

**EDEN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
Council Chambers  
308 E. Stadium Drive  
August 20, 2019  
6:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by: Neville Hall, Mayor
2. Invocation: Pastor Mike McNamara, Draper Christian Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood
4. Presentations & Proclamations:
  - a. Eden Youth Council Oaths of Office: Swearing in of Eden Youth Council.  
**Jim Burnette, City Council**

Mary Beam	Gavin Moore
Giles Hall	Grace Parrino
Baille Howard	Kennedy Smith
Hatcher Hutchens	Reece Tuggle
Marson Hutchens	Jordan Woodall
Hollie Jachimiak	Elizabeth Wright
Lucas Lynn	Margaret Wright
5. Roll Call:
6. Set Meeting Agenda:
7. Public Hearings:
8. Requests and Petitions of Citizens:
9. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Consideration of the Certificate of Sufficiency by the City Clerk and adoption of a Resolution calling for a public hearing on the annexation petition of property located at 1049 Pine Lane. A-19-01. **Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections**
10. New Business:
  - a. Consideration and adoption of a Resolution to repeal the Commercial Development Incentive Grant. **Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections**
  - b. Request to approve Strategic Planning Commission funding for the Meadow Road/Stadium Drive traffic island planting.  
**Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections**
  - c. Consideration and approval to expand the Spray Historic District and to include Building Rehabilitation and Façade Grants in the area. **Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development, and Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections**

- d. Request to approve Strategic Planning Commission funding for the Dan River Nature Trail, Entrepreneurship Instruction, Website Upgrade, Branding Storyboard, Spring Grown and Gathered, Otter Sculpture and Butterfly Trail.  
**Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development, Cindy Adams, Coordinator of Tourism & Special Events/Projects, and Randy Hunt, Main Street Manager**
- 11. Reports from Staff:
  - a. City Manager's Report. **Brad Corcoran, City Manager**
- 12. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approval and adoption of the July 16, 2019 Minutes. **Deanna Hunt, City Clerk**
  - b. Approval and adoption of a Resolution declaring surplus equipment.  
**Paul Dishmon, Director of Municipal Services**
  - c. Approval and adoption of a Resolution to donate personal property.  
**Greg Light, Chief of Police**
- 13. Announcements:
- 14. Adjournment:



# Planning and Inspections Department

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P. O. Box 70, 308 E Stadium Drive, Eden NC 27289-0070/Telephone 336-623-2110/Fax 336-623-4057

## MEMO

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**Thru:** Brad Corcoran, City Manager  
**From:** Kelly K. Stultz, AICP, Director  
**Subject:** **Voluntary Annexation Petition  
1049 Pine Lane**  
**Date:** August 8, 2019

At your July regular meeting, you instructed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of a petition for voluntary annexation for the property located at 1049 Pine Lane owned by Brandy M. Tilley.

With the assistance of the City Attorney, we have determined that the proper signature was placed on the petition and that the owner listed above is the owner of the property identified on the Petition.

Attached you will find a map of the property in question and a certificate of sufficiency executed by the City Clerk.

This type of annexation does not have the same requirements as does an involuntary annexation. However, there are requirements with regard to fire service.

Please accept the certificate of sufficiency and call a public hearing for your September regular City Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.





City of Eden  
Annexation of  
1049 Pine Lane



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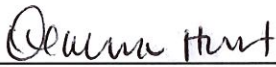


### CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

To the City Council of the City of Eden, North Carolina:

I, Deanna Hunt, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the Petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-58.1 and 160A-58.2.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Eden, this 7 day of August, 2019.

  
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Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

(SEAL)



**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION  
OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-58.2**

WHEREAS, a Petition requesting annexation of the contiguous areas described herein have been received; and

WHEREAS, the Eden City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the Petition at their meeting on July 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk of the City of Eden as to the sufficiency of the Petition has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eden, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the contiguous area described herein will be held in the Eden City Hall in the City Council Chamber at 6:00 P.M. on September 17, 2019.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Being Lot 1 containing 1.692 acres, more or less, as per Minor Subdivision Plat for Danny R. Pulliam and Dawn D. Pulliam dated August 31, 2000, by Samuel J. Coleman, Jr., RLS, and recorded in Map Book 45, page 91, Rockingham County Registry, to which reference is made for a more complete description. Deed Reference: Book 1365, page 2541.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the Rockingham Now, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Eden, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

This the 20th day of August, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Neville A. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deanna Hunt, City Clerk



# Planning and Inspections Department

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## MEMO

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**THRU:** Brad Corcoran, City Manager  
**FROM:** Kelly K. Stultz, AICP, Director  
**SUBJECT:** **Resolution to Repeal the Commercial Development Incentive Grant**  
**DATE:** August 9, 2019

During 2016, at a meeting of the Managers in the County, discussions began regarding an incentive grant. This program would involve incentives given by the various cities and the County to encourage the rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of commercial structures.

In May of 2017, the Eden City Council adopted the plan to provide this program to encourage revitalization of existing commercial properties. To date, we have had only one applicant.

Since that time, we have learned from the UNC School of Government that a program like the one that was approved is not in keeping with the NC General Statutes. Therefore, we are asking that you adopt the attached resolution to repeal the program.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.



**RESOLUTION REPEALING  
“CITY OF EDEN – COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT” (DIG)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Eden:

**SECTION 1.** “ Policy: City of Eden-Commercial Development Incentive Grant” (DIG)

adopted on the 16th day of May, 2017, is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.**

- a. All resolutions or clauses of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
- b. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect on and after adoption.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF EDEN

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Neville A. Hall, Mayor

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Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

(SEAL)



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## MEMO

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**Thru:** Brad Corcoran, City Manager  
**From:** Kelly K. Stultz, AICP, Director  
**Subject:** **Strategic Planning Commission Funds Request  
Meadow Road/Stadium Drive Traffic Island Planting**  
**Date:** August 9 2019

The traffic island at the intersection of Meadow Road and Stadium Drive and its appearance have been discussed by the Community Appearance Commission over the course of several years. It is located just before the entrance to the Smith River Greenway and certainly does not convey the impression that we are focusing on our natural features. This area gets a large amount of traffic daily and needs to be refurbished. Attached is a picture of the existing traffic island, a rendering of the planting and a budget for the project.

The Strategic Planning Commission approved this project as an expenditure of their funds at their meeting on August 9, 2019. We request that the City Council approve the amount of \$6,500 to be spent out of the Commission's budget for 2019/2020.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.



**APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM  
THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete this application and provide the required information. In order for this required information provided.

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**(1) APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

NAME: Community Appearance Commission

DEPARTMENT: **Planning Organization/Planning and Inspections Department**

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**(2) APPLICABLE STRATEGY AREA OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN:**

PM-2 (EV-7)

The Traffic Island at the intersection of Meadow and Stadium and its appearance have been discussed by the Community Appearance Commission over the course of several years. It is located just before the entrance to the Smith River Greenway and certainly does not convey the impression that we are focusing on our natural features. This area gets a large amount of traffic daily and needs to be refurbished. See attachments

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**(3) LOCATION OF PROJECT:**

Concrete Island where Meadow Road and Stadium come together (pictures attached)

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**(4) TIMELINE:**

Step 1: Approval from STC- August 2019

Step 2: Consideration of Project by Eden City Council August 2019

Step 3: Get Encroachment Agreement from NCDOT in August /September

Step 4: Site preparation August September 2019

Step 5: Install irrigation system and hose bib, bring in appropriate soil and install plants.

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**(5) ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR PROJECT:**

\$6,500.00

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**(6) APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information shown on this application is true and accurate, and that I hereby petition the Strategic Planning Commission to recommend and the City Council to approve this application for funding from the Strategic Plan Budget.

Kelly K. Stultz  
Applicant's Signature

7-31-19  
Date of Signature

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**Any documents or items to be presented to the Commission need to be attached to this Application**

Stadium Drive Island Landscape

Cost Estimate

ITEM	NOTES	COST
Irrigation	Irrigation and backflow	\$1900.00
Plants	Plant material and labor	\$4100.00
Mulch	Mulch and labor	\$500.00
City Labor	Cut and remove concrete, install topsoil	-
		TOTAL
		<b>\$6500.00</b>

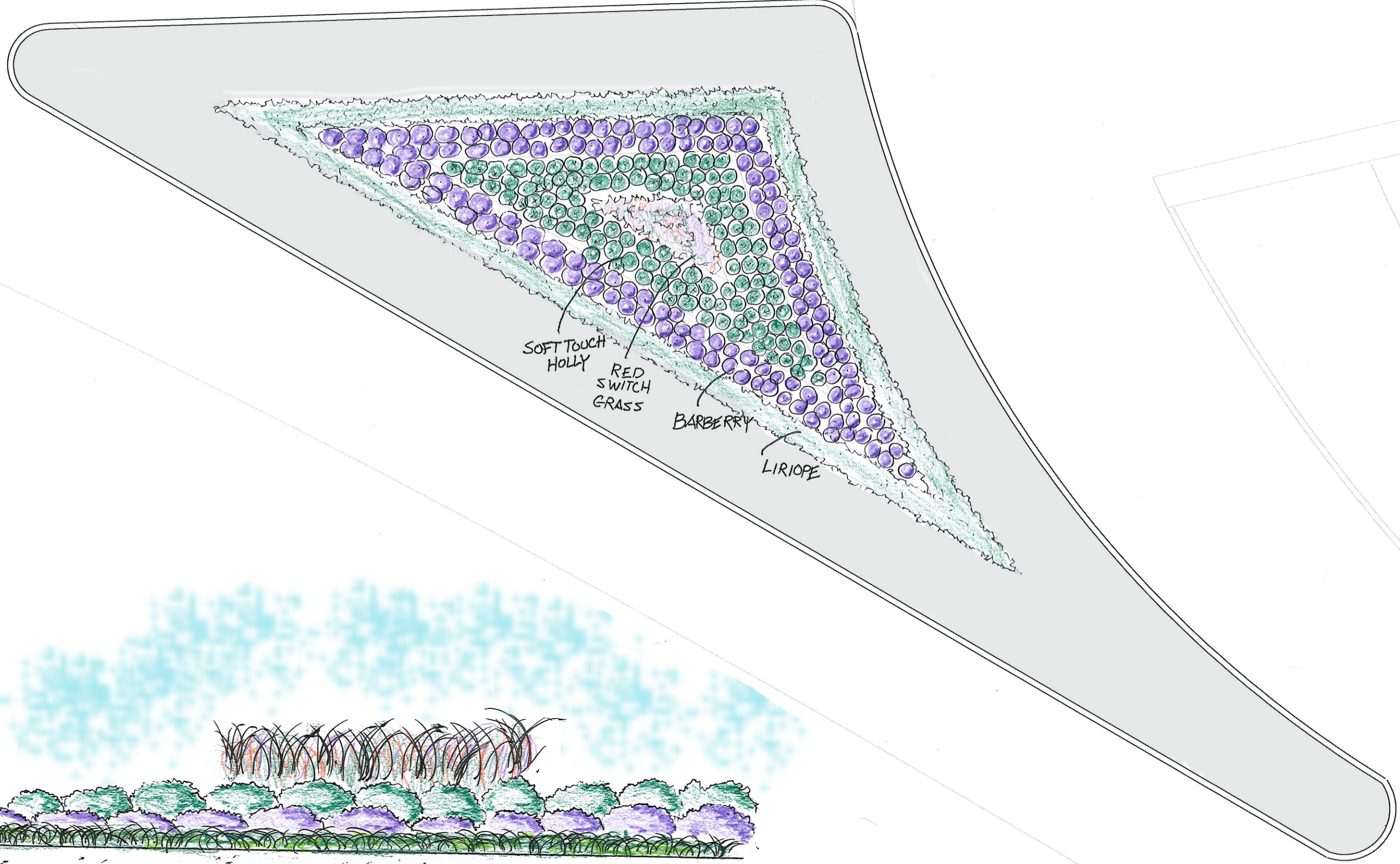








ELEVATION



MEADOW RD. / STADIUM DR.

