



STAFF REPORTS

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Police Department News

The department hosted the FBI-LEEDA Command Leadership Institute course April 20-24 at Station 51. This class is part of the FBI's Trilogy Series relating to various aspects of leadership.

Officer Joseph Benson attended the INTOX Recertification class April 2 at the Onslow County Sheriff's Office. This course recertifies officers to operate and understand the messages produced on the Intoximeter breath testing instrument for legal breath alcohol tests.

Officer Jordan Hutton attended General Criminal Investigations April 6-10 at the North Carolina Justice Academy. This 40-hour foundational course teaches officers broad yet fundamental investigative procedures necessary to conduct a thorough criminal investigation starting with the initial response and ending with a successful prosecution.

Officer Nathan Silos attended Basic Narcotics training April 13-17 at the Samarcand Training Academy. This training is intended for newly assigned narcotics investigators, patrol officers who wish to become narcotics investigators, and narcotics investigators who have not received training in some time.

Detectives Glenn Payne and Joseph Robeson attended an Emerging Threats Response and Planning Seminar April 15 at Cape Fear Community College. This seminar is intended for personnel dealing with threat intelligence and how to properly plan for potential threats to law enforcement.

Sergeant James Munger and Detective Robert Britton attended the North Carolina Homicide Investigators Association Conference April 20-24 in Cherokee. This conference included speakers from different agencies and information specific to North Carolina homicides and investigations.


Officer Benson attended Radar Forensic Interviewing training April 20-24 at Cape Fear Community College. This course teaches investigators a research-based protocol for interviewing children and adolescents assessed for possible physical or sexual abuse.

Officer Hutton attended Crisis Intervention Training April 20-24 in Supply. This course provides officers with the skills needed to respond to incidents involving individuals with a mental health or substance use crisis, and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Officer James Holbrook attended Lidar certification training April 20 at Cape Fear Community College. This course certifies officers to operate a LIDAR instrument.

Lieutenant Dallas Warren and Sergeant Christian Marshall attended Simunition training April 21-22 at Johnston Community College. This training provides realistic, non-lethal, force-on-force training for law enforcement.

Officer Harrison Hart attended Radar recertification April 22 at Cape Fear Community College. This course ensures officers can continue to operate



their Radar instruments.

Officer Megan Whitehurst attended the Police Law Institute April 27-May 8 at the North Carolina Justice Academy. This course is intended to provide the skills necessary to conduct enforcement activities associated with search warrants, warrantless searches, interviews, eyewitness identifications, and nontestimonial identification orders.

Officer Jason Clemente and Detective Shannon Walker attended Basic Gang Investigations April 27-29 at Cape Fear Community College. This training provides instruction on how to recognize and identify gang members and insignia, ways to develop sources of information about gang activities within the community, and multijurisdictional approaches to gang investigations.

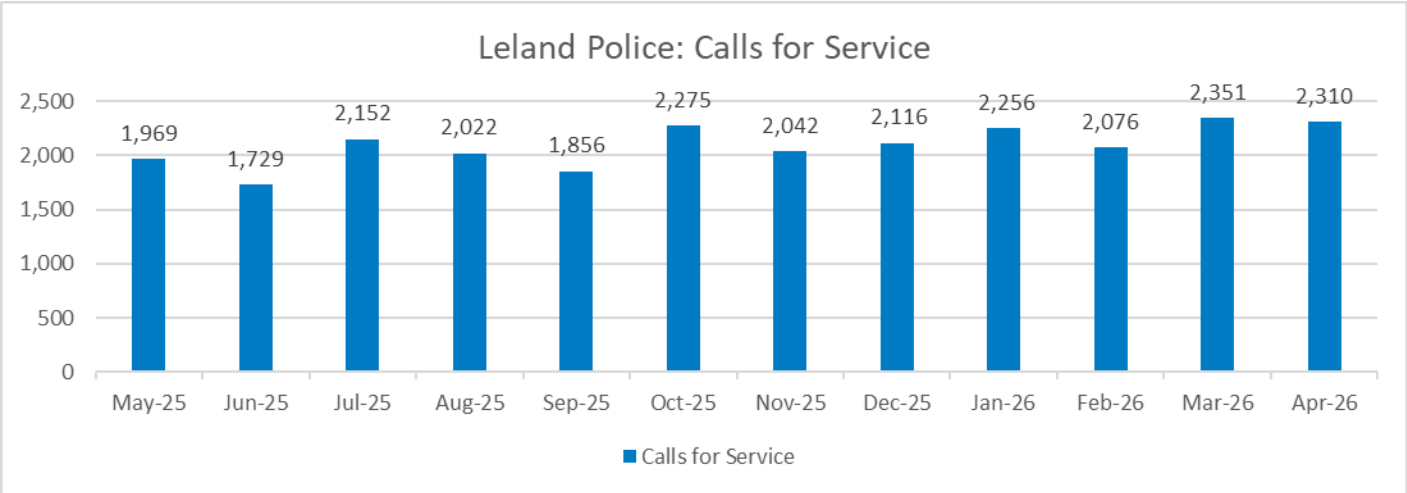
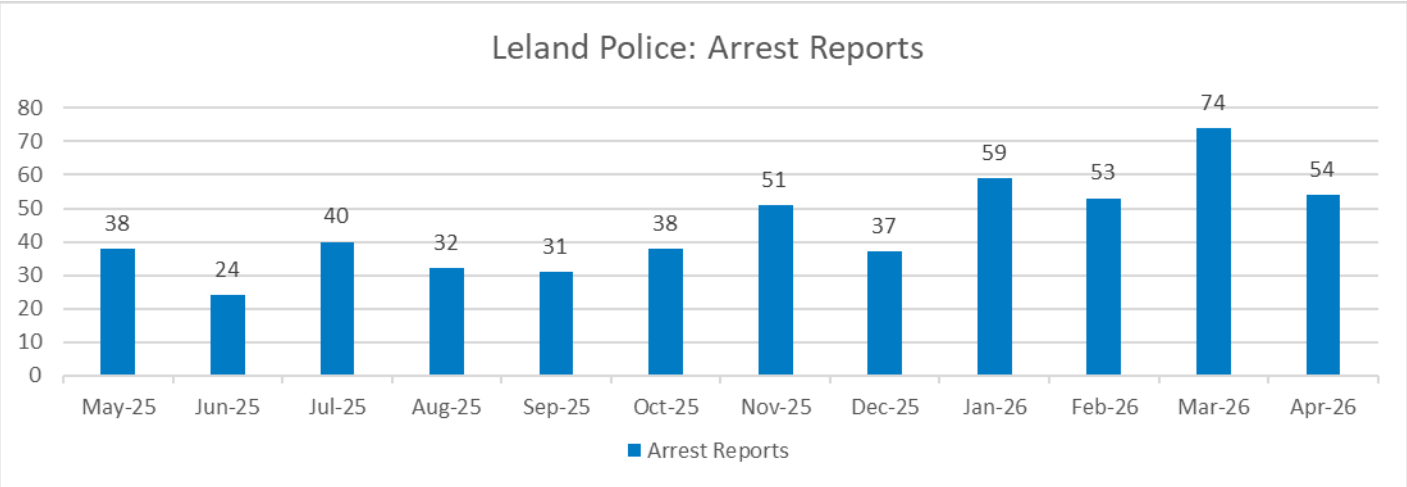
Officer Holbrook attended the INTOX Recertification class April 29 at Bladen Community College. This course recertifies officers to operate and understand the messages produced on the Intoximeter breath testing instrument for legal breath alcohol tests.

Sergeant Andrew Terry attended the DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Instructor recertification course April 30 at the Wilmington Police Department. This training ensures instructors can continue teaching officers how to conduct SFSTs.

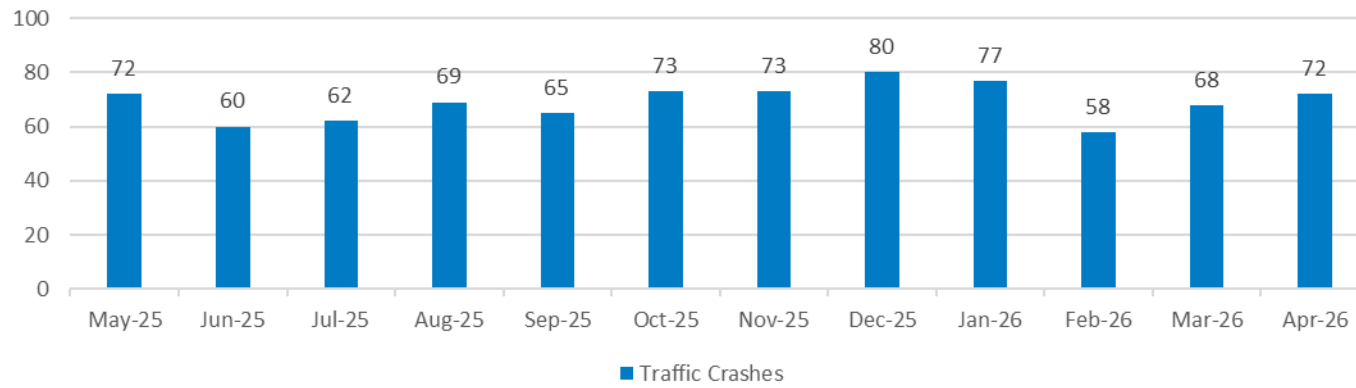
Active Mutual Aid Agreements

- Bald Head Island
- Boiling Spring Lakes
- Brunswick Community College
- Brunswick County
- Carolina Beach
- Caswell Beach
- DCI
- Duke Energy
- Holden Beach
- Jacksonville
- Navassa
- NCDOT
- NCDMV
- New Hanover County
- Northwest
- Oak Island
- Ocean Isle Beach
- SABLE
- Shallotte
- Southport
- Sunny Point
- Sunset Beach
- Wilmington

