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**TO:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
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**Administration / Legislative:**

During the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the City Council, the Council unanimously approved renaming Sunset Park (sometimes known as "Gosnold Park") as the "Sunset at Johnnie B. Walton Park." Councilman Johnnie Walton has served on



the City Council for many years, and has made many contributions to our educational system. He's also made history as the first African American quarterback from the State of North Carolina to play in the National Football League. On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. the City will officially rededicate Sunset Park in Councilman Walton's name. Please come out and join us as we celebrate one of our finest citizens and leaders.

**Parks and Recreation Department:**

It's going to be a busy weekend for baseball and softball!

MACU will be playing a double header Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Holmes Field located at Knobbs Creek Recreation Center.

ECSU Women's Softball has a scrimmage at South Park Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. South Park Sports Complex

South Park will be hosting a two-day travel baseball tournament for 26 teams this Saturday and Sunday. Games begin at 8:30 a.m.

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Christmas is fast approaching! Help us help others by joining the EC-PC Senior Center for Santa with Seniors. Bring some cheer to the homebound older adults throughout Pasquotank County. Participate in our annual gift drive to make the season a little brighter for our seniors, who may otherwise go without. Donate one (or more) of the following items: tissues, lotion, toilet paper, hand soap, hand sanitizer, Dove body soap, or individually wrapped candy. Donations will be accepted at the EC-PC Senior Center and Knobbs Creek Recreation Center until December 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please call 252-335-4323.

Check out one (or all!) of our fitness classes in November! For more information or to register, call Knobbs Creek Recreation Center at 252-335-1424.

**Xtreme Hip Hop Step** kicks off November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays at Knobbs Creek Recreation Center. Ages 15 and up welcome!

**Mixed Fit with Nekia** Classes are held at EC-PC Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays, November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup>. 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Ages 15 and up welcome!

**Yoga** Classes are held every Wednesday in November at 7:00 p.m. at the EC-PC Senior Center. Ages 15 and up welcome!

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### **Mark your calendars for upcoming events:**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** - Autumn Harvest Festival at Waterfront Park from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Bring the whole family to enjoy a petting zoo, vendors, food trucks, and games. Live music from Uphill with DJ Taz playing your favorite tunes!

**November 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** - Knobbs Creek Par 3 will host everyone's favorite Golf tournament...GLOW GOLF!! Join us for a fun filled night of glow in the dark golf!!! For more information, call Par 3 Golf Shop at 252-337-6618.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** - A Veterans Day Commemoration will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at Veterans Park. Join us in partnership with ECSU, MACU and COA for a tribute to recognize Veteran students, employees and the community for their sacrifice and service to the United States of America.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** - Last day to register your business, organization or group for the Annual Christmas parade. This year's theme is Christmas Around the World. The Parade will take place downtown on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Shake Up Your Holiday Tradition and Give Blood! In partnership with the American Red Cross and Elizabeth City Fire Department a blood Drive will be held at Knobbs Creek Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. give the gift of life this holiday season. Schedule an appointment by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter ECFire to schedule an appointment.

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** - Last day to register for Volleyball and Basketball. Don't wait until the last minute, teams are filling up fast!

### **Police Department:**

The Closing Ceremony of this year's Citizens' Police Academy took place on Tuesday. We had a great session this fall, and the Elizabeth City Police Department is thankful to all who were instrumental in organizing the sessions for the



Academy, working behind the scenes in logistics to ensure a smooth time, teaching classes to the citizens, and for orchestrating the closing ceremony. Following eight weeks of commitment from dedicated community-minded citizens, 16 graduates received recognition for completion of the program. The Citizens' Police Academy provides a unique, two-way communication environment that allows citizens a chance to learn about policing and policing techniques. Programs like these are important in community-policing efforts to help develop strong personal relationships between the community and the

police department. The Honorable Mayor Kirk Rivers served as the keynote speaker, and gave inspirational words to all who attended. The Elizabeth City Police Department extends their "Congratulations to the 2022 Graduation Class of the 14th Annual ECPD Citizens' Police Academy!"



Interim Chief of Police Phil Webster and Deputy Chief James Avens, along with Elizabeth City State University Campus Police Chief Tommy McMasters, attended a Criminal Justice Program held at Elizabeth City State University on

Monday. Chief Jason P. Armstrong was the guest speaker of the event. Chief Armstrong is the current Chief for the Apex, North Carolina Police Department and also the former Chief for Ferguson, Missouri Police Department. Interim Chief Webster and Deputy Chief Avens were honored to be a part of the discussion and found the program to be very informative, and the students very engaging as well. Many thanks!

**Upcoming Events:**

The City Council will be conducting a joint meeting with the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The business meeting will convene at 6:00 p.m., and will be held at The EC-PC Senior Center, located at 215 South Water Street in Elizabeth City, NC. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss various issues of mutual interest and concern.