CONCRETE ISLAND

PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS  
CITY OF EDEN, NC

NOT TO SCALE

7/31/2019



## Economic Development Department Planning and Inspections Department

August 8, 2019

To: The Honorable Mayor and Eden City Council

Thru: Brad Corcoran, Eden City Manager

From: Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development  
Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections

Re: Expansion of Spray Historic District and Inclusion of Building Rehabilitation and Façade Grants

In 2005, former NC Main Street Director Rodney Swink travelled the streets of Eden as part of his city tour. He remarked that the Spray Traffic Circle area was “the money spot” meaning an area prime for development. Since 2017, Spray Cotton Mills has been purchased with a promise of mill rehabilitation into housing and business enterprises. The Spray Mercantile Building continues to host several community events, such as Grown and Gathered dinners, the Rubber Duck Regatta and Temptations in the Garden. Finally, a local entrepreneur has purchased the formerly dormant Garden Central building. He plans a microbrewery that will cater not just to adults but be family friendly as are many such establishments in Greensboro, Charlotte and Raleigh. They have activities that children and adults can enjoy.

Microbreweries are also often the catalyst for small town growth. They draw local and out of town patrons. The Millennial generation often seeks gathering places, especially those that have outside seating and are coupled with other amenities. The microbrewery is adjacent to both the Smith River Greenway and Island Ford Landing, providing many avenues for special activities. Area industry tells us they need entertainment venues to help attract younger workers who are actively seeing these amenities.

Because of the transformative nature of this type of business and the potential for tubing rental establishments, restaurants, and other outdoor-related businesses, a request is being made to consider two actions:

- Expand the Spray Historic District to encompass the area east of the Smith River traffic circle to include the former Garden Central facility.
- Expand the current building rehabilitation and façade grants to include this area. The building rehabilitation grant was designed to promote restaurant and other entertainment establishments. It has been effective in the downtown areas and could be put to good use in promoting development in this additional historic district. The façade grant will help with the building exterior.

These requests include no additional costs to the current approved budget but they will help incentivize additional transformative businesses. Please let us know if you have questions about these requests.









## Economic Development Department

August 12, 2018

To: The Honorable Mayor and Eden City Council

Thru: Brad Corcoran, Eden City Manager

From: Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development  
Cindy Adams, Coordinator of Special Events and Tourism  
Randy Hunt, Eden Main Street Manager

Re: City Council approval for Strategic Planning Commission projects

At its August 9, 2019 meeting, the Eden Strategic Planning Commission approved the following projects:

### **\$27,000 Dan River Nature Trail**

This recommendation falls under Strategic Planning category REC-2 to expand and enhance trails, greenways and parks both as a health promotion and quality of place. The funding was approved by City Council for the 2018-19 budget year but Hurricane Michael damaged the trail and the project was put on hold. Public Works staff is restoring the trail area now, so it is logical to establish trail as it was originally planned. While \$27,000 is allocated, it most likely will cost far less to complete the project.

### **\$20,000 for Entrepreneurship Instruction**

Economic Vitality 8 (EV8) seeks to promote the commercial areas as small business job centers. Entrepreneurship is a key to economic growth especially in the digital economy. Because the marketplace has changed so dramatically, infused by social media and e-commerce—elements that hardly existed fifteen years ago—aspiring and existing business owners need on-going assistance. The funding requested is for instructors and to begin a Service Corp for Retired Executives (SCORE) chapter in Eden.

### **\$15,000 for Upgrade of Tourism Web Site**

Goal ED-4 is sharing information effectively and regularly with personal contact, using tools added with the Eden's 2016 web site and traditional methods. The current tourism site has not been updated in several years. Most people learn about a venue or community via a web site prior to visiting there. Recently, Cindy Adams took a trip to a NC Correctional Facility where women work 12-hour shifts answering questions about NC

Tourism. It is a unique way to help incarcerated women earn money and to help people learn more about NC. These women are the gateway to the state's tourist attractions for many out of state visitors. They rely on accurate and up to date web sites in order to provide the best information possible for their callers. The web site upgrade will help us achieve this goal. This investment will produce significant long-term benefits for Eden.

**\$1,860 for Branding Storyboard to be displayed at Eden City Hall**

Goal ED-3 called for the development and promotion of an Eden brand.

The Branding process produced much useful information and recommendations. One of the most interesting items it offered was a synopsis of our community history and aspirations. A proposal is being made to create a storyboard with the branding narrative that will be placed on the wall of Eden City Hall. Both local citizens and visitors will learn more about Eden's history from this addition to Eden's most prominent public building.

**\$5,000 for Spring 2020 Grown and Gathered Event**

Strategy 2 of Economic Vitality included encouraging more outside dining opportunities. The Grown and Gathered events have sold out thus far as local residents and out of town visitors have eagerly participated. Originally one annual event was planned; the public response has necessitated two. These events showcase local foods enjoyed at the picturesque Spray Mercantile facility. For those who question if Eden has enough going on, we urge them to attend one of these events to see our community at its finest.

**\$12,500 for Otter Sculpture Public Art Project**

The idea box for Goal EV-7 is developing a public arts plan. Several years ago, Dan E. Smith was named as Eden's otter mascot. That is because otters live along the banks of the Smith River. The next step in promoting this natural resource is to include an otter sculpture in the Spray traffic circle. A grant proposal has been submitted to establish an otter habitat along the Smith River, the first of its kind in the U.S. The otter sculpture will further reinforce Eden's natural resource branding and focus.

**\$9,000 for Butterfly Trail at Smith River Greenway**

The idea box for Goal EV-7 is developing a public arts plan. REC-2 involves expanding trails, greenways and parks. The 2019 Sunflower exhibit along the Smith River Greenway attracted many visitors interested in this addition to Eden's first nature trail. The butterfly exhibit will further enhance the greenway.

**Total projects costs: \$90,360**

Time is requested at the November Eden City Council meeting to present these projects and seek City Council approval so they can be completed.

## Eden Branding Statement

The confluence of the Dan and Smith Rivers provided an ideal location for a center of commerce and industry. The Dan's navigation led to the historic community of Leaksville, established as market for trade between Virginia and North Carolina. Soon after, the industrious community of Spray was formed, harnessing the Smith River to power a manufacturing enterprise.

The railroad brought additional opportunity to the area, and the small town of Draper was developed as a thriving textile town a few miles to the east. From their humble beginnings, Leaksville, Spray and Draper each prospered in their own way, creating their own history, home town life and community. As time went by, each community had struggles and successes, ultimately realizing their symbiotic nature, but also the shared history and values that bound them together.

In 1967, the communities consolidated, advancing William Byrd's dream of self-sufficiency, community, and appreciation for the natural landscape that connects them. The collective community was named "Eden". The last fifty years has seen a changing economy, and for each lost industry, there is an equal and opposite success. The resiliency of the community has been on display with the resurgence of Karastan rugs, as well as the renewed commitment of UNC Rockingham Health Care.

While we continue to serve traditional economic development by providing jobs, commerce and water to the businesses at Berry Hill Industrial Park, our new economy is shaped by entrepreneurial energy, one that continues to rely on our natural environment. Today, Eden is a small town with unlimited access to the Great Outdoors. Once powering the textile mills along their banks, the two rivers now provide a natural experience second to none, whether it be paddling the Dan, floating the Smith, or simply enjoying a stroll along our greenways.

We are a base camp for the region, and our residents and visitors enjoy everything from hiking and mountain biking, hunting and fly fishing, as well as more passive exploration in parks and along trails. While Eden has changed over the past fifty years, we have remained the traditions that define the nature of our community:

- It's growing up "On" the Boulevard
- It's searching for a painted rock in Grogan Park
- It's the smell of burgers on the grill in the local diner
- It's sliding into home base at Freedom Park
- It's playing in the street until dark in Draper
- It's dressing up for Sunday service at the Rock Church
- It's renting a kayak and paddling the Smith
- It's our downtown champion small businesses, and their youthful entrepreneurial spirit
- It's learning both the science and art of craft brewing
- It's optimism in the face of adversity
- It's our hard working, proud, loyal mill town character
- It's our Vision that can only be described as Positively Eden.

It's Our Paradise, Our Nature. Our Eden. We invite you to discover Eden, North Carolina:

**Our Community, Our Nature.**

# Smith River Greenway Butterfly Trail Eden, NC



Proposal by:



Tripp Bennett  
120 N. Henry Street  
Stoneville, NC 27048

The 1.7-mile Smith River Greenway invites nature lovers to enjoy the Butterfly trail, with an introduction at the trailhead (following photos are examples)



They will be greeted with large butterfly art installations for photo taking.







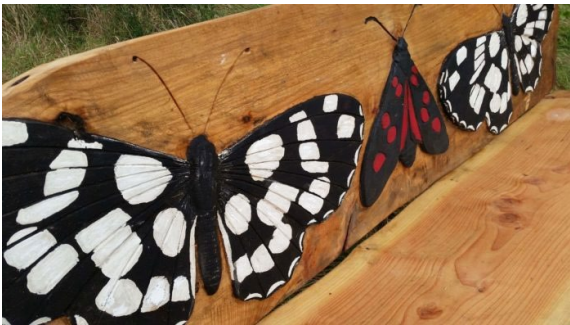
Visitors can learn about native NC butterflies and go on a scavenger hunt on the trail to find 31 of them.



They will not only find real butterflies fluttering about marigolds, sunflowers, asters, and coneflowers but will also find butterfly art installations among the trees.



Hikers can rest on brightly painted butterfly benches.



