

THE EDENTON UPDATE

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THE AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER!



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HARBOR TOWNS OPENS MAY 17



The wait is over! **Harbor Towns Cruises** will begin service on **May 17**. We are so excited to partner with them to provide a **beautiful way to tour our area**. Check out their **webpage** for ticketing and destination information: www.harbertownscruises.com.

TOWN TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE



The Town of Edenton will be hosting a **blood drive** on **Friday, May 31**! The drive will be held from **12 PM to 5 PM** at the **Council Chambers (504 S. Broad Street)**. We are partnering with **The Blood Connection**. Folks will receive **\$50** for donating! To sign up and make an appointment, visit: www.bit.ly/edentondrive

KUDOS TO THE KIDS!



Edenton is full of athletic talent! We are proud of our youth in both EAC & AAU leagues for bringing home trophies & competing in state tournaments. Congratulations to them & to all of our kids participating in youth sports leagues! Parents should contact the Rec Dept. (EAC) at (252) 482-8595 for info about local sports.

ARE YOU RECYCLING?

Since December, we have recycled over **60 tons** of materials! The Mayor's Task Force on Recycling, Litter, & the Environment would like to thank David Myers & Public Works for their hard work in resuming the program!

Don't miss out! Request a recycling bin online at townofedenton.com/recycling or visit Town Hall!



RECYCLING DATES:

May 8, May 22, June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31 and August 14.

Bins out by **7 AM**!
Only #1 & #2 plastics, cardboard, cans and paper

FIVE ITEMS AFFECTING YOU

I. Park Updates

We have received renderings for three town parks: Morgan Park, Paxton Lane Park, & Griffith Park. We need feedback! Visit townofedenton.com/parksproject to view the renders and submit your thoughts!

II. Paving Updates

Barnhill will be arriving in May to begin paving Granville Street. Afterward, during the summer, the Fred Smith Company will start paving Broad Street from the bypass to Queen Street. We are excited!

III. Budget Season

The Town of Edenton is in budget season! We are hard at work creating a budget that works for all residents and employees. To weigh in, visit a Town Council meeting before the end of June!

IV. Downtown Ambassadors Sought!

Are you good with people? Love our downtown? We have the job for you! EPD is seeking part-time Downtown Ambassadors. Visit townofedenton.com/jobs for more.

V. Webcam Approved

We have approved and purchased our first-ever waterfront webcam! It will be live-streamed on our website soon.

www.townofedenton.com

"Town of Edenton" on Facebook

@townofedenton6362 - YouTube

@townofedenton - Twitter/Instagram



SOCIAL DISTRICT UPDATE

Town Planner Dewayne Whealon and DDE Director Ches Chesson recently updated Town Council on the **Downtown Edenton Social District**. We had **ZERO** negative incidents in the **first six months!** Thanks to everyone for being good sports downtown. Town Council will receive a one-year update as well.



ISABEL 20 NOW STREAMING ONLINE

It's here! Our award-winning **Hurricane Isabel** documentary is now streaming on **YouTube!** The film was first screened at the **Taylor Theater** and is **71 mins.** The online version has a few new added scenes. Visit www.youtube.com and search "**Isabel 20 Edenton**" and you will find it!



TOWN PLANTS TREES ON DR. MLK JR. AVENUE

In honor of **Arbor Day**, the Town of Edenton planted two **Tulip Poplar** trees on **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue**, between Gramby Street and Vance Lane. We hope these new trees will grow into beautiful specimens and enhance one of our west side streets with **more shade** and a **new treescape**. Edenton has been awarded **Tree City USA** for **45 years** now!



UPCOMING EVENTS

• Steamers' Opening Night

May 31 • 7 PM • Historic Hicks Field
Come support your local summer baseball team as they take on the Greenbrier Knights in the season opener! Post-game fireworks included! For more info, visit www.edentonsteamers.com.



• MLF Bass Pro Tour

June 4-9 • Chowan River, Albemarle Sound
One of our biggest events ever! The world's best anglers will be here! Info: www.bit.ly/MLFedenton



• Juneteenth Celebration

June 15 • 9 AM to 4 PM • Downtown
A celebration of the ending of slavery in America, Juneteenth in Edenton will kick off with a parade down Broad Street at 9 AM, followed by a larger celebration at the waterfront until 4 PM!



• Food Truck Rodeo

July 13 • 12 PM to 6 PM • Downtown
The first annual Food Truck Rodeo, hosted by Kiia's Way, takes center stage downtown. 20 food trucks, music, bouncy houses, face painting, and more!



• Edenton Farmers Market

Saturdays • 8 AM - 12 PM
Wednesdays • 3 PM - 5:30 PM • 200 N. Broad Street

• Town Council Meetings:

May 14, May 27, Jun 11, Jun 24, Jul 9, Jul 22, Aug 13
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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EDENTON WINS THREE AWARDS

Edenton has been in the hot seat recently! We are proud to announce that the Town received **THREE** state-level awards in April.

The first award was thanks to the efforts of **Tammy Woodley**, our HR Coordinator and Assistant to the Town Manager. This award was bestowed by the **North Carolina League of Municipalities - the Advancing Municipal Leaders (AML) Learning Culture Award**. Because of



Tammy's hard work to always secure **training** and **continuing education** for employees, we received this award! Our second and third awards were bestowed to the Town -- by way of the Public Information Officer, **Tyler Newman** -- from the **North Carolina City and County Communicators (NC3C) Conference** in Concord, N.C. These awards pitted Edenton against cities such as Charlotte and Raleigh, in which we took home two second-place awards: **Newsletter** (for what you're reading!), and **Videography** (for Isabel 20). We were the **smallest town** to win! "We are proud of our hardworking staff for their efforts to keep our employees trained, our customer service top-notch, our citizens informed, and our Town running smoothly," said Town Manager Corey Gooden. "We have always claimed to be a **small town doing big things**."



WE HAVE LAUNCHED A PODCAST!



We are spilling the tea on what's happening around Edenton! The Town's first-ever municipal podcast, **Spill The Tea**, is now live on your favorite platforms! We sit down with local leaders, nonprofits, and community figures to help folks understand what we do, and why this place is so special. Find us on Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube, Amazon Music, iHeartRadio, and Overcast!



HAPPY Retirement

CONGRATULATIONS to **Daroyll Brown**, our Police Captain, on his upcoming retirement this summer. Captain Brown has been with the Department for 12 years & has helped to keep EPD a well-oiled machine. We will certainly miss him! Enjoy the retired life!

