

THE EDENTON UPDATE

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RECYCLING HAS RETURNED!



Every other Wednesday, we collect! Upcoming pickups are Feb. 14, Feb. 28, Mar. 13, Mar. 27, Apr. 10, and Apr. 24. Bins out by 7 AM! Only plastic, metal cans, paper & cardboard (no pizza boxes, no glass, no styrofoam). Visit townofedenton.com/recycling for more.

GRANVILLE STREET CLOSED THRU FEB.

Throughout February, Granville Street will experience closures between Freemason and Queen streets, block by block. We are working on sewer repairs before NCDOT has the street paved, so that we are not digging up new asphalt. Use Broad Street as a detour.



TOWN UNDERGOING FLOODING STUDY



In the last newsletter, we asked everyone to take a survey about flooding in Edenton. We are working with NCDEQ and an engineering firm to find where we can improve flood control. We hope to be able to apply for grants to assist with these projects by year-end. More info: townofedenton.com/flood.

THE TOWN HAS A NEW WEBSITE!



Many of you may have already seen the update, but the Town of Edenton is now the proud owner of a new website!

A nearly **eight month long project**, we would like to thank municipal web developer CivicPlus, who assisted us with creating an upgraded and more user-friendly website for residents. Visit us at www.townofedenton.com and see what's new!

NEW MAYOR & COUNCIL

In December, we welcomed new faces, while saying goodbye to Mayor Jimmy E. Stallings and Councilman Roger Coleman.



Turner



High



Sellers

Join us in congratulating Mayor W. Hackney High Jr., and welcoming Councilmen Bob Turner and Patrick Sellers!

FIVE ITEMS AFFECTING YOU

I. Park Updates

We haven't forgotten about our park improvement project! We are chugging right along, and are in the process of receiving site plans and renderings of potential park upgrades, to present to the public soon. Visit townofedenton.com/parksproject for more.

II. Paving Updates

Town staff recently met with NCDOT about paving Broad Street. The contractor, Fred Smith Company, anticipates a start date of early summer. Barnhill will be responsible for Granville Street by the end of 2024.

III. Clean Audit

The Town of Edenton has received a clean financial audit this past fiscal year (2022/23), meaning no negative findings. This is great news for our financial health!

IV. New Vac Truck

Our Public Works Department is the new owner of a 2023 combined jet/vac truck. This truck is much larger than our old model, and will speed up repair jobs on sewer and water lines.

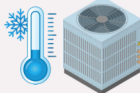
V. SeeClickFix Launched

We have recently launched a new citizen reporting feature on our website. Click "Report a Problem" on our homepage.

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WINTERTIME UTILITY TIPS



With another month of winter left to go, here are some tips to try and keep your bill low when it gets cold: 1.) Lower your thermostat. 2.) Keep air filters clean. 3.) Weatherstrip your doors and windows. 4.) Only wash/dry full laundry loads. 5.) Close the drapes at night for insulation. **Contact Town Hall for utility aid resources.**

NEW DOWNTOWN WEATHER STATION



New to our waterfront, a weather station! A partnership between Public Works and the Public Information Office, the station provides **real-time data 24/7 about weather conditions at the harbor downtown.** Visit townofedenton.com/weather for updates and a link to the station's data!

CHIEF KING SWORN IN AS NCACP PRESIDENT

Police Chief Henry King Jr. has become the first Edenton police chief to be sworn in as President of the N.C. Association of Chiefs of Police. We are very proud of him for this achievement. The NCACP affords Chief King and his department many **benefits, resources, training, and expertise** on how to better serve our community. This is a one-year term.



UPCOMING EVENTS

• Community Bonfire

Feb. 24 • 6 PM • American Legion Fair Parking Area
Come support your local school system at the ECEF's annual bonfire! Tix: \$20 advance, \$25 day of, \$10 for ECPS employees and children 10 and under. Purchase at ECPS central office or www.bit.ly/ecefhome.

• Annual Chamber Banquet

April 18 • 6 PM • Hayes Farm
The Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet & awards is this April! Tickets can be purchased by calling the Chamber at (252) 482-3400.

• Easels in the Garden & Boogie on Broad Concert

April 26 & 27 • 10 AM to 4 PM (Easels)
April 26 • 6 to 10 PM (Boogie) • S. Broad Street
Two springtime favorites return! For Easels tickets, visit www.bit.ly/easelstix. No tax required for Boogie!

• MLF Bass Pro Tour

June 4-9 • Chowan River, Albemarle Sound
One of the biggest events we have ever hosted arrives! Mark your calendars, fishing lovers, the world's best anglers will be here! Info: www.bit.ly/MLFedenton.

• Edenton Farmers Market

Saturdays • 8-9 AM to 12 PM • 200 N. Broad Street

• Town Council Meetings:

Feb. 13, Feb. 26, Mar. 12, Mar. 25, Apr. 9, Apr. 22
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 Mayor's Task Force on Litter & Recycling

Second Thursdays at 5:15 PM • Council Chambers Overflow

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

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HURRICANE ISABEL FILM SCREENED AT THE TAYLOR

A project fourteen months in the making, *Isabel 20*, a Town of Edenton Film, premiered on December 14 at the Taylor Theater in downtown Edenton. Since then, multiple packed (free!) showings have followed, with plenty of reflection and nostalgia from longtime residents on behalf of the film, which brings together interviews with nearly 20 residents and leaders, in honor of the storm's 20th anniversary.

"We are overwhelmed by the turnout at these showings," says Tyler Newman, Public Information Officer. "The film takes audiences back to Isabel's fury and reminds us how resilient and unified this community can be. We are proud of the final result and hope the public is as well."

The film was assembled in 2023, as a gift to the Edenton community in remembrance of the storm, which tragically took the life of one individual in Chowan County. From the post-storm leadership of Anne-Marie Knighton and Cliff Copeland, to the generosity of Paul Waff, to the steadfast faith of the Kadesh AME Zion Church congregation, *Isabel 20* brings Edenton's costliest natural disaster full circle, and we are thrilled to share it with residents. A final copy will be available online this year, after theater shows are complete.



HAPPY Retirement

CONGRATULATIONS to Bud Powell, our longtime Purchasing Agent, on his retirement in December. To sum up everything that Bud has done for us would take far too many words. Huge shout out to his interim successor, Joel Hufsmith, who has hit the ground running!