## Butterfly Trail Project Budget

Butterfly Trail welcome sign

Educational NC butterfly scavenger hunt sign

Butterfly wings x 2

Headboard with butterfly art and steps

Large hanging butterflies (~4'x3') x 8

Medium butterflies (~2'x1.5') x 12

Small butterflies (scavenger hunt & cluster) various sizes x 50

Paint butterflies on benches

Paint manholes x 6

Design butterfly scavenger hunt score card

### **Total cost**

**\$9,000**

### Client responsibilities:

- Hanging materials ie rope, wire, chain, cord
- Wood posts for Welcome sign and Educational sign
- Wood benches and collaboration with bench maker for painting
- Installation by the city with advisement from Tripp Bennett

## City Manager's Report – August 2019

### Did You Know? – Financial Facts & Figures

#### General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

A review of the audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2018 reveals the fund balance in the General Fund increased from \$8,722,152 as of June 30, 2017 to \$9,408,745, an increase of \$686,593 or approximately 7.87%. According to the audited financial statements for the City of Eden, the total fund balance within the General Fund on June 30, 2000, was equal to \$4,157,472. This represents an increase of \$5,251,273 or 126.30% since that time.

The City Council voted back in 1998-99 to keep an unassigned fund balance, equal to at least three months operating expenses. As such, three months operating expenses would be \$4,149,183 according to the audited statements for the period ending June 30, 2018. The \$6,612,247 “unassigned” fund balance at June 30, 2018 is actually \$2,463,064 over that threshold. The unassigned fund balance in the General Fund as of June 30, 2000, was \$2,541,779. This is a total increase of \$4,070,468 or approximately 160.14% since that time.

When the audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2019 are completed, over the course of the next couple of months, it is anticipated that our fund balance in the General Fund will increase even higher from its level in 2018 based on a strong financial year during the most recent fiscal year.

Did you know that Eden continues to maintain the lowest tax rate in Rockingham County? In FY 2000-01 our tax rate was \$0.57 and today it is \$0.609. There has been **only one** tax increase in the last nineteen years and this includes any of the tax revaluations.

#### Water & Sewer Fund

The combined fund balance in the Water & Sewer Fund, the Mega Park Waterline Project Fund and the EPA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) Sewer Project Fund for the period ending June 30, 2018 was \$7,099,131. This was a decrease of \$1,524,395 or approximately 17.68% when compared to the June 30, 2017 total of \$8,623,526. During the past seven years,

the lack of sufficient revenue has caused the City to use an extensive amount of its available fund balance. When you compare the June 30, 2018 figure of \$7,099,131 to the June 30, 2011 total of \$11,333,437 in available fund balance, it indicates the loss of \$4,234,306, or approximately 37.36% in just the past seven years. **However**, it should be noted that some of the fund balance funds used to “front” the engineering related costs associated with the EPA AOC since March 2017 will be reimbursed to the City once construction begins and the City is allowed to submit reimbursement requests through the NC Connect Bond program. According to the audited financial statements for the City of Eden, the total fund balance within the Water & Sewer Fund on June 30, 2000, was equal to \$4,345,594. The June 30, 2018 fund balance of \$7,099,131 represents an increase of \$2,753,537 or 65.94% since that time despite the need to use so much fund balance over the course of the past seven years.

When the audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2019 are completed, over the course of the next couple of months, it is anticipated that our combined fund balance in the Water & Sewer Fund, the Mega Park Waterline Project Fund and the EPA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) Sewer Project Fund will increase even higher from its level in 2018 based on a strong financial year during the most recent fiscal year.

Eden has made a substantial commitment towards the improvement and care of its infrastructure during the course of the past eighteen plus years. Since FY 2001-02, the City has spent approximately **\$59,627,909** on a variety of water and sewer infrastructure needs. Much of this spending was due to various unfunded mandates.

During the past six years, the City of Eden has been awarded **\$56,684,655** in grants and 0% or low interest loans for various water and sewer related projects that have already been completed, are currently underway, and will be completed over the course of the next few years. Of this total, \$28,309,039 or 49.94% is in the form of grants or principal forgiveness loans **that do not have to be repaid!** A special note of thanks to Mr. Terry Shelton, Director of Public Utilities and Mr. Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development. They have done a fantastic job at securing outside funding to meet many of our water and sewer related capital needs and do a tremendous job on a daily basis.

During just the next three years, we will be undertaking a significant amount of water and sewer infrastructure work. It is projected we will be spending more than **\$40,000,000** in just the next three years for work associated with the EPA Administrative Order of Consent (AOC), the Mega Park Waterline Extension Project, and improvements at our Water Filtration Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as our distribution and collection system.

Did you know that despite all of the work that has been completed, there has been **NO** increase in our water and sewer rates since January 1, 2016?

**Personnel**

The current budget includes funding for 180 full-time positions. This is a reduction of one full-time position when compared to the FY 2018-19 budget. Included in this total are two COPs (Community Oriented Policing) Grant positions within the Police Department that the City Council authorized in late 2017. The 180 full-time positions represent a reduction of four full-time positions since October 2015. Without the two COPS Grant positions, the 180 full-time positions would have equaled a reduction of six full-time positions. During FY 1995-96, there were 203 full-time positions and during FY 2000-01, there were 189 full-time positions.

Did you know that for comparison purposes, Eden had a 2016 population of 15,279 and 14.05 square miles compared to Reidsville with a 2016 population of 14,152 and 13.68 square miles without Lake Reidsville? As noted previously, the current budget for the City of Eden includes funding for 180 full-time positions. According to information collected in February 2019, Reidsville was funding 193 full-time positions.

Our employees work hard, are often asked to wear multiple hats and are really a great group of individuals.

**Summary**

Over the past eighteen and a half years, we have worked diligently to improve the long-term financial condition of our City while continuing our commitment to offer a high level of service with less staff. The challenges moving forward, will be to develop a financial blueprint that will maintain the basic level of services the citizens have come to expect, a blueprint that maintains a strong fund balance for unanticipated needs and emergencies, a blueprint that will provide adequate funding in a timely fashion for a wide array of capital improvement and equipment replacement projects that are already facing the City and a blueprint that will retain employees and will continue to invest in the maintenance of employee skills, knowledge and abilities as a key community resource.

**2019 Eden Citizens Academy**

The 2019 Eden Citizens Academy will get underway on Thursday, August 15 with twelve participants. Those individuals signed up for the academy include:

Karla McDonald	Joseph Smith	Dale Warren
Seth Latham	Senetra Reynolds	Lakalah Reynolds
James Clumm	Mike Moore	Scottie Eanes
Fran Peters	Earnest Valentine	Jacklin Valentine

The schedule for this year’s Citizens Academy is as follows:

- Session 1 – August 15 – *Orientation Night with Administration*
- Session 2 – August 22 – *Police Department & IT*
- Session 3 – August 29 – *Fire Department*
- Session 4 – September 5 – *Public Utilities – Water & Wastewater Plants*
- Session 5 – September 12 – *Municipal Services & Engineering*
- Session 6 – September 19 – *Parks, Recreation, Facilities & Grounds*
- Session 7 – September 26 – *Economic Development, Tourism & Main Street*
- Session 8 – October 3 – *Planning & Inspections*
- Session 9 – October 10 – *Finance & Human Resources*
- Session 10 – October 15 – *Graduation at October City Council Meeting*

The Academy is held on consecutive Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. It is a free, nine-session interactive course designed to provide residents with an in-depth look into municipal government. Check out the City’s Facebook and Twitter pages for updates.

### **Economic & Tourism Development**

#### **Former SGRTex facility**

A contract to purchase the SGRTex facility was signed by a national company in July. The projected property settlement is mid-September.

#### **KDH Defense Systems-New Military Contract**

KDH Defense Systems, Inc. (“KDH”), a leading manufacturer of American-made, high-performance protective solutions, announced on July 30 that it has been awarded two separate delivery orders from the U.S. Army totaling approximately \$40.0 million.

KDH received a \$31.5 million delivery order as part of contract number W91CRB-15-D-0021 from the Army Contracting Command to produce the Modular Scalable Vest Generation II. KDH also received a delivery order valued at \$9.0 million from the Army Contracting Command to produce the Blast Pelvic Protectors (“BPPs”). The contracts are new fair opportunity awards stemming from the contracts the Company initially won in 2015. All of the production will take place at KDH’s state-of-the-art manufacturing facility here in Eden, NC, with an estimated completion date of June 2020. These contracts will lead to additional employment opportunities. Visit them at 750-A Fieldcrest Road or email a resume and cover letter to [nshreve@kdhtech.net](mailto:nshreve@kdhtech.net).

#### **Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill**

The preconstruction meeting for the water line project took place on July 25. The proposed beginning construction date is August 12 with the project completion date being mid-August of



2020. A significant amount of the water line costs is covered by grants and other financial support.

### **Career Expo**

Meetings are being held at the Rockingham County Economic Development office to hold a Career Expo in April of 2020 for 7<sup>th</sup> graders across the county. The Expo will include companies from across the county. Students will be able to learn about potential careers available locally. This program is designed after the one conducted in the Danville area with multiple county students participating. More information will be reported as the program planning progresses.

### **Planet Fitness**

- This establishment will open by the end of 2019 in Kingsway Plaza between Dollar Tree and Kingsway 4 Cinema.
- The approximately 19,000 square foot facility will consume three currently vacant shopping center spaces.
- This will be an all-new Planet Fitness with state-of-the-art equipment, friendly staff, free fitness training, and a Black Card spa. They will offer The Black Card membership, an upgraded membership option, which includes access to nationwide Planet Fitness locations, access to tanning beds, hydro-massage lounges, tissue massage chairs and other benefits.
- Planet Fitness is open 7 days per week and 24 hours Monday-Friday.
- In the near future, banners will appear on the front of the shopping center space Planet Fitness will occupy. More information about memberships and other consumer benefits will be coming soon.
- Those interested in Planet Fitness employment can visit [www.planetfitness.com](http://www.planetfitness.com) at the designated time. The company will also do a pre-sale promotion in which potential members can get special deals on membership rates before the gym opens.

### **Badcock Furniture—Operation Backpack**

On Saturday, August 17 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., there will be a free backpack giveaway for K-12 students (while supplies last) at their Kingsway Plaza location (220 W. King's Hwy). They will offer free snacks during that time as well. Enter to win a Back to School tablet! Free child ID kits are also available. For more information, contact the store at 336-612-2107.

## **Eden Internal Medicine**

Three new members have been added to the Eden Internal Medicine team and will have offices in the building across from their 405 Thompson Street location. The new practitioners include:

### **Mackenzie Barham, DNP**

A Rockingham County native and Morehead High School graduate (2009), she attended UNCG, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2014. She completed her Doctorate in Nursing Practice, specializing in adult/gerontology in May of 2019. She is excited to practice at Eden Internal Medicine and serve the community she calls home.

### **Taylor Woodson, FNP-C**

Ms. Woodson will join the practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner. A Pittsylvania County native and graduate of Tunstall High School, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2014. She has been employed as a highly skilled and trained emergency, trauma and intensive care registered nurse. Ms. Woodson graduated Summa Cum Laude from Walden University in Minneapolis, MN with a Master of Science Degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner and is licensed by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board, and North Carolina Board of Nursing. Ms. Woodson is devoted to providing quality care to her patients.