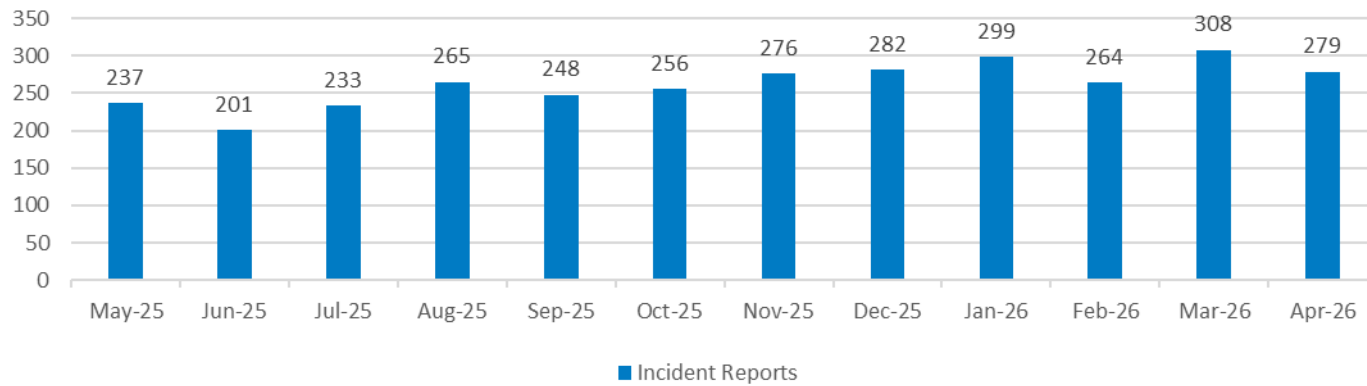
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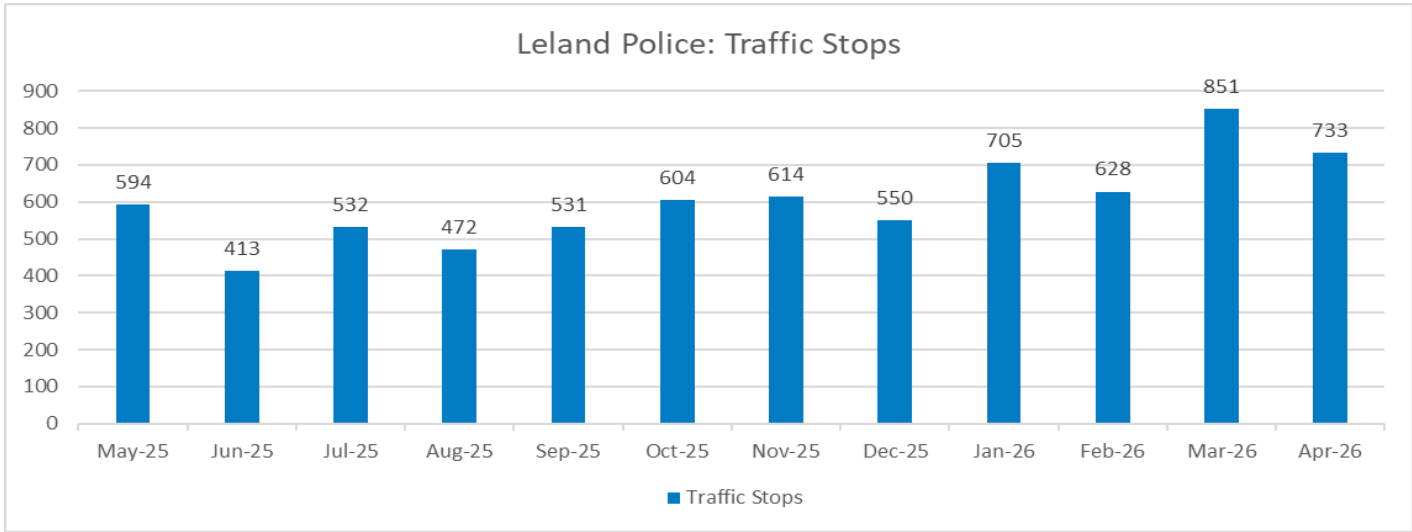


Leland Police: Traffic Crashes

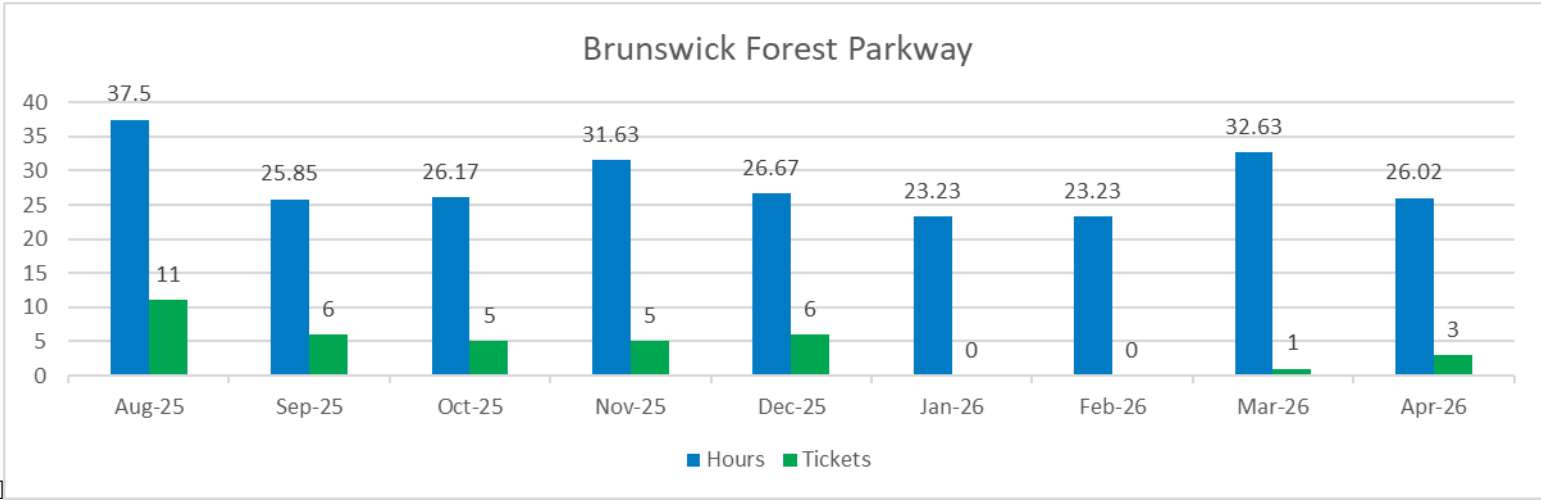


Leland Police: Incident Reports

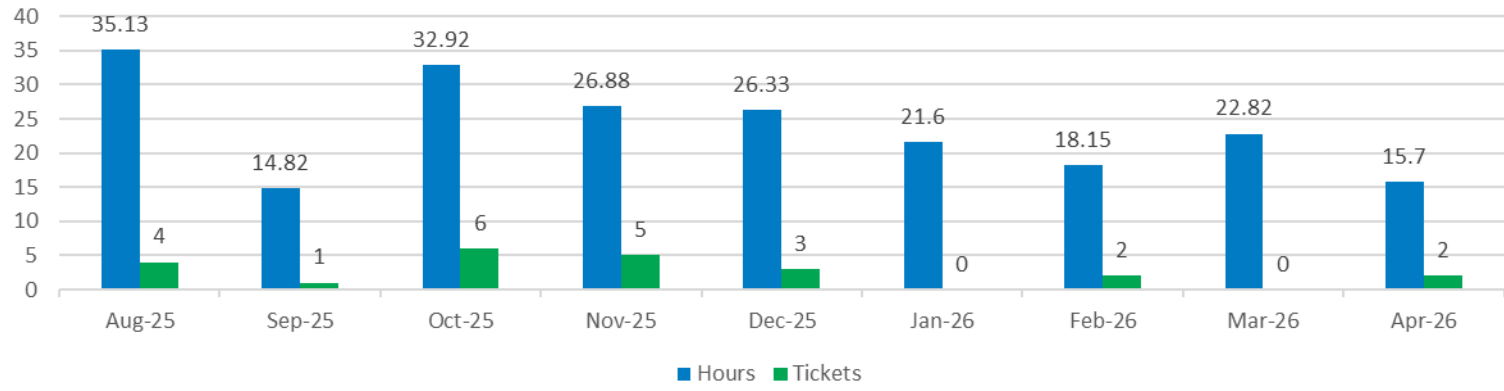




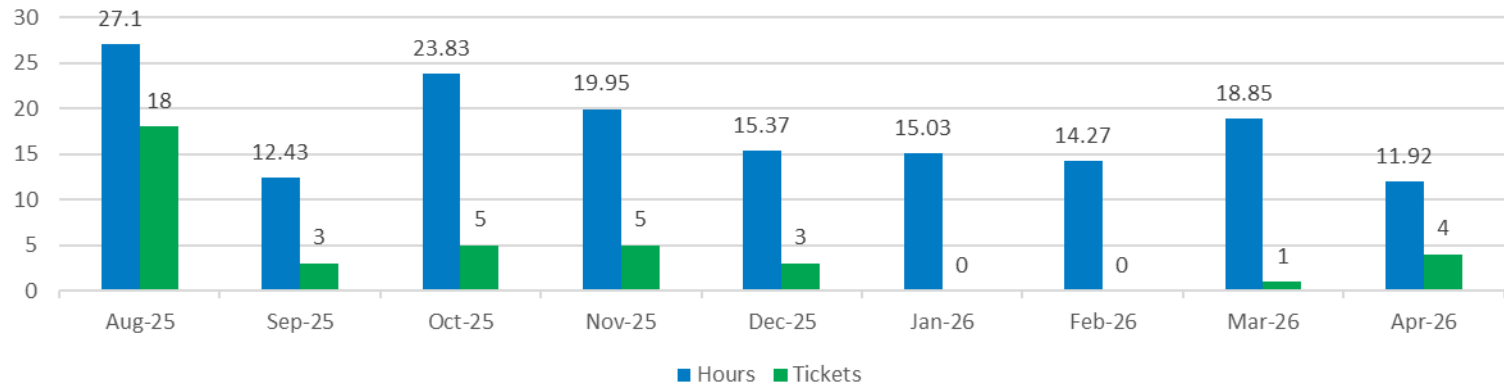
Traffic Focal Areas

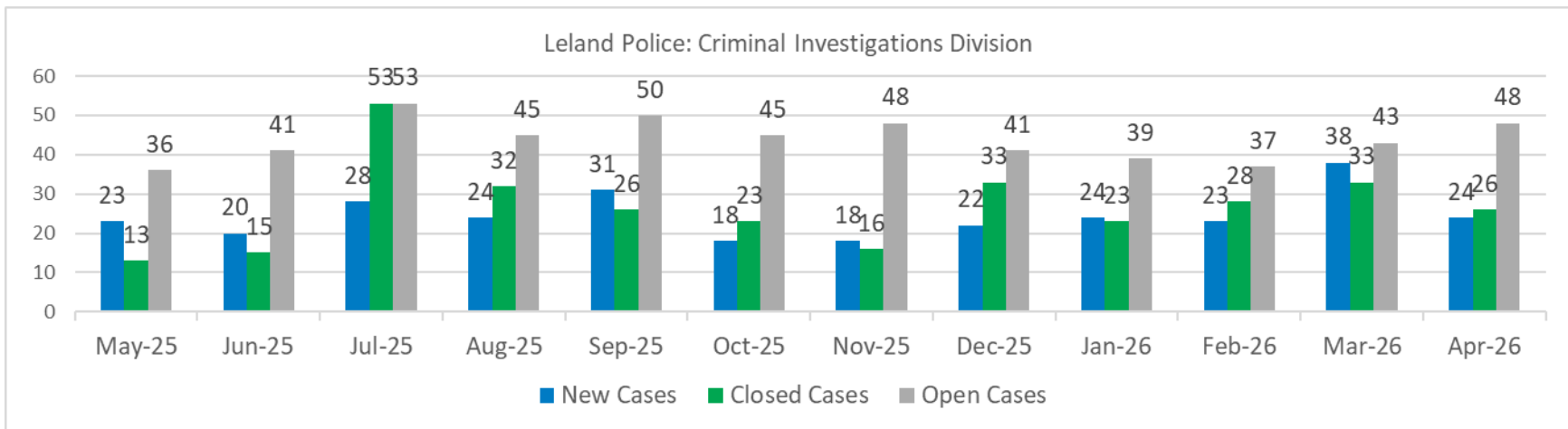
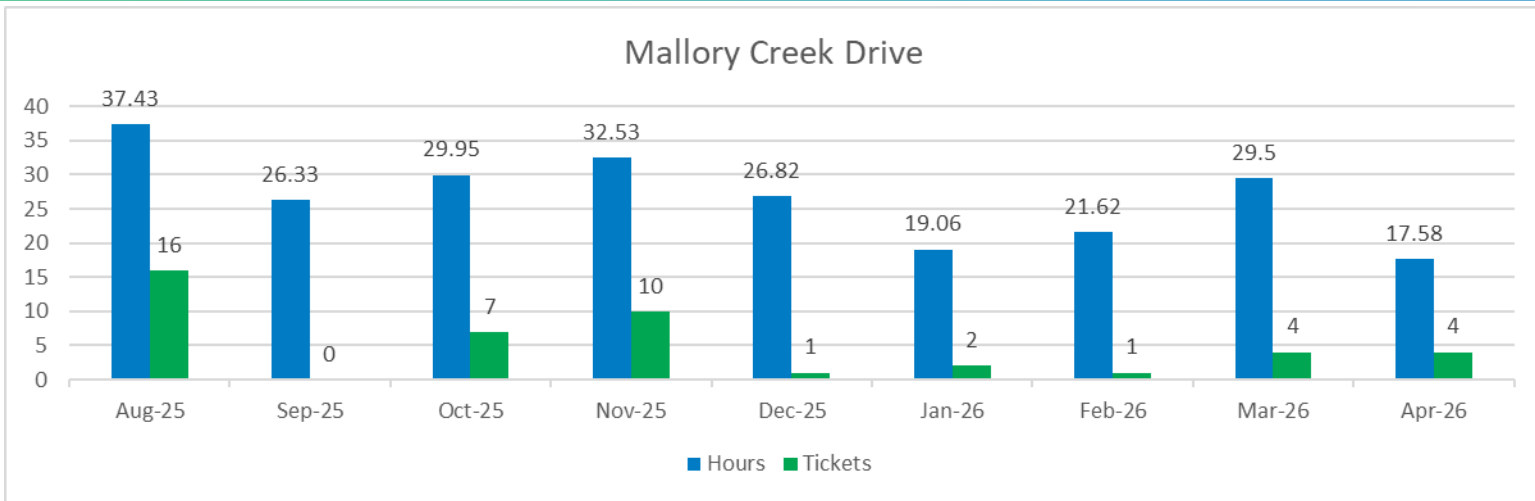


