

## 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 Meeting:** Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> -6:00 p.m.-City Hall
- **Board of Adjustment Meeting:** Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> -5:30 p.m.-City Hall
- **Movies in the Park- Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom:** Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> -8:00 p.m.-Union Point Park

## City Wide

### **Global IT Incidents**

Our IT Department has been closely monitoring the worldwide IT issues which developed during the early morning hours on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Information Technology Director, Ernest Simmons, has confirmed that the main cause of the disruptions, CrowdStrike, is a cybersecurity product which the City does not use. Therefore, our systems have not been significantly impacted.

### **CodeWright**



CodeWright, our Land Use Ordinance update consultant, will be in town next Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to host a public forum and present to the Board of Aldermen later that evening. This review and update project is called “Re-New Bern.” Tuesday’s public forum, scheduled from 2pm-5pm, offers an opportunity for the public to come to Development Services, 303 First Street, and meet with our consultants to ask questions, share concerns, and learn more about the project, etc. Another public forum is being scheduled for August.

### **Premier Blood Partner Award**

Our United Badges Blood Drive, in partnership with the American Red Cross, was a big success this week! On Thursday, 252 blood donations were collected. Dozens of city employees participated. The blood drive was held at the Knights of Columbus and continues through Friday. Again this year, the City was recognized with the Premier Blood Partner Award for our continued partnership in addressing the need for blood product, especially during critical summertime shortages. The award was presented to City Manager Foster Hughes by Kristin Willis, our American Red Cross representative. The City’s United Badges (& Battle of the Badges) Blood Drive is the largest blood drive in Craven County. We’d like to thank the Knights of Columbus, the event volunteers, the planning committee, our generous food sponsors, and all of the blood donors for helping to make this annual event a success.



## Comings, Goings and Such

There were no new hires this week.

## Department Items

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:**

#### **Land Use**

The Planning & Zoning Board’s regularly scheduled meeting was held on July 18, 2024, with four subdivision final plats on the agenda as follows:

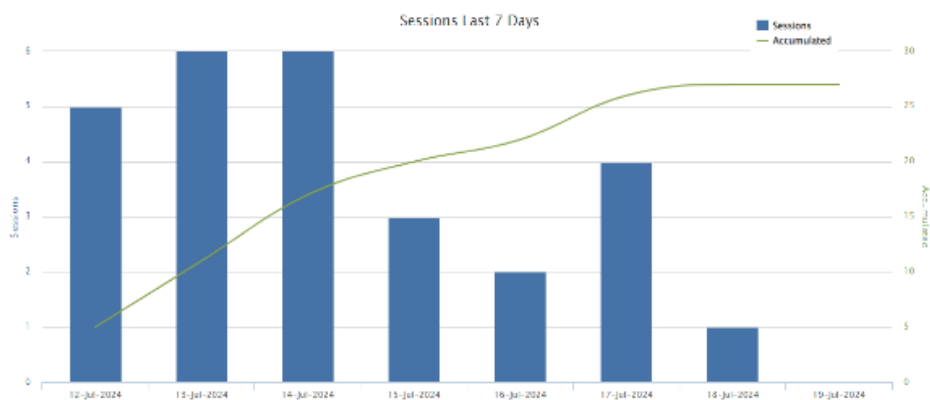
- Olympic Harbor, Phase 1 – one lot for common area
  - Atlas Vally, Phase 1 – one lot for common area
  - Monitor Cape, Phase 2 – Sixty-eight (68) lots for single-family dwellings
  - Aston – Carolina Colours – Seventy-one (71) lots for single-family dwellings
- All four plats were approved unanimously.

The Departmental Review Committee Meeting was held today with four items on the agenda as follows:

- Tyler Home on the Lake Ph. 17 & 18 – Fifty-three (53) lots for single-family dwellings
- Tyler Home on the Lake Ph. 2 & 3 – One hundred forty-one (141) lots for townhomes
- West New Bern Townhomes – Forty-eight (48) lots for townhomes
- Lucas Land Company LLC Rezoning – Rezoning 6.96 acres from A-5 to R-6

### **ELECTRIC UTILITY:**

- A stop work order was released to Brightspeed
- Red Bear EV Charging-Twenty-seven (27) charging sessions occurred in the past 7 days.