### **Naitik Panwala, PA-C**

Mr. Panwala earned his undergraduate degree in Biology from UNC-Chapel Hill. He completed his Master's in Health Science Degree in the Duke University Department of Family Medicine and Community Health in 1992 where he also completed his Physician Assistant Program. Mr. Panwala is a Fellow in the American Academy of Physician Assistants and North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants. He is Board Certified by the NCCPA. Mr. Panwala has over ten years of Rheumatology experience and will be focusing on patients with Arthritis and Fibromyalgia at Eden Internal Medicine. He will be accepting patients in August.

For more information on these practitioners, call 336-627-4896.

## **Reynolds Brewery**

Chip and Toni Reynolds will open Eden's first microbrewery in the old water works building at 351 W. Meadow Road in the fall of 2019. Chip has been brewing beer since the 1990s and was a hit at the June Oink & Ale festival in Eden. The Reynolds' plan special events since they are close to the Smith River Greenway and Island Ford Landing.

**Dollar General—Hwy 770 West of Eden**

This store has been temporarily closed because of a reported environmental issue within the building. The Dollar General NC Real Estate Manager advised city staff that they are working with the property owner to remedy the problem, allowing the store to reopen. A reopening date has not been set yet.

**The Work Shop Eden**

A new business is coming to 616 Washington Street. The current owners of The Shiloh Shop plan to open this space for instruction from makers and finders from the local area. The business should be open by December.

**634 Monroe Street**

Sophisticated Rubbish, a retail establishment reminiscent of an old country store with furniture will open on September 20, just in time for Riverfest. It will also include a salon space.

**Efficiency, One and Two Bedroom Apartments Coming Soon to Historic Eden**

Sections of 618 Washington Street and the Historic Former Smith and Lane building at 624 Washington Street are being converted into efficiencies, one and two bedroom apartments. They will be affordable, offer free WiFi, and hot water (meaning the natural gas cost to heat the water will be included in the rent). Efficiencies are \$675, one bedrooms are \$825 and two bedrooms are \$925 per month. Convenient rear parking has just been developed by the City. Call 561-313-9309 for more information.

**Eden Downtown Development Inc.**

The Design sub-committee project of custom painting downtown fire hydrants continues to review applications. Several more designs have been approved. If you would like to participate contact Randy Hunt at rhunt@edennc.us.

**Main Street Champion**

EDDI Members voted this week to recognize Rhonda and David Price as our 2020 Main Street Champions for their extensive work in making downtown a better place to work live and shop. They both have been advocates, volunteers and donors to downtown initiatives for many years. Congratulations to both Rhonda and David!

### **Get Fit Rockingham**

The Kate B. Reynolds Foundation awarded its second year of funding (\$23,416) for Get Fit Rockingham. The program is a great way to get in shape with other county residents this summer and fall. Shirts, participation cards and pamphlets are now available for Eden residents at the Eden Chamber of Commerce.

### **Boulevard Merchants**

The merchants 3<sup>rd</sup> Cars and Crabs event was held in late July. It featured a car show and a delicious low country boil. The funds raised will be used for façade grants for buildings on the Boulevard.

### **Cars and Coffee**

Our summer series of Cars and Coffee continues to be held at the Family Video parking lot on the last Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Please plan on stopping by and enjoying the comradery before it gets too hot.

### **REAP**

Instruction based on new teaching methods is being pursued for the Rockingham Entrepreneurship program. The *Positively Eden* Strategic Planning Commission recently voted to support funding for this program.

### **Mosaic Unveiling**

Another huge thank you to Teresa Phillips for creating such an amazing mosaic of the Karastan 717 Rug that is now featured under the gazebo in the John E. Grogan Park. Another thank you to all those who attended the unveiling and showed your support for Teresa and public art in the City of Eden. If you could not attend make sure you visit the park and see it for yourself. The park is located at 308 E. Stadium Drive on the campus of Eden City Hall.

### **Touch-A-Truck**

Make sure you bring the kids to our annual Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, August 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Henry Street in Historic Downtown Eden! Come climb, explore and discover your favorite things on wheels! Admission is a non-perishable food item for the Kids Backpack Food Program. Please choose from the following items:

- Applesauce Cups
- Fruit Cups

- Canned Spaghetti, Ravioli, etc.
- Pop Tarts
- Peanut Butter Cracker Packs
- Beanie Weenies

### **Riverfest**

Mark your calendars for our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual RiverFest coming up on September 20 & 21 in Historic Downtown Eden! This festival celebrates Eden's art, history and river heritage. There will be two stages of live music, amusements, bungee trampoline, Carolina Raptor Center, river excursions, virtual kayak, food, vendors and so much more for the entire family. Hours are Friday 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Admission is Free! See you there!

### **Engineering**

#### **Bridge Street Road Repairs and Reopening**

The road repairs and resurfacing on Bridge Street between Kings Highway and Highland Drive should be completed by Friday, August 23 weather permitting. The work is currently scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 if severe weather does not delay the project. The road should reopen within 24 hours after the completion of the work.

#### **NCDOT Resurfacing**

The paving crew contracted by NCDOT is still working on the resurfacing on US 29. The crew is scheduled to return to Eden once that job is completed.

#### **Waterline Replacement Projects Update**

After closing the southern section of West Avenue early on July 11, workers from Joyce Backhoe Service Inc. removed temporary stone from pavement cuts along West Avenue south of the intersection with Central Avenue. A steel plate was used to cover the cut in the middle of the street near that intersection while work progressed. A crew from Art Stanley Paving placed and compacted the asphalt binder after the stone base had been tamped by the Joyce Backhoe workers. The workers were able to complete the placement and compaction of the asphalt surface wearing course shortly before an afternoon rain event. Final payment on the West Avenue waterline replacement project was approved on July 24.

## Fire

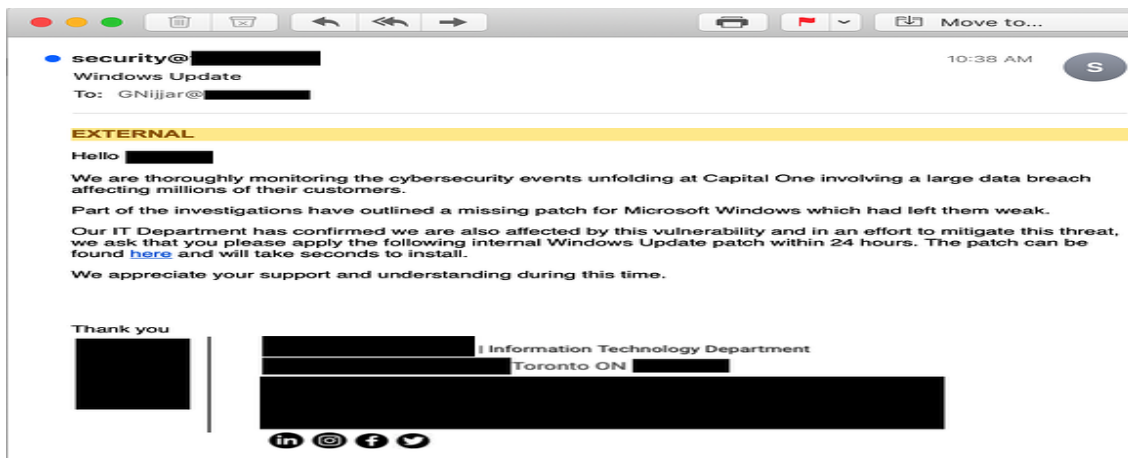
### Fire Training Facility

The work to clear the land behind station 4 for the future fire training facility, has now been completed along with the necessary erosion control plan measures. The delivery of the building is scheduled for the second week in November. City staff will soon be completing the installation of a water line from Stadium Drive to the construction site and the setting of the hydrant.

The training facility will be two and half stories in height with two burn rooms. This will give us the ability to offer a wide variety of training scenarios ranging from fire attack to rescue operations along with ground ladder training and aerial truck operations. This new facility will provide more of a controlled environment, which will be safer for our firefighters and it will greatly enhance the training opportunities for years to come.

### Information Technology

This month there are two cybersecurity bulletins everyone needs to be aware of. First, this weekend, news broke that Jeffrey Epstein was found dead in his cell from an apparent suicide. Internet criminals are going to exploit this celebrity death in a number of ways, so be careful with anything related to the Epstein death: emails, attachments, any social media (especially Facebook), texts on your phone, anything. There will be a number of scams related to this, so stay vigilant! Second, cybercriminals are now exploiting news of the Capital One breach to push a malicious backdoor trojan via a phishing email purporting to offer a Windows Security Update. See the example email below provided by security researchers at KnowBe4. Clicking the link in that email downloads a file named KB3085604.exe — obviously named to resemble Microsoft patch files and security updates. Detection of this file by the anti-malware engines represented on VirusTotal is poor, with only nine flagging it at this point.





The phishing email itself spoofs the targeted organization's IT department, and the language used is sufficiently informal (as well as a little technical and even awkward) to appear credible. IT departments will typically not ask you to install anything yourselves and especially not via e-mail. Stop and think before you click!

### *Municipal Services*

#### *Pressure Washing Sidewalks*

We are currently in the process of pressure washing all of the sidewalks in the Leaksville Downtown area. Once this has been completed our staff will move to the other downtown areas and then to sidewalks outside of our downtown areas. The work completed so far looks fantastic!

#### *Repair of Storm Damage at 835 Bridge Street*

The repairs to the culvert and surrounding areas that were damaged previously from storms at 835 Bridge Street have now been completed. Staff has completed all of the rough and final grading, which consisted of cutting ditches on both sides of the box culvert so that the storm water from the street can exit the road down to the culvert to the creek. We have also placed riprap in the ditch on the east side of the culvert for erosion control. The entire area has now been seeded and covered with straw. As noted previously, the road repairs and resurfacing on Bridge Street between Kings Highway and Highland Drive should be completed by August 23, weather permitting. According to estimates received by Mr. Paul Dishmon, Director of Municipal Services from Mr. Curtis Carroll of Old Castle Infrastructure, **we were able to save more than one million dollars** by doing this project in-house with city staff as opposed to contracting it out privately. Much thanks and appreciation to each employee that was involved with this project.

### *Parks & Recreation*

#### *Pod Casts with Mike Moore Media*

Staff met recently with Mr. Mike Moore or Mike Moore Media to develop monthly pod casts to keep the Community informed about the offerings throughout the City related to Parks and Recreation. The first pod cast is currently scheduled for September 6, 2019.

### **Be Healthy Rockingham County**

Staff continues to be involved with Be Healthy Rockingham County initiative. They attended the Be Healthy Rockingham County meeting on August 14 and will attend the September 11 meeting as well.

### **Splash Pad & Mill Avenue Swimming Pool**

The Freedom Park Splash Pad will be open from 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m. each day through September 15. Since our opening on June 26, there have been more than 11,000 visits to this facility. The Mill Avenue Pool will be open through the Labor Day weekend.

