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GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:

City staff would like to offer a "heads-up" for any local small business owners still hurting due to COVID-19: another round of the Rural Relief Small Business Grants will open up on December 29. The Rural Relief program is offered through the Local Initiatives Support Corporation and Lowe's, and it offers grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for businesses "facing immediate financial pressure because of COVID-19." The grantors also suggest they will give some preference to "entrepreneurs of color, women- and veteran-owned businesses that often lack access to flexible, affordable capital." Applications will be accepted from December 29th to January 5th, with the next round running from January 26th to February 2nd. Interested businesses should go [here](#) to learn more and apply. Please note, this grant opportunity is offered independently of the City, and the City has no involvement or influence in grant decisions. Please thoroughly review all program requirements to make sure you are eligible for funding and can meet the grantors' terms and conditions, if awarded funds.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

On Tuesday, members of the Elizabeth City Police Department along with the Elizabeth City Fire Department, Pasquotank Emergency Management, and Central Communications (911) came together to bring Santa into town by way of a vehicle parade (in order to comply with the current COVID-19 restrictions.) Santa was escorted through the City to see all the boys and girls before Christmas. The Elizabeth City Police Department streamed the entire event via Facebook Live and let the citizens of Elizabeth City know where Santa was headed next. Since Elizabeth City is the Harbor of Hospitality, Santa decided to rest his reindeer and travel through the City in the Elizabeth City Fire Department's rescue boat. It was a pleasure to help bring Santa to visit the boys and girls of the City.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Public Utilities Solid Waste Division would like to remind our residents of not just the importance of recycling, but of the importance of recycling correctly. All too often, recycling is contaminated with products that are unable to be recycled. Anyone who sorts recycling will tell you—when in doubt, throw it out! Remember: bottles, tubs, jugs and jars, cans, boxes and paper belong in your recycling container. If it isn't one of those shapes, don't be a wishful recycler. Empty, rinse and remove any pumps. Still wondering what items are safe? Check out the graphic below for some recycling do's and don't's!

**DON'T TANGLE OR CONTAMINATE
RECYCLE MORE
FOR A GREENER STATE**



PLASTIC
Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars

No pumps Empty and rinse

METAL
All cans

Empty and rinse

GLASS
Bottles and jars

Empty and rinse

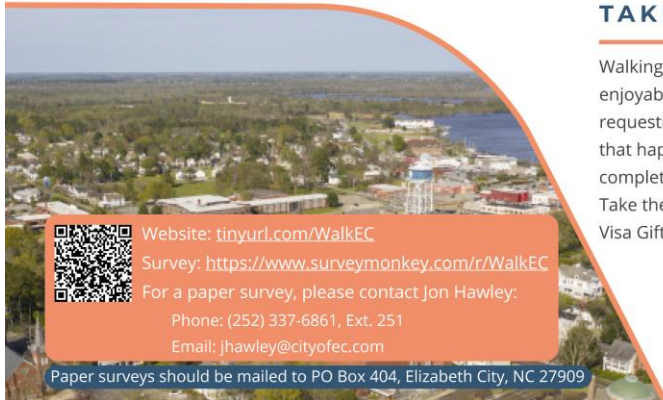
PAPER
Paper, cartons and cardboard

Flatten cardboard

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!



