

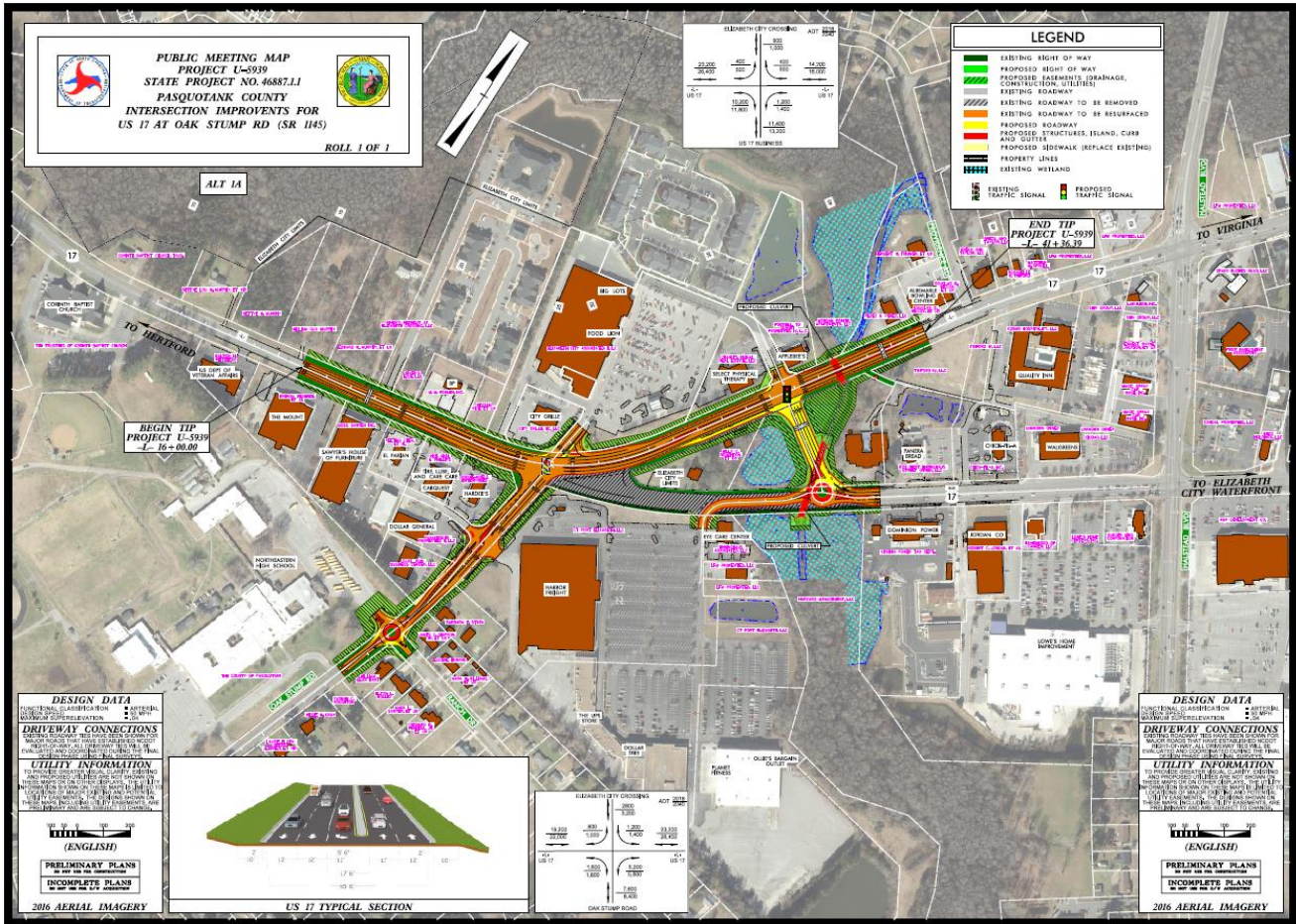


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**ELIZABETH CITY**  
HARBOR OF HOSPITALITY *North Carolina*

