



KINSTON

NORTH CAROLINA

NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Newsletter
September 2023



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To report tree limbs/vegetation near or on power lines, please call our 24 hour Customer Service Center at 252.939.3282

LOOSE LEAF SEASON

Starts November 6th!



Loose leaves & pine needles can be placed behind the curb, away from water meters, fire hydrants & stormwater drains. After ensuring piles are free of limbs or other debris, please call Kinston Public Services at 252-939-3282 to request a service order for pick up!



Cold weather energy saving tips:

- Set your thermostat between 68° & 72°.
- Check for air leaks throughout your home! 1/3 of a home's total heat loss is through unsealed windows & doors.
- Set ceiling fans to spin clockwise, this helps push warm air that has risen to the ceiling back down into the room.
- Close doors of unused rooms. Don't waste valuable heat by keeping unused spaces open during the cold months.

KINSTON PUBLIC SERVICES FALL CLEAN UP

Join us in making our community a much brighter & cleaner place!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
9:00AM - 12:00PM**

(Refreshments to follow!)

**NATURE CENTER PICNIC SHELTER
401 W CASWELL ST**

THE GOAL: Keeping trash out of our streams & river.

Focused areas will be along the Neuse River at the Neuseway Nature Park & Pearson Park.

**** This is a great opportunity to earn community service hours!**

GLOVES, VESTS, BAGS & TRASH GRABBERS WILL BE PROVIDED!

For more information, please call 252.939.3283





Saturday, October 28, 2023
10am-12pm
(No Sirens: 10am-11am)
Grainger Stadium Parking Lot
400 E Grainger Ave, Kinston

•free treats • vehicle demos • vendors • activities • fun •

Costumes Optional



Call 252-939-1200 or visit us at www.lgpfc.org to reserve your space!

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FREE ENERGY AUDIT for City of Kinston residential customers

An energy audit is an inspection of a residence that focuses on how well your home conserves or maintains energy. This inspection is designed to help customers identify areas of lost energy and to educate them on energy conservation. Traditional Energy Audits consist of our Energy Experts coming inside your home, but we now offer Virtual Energy Audits for those who prefer not to have someone enter their home.

To request an energy audit:
visit www.kinstonpublicservices.com
or call 252.939.3282

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 10th
from 12:30pm-5:00pm

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

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



SAVE THE DATE!
Friday, October 20th
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
NEUSEWAY NATURE
PARK PRESENTS:
Parktoberfest:
Trunk or Treat and Movie in the Park

401 W Caswell Street
Kinston, NC 28504
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Labor Day

Observed Monday, September 4th

Monday's garbage route will be collected on Tuesday, September 5th

Election Day

Observed Tuesday, November 7th

Tuesday's garbage route will be collected on Monday, November 6th

Veterans Day

Observed Friday, November 10th

Friday's garbage route will be collected on Thursday, November 9th

Thanksgiving

Observed Thursday, November 23rd & Friday, November 24th

Thursday and Friday's garbage route will be collected on Wednesday, November 22nd.

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

NC LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES RMS SAFETY GRANT

Kinston Public Services received \$1,654.45 in grant funds from the North Carolina League of Municipalities RMS Safety Grant program! These funds were used to purchase work zone cones & signs to keep our team members safe when working on utility and asphalt repairs in Kinston.



WHEN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023
6pm - 9pm

WHERE

KINSTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT

205 E King Street, Kinston, NC

The Kinston Police Department's Citizens Police Academy is not designed or intended to certify participants as police officers. This course is to enhance community relations and to provide citizens an overview of the criminal justice system as well as operations of the Kinston Police Department. Class size is limited and citizens who live/work within the city limits of Kinston will be given first priority.



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CLASS SESSIONS INCLUDE TOPICS ON:

- PATROL TECHNIQUES
- TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
- CRIMINAL & CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION
- ARREST, SEARCH & SEIZURE
- CRIMINAL LAW & MORE

APPLICATIONS & INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE KINSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT OR BY CONTACTING SGT. J.C. WALKER julian.walker@ci.kinston.nc.us 252-939-3184

KPD's MISSION STATEMENT

The Kinston Police Department pledges to serve our community, to safeguard lives and property, and to preserve order while respecting the constitutional rights of everyone to liberty, equality and justice.

EMMA WEBB PARK

On August 9th, community members joined Kinston's Park and Recreation Department in breaking ground at Emma Webb Park. The goal is to complete this major renovation project by October of 2024.

Plans Include:

- 600 seat amphitheater
- Walking trails
- Stream restoration
- Picnic grove
- Open play & event lawn
- Splash pad & playground area
- Restored bathhouse
- Basketball courts
- Gymnastics center



ADKIN BRANCH TRASH TRAP

An unveiling ceremony for Adkin Branch's trash trap installation was held on August 4th at Holloway Park. This simple trap is designed to capture stormwater litter by utilizing flow of the waterway. Floating garbage will be seized and contained to keep it from polluting downstream neighbors. Kinston Public Services and the City of Kinston are proud to support Sound Rivers and Neuse Riverkeeper, Samantha Krop on this project.



MEET YOUR CITY EMPLOYEES

Meet the new employees hired since June!

- Alisha Thompson - Firefighter II
- Danielle Murphy - Day Camp Counselor
- Dorian Record - Police Officer Trainee
- Dylan Cobb - Maintenance Worker I
- Gentry Fortuno - Firefighter II
- Justin Parks - Police Officer Trainee
- Katena Cherry - Day Camp Counselor
- Keith Irock - Athletic Field Personnel
- Kyshema Dawson - Customer Service Representative
- Laici Anderson - Police Officer Trainee
- Miracle Tann - Day Camp Counselor
- Na'Zara Sutton - Day Camp Counselor
- Philip Buffa III - Firefighter II
- Sheilia Suggs - Day Camp Counselor
- Tyler Carraway - 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



CHRISTMAS 2023

Downtown Lighting Ceremony
Nov 18th - 6PM Pearson Park

Kinston Christmas Parade
Dec 2nd - 4:30PM Queen St

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

The following are some highlights of the City Council meetings from June 2023 – August 2023

(see the full minutes at kinstonnc.gov/AgendaCenter):

- Two city employees, Karen Byrd and Bobby Cox were recognized for providing CPR to a citizen in need.
- Kinston Police Department's Violent Crime Action Team was awarded the Gang Unit of the Year. This team was recognized by council and the award received from the North Carolina Gang Investigator's Association was displayed.
- Council unanimously approved the Policy Statement on Mayor and Council travel proposed by Councilmember Chris J Suggs at the June 20th Council Meeting.
- Four retirees, Battalion Chief Norman Hobbs (30 years of service), Captain Stanley Jones (30 years of service), Thurman Sanders (24.75 years of service), and Charles P. Sutton (56.5 years of service) were recognized. Thank you for your years of service and dedication to the City of Kinston!

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 5th
5:30pm, City Hall

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

September 19th
7pm, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 3rd
5:30pm, City Hall

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

October 17th
7pm, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING *Tuesday, November 7th - Election Day*

November 6th
5:30pm, City Hall

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

November 21st
7pm, City Hall

(September - November)

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



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