Grandiflora Drive



Pine Harvest Drive





Animal Services Report							
	CFS	Cats Picked up	Dogs Picked up	Transported	Traps	Citations	Bites
May-25	67	3	1	4	5	0	5
Jun-25	47	0	3	3	0	0	3
Jul-25	42	0	4	4	0	0	1
Aug-25	38	1	4	2	0	0	4
Sep-25	43	0	12	12	0	0	4
Oct-25	42	0	6	5	0	1	6
Nov-25	43	0	4	4	0	1	6
Dec-25	34	0	4	2	0	2	2
Jan-26	34	0	3	3	0	1	5
Feb-26	54	0	7	5	0	4	1
Mar-26	53	15	5	7	3	1	3
Apr-26	79	0	3	3	1	2	8
Totals	542	19	56	54	9	12	48

Fire Department News

In addition to answering calls, staff accomplished numerous tasks in April:

- Assisted nine homeowners with smoke alarm installations or battery replacements
- Conducted one station/engine tour
- Conducted hands-only CPR training for Compass Pointe residents
- Participated in a community event hosted by Petsense

Training and Safety Captain Roger Rozell joined the department. Neil Patterson was promoted to Senior Firefighter. An Oath of Office Ceremony was held to swear in Fire Chief Shelton James.

Fire Apparatus Engineer Nick Shofer attended a CPR Instructor course. This training allows FAE Shofer to become qualified to teach CPR.

All three shifts completed company operations training at the Cape Fear Community College North Campus Training Grounds. This hands-on training focused on first-due engine arrival scenarios, hoseline advancement drills, search drills with victim removal, vertical ventilation, vent-enter-isolate-search tactics, Rapid Intervention Team scenarios, and Mayday scenarios.

A and B shifts completed the first part of Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) school. The training focused on classroom instruction and basic TIC operations. This training is designed to teach firefighters how to effectively use, interpret, and rely on thermal imaging technology for search and rescue, fire attack, and overhaul.

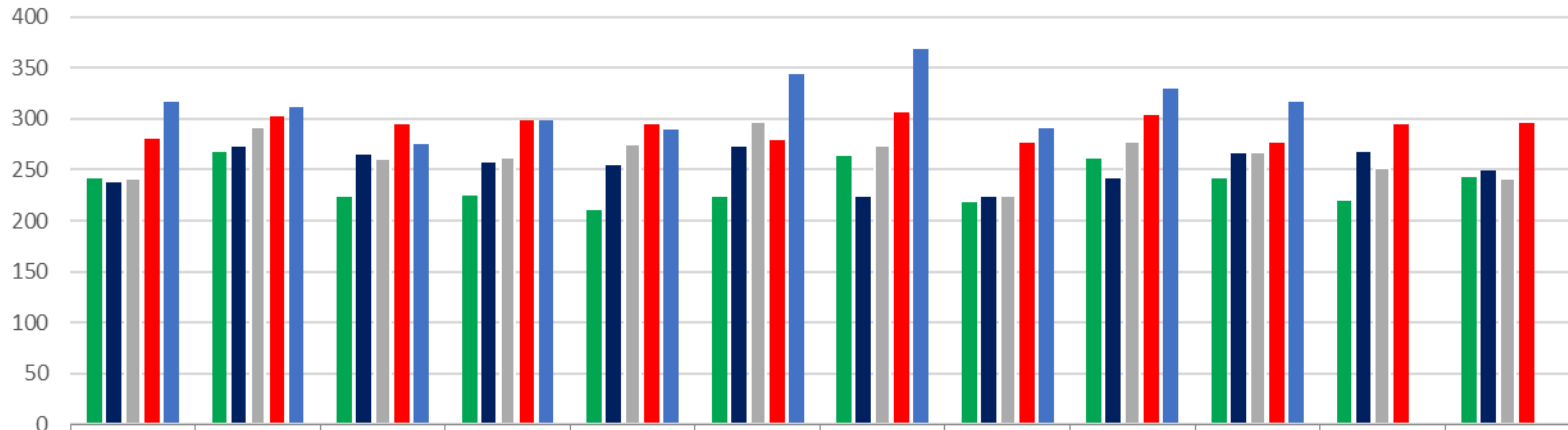
In April, the department continued its transition to a new method of documenting responses, which has caused a delay in this month's data. Future reports will include this information.

Active Mutual Aid Agreements

- Bald Head Island Department of Public Safety
- Boiling Spring Lakes Fire Rescue
- Bolivia Volunteer Fire Department
- Calabash Volunteer Fire Department
- Civietown Volunteer Fire Rescue
- Grissettown Longwood Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department
- Navassa Volunteer Fire Department
- North Carolina Incident Mutual Aid System
- New Hanover County Fire Rescue
- Northwest Volunteer Fire Department
- Oak Island Fire Department
- Ocean Isle Beach Fire Department
- Shallotte Fire & Rescue Department
- Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Southport Fire Department
- St. James Volunteer Fire Department
- Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal
- Sunset Beach Fire Department
- Sunset Harbor & Zion Hill Volunteer Fire Department
- Supply Volunteer Fire Department
- Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department
- Waccamaw Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department
- Wilmington Fire Department
- Winnabow Volunteer Fire Department
- Yaupon Beach Volunteer Fire Department

Dashboard

Fire Calls



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY 2021/2022	242	267	223	224	210	223	263	218	261	242	220	243
FY 2022/2023	237	272	265	257	254	273	223	223	241	266	267	249
FY 2023/2024	241	292	261	262	275	297	274	225	278	267	252	241
FY 2024/2025	280	303	295	299	295	279	306	277	304	277	294	296
FY 2025/2026	317	311	275	299	290	344	369	291	329	317		

■ FY 2021/2022
 ■ FY 2022/2023
 ■ FY 2023/2024
 ■ FY 2024/2025
 ■ FY 2025/2026

Public Works Department News

Staff generated 208 work orders in April and completed 193 (93%).

Construction Inspector Tyler Barth earned his Level I Erosion & Sediment Control Inspector Certificate from NC State University.

The Streets Department will be filling an open position for Maintenance Technician Level II in May.

Streets Updates

Work Priorities and Initiatives

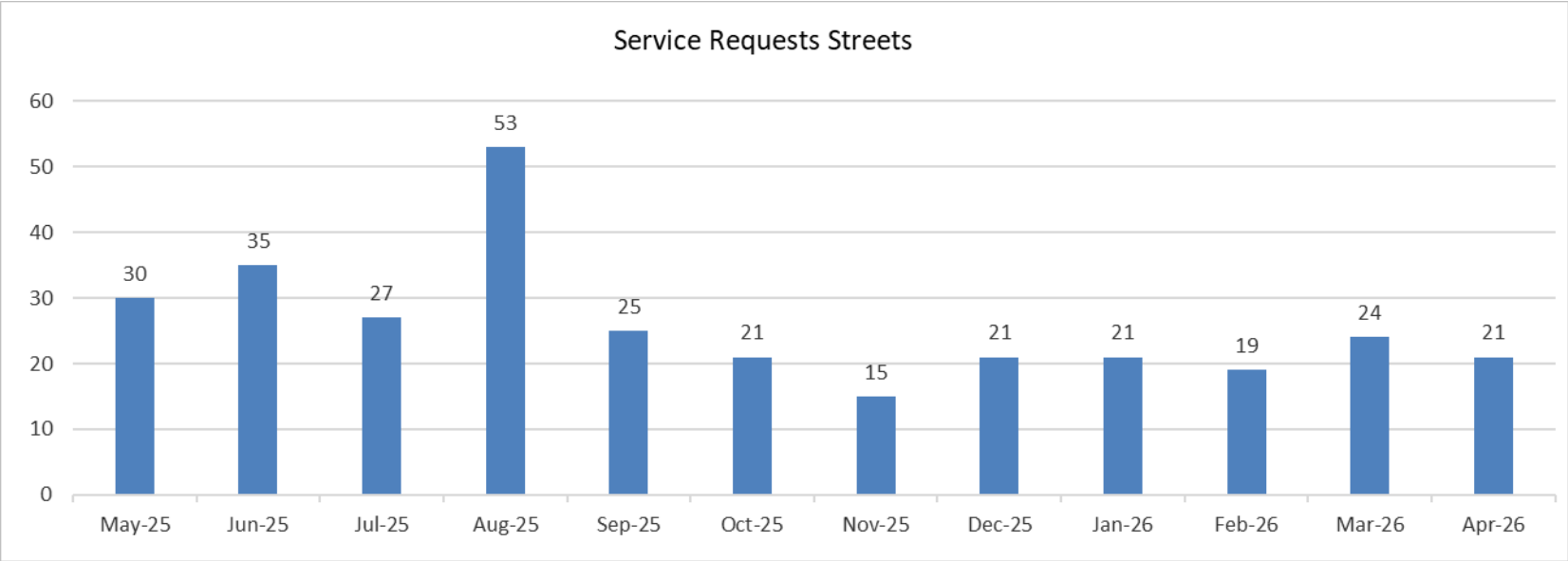
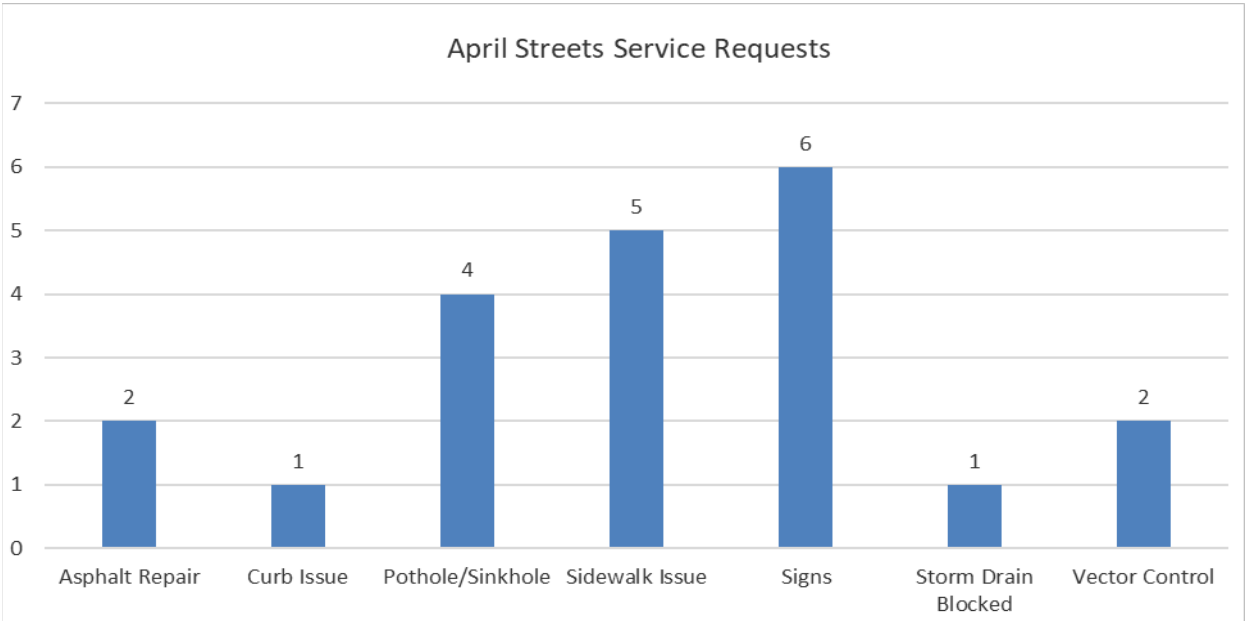
- Staff will focus on repairing sidewalks damaged by tree roots, damaged concrete curbing, and deteriorating asphalt.
- Staff will continue to grade and prepare Founders Park for irrigation and sod installation.

