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Summer camps:

Wilmington Parks & Recreation offers a variety of summer camps for different age groups, including nature camps, basketball camp, and tennis camp. Pre-registration is required. Camp locations include:

MLK Community Center

Maides Park

Halyburton Park

More information:

wilmingtonnc.gov/summercamps
or 910-341-7855

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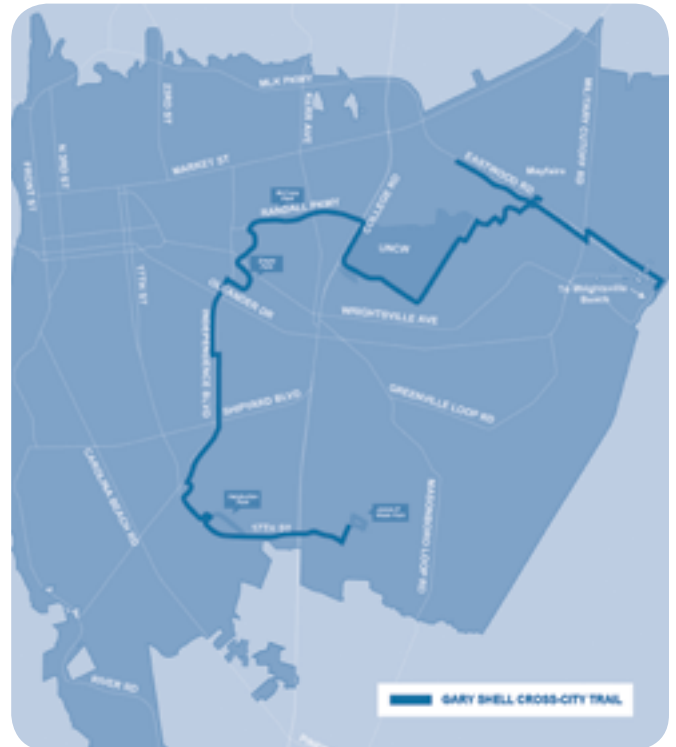


Cross-City Trail completed

The last remaining connector of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail has been completed. This final section opened in February and includes a wooden walkway under the Heide Trask Drawbridge that extends the trail beneath the bridge, providing a safe crossing of busy Wrightsville Avenue. The walkway also includes a waterfront gazebo and connects the trail to the sidewalk on the south side of the drawbridge leading to Wrightsville Beach.

The Cross-City Trail is a 15-mile, off-road multi-use trail that runs from Wade Park, through Halyburton Park and Empie Park to Wrightsville Beach. The trail provides bicycle and pedestrian access to numerous recreational, cultural, educational, and commercial destinations in Wilmington.

Construction of the trail began about a decade ago and has been completed in sections as funding became available. The trail was funded with a combination of federal, state, local, sponsorships and donations.



 A complete map and more information is available at www.crosscitytrail.com

New Shipyard Boulevard fire station now complete



Crews are putting the finishing touches on the Wilmington Fire Department's new Station 5, located at 680 Shipyard Boulevard. The 11,500-square-foot station will replace the current Station 5 located at 1502 Wellington Avenue and Station 6 located at 3939 Carolina Beach Road. The property is strategically located to allow the new station, along with remaining existing stations, to provide the same level of service currently provided while also updating aging facilities that can accommodate today's larger fire trucks. The new \$3.4 million station will also house WFD's regional HazMat team, currently located in the Pine Valley fire station.

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City budget

Development of the city's fiscal year 2018-19 budget is almost complete. The City Council will vote on the budget in June and by state law must have an approved, balanced budget by June 30. The new fiscal year begins on July 1.

When Hurricane Florence hit in September, the city's strong savings account – set aside for just such an emergency – enabled the city to safely fund initial expenses after the storm without endangering the city's budget. City expenses for cleanup and repairs totals almost \$32 million to date; \$22 million of that is for debris pick from Hurricane Florence.

In April, the city received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that it has approved \$17.5 million in reimbursement for debris removal from the storm. This is the first reimbursement the city has received and we expect to be reimbursed for much of the remaining costs from federal and state funding over the next one to two years.

 **The recommended budget can be viewed on the city's website at www.wilmingtonnc.gov/budget.**



Broken street light

HURRICANE FLORENCE

\$32	\$22	\$17.5
MILLION	MILLION	MILLION
Total expenses	Debris pickup only	Reimbursements so far

Note: Totals to date; more reimbursements expected

Hurricane repairs

In the next few weeks, the city will begin the next phase of repairs from Hurricane Florence. Along with the debris pickup that was largely completed in December, the city has been working on repairs to more than 50 city facilities that sustained some degree of damage from the storm, as well as a number of city parks.

Along with addressing immediate repairs, city staff have been working for the last few months to identify all the streets, sidewalks and drainage infrastructure that need to be repaired across the city. The city also had to get federal officials to inspect and approve the repair sites for reimbursement of funds. Because the city has to pay for all of these repairs out-of-pocket with taxpayer dollars, we want to be sure to get reimbursed for as much of that as possible.

The city is in the process now of getting bids for the work and construction in some areas is expected to begin by next month. The city appreciates the patience of our citizens as we work to get the repairs completed as quickly as possible.

 **To see a map of where the repairs are located and their status, go to: www.wilmingtonnc.gov/repairmap**



Greenfield Lake breach

Wave Transit Free Trolley

The Wave Transit ILM expanded **FREE** trolley route offers convenient access to Wilmington shops, restaurants and city parks, and you can signal it to stop anywhere along the route! Travel from Greenfield to Castle streets, up Front Street and all the way to Davis Street.



 View a map and schedule at <https://www.wavetransit.com/>

Empie Park improvements complete

Improvements at Empie Park are now complete. The park is located at 3405 Park Avenue and includes the Althea Gibson Tennis Complex.

The \$1.425 million project includes five additional hard tennis courts with LED lighting, 61 new parking spaces, landscaping, sidewalks that connect to the newly completed Gary Shell Cross-City Trail, and connectivity between Wrightsville Avenue and Park Avenue via a second access from Caswell Street.

The Althea Gibson Tennis Complex at Empie now has 24 hard courts with lights to allow for more public play and larger scale tournaments and events. It is the largest tennis facility east of I-95 in North Carolina.






 www.empiepark.com



Spring yard waste clean-up tips

Spring is here and many residents are out cleaning up their yards. City officials remind residents that **contracted work performed by tree service companies or independent contractors will not be collected by city crews**. It is the responsibility of the contractor to remove and properly dispose of debris – vegetative or construction related.

Follow these tips for quicker pickup:

-  Limbs cannot exceed 6 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length and must be placed neatly at the curb for pickup.
-  City trash customers can set out up to 7 cubic yards of yard waste in the right-of-way for collection. This is equal to a pile approximately 5-feet wide, 11-feet long and 3½-feet high – about the same size as 8 large size garbage or recycling carts. Loose material (grass, leaves, pine straw) must be put in containers or bags.
-  All loose yard waste (grass clippings, pine straw, vines, pine cones and leaves) must be put in a bag, box or other container (not to exceed 50 lbs.). Do not use wheelbarrows, tarps, or the city-provided trash or recycling cart for yard waste.
-  Do not mix non-organic items (roofing tiles, scrap lumber, rocks, etc.) with yard waste. Crews cannot pick up palm tree trunks, dirt, bricks, rocks or concrete.
-  Yard waste should be placed at the curb without blocking water meters, storm drains or obstruct the view of motorists.



 www.wilmingtonnc.gov/trash



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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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