

City Manager's Report
Brian J. Borne, Interim City Manager
Week Ending May 27, 2022

Charlotte Monroe Executive Airport

Peter Cevallos, Manager, Charlotte Monroe Executive Airport



Energy Services

Rob Miller, Interim Director, Energy Services

Engineering Division

Eric Donahue started on May 16, 2022 as an Engineering Technician I.

Natural Gas Division

Dwight Atkinson started on May 16, 2022 as a Utility Locator I.

Brandon Helms started on May 16, 2022 as a Gas Technician I.

Bryan Jones started on May 16, 2022 as a Gas Technician I.

Fire

Ron Fowler, Chief, Fire Department

Peer Assessment Team Recommends Re-Accreditation of the Fire Department:

A Peer Assessment Team assembled by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International performed a site visit in Monroe last week. We are pleased to report that the Peer Assessment Team is recommending the Fire Department be re-accredited by the Commission!



The team, which consisted of four out-of-state peer assessors, assessed the Fire Department by visiting facilities, conducting interviews and reviewing data and documentation. The accreditation model includes an assessment in the following 11 categories that cover the span of fire and emergency service operations: Governance and Administration; Assessment and Planning; Goals and Objectives; Financial Resources; Community Risk Reduction Programs; Physical Resources; Human Resources; Training and Competency; Essential Resources; External Systems Relationships; and, Health and Safety. The Community Risk Reduction category includes the following fire protection services: Prevention; Public Education; Fire Investigation; Origin and Cause; Domestic Preparedness; Fire Suppression; Emergency Medical Services; Technical Rescue; Hazmat, Aviation Rescue and Firefighting; and, Wildland

Firefighting. In all, the fire accreditation model includes approximately 250 criteria.

The peer team was very complementary of the City and Fire Department during the exit interview and advised they are recommending to the Commission that the Fire Department be re-accredited. The team stated they were providing 13 recommendations for improvement for the Fire Department to address as part of the continuous quality improvement efforts. The complete Peer Assessment Report should be available from the Commission in approximately 30 to 60 days and will be shared with the Public Safety Committee when received. The next step in the process is a hearing with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, which should be scheduled sometime in August. The Commission will review the Peer Assessment Team Report, hear evidence from Department staff and make the final determination on re-accrediting the Fire Department.

Great job by Fire Department members and other City staff in providing the level of professional service to our citizens to earn this recommendation by the Peer Assessment Team!



Parks and Recreation

Ryan Jones, Director, Parks and Recreation

Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center (MAFC):

HERE . . . Fishy, Fishy



Make the MAFC your staycation destination! The MAFC Water Park opened May 27th! Join now or reactivate your membership and enjoy a SPLASHTACULAR summer of fun! We are now accepting birthday party reservations for the indoor pool and the outdoor water park! Reservations may be made in person at the front desk, however, you may call 704-282-4680 to inquire on dates and details. MAFC birthday parties are a member amenity. . Once again, Sunset Slush will be onsite Monday through Sunday providing delicious, cool treats for kids of all ages.

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Water Park Hours of Operation:

Monday – Saturday: 11 am – 7 pm

Sunday: 1 pm – 5 pm

704-282-4681

Indoor Pool Parties:

\$100 (2 hours/15 children) Additional children are \$5 each

Saturdays: 11 am – 1 pm or 2 pm – 4 pm

Water Park Parties:

\$125 (2 hours/15 children) Additional children are \$5 each



Monday – Friday: 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Saturdays: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm or 4 pm-6 pm

Parks Maintenance:

Parks Maintenance continues to keep up with the growing grass and other exciting projects.

Staff is also very excited to begin several park renovation projects at: Sunset Park; Dickerson Recreation Complex; Don Griffin Park; and, Creft Park. These improvements include several amenity upgrades at each park. Staff is in the process of securing quotes on items at each facility. We hope to begin work in these parks within the next couple of months.

Recreation:

Belk Tonawanda Phase 1B renovation project is beginning to take shape. Projects in the bottom section of the park are moving along and are near completion. Accessible paths are in the process of being poured, the bocce court is also being constructed. After paths are poured, permanent Table Tennis tables and Cornhole Boards will be installed. The outdoor fitness equipment and the splash pad equipment should be delivered next week. With any construction projects, timelines can change, but the fitness equipment is schedule to be installed upon delivery next week. Over the next month, crews will work diligently to wrap up the bottom section of the park to solely focus on splash pad construction. Unfortunately, the splash pad will not be available for the July 4th celebration; however, staff is planning, barring any setbacks, to open the bottom section of Belk Tonawanda in June.