Projects Completed

- Staff removed and replaced 175 linear feet of damaged and deteriorating concrete curbing on Beaumont Court in Magnolia Greens. This work completes this project with a total of 425 linear feet of curb removed and replaced.
- Staff repaired potholes at several locations throughout Town.
- Staff repaired a sinkhole in Windsor Park.
- Staff removed and replaced damaged sidewalks in Brunswick Forest, Magnolia Greens, and Waterford.
- Staff removed trees which were damaging sidewalks in Magnolia Greens. Sidewalk replacement will take place over the summer.
- Staff made large asphalt repairs on Oak Lane and Ridgemont Drive in Magnolia Greens.
- Staff made repairs to ditches and driveway crossings on W B and S Road and Grace Point in Mallory Creek.

Work Order Summary

- Streets generated 21 work orders in April, with the majority being signs (6), sidewalk issues (5), and pothole/sinkhole related (4).
- Streets completed 16 work orders in April, with an approximate expense of \$55,00 in labor, equipment, and materials to complete these work orders. The bulk of this expense was in employee costs (\$25,300) and equipment costs (\$24,900).



Grounds Updates

Work Priorities and Initiatives

- Staff will begin installing annuals and continue installing mulch in the ornamental beds throughout Town-maintained properties.
- Staff will install new trees inside the Ocean Gate Plaza right-of-way.
- Staff will work with Carolina EZ Dock to reposition the kayak launch on the floating dock at Cypress Cove Park.
- Staff will continue to perform lawn maintenance at Town-owned properties and parks.
- Staff will continue to clear underbrush/vegetation on Town-owned properties to enhance their appearance.
- Staff will continue working on Northgate retention pond area washouts.
- Staff will begin to repair irrigation heads at Town Hall.
- Staff will work on creating a beautification plan for the exit ramps onto Village Road.

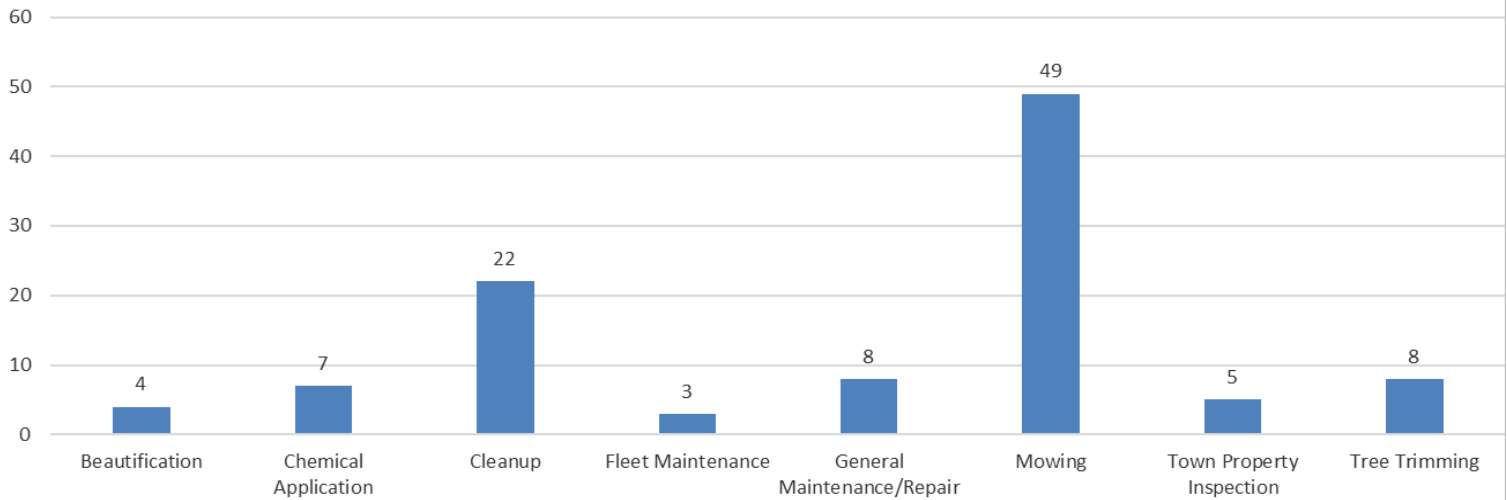
Projects Completed

- Staff successfully removed annuals in the ornamental beds at Town Hall and other Town-owned properties.
- Staff applied fertilizer to the lawn areas at the former Fire Station 51 on Village Road, Fire Stations 51, 52, and 53, as well as Cypress Cove Park, Westgate Nature Park, and the Leland Disc Golf Course.
- Staff successfully added ADA access for fishing on the dock at Cypress Cove Park.

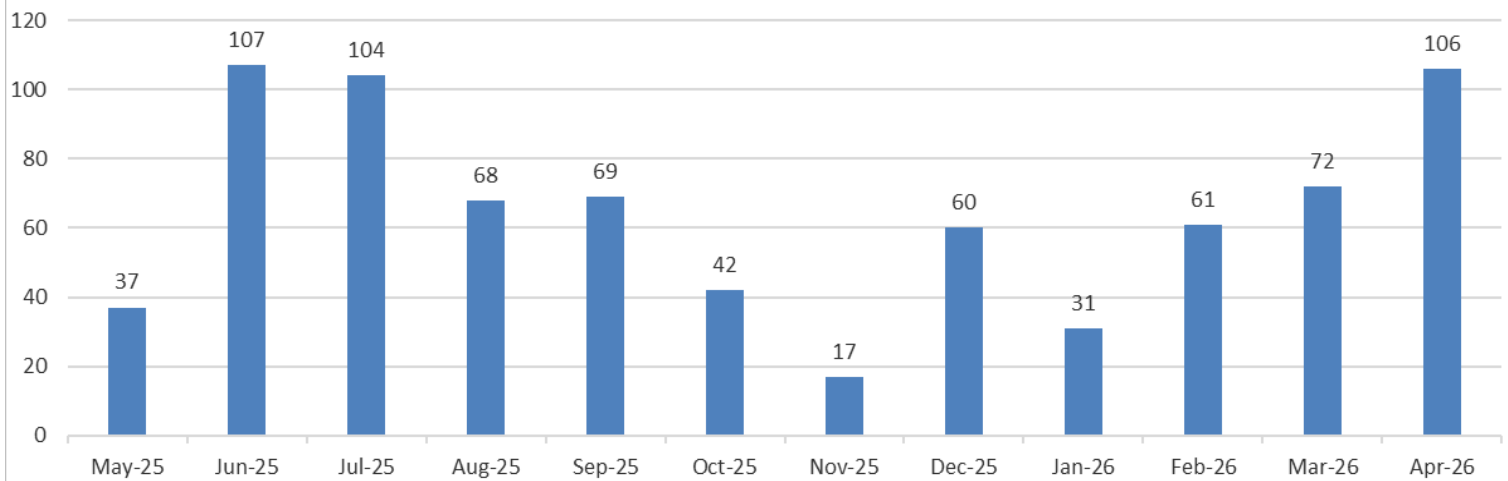
Work Order Summary

- Grounds generated 106 work orders in April, with most of them being mowing (49), cleanup (22), general maintenance/repair (8), and tree trimming related (8).
- Grounds completed 105 work orders in April, with an approximate expense of \$34,000 in labor and equipment to complete these work orders.

