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## North Waterfront Park to Start Construction Early Next Year

The Wilmington City Council has reviewed design options for North Waterfront Park that were developed based on the public's top priorities. The city's preferred design includes higher quality materials that cost more upfront but last longer and require less maintenance. It also retains two key features not included in lower cost versions – a central water feature and a support building that would reduce park operations cost and could be phased in over time. **View details at [www.wilmingtonnc.gov/waterfrontpark](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/waterfrontpark).**

In October, Council approved a sponsorship policy that will be utilized to generate private investment in the park. At least \$3 to \$4 million in additional funding is needed to build/include everything in the higher cost design. This type of sponsorship program is common for urban downtown parks across the country, especially for large parks that serve as a regional and/or national attraction as North Waterfront Park is expected to be. **View sponsorship information at [www.wilmingtonnc.gov/sponsor](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/sponsor).**

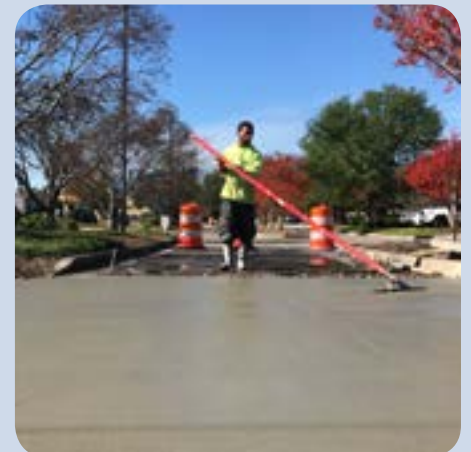
City staff has begun investigating sponsorship opportunities and will report back to City Council early next year.



## South College Trail Bond Project

Work is progressing on the 1.3-mile multi-use path along the west side of South College Road from Holly Tree Road to 17th Street/Waltmoor Drive, where it will connect to a recently completed section of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail, and will eventually connect to the planned Greenville Loop Trail. The trail a Transportation Bond project approved by voters in 2014.

The trail will allow for safe walking/biking along this busy section of South College Road. It will also connect Pine Valley and other neighborhoods with churches and numerous businesses in the area, including the large retail center at the intersection of 17th Street and College Road, which includes a grocery store and other businesses and restaurants. The trail is slated to open for use in early 2019.



## River Place Making Progress

The River Place mixed-use project on Water Street is moving ahead on schedule. This public/private partnership project of almost \$84 million will redevelop this riverfront property in the heart of downtown with residential and commercial uses.

The majority of the infrastructure work beneath Water Street is complete. The foundation work on the two 13-story buildings is also complete, including the installation of more than 1,400 structural piles. The south tower is rising above ground level and the north tower will begin rising in January. While Grace Street will remain closed, Chestnut Street will open to east-bound traffic in the spring. This will be the first time this block of Chestnut Street has been open since the 1960's, before the old deck that was previously on the site was built.

Across the street, the US Coast Guard has been allocated \$6.7 million to make infrastructure repairs beneath Water Street beginning in early 2019. When complete, this necessary work on the Coast Guard's property adjacent to Riverfront Park will allow the city to finish planned enhancements to the park.



## Wave Expanded Free Trolley Route

This fall, Wave Transit launched a newly-expanded route for the **FREE** trolley, offering convenient access to Wilmington's downtown attractions. The route covers most of downtown, extending from Greenfield Street and the South Front development area all the way past the new North Waterfront Park to Harnett Street. It still goes through the Castle Street and North 4th Brooklyn Arts areas as well.

Riders can signal to stop anywhere along the route, including downtown parking decks.



 Learn more at <https://www.wavetransit.com/free-downtown-trolley/>

## Eastwood Road Improvements

Work has begun on the Eastwood Road Improvement project that will make changes to increase safety and improve traffic flow without the significant cost and inconvenience of widening the road. This is a voter-approved 2014 Transportation Bond project that has been combined with a privately funded project to better coordinate the work and get it completed more quickly.

When complete in mid-2019, the project will consist of a new landscaped median between Bretonshire Road and Cavalier Drive, a new traffic signal at Autumn Hall Drive, intersection improvements at Rogersville Road, and a new roundabout on Rogersville Road, where it will connect with Autumn Hall.

These improvements will be coordinated with planned developments in the area and NCDOT improvements at the Eastwood/Military Cutoff Road intersection expected to begin within the next two to three years.







## Park Ave Multi-Use Path

Construction is wrapping up on a half-mile of a 10-foot wide multi-use path along Park Avenue from Empie Park to Audubon Boulevard. The new trail is part of the River-to-Sea bike route, which follows Park Avenue. The project includes two bridges, one of which intersects with the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail and provides a second connection between the Cross-City Trail and the River-to-Sea route. A second phase of this multi-use path is planned in 2019 and will continue the multi-use path from Audubon Boulevard all the way to Kerr Avenue.

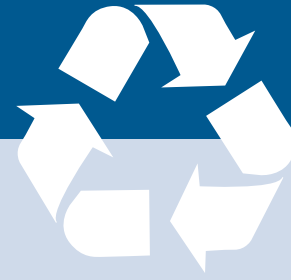


## Repaving Wilmington's Roads

Crews are repaving McRae Street from Rankin to Nixon streets and Nixon Street from 4th to McRae streets. The project is part of the city's five-year plan to make repairs to streets and other public facilities. Five cents on the city's tax rate have been set aside to fund the plan and cannot be used for anything else. According to the 2017 Citizen Survey, maintenance and infrastructure needs are a top priority for city residents. The project is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

So far, more than 84 lane miles of Wilmington streets have been repaved as part of the city's five-year plan.

 [www.wilmingtonnc.gov/5yearplan](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/5yearplan)



## Wilmington Recycles

It pays to recycle! Did you know recycling costs the city less than half of what it costs to send materials to the landfill? The City of Wilmington offers curbside recycling at no additional charge to city trash customers. If you recycle more, you'll have less trash, and might be able to switch to a small trash cart, saving almost \$5 a month. Call (910) 341-7875 to sign up or switch from a large, 95-gallon trash cart to a small, 35-gallon cart.

### What CAN be recycled

- Aluminum & steel cans
- Cardboard & cartons
- Glass bottles & jars
- Paper
- Plastic containers

### What CAN'T be recycled

- Plastic film and plastic bags (grocery stores recycle these plastics)
- Styrofoam
- Electronics (Call to schedule appointment for pickup)

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**City Council Meetings on GTV8**

Council meetings are broadcast live on GTV8, the city channel on Spectrum 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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