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NORTH CAROLINA

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Quarterly Newsletter

June 2022



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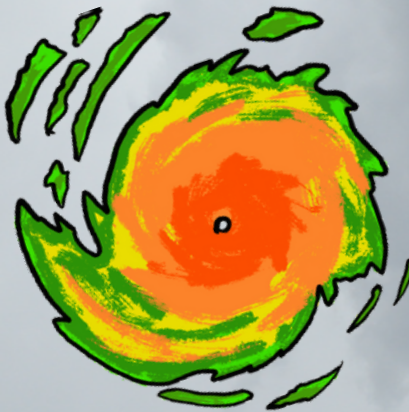
Read highlights from Council Meetings on Pg. 4

ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1ST

The time to prepare for a hurricane, is before a hurricane watch is in effect.

- Determine your risk.
- Develop an evacuation plan.
- Assemble disaster supplies.
- Get an insurance checkup.
- Strengthen your home.
- Help your neighbor.
- Complete a written plan.

Learn more about hurricane preparedness at [Noaa.gov/hurricane-prep](https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep)



THE SEQUENCE OF NAMES FOR 2022 WILL BE:

- Alex
- Colin
- Bonnie
- Danielle
- Earl
- Fiona
- Gaston
- Hermine
- Ian
- Julia
- Karl
- Lisa
- Martin
- Nicole
- Owen
- Paula
- Richard
- Shary
- Tobias
- Virginie
- Walter

NEW LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

LIHWAP is a temporary emergency program that will help eligible low-income households afford water & wastewater services, providing a one-time payment directly to the utility company.

For more information on this program & eligibility, visit the LIHWAP website at

www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/socialservices/energyassistance/low-income-household-water-assistance-program-lihwap

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, June 21st from 12:30-4:30pm

Located at the Kinston Public Service Complex at 2360 HWY 258 South.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org & enter KPSC to schedule an appointment.



American Red Cross

SUMMERFEST

PEARSON PARK

Bands will play from 7pm - 10pm & the family fun starts at 3pm!

JUNE 11TH - BREADWINE & BLOOZE BAND

JULY 9TH - SOUL MOVEMENT BAND

AUGUST 13TH - MAIN EVENT BAND



Free Admission

Follow Downtown Kinston Revitalization on Facebook or visit www.DowntownKinston.com for upcoming band announcements.

GLOBAL GARBAGE MAN DAY

recognized on June 17th

National Garbage Man Day, on June 17th, honors the garbage men and women of the world. The City's Environmental Services section is a group of dedicated men to their community who help keep our City clean, day in and day out, in the heat of the summer and the biting cold of the winter. This team provides reliable collection and disposal of residential and commercial garbage, recyclables, leaves during leaf season, and white goods. With their contributions, Kinston residents can safely dispose of potentially hazardous and dangerous waste products and maintain public health.



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Environmental Services schedule changes are below

Juneteenth

Observed Friday, June 17th

Friday's routes will be collected on Thursday, June 16th.

Independence Day

Observed on Monday, July 4th

Monday's route will be collected on Tuesday, July 5th.

For more information, please call our 24hr Customer Service Center at (252)939-3282.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

2022



**SATURDAY
JUNE 18
4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.**

**at the
AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSIC TRAIL PARK
IN KINSTON**

**For more information,
please call
252.527.7066**

PRESENTED BY



KID'S FISHING DAY

Neuseway Nature Park

Saturday, June 4th at 9AM

The Down East Wood Ducks will be joining the event! Come meet, fish with and interact with players, coaches and of course DEWD!

Bait is provided by the Neuse Sports Shop!

License requirements are waived for the day, as long as you are a part of the event.



For more information, call
252-939-3367



2022 FINALIST NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MUSEUM & LIBRARY SERVICE



The National Medal for Museum & Library Service has honored institutions that exhibit excellence in service to their communities for more than 25 years. Neuse Regional Library is 1 of 3 institutions in North Carolina to be chosen as a finalist for this award.



RMS HAS YOUR BACK

Kinston Public Services team members donated supplies to help support Rochelle Middle School's 'RMS Has Your Back' drive! The collected donations will be used to fill backpacks for individuals that are in need, and utilize Mary's Soup Kitchen. Requested items were backpacks, reusable water bottles, bottled water, cans of non-perishables, clothing, hygiene items, and disposable silverware. Kinston Public Services is proud to be a part of such a wonderful cause to our community.



EARTH AND SCIENCE DAY

Neuseway Nature Park

On April 16th, Neuseway Nature Park hosted Earth and Science Day. Children participated in Earthworm racing, competed in the 2022 Neuseway Science Fair, discovered a love for gardening with our local Master Gardeners, explored Earth with LCC's Astronomy Professor and Neuseway's Planetarium Director, and even had a guest speaker from NASA, Tony Rice!

Kinston Public Services and the Clean Water Education Partnership also educated about stormwater pollution, the Girl Scouts held a tire painting station, and kids could create bird feeders with CSS Neuse!



CITY WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP

at the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd and King St



Kinston Public Services' Environmental Services team conducted a City Wide Spring Clean Up on April 30th in an attempt to fight illegal dumping. This annual event encourages City residents to bring any unwanted items to dispose of at no charge. Items such as yard debris, tires off the rim, household garbage, furniture, and appliances. Over half a ton of debris and garbage was obtained from Kinston Citizens!



MEET YOUR CITY EMPLOYEES

Meet the new employees hired since March!

- Ethan Acevedo - Maintenance Worker I
- Clifton Newborn - Maintenance Worker I
- Danielle Hill - Communications Tech I
- Brandin Bass - Police Officer Trainee
- Levi Martin - Maintenance Worker I
- Darnell Vaughan - Maintenance Worker I
- Mickey Wetherington - Parks Maintenance Worker III
- Sylveonna Holmes-Washington - Community Development Planner
- Cameron Lee - Maintenance Worker I
- Farand Walthall - Equipment Operator II
- Cody Felker - Firefighter
- Xavier Miles - Firefighter
- Matthew Maready - Firefighter II
- Anthony Best - Maintenance Worker I

Want to join the City?

Contact our HR Department at 252-939-3118,
or go online to

www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kinstonnc

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

The following are some highlights of the City Council meetings from March 2022 – May 2022 (see the full minutes at kinstonnc.gov/AgendaCenter):

- Naming the new road section of Doctors Drive "Nurses Lane" was approved.
- The City recognized Braylon Graham - AAU National Indoor Championship for 60M Dash in the 7-8 Year-Old Division.
- The Council approved the purchase of 12 Police vehicles.
- Leigh Britt was appointed to the vacant seat on the Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Commission
- Mayor Hardy proclaimed May 1-7, 2022, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week and extended appreciation to Debra Thompson, City Clerk and all Municipal Clerks.
- Mayor Hardy proclaimed May 2-6, 2022 as Teachers Appreciation Week.

The first day of Summer arrives

June 21st!

Summer Energy Saving Tips

- Do chores such as cleaning, cooking & laundry during the cooler early morning & evening hours to avoid home heat buildup.
- Keep the sun out of your house. Close shades, blinds or curtains during the hottest part of the day.
- Make sure furniture or drapes do not block your registers for supply & return air.
- Run ceiling fans counterclockwise. Mild air movement of 1MPH can make you feel 3 to 4 degrees cooler.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

(June- August)

Meetings can also be viewed on the City's Facebook page.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 7th
5:30pm, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
(Work Session @ 5:30PM)

June 21st
7pm, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 19th
5:30pm, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
(Work Session @ 5:30PM)

August 2nd
7pm, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 16th
5:30pm, City Hall



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