### **City of Eden Prowlers Football Program**

The City of Eden Prowlers Football Program will host a Jamboree on August 24 at Morehead High School. Everyone is invited!

### **Upcoming Sporting Tournaments @ Freedom Park**

There was Got Game Softball Tournaments at Freedom Park on July 27 and August 3. In addition, there is a Got Game Softball Tournament scheduled at Freedom Park on August 24-25, a Freedom Sports Tournament on August 31-September 1, a Top Gun Tournament on September 7-8, and a Got Game Softball Tournament on September 14-15.

### **Matrimony Creek Nature Trail – Phase II**

Construction of Phase II of the Matrimony Creek Nature Trail has started and should be completed by the end of September.

### **Concert In The Park/Cruise-In @ Freedom Park**

A Concert in the Park/Cruise-In was held at Freedom Park on July 31. The next Concert in the Park/Cruise-In will take place at Freedom Park on August 31.

### **Freedom Park Putt-Putt Course**

A putt-putt course at Freedom Park is available to the public Monday – Sunday from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per round.

## *Planning & Inspections*

### *Code Enforcement*

114 notices have been mailed by certified mail and first class mail.

### *Collections*

65 accounts were transferred to the Rockingham County Tax Department for collection of code enforcement fees due to the City of Eden. The amount transferred totaled \$86,091.47.

63 statements were mailed to property owners with an outstanding balance for code enforcement actions. Each property was researched through the Register of Deeds' on-line service to determine if any had been sold and letters were mailed to the new property owner advising them of the existing lien for code enforcement.

### *Inspections*

Inspection volume has been normal for this time of year. We are expecting construction plans for Planet Fitness and Zip's Car Wash anytime now. The Burger King remodel is just about complete. The back wall of 620 Washington St. is currently under construction. This project should start to accelerate over the next couple of weeks.

We have completed 295 inspections in the past month. Additionally, we are covering the community with our proactive local code program daily. We have the city divided into 25 sections.

### *Statute Changes*

The North Carolina General Assembly adopted a measure and it has been signed by the Governor on July 11 that creates a whole new Chapter in the Statutes that impact Local Planning and Development Regulation. It is entitled 160D. Much of 160A will cease to exist. The effective date of the new statutes is January 1, 2021. This means that before that date, every ordinance enforced by this department will have to be updated and changed to comply with the new rules. Staff intends to bring these changes to City Council over the next 17 months and have the changes be effective on January 1, 2021. Currently, we are going through the new provisions and matching them up with the existing ones to decide how to proceed with the revisions.

### **Vacant Property Registration Ordinance**

The letters to owners of suspected vacant properties went out on July 23. Since then, there have been many telephone calls and office visits from owners asking questions about the new policy and registering the vacant properties.

### **Boards and Commissions**

Our boards and commissions generally do not meet in July unless there are cases submitted by the public.

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

The HPC met on August 12 and the main topic of discussion was concerns about the mural replacement on Washington Street. They plan to attend the August meeting of the City Council to share their views the City Council.

### **Strategic Planning Commission**

The Strategic Planning Commission welcomed new members at their August 9 regular meeting. They received an annual report and a report for items for consideration for fiscal year 2019-2020. They have recommended several projects for Council's consideration at the August 2019 regular meeting.

### **Stadium Drive Sidewalk**

We are currently seeking qualified professionals for the design phase of this project. We have spoken with several firms. The date for receipt of their response to our RFLOI (Request for Letters of Interest) is August 26. A staff committee has been created to review the Letters of Interest consisting of Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections, Terry Shelton, Director of Public Utilities, Bev O'Dell, Director of Engineering and Paul Dishmon, Director of Municipal Services.

### **Grants**

We currently have two grant applications submitted. The first one is the Historic Sub-Grant and the application for a CDBG housing and infrastructure grant in the Draper area was submitted on Friday July 12. The Pedestrian Planning Grant has also been submitted.

## **Police**

### **Drive Slow, Respect School Zones and Ensure the Safety of our Children**

The first day of school for the Rockingham County School System is set for August 26. As we do throughout the school year, officers will be working in our school zones to ensure the safety of our students. Please do your part by driving slow, respecting our school zones and school buses and working together to ensure the safety of our children!

### **Stand Against Litter**

The Eden Police Department continues to post a Public Service Announcement on the Eden Police Department's Facebook page asking citizens to Stand Against Litter as part of the countywide campaign to aggressively enforce littering and illegal dumping violations. We will continue to replay the announcement each month and we are aggressively enforcing littering and illegal dumping statutes.

### **Eden Police Department Facebook Page**

The Eden Police Department continues to encourage the citizens of our community to utilize the Eden Police Department's Facebook page for updates and information concerning our community, as well as Crimestoppers, to provide anonymous information concerning illegal activity in an effort to keep our community safe. We all have to work together to keep our community safe! Thank you in advance for your assistance.

## **Public Utilities**

### **EPA AOC and Mandatory Projects to Stop Sewer System Overflows - Update**

We remain on schedule for our projects and our documentation submittals to the EPA and NC Water Infrastructure for our grant and loan funding. Construction on the Mebane Bridge digestion improvements project is now underway. This is the first of the remediation projects and opens the door for the city to begin drawing reimbursements from grant and loan funding for engineering work completed to date.

### **Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill**

Haymes Brothers Inc. of Chatham, VA is currently delivering the pipe and other materials necessary to begin the installation of the City of Eden water line to the VA state line. This water line will provide most of the water to this industrial park and should be fully in place within the next 18 – 20 months.

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Neville Hall
Council Members:	Bernie Moore
	Jim Burnette
	Angela Hampton
	Darryl Carter
	Jerry Ellis
	Jerry Epps
	Sylvia Grogan
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Deanna Hunt
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley (absent)
News Media:	Roy Sawyers, Rockingham Update
	Mike Moore, Mike Moore Media

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. He explained that the Council met the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. and worked from a prepared agenda; however, time would be set aside for business not on the printed agenda.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Mike McNamara of Draper Christian Church gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

*There were no Proclamations & Presentations at this time.*

SET MEETING AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to set the meeting agenda. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

*There were no Public Hearings at this time.*

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:



Fran Peters, 313 S. Hundley Drive, had a couple of questions related to the Draper section of Eden. In the downtown Draper storefront area, there had been a few incidences with bulldozers knocking down buildings and there was one building with the back of it completely out. Anyone could get inside and she thought the floor was out of it as well. She would like to see something done about the building. She had also read in the minutes from the June City Council meeting about a grant to help the low- and moderate-income residents to the north and south of Stadium Drive. She said she was not certain exactly which streets would be included in the grant. A friend who lived in that area received a letter stating she would be visited on a certain day at a certain time but no one ever showed up. She would like to know what her friend should do to get evaluated for the grant. In reading last month's minutes, she thought another mural in Draper was approved. She wanted to know if there was a process to allow the residents of Draper to have a vote on what would be painted on the second mural.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Peters for her comments and concerns. He asked which building she had safety concerns about.

Ms. Peters said it was the third building in the downtown area. It was easily visible from the church.

Council Member Ellis said he knew the building she was concerned about.

Mayor Hall said they would do some further research on the building and if it was a safety issue it would be a priority. The grant proposal was being handled by the Director of Planning and Inspections Kelly Stultz. All they did at last month's meeting was agree to apply for grant funding. He did not think it was to the point of them offering any funding just yet. There may have been a letter sent out to residents to get some interest to use in the grant writing. He told Ms. Peters to have her friend reach out to Ms. Stultz. Mayor Hall asked Main Street Manager Randy Hunt to speak about the mural project.

Mr. Hunt said the mural on the side of A&B Pest Control was sponsored by the Eden Downtown Development Corporation and was vetted by their subcommittee for content. It sparked a lot of interest and many muralists had come forward but funding was an issue. They had a building in Draper in mind for the next mural but there was no plan in place for one immediately. There were plans to replace the mural on Washington Street at the Henry Street pocket park next. They hoped to have an official unveiling of the Draper mural later in the week.

Ms. Peters said the mural in Draper looked great and she had shared it as much as she could.

Local Codes Administrator/GIS Analyst Debra Madison told Ms. Peters to call the following day and she would be happy to explain about the letter and grant.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*There was no Unfinished Business at this time.*

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Request for the City Council to ask the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of an Annexation Petition for property located at 1049 Pine Lane.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Madison.

Ms. Madison said a petition had been received from the property owner of 1049 Pine Lane to be annexed into the City. The property had City water and sewer and would like to expand those services to include garbage pickup.

Council Member Burnette asked if the property was adjacent to the City limits.

Ms. Madison replied the property was contiguous with the City limits just on the edge of Grand Oaks. The property owner had to drive through Grand Oaks to get to her property.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps to ask the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of an Annexation Petition for property located at 1049 Pine Lane. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED  
UNDER N.C.G.S. 160A-58.1

WHEREAS, a Petition requesting annexation of a lot described in said Petition was received on June 12, 2019, by the City Council of the City of Eden; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 160A-58.2 provides that the sufficiency of the Petition shall be investigated by the City Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden deems it advisable to proceed in response to these requests for annexation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eden that:

The City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above described Petitions and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

Approved and adopted and effective this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN  
Neville Hall, Mayor  
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- b. Consideration and adoption of a Resolution in support of filing an application for Pedestrian Planning Grant Funds.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Madison.

Ms. Madison said the current Pedestrian Plan was nine years old and it was time to consider updating it. In November of last year, Council approved the same Resolution for an application for grant funding but the City did not receive those funds. They were applying for another cycle of the grant. The Piedmont Triad Regional Council talked with NCDOT and gave them suggestions of items to improve on or change in the City's application. One of the suggestions was support letters from a large variety of businesses in the area. Ms. Madison said the new application included support letters from Dayspring Family Medicine, UNC Rockingham Health Care, Rockingham County Economic and Tourism Development, Eden Economic and Tourism Development, Mayor Hall, Eden Parks and Recreation Director Johnny Farmer, Eden Chamber

of Commerce, Get Fit Rockingham, and Eden Downtown Development Corporation. Their contact at NCDOT said it was very rare for a municipality to apply again the next year so he felt there could be a good chance Eden could get funding.

Mayor Hall said Eden's Pedestrian Plan had changed a lot over the last eight or nine years.

Ms. Madison replied the last plan was adopted in 2010. In order to apply for grants for improvements to sidewalks and walkability, a current plan was needed.

Council Member Burnette said the City did not have any biking areas and if the Pedestrian Plan could afford some of those, it would be great.

Council Member Grogan said particularly going toward Central Elementary School and the plans in that direction.

