

## Glance Ahead-Upcoming City and Community Wide Activities

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

- **Footloose on the Neuse**: Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>-6:30 p.m.-Landslide (*Fleetwood Mac Tribute*) - Union Point Park
- **Coffee with a Cop**: Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>- 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.-Dunkin' Donuts & 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.- Lawson's Landing
- **United Badges Blood Drive**: Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>-7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.-1125 Pine Tree Dr.
- **Planning & Zoning Board Meeting**: Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>-5:30 p.m.-City Hall

## City Wide

### **Crosswalk Improvements**

We received notice this week that as a result of the Neuse Blvd. Vulnerable User Study, funding was approved by the DOT to install pedestrian crosswalk controls on Neuse Blvd. at First Street and Fort Totten Drive. The cost for the project is estimated at \$26,000. This project could be completed by the end of the year.

### **Hurricane Season 2024**



The City is reminding residents to prepare for hurricane season. The Atlantic hurricane season lasts from June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. We've already seen the earliest forming major hurricane on record, along with two other named storms. This week, the City created a robust information page on our website and distributed a press

release with information including Survival Kit Preparedness, Know Your Zone Evacuation Information, Business & Residential Checklists, How to Sign up for New Bern Alerts, and more. The webpage can be found here:

[https://www.newbernnc.gov/news\\_detail\\_T16\\_R332.php](https://www.newbernnc.gov/news_detail_T16_R332.php).

### **Community Clean-Up**

Thirteen volunteers helped pick up trash this past Thursday as part of our Keep New Bern Clean program. They collected 19 bags along Neuse Avenue.



### **Ongoing Paving Updates:**

- Country Club Road Paving Project – Paving is complete and temporary striping is down; permanent pavement markings will be placed in two weeks.
- Racetrack Road Improvements Project – Paving is complete; permanent pavement markings will be placed 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-Paving Complete
- Buckskin Drive from Elizabeth to Tobiano- Paving Complete
- Brunswick Avenue from Colony almost to S. Glenburnie Road (stopping near the Bojangles parking lot)- Paving Complete
- Fairfax Lane- Paving Complete
  
- The following streets will be paved once Water Resources finishes utility work in those areas:
  - Walt Bellamy Dr. from First St. to Jones St.
  - Bern St. from Pollock St. to Broad St.
  - Norwood St. from Walt Bellamy Dr. to Pollock St.

## Comings, Goings and Such

A warm welcome to the following new employees:

- Kevin Avila, Fire Trainee, Fire Department
- Tim McCarter, Fire Trainee, Fire Department
- Melanie Mugford, PST/Telecommunicator, Police Department

## Department Items

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:**

#### **HPC Work Groups**

The Historic Property Owners Support (HiP) Work Group met on Thursday to advance several initiatives:

- Providing plaques requested by two property owners
- Planning for a bus tour with narration of the histories of the homes of the Dryborough neighborhood
- Brainstorming for the next workshop
- Investigating the local need for training in the trades for historic buildings
- Sending letters to owners inquiring about their needs and interests for their historic properties
- Informing property flippers about tax credits so they rehab their projects appropriately
- Helping individual property owners understand options about which they were unaware
- Contacting potential new organization partners

#### **HPC Regular Meeting**

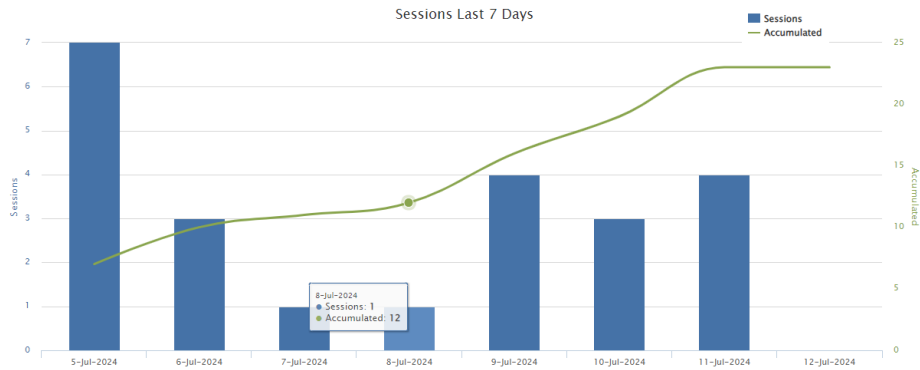
The July 17<sup>th</sup> HPC Regular Meeting has been cancelled.

#### **Planning and Zoning Board**

- There are four Final Plat Subdivisions on the next agenda.
- All Planning and Zoning Board emails have been sent to their respective places.

