



"okra" mural by Seraphim Smith

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CITY WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP

Stop illegal dumping in it's tracks! Bring your unwanted items to us & let's make our city brighter!

**Saturday, April 27th, 2024
8:00AM-12:00PM**

**Intersection of Dr MLK JR
BLVD & KING ST**

Can I dispose of paint cans?

- Paint cans will be accepted if the paint has completely dried, or filled with sand or cat litter to absorb any residual paint.

Can I dispose of oil containers?

- Yes, as long as they are empty.

What will not be accepted?

- Motor oil, gasoline, and petroleum products

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- YARD DEBRIS
- FURNITURE
- WHITE GOODS
- HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE
- APPLIANCES
- TIRES (OFF THE RIM)
- MATTRESSES

Call 252.939.3282 for
more info!



*Spring
Forward*

MARCH 10TH!

Spring will be here on March 19th!

Here are just a few simple things you can do to improve the energy efficiency and comfort of your home as warmer temperatures arrive:

- Use sunlight to brighten your home instead of artificial light.
- Grill outside during warmer days to keep the heat outside of your home.
- Change the direction of your ceiling fan so it rotates counterclockwise & creates a cool breeze.
- Clean or replace your air filters monthly. Dirty filters can block airflow, causing your system to work harder.



**1ST HOME GAME OF
THE SEASON**

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH AT 7:00PM

VISIT WWW.MILB.COM/DOWN-EAST/SCHEDULE

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, April 9th 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.



American Red Cross

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Environmental Services schedule changes are below

Good Friday

Observed Friday, March 29th

Friday's routes will be collected on Thursday, March 28th.

Memorial Day

Observed on Monday, May 27th

Monday's route will be collected on Tuesday, May 28th.

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

LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JOB fair

MARCH 13
2024

LCC Student Center

10:00 a.m.
to
1:00 p.m.

For more information, call **252-527-6223, ext. 134 or 138**

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Greene, and Jones Counties



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On the Herritage St. Stage

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD
8:30PM

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2024 BBQ FEST ON THE NEUSE



May 3 & 4



Downtown
Kinston

G.R.E.A.T.

The Kinston Police Department's School Resource Officer Rouse started teaching 2024's first G.R.E.A.T at Rochelle Middle School in January. Over 20 children signed up for this program and were excited for the first day. Major Jenkins, Sgt. Moody, and Sgt. Biggins were in attendance for the introduction to the program.

What is G.R.E.A.T?
Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) is an evidence-based and effective gang and violence prevention program built around school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curricula. The Program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership for children in the years immediately before the prime ages for introduction into gangs and delinquent behavior.



KINSTON 101 UPDATE



The Planning Department started the year off with our first cohort of Kinston 101 after a few years on hiatus. The group includes eight individuals who come out every Wednesday at 6pm to learn more about the City of Kinston and the departments that keep it afloat. Our first session introduced them to the concept of local government and provided information needed to build upon during the remainder of the program. We've since heard from HR, MIS, Police, and Fire. After each session we send out an evaluation to gauge how the program is being received. Each evaluation has come back with rave reviews and comments expressing their contentment in being a part of Kinston 101. Our upcoming sessions include Public Services, Planning, and Parks & Rec. We'll close out the program on April 2nd's City Council Meeting with a brief graduation ceremony. If you would like to join future Kinston 101 cohorts reach out to Brittany Best, Lead For NC Fellow, at Brittany.best@ci.kinston.nc.us or 252.939.4021. We would love to have you join us!

HURRICANE SEASON

Begins June 1st

Hurricane Season is right around the corner. Don't wait for bad weather to report tree limbs/vegetation near power lines! Not only can this help lower the number of outages customers experience during bad weather, but also reduce the restoration times of any outages that do occur after hazardous weather events. Reports can be made by calling Kinston Public Services' 24hr Customer Service Center at 252-939-3282.

ARE YOU STOCKING UP ON HURRICANE ESSENTIALS?



MEET YOUR CITY EMPLOYEES

Meet the new employees hired since December!

- Tymahri Whitfield - Aquatics Personnel
- Michael Fields - Center Assistant
- Nathaniel Jones - Center Assistant
- Barbara Seaforth - City Council
- Jessica Patterson - Customer Service Representative
- Joshua Eing - Field Supervisor
- Brianna Dykes - Firefighter I
- Jared Spray - Firefighter II
- Ashley Moreno - Laboratory
- Jackson Herring - Lifeguard
- Kamron Bradshaw - Lifeguard
- Andrew Beck - Master Police Officer
- Jared Hammer - Maintenance Worker I
- Candace Warner - Police Officer II
- Sydney Dail - Police Officer Trainee
- Zachary Boone - Electric Line Tech II
- Breana Machado - Police Trainee
- Jordan Allen - Police Trainee
- Anthony Munoz - Scorekeeper
- Jack Matthews - Stadium Maintenance Tech
- Diana Leon-Lara - Police Officer Trainee
- Joshua Payne - Crew Supervisor III

Want to join the City?

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

www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kinstonnc

KINSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



FREE DOWNLOAD

KINSTON PD APP

FOR IPHONE OR ANDRIOD

HELP FIGHT CRIME

Send anonymous tips to Kinston Police.

Text keyword KPDTP to 847411, add a space, type in your tip information, and hit send.

Search Kinston PD in your app store.

tip 411

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

The following are some highlights of the City Council meetings from December 2023 – February 2024 (see the full minutes at kinstonnc.gov/AgendaCenter):

- The City recognized 3 retirees from the City. Battalion Chief Scrufari served for 28.5 years. Danny Daughety started his career with the LCSO in 2002 & transitioned to KPD in 2016. Blaine Hargett retired from Parks & Recreation with 30 years of service. Thank you for your years of service and dedication to the City!
- Following the presentation of certified election results from the Lenoir County Board of Elections, Mayor Hardy presented a plaque to Councilmember Sammy C. Aiken for his 12 years of service on the City Council and to the City of Kinston.
- The Resolution to accept the \$2 million grant from the NC Land & Water Fund for construction of the Adkin Branch Flood Mitigation Project was approved.
- Keith Goyette, Police Chief presented the 2023 Kinston Police Annual Report. The 52-page report is available at KPD.org, along with the 2020, 2021, and 2022 reports. Chief Goyette shared the violent crime reduction of 65% of people shot, a 55% reduction in shootings, a 60% reduction in murders, and a 233% increase in Federal indictments in comparison to 2022.
- The Planning Department conducted three input sessions involving citizens' input concerning their take on a social district in Kinston. Elizabeth Blount, Planning Director, and NC Fellow Brittany Best shared information regarding the input sessions. Council made the motion to begin the process of establishing a social district and stakeholders involved.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

(March - May)

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 5th
5:30pm, City Hall

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

March 19th
7pm, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 2nd
5:30pm, City Hall

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

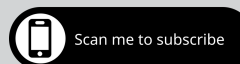
April 16th
7pm, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 7th
5:30pm, City Hall

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

May 21st
7pm, City Hall



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