

Glance Ahead-Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Juneteenth Parade and Festival**: Saturday, June 15th -11:00 a.m.-Broad and Roundtree Streets
- **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**: Wednesday, June 19th-5:30 p.m.- City Hall
- **Municipal Service District Work Session**: Thursday, June 20th-12:00 p.m.- Chamber of Commerce
- **Planning and Zoning Meeting**: Thursday, June 20th-5:30 p.m.-City Hall
- **Footloose on the Neuse**: Friday, June 21st-6:30 p.m.-Capt. Mike & The Shipwrecked (Jimmy Buffett Tribute)-Union Point Park

City Wide

Paving Updates

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Community Clean-Up

Eighteen volunteers helped pick up litter as part of our Keep New Bern Clean community cleanup this month, including fourteen city staff from Public Works, Administration, Parks & Recreation, and Fire-Rescue. We cleaned up Amhurst Boulevard and then branched out to tackle part of Pine Tree Drive and the access road behind the gas station/Pizza Hut which front S. Glenburnie Road. In all, the group collected thirty bags of trash.



Employee Appreciation Luncheon



We celebrated our employees on Thursday with the quarterly Employee Appreciation Luncheon held at West New Bern Recreation Center. Seven employees were recognized for their longevity milestones and other special announcements noted specific certifications achieved by city staff. The Flame catered the luncheon and brought hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the fixin's. Employees also received a coupon for a free snow cone from Eady's Frozen Treats for dessert.

Comings, Goings and Such

A warm welcome to the following employee:

- Dylan Conaway, Maintenance Construction Worker-Public Works

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

Department Items

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Historic Preservation

On Wednesday, the Historic Preservation Administrator attended and spoke at the Historic Tax Credits & Downtown Small-Scale Development Workshop in New Bern. The Administrator worked with Swiss Bear and the State's NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center to prepare for this workshop. The half-hour presentation debunked some myths about historic preservation and showed how the eight most recently completed tax credit projects have been successful for the developer. Other speakers explained and demonstrated the following topics:

- The special building code in NC for existing buildings is very friendly and helpful for historic buildings
- Upstairs apartments can become a big catalyst for more economic growth and vibrancy in downtown and neighborhood commercial areas
- How to use tax credits to make historic rehabilitation projects financially feasible and less risky
- How the tax credit application process works

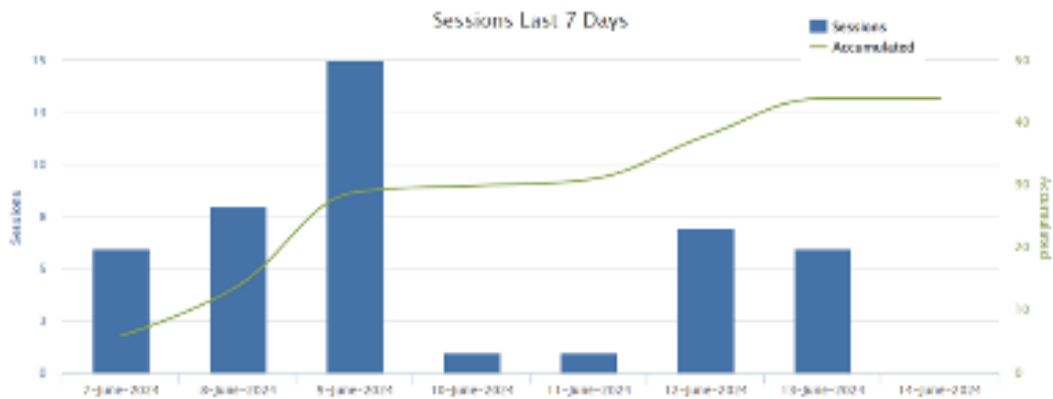
Fire Protection

Development Services staff hosted the half-day quarterly meeting of the Croatan Area Fire shed Partnership meeting on Monday. Major items presented were as follows:

- A presentation by the Down East Landowner Prescribed Burn Association, which provides certified training and basic supplies for landowners to prepare their own prescribed burn plans and to do the burns safely.
- The Partnership is formalizing and at the meeting established an interim leadership team to create by-laws. The vision and mission statements were also finalized, and a logo was established.
- The US Forest Service asked the partners to provide letters of support for their multi-million-dollar grant application to the Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Program.

