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**Administration**

Nothing to Report

**Community Development**

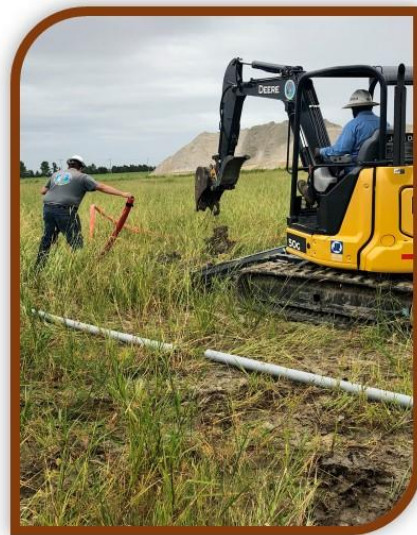
Nothing to Report

**Elizabeth City Downtown Inc.**

Nothing to Report

**Electrical Department**

Yesterday, even with the stormy weather on approach, City Electric Division crews completed the installation of underground electrical primary wires for the Stockbridge Subdivision, Phase 2B. The residential subdivision can be observed mushrooming from the Halstead Boulevard Extension right-of-way. The myriad of multicolor homes is approximately eighty-five percent complete and will consist of 60 additional single-family homes when the sub-phase is reaches full build-out. This was routine work for Electric Superintendent Bob Vannoy and his crew; however, there was a rookie among the group during yesterday's site work. The crews



enjoyed having Interim City Manager Eddie Buffaloe tagging along to see a little of what they do on a daily basis. Public power utilities across the U.S. celebrate Public Power Week the first full week of October every year to help customers and stakeholders understand how they can better engage with their community-owned utility and benefit from all its offerings. The 2020 Community Powered celebration begins October 4<sup>th</sup>. Join us by thanking our team of Elizabeth City Electric Utility professionals for the remarkable work they do!

### **Finance Department / Grants**

The City of Elizabeth City will launch a major new financial wellness initiative for our employees and retirees, thanks to a newly won grant! On Wednesday, the Center for State and Local Government Excellence, the International Public Management Association for Human Resources, the National Association of State Treasurers Foundation, and the Wells Fargo Foundation all announced the winners of their new "State and Local Government Financial Wellness Grants Program." The grants are intended to "develop or expand customized financial wellness programs for public employees and their families to navigate financial challenges now or in the future," such as reducing debt or saving for retirement, and meet their other financial goals. This was a highly competitive program and only 24 jurisdictions received awards, including \$22,000 for Elizabeth City. This funding will allow our Human Resources Department to launch a new "Fund Your Future" Financial Wellness Program over the next year; the Information Technology Department and the Grants Administrator will also play supporting roles. At the core of our program is establishing a new web platform that will offer tools, resources and webinars on financial wellness, in addition to compiling employees' benefits information in a more accessible, user-friendly format. We will also host educational sessions and offer meals and prizes to our participants. To our funders, the City offers a sincere "thank you" for your support! And, to our workforce, keep an eye out for Fund Your Future! We will launch the program soon, including unveiling a logo and conducting a simple online survey. The survey will guide our programming and help Fund Your Future best serve you!

### **Fire Department**

Nothing to Report

### **Human Resources Department**

Nothing to Report

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

Elizabeth City Parks and Recreation is hosting its annual Don Helms Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 19th! There will be raffles, giveaways, and food on site. This is always a great event! Fee to participate is \$10.00. You can register online by clicking Special Events or in-person at Knobbs Creek Par 3 Golf Course. Golf and driving range discount cards are available at South Park and Knobbs Creek Golf Shop. South Park discount card: Purchase 5 large buckets get the 6<sup>th</sup> free a \$48 value for only \$30. Knobbs Creek discount card: Purchase 5 rounds of golf get the 6<sup>th</sup> round free - a \$36 value for only \$20. Pop-up PE is continuing into October on Mondays at River Road, Wednesdays at Enfield Park and Fridays at Fun Junktion from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

We are happy to announce that the ECPC Senior Center will reopen on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Reopening guidelines will include mandatory wearing of masks, temperature screenings before entry, and limited capacity monitored through appointment-only access. Everyone with an appointment will have to enter through the front doors on Water Street and exit through the back doors into the parking lot. Senior Center staff will begin taking appointments by phone for the reopening on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 252-335-4323.

### **Police Department**

Nothing to Report

### **Public Utilities Department**

Nothing to Report