**TO:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** City of Elizabeth City  
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**Community Development:**

On Monday, NC DOT Division One project management team met with City Administration, Public Utilities, and Planning to further discuss STIP Project U-5939, for the reconfiguration of the intersection at Oak Stump and US 17. The total length of the project is approximately one mile. The purpose of this project is to improve traffic operations and mobility along U.S. 17 through the project intersection. Besides traffic operations, another major component of this project is safety. According to NC DOT, there have been 86 reported crashes along the project intersection in the last four years. NC DOT hosted a public meeting back in August of 2019 to showcase the different design alternatives for the reconfiguration. The design alternative that has been chosen for the project will address rerouting traffic from the current use of the Harbor Freight parking lot. The latest plan provided to the City and County this week showed some culvert changes to the original design. The project was originally expected to start construction in June of 2021, however, the project has been delayed due to budget impacts with NC DOT over the last several years. This project is now scheduled to be let in September of 2024. In 2019, this project was estimated to cost a little over \$2 million; today, this project is estimated to cost a little over \$10 million. The State Transportation Improvement Program is funding 100% of this project.



**Elizabeth City Downtown Inc.:**

October ArtWalk is so active, it's spooky! So many great experiences and activities will fill the downtown, you'll have a hard time doing them all. RiverSplash is happening in many venues, which allows you to come early and visit those spots before the official 4:00 p.m. ArtWalk start. It will be a great month to get ahead of the game on holiday gift shopping! Be ready to smile for the camera as Visit Elizabeth City will have professional photographers roaming and taking photos throughout the evening. There will be roaming thespians from College of the Albemarle's upcoming performance of "Clue: On Stage." A "Flood the Streets" event will take place in Ives Alley behind Arts of the Albemarle with a street performance party. Albemarle Hopeline's annual Peace on the Pasquotank event will take place at 5:30 p.m. at Mariners' Wharf Park. ALL kinds of art will be displayed and will be available for sale at the 41! ArtWalk venues and experience locations, from fiber art, metalworks, jewelry, resin, wreaths, glass, photography, live art demos and plain air, live music, drawing circles, painted pours, and so very much more. It's not just an ArtWalk, it's an ArtExperience!

There will be two new business grand openings – Divine Illumination & Holistic Healing in the WaterWorks building at 400 S. Water Street and Copper Canyon Bath Company in the Virginia Dare Arcade at 507 E. Main Street. Transition from ArtWalk into the evening with a relaxing sound bath meditation at Waterfront Park at 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner, drinks, and other live music options throughout downtown.

For more info about First Friday ArtWalk, visit the Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc. Facebook page or call 252-338-4104 or email [elizabethcitydowntown@embarqmail.com](mailto:elizabethcitydowntown@embarqmail.com).

**Grand Opening, New Business**

**ArtWalk Participants**

**\*\*RiverSplash:**

1. **\*\*Historic St. Philip's Chapel**, 200 S. McMorrine, Gallery Show w/ renowned local wood sculptor Alexis Joyner; some musicians performing.
2. **\*\*ChristChurch Parrish Hall**, 200 S. McMorrine, Artists' Studio open from 9 am until 9 pm
3. **\*\*[Former] Todd's Pharmacy**, 207 S. Poindexter, The Art Collective—galleries of art, jewelry, metal artists displayed and for sale; open 11 am-8 pm.
4. **\*\*AoA Annex**, 109 N. Poindexter, ECSU Art Department Drawing Circle
5. **\*\*Harbor Centre**, 606 E. Main, Fiber Artist pop-up
6. **\*\*Joel Onais Photo.**, 113 N. Water, Photography pop-up
7. **\*\*Eclectic Jewelry**, 513 E. Fearing, Gail's Glass Creations stained glass pop-up
8. **Flood the Streets Ives Alley** event, 109 N. Poindexter (behind AoA), street performance party in the alley.
9. **Mariners' Wharf Park**, 110 S. Water, 5:30 pm, **Albemarle Hopeline's Peace on the Pasquotank** honoring survivors during Domestic Violence Month.
10. **Roaming photographers**, Smile! Professional photographers getting candid shots during ArtWalk.
11. **Roaming thespians**, Cast of COA's production of "Clue: On Stage" prowling for answers to Mr. Boddy's untimely demise.
12. **\*Divine Illumination & Holistic Healing**, 400 S. Water, Grand opening of holistic healing and space of serenity.
13. **United Bank**, 604 E. Ehringhaus, Coloring pages and crayons, goodie bags for the kids.
14. **Shut Up & Listen Records**, 610 E. Fearing, Live music with Esther Haynes.
15. **Electric Garden**, 608 E. Fearing, Artist Amy Barnett of Amy's Treasure Trove.
16. **Eclectic Jewelry & Design**, 513 E. Fearing, Gail Lane of Gail's Glass Creations, a RiverSplash Stained Glass pop up; Dee Harper of Uniquely Creative Fiber Art.
17. **Bijoux Vibes**, 104 S. Poindexter (Upstairs), Emily Martin, Bee's Southern Creations
18. **Sanctuary Design Co.**, 601 E. Main, The Albemarle Area Paint Out Pals painting live on the sidewalk during ArtWalk (weather permitting).

