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WPD's data gathering center almost complete

Installation of the new "real time" crime center at WPD Headquarters is underway and expected to be completed within the next few weeks. These types of centers are another way to combat and prevent crime by gathering multiple sources of data in real time to provide expanded information to officers BEFORE they arrive at a call for service, and are now being implemented in larger cities across the country.

Federal funds paid for installation costs while funding for additional staffing for the center is included in the newly adopted 2016-17 city budget.



Fall Events

October 8

Fire in the Pines
Halyburton Park,
4099 S. 17th St.

October 29

Fall Hoops Clinic
Maides Park,
1101 Manly Avenue

November 5

Great Pumpkin Hunt
Maides Park,
1101 Manly Ave.
Arts & crafts, games, hay
rides, dessert decorating,
obstacle course and more!



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2016 Parks Bond

There is a \$30.4 million parks bond on the Nov. 8 ballot. What, why and how much? Learn more inside.



Fall Events for WPD and Youth Anti-violence

The Wilmington Police Department's youth outreach and anti-violence efforts continue this fall with several programs. The PAL Hoops Program for children ages 7-10 year will continue through November. This program partners with the Community Boys and Girls Club and the Brigade Boys and Girls Club.



The WPD is also offering a cheer/dance program for children ages 8-12 held at the MLK Center, located at 401 S. 8th St. The cheer/dance team is performing at some PAL Hoops games.

PAL Teen Night is being held Saturday nights for youth ages 13-17 years from 7-11 p.m. This year along with the MLK Center, the WPD is partnering with the YMCA, located at 2710 Market St., to offer Teen Night on alternating Saturday nights.

The WPD's wrestling program for youth ages 8-13 will resume in November and will be held at Grace United Methodist Church on Mondays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

Email: PAL@wilmingtonnc.gov
Call: 910-520-3852.

Learn more about 2016 Parks Bond on Nov. 8 ballot

Several meetings are being held to provide information about the 2016 Parks Bond. Residents who would like to learn about the proposed bond projects or ask questions are encouraged to attend one of the meetings. All the meetings will be informal drop-ins from 5-6:30 p.m. at the following locations:

October 4 Halyburton Park, 4099 S. 17th Street

October 5 Maides Park, 1101 Manly Avenue

October 6 MLK Center, 401 S. 8th Street

One of the proposed projects for the 2016 Parks Bond is development of the downtown North Waterfront Park, which would include stage and concert area for up to 10,000 people. Another project is additional soccer and multi-purpose fields. See the insert inside to learn more.

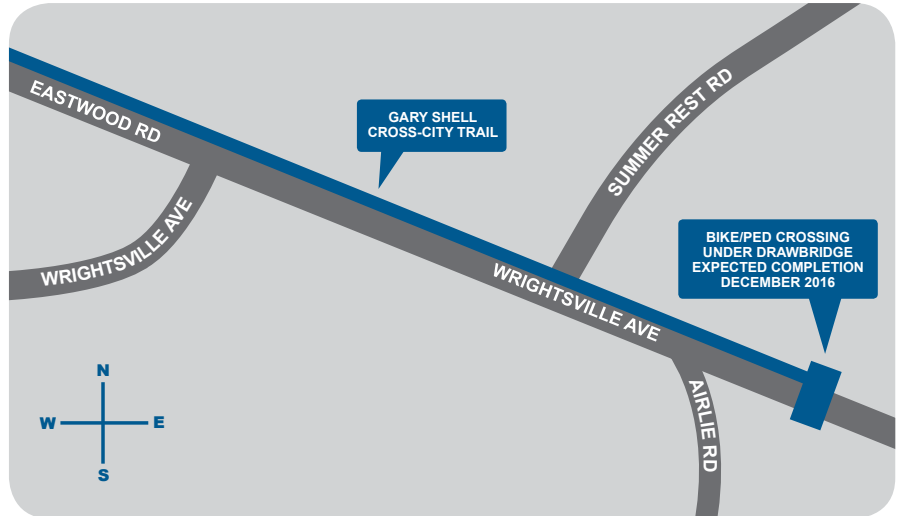


Cross-City Trail Update

Two portions of the cross-city trail are currently under construction. The first is the eastern end of the trail which will run beneath the Wrightsville Beach drawbridge, allowing users access to the southern sidewalk of the drawbridge and the commercial area along Airlie Road. This is scheduled to be complete later this year.

The second section is at the intersection of Kerr Avenue and Randall Parkway. This will be completed as part of the NC DOT widening of Kerr Avenue. When both of these short sections are finished, the full 15-mile trail will be complete.

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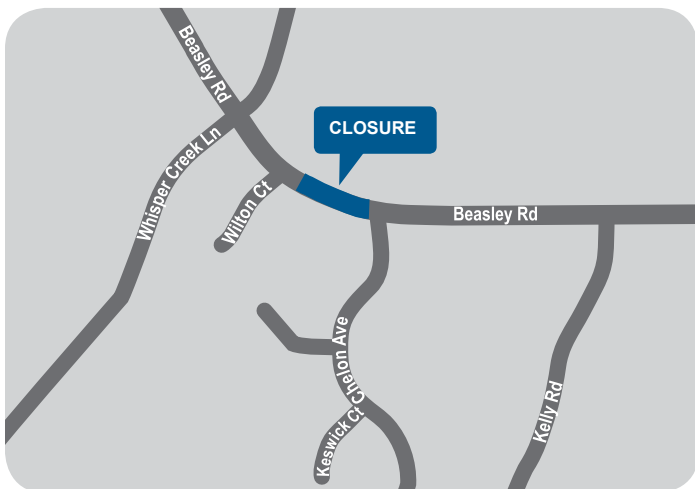
Work begins on 17th Street streetscape project

Last month, crews started work on the first phase of the 17th Street streetscape project. The \$1.3 million project is jointly funded by the city and the state and includes improvements on 17th Street between Wrightsville Avenue/Dock Street and Princess Place Drive/Grace Street. Work involves replacing damaged sidewalks, street repaving, improvements at the Market Street intersection and placing some utility cables underground. The entire project is expected to be complete next summer.

