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Downtown Parking

New rates for downtown parking went into effect on January 1. Highlights include an expansion of free parking in the city's decks from first 60 minutes free to first 90 minutes free and an hourly rate increase of \$.25 for on-street metered spaces.

The rate changes are due in part to recent improvements made at the parking decks and on-street lots. The improvements include installation of 137 new cameras at the Market and 2nd St

decks, improved LED lighting in the decks for increased security, as well as maintenance for on-street metered spaces. All increased revenues from these changes will continue to help fund future projects and growth of the city's parking program, which is a self-sustaining fee-based fund.

 www.wilmingtonnc.gov/parking

PARKING RATES

2nd Street & Market Street Decks

First 90 Minutes:	FREE
Up to 2 Hours:	\$2, Up to 3 Hours: \$3
Up to 4 Hours:	\$4, Up to 5 Hours: \$5
Up to 12 Hours:	\$8, Up to 24 Hours: \$10
Lost Ticket Fee:	\$10

2nd Street & Hannah Block Lots

Up to 5 Hours:	\$1/hour
Up to 24 Hours/ Daily Max:	\$8
Evening & Weekend Flat Rate:	\$8

On-Street Meters

Mon-Sat 9am-6:30pm:	\$1.50/hour
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Tree Preservation and Planting

This year, the City of Wilmington planted 254 trees in various locations as part of an ongoing effort to replace and add new trees around the city. In addition, private citizens step in to help in a variety of ways. One example of this is when the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees planted 33 trees in the Jervay community to help with trees lost during the storm. The Wilmington Tree Commission also planted a Cathedral Live Oak at Winter Park Elementary to celebrate Arbor Day.



 Interested citizens who would like to get involved with tree initiatives can contact the Wilmington Tree Commission at www.wilmingtonnc.gov/wtc.



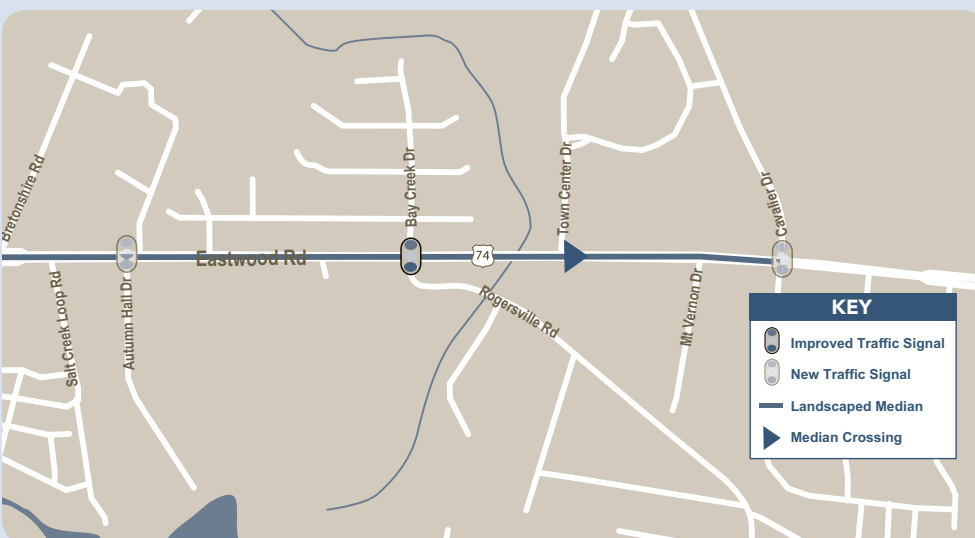
City Picks Up Old Electronics

The City of Wilmington picks up intact televisions and computer electronics at no extra charge for city trash customers. Televisions and computers are banned from NC landfills because of their hazardous waste content. Customers simply need to call (910) 341-7875 to schedule an appointment, then place the item at the curb no earlier than the night before the scheduled appointment.

This is the same procedure city customers follow for pickup of bulky items such as appliances and furniture that do not fit into the trash cart. Last fiscal year, city crews picked up 4,630,000 pounds of electronics, averaging 232 pickups every month.

Park Avenue Trail

A newly opened multi-use path along Park Avenue now connects Empie Park to Audubon Boulevard. This new ½-mile trail includes two bridges, one of which traverses a drainage ditch to connect with the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail in Empie Park. This is a second important intersection between the Cross-City Trail and the River-to-Sea Bikeway. A second phase is planned for later this year and will continue the multi-use path from Audubon Boulevard all the way to Kerr Avenue.



Eastwood Road Improvements

This voter-approved 2014 transportation bond project is underway and slated for completion this fall. It includes 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 that are expected to begin within the next two to three years.



LED Streetlights

Shortly before Hurricane Florence, Duke Energy Progress completed a five-year project converting more than 8,000 LED streetlights in the City of Wilmington and in city parks. The city leases the streetlights from Duke Energy Progress. Cost savings from earlier phases helped fund the project. The city estimates a total cost savings of more than \$250,000 per year and an electricity savings of almost 900,000 kilowatt hours. That's the same as the CO2 emissions of 68,946 gallons of gas.

The project has been so successful that LED lights are now the city's standard for new lighting. The lights have been installed on North 3rd Street, Front Street (north of Chestnut Street), on Chestnut Street between 2nd and 4th streets, and on Princess Street between 2nd and 4th streets. Other areas of downtown are being evaluated for future LED street light conversions. The upgrades on the streetlights downtown, which are owned by the city, are also funded by cost savings.

South College Road Trail

The 1.3-mile multi-use path along the west side of South College Road from Holly Tree Road to 17th Street/Waltmoor Drive is nearly complete. It intersects with a recently completed section of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail on the south end, and will eventually connect to the planned Greenville Loop Trail on the north end.

This is a voter-approved 2014 Transportation bond project that will provide safe walking and biking along this busy section of South College Road and connects 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.



Heide Trask

The wooden walkway under the Heide Trask Drawbridge, including a waterfront gazebo, will be complete in March. This walkway will extend the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail beneath the bridge, providing a safe crossing of busy Eastwood Road. It connects the trail to the restaurants on Airlie Road and also connects to the sidewalk on the south side of the drawbridge leading to Wrightsville Beach.



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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.

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