April Grounds Service Requests



Service Requests Grounds



Operations Updates

Work Priorities and Initiatives

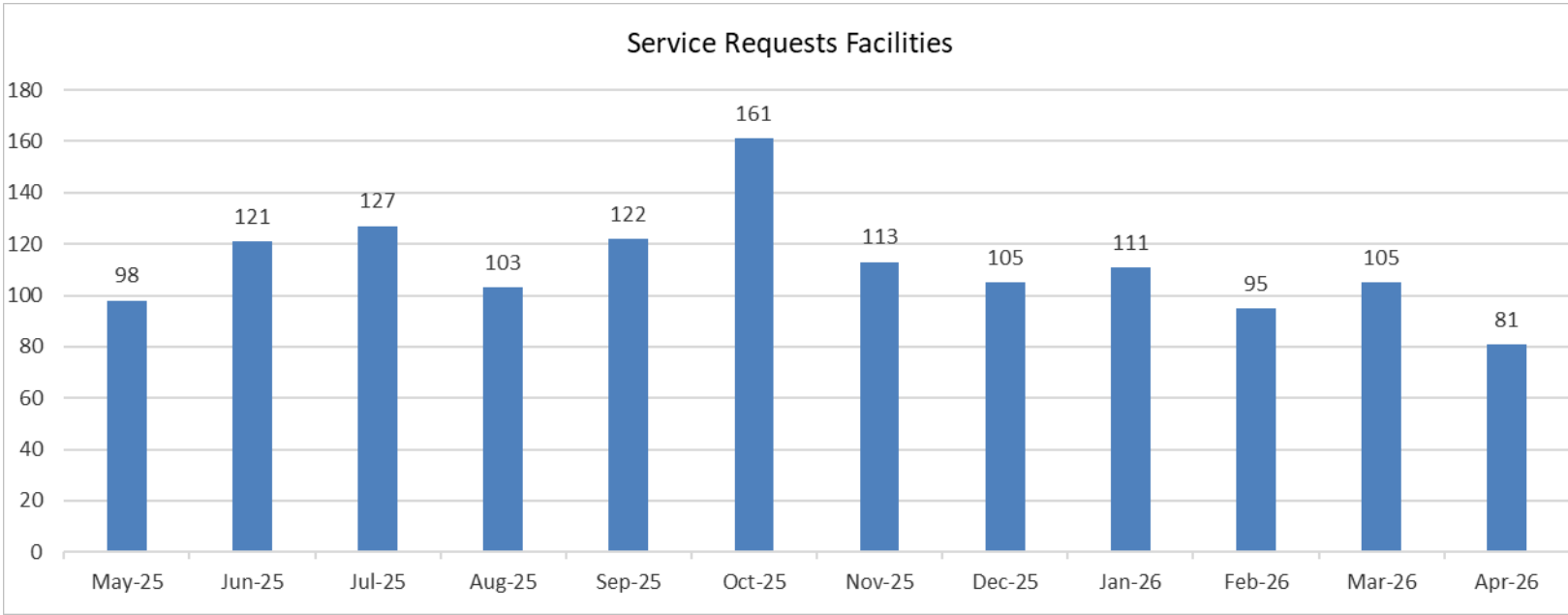
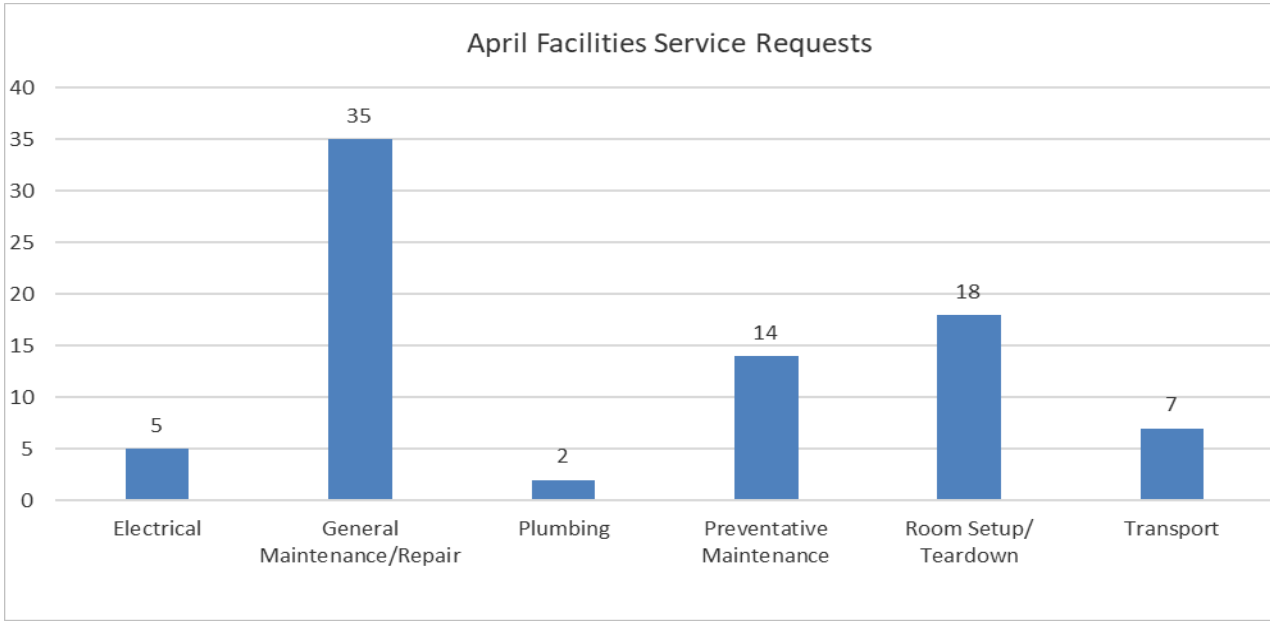
- Staff will be training on the lighting and electrical panel at Founders Park.
- Staff are working on inspecting electrical and HVAC systems at Town Hall.
- Staff will be attending online training through the ISSA Cleaning Management Institute.
- Staff are in the process of training Tidewater Aquatics of Leland, who will be assisting with splash pad monitoring on weekends and holidays.
- Staff will continue to install new LED lights at Fire Station 52 and the MOC.
- Staff are working on new training programs for safety, HVAC, electrical, and custodial needs for 2026.
- Staff will continue performing annual maintenance on all Town-owned generators in May.
- Staff will continue to work on a final detailed preventative maintenance plan for each Town facility.
- Staff are working on preventive maintenance on all ice machines.
- Staff are working on cleaning all facility closets.

Projects Completed

- Staff completed training on splash pad operations.
- Staff and BFPE completed inspections of all Town facilities.
- Staff completed all repairs in the splash pad pump room.
- Staff replaced all HVAC air filters at Town Hall.

Work Order Summary

- Operations generated 81 work orders in April, with most of them being general maintenance/repair (35), room setup/teardown (18), and preventative maintenance related (14).
- Operations completed 72 work orders in April, with an approximate expense of \$8,400 in labor and materials.



Town Project Updates

Projects In Design

- Baldwin Drive Improvements
- Brunswick Village Boulevard Northeast Extension
- Gateway District Utility Resiliency
- Leland Unpaved Roads Improvements
- Loblolly Park
- Low Country Boulevard Culvert Improvements
- 2025-2026 Roadway Resurfacing
- Sturgeon Creek Park
- U.S. Highway 17 Pedestrian Crossing
- West Gate Drive Pedestrian Improvements

Projects In Ad/Bid/Award

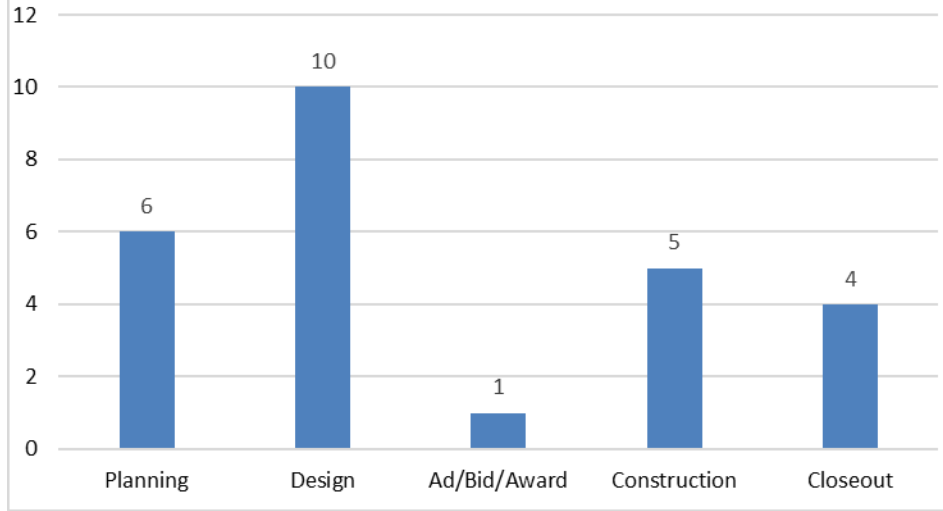
- CDBG Housing Construction

Projects In Construction

- 860 Appleton Way Demo – 20% complete
- Founders Park Amphitheater Rebuild – 99% complete
- Ocean Gate Plaza Roundabout – 90% complete
- Settler's Village Connector Road – 85% complete
- Town Hall Expansion and Renovation – 98% complete

Full project details can be found [on the Town website](#).

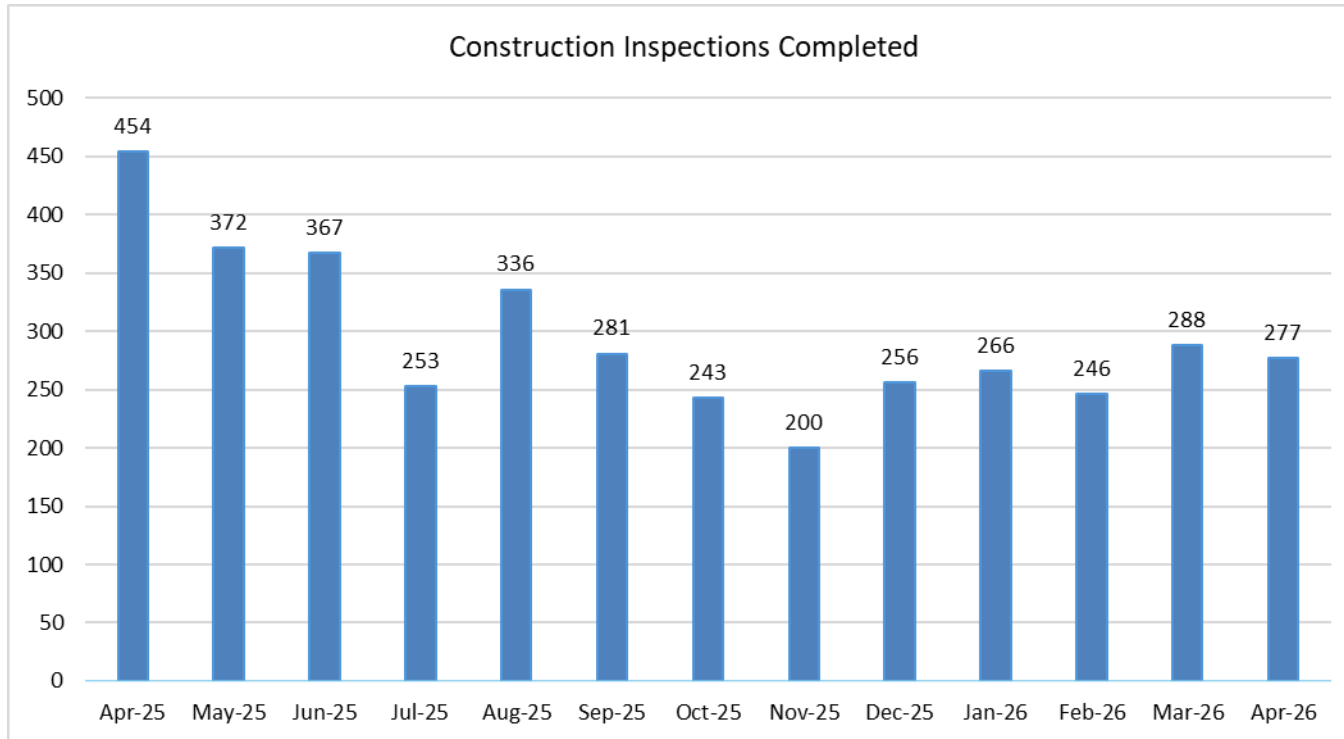
Town of Leland Projects April-26



Construction Inspections Update

Inspections

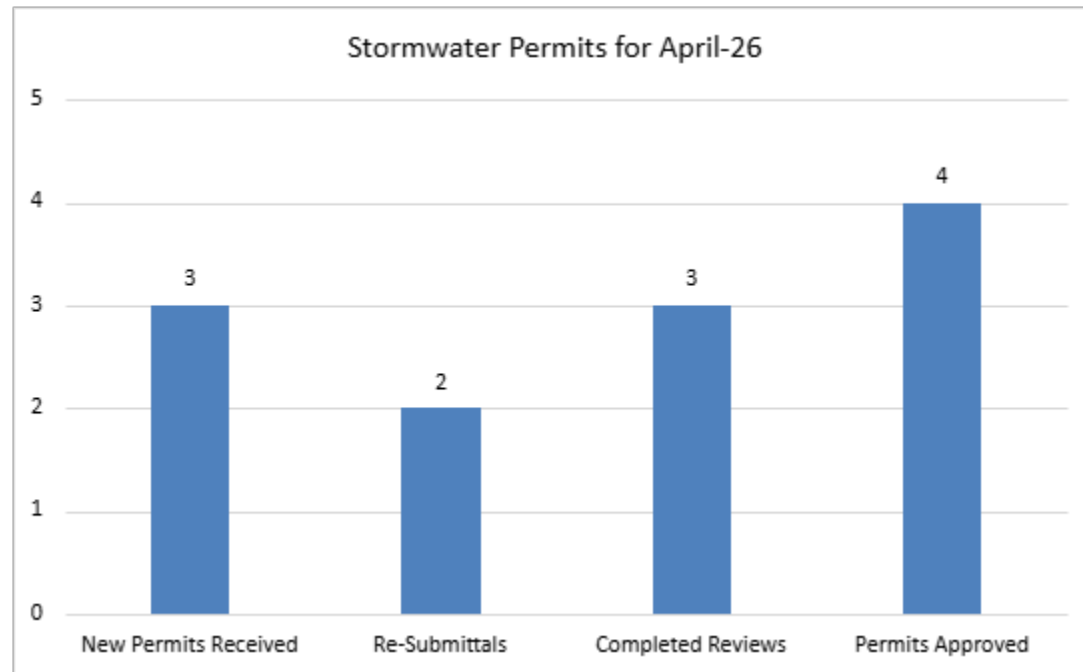
- Staff completed 277 construction inspections in April.
 - Construction inspections include developer and Town projects.



