



City Manager's Report

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Administration

- Last month, we processed ARPA funds to support small businesses in the community per Council's direction. 10 of the 35 applicants qualified and received funding. The remainder of those funds will be used by TCUD as part of the waste water projects that will begin very soon.

Development Services

- At their August meeting, the Planning Commission approved the preliminary plats for The Grove Phase 1 (formerly Main Street) and Alderwood (formerly Lakewood), located on Dam Road and consisting of 56 single-family homes. These approvals authorize construction of all required infrastructure. The Grove will launch a project website and hold a ribbon-cutting in the coming weeks. The website will provide ongoing construction and leasing updates. Staff is also coordinating closely with the developer, the City Engineer, and outside consultation to address recent erosion control issues and ensure the best long-term outcome. All additional temporary measures, to include additional rows of super silt fencing, diversion ditches and temporary sediment ponds have been installed. Work will begin this week on the permanent retention pond for that site.
- Staff has received a proposal for a one-acre commercial development on the southwest side of Hubert Graham Parkway in the Windhaven community. Infrastructure-related comments have been provided to the project engineer as part of the review process.
- We'd like to welcome Theo Markarov to the team as he joined the City as a Planner in late July.
- Lastly, we've had a vacancy come up in the Planning Commission as one member of the Commission has moved out of the area. We have started soliciting applications and have reached out to all prior applicants encouraging them to reapply. We expect to bring the applications to Council no later than the October meeting.



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Fire Department

- The department hosted the York County Fire Chiefs Meeting at the Glennon Center. The evening brought together multiple agencies for valuable collaboration and planning.
- As a reminder, August is National Traffic Safety Month. We'd like to encourage everyone to buckle up and stay alert as the department has responded to several recent accidents involving serious injuries.
- A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Public Safety Meeting on the 7th and also supported the Fire Department Spray Down as part of the Firehouse Stories. Both events were a great success. If you missed it and would like more information, please reach out to us

Parks & Recreation

- Fall sports registration is officially complete, with a total of 2,167 players enrolled – 1,016 in City programs and 1,151 in soccer. All teams have now begun practices.
- Due to weather, the Concert in the Park scheduled for this past Saturday was unfortunately canceled. Be sure to mark your calendar for our next big event – Catawba Fest on Saturday, September 27th. Vendor applications are due by September 1st, and full event details can be found on our website.
- Our maintenance staff has been hard at work on several key projects, including refreshing the fountain, repurposing turf at the Catawba Park Baseball/Softball facility, and completing landscaping upgrades throughout the city. Look for continued improvements at the Memorial Garden in the coming week.

Public Works

- Our team has started the Trip Hazard Mitigation to address trip hazards caused by uneven sidewalks. This project is focused on grinding down raised edges and repairing surfaces to prevent accidents. Work is currently underway in the Lake Shore neighborhood.
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Police Department

- Monthly Statistics: 491 calls for service, 39 incident reports, 3,290 property checks, 465 traffic stops, 93 parking citations, 8 vehicle collisions, 13 custodial arrests, 3 DUI arrests, 2 community events and an average response time of 4 minutes 6 seconds.
 - As of September 1st, a new state law will be in place. This law makes it illegal to hold or use a mobile electronic device while driving. This included texting, emailing, watching videos and or playing games. You may use an earpiece, speakerphone, or device mounted in your vehicle for calls, navigation, or music as long as you aren't holding it. The only exceptions being if you are parked, reporting an emergency or are a first responder on duty.
 - We'd like to encourage everyone to register or donate for the 11th Annual Camp Cadet Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 10, at the Tega Cay Golf Course. This event is the primary fundraiser for Holidays with a Hero and Camp Cadet. To learn more you can visit our website, email Sgt. Bowers or visit our Facebook page.
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