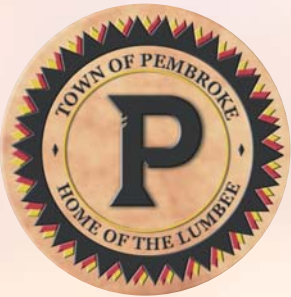




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# Pembroke News

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## Pembroke celebrates groundbreaking for wastewater treatment plant



The Town of Pembroke closed the brief ceremony with the groundbreaking, marking the start of construction and improvements to the wastewater treatment plant as phase one begins.



Councilman  
**Larry McNeill**



Councilwoman  
**Theresa Locklear**



Mayor  
**Greg Cummings**



Mayor Pro Tempore  
**Channing Jones**



Councilman  
**Ryan Sampson**

- **Administration – 521-9758**  
Town Manager – Tyler Thomas  
Town Clerk – Amira Hunt  
Finance Officer – Marie Moore  
Utility Billing/Tax Collector – JoAnn Strickland
- **Police Department – 521-4333 (Emergency) 521-5487 (Non-Emergency)**  
Interim Chief of Police – Adrian Hunt

- **Public Works – 521-2458**  
Director – Pierre Locklear
- **Parks & Recreation – 521-7182**  
Director – Jarrett Graham
- **Fire Department – 521-4131**  
Fire Chief – Timothy Locklear
- **Waste Water Treatment – 521-2989**  
Director – Jason Deese

### ANAYAH PETERSON

**Town of Pembroke recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for the start of construction to improve the town's Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Several council members of the Town of Pembroke, a representative of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and state officials attended the event. Members of the university and community were seen also.

Mayor Greg Cummings announced the event as a historical occasion for the Town of Pembroke. He thank the council, the citizens of Pembroke and the congressional and state levels for the support of the grants.

*"It's about having wastewater treatment to treat the needs of the project that the Town is presently working,"* Mayor Cummings said.

The entire project for the water treatment is over \$11.4 million dollars. In addition, the project is currently in phase one of its operation. The project was funded by the Economic Development Administration, the Town of Pembroke and the American Rescue Plan Act.

The water treatment plant serves over 5,000 Public Schools of Robeson County students and over 7,500 UNC Pembroke students.

Stephanie Suter of the Division of Water Infrastructure Deputy Director, NC Department of Environmental Quality said it was a pleasure to share the opportunity with the town.

*"The project will bring improvements that will impact the most important aspects of the things that truly matter in our daily life, healthy, reliability, resilience and optimism about the future,"* Suter said.

She said the project would work towards improving and upgrading essential services to the town to help them become more viable and efficient. Improvements to the wastewater treatment plant would allow the town to meet challenges ahead.

*"Working to ensure that everybody in North Carolina has access to reliable water from reliable water infrastructures is one the DEQ's top priorities with the American Rescue Plan Act funding,"* Suter said.

With the funding of the American Rescue Plan Act, North Carolina has an unprecedented opportunity to invest in many infrastructures throughout the state. The state has invested \$2.8 billion in wastewater infrastructures throughout the state in small towns in rural areas of North Carolina like Pembroke.

*"As our state continues to grow, infrastructure investments like these are crucial to supporting future economic development and sustainability,"* Suter said.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Veteran's Day Parade**  
November 11th, 10 AM

**Twilight Christmas Parade**  
December 7th, 4:30 PM

- Winter Sports**  
November 1: registration begins for winter programs  
December 1: registration ends
- Basketball (Ages 7-15)
  - Future Athletes Basketball Skills Training (Ages 3-6)
  - Cheer (Ages 7-13)

## National Night Out a Success!



*Thank you to Police / Fire Departments for their efforts in coordinating another great National Night Out for the community!*

### October is Fire Prevention Month!

The goal of Fire Prevention Month (and week October 8th - 14th) is to raise fire safety awareness and help protect homes and families.



## Fire Prevention Month activities



*The Fire Department recently visited Pembroke Elementary as part of Fire Prevention Month activities. Members enjoyed interacting with our future firefighters.*

## Pembroke granted \$140,000 for Stormwater Planning and Management Plan



**The town of Pembroke received \$140,000 from the state's \$223 million Drinking Water and Wastewater Project Funding Statewide.**

Governor Roy Cooper announced the statewide funding on July 20 to help pay for 60 projects in 40 counties and included 41 construction projects.

*"This funding will help us achieve our goal of safer, cleaner drinking water for all North Carolinians,"* said Governor Cooper.

In the last two years, North Carolina has invested \$2.8 billion in water and wastewater infrastructure across the state.

The grant is an extension of the Environmental Enhancement Grant, a grant the town has through the NC Attorney General's office. The town was awarded the grant in December 2021.

The town has been working on several improvements to its stormwater system from the effects of hurricanes

Matthew and Florence. The grant would allow the town to continue condition assessment work.

The grant will assist the town in their efforts to improve the overall production for its stormwater maintenance and management Plan.

Victoria Carter, Disaster Recovery Coordinator said the stormwater planning will help the town establish program goals, objectives and develop framework to address the town's stormwater challenges.

When focusing on inventory of infrastructure, a team goes through the town and takes notes on its inventory of the town's actual infrastructure. Infrastructure can be anywhere from new pipes being put in and ageing structures.

*"We will be able to have knowledge of the pipes, materials and conditions. We will use this to develop data inventory and assessment to develop a capital improvement plan to repair deteriorating infrastructure and provide a long-term management strategy,"* Carter said.

Development data can come from condition assessments, looking at the condition of the infrastructure to see if an update or maintenance is needed to be completed for the infrastructure.

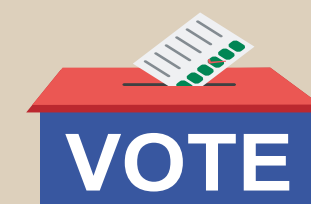
*"The grant is going to have a positive impact on our community. This will help us strategize and develop plans to improve the severity and frequency of flooding that occurs in our community during large storm events,"* Carter said.

The plan would help improve the town's essential need to withstand hurricanes in the future.

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## WWTP Headworks Replacement Project Complete

**\$2.7 Million Dollar American Rescue Plan Act Investment**



**NOVEMBER 7TH**  
Polling Location:  
Pembroke Library  
413 Blaine Street