

Glance Ahead-Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Board of Aldermen Budget Workshops:** Tuesday & Wednesday, May 21st & May 22nd -1:00 p.m.- Pleasant Hill Community Center
- **Board of Adjustment Meeting:** Thursday, May 23rd - 5:30 p.m.-City Hall
- **Footloose on the Neuse:** Friday, May 24th -6:30 p.m.-Trial By Fire- Union Point Park
- **New Bern Southpaws Inaugural Game:** Saturday, May 25th -6:00 p.m.-Kafer Park



City Wide

New Bern 101 Graduation

Fifteen participants of New Bern 101 graduated after completing all eight weeks of the program. The students spent each week visiting a different department within the city and participating in various activities. The final session included a presentation from the Finance department, dinner with the Board of Aldermen, & recognition of each participant as they received their Certificate of Completion at the board meeting. The next season of New Bern 101 is scheduled to begin this fall.



Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics occurred earlier this week. Officers with NBPD, Havelock PD & NC Highway Patrol carried the Flame of Hope into downtown New Bern, ultimately ending up at the New Bern Police Department on George Street. The Torch will run across the state and culminate on May 31st as the NC Special Olympics Summer Games kick off in Raleigh.



National Peace Officers Memorial Day



On Wednesday, May 15th, the Mayor and Assistant City Manager attended New Bern's Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony at Union Point Park. As part of National Police Week, and originally proclaimed by President Kennedy in 1962, the ceremony pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

[Comings, Goings and Such](#)

A warm welcome to the following employee:

- John Mark Rogers, Police Officer Trainee

[Department Items](#)

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

HPC Regular Meeting

Seven HPC members were present for the May 15th Regular Meeting. There were five hearings:

- 403 E. FRONT ST. (the Sudan Shriners' Temple): An application for demolition and redevelopment was discussed regarding retaining portions of the existing building. The hearing was continued (tabled) to the next Regular Meeting on August 21st. Members were authorized and encouraged to come to the HPC Design Review Meetings prior to the August 21st meeting for further discussion about the project.
- 712 POLLOCK ST.: An application for a new accessory structure in the Tertiary AVC was approved.
- 508 C St.: An application to include new wood steps, porch columns, railing, reuse of side windows for the missing windows, and new brick sidewalk all in the Primary AVC; replace side windows with shorter windows in the Secondary AVC; remove new rear window and replace with a wood French door in the Tertiary AVC (approved with conditions).
- 240 MIDDLE ST. (Bynum's): An application to include a storefront remodel in the Primary AVC; first and second floor façade remodels in the Secondary and Tertiary AVCs was approved.
- 111 POLLOCK ST.: An application to include a new porch addition in the Secondary AVC was approved.

Three HPC members were reminded that their current term is soon expiring. All are eligible for another term, so they were encouraged to talk to the Alderman who appointed them and whether they wish to continue or not. The Alderman can either reappoint them or look into finding a replacement in time for the new term.

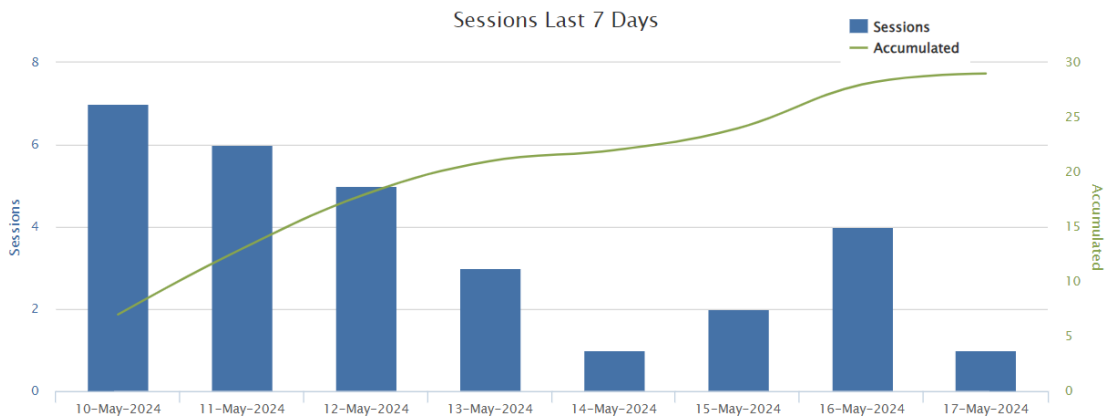
HIP

On Thursday, the Historic Property Owners Support Work Group held its Dryborough Homeowners Workshop from 4-6 pm at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Dryborough. This was a public outreach event for the resident homeowners in Dryborough to inform them of what the Work Group can help them with, provide a short DIY window repair demonstration, and show them a sample of the historic plaques we can provide for their homes. The Work Group collaborated with the Shop Class business to provide the demonstration. The event allowed us to ask the homeowners what other information, demonstrations, or training they would like us to offer in the future. HiP’s partners, including the Redevelopment Commission, were also present to provide information at the event.

