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**ELIZABETH CITY**  
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**TO:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** City of Elizabeth City  
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**Administration**

Nothing to Report

**Community Development**

The City of Elizabeth City is currently seeking individuals who reside in the corporate limits of Elizabeth City to serve as members on the City's Board of Zoning Adjustment. Special consideration will be given to applicants with a background in land use and development, planning, land use law, or general commerce. Membership of the commission is on a voluntary basis. The Board of Zoning Adjustment meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM. For more information, please contact our Community Development Department at (252)337-6672.

The City of Elizabeth City is currently seeking an individual who would be interested in serving on the City's Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission seeks to promote, enhance, and preserve the character of the City's local historic district. Special consideration will be given to those who reside in historic districts, or who have demonstrated a special interest, experience, or education in history, architecture, archaeology, or related fields. Membership of the commission is on a voluntary basis. The Historic Preservation Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM. For more information, please contact our Community Development Department at (252)337-6672.

## **Elizabeth City Downtown Inc.**

Join us as we slowly ease back into First Friday ArtWalk this Friday, October 2, 4-7:00 pm in Downtown EC. With 12 participating businesses, it's a smaller than normal event. 2 of those businesses are brand new to downtown and first time ArtWalk participants. Albemarle Hopeline will participate with chalk art fun on the corner of Poindexter & Main Streets to highlight Domestic Abuse Awareness Month. We strongly encourage participants to abide by recommended social distancing, masking, and cleaning guidelines in order for us to continue future ArtWalk events. We encourage businesses to be diligent in abiding by the same, as well as capacity restrictions for their locations. We ask everyone to be respectful of others. For more info about First Friday ArtWalk, please contact Elizabeth City Downtown at 252-338-4104 or email at [elizabethcitydowntown@embarqmail.com](mailto:elizabethcitydowntown@embarqmail.com)  
The ArtWalk participant map is below.

On Wednesday, Governor Cooper announced that our state will move into Phase 3 on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:00 pm. Below are the major highlights. [HERE](#) is a link to the Phase 3 Frequently Asked Questions. Unless specifically mentioned as a change, your specific industry's capacity restrictions, cleaning protocols, masking requirements, etc. remain the same. Please know what those are and abide by them. [HERE](#) is a link to the State's COVID Updates page where you can find information specific to your business or industry.

- Large outdoor venues with seating greater than 10,000 may operate with 7% occupancy for spectators.
- Smaller outdoor entertainment venues, such as arenas or amphitheaters, may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity – or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- Movie theaters and conference centers may open indoor spaces to 30% of capacity – or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- Bars may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity – or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- Amusement parks may open at 30% occupancy, outdoor attractions only.
- The limits on mass gatherings will remain at 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.
- The 11 p.m. curfew on alcohol sales for in-person consumption in locations such as restaurants and outdoor bars will be extended to Oct. 23.

Port Discover has reopened by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Book online: <https://my-site-108241.square.site/book-a-visit-to-port...> Masks or face shield will be required for all over 2yo, and we will provide them!

MOA is open Monday - Friday from 10 am - 4pm with some new procedures in place to help ensure the safety of staff and visitors, including:

- Limiting visitation.

- Closing some areas and programs, such as interactive exhibits and our Children’s Discovery Room.
- Installing hand sanitizer stations and increasing the frequency of cleaning high touch public areas and restrooms.
- Installing protective barriers at information desks.
- Staff and visitors are required to wear cloth face masks as outlined in Executive Order 163.
- Our gift shop is also open with limited capacity.

Areas that remain closed include:

- Children’s Discovery Room

Visitors are encouraged to follow the “Three Ws” as outlined by the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services – WEAR a cloth face mask; WAIT in line at least six feet away from others, and WASH hands frequently or use hand sanitizer. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, we ask that you postpone your visit.

We look forward to seeing you soon! 501 S. Water Street, 252-335-1453; [www.museumofthealbemarle.com](http://www.museumofthealbemarle.com)

### **Electrical Department**

Nothing to Report

### **Finance Department / Grants**

Nothing to Report

### **Fire Department**

Today, the Elizabeth City Fire Department conducted building collapse training with the Chesapeake Fire Department. This training was part of a post incident analysis that was conducted after the incident at Mid-Atlantic Christian University, which occurred on September 5th. We would like to thank the Chesapeake Fire Department for returning to Elizabeth City and joining us in this training, as we continue to build relationships with our mutual aid partners.



## **Human Resources Department**

Nothing to Report

## **Parks & Recreation / Senior Center**

Nothing to Report

## **Police Department**

Last week, the Police Department received notification from the Department of Justice that their 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) has been selected for award in full. In August, City staff submitted a preliminary grant application to the Department of Justice. In its application, staff applied for the full amount allotted of \$10,134.00, for the purchase of much needed items / equipment: Datapilot 10 field acquisition devices, Techno power kits, Techno data kits, Naxolone (Narcan) units, and Naxolone carry pouches. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is an efficient and effective means of pursuing equipment and supplies needed for both police personnel and the general public, as the Elizabeth City Police Department continues to work diligently to do its part in addressing criminal activity and the heroin / epidemic. During Monday night's meeting City Council approved acceptance of this grant award.

Last Thursday, the Elizabeth City Police Department held its yearly "Employee of the Year" award presentation. Elizabeth City Police Officer Ernest D. Goodwin was named the Department's 2019 Employee of the Year. Officer Goodwin has been with the agency for approximately three years and is assigned to the Community Resources Unit. He comes to the agency with a vast knowledge and background in law enforcement, having served decades with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol prior to beginning a career with our agency.



Officer Goodwin serves the public and fellow teammates in a professional, optimistic, diligent, meticulous, and excellent way, each and every day! The Elizabeth City Police Department had planned to present this award in March; however, due to COVID, the plans were held off until such time that members could safely gather to recognize one of our own. The process the Department utilizes in selecting the Employee of the Year involves an open-floor nomination, whereby all members have the opportunity to nominate a fellow teammate for consideration for the award. The nominations are then reviewed and voted on

in-house. This process gives employees a voice on whom they believe should be selected for this award. We would like to wish Officer Goodwin congratulations on being named our 2019 Employee of the Year; and we sincerely thank him for everything he does for our department and the citizens of Elizabeth City.