Ms. Madison replied the current plan requested the sidewalk in front of Central. They got that funding because it was identified as something needed. They were working on getting bids for that project.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to adopt a Resolution in support of filing an application for Pedestrian Planning Grant Fund. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION FOR PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT FUNDS  
FOR THE CITY OF EDEN

A motion was made by Council Member Moore and seconded by Council Member Grogan for the adoption of the following resolution and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, The City of Eden is a recognized municipality in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The City Council is a recognized decision making entity for the City of Eden; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eden is applying for funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a comprehensive pedestrian plan; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eden City Council finds it to be in the best of the City to endorse the said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eden City Council unanimously endorses the Planning Project proposed for the City and if the project is selected, will provide the administration as well as the financial distribution of funds and the accounting for the project.

Approved and adopted and effective this 16th day of July, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN  
Neville Hall, Mayor  
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

- a. City Manager's Report.

Mr. Corcoran said each Council Member should have received a copy of the report. It was posted on the City's website the previous week and submitted to the Eden's Own Journal for publication. There were hard copies available for anyone wanting one. He would be happy to answer any questions.

### **2019 Eden Citizens Academy**

We are now accepting applications for the 2019 Citizens Academy. The Academy will be held on consecutive Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., beginning August 15 and running through October 10. A graduation ceremony will be held at the October 15 meeting of the Eden City Council.

The Academy is a free, nine-session interactive course designed to provide residents with an in-depth look into municipal government. It is open to all city and ETJ residents, city business or property owners, and anyone who works in the city. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Apply in Administration at Eden City Hall or online at <https://www.edennc.us/322/Citizens-Academy>. Class size is limited to 20 participants. For more information, please contact Deanna Hunt, City Clerk at 336-623-2110, option 8, or [dhunt@edennc.us](mailto:dhunt@edennc.us).

## **Economic & Tourism Development**

### **Mabe Trucking Company**

Some interesting facts about this Eden industry:

- 300 employees  
Eden's #3 employer
- 200 trucks and 240 drivers
- 1.9 million miles per month driven—close to 500,000 miles per week.
- Top 5 carrier for Dollar General (DG) which has 16,000 stores across the nation.

### **New Industries**

It looks very promising that Eden will have two industrial announcements within the next two months. Both will fill currently empty facilities

### **Duke Energy Site Readiness Process**

Target industries for the MillerCoors site as recommended by the Site Consultant group that did the site evaluation:

- Food and beverage
- Plastics and chemicals
- Aerospace and defense
- Auto, truck and heavy machinery

City and County economic development offices are working to identify companies in those industries to contact with site information.

### **New Fitness Center is Coming to Eden**

The City of Eden Planning and Inspections Department is expecting plans for this business by the end of July. They will locate in Kingsway Plaza between Dollar Tree and the Kingsway 4 Cinema.

**Fast Lane Convenience Store**

This drive-thru convenience store located at the intersection of Adams Street and Stadium Drive will reopen soon.

**Burger King**

This company is in the midst of a major exterior renovation to create the modern style of their newer stores.

**Ample Storage**

This is the company purchasing the former Wal-Mart building. They will continue leasing a portion of the building to Tractor Supply.

**Zip's Car Wash**

This car wash is coming soon to the former Sonic location on Hwy 14. This is from their web site:

Zips Car Wash is an express tunnel wash, located in 14 states with 137 customer service centers. Founded on service and leadership, our goal is to provide the best customer service and quality wash in the industry. With the help of our exceptional team members, we make sure our customers are satisfied with a shining, like-new ride. Our technological advancements have allowed us to provide a safe and gentle wash towards vehicles and the environment. At each location all chemicals used are eco-friendly, plus our recycling system saves energy and water with every wash. As we continue to grow, we hope to make a difference in not only the appearance of your vehicle, but in our customer's lives and our communities.

**Mission Statement**

We strive every day to make a difference in the lives of our customers and team members by providing a SAFE, RIGHT, FAST, FRIENDLY wash experience along with a progressive work environment through STRUCTURE, CAMARADERIE & STRONG FOCUSED LEADERSHIP.

**Motel Occupancy Tax**

In 2005, the City of Eden joined the City of Reidsville in levying a 2% motel occupancy tax to help fund special events and tourism. The 2018-19 fiscal year will see record tax revenue generated for the City. Through May, revenue is +22% and the annual tally will exceed \$80,000 for the first time ever. This revenue pays for more than ½ of the Coordinator of Special Events and Tourism position's salary, and supplements the cost of special events. It also helps fund many tourism promotion related activities that help draw attendees to events. Without this revenue, RiverFest, Touch a Truck, Grown and Gathered, Oink & Ale and Shaggin' on Fieldcrest would not be nearly as successful as they currently are. Local industry visits, recreational events, family reunions, anniversaries and other activities contribute to this revenue as well.

**Living in Eden**

New information in the "Residents" section of the City web site for current and prospective residents includes the following:

- Cost of living is 13% lower than national average (Source Jobs EQ 2019 Q1)
- Air quality is 24% better than the national average (Area Vibes)
- Pollution is 89% better than the national average (Area Vibes)



- Highest monthly average temperature in July is 76 degrees (Area Vibes)
- Lowest monthly average temperature in January is 38 degrees (Area Vibes)
- 30.2 miles to Piedmont Triad International Airport (PTI)
- 40 minutes to Greensboro, NC and 20 minutes to Danville, VA
- Just over four hours to the beach (Wilmington, NC) and mountains (Asheville, NC).  
The foot hills are within an hour.
- Amenities:
  - Dan and Smith Rivers  
Three Rivers Outfitters
  - Smith River Greenway
  - Matrimony Creek Nature Trail
  - Freedom Park Nature Trail, walking track, splash pad, miniature golf course and dog park  
Grogan Park

For more information, visit [ExploreEdenNC.com](http://ExploreEdenNC.com)

### **Bridge Street Parking Lot**

The parking lot has now been completed. The final component of this project was the landscaping along the alley that connects it to Washington Street. If you visit this area, you will note that Nandinas, ornamental grass and lilies line the rock wall along with three decorative benches. This work was made possible from a grant provided by the Home Savings Endowment.

### **Fieldcrest Public Space**

This project has now been completed. It was designed to bring an open air space to the Draper section of Eden. The project transformed two destroyed buildings into a beautiful gathering space for Eden residents and guests. The opening celebration was held on June 26.

### **Efficiency, One and Two Bedroom Apartments Coming Soon to Historic Eden**

Sections of 618 Washington Street and the historic former Smith and Lane building at 624 Washington Street are being converted into efficiencies, one and two bedroom apartments. They will offer free WiFi, and hot water (meaning the natural gas cost to heat the water will be included in the rent). Efficiencies will be \$675 per month, one-bedroom units \$825 per month and two-bedroom units are \$925 per month. Convenient rear parking is available for the future tenants. Please call 561-313-9309 for additional information.

### **Eden Downtown Development Inc.**

The Design sub-committee project of custom painting downtown fire hydrants continues to review applications. Several designs including a gumball machine and one depicting the historic significance of Draper have been approved. If you would like to participate, please contact Randy Hunt, Main Street Manager at [rhunt@edennc.us](mailto:rhunt@edennc.us).

### **Youth Community Mural Project**

John Mark Daniel, a recent Wheaton College graduate, Community Arts major has painted a mural in Draper as a public art project on Fieldcrest Road. The project involved several young artists designing and painting a collage based on imagery from North Carolina, Eden and Draper (past and present).

### **Get Fit Rockingham**

The 2019 Get Fit Rockingham is a great way to get in shape with other county residents this summer. Shirts, participation cards and pamphlets are now available for Eden residents at the Eden Chamber of Commerce.

**Boulevard Merchants**

The merchants 3rd Cars and Crabs event will be July 27 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It will feature a car show and one of the best low country boils in Eden.

**Leaksville Commercial Shopping District**

Southern Julip, a new women’s clothing and accessory boutique has opened at 711 Washington Street. You can follow them on Facebook.

**Cars and Coffee**

Our summer series of Cars and Coffee continues to be held at the Family Video parking lot the last Saturday morning of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Stop by and enjoy the comradery before it gets too hot.

**647 Washington Street**

Preppy Pirate has relocated their store to downtown Leaksville. Be sure to visit and follow them on Facebook.

**Shaggin’ on Fieldcrest**

We would like everyone to join us for a night of fun with Jim Quick & Coastline along Fieldcrest Road in Draper on July 20 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be lots of great live music, food and beverages for all! This is a FREE event. Bring your lawn chairs and be prepared to have a great time!

**Grown & Gathered**

Our Summer Grown & Gathered event is set for Thursday, August 15 at the Spray Mercantile along the Canal. We have another great menu set along with some special music! We are now taking reservations. Please call 612-8049 or 552-6132 to reserve your special seat. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$90 a couple. Come enjoy Eden’s hospitality at its best at our premier farm-to-fork event.

**Touch-A-Truck**

Touch-A- Truck is set for Saturday, August 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. along Henry Street in Downtown Eden! This is such a fun and exciting event for little kids and big kids alike. We will feature over 50 vehicles that will include fire trucks, police cars, tractor-trailers, garbage trucks, cement mixers and so much more. There will also be face painting, food and much more! So bring the kids and climb, explore and discover your favorite things on wheels. Admission is one of the following items that will go to our school system for the Kids Backpack Food Program: Applesauce Cups, Fruit Cups, Canned Spaghetti, Ravioli, Pop Tarts, Peanut Butter Cracker Packs or Beanie Weenies.

**Did You Know Video**

Our latest “Did You Know” video now being featured on WGSR TV highlights the new and exciting Splash Pad at Freedom Park. In addition to WGSR, it can be viewed on our Explore Eden and City of Eden Facebook pages as well.

**Our State Video**

WOW! The video and feature article highlighting some really special treasures right here in Eden is now being showcased on the Our State Magazine website. It will be there for 12 months! It is a great depiction of life here in Eden. Please take a look if you have not seen it already. So proud of Eden! A huge thanks to Laurie Wilson and Mark Bishopric who did a great job in the video!

**Wire Animal Art**

We have two new animal residents in Grogan Park. We just installed a squirrel that has been placed on the side of a tree and a hawk that is suspended in full flight. Come check them out!

**Sunflower Field**

Calling all photographers, nature lovers, walkers, cyclists, etc. The beautiful sunflowers along the Smith River Greenway are beginning to bloom! We will be placing some fun sunflower trivia signs along the perimeter of the field as well. Bring the kids and get some great photos! We ask that you do not pick the blooms. We want everyone to enjoy the beauty!

**Matrimony Creek Nature Trail**

Our trailhead sign, kiosk, information panels, mile markers and benches have been installed along the beautiful Matrimony Creek Nature Trail! Be patient with us a few more weeks as we add information on panels, install metal features, landscape areas and get things spruced up. It's going to be a really nice addition.

**Engineering**

**NCDOT Resurfacing:**

APAC/Thompson Arthur is still working on the 2019 Rockingham Resurfacing schedule for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Aiken Road, Summit Road and Landfall Drive have been resurfaced. Sections of Friendly Road, Northridge Drive, Wilshire Drive, Lincoln Street and Short Union Street are still on the schedule to be completed. The paving crew that was working in Eden was pulled off on June 27 to complete the resurfacing project on US 29. As of right now, the Project Manager does not know when they will be back in Eden.