Oct. 7, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

**1ST FRIDAY ARTWALK**

Downtown Elizabeth City

19. **InStitches**, 513 E. Main, Scott Duncan playing violin.
20. **Water's Edge Boutique**, 507 E. Main, Facepainting with Ms. Shelia; Abi Senn of HoneyBee Artisan Goods; Noah Carroll of Atypical Artist; Nicole Hughes of Creations Made With Love.
21. **\*Copper Canyon Bath Co.**, 507 E. Main, \*Grand Opening; Amanda Terry, Baked by Amanda; Jessica Godfrey, JC Godfrey Art & Design; Arianna Conklin, Kaz Creations, Lindsay Doughty, Soaps, rugs, ceramics
22. **Small Town Trendz**, 510 E. Main, Brit's Sweet Treats & Designs; SEA-PUPCO with doggie bandannas.
23. **Pine & Porch**, 105 E. Colonial, LaurieB Artworks-Paint Pour canvases, ornaments, wine charms, bookmarks, jewelry, & more; Live music in the new alley space.
24. **Crank's Shoe Repair**, 509 E. Colonial, Creator and owner Ernest Banks and artworks of William C. Hoffman on display.
25. **Kin'Folk Mobile Axe Throwing**, 206 N. Poindexter, Diane Murray of Cakery by Diane.
26. **Streetside at former Carolina Theater**, 109 N. Poindexter, **Leponic Studios LLC**, independent film co.. Batman, other film characters.
27. **Big Boss Burritos**, 110 N. Poindexter, Brittany Ayres with BNB Custom Solutions – custom wooden wall designs, wreaths.
28. **Ghost Harbor Brewing Co.**, 602 E. Colonial, Artist Muddy River Makers with handmade gifts, tie dye, jewelry & décor; Live music with mother/son duo "Jan and Zane" from 8-11 pm.
29. **Dice Goblins**, 201 N. Water, Trinkets & Toadstools Jewelry by Cat.
30. **Zaribel's/Joel Onais Photography**, 113 N. Water, Cookie decorating with Cakes d'Amore, Reg. required: [www.cakesdamoreUS.com/classes](http://www.cakesdamoreUS.com/classes); Joel Onais Photography hosting artist Tanisha Best; RiverSplash Photography Popup.
31. **Seven Sounds Brewery**, 112 N. Water, Artist Rachel Chesson.
32. **The Market**, 102 N. Water, Artist Alicia Pomp.
33. **Harbor Pharmacy**, 606 E. Main, Leanne Clayton with Water's Edge Art
34. **Harbor Centre**, 606 E. Main, Graphic artist/designer Jesse Miller in collab. with Egads will have swag for Sagos on the River; Coastal Purl Knitters; RiverSplash Fiber Artist Popup.
35. **Cozy Carolina Boutique**, 105A S. Water, Doux South Designs with fluid art – canvases, coasters, trivets, vases, jewelry, and accessories; Powder & Cream Cookies.
36. **The Kraken Coffee House**, 615 E. Main, Live painting with Jessa Kimbra; Spooky music.
37. **Port Discover**, 611 E. Main, Open until 7:00 pm, Sicily from NovaEmber Arts; Members only, registration required. Parents Night out for members only. Register at [www.portdiscover.org](http://www.portdiscover.org)
38. **Jade Whale Co.**, 605 E. Main, ArtsBySamRay (resin work).
39. **Arts of the Albemarle**, 516 E. Main, Studio Gallery Artists: Mary Crutchfield, Margie Sawyer, Patricia Sterritt, Rickey Thornton, Peggy West; Katherine Wassink, fiber artist in Jenkins Gallery.
40. **2 Souls Wine Bar**, 513 E. Main, Live music with Tim Roy & Woody Wood 6:30-9:30 pm.
41. **Waterfront Park**, 508 S. Water, **Sound Bath Meditation** (weather permitting) -- Experience an hour of relaxation surrounded by love and light, allowing your body to flow with the sounds of creation. Hosted by Divine Illumination Holistic Healing, LLC and Whispering Wind Meditation Ctr; BYO Blanket or chair, 7:00 pm
- Open, No Artist**
42. **Lazy Frog**, 603 E. Fearing, Open, no artist.
43. **The SweetEasy**, 112 S. Poindexter, Open, no artist.
44. **Latitude 36**, 400 S. Water Street (inside Water-