Community Centers:

Community Centers are quickly transitioning from Afterschool Programs into Summer Camp mode. Each facility has some outstanding recreational offerings.

After a solid 20-year career, the “Old Faithful” Afterschool bus has been retired. We should be introducing our new afterschool/summer camp bus within the next week complete with a fresh new paint job.



The Spring/Summer Program Guide is ready and we have a ton of activities, camps and recreational opportunities in store for our residents and those living in surrounding areas. Click on the link below to take a look:



Planning and Development Department
Lisa Stiwinter, Director, Planning and Development

Planning Division:

The Board of Adjustment and Historic District Commission have open seats.

The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial board. This Board hears and makes decisions on Special Use Permits, variances and appeals.

The Historic District Commission makes quasi-judicial decisions on matters within the Historic District. You must either live in the district or have a demonstrated special interest, experience, or education in history, architectural, archaeology, or related fields to serve on this Commission.

Please note if you are interested in serving on one of these boards, you must attend at least one meeting prior to applying to serve on a Board. The application is on the City's website (<https://www.monroenc.org/City-Council/Committees/Committee-Application>). If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 704-282-4520.

Project Submittals:

The Planning Division had the following projects submitted in the second half of May:

Historic District Commission

- 301 S. Washington St. (Request to remove two chimneys on house)
- 604 W. Franklin St. (Request to remove one chimney on house)

*All meeting agendas and packets can be found at the following link:
<https://monroenc.civicclerk.com/web/home.aspx>

Police Department

J. Bryan Gilliard, Chief of Police

Community Involvement/Youth Engagement:

Monroe Police Department along with many others accepted and unloaded a semi-trailer full of food, drinks, kindness and hope! This is all thanks to Convoy of Hope! It is always a pleasure and a blessing to be able to go out into the community taking snacks, drinks, and supplies to those that need it! Thank you Heart for Monroe, Shiloh Baptist Church, Multiply Community Church, Centerview Baptist Church, J.B. Presslar Company and Ground 40 for helping unload the truck! A special shout out to Bob from Convoy of Hope for this incredible delivery!



Community Services Unit with several officers from patrol went to Union Diversified Industries where we were able to assist the clients during their exercise time. We were invited to visit in honor of Law Enforcement Week.





On May 28th the Community Services Division will hold Coffee with a Cop at Dandelion & Friends Mercantile.



Patrol Division:

Thanks to O'Charley's - Charlotte Area Restaurants Monroe Crew for the amazing lunch as a part of Law Enforcement Appreciation Week.



Officers went to the Winchester Baseball Field to participate and assist with the Union Diversified Industries (UDI) baseball game. While the clients from UDI played ball, the Officers assisted them with catching the ball and running around the bases. Everyone really enjoyed the games.



School Resource Officers:

With school winding down and activities all over the place, our SRO's have been busy! Here are just a few pictures of some of the fun they've been having!

SROs assisted with a Special Olympics even that took place over two days on the Monroe High football field. One consisted of elementary age students and the second day consisted of the middle and high school students. Everyone, including the Officers had a great day together.



Monroe High School seniors had their walk on Main Street to celebrate their completion of high school. The SROs from the schools assisted with blocking off Main St. and escorting them for their walk to celebrate this moment.



On Monday, May 23rd, Sgt. Parler spoke to the Boys-Girls Club about summer activities that can keep them busy and being safe.



Water Resources

Russ Colbath, Director, Water Resources

Lane Street Water Main Improvements:

Water Resources Construction Division crews continue work on replacing aging water mains throughout the City. The photos below show Cody High compacting the water main trench to avoid settlement after construction and Chris Deese using trenchless technology to bore under a driveway to limit pavement cuts and restoration costs. Internal crews are able to complete projects like this one at a significant cost savings compared to contracting.



Water Resources New Hires, Advancements, and Retirements

New Employees:

Dillon Sellers – Electrical Instrumentation Maintenance Technician I, EIM Division

Kenneth Bartlett – Pre-Treatment Technician I, Wastewater Treatment Plant

Advancements:

Luke Fatih – Promoted to WWTP Operator III, Wastewater Treatment Plant

Brandon Anderson promoted to Crew Leader I, in the Water Resources Construction Division.