Stormwater Permits Update

Stormwater Permit Review

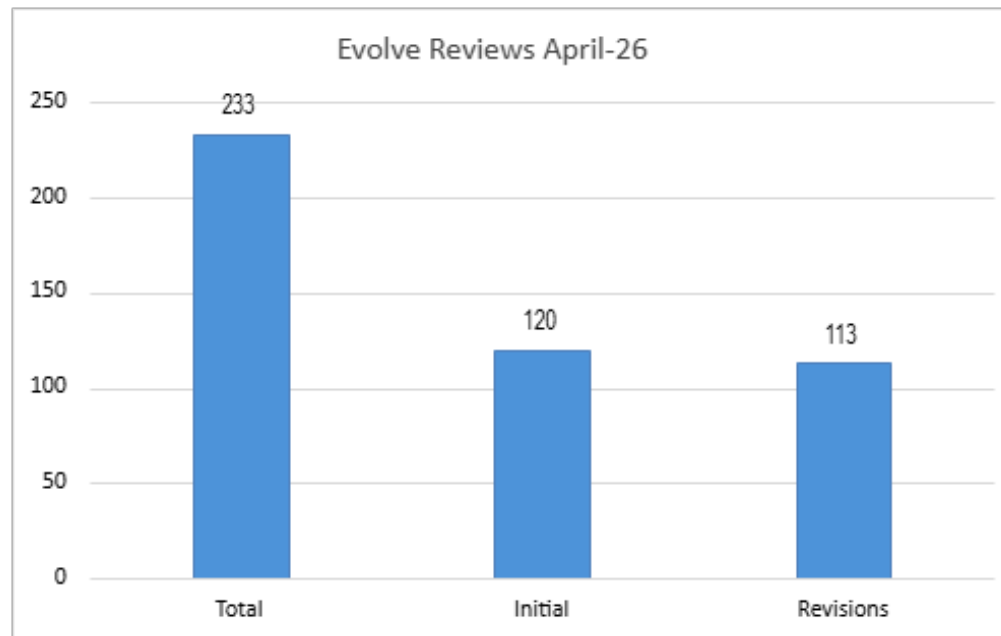
- 100% of stormwater permits submitted within the last 45 business days have either been approved or sent back for comments. Four permits were approved in April.



Evolve Reviews

Evolve Reviews

- Evolve reviews confirm that plats align with stormwater plans, performance guarantees cover required infrastructure and costs, and built-upon areas remain within impervious surface limits.



Finance Department News

In April, Council adopted the \$50 million FY26-27 budget. Following adoption, staff have been actively engaged in preparing the Budget Book, a comprehensive document that highlights the Town's financial priorities, services, and strategic investments. The Budget Book is designed to provide transparency and insight into how public resources are allocated while supporting Town Council goals and the long-term financial health of the Town.

The department continues to advance the development of an interactive Transparency Portal. This platform is designed to provide Town Council and the public with streamlined access to municipal financial and performance data. The project remains on schedule for a spring 2026 launch.

Purchasing Supervisor Trisha Newton joined the department.

Finance and Fleet Coordinator Alley Gallagher attended the GFOA Overview of Receivable Function in Treasury Office webinar, where she gained an overview of proper money handling and accounts receivable processes.

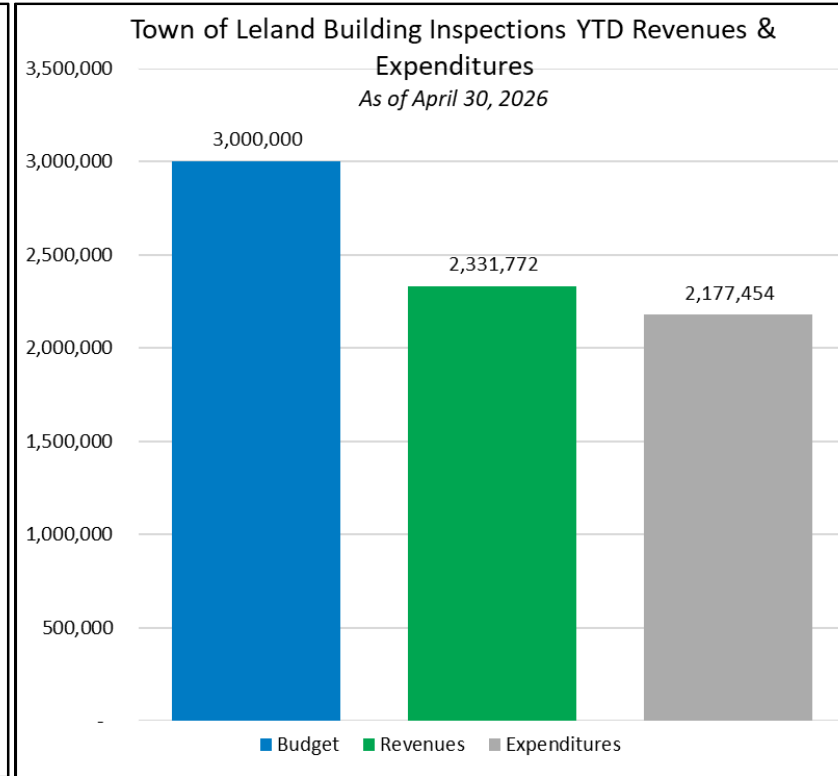
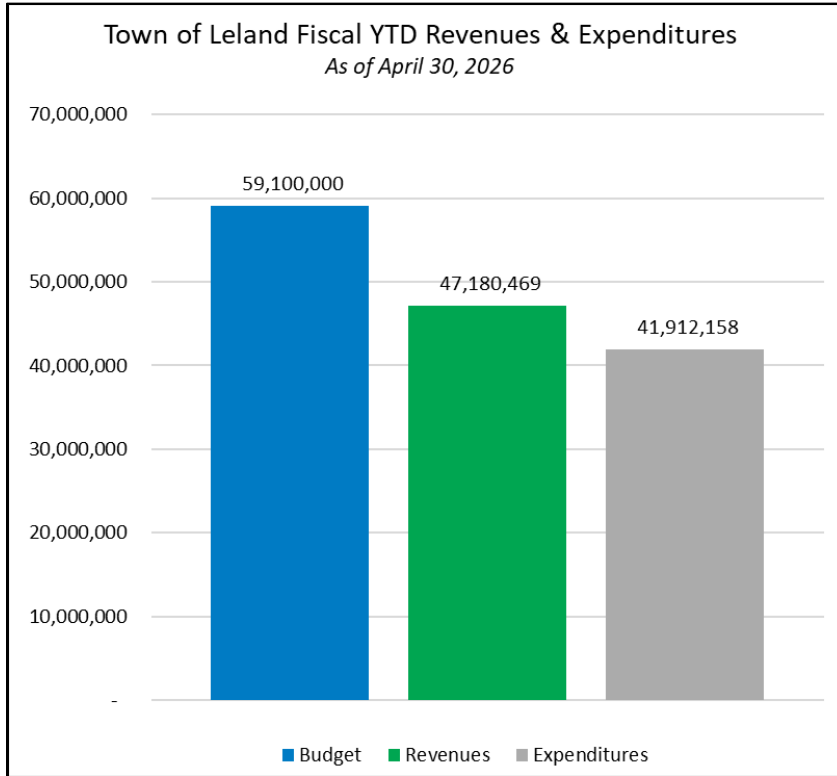
Budget and Strategy Manager Kelli Newton attended the Property Tax and the Legislative Short Session webinar hosted by the NC League of Municipalities, where she gained a detailed overview of proposed and emerging legislative developments that could influence property tax policy, administration, and future local government revenues. Ms. Newton was offered and accepted the position of Secretary on the Board of the North Carolina Local Government Budget Association.

Assistant Finance Director Melissa Norton attended the UNC School of Government webinar titled The Penny Shortage & Local Government Payments: Limiting Cash, Accepting Pennies, and Using Rounding. The session provided guidance on managing the fiscal impacts of a cash shortage, including accounting and customer service options, internal procedures, and policy frameworks the Town could adopt if local operations are affected.

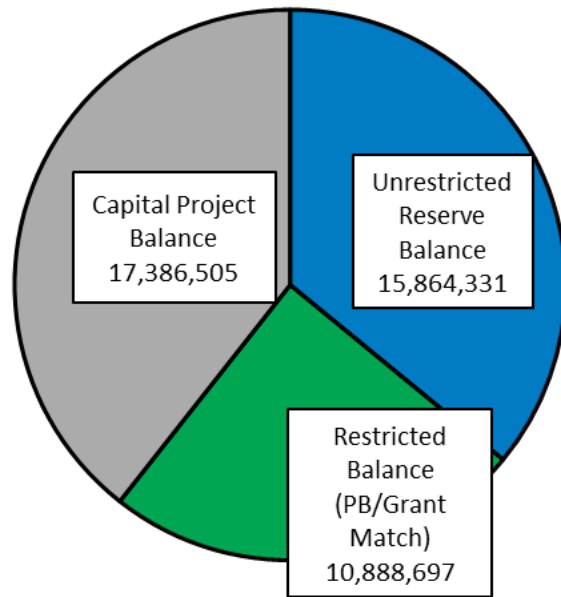
Financial Budget to Actual Report – April 30, 2026

