

Glance Ahead-Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Movie Night at Union Point Park:** Friday, May 10th -8:10 p.m.
- **First Capital Charter Antique Car Show:** Saturday, May 11th - 4:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. -Craven, Pollock, and Middle St.
- **NC Plein Air Art Festival:** Begins Sunday, May 12th- 3:00 p.m.- New Bern Farmer's Market
- **Board of Aldermen Meeting:** Tuesday, May 14th -6:00 p.m.- City Hall
- **New Bern 101 Graduation:** Tuesday, May 14th-6:00 p.m.- City Hall
- **Historic Preservation Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, May 15th -5:30 p.m.-City Hall
- **Planning & Zoning Meeting:** Thursday, May 16th-5:30 p.m.-City Hall
- **Coffee with a Cop:** Friday, May 17th-9:00 to 11:00 a.m.-Target & Fresh Donuts



City Wide

On Wednesday, May 8th, the City Manager attended the **Smart Cities Connect Conference** in Raleigh. The conference presented program tracks focusing on Digital Transformation, Urban Operations, Mobility, Infrastructure, Community Engagement, and Innovation.

On Thursday, the Mayor and City Manager presented a session on Media, Government & Politics to the **Leadership Craven** group.

Comings, Goings and Such

A warm "welcome back" to the following employee:

- Amber Best, Key Accounts Analyst-Electric Utilities

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day!

Department Items

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Historic Preservation

HPC Regular Meeting

There are five projects on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Demolition and redevelopment of the Sudan Shriners' Temple building and site by Craven County
- New garage behind 712 Pollock St.

- Various front, side, and rear improvements to 508 C St.
- Storefront and rear façade remodels for the former Bynum's Drugstore building on Middle St.
- New riverside porch addition at 111 Pollock St., next to Persimmons Restaurant

The City Planner attended the annual state Floodplain Managers conference this week.

Transportation

The NBMPO Administrator, NBMPO Planner, and the City Planner attended the monthly video call for the NC 43 Connector project. Some utility preparation has been happening for the past few months along the route, and discussions with neighboring property owners are wrapping up. However, a recent division of adjacent land has caused the need for recalculations and a delay of approximately 6 months.

Land Use

The Planning and Zoning Board Meeting will be held on May 16, 2024. There are two items on the agenda:

- A General Plan Subdivision (Cluster Development) for the Carolina Colours area
- The City Stormwater Text Amendment

Six items will be on the agenda for May 17, 2024: three Site Plan Reviews, two Special Use Permits, and one Rezoning. A previous rezoning from the last DRC was postponed to the June Planning and Zoning Board meeting. There will be two rezonings for next month's meeting.

Per Attorney Jaimee Mosely, a meeting is taking place today at 4 PM with the applicant who has made the variance request for 1615 Jarvis Street.

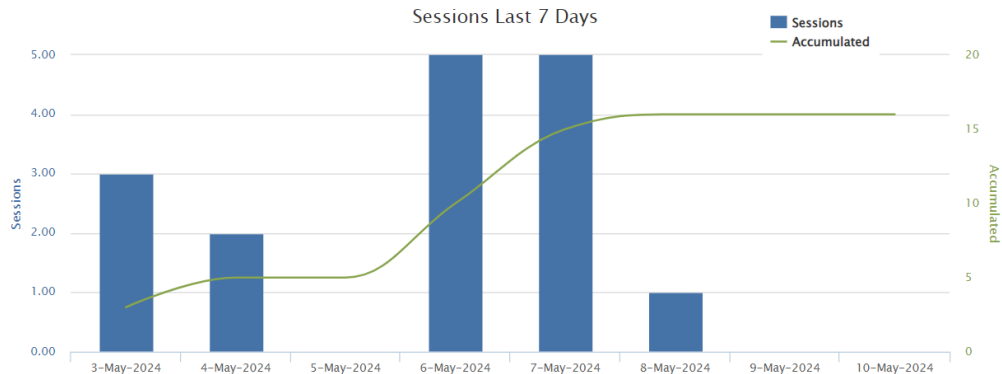
ELECTRIC UTILITY:

North Carolina Public Power Communities



This past week, the Director of Public Utilities attended the 61st Annual NCAMES Engineering and Operations Conference and Lineman Rodeo in Concord, NC. The NCAMES is a non-profit, affiliated with the NC League of Municipalities, promoting the interests and welfare of municipal electric systems in North Carolina. Retiree Mike Harper was honored and inducted into the NCAMES Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

Red Bear EV Charging – Sixteen (16) charging sessions occurred in the past 7 days.



