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Administration

The Administration Department has been hard at work assisting the City Council with logistics in their ongoing search for a new City Manager. The Council has held several meetings dedicated to this task so far and is making much progress. While much of what's going on is still considered confidential, Mayor Parker intends to give the public an update during her October 12, 2020 meeting comments, so stay tuned!

Finance Department / Grants

The City's 2020-21 Street Resurfacing Project is a step closer to reality, following the City receiving its first installment of Powell Bill funds. The Powell Bill, more formally called the State Aid to Municipalities Highway Fund, provides municipalities with yearly funding to help maintain or improve municipally-maintained roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other public thoroughfares within their corporate limits. (Major roads, such as US 17, are NCDOT's direct responsibility.) The amount of funding is based on fuel tax revenues and Powell Bill municipalities receive funding based on their population and total mileage of municipally-controlled streets; Elizabeth City has about 73 miles' worth of local streets. The City has received \$218,430 in its first Powell Bill installment, which is about half of what's expected for Fiscal Year 2020-21. As expected, this is a decrease of just over \$11,000 from last year. Nevertheless, the funding will be essential for funding this year's resurfacing project. The City will receive bids until October 23; those bids will help us determine how many streets we can afford to resurface. (For more information, click the "Request For Bids" link in News and Announcements on www.cityofec.com.) Our Powell Bill revenues will also support our installment purchase of a necessary, budgeted asphalt truck.

Parks & Recreation Department / Senior Center



We are excited to announce that the ECPC Senior Center reopened its doors on Thursday, October 1st after being closed due to COVID-19 since March. Operating hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., by appointment only. Besides the appointment-only guidelines, the center is operating with other restrictions in place. Center capacity has been limited to 60 participants,

face masks are mandatory, and temperature screenings must be passed prior to entry. Anyone interested in participating in any of our activities can call 252-335-4323 to make an appointment. Senior Center staff would like to express sincere gratitude for all the support from City Administration, County Administration, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Elizabeth City Police Department that made this opening possible.

October has been filled with lots of excitement and enjoyment from our Parks and Recreation department. They've been able to open and operate youth and adult programs for the first time since the coronavirus pandemic began. These programs include a youth soccer league, youth baseball league, tee ball, adult softball, mobile "Pop-Up PE" featuring "Coffee with a Cop", and an upcoming virtual Monster Mash Haunted Half Marathon from October 12th – 30th. Currently we are taking registrations for youth basketball and winter volleyball.



Police Department

On Wednesday, October 7, 2020, the Elizabeth City Police Department was pleased to partner with the Elizabeth City Pasquotank County Senior Center to host "Coffee with a Cop" and also with the Elizabeth City Pasquotank County Parks and Recreation to host "Pop-up PE." The officers enjoyed a cup of coffee and donuts while engaging with the seniors. "Coffee with a Cop" was held at 8:00 a.m. at the ECPC Senior Center



and there were approximately 12 senior citizens in attendance. "Pop-up PE" was held at 11:00 a.m. at Enfield Park. Youth who attended were able to participate in a variety of activities while practicing social distancing. Each event had refreshments for all that participated. Both the seniors and youth enjoyed the interaction with our officers, and they look forward to future endeavors. I am grateful for the fine officers of the Elizabeth City Police Department and community partnerships like these that are dedicated to serving even in these most challenging times.

Public Utilities Department

Recently the 10" sewer main in the 1800 block of Rivershore Rd collapsed. The pipe material was clay and its ability to convey sewer flow was very poor due to the deteriorated condition. A temporary bypass pump was connected until Enviro-Tech could respond with an emergency crew to make repairs. Nearly 200' of 10" PVC pipe replaced the old 10" clay pipe. The new section was installed from manhole to manhole. All laterals were reconnected to the new line that was served by the section replaced. Additional repairs to segments of the Rivershore Rd sewer are pending award of the currently advertised sewer line replacement RFP.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City will meet in Regular Session on Monday, October 12, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this meeting will not be open to the public; however, it will be live streamed on the City's website at <http://www.cityofec.com> as well as on Channel 11. Any member of the public who wishes to have their comments heard by the Council may submit them to the City Clerk at aonley@cityofec.com to have them read into the record. The Clerk will accept comments until 6:45 p.m. on Monday, October 12th. Please remember to include your name and address.