ELECTRIC UTILITY:

The property closing for **212 Kale Road** was held on May 17th, 2024.

Red Bear EV Charging – Twenty-nine (29) charging sessions occurred in the past 7 days.



FIRE-RESCUE

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| Incidents (38) | Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (4) |
| Investigations (0) | Community Risk Reduction Events (0) |
| Inspections (79) | Mutual Aid Calls (0) |
| Home Safety Visits (0) | CO Detector Installs (0) |
| Education (4 people) | Smoke Detector Installs (0) |
| Detector Battery Installs (0) | Training (572) |

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HUMAN RESOURCES:

Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

PARKS & RECREATION:

Broad Street Fishing Pier Project: Request for bids released on May 15th.

Lawson Creek Park: Permit for Marshwalk Phase 3 was received. A construction meeting will be held next week with the contractor.

New Bern Aquatic Center/Splash Pad: Opens for the season on Saturday, March 25th. Lifeguard training class will be held May 17th – 19th. Three employees participated in the Certified Pool Operator class and received certification.

New Bern Memorial Shelter: Shelter construction is complete. Landscaping will follow up with sod and plantings.

Special Events

- Friday, May 17th – New Bern High School Senior Picnic – Lawson Creek Park - 10am-1pm.
- Saturday, May 18th – United Worship 12th Annual Community Day – 900 block of Main and 800 block of West Streets (street closure) -11am- 4pm.
- Saturday, May 18th – Special Olympics Jeep Rally – Lawson Creek Park -8am- 3pm.
- Sunday, May 19th – Community Band Spring Concert – Union Point Park Gazebo -4pm- 8pm.

Special Event Applications – 2 this week

Burials – 1 this week

POLICE

Special Events:

5/18/2024 – Craven Terrace Resident Fun Day

5/21/2024 – Berne Lodge 724 Officer Appreciation Dinner 6 PM – 7:30 PM

ShotSpotter Activations			
<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u># of Shots</u>	<u>Notes</u>
05/10/2024 @ 7:57 AM	1103 Elm St	1	No suspects, weapons or shell casings located
Total		1	

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National Police Week

To show their appreciation for the New Bern Police Department during National Police Week, Walmart donated food, drinks, and supplies to the department earlier this week.



Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Larceny-All Other	5/10/2024 19:10	Closed/Cleared
2	Larceny-All Other	5/5/2024 18:26	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/7/2024 12:54	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/7/2024 13:45	Further Investigation
	Burglary / B&E	5/7/2024 14:04	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/7/2024 14:04	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/7/2024 14:27	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/7/2024 15:12	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-Theft From Motor Vehicle	5/9/2024 14:33	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/9/2024 14:33	Further Investigation
	Robbery	5/6/2024 17:39	Further Investigation
	Burglary / B&E	5/10/2024 11:30	Closed/Cleared
	Robbery	5/10/2024 12:25	Further Investigation
4	Larceny-All Other	5/9/2024 12:42	Further Investigation
5	Larceny-Theft From Motor Vehicle	5/8/2024 8:09	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/10/2024 11:16	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/10/2024 12:28	Further Investigation
6	Larceny-All Other	5/6/2024 10:22	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	5/7/2024 21:12	Closed/Cleared

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 1 Tip Last 30 Days: 12 Tips Tips Received This Year: 39 Tips

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	2	7	1	2	6	9	27
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	1	0	0	0	2	3	6
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Traffic Stops	38	64	1	15	53	37	208
Noise Complaints	3	1	0	4	7	0	15

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Country Club Road Paving Project - Public Works preparing documentation for low bidder Onslow Grading and Paving, Jacksonville, N.C.
- Duffyfield Stormwater Enhancements Project Phase 1 - work continues with pump station installation.
- East Rose Street Pump Station & Basin Expansion Project – posted for bids May 16, 2024, and bid opening scheduled for June 20, 2024.
- Jack Smith Creek FEMA CAT D Project –contract and execution approved by the Board of Aldermen on May 14, 2024, for Avolis Landworks, LLC, New Bern.
- Lowes Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements Project - continues with installation of pedestrian crossing, monitored by Concrete Crew/Project Coordinator (image shown below).