WE NEED YOUR INPUT TO CREATE A WALKABLE ELIZABETH CITY

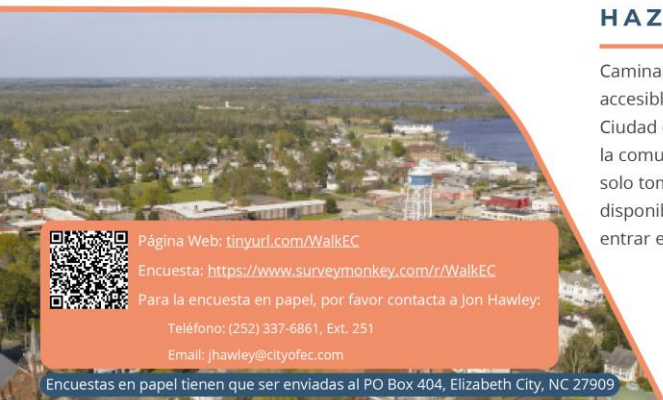


TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY

Walking in Elizabeth City should always be a safe, enjoyable, and accessible for all. The City is requesting input from community members to make that happen! This survey only takes a few minutes to complete and is available both online and in paper. Take the survey to enter for a chance to win a \$100 Visa Gift Card.



NECESITAMOS TU OPINIÓN PARA CREAR UNA ELIZABETH CITY QUE SE PUEDA CAMINAR



HAZ LA ENCUESTA HOY

Caminar en Elizabeth City tiene que ser seguro, accesible para todos y que se pueda disfrutar. ¡La Ciudad está buscando opiniones de los miembros de la comunidad para hacerlo realidad! Esta encuesta solo toma unos minutos en completar y está disponible online y en papel. Realiza la encuesta para entrar en el sorteo de una Visa Gift Card de \$100.



If you have ideas about how to create a more walkable Elizabeth City, now's your chance! Take the Pedestrian Plan (WalKEC) Survey, available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WalkEC>. Or request a paper survey from Jon Hawley at 252-337-6861 or jhawley@cityofec.com.

Currently underway is the Elizabeth City Pedestrian Plan (WalkEC). WalkEC is the first dedicated Pedestrian Plan for the City and your input is crucial for creating a more walkable community. Does your neighborhood need sidewalks? Do you feel unsafe while walking to your school or favorite restaurant? Do you WalkEC? We need your input, but time is running out! To help refine WalkEC's current recommendations, please take this short survey before it closes at the end of the year. Make sure your voice is heard and potentially win a \$100 Visa Gift Card! You can learn more about WalkEC at tinyurl.com/WalkEC.

]Since 1986, Elizabeth City has used chloramines, a mixture of chlorine and ammonia, as the disinfectant in its water treatment process. Chloramines reduce the level of byproducts that are regulated by the US Environmental Protection Agency. North Carolina Division of Water Resources recommends that water systems using chloramines periodically switch back to free chlorine (chlorine alone) once a year. This brief, scheduled change in disinfectant is a standard water treatment practice to keep water mains clean and free of potentially harmful bacteria throughout the year. Beginning January 5, 2021 and continuing through about February 12, 2021, the City of Elizabeth City will temporarily change the disinfectant used in the water treatment process. During this period, the water will be disinfected using only chlorine. During this change, customers may notice a slight change in the taste or smell of their tap water. A mild chlorine taste and smell is normal and poses no health risk. Most customers will not need to take any precautions as the water remains safe to drink and is treated per both state and federal standards. People and businesses that normally take special precautions to remove chloramines from tap water, such as dialysis centers, medical facilities and aquatic pet owners, should continue to take the same precautions during the temporary switch from chloramines to free chlorine. Please contact the Elizabeth City Water Treatment Facility at 252-337-6647 if you have additional questions or concerns.



City of Elizabeth City - Public Utilities Department

Holiday Trash Pickup Notice

In observance of the Holiday Season, the
City of Elizabeth City Public Utilities Department offices will be closed
Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, 2020,
Monday, December 28th, 2020, and Friday, January 1, 2020.

Thursday, **December 24, 2020** trash and recycle routes will be collected as normal.

Friday, December 25, 2020 trash and recycling routes
will be collected on **Monday, December 28, 2020.**

The **Monday, December 28, 2020** route will be collected as scheduled on Monday.
The route for **Friday, January 1, 2021** will be collected on **Monday, January 4, 2021.**

Please have your trashcan and recycling container out by 8:00am.

Thank you and have a happy and safe Holiday Season!