ELECTRIC UTILITY:

Red Bear EV Charging – Forty-four (44) charging sessions occurred in the past 7 days.



FINANCE:

- The City closed on the financing for 212 Kale Road property on Tuesday.
- The Finance Director met with representatives from First National Bank to discuss investment options.
- The City received \$3.5 million in reimbursements from FEMA for Hurricane Florence.
- FY24 year-end close out and audit preparations have begun.

FIRE-RESCUE:

New Bern Fire-Rescue hosted a child safety seat certification class at the headquarters station this week. Attendees consisted of NBFR staff, other first responders, as well as childcare and healthcare representatives from NC & VA. The weeklong class culminates with a free child safety seat clinic at Target on MLK Jr. Boulevard today from 10am-12pm.

Incidents (31)	Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (1)
Investigations (0)	Community Risk Reduction Events (1)
Inspections (83)	Mutual Aid Calls (1)
Home Safety Visits (3)	CO Detector Installs (1)
Education (52 people)	Smoke Detector Installs (4)
Detector Battery Installs (2)	Training (580)

Note:

- Hosted the 2024 Fire Academy Training.
- Conducted a station tour for Easter Seals.
- Hosted a Child Passenger Safety Class.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- A new employee orientation was held for summer seasonal staff on Thursday, June 13, 2024.
- Craven County Schools Career and Technical Education provides externship opportunities for our educators. This is an opportunity for educators to work in various industries and take real-world experience back to the classrooms to better prepare students for their future. The City will host five (5) educators from June 18th – June 21st and five (5) educators from June 25th – June 28th. They will spend time in each department learning about the operations of the city government.

IT

The first meeting of the revamped IT Governance Committee will be held on Thursday, June 20th at 2:00 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Henderson Park: Construction on a new component playground structure has started.

Broad Street Fishing Pier Project: The bid opening will be Thursday, June 20th at 3:00pm at Parks and Recreation Administration.

New Bern Aquatic Center: The pool has been open daily this week. Revenue 6/7 – 6/13 was \$10,529.25. Swim lessons kicked off this week and are going well.

Special Events:

- Friday, June 14th – ArtWalk Live Musicians – Kress Mall – 4:00pm – 8:30pm
- Saturday, June 15th – Elks Lodge Flag Day – Union Point Park – 11:00pm – 12:00pm
- Saturday, June 15th – Run for Shelter 5k/10k – Old Airport Rd / Taberna – 7:00am – 12:00pm
- Sunday, June 16th – Joe Brown Father's Day Gospel Concert – Union Point Park - 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Special Event Applications: 4 this week

Burials: 0 this week

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

June 14, 2024

POLICE:

Earlier this week, the New Bern Police Department welcomed two new officers and two new PST/Telecommunicators during a special ceremony held in the courtroom at City Hall. Officer J. Rogers and Officer A. Heath were pinned by family with their official badges. H. Beachy and A. Hayes were welcomed to the department as well.



ShotSpotter Activations			
<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u># of Shots</u>	<u>Notes</u>
06/03/2024 03:29	925 Pollock St	1	No victim, property damage or evidence located
06/08/2024 07:02	1323 Rhem Ave	2	Per Utilities a transformer blew
Total		3	

Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Larceny-All Other	6/7/2024 19:44	Further Investigation
2	Larceny-All Other	6/2/2024 17:16	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-Theft From Motor Vehicle	6/5/2024 15:32	Closed/Leads Exhausted
	Motor Vehicle Theft	6/5/2024 16:02	Further Investigation
5	Larceny-All Other	6/8/2024 14:09	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 33 Tips Last 30 Days: 58 Tips Tips Received This Year: 97 Tips