The permanent pavement markings will be reinstalled when all of the resurfacing in the Eden area has been completed.

**Waterline Replacement Projects Update**

Hydrostatic pressure testing of the new water main installed along West Avenue by Joyce Backhoe Service Inc. was passed on June 12 without any issues. Chlorination and other testing procedures continued through June 18. The last replacement water tap and tie-over to the new water main was completed on June 26. The crew returned three days later to temporarily shut off the water to customers, then cut and abandon the old 2-inch diameter galvanized water main. A paving subcontractor is scheduled to be on site July 11 to place asphalt material in the pavement cuts.

A small crew from City's Plumbing and Pools, Inc. worked on punch list items for the Jackson Street and W. Moore Street waterline replacement project on the first day of July. Additional dirt, grass seed, fertilizer and straw was placed at several locations along the disturbed shoulder

areas. The crew was also able to remove a silt basin and repair the ditch line where it had been located.

A crew from City's Plumbing and Pools, Inc. returned to the Ridge Avenue waterline replacement project on June 19 and was able to cut and cap the old 2-inch diameter galvanized water main at the intersection of N. Hale Street. The crew returned two days later to remove temporary stone from two pavement cuts, then place and tamp asphalt to complete work on the project.

### **Municipal Services**

#### **Solid Waste Ordinance Provisions**

According to the Solid Waste ordinance 12-56, Yard Rubbish, Tires and Trash:

- A. Trees, sections of tree trunks, tree stumps and tree limbs larger than those described in 12-57 (C) will not be collected by the city, and shall be removed from the premises by the owner.
- B. The city will not remove yard rubbish or trash from a vacant lot without the payment of appropriate fees.
- C. Tires will not be collected by the city, and shall be removed from the premises by the owner.
- D. Wooden pallets, discarded computer equipment and discarded televisions will not be collected by the city, and shall be removed from the premises by the owner.

According to the Solid Waste ordinance 12-57, Preparation for collection:

- A. Fine accumulations shall be placed for pickup at the curb but not in the street, and shall contain no rocks, masonry, and the like.
- B. Yard rubbish and trash, other than that described in subsection (C) and 12-58, shall be removed by the owner by placing it at curbside for pickup on established days. The collection schedule shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk.
- C. Trees, sections of tree trunk, tree and shrubbery limbs placed at curbside for collection shall be no larger than the following:
  - a. Zero to four inches in diameter, maximum six-feet long;
  - b. Four to eight inches in diameter, maximum two-feet long.
- D. Loose-leaf collection shall be provided throughout the year. In order to be collected, leaves shall be raked to a point behind the curb where pickup will be made. Leaves and yard waste placed in plastic bags or other containers will not be picked up.

### **Parks & Recreation**

#### **Parks & Recreation Information**

Due to the Community Accents and Parks & Recreation radio programs with WLOE not being conducted any longer, staff is working with Mike Moore of Mike Moore Media to develop monthly pod casts to help keep the community informed about Parks and Recreation activities happening throughout the City. More information will be released once it is available – stay tuned!

**Be Healthy Rockingham County**

Staff continues to be involved with Be Healthy Rockingham County initiative. They attended the Be Healthy Rockingham County meeting on July 10 and will attend the August 14 meeting as well.

**Freedom Park Splash Pad**

The Freedom Park Splash Pad was opened to the public on June 26. The ribbon cutting for this facility was held on July 9 with over 200 people in attendance. During the first 13 days the facility has been open, there has been over 3,700 visits. We are very proud of this facility and hope each of you will have an opportunity to come by for a cool splash!

**North Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball Ozone State Tournament**

Eden will be hosting the North Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball Ozone State Tournament at Freedom Park from July 12 through July 18. Teams from all over the state will be traveling to Eden for this event. If you want to see some exciting baseball, come join us.

**Concert In The Park/Cruise-In @ Freedom Park**

A Concert in the Park/Cruise-In was held at Freedom Park on June 29. The next Concert in the Park/Cruise-In will take place at Freedom Park on July 27.

**Freedom Park Putt-Putt Course**

The putt-putt golf course at Freedom Park is available to the public Monday – Sunday from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per round.

**Matrimony Creek Nature Trail – Phase II**

Construction of Phase II of the Matrimony Creek Nature Trail is currently underway and should be completed by the end of August.

**Planning & Inspections**

**Code Enforcement**

A total of 236 notices have been mailed by certified and first class mail that affect the following number of properties: 99 for high grass, 6 for high grass, junk storage and disabled vehicles, 1 for high grass and a zoning violation, 24 for junk storage, 10 for zoning violations, 4 for junk storage and disabled vehicles, 22 for disabled vehicles, 1 for a collapsed carport, 1 for yard waste accumulation, 1 for sewage discharge into yard, 13 for violation of Human Habitation Standards and 1 for violation of the Non-Residential Building Maintenance Standards.

For fiscal year 2018-2019 we have transferred \$86,091.47 to the Rockingham County Tax Department for collection with ad valorem taxes.

**Historic Walking Tour Brochure**



Work has now been completed on the Historic Walking Tour Brochure and the Brochures have been printed.

**Community Appearance Commission**

The commission purchased small flags for national patriotic celebrations. Mr. Michael Hutchinson, a volunteer member of the commission put out more than 100 of these flags at various city installations and public spaces for the 4th of July Holiday.

**CDBG Housing and Infrastructure Grant**

The application for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Grant will be submitted by July 11. Both the consultant and staff have taken applications from numerous homeowner's in the proposed target area. The consultant has told us that the people in the area have been welcoming and have made information easily available for the grant submission. We sent out letters in advance of the applications being taken to nearly 250 households in the target area.

**Stadium Drive Sidewalk**

We have been given permission to hire an engineering and design firm on this project. This request will be sent out this month.

**Vacant Downtown Buildings Ordinance**

This ordinance was adopted in May of 2019. Staff has surveyed the areas denoted in the ordinance and letters are being prepared to go out to the various property owners. They will go out on Friday July 19.

**North Carolina General Statutes Changes**

For a few years, there have been discussions at the State level concerning an overhaul of the statutes in Article 19 of chapter 160A pertaining to cities and Article 18 of Chapter 153A pertaining to counties. This is the first major overhaul since 1973. As of January 1, 2021 both of the chapters will be repealed and the new Chapter 160D will take its place. This gives us 1.5 years to change every statute reference in our various land use ordinances and to change the regulations in them to meet the new requirements. The UNC School Government has indicated that it will be holding workshops on the changes.

**Police**

**Stand Against Litter**

The Eden Police Department continues to ask citizens to Stand Against Litter as part of the countywide campaign to aggressively enforce littering and illegal dumping violations. Be advised that we are aggressively enforcing littering and illegal dumping statutes.

**Public Utilities**

**EPA AOC and Mandatory Projects to Stop Sewer System Overflows - Update**

We are on schedule for our projects and our documentation submittals to the EPA and NC Water Infrastructure. The Mebane Bridge digestion improvements project has received all of the necessary approvals and the contractor is beginning construction of this project. The remaining projects of the remediation plan will bid in sequence between now and September. All projects in the remediation plan should be approved and ready to begin by January 1, 2020.

**Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill**

Haymes Brothers Inc. of Chatham, VA won the bid to install the City of Eden water line to the VA state line. They were the lowest of the three firms who bid on the project. This line will provide most of the water to this industrial park. The bid was roughly \$1.5 million under the engineering firm estimate for the construction portion of this project. Haymes Brothers is currently extending the City of Eden sewer line from the VA state line to the Mega Park. We have issued the official notice to proceed and construction is expected to take about 18 months to complete.

b. Our State campaign update.

Mayor Hall called on Coordinator of Tourism & Special Events/Projects Cindy Adams.

Ms. Adams thanked the Council and Strategic Planning Commission for believing in her projects and approving funding. The Our State Digital Package was recently completed. It included a video and an accompanying article that would live on the Our State Magazine website for 12 months. She thanked Laurie Wilson and Mark Bishopric, perfect spokespersons for the video. She presented them two-year subscriptions to Our State Magazine. The article covered so much more than just the video by including The Barn, shops downtown, Freedom Park, the splash pad, RiverFest and more. Between the article and video, it covered all of the charming things in Eden. She thanked all of the citizens who participated in the video. She thanked Director of Economic Development Mike Dougherty for corralling all of the people for the video while she set up for Grown and Gathered.

She read analytics from Our State Magazine for the two weeks that the video and article were online:

- Facebook reached 72,014 people with 33,102 views
- YouTube reached 148,973 people with 3,203 views
- Instagram reached 25,102 people with 10,086 views
- Our State Magazine.com metrics showed 2,384 pages with an average time spent of 4 minutes and 29 seconds, which meant the people watched the entire video
- Our State email blasts had 43,678 recipients that saw the article and video.

That was pretty incredible numbers for just two weeks. She added it up and it was a total of 292,151 reaches. It was a great value.

Council Member Grogan asked Ms. Adams if they were sharing the stats on Facebook and in the media.

Ms. Adams replied that she had just gotten the stats but she would share those on Facebook and other social media.

The Our State video and newest Did You Know video were played for the Council and audience.

Ms. Adams said there were 10 or 15 Did You Know videos running all of the time on WGSR TV. These videos were just a few seconds long and teased the viewers to go to the website to see what Eden offered. She had put a packet with information about all of the things happening in Eden at each Council Member's chair:

- Shaggin' on Fieldcrest would be on Saturday, July 20
- Karastan Rug Mosaic Unveiling on Monday, August 12
- Grown & Gathered would be Thursday, August 15
- Touch-A-Truck would be Saturday, August 24
- Riverfest will follow on September 20 and 21

Another Strategic Planning project was a new brochure which was a great accompaniment to the Our State Magazine video and article. The brochure would be placed across the area and State. She expected a big crowd for the mosaic unveiling as people from all over the County were interested in the project. The Karastan Rug Mosaic was also another Strategic Planning Commission project. There was a new supply of the I Love Eden T-shirts. After Hoke Flynt and his family went to the Grand Canyon and posted a picture wearing the shirts, people started asking where they could purchase them. The shirts were available for \$10 each. Within the next 10 days, the sunflowers should bloom on the Smith River Greenway. Sunflower flags would be placed at each end of the trail for people to know the sunflowers were in bloom. A beautiful metal sign had been placed that said Smith River Greenway Sunflower Field Eden, NC for people to take pictures in front of the flowers. Ten educational trivia signs about sunflowers were placed along the fields to make it fun for kids.

