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Community Development:

Earlier this week, our Community Development Department was informed by the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that the City has met all requirements to continue participation as a Certified Local Government (CLG) in North Carolina's preservation program. The CLG program provides assistance for Elizabeth City's preservation efforts by increasing local involvement, offering technical assistance, and providing grant funds. To obtain this status, Elizabeth City has to enforce state and local legislation for the designation and protection of historic resources, maintain a system for survey and inventory of historic properties, provide for adequate public participation in the historic preservation program, and review National Register nominations through a qualified local historic preservation commission. The SHPO also congratulated the City and Elizabeth City's Historic Preservation Commission for their efforts despite the challenge of a pandemic for continued support and completion of a boundary increase and update to the Elizabeth City National Historic District, which aided many properties in becoming contributing historic resources that are now eligible for state historic tax credits, support of the listing of the Elizabeth City Industrial Historic District in the National Register, designation of an additional local landmark (Elizabeth City High School), and successfully encouraging historic preservation be included in the City's Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Lastly, the SHPO thanked the City, the Local Historic Preservation Commission, and the citizens for all they do to preserve Elizabeth City's unique and irreplaceable historic resources.

Emergency Management:

NCDOT has informed our offices of a road closure scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 2022 from 7:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. for crossline replacement. The affected areas will be West Main Street Extended from address 1405 (Jackson Lane) to address 1500 (Jessup Lane). No traffic will be allowed through the area during the closure window due to having heavy machinery in the roadway. NCDOT will be putting up road closure signs and barricades. ECPPS has also been notified to ensure the school transportation division is aware for re-routing of buses as needed.

Fire Department:

Last Saturday, the Elizabeth City Fire Department hosted a Community CPR Training event at Fountain of Life Church on US 17 South in Elizabeth City. ECFD partnered with both the church and the Compress & Shock Foundation in order to make this a free event to anyone wanting to learn the skills to help save a life. Both adult and child CPR & AED training was delivered to 58 community participants and we have received positive feedback and excited questions asking when we will have our next training. Complimentary PR items and a certificate of completion were provided to all in attendance. We greatly look forward to similar trainings and many other public education and community outreach events in the near future.



Parks & Recreations:

After School Open rec begins Monday, August 29th. This is a free after school program held at Knobbs Creek Recreation Center for school aged children. Kids have access to the gym for sports, video and board games, and arts and crafts.

Join us Wednesday August 31st for Bingo. Bingo cards can be purchased at \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6 cards.

Open gym begins Tuesday, September 6th. Open gym schedule is:
Monday - Home school 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Pickle Ball 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Tuesday - Basketball 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday – Pickle Ball 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday- Basketball 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday- Basketball 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Open gym is free for the public. We have plenty of basketballs, paddles and pickle balls for everyone.

Police Department:

Last Friday, the Elizabeth City Police Department accepted a gracious donation provided by Sentara Albemarle Medical Center (SAMC) of medical bags to our Police Athletic League's Youth Football and Cheerleading teams. Having these medical bags available for participants should they ever need them is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the awesome team at SAMC for making this possible!



AS A REMINDER, the Elizabeth City Police Department will be hosting the 14th session of the Citizens' Police Academy beginning September 6, 2022, and ending October 25, 2022. The class will be held Tuesday nights in the Training Room of the Elizabeth City Police Department. An application and background check is required for all participants. Applications will be accepted until the class reaches full capacity. For further information, please reach out to Community

Resources Unit Sergeant T.R. Bateman at (252) 621-7107 or via email at tbateman@elizabethcitync.gov.

Last Saturday, Community Resources Officer Ernest Goodwin led the efforts to "Pack the Patrol Car" as part of the department's on-going initiative to acquire school supplies in conjunction with the 11th annual Back 2 School Bash taking place this Sunday, August 28, 2022. The Back 2 School Bash will be held on the campus of Elizabeth City State University at the R.L. Vaughan Center from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend!





Public Utilities Department:

The Public Utilities Department has several trucks down. This is an ongoing issue the department is working diligently to address. With the trucks out of service, it is causing several delays in weekly pickups of limbs, leaves, and yard waste. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause and we ask that you please bear with us as we try to accommodate everyone.



Bulk trash pick-up is intended for the occasional collection of large items, such as a sofa, chair, mattresses, carpet, appliances, etc. Do not mix other waste in the same pile as your bulky items such as limbs, yard waste, or recyclables. They will not be collected.

To schedule a bulk pick-up, please contact Public Utilities Department at 252-337-6628. Bulk items will be picked up on Friday's, and must be scheduled by 3:30 p.m. on Thursday. Please place bulk items at the curb by 8:00 a.m. Any items that are not out when the truck passes, may not be collected until the following Friday. Any waste generated by a contractor must be removed and disposed by the contractor and or paid person.



Providence Road is the only route into and out of the Oxford Heights neighborhood. The road includes an aged bridge built in 1957 that crosses over the Knobbs Creek Tributary. The bridge has needed replacement for quite some time and its deterioration only worsened after Hurricane Matthew in 2016. In response to the storm, the state provided the Golden Leaf Foundation with disaster recovery funds, which are assisting us with funding the repair of the bridge.

