

Glance Ahead-Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Fourth of July Holiday:** Thursday, July 4th-City Offices are Closed
- **Fourth of July Celebration:** Thursday, July 4th-5:30 p.m.- Lawson Creek Park (with Fireworks beginning at 9:15 p.m.)
- **Board of Aldermen Meeting:** Tuesday, July 9th-6:00 p.m.-City Hall
- **Redevelopment Commission Meeting:** Wednesday, July 10th -6:00 p.m.-City Hall



City Wide



The Mayor, Alderman Prill, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and MPO staff attended the **Ribbon Cutting** for the **Coastal Carolina Regional Airport** this past Monday celebrating their new terminal expansion.

IEDC Update: Representatives from the IEDC (International Economic Development Council) met with the citizens of New Bern back in April regarding the best use for the Old Days Inn parcel and the corner lot at South Front and Hancock Street. This past week, the City Manager spoke with an IEDC consultant who indicated that their recommendations should be completed by the end of July. Results will be discussed at a future work session.

On June 26, 2024, the City of New Bern received notice from the Craven County Manager that **Craven County** will be adjusting our tax collection fees from a current rate of 1% to a new rate of 1.5%. By contract, a two-year notification is required. Therefore, the changes will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

The Mayor, City Manager, and representatives of small business, tourism, and education participated in an interview with **Business View** magazine this week. The hour-long interview was conducted virtually and went very well. The magazine plans to feature New Bern in its print and online edition for September. They requested Placer.ai data and demographics for some of our city events, as well as 10 high resolution photos of New Bern. We sent them nearly thirty photos to give them plenty of perspective on our beautiful location, historic landscape, and busy calendar of events.

The **Craven County Schools Externship Program** brought another group of educators to the City of New Bern this week. The five teachers visited various

departments and learned more about the functions of local government and the programs and services we offer.

Additional Paving Updates:

- Country Club Road Paving Project – This project should be completed today or the beginning of next week.
- Racetrack Road Improvements Project – This project is just awaiting final paving, with completion in two weeks.
- Due to previous equipment issues, the following projects are still underway with completion estimated to be completed by mid-July:
 - Elizabeth Avenue from Tobiano to Buckskin
 - Buckskin Drive from Elizabeth to Tobiano
 - Brunswick Avenue from Colony almost to S. Glenburnie Road (stopping near the Bojangles parking lot)
 - Fairfax Lane

Comings, Goings and Such

There were no new hires this past week.

Department Items

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Historic Preservation

Staff have been preparing for the **HPC Design Review Meeting** which will be held next Wednesday. So far on the agenda:

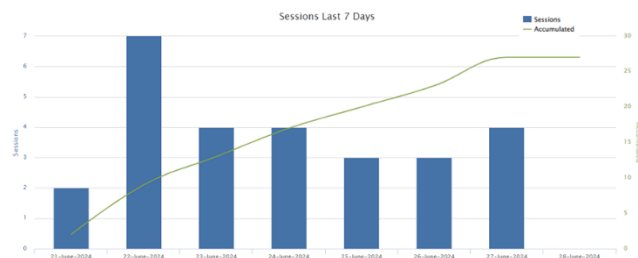
- The demolition and redevelopment of the Florence-damaged house by ReBuildNC at 104 Johnson Street.

Prevention of Demolition by Neglect Work Group

The PDBN Work Group met on Tuesday and reviewed eight of the twelve high priority cases. It was decided the case for 726 Pollock St. would be sent to the Historic Preservation Commission for their consent to continue the case. HPC would then petition the Chief Building Inspector to investigate, hold a hearing, and issue a Work Order filed with the courts to conduct repairs by a specified deadline.

ELECTRIC UTILITY:

Red Bear EV Charging – Twenty-seven (27) charging sessions occurred in the past 7 days.



FINANCE:

Nothing to report this week

FIRE-RESCUE:

Incidents (44)	Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (0)
Investigations (0)	Community Risk Reduction Events (1)
Inspections (49)	Mutual Aid Calls (0)
Home Safety Visits (4)	CO Detector Installs (2)
Education (6 people)	Smoke Detector Installs (9)
Detector Battery Installs (12)	Training (417)

Note:

- Hosted an Instructor Indoctrination Class

Upcoming Events:

- 6/28/2024 Craven County School Externship.
- 7/4/2024 Assist with July 4th Celebration.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

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Ernest Simons attended the Multi-State-Information Sharing & Analysis Center Conference this week. The conference is facilitated by the Department of Homeland Security and provides free resources and services to state and local agencies.

PARKS & RECREATION:

The annual **Fourth of July Celebration** will be held on Thursday, July 4th starting at 5:30pm at Lawson Creek Park. Entertainment includes Rivermist which starts at 6:30 p.m. Vendors, food trucks, games and more will be provided throughout the evening up until the fireworks show at 9:15pm!

Stanley White Recreation Center

The Stanley White Recreation Center Advisory Committee met on 6/24/24 for a work session regarding the History Wall. Consultants with 310 Architecture + Interiors led the discussion and gathered useful information and feedback regarding the project.

Henderson Park

A large portion of the new playground structure has been completed. Site work continues to increase the elevation for new swings and fitness equipment.

CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT

June 28, 2024

Broad Street Fishing Pier Project

A total of five bids were received for this project. The low bid of \$197,780 is currently under review.

Lawson Creek Park

Marshwalk Phase 3 has been completed.

Special Events

- Thursday July 4th – Glorious Fourth – Tryon Palace – 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Special Event Applications – 2 this week.

Burials – 3 this week.

