -6:00 p.m.-City Hall
- **Redevelopment Commission Meeting:** Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> -6:00 p.m.-City Hall



## City Wide



### **City 3 TV Update**

Our new video server was installed earlier this week. This project was part of the FY24 budget. The video server hosts all of our PEG channel content. The previous one dated back to 2015. As a result of this installation, City 3 TV was off the air for a couple of hours on Tuesday and about 30 minutes on Wednesday as final adjustments were made. Now, we'll begin populating the channel with content. The new server has limited file compatibility so it will take time to convert some of our old videos and bulletin slides to a new format. While we continue to make these changes, we've prioritized our regular, recurring meeting videos and they are playing at their scheduled times:

- *Board of Aldermen – Monday at 7pm, Thursday at 10am, Saturday at 3pm*
- *Planning & Zoning – Monday at 3pm, Thursday at 7pm, Saturday at 10am*
- *Historic Preservation Commission – Tuesday at 2pm, Friday at 10am, Saturday at 7:30pm*
- *Board of Adjustment – Wednesday at 10am, Friday at 3pm, Sunday at 7pm*
- *Redevelopment Commission – Tuesday at 11am, Friday at 6pm, Sunday at 10am*
- *Stanley White Recreation Center Advisory Committee – Saturday at 12pm, Wednesday at 6pm*
- *Bike & Ped Plan Advisory Committee – Sunday at 12pm*
- *Municipal Service District – Monday at 10am, Thursday at 12pm, Sunday at 2pm*

All meeting videos are also featured on our [YouTube channel](#). Our [Video on Demand](#) library on our website remains intact as well.

## Comings, Goings and Such

There were no new hires this week.

Department Items

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:**

**HPC Design Review Meeting**

The HPC Design Review Meeting was held on Wednesday evening, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Out of thirteen projects, six were forwarded to the regular meeting:

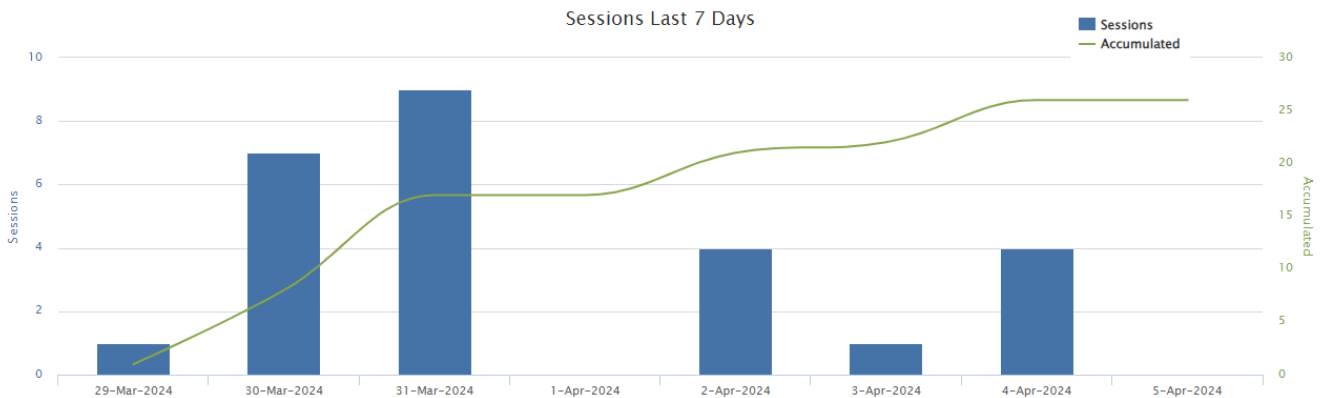
- 401 AVENUE C – screened patio in the Tertiary AVC.
- 707 E. FRONT ST. – new trellis with louvered screens, fence, and gate across driveway in the Secondary AVC, and re-adding gravel to driveway in the Tertiary AVC.
- SUDAN SHRINERS’ TEMPLE – demolition and redevelopment.
- 715 E. FRONT ST. – infill house and garage.
- 806 E. FRONT ST. - infill house.
- 614 MIDDLE ST. – fencing revisions (AVCs are unclear).

