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**Elizabeth City Downtown Inc.:**

**Music at Mariners' Wharf Summer Entertainment Series -  
Eight weeks of great music on the beautiful downtown Elizabeth City  
waterfront**

ECDI's Music on the Green at Mariners' Wharf Park is rolling on another great season of free public concerts promoting the local music scene. From 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, beginning August 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending September 20<sup>th</sup>, area performers will entertain music-loving crowds



for eight consecutive weeks on the lawn at the waterfront (weather-permitting). Specifically, Mariners' Wharf Park at 110 S. Water Street. Food and drinks will be available to purchase on site provided by the American Legion Post 84. Beer and wine sold by ECDI will be available for purchase each night of the series. The season started with music performances by The Band Ryder, Jazz with Connected, The Bee Keepers, and Permanent Vacation, Bobby Plough, and Vintage Cross. The remaining season schedule is:

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Brian & Gerald and Post-American Gothic  
September 20<sup>th</sup> – PBNJ

Visit [www.musicatmarinerswharf.com](http://www.musicatmarinerswharf.com) or check out Music on the Green at Mariners' Wharf Park on Facebook for additional information and updates. Contact Deborah Malenfant (252-338-4104 or 252-267-6920, email: [elizabethcitydowntown@embarqmail.com](mailto:elizabethcitydowntown@embarqmail.com)).

## Music at Mariners' Fall Music Series – September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

The 2022 Music at Mariners' Wharf Fall Music Festival has been set for the weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Mariners' Wharf Park in Downtown Elizabeth City, NC. It is the closeout weekend to the eight-week Music on the Green at Mariners' Wharf Park Summer Music Series, which ends on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. "It is the perfect way to culminate a season of great music in Elizabeth City, which is becoming known for its energetic music scene," says Jeff Mitchell, Chairman of the festival committee.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual festival will literally be a musical jam-packed two-day event with strong local, regional, and Nashville- and Asheville-based talent and will be an experience to remember. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and sit back and enjoy the music or dance the afternoon/evening away! There will be live local music in many of the Downtown Elizabeth City venues to enjoy, as well. Schedule coming soon!



The event will be **FREE** to the public with food vendors and beer and wine available to purchase and we encourage you to dine in one of our downtown or local eateries. A limited number of special VIP area tickets are available for purchase. VIP ticket-purchasers will have a special seating area with a seat provided, will receive four drink tickets, with special cocktail features by Juniper Cocktail Bar, and an event t-shirt. VIP Tickets may be purchased at: [www.ec-downtown.ticketleap.com/2022-fall-music-festival/](http://www.ec-downtown.ticketleap.com/2022-fall-music-festival/)

### Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00-8:00 pm – 5Starr  
8:30-10:30 pm – The Daniel Jordan Band

### Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

3:00-6:00 pm – The Original Rhondels  
6:15-7:45 pm – Brooke & Nick  
8:00-10:30 pm – Flying Buffaloes

For more information and to see full band descriptions visit:  
[www.musicatmarinerswharf.com/fallmusicfestival](http://www.musicatmarinerswharf.com/fallmusicfestival)

### **Human Resources:**

This week, HR Liability Analyst/Payroll Coordinator Anna Spence attended the 2022 North Carolina Public Risk Management Association (NC PRIMA) conference held at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. During her time at the conference, she attended multiple education workshops that provided training and professional development skills in relation to Worker's Comp and Safety. Anna is looking forward to applying the information she acquired during the conference to benefit our employees and help reduce the amount of Workers Comp claims filed. I would like to thank Anna for participating in this important conference.



Shout out to all city employees celebrating a birthday during the month of September. We wish everyone a healthy and happy day!

### **Parks & Recreation:**

Did you know that September is National Senior Center month? The ECPC Senior Center offers activities, programs, and services for all seniors, ages 55 and over. To see everything we have to offer, visit the City of Elizabeth City website at <https://elizabethcitync.gov/index.asp?SEC=A2417086-9477-4012-9EBC-08D8DF310A7A&DE=E26558F6-D204-4BE9-AE6C-50F9C99F749F>.

Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging has partnered with Legal Aid of NC to provide a free workshop on Advance Care Planning at the ECPC Senior Center on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served and space is limited. To register, call the ECPC Senior Center at 252-335-4323. This event is open to individuals 18 & older. Registration is required to attend.

The ECPC Senior Center is traveling again! We are pleased to announce that our extended overnight trips have resumed and we are accepting registrations for our 2023 trips. You can stay up to date with our new trips by visiting the City of Elizabeth City website



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The Downtown Waterfront Market has two more Saturdays left to our regular market season. The Downtown Market will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Mariners' Wharf Park. Come shop with us and see all that local vendors have to offer!

### **Public Utilities Department:**

On Thursday, we were advised that unfortunately, our sanitation department is again facing mechanical issues leading to delays in trash collection. Currently, several trash trucks are down, leaving us with only two trucks to pick up trash and recycling for the entire city. While we seek repairs, Public Utilities Director Bell has scheduled the trash truck drivers to operate in two shifts, with the first shift operating on their usual assigned routes, and the second shift coming in to complete the other routes that are left for that particular day. All trash and recycling will be picked up on its regularly scheduled day; however, some routes may be picked up later in the day than normal. Director Bell has advised that he was able to get two trucks into the maintenance shop this afternoon. One trash truck is at the welding shop to have the bed of the compactor portion re-fabricated. Due to the age of the truck, it has dry rotted through and the compactor arm is getting hung up on the frame of the bed. We're hoping to have that truck back to us by the beginning of next week. The other truck was taken to Sawyer's Garage for an apparent electrical issue, which needs further investigation. Sawyer's Garage will begin looking into that issue on Friday. Additionally, two weeks ago, a trash truck was taken to Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems in Chesapeake VA, after it was discovered that a rat had chewed through the wiring of the truck. The estimated cost from Mid-Atlantic to repair the wiring is around \$50,000. Both leaf trucks are down at the moment, but we expect one back online sometime today. The arm to the suction hose is being welded back on and we expect it to be finished shortly. The trash delays have already been posted on the City's website and Facebook page. We thank everyone for their patience while we deal with these issues.



This week, T. A. Loving began cleaning the construction site and demobilizing heavy equipment. Grading and groundwork has begun in order to start bridge approach paving. We are a few steps closer to completing the long awaited construction of the new Providence Road Bridge.

Pipe View has completed just over 25,000 feet of cleaning and just over 3,100 feet of CCTV. The annual collection system cleaning allows us to clean debris and grease out of the sewer main as well as identify problem areas. Pipe View is halfway through the project and anticipates to be finished in the next couple of weeks.



On Thursday, the City approved JD Lewis Construction Management to close a portion of the westbound right-hand lane of Elizabeth Street between Martin Luther King Drive and N. Road Street for possibly 30-days. The request was made to close the street for safety purposes due to site work and construction work planned for the Betsy Town Flats project at the former EC Middle School. A lighted, worded sign is placed on the Camden Causeway east of the bridge entering Elizabeth City to make incoming traffic aware of the closure. NCDOT has also approved this request. EC-PC Public Schools, the US Coast Guard, and surrounding businesses that may be affected have also been notified. Information concerning the closure is being generated via the City's social media pages as well as our ECDI Facebook page.