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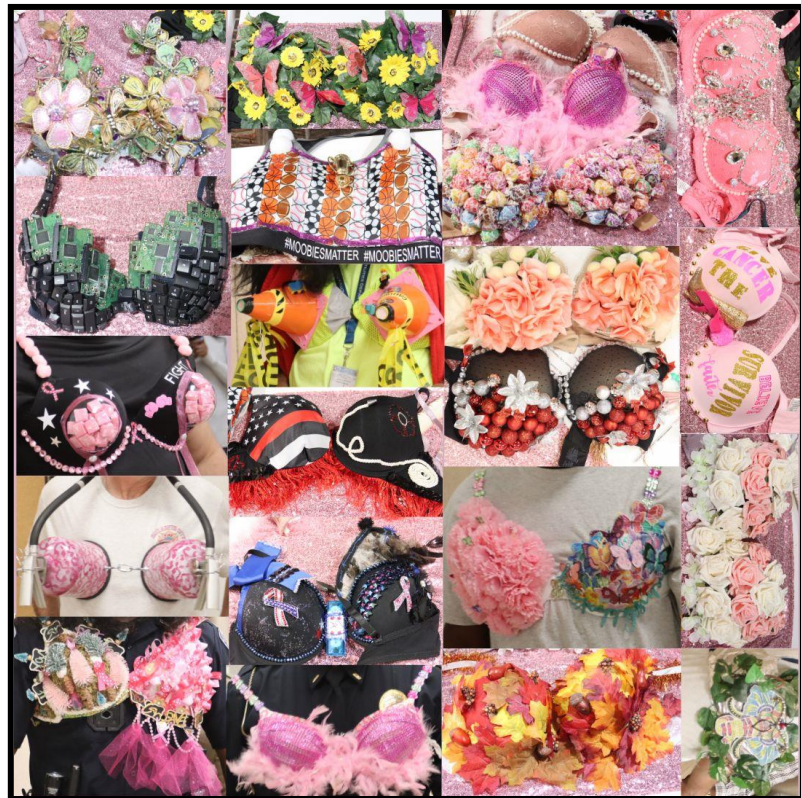
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Administration / Legislative:

In the coming weeks, you'll notice our FYI getting a face lift. We'll be rebranding as "The Manager's Corner" and shifting to a bi-weekly publication schedule starting November 18th, 2022. We'll still be full of information on the comings and goings of the City of Elizabeth City, but we're going to take our readers a little bit deeper to really help you get to know our organization, our employees and what's happening in our community. Stay tuned!

Human Resources:

On Monday, the City's Wellness Team sponsored our 2nd Bra-Ha-Ha event at the Parks & Recreation Department. The Bra-Ha-Ha is a one-of-a-kind uplifting experience that celebrates survivorship and artistry. City staff members decorated bras in some of the most creative, hilarious and eye-catching ways imaginable with everything from 38-A to 40-D bras as their canvas. Interested City



employees were challenged to construct unique and over-the-top designs using breast cancer survivorship as an inspiration. These humorous and heartwarming masterpieces were unveiled during the event while some of our other City employees – the gentlemen! - modeled the bras during the catwalk ceremony. We had about 75 employees participate in this event. The Bra-Ha-Ha encompasses a week-long bra art exhibition on the 3rd floor in front of the old Human Resources Department. We appreciate our very own City Manager, Montrè Freeman for being a judge along with Human Resources Director-Montique McClary, Councilwoman Katherine Felton, Mayor Pro-Tem Kem Spence, and Dr. Marie Pharr with Sentara Family Medicine Physicians (also, our featured guest speaker!) Staff would like to thank Monica S. Cole-Project Coordinator, Latoya Harper, Deneen Jackson, Kendra Bailey, Samantha Evans, Rashirley Santiago, Anna Spence, Chandra Kishbaugh, Latoria Harrell and Mary Blanchard for coordinating this uplifting occasion. Kudos to the City's Team!