REVENUES							
	Original Budget	Current Budget	Period Activity	Fiscal Activity	Encumbrances	Variance	Percent Remaining
Property Tax	19,280,000	19,280,000	236,010	19,908,336	-	(628,336)	-3.26%
Sales Tax	14,200,000	14,200,000	1,010,643	11,437,927	-	2,762,073	19.45%
Fire Fees	6,680,000	6,680,000	1,579,883	6,504,510	-	175,490	2.63%
Municipal Vehicle Tax	950,000	950,000	77,190	827,708	-	122,292	12.87%
Loan Proceeds	2,600,000	2,400,000	-	2,300,000	-	100,000	4.17%
Non-Primary General Fund	4,290,000	12,590,000	200,346	6,201,989	-	6,388,011	50.74%
Building Inspections	3,000,000	3,000,000	362,350	2,331,772	-	668,228	22.27%
REVENUES	51,000,000	59,100,000	3,466,423	49,512,241	-	9,587,759	16.22%
EXPENSES							
	Original Budget	Current Budget	Period Activity	Fiscal Activity	Encumbrances	Variance	Percent Remaining
Governing Body	350,000	350,000	7,736	275,955	28,534	45,511	13.00%
Administration	3,100,000	2,300,000	116,323	1,699,474	75,022	525,505	22.85%
Information Technology	4,160,000	4,160,000	156,461	2,097,787	233,236	1,828,977	43.97%
Human Resources	610,000	610,000	49,361	365,591	41,848	202,561	33.21%
Finance	1,270,000	1,270,000	84,250	1,006,237	7,602	256,160	20.17%
Planning	1,200,000	1,200,000	79,593	668,676	25,686	505,639	42.14%
P&R & Cultural Arts	1,350,000	1,350,000	64,862	875,163	167,211	307,626	22.79%
Operations	1,970,000	1,970,000	144,350	1,599,525	77,250	293,225	14.88%
Streets & Grounds	3,670,000	3,670,000	220,016	2,130,286	217,617	1,322,097	36.02%
Engineering	1,350,000	1,350,000	93,829	831,394	119,931	398,675	29.53%
Police	8,250,000	8,150,000	531,721	5,777,568	64,233	2,308,198	28.32%
Emergency Management	240,000	240,000	(902)	120,129	1,750	118,121	49.22%
Fire	10,630,000	11,530,000	571,489	8,146,211	1,350,142	2,033,648	17.64%
Debt Services	6,900,000	6,900,000	-	6,816,274	-	83,726	1.21%
Transfers	2,950,000	11,050,000	-	9,501,889	-	1,548,111	14.01%
Building Inspections	3,000,000	3,000,000	214,489	2,177,454	23,556	798,990	26.63%
EXPENSES	51,000,000	59,100,000	2,333,578	44,089,612	2,433,618	12,576,770	21.28%

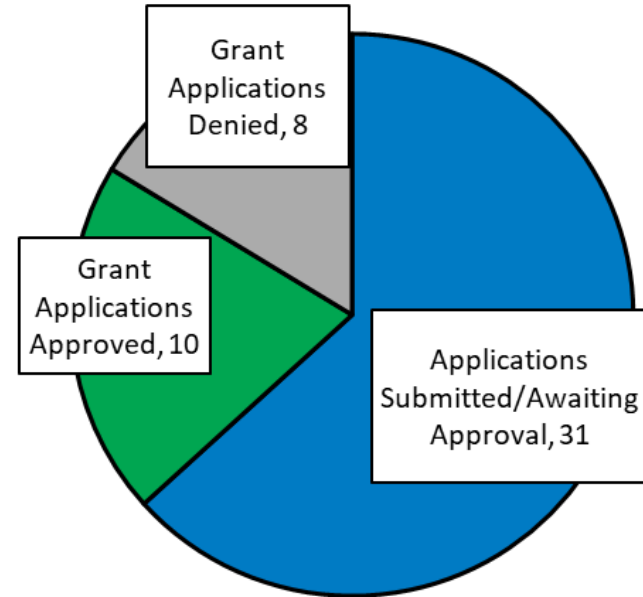
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General Fund Cash Balances
As of April 30, 2026



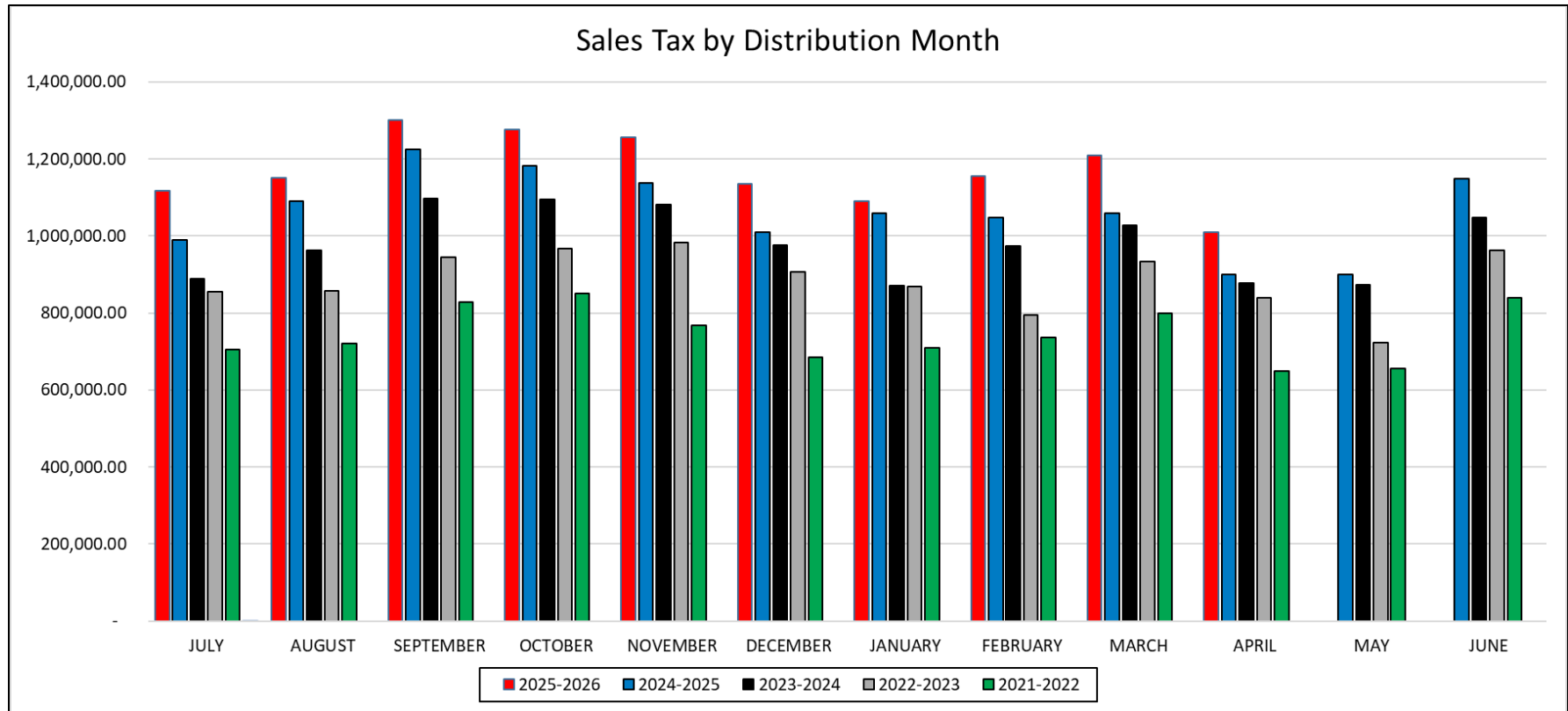
Fiscal YTD Grant Summary*
As of April 30, 2026



*The Fiscal YTD Grant Summary chart reflects grant application data exclusively from the current fiscal year.

FY Sales Tax Distribution

These amounts represent the month/year the Town received the funds from NCDOR.



Grant News

For detailed grant/project information, please visit the [Grants webpage](#).

Donations

There were no donations in April.

Purchase Orders Issued at the Direction of the Town Manager in Excess of \$50,000

Description: Stormwater Deficiency Assessment; Vendor: Summit Design & Engineering; Amount: \$75,000

Description: Sod/Irrigation Founders Park; Vendor: Bloomin' Crazy Nursery; Amount: \$106,806.40

Intradepartmental and Interdepartmental Budget Transfers

There were no budget transfers in April.

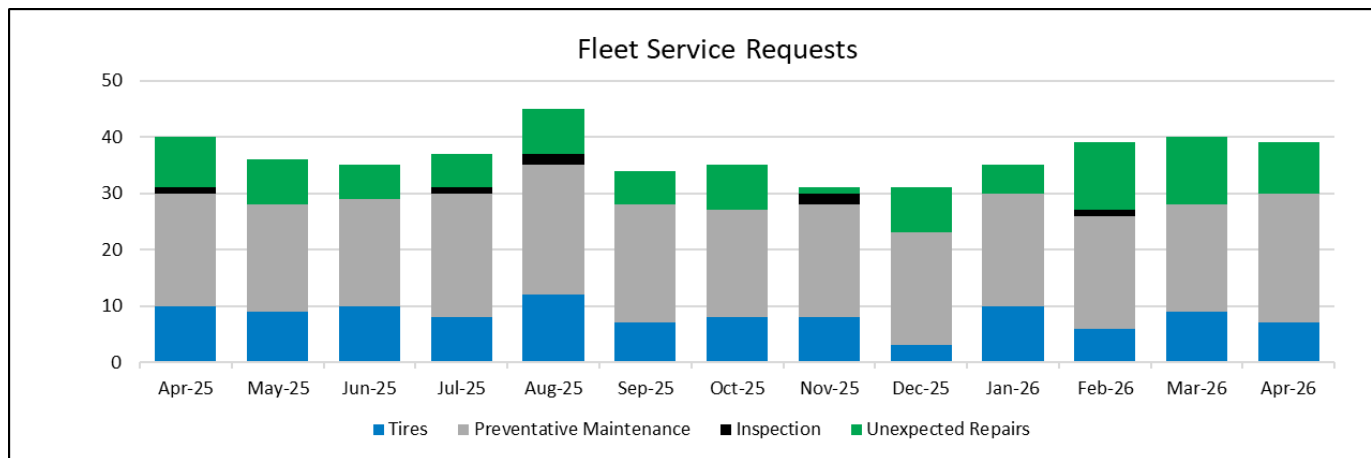
Investment Portfolio

The Town has a diversified investment portfolio across four wealth management banking institutions. The April overview is below:

	Average Monthly Yield	Dividend Reinvestment / Interest Earned	Fiscal YTD Dividend Reinvestment / Interest Earned	Month End Statement Balance or Market Value
First Citizens Bank	0.040	11,004.32	84,542.84	6,179,611.87
NC Capital Management Trust	0.036	55,482.61	600,159.13	19,526,455.30
NC Class	0.037	13,206.83	155,063.84	4,338,213.10
Atlantic Union Bank 36m CD	0.037	24,196.28	217,574.82	8,217,574.82
Total		103,890.04	1,057,340.63	38,261,855.09