## **ELECTRIC UTILITY:**

Red Bear EV Charging – Twenty-three (23) charging sessions occurred in the past 7 days.



## **FINANCE:**

Nothing to report this week

## **FIRE-RESCUE:**

Incidents (101)	Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (6)
Investigations (2)	Community Risk Reduction Events (31)
Inspections (103)	Mutual Aid Calls (1)
Home Safety Visits (8)	CO Detector Installs (1)
Education (255 people)	Smoke Detector Installs (2)
Detector Battery Installs (4)	Training (885)

## **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

## **IT**

Nothing to report this week.

## **PARKS & RECREATION:**

### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

- Approximately 7900 people were in attendance

### **Special Events**

- Friday, July 12th – ArtWalk Live Music – Kress Mall – 4:30pm – 9:00pm
- Friday, July 12th - Footloose on the Neuse – Union Point Park - 6:30pm – 9:00pm
- Saturday, July 13th – Revolutionary War Day – Tryon Palace – 9:00am – 11:00pm

# CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT

July 12, 2024

**Special Event Applications** – 2 this week.

**Burials** – 4 this week.

**POLICE:**

The New Bern Police Department is asking for input from city residents as they update their **Strategic Plan**. The department created a survey to help identify strengths and set goals/objectives for improvements. The survey has been posted to their Facebook page and can be found online at:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCSX23C?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2jT4\\_FQ9AJC1G9tHcCViXAKBhxuEU-3cACjSMASWjnjc72ipLHUmthhTc\\_aem\\_FiopaQuImbPe1DKiYIJlww](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCSX23C?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2jT4_FQ9AJC1G9tHcCViXAKBhxuEU-3cACjSMASWjnjc72ipLHUmthhTc_aem_FiopaQuImbPe1DKiYIJlww)

ShotSpotter Activations			
Date/Time	Location	# of Shots	Notes
07/01/2024 @ 23:58 PM	828 Eubanks St.	4	Shell casings located.
07/04/2024 @ 22:24 PM	228 Jones St.	7	Shell casings located, property damage reported.
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	

Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Robbery	6/30/2024 21:00	Closed/Cleared
2	Burglary / B&E	7/2/2024 9:49	Closed/Leads Exhausted
	Larceny-All Other	7/2/2024 9:49	Closed/Leads Exhausted
	Larceny-All Other	7/3/2024 11:02	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	7/4/2024 8:12	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	7/4/2024 10:38	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	7/4/2024 10:54	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	7/5/2024 14:25	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	7/5/2024 18:08	Further Investigation
4	Larceny-Theft From Coin Device	7/2/2024 10:11	Closed/Cleared
5	Larceny-Theft From Motor Vehicle	6/30/2024 23:56	Closed/Leads Exhausted
6	Larceny-Shoplifting	7/2/2024 17:43	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	7/3/2024 14:51	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 4 Tips Last 30 Days: 18 Tips Tips Received This Year: 115 Tips

<b>Wards</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Traffic Crash (No Injury)</b>	9	8	1	1	4	8	31
<b>Traffic Crash (With Injury)</b>	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	65	75	0	19	47	18	224
<b>Noise Complaints</b>	4	3	1	1	4	0	13

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Duffyfield Stormwater Enhancements Project Phase 1 - Work continues with pump station installation.
- Duffyfield Stormwater Enhancements Project Phase 2 & 3 – A pre-bid conference was held on Thursday, July 11, 2024, with a bid opening scheduled for August 2, 2024.
- East Rose Street Pump Station & Basin Expansion Project – A bid opening for a second solicitation was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, with one bid submitted and being evaluated.
- Jack Smith Creek FEMA CAT D Project – A project kick-off meeting was held with the contractor (Avolis Landworks, LLC) on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, with work scheduled to start on July 22, 2024.
- Sidewalk Improvements Projects – The sidewalk/pedestrian crossing was completed on Lowes Blvd.; sidewalk installation was completed on Country Club Road; and a contractor began a new sidewalk and ADA ramp installation at the George Street & Queen Street intersection.
- Stormwater Asset Inventory & Assessment Project – Camera inspections along 10,000 feet of storm sewer pipes will begin in a week.
- Sutton Street/Henderson Park Project – Walkway construction is complete pending the lighting installation.
- Trent River FEMA CAT D Project – A completed contract agreement was received from the contractor (Carolina Cleaning, Greenville, N.C.) with a pre-construction meeting to be scheduled within the next few weeks.
- Heavy Equipment Crews performed equipment maintenance, mowing/cleaning of City-owned vacant lots/Redevelopment Community vacant lots/abatements, tree removal/trimming/mowing along City rights-of-ways; sweeping of City-maintained curbed streets; and removed flags from the recent holiday.
- The Project Coordinator assisted with removal of advertising signage along City rights-of-ways; continued to ensure all street repairs were completed by Metronet; and continued to monitor ongoing construction within the City limits.