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Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	3	8	1	3	3	11	29
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
Traffic Stops	45	46	2	20	46	24	183
Noise Complaints	2	2	0	2	3	2	11

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Broad Street & Middle Street Signal Project – Soil borings were completed Tuesday for signal pole foundation design.
- Country Club Road Paving Project – The Contractor will begin work on Monday, June 17, 2024. Public notices were posted/distributed this week.
- Duffield Stormwater Enhancements Project Phase 1 - Work continues with pump station installation.
- East Rose Street Pump Station & Basin Expansion Project – The bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024.
- Jack Smith Creek FEMA CAT D Project – The contract and execution were approved by the Board of Aldermen on May 14, 2024, for Avolis Landworks, LLC, New Bern.
- Lowes Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements Project – Pending installation of crosswalk signage and installed bollards, we’re negotiating additional sidewalk work with the contractor using the remaining funds for this project.
- Racetrack Road Improvements Project – The Contractor will begin additional paving/intersection modifications on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Public notices will be posted/distributed this week.
- Stormwater Asset Inventory & Assessment Project – The consultant is currently reviewing data and continues to prepare base mapping.
- Sutton Street/Henderson Park Project –Additional material to complete this project is pending. The Public Buildings Division finalized the walkway lighting design.
- Trent River FEMA CAT D Project – The contract and execution were approved by the Board of Aldermen on May 14, 2024, for Carolina Cleaning, Greenville, N.C.
- Walt Bellamy & Bern Street Paving Project – A preconstruction meeting was held on June 4, 2024, and work is scheduled to begin following completion of water/sewer improvements contract.
- 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 assisted with removal of advertising signage along City rights-of-ways and assisted with updating Encroachment Permit.

June 14, 2024

- Public Buildings Crews performed many tasks for maintenance/repairs to City buildings, equipment, and/or grounds (City Garage, City Hall, Fire Headquarters, Police Department Headquarters, and West New Bern Recreation).
- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove litter along City rights-of-ways throughout 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. The Community Cleanup Event was held Thursday, June 13, 2024, with approximately 31 bags of litter collected by volunteers/City employees, and the next Craven County Clean Sweep Event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 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.
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REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

This week, the Redevelopment Commission held its monthly business meeting and received two presentations:

- Mr. Reginal Barner of the New Bern Housing Authority gave the first presentation. Mr. Barner communicated the Authority's intention to purchase the Walt Bellamy project as replacement units for the redevelopment of Trent Court. The New Bern Housing Authority proposed purchasing each of the three units for \$164,000, totaling \$492,000. The total allocated cost for the project (including expenses and encumbrances) was \$429,385.44. The Assistant City Attorney and Housing Authority will collaborate with staff to draft a purchase agreement, requiring approval from the Commission and the governing board.
- The second presentation was delivered by Margaret Shield, who proposed entering a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for her grant writing services. The Commission agreed that crafting a contract for the Commission to review would benefit future developments. Staff and Ms. Shield will work on acceptable terms in partnership with the chair in the coming weeks.

The Redevelopment Commission officially accepted a surveying contract with ECLU Global, INC for the West A Street project totaling \$11,575. The service will include obtaining site control on the NC Grid (Horizontal & Vertical), one day of utility and survey marks, establishing a boundary line agreement, creating a recombination plat to abandon the boundary line between parcels, and creating a subdivision plat with up to six lots facing the road. They will prepare a combination plat and ensure it is signed, sealed, reviewed, and recorded. Once this survey work is completed, the project group can develop and build up to six houses on these parcels. The proposal request was sent to seven local and regional surveyors; two responded with comparable bids, and the Commission selected the lowest bid.

Staff has met with several developers to discuss the possibility of a large-scale housing development within the redevelopment boundary area. In the coming weeks, staff and commissioners will continue to meet and formulate a plan for a project proposal.

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 Neuse Avenue, Brown Drive, Howard Street, Walt Bellamy Drive, Old Airport Road, Spencer Avenue, and North Craven Street.