**Land Use**

- The Planning and Zoning Board is upcoming on April 18<sup>th</sup>. This has two Final Subdivisions and one General Plan. DRC is upcoming for the previously submitted items on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board of Adjustment is canceled for the month of April. The next meeting will be held in May.

**ELECTRIC UTILITY**

Red Bear EV Charging – Twenty-six (26) charging sessions occurred in the past 7 days.



**FIRE-RESCUE**

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| Incidents (54)                | Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (0) |
| Investigations (1)            | Fire & Life Safety Events (1)            |
| Inspections (66)              | Mutual Aid Calls (0)                     |
| Home Safety Visits (1)        | CO Detector Installs (1)                 |
| Education (28 people)         | Smoke Detector Installs (4)              |
| Detector Battery Installs (0) | Training (193)                           |

## Note:

New Bern Fire-Rescue certified three new Live Fire Instructors over the weekend. The final project in this certification program is successful management of a live burn. The department worked with the Redevelopment Commission to use an abandoned house on West A Street for a burn exercise last Saturday for training purposes. Three captains – Steven Jerome, Ashley Jones, and Jeremy Banks – were able to use this training opportunity to complete their certification through the NC Office of the State Fire Marshal.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

The HR Department coordinated participation in the NC Works Craven 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Craven Works Job Fair on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the Riverfront Convention Center. The following departments were represented at the Fair:

- Fire Department
- Parks and Recreation Department
- Police Department
- Public Utilities/ Electric Department



## **PARKS & RECREATION:**

**Stanley White Recreation Center:** The steel for the walking track has been installed. Crews are hanging metal studs for the meeting space.

**Lawson Creek Park:** A concrete slab has been poured for Jack's Island Shelter. Once the slab has cured, shelter construction will restart.

**New Bern Memorial Cemetery Shelter:** A concrete slab and footers have been poured. Once cured, shelter construction will start.

**New Bern Aquatic Center:** The pump system is getting updates and repairs. Other repairs and maintenance are taking place to prepare for inspection and summer opening.

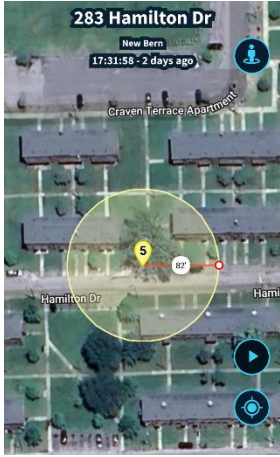
**Special Event Applications** – 2 this week

**Burials** – 3 this week

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

April 5, 2024

## POLICE



Shot Spotter Activations			
Date/Time	Location	# of Shots	Notes
3-29-24 @ 5:30 PM	203 Norwood Street	1	1 shotgun seized, 1 arrest of an adult male
3-31-24 @ 1:22 AM	524 Ruth Ave	4	No arrest, evidence collected
3-31-24 @ 1:23 AM	524 Ruth Ave	8	No arrest, evidence collected
3-31-24 @ 1:23 AM	1707 Asheville Street	5	No arrest, evidence collected
3-31-24 @ 8:24 AM	1035 Queen Street	1	Police euthanizing an injured animal
4-3-24 @ 5:31 PM	283 Hamilton Drive	5	1 gunshot injury to an adult male - 3 adults arrested; evidence collected. Investigation on-going
Total		19	

## Special Events

The police department hosted a **andlelight vigil** on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8pm on the front steps of the department to honor Officer Alexander Thalmann who was shot in the line of duty ten years ago. The City named the athletic field at Lawson Creek Park in his honor in 2017.



**2ND ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN AND YOUTH DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT BEFITTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS NORTH CAROLINA**

- Family Friendly!
- Lunch provided for participants!
- Player packs, Division Prizes, and Raffles all up for grabs!
- Sign up with the QR code below!

Come out and bring the family for some friendly community competition to support a great cause!

**When:**  
April 13th, 2024  
Registration: 9:00am  
Play Starts: 9:30am  
Rain Date: 4/14/2024

**Where:**  
Glenburnie Park  
New Bern, NC

**Who:**  
Anyone can play!  
Bring the entire family out!

**Cost:**

- \$30 per adult
- Youth play free!

**PRESENTED BY:**

- New Bern Police Department
- Craven County
- Special Olympics North Carolina
- Craven County Sheriff's Office
- New Bern Links Club

On Saturday April 13, 2024, the New Bern Police Department will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual charity **Disc Golf Tournament** at Glenburnie Park and personnel will also be attending the **Festival of Fun** on April 13, 2024.

