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NORTH CAROLINA

NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Newsletter

March 2023



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KINSTON'S POLICE CHIEF

Congratulations to Kinston's new Police Chief, Keith Goyette! A nationwide search for the Police Chief position, was conducted by Kinston's City Manager, Rhonda Barwick. Chief Goyette's qualifications and attributes stood out the most to best suit our Police Department.



IMPORTANT WATER NOTICE

Beginning March 13th, 2023 until approximately April 17th, 2023, the City of Kinston will temporarily change the disinfectant used in the water treatment process from chloramines to chlorine. During the temporary switch to free chlorine, customers may notice a slight change in the taste or smell of their tap water. The mild chlorine taste and smell is normal and poses no health risk. People and businesses that normally take special precautions to remove chloramines from tap water, should continue to take the same precautions during the temporary switch.



EARTH DAY EVENT

Neuseway Nature Park

Saturday, April 22nd
11:00AM - 3:00PM



2023 BBQ FEST ON THE NEUSE

EASTON CORBIN IS HEADLINING FRIDAY NIGHT!



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Your Country 95.1

Kinstonbbq.com

EASTON CORBIN

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BBQ FEST ON THE NEUSE!

MAY 5TH - 6TH

Stay up to date with the latest by following BBQ Fest on the Neuse!



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Environmental Services schedule changes are below

Good Friday

Observed Friday, April 7th

Friday's route will be collected on Thursday, April 6th.

Memorial Day

Observed Monday, May 29th.

Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30th.

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

CITY WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP

Bring your unwanted items for us to dispose of!

Accepted items:

Yard Debris

Furniture

White Goods

Household Garbage

Appliances

Tires

Mattresses

Saturday, April 29th, 2023

8:00AM-12:00PM

Intersection of Dr MLK JR BLVD
& KING ST (Old Shirt Factory)

Call 252.939.3282 for
more info!



Let's welcome Kinston
Department of Fire and
Rescues newest employees!



Austin Kothe
Firefighter



Brandi Johnson
Fire Inspector

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE

KINSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, 205 E KING ST, KINSTON NC | 252-939-3208



2023
OPEN HOUSE
DATES & TIME

MARCH 9
5:00 - 7:30PM

Strides 2 Fight Diabetes

ROCKIN' WALK-A-THON

Saturday, March 25th
1 - 3 PM

Kinston Community Center
2602 W Vernon Ave.
Kinston, NC

Join us as we walk or rock to fight diabetes!

Event also includes:
Health Fair, Kids Activities, Raffles, and Music by Eastern Entertainment

FREE

Funds from this event support sending kids to diabetes camp, provide low boxes for LCPS children, and medical scholarships for individuals fighting diabetes.

Find us on  **Strides - Lions for Diabetes Awareness**

 **DONATE NOW!**

LIONS WATER ADVENTURE

NOW HIRING

Click on "CAREERS" at www.LionsWaterAdventure.com

2602 W. Vernon Ave, Kinston | 252.699.3009



American Red Cross

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 11th from 12:30-5:00pm

Located at the Kinston Public Services Complex at 2360 Hwy 258 S

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

SMOKE ALARM BLITZ

The Kinston Department of Fire & Rescue is continuing the Smoke Alarm Program throughout the City, issuing Free Smoke Alarms to our residents within the Subdivisions. The Program is run completely on Grants and Private Donations. Recently a generous private donation of 1000 smoke alarms was received. In turn, KDFR is conducting what has been named 'Smoke Alarm Blitz'. On February 18, KDFR went into the Old Farm Subdivision with partners from Kinston Teens, headed up by City Councilman Chris Suggs, and installed over 91 Smoke Alarms throughout the homes within the area. Another upcoming *Smoke Alarm Blitz* will be conducted in the Brookhaven Subdivision on March 18.



If you need smoke alarms in your home and live within the city limits, please contact us at 252-939-3164 to make an appointment to receive free smoke alarms.



Down East Wood Ducks

Opening day is April 6th!
Grainger Stadium 7 P.M.

MEET YOUR CITY EMPLOYEES

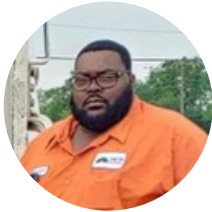
Meet the new employees hired since December!

- Brandi Johnson, Fire Inspector
- Richard Custer, Police Trainee
- Jeremy Falkowski, Police Trainee
- Michael Conner, Police Trainee
- Shawn Leonard, Police Trainee
- Keith Bizzell, Maintenance Worker II
- Sean Jonson, Police Officer
- Austin Kothe, Firefighter II
- London Williams, Communication Tech II
- Melany Hill, Customer Service Supervisor
- Clarence Cooley, Parks Maintenance Worker I
- Al Gilcrest, Maintenance Worker I
- Jamar Clark, Sanitation Worker
- Kim Bowles, Firefighter
- Jaime Yanes, Nature Center Assistant
- Isabelle Sylvia, Lifeguard KCC
- Joseph Skinner, Field Supervisor

Want to join the City?

Contact HR at 252-939-3118, or
www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kinstonnc

IN MEMORIAM



Antwan Summers

Environmental Services-Equipment Operator I

It is with great sorrow to announce that we lost a Public Services family member in January. Antwan should be remembered for his great contribution to our community. Please keep his family, friends & work family in your thoughts and prayers.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

The following are some highlights of the City Council meetings from December 2022 - March 2023 (see the full minutes at kinstonnc.gov/AgendaCenter):

- The Forum on Crime and Violence was approved by Council.
- Officer David Culbreth, Detective Emily Gray, and Captain Megan Day, were congratulated for the recent achievement of their Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate.
- The Interlocal Agreement with Lenoir County to Provide Building Inspection Services to the City of Kinston was approved.
- Two retirees, Acting Captain Robert Brock and Acting Major Stephen Reavis were recognized. Thank you for your years of service and dedication to the City of Kinston!
- The Special Revenue Ordinance for 22 LSE De-Escalation COPS Grant was adopted. The funds will be used to assist with body-worn camera examinations with training and software as well as community policeman training.



We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Elizabeth Blount as the new Director of Planning for City of Kinston.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING	March 7th, 5:30pm, City Hall
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Work Session @ 5:30PM)	March 21st, 7pm, City Hall
CITY COUNCIL MEETING	April 4th, 5:30pm, City Hall
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Work Session @ 5:30PM)	April 18th, 7pm, City Hall
CITY COUNCIL MEETING	May 2nd, 5:30pm, City Hall
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Work Session @ 5:30PM)	May 16th, 7pm, City Hall

(March - May)



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