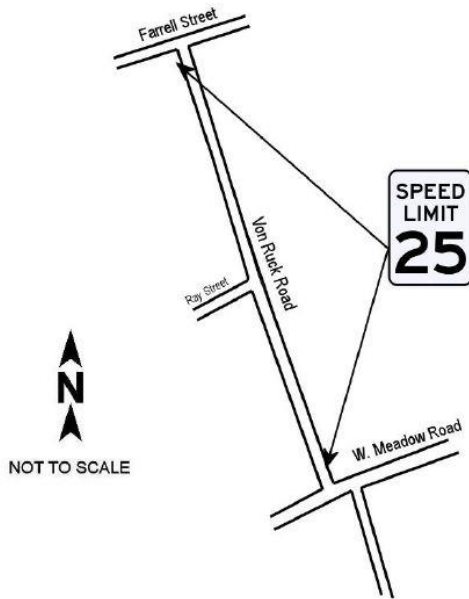
Mayor Hall congratulated Ms. Adams and her department on the excellent quality video. He personally ran into people from Hillsborough and from Carrboro who were visiting because they saw the video.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of the June 18, 2019.
- b. Approval of a traffic study recommendation and adoption of an Ordinance regulating the speed limit on Von Ruck Road.

Sgt. Jim Robertson wrote in a memo on May 19, 2019 that Chief Greg Light received a traffic study request about Von Ruck Road from Council Member Burnette. Von Ruck Road was in a residential area and had approximately 14 households along it. As with all residential areas, the chances for pedestrian traffic were heightened, particularly children. An order was issued for speed surveys to be completed on Von Ruck Road. Speed data was collected from 50 vehicles traveling through the area. The data showed that 63% of the recorded traffic was traveling at or below 25mph. Another 30% of traffic was traveling between 26mph to 30mph. Due to the residential nature of the area and the data showing the sample vehicles self-conforming to a 25mph speed limit, the recommendation of the Police Department was that the speed limit on Von Ruck Road be reduced to 25mph.

Below is a map of the proposed locations of the Speed Limit signs:



AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON VON RUCK ROAD  
FROM W. MEADOW ROAD NORTHWARD TO FARRELL STREET

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, pursuant to authority granted by N.C.G.S. § 20-141(e) that:

Section 1 – The City Council of the City of Eden has determined that operation of a motor vehicle Thirty-Five (35) miles per hour on Von Ruck Road from W. Meadow Road northward to Farrell Street is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions existing upon Von Ruck Road northward to Farrell Street.

Section 2 – It shall be an infraction to operate a motor vehicle on Von Ruck Road from W. Meadow Road northward to Farrell Street in excess of Twenty-Five (25) miles per hour.

Section 3 – Signs shall be placed, erected or installed on each side of Von Ruck Road from W. Meadow Road northward to Farrell Street giving notice of the speed limit to traffic traveling in each direction on said road.

Section 4 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

Section 5 – All ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Approved and adopted and effective this 16th day of July, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN  
Neville Hall, Mayor  
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- c. Adoption of a Reimbursement Resolution in the General Fund for the Emergency Services Fire Training Facility Project.

Director of Finance and Personnel Tammie McMichael wrote in a memo the 19-20 Budget included a 5-year loan for \$466,400 for the Emergency Services Fire Training Facility. The reimbursement resolution is in place so that if we use any General Fund-Fund Balance to pay for the expenditures we will be able to reimburse the General Fund-Fund Balance with the loan proceeds when the city does an installment purchase.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FIRE TRAINING FACILITY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

WHEREAS, the Eden City Council (the “Council”) has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to finance the construction, renovation, and improvements of a certain project within the City known as the (1) Emergency Services Fire Training Facility (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City presently intends, at one time or from time to time, to finance all of a portion of the costs of the Project with proceeds of tax-exempt obligations and reasonably expects to execute and deliver its tax-exempt obligations (the “Obligations”) to finance, or to reimburse itself for, all or a portion of the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to proceed with the Project and will incur and pay certain expenditures in connection with the Project prior to the date of execution and delivery of the Obligations (the “Original Expenditures”), such Original Expenditures to be paid for originally from a source other than the proceeds of the Obligations, and the City intends, and reasonably expects, to reimburse its General Fund for such Original Expenditures from a portion of the proceeds of the Obligations to be executed and delivered at a date occurring after the dates of such Original Expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Eden City Council as follows:

Section 1. Official Declaration of Intent. The City presently intends, and reasonably expects, to reimburse its General Fund for the Original Expenditures incurred and paid on or after the date occurring 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this resolution from a portion of the proceeds of the Obligations. The City reasonably expects to execute and deliver the Obligations in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to finance all of a portion of the costs of the Project and the maximum principal amount of Obligations expected to be executed and delivered by the City to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the Project, which amount is subject to change, is expected to be \$466,400.00.

Section 2. Compliance with Regulations. The City adopts this Resolution as a declaration of official intent under Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulation promulgated under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to evidence the City’s intent to reimburse its General Fund for the Original Expenditures from proceeds of the Obligations.

Section 3. Itemization of Capital Expenditures. The Director of Finance for the City, with advice from the City Attorney, is hereby authorized, directed and designated to act on behalf of the City in determining and itemizing all of the Original Expenditures incurred and paid by the City in connection with the Project during the period commencing on the date occurring 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution and ending on the date of execution and delivery of the Obligations.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution is effective immediately on the date of its adoption.

Approved and adopted and effective this 16th day of July, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN  
Neville Hall, Mayor  
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE



I, Deanna Hunt, the duly appointed Clerk to the City Council of the City of Eden, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF EDEN TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FIRE TRAINING FACILITY PROJECT FROM THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020" which was adopted by the City Council at its regular meeting held on the 16th day of July, 2019.

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- d. Adoption of a Capital Project Ordinance for the EPA AOC Wastewater Collection Transport System Remediation Plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hall wanted to recognize Rockingham County Emergency Communications employees April Martin and Angie Gourley who helped save the life of a baby who almost drowned in a pool in Eden. The women knew the Eden Fire Department had just finished a call close to the incident and called Fire Chief Underwood to respond while the other rescue personnel were in route. A minute could be critical in the outcome of a drowning victim and he was glad to report the child survived. He wanted to mention the good work the Fire Department, EMS and emergency personnel did to save the child.

Mayor Hall said the Cars and Crabs would be July 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on The Boulevard.

Council Member Moore said a few weeks ago he had the opportunity to go to Canton, Ohio to the Football Hall of Fame. Jadan Martin and Gavin Moore from the Eden Youth Council got to play on the field at the Hall of Fame with players from all across the country. It was a great opportunity and the young men represented Eden well.

Council Member Ellis congratulated Chief Underwood on his new grandson, Elijah.

Mayor Hall reminded everyone that the Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament was going on at Freedom Park. It had been a great event for Eden helping to keep hotels and restaurants busy. Many kids and their families had enjoyed the new splash pad.

Council Member Ellis thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for the extra security during the July 4 Celebration. The firework show was great. He thanked the Kiwanis and everyone else who helped with it.

Council Member Epps thanked the officers, firefighters and emergency workers who responded quickly to the KFC explosion. They all got there fast and cleaned up the area quickly. The Mayor did terrific on the news interviews.

Mayor Hall said that was an unusual event and it was handled professionally. He was thankful to have the great people who worked on that event.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made by unanimous consent to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deanna Hunt  
City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Neville Hall  
Mayor

# Memo

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Paul Dishmon Director of Municipal Services  
**Thru:** Brad Corcoran, City Manager  
**Date:** July 15<sup>th</sup>,2019  
**Re:** Surplus Items

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Municipal Services has items that we would like to have declared surplus and be advertised for sale on Gov deals auction site.

The items are as follows:

- 16 Recycling igloos

Thank you for your consideration in this request. If you have any question please let me know.

Thanks

Paul

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL  
OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eden owns certain surplus equipment, 16 recycling igloos, and hereinafter referred to as “the property”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eden desires to dispose of the property by public auction as authorized by North Carolina General Statute §160A-270; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §160A-270 (c), the City Council must authorize the use of the public electronic auction service and the means of publication; and

**WHEREAS**, the property will be sold at a public electronic auction to the highest bidder excepting any reserve placed on the property. The property will be listed at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) starting on September 2, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. and will be posted continuously until it is sold; and

**WHEREAS**, The City desires to publish this notice solely by electronic means via the City of Eden website; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Taylor, IT and Communications Manager, is an appropriate city official to dispose of the property by public auction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council for the City of Eden that the property listed above be disposed of by public auction, that the publication of this sale be solely by electronic means, and that Kevin Taylor be authorized to dispose of the property by public auction.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 20th day of August, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

*Gregory C. Light*  
*Chief of Police*



*Clinton M. Simpson*  
*Deputy Chief*

## *Police Department*

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
**Thru:** Brad Corcoran, City Manager  
**From:** Greg Light, Chief of Police  
**Date:** 05/02/2019  
**Re:** Surplus City Owned Personal Property

Ballistic vest manufacturers put a limited warranty on vests sold to law enforcement. The industry standard is a five year warranty. This means we must replace each officer's ballistic vest every five years so the officer is covered by the vest manufacturer's warranty. In May of 2019, several of our officers' vests came due for replacement. We currently have twenty five surplus vests in our inventory that we cannot issue due to being expired. The Rockingham County Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training Director, Jim Gunn, has requested help with obtaining old ballistic vests to use in the BLET program at RCC. Director Gunn requires each participating BLET student wear a ballistic vest throughout their BLET training. This helps prepare students to enter the career of law enforcement. Most agencies today have a mandatory wear policy and require, at a minimum, each officer participating in a patrol or risk duty wear a ballistic vest. The BLET program is not obtaining these vests with the intent of using them for their ballistic capability, but rather a training aid to help students adjust to the added weight and restrictions wearing a ballistic vest puts on an individual. Director Gunn has relayed to me that the current vests the BLET program is using are several years old and in dire need of replacement. We do not have a good avenue for disposal of these vests and we feel this is an ideal situation to dispose of this surplus property and help our partners at Rockingham Community College.

Release

The Rockingham County Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training program (RCC BLET) understands and agrees that the City of Eden and the City of Eden Police Department (City), by Resolution dated August 20, 2019, are donating to it twenty five (25) KDH Defense, Inc. ballistic vests that were manufactured from 2013 to 2014.

The RCC BLET program understands that the manufacturer's standard expected life of a ballistic vest is five (5) years, and that these vests have outlived their manufacturer's warranty. The RCC BLET program also understands that the City of Eden in no way guarantees the quality, fitness of purpose or effectiveness of these vests, and in no way does the City of Eden endorse this type or brand of vest.

The RCC BLET program, for in and consideration of these vests do hereby fully and completely release the City, and all of their employees, officers and agents from any and all personal injuries, including death and property damages and all claims, liabilities, demands, damages, causes of actions, suits, costs, expenses, attorney fees and interest, known or unknown, which it may now have or hereafter have arising directly or indirectly out of or related to the City's donation of the twenty five (25) KDH Defense, Inc. ballistic vests. In addition, this donation is for the sole use of the public and at such time as the vests are no longer used for the public benefit, the vests should revert to the City of Eden.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (printed), Title



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APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Neville Hall, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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