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FIRE DEPARTMENT:

These last two weeks, the Elizabeth City Fire Department Prevention staff have been taking part in an 80-hour fire investigation course to earn their Fire Investigation Technician certification. This Certification is offered through the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Some of the best fire investigators in the state were on hand to teach valuable training on incendiary and accidental fires, gathering evidence, and courtroom testimony. The property located at 1815 Providence Road was



used for field exercises and two vehicles were used to test personnel's abilities in determining cause and origin. It was a great training opportunity for the Elizabeth City Fire Department.

PARKS AND RECREATION / SENIOR CENTER:

The Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County Senior Center, The Albemarle Commission Area on Aging, and the Food Bank of the Albemarle have teamed up to provide a drive through giveaway event! We will be providing nonperishable food boxes and COVID care packages for the senior citizens of Pasquotank County, ages 55 and over. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 24th at 8:00 a.m. outside of the Knobbs Creek Recreation Center located at 200 E. Ward Street. Packages will be distributed while supplies last. Proof of residency in Pasquotank County is required. We are excited to provide this service for our senior community! For more information, please call the ECPC Senior Center at 252-335-4323.

Due to Executive Order 176 announced Friday, November 13th, the Parks and Recreation Department made the difficult decision to cancel any version of the parade. While we know this is disappointing we hope you can understand the steps were taken to keep our staff, participants and community safe.

Our fall sports season came to a close this week with the conclusion of our adult men's and coed softball leagues post-season tournaments. Tri-B Construction won both the men's and coed league tournaments. We are currently preparing for our youth and adult



winter sports. We are accepting registrations for Youth Volleyball (Ages 7-13), Youth Basketball (Ages 5-16), Adult Coed Volleyball, and Adult Basketball (40 & Over). Anyone who wishes to participate can come sign up Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Knobbs Creek Recreation Center or on our website at <https://secure.rec1.com/NC/elizabeth-nc/catalog> .

The Downtown Waterfront Market returns this weekend! The Market will be held Saturday, November 21st at Mariners' Wharf Park from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come shop for everyone on your holiday lists and pick up a few things for yourself too. Shop away outside along the beautiful, downtown waterfront. Remember, masks are required. See you there!

Due to Executive Order 176 that went into effect on Friday, November 13th, the ECPC Senior Center revised operating procedures. The Senior Center will now be opened from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to the public, and entry will be by appointment only. Masks must be worn and temperature screenings must be passed before entry. This new operating plan will stay in effect through December 31, 2020. Have questions or want to make an appointment? Call 252-335-4323.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

The Solid Waste Division is currently conducting an inventory of every trash can and recycling cart in the City. This inventory will allow for more accurate tracking of each can and container when they are replaced due to theft, loss, or normal wear and tear throughout the year. The project is anticipated to continue throughout the month of December.

Over the past few weeks, Public Utilities staff has dedicated some time to cleaning and organizing their work spaces and buildings. 10 employees participated in Green Saves Green's Fall Litter Sweep. In just 30 minutes, they collected six bags of waste, a shredded tire, and a sofa cushion that were scattered across our facility! Staff at the wellfield have also dedicated time to clean up the scrap yard on their complex. As we are getting into the fall and



winter months, the Street Division has started their annual requirement of reforming ditches throughout the City. Over time, ditches fill with sediment or erode. The Street division work returns the ditches to their original depth and slope, thereby restoring their drainage capacities. This effort helps stormwater drainage throughout the year, particularly during large rain events. Fall and Winter are priority months for this task; however, this service is also performed on an as needed basis throughout the year.



With Thanksgiving right around the corner the Public Utilities' Fats, Oils, and Grease Program would like to remind everyone that grease leftover from cooking that delicious turkey or ham this year should be recycled or tossed in the trash and not washed down the drain. Grease dumped down the drain can cause buildups not only in your homes sewer drainage lines, but can create giant buildups in City sewer lines and cause sewer backups into your home and sometimes

affect your whole street! Keep everything flowing as it should this Thanksgiving, recycle your grease or toss it in the trash!

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the City of Elizabeth City Public Works Department will be closed Thursday, November 26, 2020. Thursday's trash and recycling routes will be picked up on Friday, November 27, 2020. Please have your trashcan and recycling can out by 8:00 a.m. Thank you and have a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.