

# THE EDENTON UPDATE

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## FREE MULCH FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works has free mulch available for the public. Pickup times are **10 AM to 12 PM on Thursdays** at the Yard Waste Site on Hickory Fork Road. No appointment is needed. Public Works will load it and you haul it. Mulch is not treated.

## COA REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Registration for the College of the Albemarle's Fall 2023 semester is open! The Edenton campus offers HVAC, culinary arts, nurse aide, law enforcement, and CDL classes. Visit [www.albemarle.edu](http://www.albemarle.edu) for more.

## TREE COMMITTEE LAUNCHES PAMPHLET



Edenton's Tree Committee, which governs trees in the public space, has prepared and finalized a pamphlet for residents. This pamphlet has a list of approved trees and some tips and tidbits about tree care. Copies will be available in **Town Hall**.

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING IS RETURNING!



Starting **THIS FALL**, curbside recycling is coming back to Edenton!

### What does this mean for you?

- Recycling will be **town-wide, every other WEDNESDAY**. Plastic bottles/jugs, paper, cartons/cardboard, and metal/aluminum cans **ONLY**.
- If you put trash or incorrect items into the recycling bin **two pickups** in a row, we will **confiscate** the bin. We will have a one month grace period.
- If you **do not** have a bin, we will have some soon available, please visit the **link below** or scan the **QR code** and fill out the form for a bin.
- If you **do not want to recycle**, visit the link below and **fill out the form**.



Questions? Visit the link below for an FAQ.  
**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR A BIN** or visit [www.bit.ly/edentonrecycle](http://www.bit.ly/edentonrecycle)

Hard copies of the recycle bin request form will be available at Town Hall.

## FIVE ITEMS AFFECTING YOU

### I. Park Upgrades

We are upgrading Morgan Park, Paxton Lane Park, MLK Park, Stratford-Hawthorne Park and Filbert's Creek Park. How? \$500,000 allocated by Town Council! Also -- over 400 of you responded to our survey, thank you!

### II. Street Paving Update

We have spent nearly a million dollars paving over **TWENTY STREETS** across town since May. We hope you enjoy a smoother commute!

### III. New Budget

We have passed the 2023-24 budget! This year's budget included a new trash truck, police vehicles, a new electric meter pilot project, and a new town website!

### IV. New Water Wells

Town Council is working to acquire funding for the construction of two new water wells. This project will improve our water quality and chemistry!

### V. Public Comment

Town Council has moved public comments to the **beginning** of meetings. This will give residents a greater voice **before** elected officials make decisions!

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## STORMWATER FEE APPROVED



Due to rising costs of maintaining our stormwater system and less state funding, Town Council approved a stormwater fee to raise \$99,000/year for maintenance costs. Residents will pay **\$3 monthly**, businesses **\$8 monthly** and industry **\$12.50 monthly**. We are striving to provide a top-class stormwater system for Edenton!

## SIGN UP FOR Hyper-Reach®

Do you want to stay informed on important and immediate updates from the Town? Sign up for **Hyper-Reach!** We notify residents about everything from boil water advisories and severe weather to police bulletins and more! To sign up, visit [www.townofedenton.com](http://www.townofedenton.com) and click "Hyper-Reach Call Alerts" on the left!

## NEW TOWN WEBSITE IN DEVELOPMENT



The Town of Edenton will soon be seeing a **new website!** Our current website is over 10 years old and is in need of an update. The Public Information Officer is working with a company called CivicPlus to build a new site. We are very excited for residents to see the finished result. Expect a beautiful new website before the end of the year!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### • August 19: Public Safety Day

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM • 1317 West Queen Street  
American Legion Fairgrounds  
Come out and see all of the first responders!



### • September 15-16: Upscale Flea Market

Friday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Historic Edenton Visitor Center - 108 North Broad Street • Hosted by the Edenton Woman's Club



### • September 26-30: Chowan Fair

Tuesday to Sunday • 1317 West Queen Street  
The Fair is back for its 77th year! Come have a blast at the American Legion Fairgrounds. Ticket info visit [www.chowanfair.com](http://www.chowanfair.com).

### • October 13: Shrimp by the Bay

6:30 PM to 10:30 PM • Courthouse Green  
Good food, great music, grand time! All to support the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets call 252-482-3400.



### • Edenton Farmers Market

Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 PM (until Sept.)  
Saturdays from 8 AM to Noon • 200 North Broad Street

### • Town Council Meetings:

Aug. 8, Aug. 28, Sept. 12, Sept. 25, Oct. 10, Oct. 23  
6:00 PM • Council Chambers - 504 South Broad Street



### • Edenton Preservation Commission

Second Mondays at 1:15 PM • Council Chambers



### • Tree Committee

Third Mondays at 3:30 PM • Council Chambers

• The Board of Adjustments & the Planning Board meet as needed. Call 252-482-2155 ext. 182 for updates.

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## YOUTH SHINE AT EDENTON'S FIRST PUBLIC SERVICE CAMP

A small group of seventh to ninth graders have spent the last six weeks in what has been called the Town of Edenton's first ever "Public Service Camp." The camp -- masterminded by Town Manager Corey Gooden -- aims to expose Chowan County youth to local careers right here at home, particularly in the public sector.

"We've seen a need here at home for jobs to be filled, not just in the private sector, but here in the public sector as well," Gooden says. "We want kids to know there are options that don't involve having to leave home or pursue a college degree." From learning how to change a car's oil at Public Works and racing to put on equipment and gear at the Fire Department, to learning to intubate at EMS and practicing economic development with the Chamber of Commerce, the kids have done it all!

Since June, our students have visited the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works, Electric Department, Chowan County Extension, Chowan EMS, Town Hall, the Barker House, the Sheriff's Office and 911 Center, and the Historic Edenton Visitor Center. We thank our departments, local partners and Ms. Gwen Brown for helping to make this happen, and we hope for an even better camp next year!



## — HAPPY — Retirement

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Clarence Rankins and Bobby White on their retirement. Their final day on the job was July 31. They have both served as Public Works employees for 25 years. Thank you for your dedication and hard work, you will both be missed!