Beasley Road bridge replacement

The City of Wilmington will be replacing the aging bridge on Beasley Road later this year as the first part of a \$4 million drainage improvement project in the Brookshire Lane/Beasley Road area. The bridge will be replaced with a modern concrete structure and the span will increase from 15 feet to 50 feet to allow for improved drainage. Beasley Road will be closed to all traffic between Wilton Court and Chelon Avenue while work is underway. Construction is expected to begin in November and take approximately six months to complete. Those who live on Chelon Avenue and in neighborhoods east toward Masonboro Loop Road will need to enter and exit Beasley Road via Masonboro Loop Road. Those who live on Wilton Court and in neighborhoods northwest toward Pine Grove Drive will need to enter and exit Beasley Road via Pine Grove Drive.

The city appreciates the patience of our citizens during this very important phase of the project.



Riverfront Park improvement work continues

Work on the \$6.3 million overhaul of Riverfront Park and Water Street is continuing at the Market/Water Street intersection. Crews have finished replacing aging water and sewer lines and are continuing construction of the new bulkhead that supports the Riverwalk and Water Street. Work on some of the above-the-ground improvements, including expansion of the plaza in front of the Federal Courthouse, should begin in the next few weeks.

The old bulkhead being replaced had so many holes in it that much of the underground construction work can only be done for a few hours at low tide when the Cape Fear water levels are lowest, which has slowed progress considerably. This part of the project is now slated for completion in early January, at which point Market Street and Water Street will re-open.

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Making progress on 2014 Transportation Bond Projects



Much progress has been made on the 38 projects identified in the Transportation Bond that was approved by Wilmington voters in 2014.

Projects slated to start this year include crosswalks at the Kerr/Wilshire intersection and the Kerr/College intersections, and sidewalks on McClelland Drive, Fairlawn Drive, Clover Road, Gleason Road and 23rd Street.

The crosswalks will provide much-needed safe pedestrian crossings at busy intersections and connect densely populated residential areas with commercial areas along College Road and Kerr Avenue, allowing residents to walk/bike more safely

instead of having to drive for shorter trips.

The sidewalks will make connections from North Kerr Avenue, through several neighborhoods to Princess Place Drive, and will allow residents to walk/bike in the neighborhood and provide connectivity to nearby commercial areas.

Many of the projects, such as the 4.3-mile Greenville Loop Trail, require extensive planning and coordination with other utilities in the area such as water, sewer and stormwater. Other projects, such as intersection improvements to improve traffic flow, are being looked at in tandem with other traffic issues in the same area. When constructed, these projects will maximize the intended outcomes of improving safety and flow of traffic on crowded streets.

Early 2017 will see the start of the additional Love Grove entrance project and the Eastwood Road improvements, with the 1.3-mile walking/biking trail on South College Road to follow soon thereafter. All projects are expected to be completed within 5-7 years.



As part of the Transportation Bond, crews are installing a block of new sidewalk along the east side of 23rd Street between Princess Place Drive and Belvedere Drive. This segment will connect with existing sidewalks along Princess Place and 23rd Street to provide a much longer sidewalk connection.

City's new website and mobile app are live!

This summer, the city launched a new website and mobile app, which allow users to easily access city news and information from any mobile device. The new website, which can be accessed at www.wilmingtonnc.gov, has many user-friendly features for both citizens and visitors. New features that users may find helpful are:

- Mobile-friendly, responsive design for all devices
- Enhanced search function featuring the top requested searches
- Easy social media access to see the latest city news and interact with the city
- ADA compliant, colors and images are reader friendly
- Updated public services pages that feature news, social media and events

Much like the city's website, the city's new mobile app offers citizens and visitors a quick and easy way to access city information. Phone or tablet users can download the app in the app store by searching "City of Wilmington NC." Once the application is open, users will be able to easily see the latest city news via the city's social media accounts. Users can also get help finding a city office, get information about parking, find helpful maps, get trash and recycling information and much more.

Get mobile with us and download our new app and check out our updated website!



Get the inside scoop on a cool job in one of Wilmington's most popular parks

Andy Fairbanks has been with the City of Wilmington since 2006. He is the Recreation Supervisor with Parks and Recreation at Halyburton Park, located at 4099 S. 17th Street.

Fairbanks conducts environmental education programs for the public as well as school groups about the diverse reptiles, amphibians, birds, insects, and plants that live in our region. Halyburton also hosts camps and programs for kids and adults all year around.

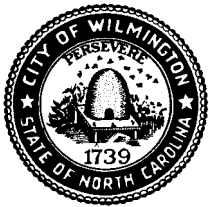
Fairbanks says one of his favorite programs is the "eco-tour" that he organizes in the unique areas of Southeastern North Carolina where citizens can watch birds and observe black bears in the wild. He also takes groups on alligator workshops where guests can watch and observe live alligators at Lake Waccamaw.

"I like that my outdoor office is 58-acres of Longleaf Pine forest," says Fairbanks.



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City Council meetings are generally held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. For more information, see the city's web site at: wilmingtonnc.gov

City Council Meetings on GTV8

Council meetings are broadcast live on GTV8, the city channel on Timewarner Cable. Council meetings are replayed:

~ Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, the week of the Council meeting at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

GTV8 online

All GTV8 programming can be found on the city's website, live or on-demand. From the front page, simply click on "online videos." Then, select the program you want to watch.

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