1st Place Winner: Allysa Ford, Information Technologies Dept.

2nd Place Winner: Mardia Stafford, Parks & Rec. Dept.

3rd Place Winner: Kevin Wright, Fire Department

Best Male Model: Darris Sawyer, Parks & Recreation Dept.



Greetings from the whole team here at the City of Elizabeth City! We're excited to welcome our new hires to our unique, collaborative and energetic organization! Our new City hires for this week are the following:

Administration:

- Montrè Freeman- City Manager

Public Utilities Department:

- Mercedes Washington-Sanitation Technician
- Malcolm White Jr. Water Plant Operator Trainee
- Clifton Jenkins- Street Technician

Parks and Recreation Department:

Join Parks and Recreation this Saturday, November 5th from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Waterfront Park for the first ever Autumn Harvest Fest! Vendors, food trucks, live music, games and there's even a petting zoo!

A Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony will take place at Veterans Park from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th, 2022. Join us as leaders from Elizabeth City and Senior Administrators from ECSU, COA, and MACU honor veterans from our community.

Check out the EC-PC Parks and Rec Youth Soccer as they face off November 12th at Currituck Parks and Recreation for an All Stars Tournament.

Forty participants from the EC-PC Senior Center attended a seven-day/six-night trip to the Southwest this past week. Participants visited the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas! The trip also included visits to Zion National Park, Scottsdale Museum of the West, and a guided tour of Red Rock Country in Sedona, AZ. A fun filled time was had by all!

The Downtown Market will be hosting a Small Business Saturday Downtown Market on Saturday, November 26th at Mariners' Wharf.

Police Department:

On Sunday, October 30th, Interim Chief of Police J. Phillip Webster and Deputy Chief of Police James E. Avens, Jr. attended the Law Enforcement Appreciation Service and Luncheon held at Good Lutheran Church in Elizabeth City. Both men received a kind and



warm welcome by the congregation of the church, and had a wonderful time of worship and fellowship. While at the service, the Elizabeth City Police Department was presented with a Certificate of Great Appreciation and also given a copy of "A Police Officer's Prayer." The Elizabeth City Police Department is most grateful to the members of Good Lutheran for extending this invitation to us. We are so blessed – both by the memory of the time spent together, and the lovely gifts that were presented to us. The Certificate of Appreciation and Police Officer's Prayer are currently on display in the Office of Chief of Police.

On Monday, October 31st, the Elizabeth City Police Department, together with community partners, hosted the 7th Annual Trunk or Treat event. This is both a community and staff favorite event and we look forward to it each year. The Police Department extends a huge THANK YOU to the many businesses,

churches, civic groups and organizations, and individuals who made this event successful! It was a blast as usual!



On Wednesday, November 2nd, Elizabeth City Police Officer Christoph Laporte made a special visit to the Boys and Girls Club. On his own initiative, Officer Laporte handed out candy, educational law enforcement safety coloring books, and police badge stickers to the children there. He also took the time to play with the kids, and to show them that a police officer is their friend. Officer Laporte embodies the core values of Respect, Professionalism, and Responsibility of the Elizabeth City Police Department and we commend him for making a positive difference in the lives of our area

youth.

The Elizabeth City Police Department has begun preparation for the yearly Santa Cop Program. For the past 15 years, the Santa Cop Program has helped local families by providing gifts and clothing, with a special delivery by our police officers and staff members. The Santa Cop Program would not exist without the help of the community. If you would like to donate to the



program or just get some more information about it, please call the Elizabeth City Police Department at (252)335-4321. Thank you in advance! Many donations are accepted, whether it be in the form of monetary gifts, newly-purchased toys or clothing – It's all greatly appreciated and can be used for the program.

Upcoming Events:

The City Council will be conducting a strategic planning / goal setting session on Monday, November 7th at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Gardner Municipal Building at 306 East Colonial Avenue.