

## First Quarterly Newsletter

In November 2019, Edenton elected a new Mayor and Councilmen!



**Mayor Jimmy Stallings**



**Councilman Roger Coleman,  
Councilman at Large**

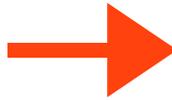


**Councilman Hackney  
High, Ward 1**



**Councilman Samuel  
Dixon, Ward 2**

### Completed and In-Progress Town Projects



### How they Affect you

*During the months of November, December, January and February, Edenton's Town Council has approved the following actions:*

*Actions taken by Town Council and Town Staff are meant to improve the lives of Edenton residents. Here's how actions taken this quarter impact you!*

- [A]** Adopted the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.
- [B]** Established a Northeastern regional office for US Congressman Greg Murphy on the second floor of Town Hall.
- [C]** Awarded a Building Reuse and Restoration Grant from the NC Department of Commerce for the Colony Tire Expansion.
- [D]** Approved \$500 contribution to help place a monument at Providence Burial Ground in honor of two African-American brothers from Edenton who served in the Civil War.
- [E]** Authorized Phase 2 of the Street Resurfacing Project.
- [F]** Approved upgrades to firearms for the Edenton Police Department.
- [G]** Completed renovations and upgrades to the Beaver Hill Water Treatment Plant.
- [H]** Town staff are making progress towards re-writing Edenton's Minimum Housing Codes and creating educational materials to inform residents of their housing rights/responsibilities.
- [I]** Mediacom placed new wifi hotspots for public use in the downtown area.
- [J]** Construction for the Groundwater Inflow and Infiltration Mitigation project has begun in the Hawthorne/Stratford area.
- [K]** Approved the Second Annual Citizens Academy which will take place in fall of 2020.

- [A]** The ADA Transition Plan will improve the accessibility of Town facilities, programs and public spaces for people of all abilities.
- [B]** Your Councilmen and YOU will have direct access to Congressman Murphy's staff!
- [C]** This project will aid Edenton's economic growth and create 40 new jobs by 2022!
- [D]** The monument will honor these two soldiers, recognize the sacrifice they made and help acknowledge Edenton's African-American heritage.
- [E]** The project includes foundation repairs and repaving to different roads across Edenton and will be completed this summer.
- [F]** These upgrades will help keep our officers and residents safe!
- [G]** This improved Edenton's water quality which now far exceeds the minimum standards set by the State.
- [H]** Updated Minimum Housing Codes will protect property owners and tenants and improve the quality of life for Edenton residents.
- [I]** If you are a Mediacom customer, there is now free, unlimited wifi access in the downtown area and 30 minutes of free access for non customers!
- [J]** This project will be completed by this summer and includes repairing/replacing sewer lines in different areas all over Edenton.
- [K]** The Citizens Academy provides a way for Edenton residents to learn about local government and how they can maximize their impact on the community.

## Tips to Save Energy/Money

- Turn off your lights when you leave your residence/use natural light when possible.
- Use space heaters sparingly! A 1,500 watt space heater can add as much as \$30 to your monthly bill.
- Wash your laundry with cold water.
- Switch to compact fluorescent lightbulbs.

- Unplug unused electronics and appliances.
- Routinely replace/clean air filters to lower your cooling system's energy consumption by 15%!
- Insulate and seal ducts that let cool/hot air escape from your home.
- Disable the heat/dry setting on your dishwasher.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the latest date I can pay my utility bill before the utility is disconnected?**

To avoid penalties/disconnections, payment must be received within 20 days of the billing date. 24 days after the billing date, a 5% penalty will be added to your bill. After 30 days from the billing date, a \$25 delinquent fee will be added to the past due amount and you will be subject to disconnection.

- **Can I pay my bills online?**

Yes! You can set up an online account at [townofedenton.com](http://townofedenton.com) in just a couple of minutes! With the account you'll be able to check your account balance, pay your bills and view payment and billing history. There is a small fee for paying with credit/debit card, but if you sign up for the bank draft payment(s), there is no charge!

- **If my power is cut off, what do I need to do to get it turned back on? How long will it take?**

To have power restored for a non-payment, the total past due amount must be paid. Upon payment, a work order is created and power will be restored in less than 24 hours.

***If you would like to help give back to the community and support those in need, consider rounding up your bill to the next dollar! All funds will go to the Emergency Aid Program to help folks who are facing a short-term crisis.***

## Conversations with Council

Edenton's Town Council has recognized that there is a feeling of disconnect between the governing body and the community at large. To help reduce this feeling of disconnection and improve their ability to serve their constituents, Town Council is implementing "Council Conversations". These meetings will happen once a year in each Ward and will be very casual and unstructured in nature so that residents can lead the conversation. The first meeting will be held in **Ward 1 at Providence Baptist Church (214 W Church St) from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, April 13th. Mayor Stallings, Councilman High, Councilman Miller and Councilman Coleman** will all be in attendance. All (including children) are welcome! Please contact Saoirse Scott in Town hall at 252.482.2155, ext. 185 if you have questions.

*Town Council holds public meetings on the **second Tuesday and fourth Monday** of every month. Videos of Town Council meetings can be found on the Town's Youtube channel.*

*If you have any questions, comments or concerns on ongoing or completed Town projects, go to [townofedenton.com](http://townofedenton.com) to contact your councilman!*



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