FINANCE

- The City Manager’s Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budget was made available to the Board of Aldermen on Wednesday, May 8th.
- The Senior Accountant and Accounting Technician II attended the Grants Management Body of Knowledge (GMBok) virtual training through the National Grants Management Association (NGMA), which provide an in-depth understanding of the full grants management lifecycle and covers the laws, regulations, and policies affecting compliance of federal awards.
- Senior Accountant, Kim Rose, attended the Notary Public training at Craven Community College, passed the State exam, and received her certification. Congratulations Kim Rose!

FIRE-RESCUE

Incidents (57)	Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (5)
Investigations (1)	Community Risk Reduction Events (4)
Inspections (56)	Mutual Aid Calls (0)
Home Safety Visits (2)	CO Detector Installs (0)
Education (125 people)	Smoke Detector Installs (0)
Detector Battery Installs (7)	Training (541)

Note:

- Participated in the Trent Court Community and Family Fun Day.
- Held a Fire Extinguisher class for Craven County Smart Start.
- Assisted Fort Totten Customer Service with a Fire Drill.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

PARKS & RECREATION:

Stanley White Recreation Center:

- RFP has been released for the design and installation of the History wall.

CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT

May 10, 2024

- Light poles for parking lot were received.
- Working on landscape irrigation plan.

New Bern Aquatic Center: New patio tables were delivered.

New Bern Memorial Shelter: Shelter construction is underway and almost complete.



Special Event Applications – 5 this week

Burials – 0 this week

POLICE

Special Events:

5/14/2024 – Law Enforcement Torch Run (9AM)

5/14/2024 – Abundant Life Monthly Food Drive

5/15/2024 – Annual Police Memorial-Union Point Park (10AM)

5/16/2024 – DAR K9 Demo Battlefield Park (12:30PM-1:30PM)

5/18/2024 – Craven Terrace Resident Fun Day

ShotSpotter Activations			
<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u># of Shots</u>	<u>Notes</u>
05/03/2024 @ 1:51 AM	313 Craven Terr O2	1	Firearm Recovered, Suspect Cited
Total		1	

CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT

May 10, 2024

Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Assault, Aggravated	4/30/2024 21:47	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/1/2024 8:49	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/1/2024 11:42	Further Investigation
2	Burglary / B&E	4/30/2024 4:30	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	4/30/2024 9:55	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/2/2024 23:46	Inactive
4	Burglary / B&E	4/28/2024 6:30	Closed/Cleared
5	Burglary / B&E	5/2/2024 14:48	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/2/2024 14:48	Further Investigation
6	Larceny-All Other	5/1/2024 6:46	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 4 Tips Last 30 Days: 11 Tips Tips Received This Year: 38 Tips

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	7	10	1	2	3	7	30
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
Traffic Stops	43	49	1	15	59	49	216
Noise Complaints	0	0	1	2	5	1	9

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Broad Street & Middle Street Signal Project - site meeting held with contractor May 7, 2024, to determine electrical service process and field layout of signal pole/utility cuts, pending notice to proceed date, possibly in June 2024.
- Trent River FEMA CAT D Project - pending approval of contract and execution by the Board of Aldermen on May 14, 2024, for Carolina Cleaning, Greenville, N.C.
- Walt Bellamy & Bern Street Paving Project - Public Works preparing documentation for Onslow Grading & Paving Inc., Jacksonville, N.C.
- Stormwater Asset Inventory & Assessment Project - field survey and storm structure inspections complete, consultant continuing to review data and preparing base mapping.