## **Fire Department:**

On Monday, the Elizabeth City Fire Department had its ISO inspection, which was conducted by the NC Office of the State Fire Marshal. This inspection is completed every five years and gives each fire department a rating that is used to determine fire insurance premiums. Inspectors do a complete analysis of the department and its capabilities. They also evaluate the water system, 911 Center and review records that include training hours, equipment maintenance, staffing levels, and call volumes to name a few. This year an evaluation was conducted on our ability to shuttle water to areas that do not have fire hydrants. Staff has worked extremely hard to ensure our inspection was a success. We look forward to receiving our final score sometime around the first of the year.



## **Human Resources:**

This week, the NC League of Municipalities completed the City's Annual Workers' Compensation Audit. The audit was performed using our Workers' Compensation (WC) claim reports, payroll reports, employees placed in the correct job codes, federal quarterly reports, Employment Security Commission Reports, and our General Ledger/Trial Balance Report for fiscal year 2021-2022. After successful completion of the audit, City staff received great news about the outcome: we are expected to receive a credit of \$990.00. The League's Finance Department will submit a check to the City for this reimbursement within the next month. Two of the main factors that contributed to us receiving this credit are the continued delay of the Department of Corrections Inmate program by the State of North Carolina and payroll costs being down due to numerous vacancies throughout the City. Other factors included the minimizing loss of time of claims, safety training sessions, and estimating WC payroll higher than the League's estimation for the last fiscal year. I would like to commend Anna Spence and Amy Clark for working on the WC renewal so the City can continue to receive this credit from the League.

Our new City hires for this week are the following:

### **Electric Department:**

Owen White-Apprentice Lineman  
Ricky Aydlett-Equipment Operator / Groundsman

### **Parks & Recreation Department:**

Erin Forbes-Special Events & Programs Activity Specialist  
Jason Upton-PT Recreation Assistant  
Anaya Harper-PT Recreation Assistant  
Keanna Cox--PT Office Assistant  
Khalid Harper--PT Recreation Assistant

### **Fire Department:**

Andrew Jones-Certified Fire Control Specialist  
Haden Cox-Temporary Uncertified Fire Control Specialist  
Collin Byrum-Temporary Uncertified Fire Control Specialist

Welcome to our unique, collaborative, dynamic, and energetic team! Again, congratulations to our new hires!



Shout out to everyone celebrating a birthday in October. We wish everyone a healthy and happy day!

**Upcoming Events:**

The City Council will meet in Regular Session on Monday, October 10, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live-streamed on local Channel 11 as well as the City's website. Meetings are also open to the public.