

City Manager's Report
Brian J. Borne, City Manager
Week Ending November 11, 2022

Energy Services

Rob Miller, Director, Energy Services

Energy Services, Water Resources, Information Technology and Finance worked together to evaluate qualifications for the implementation of a secondary software and consulting services for the implementation. Energy Services and Water Resources will implement the Cityworks software to work in conjunction with MUNIS for work management. The group selected Black and Veatch to provide the consulting services for the implementation.

Fire

Ron Fowler, Chief, Fire Department

Honor Guard Presents Flags at Wingate's Patriot Day Event

Monroe Fire Department's Honor Guard presented the flags during the National Anthem at Wingate University's November 5, 2022 football game. Wingate set aside this day to recognize Patriots Day and honor all first responders for their service. Monroe Ladder 1 and Hemby Bridge Ladder 23 also displayed a large American flag at the entrance to the stadium.



Heavy Rescue Training

Firefighters assigned to Monroe's Rescue 1 recently attended heavy rescue training at Iron Peddlers in Monroe. Rescue crews from Charlotte and other departments around the region participated in this specialty rescue training. Crews focused on heavy lifting and stabilization of

large vehicles using newly purchased heavy rescue equipment. The training and interaction with rescue crews from other departments was very valuable. Thank you to Iron Peddlers for allowing this training to be held at their facility!



Monroe High School Event

Firefighters with Quit 2 B-Shift and the Fire Marshal's Office recently shared information with students of the Public Safety Classes at Monroe High School. The students had great questions and discussion with firefighters about careers in the fire service.



Parks and Recreation
Ryan Jones, Director, Parks and Recreation

Active Adults:

A great time was had by all at our Halloween Social! Everyone enjoyed the tasty treats, social time, Halloween Bingo and costume contest.



During the month of November, the Ellen Fitzgerald Senior Center (EFSC) is collecting nonperishable food items for Common Heart. We are only one week in and our members have already filled two containers! We want to thank everyone for their generous giving.

Please click [HERE](#) for our monthly program calendar!

Athletics:

Youth Basketball registration has officially ended. Practices are scheduled to begin November 14, 2022. Games will begin December 3, 2022.

The Monroe Parks and Recreation Department gained a total of 25 teams this season. Let's wish them all good luck as they begin to prepare for the upcoming winter season!

Community Recreation Centers:

The participants at Sutton Park had a fun day spending time with the Fire Department. The children really enjoyed playing kickball and learning how to put out fires!



What a great day for a nature walk! Participants took a leisurely walk through Dickerson Recreation Complex's Bearskin Creek Greenway and collected leaves for a creative craft.



Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center (MAFC):

Halloween Trick or Treating

MAFC children of all ages participated in a costume contest and trick or treated all over the building on October 31, 2022. Check out our social medias for all of our participants. Several costumes were entered into the Costume Contest and overall winners were chosen.

Astronaut and Minnie Mouse



Belle and Spiderman



1st Annual Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest and Pooch Parade at MAFC

The community came together to showcase their pets dressed in their best Halloween Costumes on October 27, 2022. Enjoy these photos of the funny fidos from our 1st Annual Pet Costume Contest and Trick or Treating on the Greenway. All the major food groups were represented from corn, tacos, lobsters, and hotdogs!

Best Overall: Mad Hatter and the Rabbit



Best Owner/Pet Combo: Cat Woman and Batman



Funniest: Steamed Lobster



Most Creative: Corn



Parks Maintenance:

SEASONAL LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION – OCTOBER 17, 2022 – FEBRUARY 24, 2023

This is a friendly reminder, seasonal loose leaf collection begins October 17, 2022. The City of Monroe's leaf trucks operate weekdays during this time. City residents can expect their leaf piles vacuumed up at least every 10-14 days, but this cycle can be affected by both weather and the volume of leaves. Residents must place leaf piles at the edge of their yard above the curb, free from foreign debris and away from potential obstructions, while still being within the reach of the leaf trucks. Foreign debris is anything that is not leaves such as limbs, vines, rocks and trash, as these items can damage the vacuum equipment. Obstructions include, but are not limited to parked vehicles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, utility boxes, fences, trees and landscaping. Due to the risk of damage, leaf piles too close to obstructions, or mixed with foreign debris CANNOT be collected. If you have questions about loose leaf collection, please call Parks & Recreation at 704-282-4651.