- Country Club Road Paving Project - Public Works documentation for low bidder Onslow Grading and Paving, Jacksonville, N.C.
- The Lowes Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements Project continues with installation of pedestrian crossing, which began Wednesday, monitored by Concrete Crew/Project Coordinator.
- Racetrack Road Improvements Project - main roadway work is complete with additional paving and improvements planned for completion by June 2024.
- Duffyfield Enhancement Phase 1 Project- work continues with pump station installation (images shown below).



- Jack Smith Creek FEMA CAT D Project – pending approval of contract and execution by the Board of Aldermen on May 14, 2024, for Avolis Landworks, LLC, New Bern.
- Sutton Street/Henderson Park Project - Heavy Equipment Crew continues walkway construction.
- The Duffyfield Community Cleanup Event was held Saturday, May 4, 2024; and the City of New Bern Community Litter Program event was held Thursday, May 9, 2024, with many volunteers/City staff participating and removing litter along River Road.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Walt Bellamy Homes Update:

Over the past two weeks, seventy-two people have shown interest in purchasing one of the homes.

West A Street Update:

The staff and Assistant City Attorney are conducting title work and developing site plans for the potential project. Staff will work with the established project team on this project.

Looking ahead:

The next redevelopment meeting is June 12, 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 Grantham Place, Dogwood Lane, Hawthorne Drive, Stately Pines Boulevard, Highway 70, Tawney Trace, Meadows Street, 9th Street, and Johnston Lane.
- Water Treatment Plant staff have been working onsite with our SCADA contractor in testing new water and sewer SCADA servers. The new servers will be running concurrently with old servers for the next few weeks while testing is underway. Once testing is complete, the new system will be fully redundant and much more resilient than the existing system.

Significant Ward Related Items

Ward 1

- Asphalt Crews repaired water/sewer cuts at 511 & 501 East Front Street and 1520 Rhem Avenue; and staged barricades for the 31st Annual First Capital Chapter of the AACCA Car Show scheduled for downtown on Saturday.
- Concrete Crews replaced 20' of sidewalk along 1600 block of Spencer Avenue; and replaced keep right sign on Trent Road.
- Stormwater Crews removed a tree from canal on Tram Road; and mowed drainageway on City property at 1999 MLK Blvd.

Ward 2

- Asphalt Crews repaired water/sewer cuts at 2903 Mason Circle; performed street repairs near 1707, 1802 & 1906 New Bern Avenue and on St. John Street.
- Concrete Crews replaced street-name signs for West Street & Bern Street and Gaston Blvd. & Neuse Blvd.; replaced speed-limit sign on Sherwood Avenue; and replaced no-dumping signs on Moore Avenue.
- Stormwater Crews cleaned drainage way near 1910 Opal Street.

Ward 3

- Asphalt Crews repaired water/sewer cut at 1003 Loretta Lane.
- Bluewater Rise Subdivision – the Project Coordinator reported proof-roll pending for Grouper Run and Bluewater Blvd.

- Carolina Colours Subdivision – the Project Coordinator reported contractor continues to install water/sewer lines in Atlas and Hutton Point; proof-roll completed for Carolina Creek Phase I with final asphalt to be installed soon; and construction continues in Bayberry.
- The Project Coordinator continues performing inspections for MetroNet cable installation within Hardee Farms and along Landscape Drive.
- Taberna Subdivision – the Project Coordinator inspected sidewalk repairs marking areas for replacement/corrective grinding.

Ward 4

- The Project Coordinator reported Optimum's subcontractor has completed installation of fiber within Athens Acres.

Ward 5

- Asphalt Crews repaired potholes within Martin Marietta Park.
- Concrete Crews replaced school signs at Biddle Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crews performed abatement at 859 NC Hwy. 55 West (images shown below).



- Stormwater Crews repaired drainage pipe damaged by unknown person(s) at the Biddle Street Pond this past weekend; performed drainage bank repairs at Biddle Street Pond; repaired erosion at 1403 Hazel Avenue; and cut/cleared ditch on Lincoln Street.

Ward 6

- Asphalt Crews repaired potholes at the intersection of Trent Creek Road & Myrtle Grove Road; and performed street repair 1347 Pine Valley Drive.