### **FINANCE:**

- We’re continuing preparations for the FY24 fiscal year audit.
- An Audit Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

## **FIRE-RESCUE:**

Incidents (34)	Child Passenger Safety Seat Installs (2)
Investigations (0)	Community Risk Reduction Events (3)
Inspections (unknown)	Mutual Aid Calls (0)
Home Safety Visits (2)	CO Detector Installs (1)
Education (61 people)	Smoke Detector Installs (7)
Detector Battery Installs (1)	Training (386.5)

### Note:

- Held a ceremony for Lt. Roy Holton in honor of his dedication to the Department and Fire Prevention.
- Hosted a station tour for D.A.R.E. Camp.
- Held two station tours for daycare facilities.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

Information provided in Comings, Goings, and Such

## **PARKS & RECREATION:**

### **Stanley White Recreation Center**

- Construction is steadily progressing (roofing, windows, drywall, electric, HVAC, paint, and hardware).
- History wall research and public input is still occurring. The consultant met with community members to gather information and scan photographs on 7/16/24.

### **Broad Street Fishing Pier Project**

We're collecting information in preparation for the CAMA permit electronic application. Our CAMA representative is getting input from their attorney regarding how much footage of the shoreline we can apply toward the square footage of the pier project.

### **Special Events**

- Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Global Citizenship Music Festival – Union Point Park – 5:30pm – 8:30pm
- Sunday, Jul 21<sup>st</sup> – Optimum Military Appreciation BBQ – Union Point Park – 12:00pm – 4:00pm

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

**Burials** – 2 this week.

## POLICE:

Mayor Odham and the New Bern Police Department Citizen Volunteers, Inc. presented donations to the New Bern 10U Babe Ruth baseball team this week ahead of their trip to Alexandria, Virginia to participate in the national games. The local league won the regional competition and are state champions this year! The donations will help them with trip expenses.



Two Coffee with a Cop events were held this week to engage with and listen to our residents. They were both held on Wednesday: one at the Dunkin' Donuts on Taberna Way and the other at Lawson's Landing inside the NC History Center on S. Front Street. Several police department staff attended the events to answer questions and share safety tips with the public.

Captain Marquie Morrison-Brown graduated this week from the Administrative Officers Management Program (AOMP). The program teaches management and leadership education for law enforcement professionals and is a nationally accredited program. Captain Morrison-Brown was also voted class president. She was awarded her program certificate by Kinston Police Chief Keith Goyette. The graduation ceremony was held at NC State University. Congratulations Captain Morrison-Brown!



**Note: There were no ShotSpotter activations this period.**

# CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT

July 19, 2024

Ward	Crime Type	Date/Time	Status
1	Larceny-Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/12/2024 7:10	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	7/12/2024 7:10	Further Investigation
	Motor Vehicle Theft	7/12/2024 23:40	Further Investigation
	Larceny-All Other	7/7/2024 10:44	Closed/Cleared
	Burglary / B&E	7/7/2024 15:20	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	7/9/2024 20:38	Closed/Leads Exhausted
2	Burglary / B&E	7/12/2024 11:26	Closed/Cleared
	Larceny-All Other	7/12/2024 11:26	Closed/Cleared
	Assault, Aggravated	7/10/2024 16:11	Further Investigation
4	Burglary / B&E	7/8/2024 12:37	Closed/Leads Exhausted
5	Larceny-All Other	7/8/2024 11:23	Further Investigation
	Larceny-Theft From Motor Vehicle	7/10/2024 14:32	Closed/Leads Exhausted
6	Larceny-All Other	7/9/2024 16:01	Further Investigation

Tip 411 Reports: Last 7 Days: 3 Tips Last 30 Days: 18 Tips Tips Received This Year: 118 Tips

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traffic Crash (No Injury)	6	4	0	4	2	3	19
Traffic Crash (With Injury)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Crash (Unknown Injury)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Traffic Stops	31	73	0	15	35	28	182
Noise Complaints	2	7	1	1	0	0	11

## PUBLIC WORKS:

- Broad Street & Middle Street Signal Project - Awaiting signal pole foundation design.
- Country Club Road Paving Project - Permanent striping will be completed in one week and a 35 MPH speed limit sign was installed by Public Works’ Concrete Crews.
- 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 - Division 1: East Rose Basin Restoration & Enhancement was awarded to Trader Construction; and

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Division 2: East Rose Pump Station Rehabilitation is pending review following the bid opening which was held on July 9, 2024.