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Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	3/19/2024 9:56	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	3/19/2024 9:56	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	3/21/2024 18:33	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	3/23/2024 19:25	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	3/24/2024 19:21	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	3/26/2024 16:47	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	3/28/2024 0:32	Closed/Leads Exhausted
2	Larceny-All Other	3/17/2024 14:27	Further Investigation
	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	3/19/2024 17:05	Inactive
	Larceny-All Other	3/21/2024 13:07	Further Investigation
	Assault, Aggravated	3/28/2024 4:46	Further Investigation
4	Motor Vehicle Theft	3/29/2024 8:25	Further Investigation
5	Larceny-All Other	3/18/2024 8:23	Further Investigation
	Larceny-Theft from Motor Vehicle	3/20/2024 12:27	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	3/20/2024 12:27	Closed/Cleared
	Burglary / B&E	3/22/2024 19:20	Closed/Leads Exhausted
6	Larceny-All Other	3/18/2024 10:23	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	3/18/2024 12:28	Closed/Cleared
	Burglary / B&E	3/19/2024 6:59	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	3/22/2024 20:48	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	3/25/2024 7:49	Inactive
	Larceny-All Other	3/26/2024 20:16	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	3/29/2024 17:14	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 0 Tips Last 30 Days: 3 Tips Tips Received This Year: 25 Tips

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>Traffic Crash (No Injury)</b>	5	3	0	3	3	6	20
<b>Traffic Crash (With Injury)</b>	1	1	0	0	0	2	4
<b>Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)</b>	0	2	0	1	0	1	4
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	74	88	2	16	33	23	236
<b>Noise Complaints</b>	3	3	1	3	3	2	15

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Public Works Department held a pre-bid meeting Wednesday, 4/3/24, for Hurricane Florence Damage Repairs with bid opening scheduled for Wednesday, 4/17/24; pre-construction kick-off meeting was held for the Lowes Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project Tuesday, 4/2/24, and construction began Wednesday, 4/3/24; mainline paving activities completed for the Racetrack Road Improvement Project with shoulder work/final grading underway; and Public Works, Development Services, and the City Attorney are working together to update the City of New Bern's Stormwater Regulations to meet State requirements and to create a more user-friendly document, which is anticipated to be ready for approval by the Board of Aldermen early Summer 2024.
- Asphalt Crew assisted Stormwater Crew with cleaning storm drains.
- Heavy Equipment Crew assisted Stormwater Crew with cleaning catch basins; performed tree trimming/mowing along City rights-of-ways; and swept along curbed streets throughout the City of New Bern.
- Public Buildings Crew attended chemical spill training and new refrigerant training classes recently; residents completed restoration of the Planters Ridge Community signage with supplies provided by ; Civil War Monument Sign pending mounting bracket and location to install; and performed many tasks for maintenance/repairs to City buildings, equipment, and/or grounds (City Hall, Finance (CAPS), Fire Headquarters, Information Technology, 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 Crew continues to monitor/remove litter along City rights-of-ways throughout City of New Bern and from City's leased parking lots downtown; 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 City of New Bern Community Cleanup event is scheduled for Wednesday, 4/10/24, along Oaks Road; and the NCDOT Spring Litter Sweep event is planned to be held 4/13/24-4/27/24.
- 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:****Community Outreach:**

The Commission gave staff direction at March's business meeting to develop an interest list for potential purchasers to use. That project has been undertaken and will result in a refreshment of the entire web page to be more welcoming and user friendly for the community which the RDC serves.

**Walt Bellamy Update:**

An agenda item will be presented at the April Business Meeting to discuss the sale process. Further, a potential purchaser has drafted a request to purchase these properties. Staff does not anticipate the offer being complete by the April meeting, however, looks forward to presenting the request for review by May's meeting.

## **Wellness Update:**

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, the Board of Aldermen unanimously approved the conveyance of the parcel located at 727 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Carolina East Health System. The deed has been recorded, and the Redevelopment Commission will proceed with executing the conveyances as laid out by the resolution. At the next business meeting, the commission will need to empower the chairperson to execute the agreement and deed. The Wellness parcel should be conveyed by the end of April and construction will commence soon afterwards. Staff remains in contact with the hospital as the process moves forward.