Special Events:

Our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 3rd in Downtown Monroe.

Other:

All other programs offered throughout the summer can be found in our Program Guide. Click below to learn more:

[**CLICK HERE FOR THE NEW MOST RECENT PROGRAM GUIDE!!!**](#)



Planning and Development

Lisa Stiwinter, Director, Planning and Development

Building Division:

Chief Building Inspector Tom Brown is retiring from the City of Monroe with his last day being November 30, 2022. He has served the City of Monroe for 26 years. We will greatly miss him. If you see Tom around, make sure to wish him well on his next adventure of retirement!

Permitting Division:

Permit Center Supervisor Catherine Mullis and Permit Technician I Narissa Blackwell attended the North Carolina Permitting Personnel Association conference November 3-4, 2022 where they received an update on legislative actions impacting permitting, permitting strategies and other valuable information.

Planning Division:

The new interactive development map is live! The website and project pages are still being added; however, the map shows the locations of projects and provides limited information regarding the projects. Planning Staff is working diligently to gather the necessary information and documents to ensure a timely completion of the project webpages.

You can find the New Project webpage here: <https://tinyurl.com/4u6vbxen>

The new map can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/mvyy4jvm> or you can scan the QR Code with your phone:



Boards and Commission Open Seats:

The Board of Adjustment and Historic District Commission have open seats. Please note if you are interested in serving on one of these boards, you must be a City residents and you must attend at least two meetings prior to applying to serve as well as submit a resume. The application is on the City's website (<https://www.monroenc.org/City-Council/Committees/Committee-Vacancies>). If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 704-282-4520.

The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial board. This Board hears and makes decisions on Special Use Permits, Variances, and Appeals. There is a Board of Adjustment meeting on November 17, 2022 for those interested.

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. There is a Historic District meeting on November 14, 2022 for those interested.

New Hires:

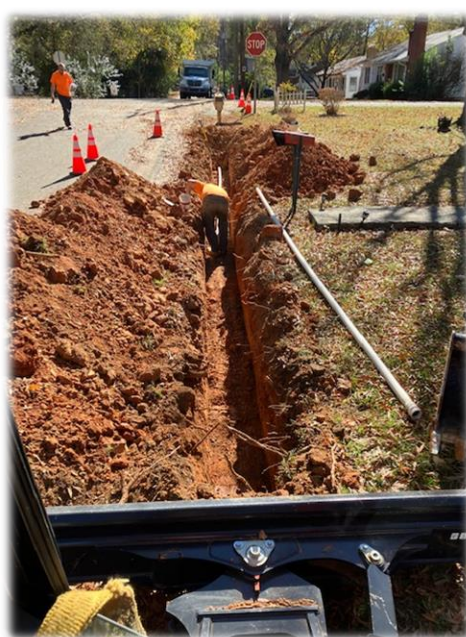


The Planning Department welcomes Trenton York to the department as a Building Inspector 1. Trenton comes to the City as a recent graduate of Wingate University where he received his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration and Finance. He was also married to his wife Hailey on September 10, 2022. Please welcome Trenton when you get a chance.

Water Resources

Scott E. Clark, Director, Water Resources

Our Maintenance Crew (Brandon Tarlton, Bobby Martin, DiLynn Benson, and Manny Carrillo) is replacing approximately 200' of 2" water main at 601 Craig Street. The Construction Division will soon replace the remaining 600' of 2" water main within the next two weeks.



Engineering Division:

The bore machine (shown below) is in the process of installing a steel casing pipe under the railroad tracks and Waxhaw Highway in a single run. The length is approximately 240 feet. The railroad tracks can be seen above the end of the box. This casing pipe houses a water line that is the primary water source for the Waxhaw Landing Subdivision which, upon completion, will contain over 700 homes.

**Water Resources New Hires, Advancements, and Retirements:****Advancement:**

Darrell Hobbs was promoted to Construction Superintendent

New Hires:

Enoch John -Water Resources Equipment Operator I

Brayan Hernandez -Water Resources Equipment Operator I