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NORTH CAROLINA

NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Newsletter

June 2024



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ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON

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.

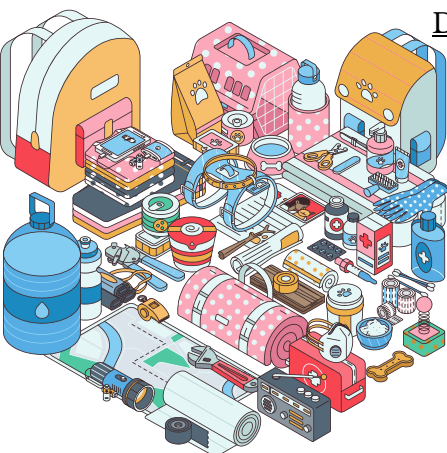


2024 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names

Alberto	Oscar	Helene
Beryl	Patty	Isaac
Chris	Rafael	Joyce
Debby	Sara	Kirk
Ernesto	Tony	Leslie
Francine	Valerie	Milton
Gordon	William	Nadine

Names Provided by the World Meteorological Organization

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



Does your family have an emergency kit with 2-3 days of supplies you can use in case of emergency?

Some basic items would include:

- Water & non-perishable food
- Battery Powered or hand crank radio
- First aid kit
- Flashlight and batteries
- Hygiene and feminine supplies

Visit ReadyNC.gov for tips on planning and preparing for hurricanes.

ReadyNC.gov

Bojangles!
Presented by
DK REVITALIZATION
DOWNTOWNKINSTON.COM
WE WANT YOU...
...to join us in Pearson Park for July 4th!
North Tower Band
North Tower Band will be playing 6-9 PM
FIREWORKS @ 9 PM!
FREE ADMISSION
A Dwain Herring Production

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Environmental Services schedule changes are below

Juneteenth

Observed Wednesday, June 19th

Wednesday's recycling route will be collected Tuesday, June 18th.

Independence Day

Observed on Thursday, July 4th

Thursday's route will be collected on Friday, July 5th.

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



Kids under 15 can register for great prizes!

No license requirements for the day of the event, which means, everyone can fish!

A limited amount of loaner rods will be available. We encourage you to bring your own if available.

Registration and loaner rods will be available at the catfish pond dock.

Bait is provided by Neuse Sport Shop!



June 8, 2024
Kid's Fishing Day
9:00am- 12:00pm

For more information, call
252-939-3367

Email-
bobby.cox@ci.kinston.nc.us



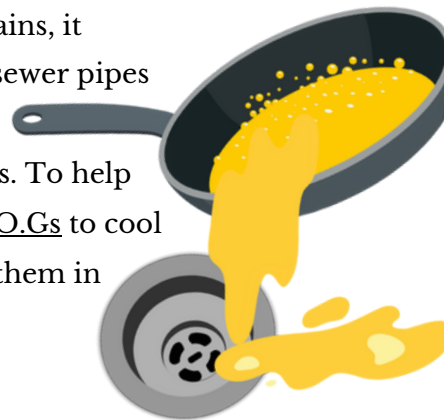
SUMMER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- 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.
- 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.

CLEAR THE F.O.G.

Fats, Oils and Grease

When Fats, Oils & Grease are deposited down kitchen drains, it can harden in the sanitary sewer pipes and cause blockages, resulting in sewer overflows. To help prevent blockages, allow F.O.G.s to cool completely and dispose of them in the garbage.



JUNETEENTH

CELEBRATING
Juneteenth
with the Le'Andra McPhatter Band

Professional jazz pianist and Kinston-native Le'Andra McPhatter and her band will offer an evening of transformative jazz in celebration of the Juneteenth holiday beginning at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 20th, at the Neuse Regional Library located at 510 N. Queen Street In Kinston. This concert is free to attend. For more information, call 252-527-7066, ext. 134.



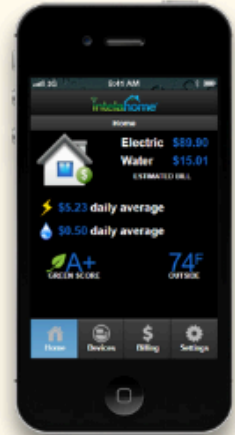
Customer Web Portal

intelaHome is a customer portal that allows customers to view detailed home energy information on their computer or mobile device. This secure web based application displays real time data as well as historical home energy consumption.