## **Looking ahead:**

The structures at West A Street were demolished this week. The cleanup and clearing should be done in the next week or so, and then the surveyors can come in and draft a site plan for the subdivision. The staff will work with the established project team on this 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 Rhem Avenue, Hart Drive, Meadows Street, Queen Street, Weathersby Drive, Goldsboro Street, Trent Road, Colony Drive, Grantham Place, Audery Lane, Old Cherry Point Road, Highway 70, and Glenburnie Road.

## **Significant Ward Related Items**

### **Ward 1**

- This week demolition work has been completed on the old sewer pump station that sits on the bank of Lawson's Creek. The old pump station site has been regraded and repurposed into a gravel parking area for the water access and covered fishing pier.
- Asphalt Crew hung event banners; repaired potholes near 1822 Park Avenue, 1605 Rhem Avenue and within Union Point Park and Public Works Yard Waste Site; assisted Stormwater Crew cleaning storm drains; and repaired water/sewer cut at 1526 Rhem Avenue.
- Concrete Crew completed sidewalk replacement on North Avenue; replaced sidewalk near 520 Johnson Street; poured concrete base/installed pavers at South Front Street & Hancock Street; repaired water/sewer cut at 1526 Rhem Avenue; replaced post for keep right sign on Trent Blvd.; continues to paint George Street parking lines near ballfield; and prepared pressure washer to begin pressure washing downtown sidewalks beginning at 10:00 PM Sunday night, 4/7/24, which will continue nightly from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM through to Friday morning, 4/12/24.
- Heavy Equipment Crew trimmed/cleaned sidewalk along Queen Street between Craven Street & East Front Street; assisted with hanging event banners; removed trash/debris and trimmed limbs along right-of-way near 718 West A

Street to assist with Fire Department control-burn training; and completed abatement/demolition/lot clearing at 708/710 West A Street.

- Solid Waste Litter Crew continues to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- Stormwater Crew cleared debris from a culvert on 7<sup>th</sup> Street; changed over deteriorated drainage pipe into a rip-rap swale on Pasteur Street; and monitored UNC installation of flood sensor/camera in Union Point Park.

## **Ward 2**

- Asphalt Crew repaired water/sewer cut at 710 DeGraffenried Avenue.
- Concrete Crew replaced stop-sign post at Highland Avenue & Madison Avenue and straightened street-name sign post at New Bern Avenue & Stimpson Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crew mowed right-of-way to assist with the Lowes Boulevard Sidewalk Project.
- Stormwater Crew cleaned/cleared drainageways along McKinley Avenue to assist with upstream flows.

## **Ward 3**

- Asphalt Crew performed street repair on Connor Grant Road and repaired potholes near 101 Ticino Road.
- Concrete Crew completed driveway inspections at 5012 Cinnamon Run and 6005 Bayberry Park.
- Stormwater Superintendent investigated sediment concern from Riverside Leadership Academy development, initiated by residents of Creekside Village, and plans to meet with developer's engineer today, 4/5/24, to discuss solutions.

## **Ward 4**

- Asphalt Crew repaired potholes on Elizabeth Avenue; added stone at Racetrack Road culvert; and continues monitoring the Racetrack Road Improvements Project.
- Concrete Crew completed driveway inspections at 1000, 1002, 1004, 1008, 1012, 1014, and 1015 Hot Rod Road.
- Stormwater Crew cleaned/cleared ditch between Brunswick Avenue & City Garage, and reinforced bank around newly installed culvert along Racetrack Road.

## **Ward 5**

- This past week, a new final conveyor for the biosolids process was delivered to the WWTP. Over the next couple of months staff at the WWTP will be working with a fabrication contractor to get the new conveyor installed and put into service.





- Asphalt Crew repaired water/sewer cuts on Beaufort Street and Washington Court; performed street repairs on Washington Court, K Street and F Street; and repaired potholes near 323 Woolard Trail.
- Concrete Crew completed driveway inspections at 1001 & 1005 Ella Bengel Drive.
- Stormwater Crew addressed debris in culvert on North Glenburnie Road; and installed additional fencing around pump station at Jack Smith Creek Wetlands.

## **Ward 6**

- No significant issues to report.