



TO: Mayor and City Councilors

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1. The contractor opened Water Street at 7:00 a.m. today! In addition, Colonial Avenue from Water Street to Poindexter Street was opened as a one-way street west, which is the opposite direction than we have previously been accustomed. No parking will be allowed on Colonial Avenue until the final asphalt lift is placed. Poindexter Street from Colonial Avenue to Main Street has also been opened. Parking will be allowed on the east side of the street. The contractor has begun removing the road surface on Poindexter Street from Colonial Avenue north 236 feet in order to install the water and sewer line, new curb and gutter and sidewalks. This work should be completed by mid-September. The municipal parking lot will be accessible during this phase of the project. The contractor has sequenced the project in this manner to allow access to the private parking garage off of Colonial Avenue. Once this work is completed, he will move to Colonial Avenue. The contractor has installed the concrete under the brick pavers in the alleyway by Logan Rayes. Installation of the bricks will begin on Monday. Work on Burgess Street will begin on Tuesday when the contractor begins installing pipe. Now that we have opened Water Street and parts of Colonial Avenue and Poindexter Street, I would like to remind motorists that the valve covers and manholes protrude up because the final asphalt lift will not be installed until the project has been completed. We have painted the transaction area orange in an effort to warn individuals with low profile vehicles to be careful. I would like to thank those businesses along Water and Poindexter Streets for their patience during this phase of the project.
2. The Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County Parks and Recreation Department invites you to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the South Park Sports Complex, which will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. "Ballpark" refreshments will be served and there will be three exhibition baseball games and two exhibition softball games played after

the opening ceremonies. OBXcams.com has offered to video stream the ceremony and a few of the games on their website that night for those that cannot attend the event.

3. Today, Mayor McLean, several members of the City Council and I attended the Rural Broadband Initiative kickoff at ECSU. In my opinion, this will be the largest economic development project that northeast North Carolina and the state will participate in. The broadband initiative, commonly known as the "middle mile," will allow us to have inexpensive access to the internet. We were fortunate to have Congressmen Butterfield and Jones in Elizabeth City for this event. I would like to thank Chancellor Gilchrist and the University for hosting this event. This \$120+ million initiative started several years ago and was spearheaded by Wayne Harris and the AEDC board. What began as a northeastern North Carolina initiative grew to allow all under-served counties in North Carolina to have broadband access. I would also like to thank the Golden LEAF Foundation for helping to underwrite the cost of the project.
4. Healthy Carolinians, in conjunction with Farm Bureau of North Carolina, is sponsoring a series of free health screenings that will provide checks for cholesterol, blood glucose, blood pressure, body mass index, bone density and vascular ultrasound. These screenings will be provided in Camden, Perquimans, Currituck and Pasquotank Counties. In Pasquotank, the event will be held on Friday, September 9 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Waterfront Park.
5. An advertisement for bids for Contract 3 of the NCDOT U4438 Utility Relocation Project will appear in Sunday's edition of The Daily Advance. Bids will be received until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7. The scope of work for this project will include the installation/replacement of water, sewer and storm drainage utilities and the repair of streets and sidewalks for portions of Glade Street, North Road Street, Pearl Street, Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and Poindexter Street. There will be a pre-bid conference on Thursday, August 25 at 10:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.
6. The Historic Preservation Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday. Three items were discussed and approved during the meeting: (1) a Veterans Memorial Park for Twiford Funeral Home at 405 East Church Street; (2) stairs and rear porch for Michael Weatherly at 110 South Road Street; and, (3) alley planters between Logan Rayes and Thumpers located at 606 E Colonial Avenue.

7. Chief Charles Crudup received correspondence this week from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department regarding the Democratic National Convention, which will be held in the City of Charlotte September 3 – 6, 2012. Several police agencies in North Carolina, including the Elizabeth City Police Department, were identified based upon size, skill sets, and proximity to assist in providing security for this event. The federal government has designated the Democratic National Convention as a National Special Security Event (NSSE), a designation given to very few events. The NSSE designation requires the implementation of extraordinary security measures, which will be compounded by the attendance of the sitting United States President and the security demands associated with his presence. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department will compensate all Elizabeth City Police Department officers who are assigned to assist with security, as well as provide reimbursement for all travel, food, and lodging expenses during this event. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department assisted our city in 2003 during the occurrence of Hurricane Isabel. Chief Crudup and I both believe that we should extend the same support to Charlotte-Mecklenburg and provide their department with off-duty employment staffing during this event. Chief Crudup will conduct a staffing evaluation and provide me with his final report and recommendations within the next two weeks.

8. Upcoming Event Reminder:

- City Council Finance Committee Special Meeting, Monday, August 15 at 10 a.m. in Council Chambers
- Fourth Ward Community Meeting, Monday, August 15 from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at St. James A.M.E. Zion Church, 708 Park Street
- Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting on Tuesday, August 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

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