- Jack Smith Creek FEMA CAT D Project – The contractor will begin work on Monday, July 22, 2024.
- Racetrack Road Improvements Project - Public Works' Concrete Crews will begin installing island/signage at Racetrack Road & Elizabeth Avenue next week weather permitting.
- Sidewalk Improvements Projects – The contractor continues the installation of a new sidewalk and an ADA ramp at the intersection of George Street & Queen Street.
- Stormwater Asset Inventory & Assessment Project - Camera inspections along 10,000 feet of storm sewer pipes have begun.
- Sutton Street/Henderson Park Project – Project completion is awaiting lighting installation.
- Trent River FEMA CAT D Project – A pre-construction meeting was held on July 17, 2024, and a Notice to Proceed document was given to the contractor, Carolina Cleaning, Greenville, N.C.
- Walt Bellamy & Bern Street Paving Project - Work is scheduled to begin on July 29, 2024.
- Heavy Equipment Crews performed equipment maintenance, mowed/cleaned City-owned vacant lots/Redevelopment Community vacant lots, handled abatements, performed tree removal/trimming/mowing along City rights-of-ways, and performed sweeping of City-maintained curbed streets.
- The Project Coordinators assisted with the 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 (Fire Station #2, Human Resources, Police Department, and Water Treatment Plant). Preparations have begun for the 2024 MumFest.
- 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. They continue to remove litter along 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.
- Stormwater Crews continue to perform normal maintenance with cleaning/clearing of city-maintained inlets, outlets, and outfalls throughout the City of New Bern. They 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 B Street, Kimberly Road, Waters Street, Wellons Boulevard, and Jordan Drive.

## Significant Ward Related Items

### Ward 1

- This week, the contractor working on the FY-24 Water & Sewer improvements project completed the installation of the new sewer main along Bern Street and has completed about 90% of the scheduled work on Walt Bellamy Drive.
- Asphalt Crews repaired a sinkhole at 1019 Queen Street; cleaned/removed sand from Fire Headquarters site; repaired water/sewer street cuts on B Street, Crescent Street, Linden Street and at the intersection of Eden Street & South Front Street; performed a street repair at the intersection of Henderson Avenue & 9<sup>th</sup> Street; repaired a sinkhole on North Pasteur Street; and assisted Solid Waste Litter Crews with servicing downtown City trash receptacles.
- Concrete Crews installed a 60' sidewalk within the 200 block of Eden Street and plan to complete the installation of a concrete band around reinstalled historical bricks next week, weather permitting.
- Heavy Equipment Crews assisted Solid Waste Litter Crews with servicing downtown City trash receptacles.
- The Project Coordinator is monitoring new home construction on East Front Street; and continues overwatch of MetroNet work in progress at North Craven Street/National Avenue.
- Solid Waste Litter Crews continue to monitor/remove trash near downtown consolidated trash dumpsters.
- Stormwater Crews cleaned/graded a ditch at the corner of Meadows Street & Trent Boulevard (images shown below).



Before



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### Ward 2

- This week, a leaking sewer force main was discovered on Woodland Avenue. Operations staff quickly responded to the site and were able to isolate the damaged section of force main and make the necessary repairs without impacting service to any of the customers in the area. All of the wastewater from the damaged pipe was recovered with vac-trucks.
- Asphalt Crews repaired a water/sewer cut on Colonial Way, and performed a street repair on Gaston Blvd. and at the intersection of Health Drive & Neuse Blvd.
- The Project Coordinator inspected street conditions in Taberna.
- Stormwater Crews cut back vegetation at the intersection of Meadows Street & Tatum Drive and mowed a drainageway beside 2500 Trent Road (images shown below).

Before



After



## Ward 3

- Concrete Crews installed a one-way sign and placed hashmarks on the roundabout at Waterscape Way.
- The Project Coordinator performed driveway inspections in Bayberry Park (Carolina Colours); continued to monitor street repairs by MetroNet within Carolina Colours; and continued to coordinate with the Optimum Gov. liaison to complete repair work within Taberna.
- Stormwater Crews cut/sprayed a drainageway near 120 Nyon Road within Taberna.

## Ward 4

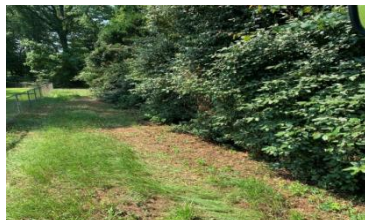
- Asphalt Crews performed a street repair on Dickerson Court and the 2500 block of Elizabeth Avenue.
- The Project Coordinator is providing an overwatch of a cable contractor during fiber installation on Colony Drive.

## Ward 5

- Asphalt Crews repaired water/sewer cuts on Kimberly Road; and cleared limbs/vegetation along a sidewalk on Hazel Avenue.
- The Project Coordinator inspected street conditions, performed driveway inspections, and inspected concrete curb damage which will be addressed with construction crew(s) building homes within West New Bern.

## Ward 6

- The Project Coordinator continues to coordinate with the Optimum Gov. liaison to complete repair work within Greenbrier; addressed a residential concern regarding a fiber line cut at 3107 Coriander Drive, Greenbrier; and inspected street conditions in Cypress Shores, Belle Oaks, and Kings Row.
- Stormwater Crews cut/sprayed a drainageway along a cul-de-sac on Inverness Court within Greenbrier and cut/cleared a ditch near 1004 Berry Hill Road (images shown below).



Before



After