POLICE:

ShotSpotter Activations			
<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u># of Shots</u>	<u>Notes</u>
06/17/2024 7:23	1135 H St	1	Subject on scene stated he set off a firecracker
06/20/2024 8:07	1307 Jarvis St	1	Witness located
Total		2	

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	5	3	1	3	3	8	23
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Traffic Stops	32	49	1	3	35	13	133
Noise Complaints	4	0	0	3	2	0	9

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 8 Tips Last 30 Days: 53 Tips Tips Received This Year: 109 Tips

Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Assault, Aggravated	6/16/2024 19:33	Closed/Cleared
	Assault, Aggravated	6/20/2024 11:05	Inactive
2	Burglary / B&E	6/17/2024 19:34	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	6/17/2024 18:23	Closed/Leads Exhausted
	Assault, Aggravated	6/19/2024 18:47	Further Investigation
4	Larceny-All Other	6/19/2024 21:30	Closed/Cleared
5	Assault, Aggravated	6/17/2024 13:06	Closed/Cleared
	Robbery	6/17/2024 20:11	Closed/Cleared
	Assault, Aggravated	6/20/2024 0:25	Closed/Cleared
	Motor Vehicle Theft	6/20/2024 9:52	Closed/Cleared
6	Larceny-All Other	6/17/2024 8:51	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	6/17/2024 18:22	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	6/19/2024 18:46	Further Investigation

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Country Club Road Paving Project – paving work finishing 6/28/24, with striping and final cleanup to follow in the coming weeks.
- Duffyfield Stormwater Enhancements Project Phase 2 & 3 – Project plans will go out for bidding with a bid opening of 8/2/24.
- East Rose Street Pump Station & Basin Expansion Project – A bid opening was held on Thursday, June 20, 2024, with no bids received. The project is being rebid with a bid opening of 7/9/24.
- Jack Smith Creek FEMA CAT D Project – The contract and execution was approved by the Board of Aldermen on May 14, 2024, for Avolis Landworks, LLC, New Bern.
- Lowes Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements Project – We’re waiting for contractors to install cross walk signage and negotiating additional sidewalk work using the remaining funds for this project.
- Racetrack Road Improvements Project – The additional milling and grading request sent to Public Works for the Elizabeth Ave. intersection was completed, with final paving to be completed weather permitting.
- Stormwater Asset Inventory & Assessment Project – A consultant is currently reviewing data and continues to prepare base mapping.
- Sutton Street/Henderson Park Project – Completion is pending due to additional materials required. The Public Buildings Division finalized the walkway lighting design.
- Trent River FEMA CAT D Project – the contract and execution was 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 was scheduled to begin following completion of a water/sewer improvements contract.

- Heavy Equipment Crews performed equipment maintenance such as mowing/cleaning of City-owned vacant lots/Redevelopment Community 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.
- Public Buildings Crews performed many tasks for maintenance/repairs to City buildings, equipment, and/or grounds (City Garage, City Hall, Fire Headquarters, Fire Station #4, Police Department Headquarters, and Public Works Complex).
- 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, and within city limits as part of the City's participation in the NCDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program.
- 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.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

No new developments to report this week.

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 Crabtree Circle, McCarthy Boulevard, Water Street, Peregrine Ridge, Grace Avenue, Corral Circle, Bern Street, and Grace Avenue.

Significant Ward Related Items**Ward 1**

- This week, the contractor working on the FY-24 Water & Sewer improvements project continued installing the new sewer main along Bern Street. Approximately 75% of the sewer main replacement work has been completed.
- In addition, staff replaced a section of 4" sewer force main on Watson Avenue that developed a leak.
- Asphalt Crews repaired water/sewer cuts at 711 Second Ave, 1801 Spencer Ave, 520 Craven St., the intersection of Queen & Craven Street, and the intersection of Cedar & Miller St. They removed event banners on Broad Street and completed shoulder maintenance work in Trent Creek.
- Concrete Crews completed a sidewalk replacement at 602 Middle Street, a section of driveway at 223 Pollock Street, and installed an Adopt A Street sign on Asheville St. (Images shown below).

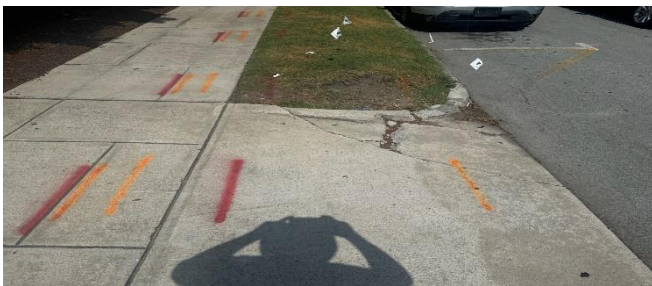
Middle Street Before



Middle Street After



Pollock Street Before



Pollock Street After



- Heavy Equipment Crews completed a stump grinding and infrastructure repair at the intersection of Johnson and Middle St., along with a tree trimming in Sunnyside.
- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.

Ward 2

- Asphalt Crews completed shoulder maintenance work in Pembroke.
- Concrete Crews installed an Adopt-A-Street sign on Tatum Dr.
- Heavy Equipment crews completed work on Sutton Walkway construction.

Ward 3

- Asphalt Crews repaired a water/sewer cut at 214 Sellhorn Blvd.; completed street repairs at 102 Valais Ct, 111 Teufen Rd., 212 Mellen Ct. and Gables Rd.; completed a shoulder maintenance repair at Bluewater Rise entrance.
- Stormwater Crews addressed a sinkhole at 111 Evans Mill. (Images shown below).



Ward 4

- Asphalt crews completed shoulder maintenance on Racetrack Rd. around mailboxes.

Ward 5

- Asphalt crews completed shoulder maintenance in Duffyfield neighborhoods.

Ward 6

- Asphalt crews completed shoulder maintenance at Cypress Shores.
- Stormwater crews addressed a blockage at 4802 Haywood Farms Rd.