- Public Buildings Crews performed many tasks for maintenance/repairs to City buildings, equipment, and/or grounds (City Garage, City Hall, Fire Headquarters, Fire Station #2, Fire Station #4, Police Department, Water Resources, and Wastewater Treatment Plant). Crews completed electrical/concrete work and installation of gutters for the new storage building at the Fire Headquarters/Police Department (images shown below).



- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove litter along City rights-of-ways throughout the City of New Bern and from the City's leased parking lots downtown; continue to remove litter along the US Highway 70 Bypass between Pembroke & South Glenburnie Road exits, within city limits, and as part of the City's participation in the NCDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program. The City of New Bern Community Cleanup Event was held Thursday, July 11, 2024, with litter removal by volunteers and City employees along Neuse Avenue.
- Stormwater Crews continue to perform normal maintenance with the cleaning/clearing of city-maintained inlets, outlets, and outfalls throughout the City of New Bern. Herbicide application continues throughout the drainage zones.

## **REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

- The July 10, 2024, meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2024.
- The staff received Purchase Agreements from the New Bern Housing Authority for the Walt Bellamy homes. These will be presented at the Commission's August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. If approved, they will then go to the Board of Aldermen for review and approval. A potential closing could happen as soon as mid-September. With the closing of this project, Alderman Hazel Royal has suggested that the commission present this project to the community with an Open House event. The staff is awaiting further guidance from the commission on how to proceed.

## **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 Howell Road, Neuse Drive, Trent Road, Fort Road, Edgewood Avenue, Jordan Drive, Lafayette Way, and Fairfax Lane.

**Significant Ward Related Items****Ward 1**

- This week, a contractor was onsite to install a temporary hydro-stop, which was needed to allow operations staff to replace a leaking fire hydrant at the intersection of Spencer Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. A new isolation valve for the hydrant was also installed to facilitate future repairs.
- The contractor working on the FY-24 Water & Sewer improvements project continued installing the new sewer main along Bern Street. In addition, the contractor has mobilized a second crew to Walt Bellamy Drive and has begun construction on that portion of the project.
- Asphalt Crews trimmed vegetation and removed debris build-up along Tucker Street right-of-way, along with repairing potholes on Rhem Avenue and the 1700 block of Lucerne Way.
- Concrete Crews repaired curbing at the Utility Billing Office-606 Fort Totten Drive and replaced a no parking signpost on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Heavy Equipment Crews assisted with the City of New Bern Community Cleanup Event along Neuse Avenue on Thursday, July 11, 2024.
- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- Stormwater Crews repaired a sinkhole next to a basin at West Street & Cedar Street.

**Ward 2**

- Asphalt Crews repaired potholes on EF Thompkins Lane, Sycamore Street, and within the 1900 block of Stimpson Street. They began a reclamation project this week within the Pembroke Community.
- Stormwater Crews mowed along a canal in the Pembroke Community where accessible and resolved a riparian buffer issue at 1804 Charles Street.

**Ward 3**

- The Project Coordinator inspected repair work on Waterscape Way and continues to coordinate with the Optimum Gov. liaison to complete repair work within Taberna.

**Ward 4**

- Asphalt Crews cleaned millings from street gutters on Brunswick Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue left behind by recent paving projects on those streets. They also cut back vegetation from a sidewalk near the City Garage on South Glenburnie Road to assist with pedestrian/traffic safety concerns.

**Ward 5**

- Asphalt Crews repaired potholes at 1306 Harrison Street and 1809 Garden Street, along with placing rocks along rights-of-ways within the Woodrow Community off Oaks Road.

- Stormwater Crews cleaned a drainageway at 1701 Lincoln Street and performed bank repairs at the Biddle Street Stormwater Pond which was damaged by recent heavy rain events (images shown below).



Before



After

## Ward 6

- Asphalt Crews repaired potholes on Oakdale Avenue, Peppercorn Road, Laurel Valley Drive, and Augusta Court.
- Concrete Crews installed additional curbing along the sidewalk at 3731 Trent Road.
- The Project Coordinator continues to coordinate with the Optimum Gov. liaison to complete repair work within the Greenbrier Subdivision, provides overwatch of cable contractor during the fiber installation along Greenbrier Parkway, and inspected the street condition in Cypress Shores, Belle Oaks, and Craeberne Forest.
- Stormwater Crews cut a drainageway near 1851 South Glenburnie Road. (images shown below).

Before



After