As of July 2022



Work Completed to Date:

- Water and sewer lines relocated
- Existing bridge demolition completed
- Permanent steel piles and sheet piles installed for both bridge abutments
- Concrete placed and finished for both bridge abutments
- Bridge beams (cored slabs) are scheduled to be set on 8/25/2022
- Ongoing associated grading/roadwork

Progress as of August 25, 2022



Southern Corrosion has begun painting the water tower. This project is expected to take 30-45 days.

- Southern Corrosion will be wrapping up priming the water tower by the end of this week.
- Southern Corrosion will start the Intermediate coating and is expected to be done if the end of next week if the weather permits.



The Water and Sewer Division would like to welcome **Jarell White, Maintenance Mechanic I** and **Christopher Hawk, Construction Technician Trainee**. They began employment with the City of Elizabeth City, Public Utilities Department on August 23, 2022. Welcome Aboard!

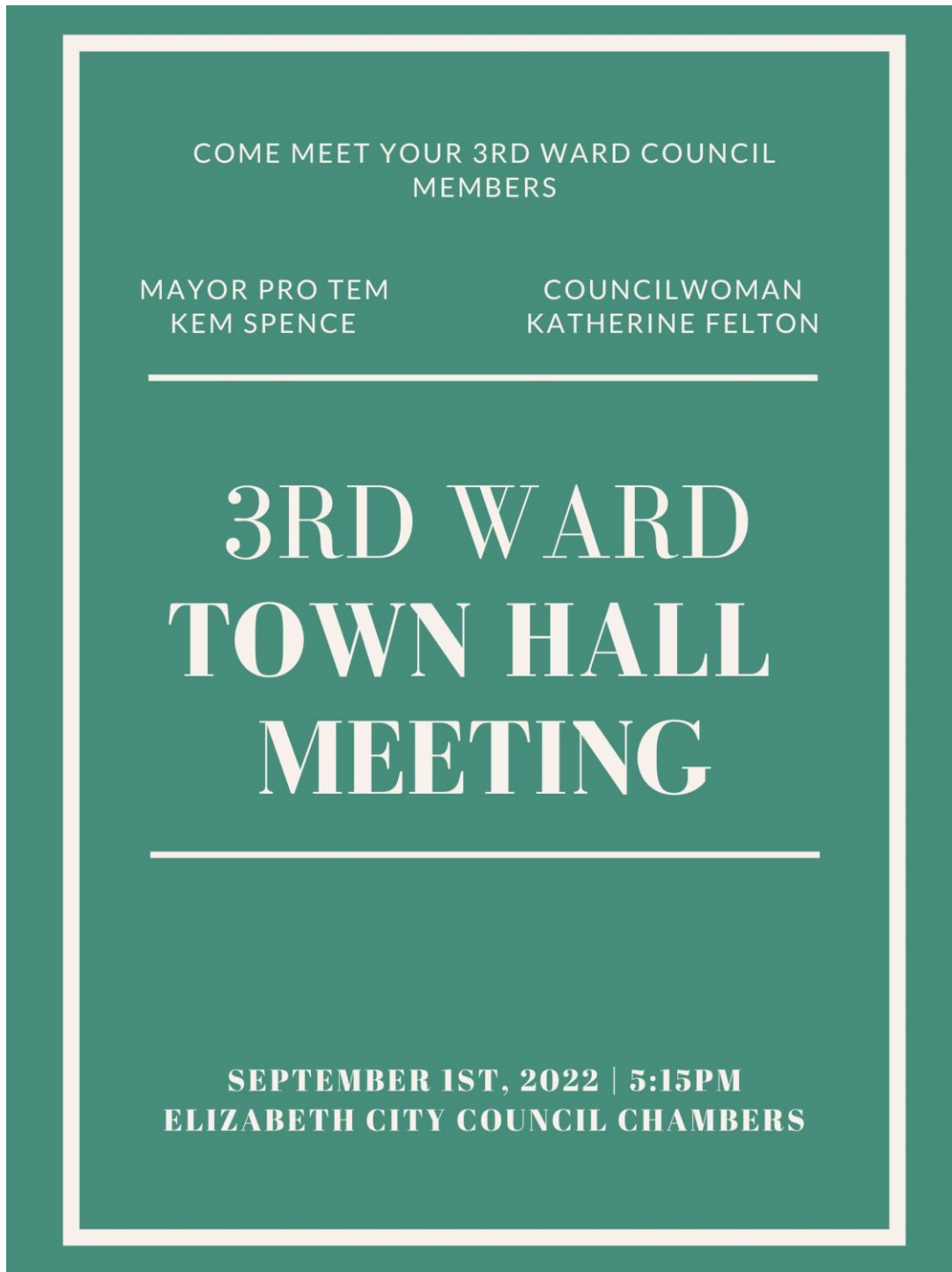




In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, the City of Elizabeth City Public Utilities Department will be closed Monday September 5, 2022. Monday's garbage and recycling routes will be collected on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Please have your garbage and recycling cans out to the curb by 8:00 a.m. Thank you! Have a safe Labor Day weekend!

Upcoming Events:

On September 1, 2022, Councilmembers from the Third Ward will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting in Council Chambers located at 306 E Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Your hosts for this event will be Mayor Pro Tem Spence and Councilwoman Katherine Felton.



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MEMBERS

MAYOR PRO TEM
KEM SPENCE

COUNCILWOMAN
KATHERINE FELTON

**3RD WARD
TOWN HALL
MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2022 | 5:15PM
ELIZABETH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**