- Racetrack Road Improvements Project - additional paving and improvements scheduled for June 2024.
- Stormwater Asset Inventory & Assessment Project - consultant currently reviewing data and continues to prepare base mapping.
- Sutton Street/Henderson Park Project - Heavy Equipment Crews continue walkway construction.
- Trent River FEMA CAT D Project - contract and execution approved 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.
- Heavy Equipment Crews performed equipment maintenance; mowing/cleaning of City-owned vacant lots, tree removal/trimming/mowing along City rights-of-ways; and continued sweeping City-maintained curbed streets.
- The Project Coordinator continues to coordinate with MetroNet to remove expired locate flags throughout the City of New Bern.
- 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, Human Resources, Police Department Headquarters, Police Department Satellite Office, Police Department 911 Communications, Public Utilities (Electric), Public Works Complex, and the Volt Center. The Civil War Monument Sign is pending installation due to 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 City's leased parking lots downtown; continue 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. Approximately 10 bags of litter were collected along River Road by City staff & community volunteers during the City of New Bern Community Cleanup Event May 9, 2024. The next Craven County Clean Sweep Event is planned for August 3, 2024.
- Stormwater Crews continue to perform normal maintenance with cleaning/clearing of city-maintained inlets, outlets, and outfalls throughout the City of New Bern; and continue herbicide application throughout the drainage zones.

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 Moye Road, Hillmont Road, Lake Tyler Drive, 9th Street, Zurich Place, Cypress Street, and Second Avenue.
- At the NCRWA annual conference this week, WWTP operators Octavia Messerschmidt and Adriana Zagala were both awarded their graduation certificates for completing the NCRWA apprenticeship program and the City was recognized as being a partner in the program. Congratulations!

Significant Ward Related Items

Ward 1

- Asphalt Crews performed street repairs at 1612 Spencer Avenue.
- Concrete Crews repaired water/sewer cut at 1115 Queen Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crews trimmed trees within Lawson Creek Park; and trimmed trees along rights-of-ways of the 200 block of Pollock Street (image shown below).



- The Project Coordinator addressed residential sidewalk concern on East Front Street.
- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- Stormwater Crews prepared Pasteur Street for pipe installation.

Ward 2

- Asphalt Crews performed street repairs on EF Thompkins Lane, New Bern Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, intersection of McKinley Avenue & Pearson Street, and intersection of Emerson Street and New Bern Avenue.
- Concrete Crews replaced street-name sign poles for Chestnut Avenue and Oscar Drive.
- Heavy Equipment Crews trimmed trees along right-of-way on Hotel Drive; edged/cleaned streets with street sweeper within the Pembroke Community; and trimmed/mowed drainageway within 1300 block of Dr. M L King Jr. Blvd. to assist Parks & Recreation (before & after images shown below).



Ward 3

- Concrete Crews repaired the sidewalk near 2837 Weathersby Drive; and repaired a curb at 3135 Bettye Gresham Lane.
- Bluewater Rise Subdivision – The Project Coordinator reported proof-roll passed for Grouper Run and Bluewater Blvd.; driveway inspections completed at 6004 & 6007 Tarpon Trail and 2037 Sharpnose Street; and continues to monitor ongoing construction in this area.
- Carolina Colours Subdivision – The Project Coordinator reported MetroNet installing underground fiber along Waterscape Way/Landscape Drive; the contractor continues to install water/sewer lines in Atlas and Hutton Point; final asphalt to be installed soon in Carolina Creek Phase I; and construction continues in Bayberry Park.
- Taberna – The Project Coordinator is coordinating with Optimum Gov. liaison to complete repair work.

Ward 4

- Project Coordinator/Stormwater Crews addressed residential concerns involving MetroNet near 1037 & 1100 Plymouth Drive.

Ward 5

- Heavy Equipment Crews performed mowing abatement on NC Hwy. 55 West.
- The Project Coordinator addressed a residential concern on Frida Road.
- Stormwater Crews cleaned ditch within the 2700 block of Oaks Road (images shown below); removed broken tree top/silt fence from Jack Smith Creek Wetlands; repaired separated driveway tile at Jack Smith Creek Wetlands; and the contractor installed an overflow device at the Biddle Street Pond (image shown below).



Oaks Rd.



Biddle Street Pond

Ward 6

- The Project Coordinator is monitoring ongoing construction in Belle Oaks Subdivision, is coordinating with Optimum Gov. liaison to complete repair work in Greenbrier & Belle Oaks, responded to a residential MetroNet concern on Clubhouse Drive, and is coordinating with a cable contractor to complete repairs on River Road.