Significant Ward Related Items**Ward 1**

- This week, City staff implemented a small-scale water outage on North Craven Street in order to replace a leaking 6" water valve. The water outage was contained to a very small area, which did not impact any customers.
- The contractor working on the FY-24 Water & Sewer improvements project completed the necessary sewer tie-in work at the intersection of Pollock Street and Bern Street and began installing the new sewer main along Bern Street.
- Asphalt Crews completed asphalt paving on a section of loop road at Jacks Island, Lawson Creek Park; repaired potholes at Griffin Avenue & Simmons Street; and repaired a water/sewer cut at 801 Contentnea Avenue.
- Concrete Crews replaced a faded handicap sign within Red Bear Parking Lot, Craven Street; repainted hashmarks on Bern Street and Cedar Street; and repainted parking lines within 1800 block of Rhem Avenue.
- The Project Coordinator, assisted by Stormwater Supt., addressed storm drainpipe damage by a commercial property owner on Middle Street.
- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- Stormwater Crews inspected a sinkhole near 310 Queen Street and are scheduling repair of a collapsed drainage pipe next week (image shown below).



Ward 2

- Asphalt Crews continue to edge/clean streets within the Pembroke Community.
- Concrete Crews installed a new speed limit sign on Hattie's Way.
- Heavy Equipment Crews cleaned/edge sidewalks along Roundtree Street (images shown below).



- Stormwater Crews mowed along the canal on Monterey Circle.

Ward 3

- Concrete Crews installed new speed limits signs on Sellhorn Blvd. and Bettye Gresham Lane; and replaced Community Watch signage on Sellhorn Blvd.
- Bluewater Rise – The Project Coordinator reported proof roll completed; basins repaired; and continues to monitor ongoing construction.
- Brices Crossing – The Project Coordinator inspected a sidewalk on General Branch Drive for repair/replacement.
- Carolina Colours Subdivision – The Project Coordinator ensured MetroNet street cuts were repaired on Old Airport Road & Landscape Drive; checked on the progress of contractors in Bayberry; and continues to monitor ongoing construction in this area.
- Lake View Estates – The Project Coordinator ensured MetroNet repairs were completed on Bettye Gresham; and continues to monitor ongoing construction.
- Taberna – The Project Coordinator is coordinating with Optimum Gov. liaison to complete repair work.

Ward 4

- Concrete Crews reported bollards were installed by contractor on Lowes Blvd.

Ward 5

- On Thursday, (6/13), a boring contractor struck an 8" water main on Morning Star Drive, near the entrance to Colonial Mobile Home Park. Operations staff quickly responded to the site and were able to excavate down to the water main and installed a repair clamp on the damaged section of pipe. Staff implemented a small-scale water outage on Morning Star Drive, which allowed them to make the necessary repairs and return water service to all the impacted customers Thursday afternoon.
- Asphalt Crews repaired potholes at the intersection of Biddle Street & Jarvis Street.
- The Project Coordinator responded to a watermain strike by MetroNet near Lake Tyler, Planter's Ridge, and Colonial Mobile Home Park; and inspected a sinkhole on Woolard Trail.
- Public Buildings Crews reinstalled refurbished Forest Hills Community signage this week (image shown below).



- Stormwater Crews performed drainage maintenance at 1403 Hazel Avenue; and regraded drainage way within the 2100 block of Oaks Road.
- West New Bern Subdivision – The Project Coordinator continues monitoring ongoing construction.

Ward 6

- Concrete Crews installed a flume on a catch basin at 3725 Trent Road and will complete dressing up this area next week.
- Belle Oaks Subdivision – The Project Coordinator continues to monitor ongoing construction. Stormwater Crews mowed vegetation along the rear of Belle Oaks Subdivision.
- Cypress Shores Community – The Project Coordinator responded to a residential concern regarding street maintenance on Morton Road.
- Greenbrier Subdivision – The Project Coordinator is coordinating with the Optimum Gov. liaison to complete repair work; and addressed a residential concern regarding MetroNet's sub-contractor cutting cable line for service on Augusta Court.