How will intelaHome benefit me?

- Customized SMS & email alerts
- Usage reporting and analysis
- Access to real-time information regarding electric and water usage
- Web-based, accessible from anywhere

Register on your PC browser at intelaHome.com



BICYCLE SAFETY

from Kinston Department of Fire and Rescue

As we get into the warmer months more people will be on their bicycles. Here are a few things to remember when riding your bike!

- Make sure the bike is equipped with reflectors on the rear, front, pedals and spokes.
- Check that the tires are inflated properly.
- When riding, wear neon, fluorescent or other bright clothing.
- Whenever possible, ride during the day. If you do ride at night, wear reflective clothing and use flashing lights.
- WEAR A HELMET when riding your bicycle.



Hurricane season is here! Now is a great time to report tree limbs/vegetation near power lines! Not only can this help lower the number of outages we 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.



CITY WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP

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

On April 27th in an attempt to fight illegal dumping, Kinston Public Services' Environmental Services team conducted a City Wide Spring Clean Up. 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. Almost 4 tons of debris and garbage was collected from Kinston Citizens!

MEET YOUR CITY EMPLOYEES

Meet the new employees hired since March!

- Eric Edwards - Center Recreation Supervisor
- Joshua Edmonson - Maintenance Worker I
- Kelvin Taft - Sanitation Equipment Operator
- Scott Smith - Smartgrid Technician
- Amber Goodman - Administrative Assistant
- Logan Hancock - Systems Analyst
- Cora Rivenburg - Fire Lieutenant
- Raysiel Forty - Fire Lieutenant
- Noah Harrison - Firefighter II/Engineer
- Meikel Adams - Firefighter II/Engineer
- James Sauls - Maintenance Worker II
- Steven Norris - Electric Substation & Control Supervisor
- Laila Kilpatrick - Center Assistant
- Jaelyn Burkett - Center Assistant
- Frederick Dillahunt - Center Assistant
- Terry Gooding - Clerk/Typist
- Thelma Turner - Grp Exercise/Fitness Instructor
- Brooklyn Payne - Aquatics Personnel
- Caden Chastain - Aquatics Personnel
- Maddox Smith - Aquatics Personnel
- Alyce Harris - Pool Manager
- Haley Clayborne - Center Assistant
- Austin Salesberry - Center Assistant
- Lauryn Edwards - Day Camp Counselor
- Danielle Murphy - Day Camp Counselor
- Sheila Suggs - Day Camp Counselor
- Ranard Teach - Day Camp Counselor
- Linda Barnes - Day Camp Director
- Jayden Wooten - Day Camp Personnel
- Collins Moore - Day Camp Personnel
- Brinley-Grace Sutton - Day Camp Personnel
- Alexia Bryant - Pool Manager
- Lorelai Hoover - Sprayground Attendant
- Asher Hoover - Sprayground Attendant
- Westley Howard - Summer Maintenance Worker

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 2024 – May 2024 (see the full minutes at kinstonnc.gov/AgendaCenter):

- Council approved the acceptance of the Regional Economic Development Reserve Directed Grant in the amount of \$250,000. This grant will be used to construct a building to secure Kinston Police Department's Mobile Command Center, SWAT vehicles and miscellaneous storage.
- Kinston 101 participants were acknowledged for their completion in the 2024 cohort, with a graduation ceremony at the April 2nd City Council Meeting. This citizen's academy began January 17th, running for nine weeks with presentations from each department head within the City.
- Council approved the development of a Social District downtown, which is expected to be in operation July 1st.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Let your voice be heard!

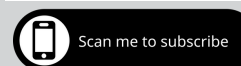
At the June 4th City Council meeting, a public hearing will be conducted on the Proposed FY24-25 budget, and on NCDOT's proposed removal of 3 traffic lights on Queen Street downtown.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

(June- August)

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING	June 4th 5:30pm, City Hall
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Work Session @ 5:30PM)	June 18th 7pm, City Hall
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Work Session @ 5:30PM)	July 16th 7pm, City Hall
CITY COUNCIL MEETING	August 5th 5:30pm, City Hall
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Work Session @ 5:30PM)	August 20th 7pm, City Hall



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