Fleet Updates

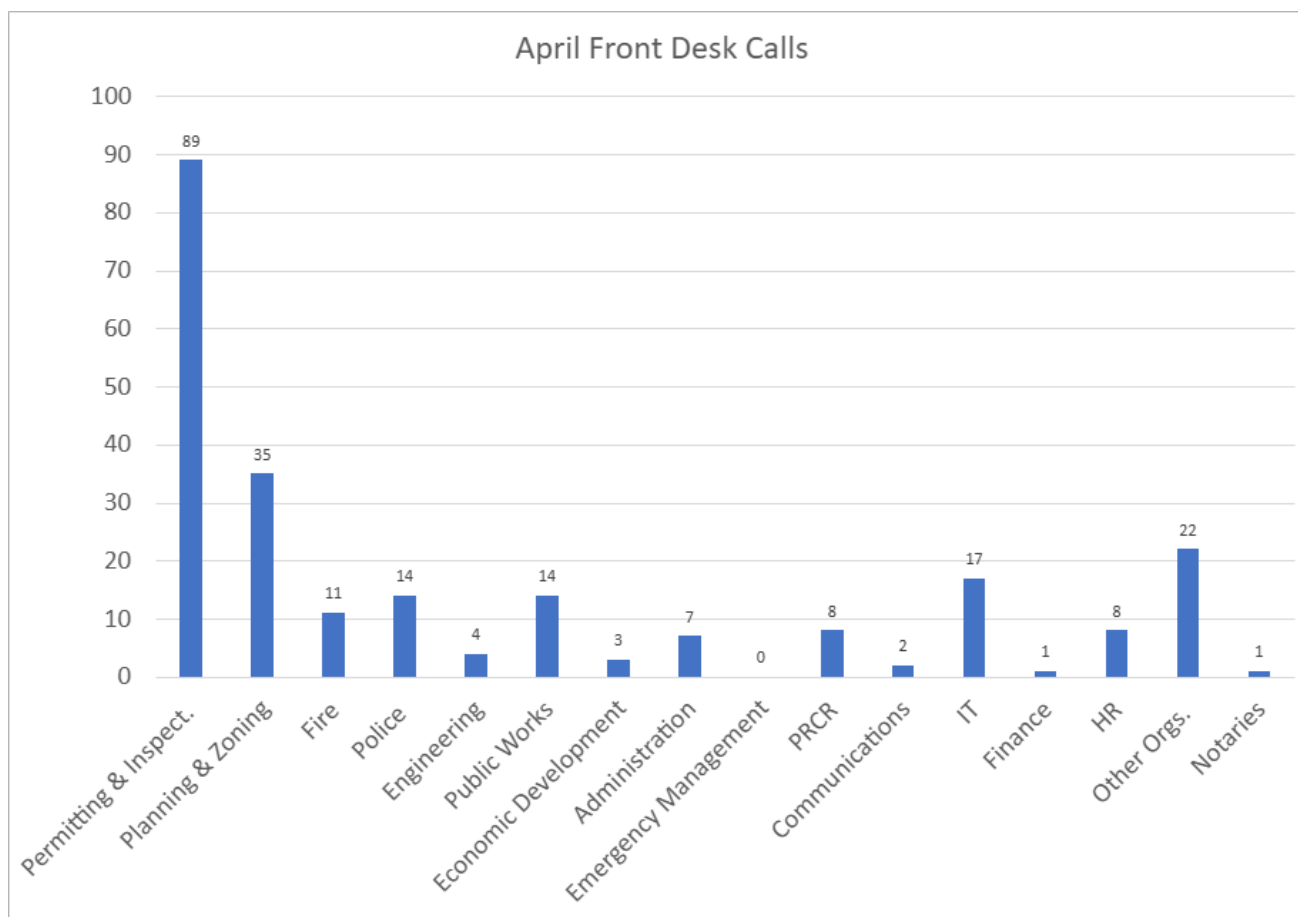
Fleet generated 39 work orders in March with an expense of \$11,470.00



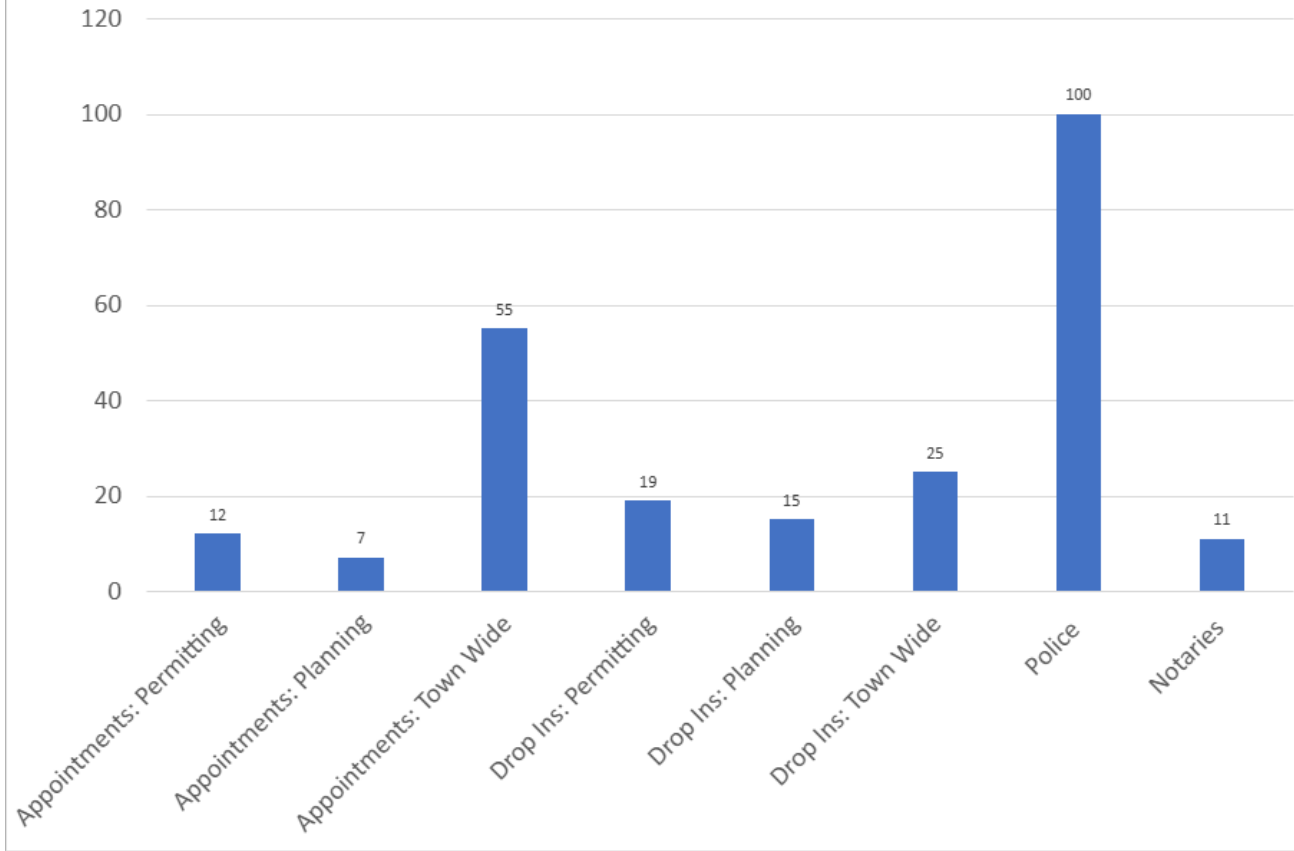
Communications Department News

In April, the department facilitated responses to 33 contact forms submitted through the website, received 236 calls, and assisted 244 visitors to Town Hall. The hiring process continues for a Communications Specialist II – Digital Communications.

Communications Manager Jessica Jewell participated in a CivicPlus webinar titled Preparing Your Documents for the 2026/2027 Accessibility Deadlines and a 3CMA webinar titled From Scene to Screen — A.I. and Advanced Smartphone Video Tools. Ms. Jewell also researched and developed a presentation for Town Council regarding effective community engagement. Communications Specialist II Alison Fore met with the American Council of the Blind to discuss accessibility options.



April Front Desk Visits



Social Media Update

- Facebook Highlights (April 1 – 30, 2026)
 - Added 432 new page followers
 - Post impressions – 347,992
 - Top post (Largest reach): “It’s finally here 🌊 The Founders Park splash pad opens May 1! The splash pad will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., May through September. Bring the kids, beat the heat, and enjoy a refreshing day at the park—just remember, adult supervision is required at all times. Plan your visit today 🖱️ <https://ow.ly/H7wc50YMTP6>”
- Twitter/X Highlights (April 1 – 30, 2026)
 - Post Impressions – 1,176
 - Top tweet (Largest reach): “Get moving during Art Around Town! 🎨🌿 Join us tomorrow for an all-ages Zumba class on April 28 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Westgate Nature Park. Learn more about Art Around Town pop-up events 🖱️ <https://ow.ly/inZq50YFKYj> #LelandNC <https://twitter.com/Townofleland/status/2048810712353395004/photo/1>”
- Nextdoor Highlights (April 1 – 30, 2026)
 - Post Impressions – 19,251
 - Likes/Comments – 189
 - Top post (Largest reach): “Leland Town Council has approved a \$50 million budget for FY26-27, with a reduction from 27 to 25 cents per \$100 valuation. The budget focuses on essential priorities such as public safety, infrastructure, and community spaces, making strategic investments in Leland’s future while continuing to be fiscally responsible. Learn more about the budget 🖱️ <https://ow.ly/IR1450YLa99>”
- Instagram Highlights (April 1 – 30, 2026)
 - Added 57 new page followers
 - Post Impressions – 8,120
 - Top post (Largest reach): “It’s finally here 🌊 The Founders Park splash pad opens May 1! The splash pad will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., May through September. Bring the kids, beat the heat, and enjoy a refreshing day at the park—just remember, adult supervision is required at all times. Plan your visit today at the link in our bio. #TownofLelandNC #LelandNC”

- LinkedIn Highlights (April 1 – 30, 2026)
 - Added 33 new followers
 - Page views – 148
 - Page impressions – 6,123
 - Reactions/Comments/Shares – 158
 - Top post (Largest reach): “Help us extend a warm welcome to our newest team members!”

Project Updates

- Created posts that resulted in 382,662 impressions across social media platforms.
- The first event in the new Town Hall style engagement series for Town Council and the public, Let’s Talk Leland, took place on April 29. Staff partnered with the Town Clerk to create a new format which allowed for more informal conversation and the opportunity for residents to connect with Councilmembers outside of the traditional public meeting setting.
- Staff continued working with CivicPlus on the migration and rebuilding of the Town’s website. Staff have audited the current website, design concepts have been finalized, and the vendor is now working to build the new site.
- Staff continued working with IT to select a mobile app vendor.
- Staff continue working with a local graphic designer to create a logo and brand guide for Leland in Lights.
- Staff began developing the Leland in Lights 2026 marketing plan.
- Staff continued working with IT to create an employee intranet site.
- Budget content creation continued, with staff producing and publishing several budget highlight videos. At the direction of Town Council, staff also started working on a broader video featuring Councilmembers to promote the budget’s adoption.
- Completed working with a local graphic designer to create a Lend a Hand in Leland logo.
- Continued working towards ADA compliance by conducting research, contacting vendors, and collaborating with IT to develop an organization-wide strategy for implementation. The Department of Justice has delayed the compliance deadline to April 2028, but staff continue strategic development.
- Staff continued working on a video series for Building Safety Month.
- Staff are working with Police to create a series of public service announcements that will be shared through the Town’s online platforms as a tool to educate the public about various Public Safety topics. The first of these is expected to be published this summer.

Website Articles/Media Coverage

- Town of Leland Website
 - [Town of Leland Lifts Burn Ban](#)

- [Leland Invites Community to Celebrate Spring at New In Bloom Festival](#)
- [Leland Hosts Fourth Art Around Town](#)
- [Leland to Host Community Earth Day Celebration](#)
- [Leland Town Council Launches “Let’s Talk Leland” Community Forum Series](#)
- [Town Council Approves Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027](#)
- [Founders Park Splash Pad Set to Open in May](#)
- [Stay Informed and Prepared at Leland’s Hurricane Expo](#)
- WECT
 - [WECT INVESTIGATES: Leland spends \\$10,000 on legal review into laptop controversy](#)
 - [Leland completes flood reduction project on Jackeys Creek](#)
 - [Leland flood reduction project complete, but residents remain skeptical](#)
 - [Leland residents invited to share ideas at new town hall forum ‘Let’s Talk Leland’](#)
 - [Leland Town Council approves budget for fiscal year 2026-2027](#)
 - [Brush fire threatens homes near Leland](#)
 - [Leland Founders Park splash pad to open in May](#)
 - [Two prescription drug take-back events set for Saturday in southeastern NC](#)
 - [WECT INVESTIGATES: Leland neighbors push for ordinance after device frightens dogs](#)
 - [Leland to host hurricane preparedness event this summer](#)
 - [Celebrate spring in Leland at the In Bloom Festival](#)
- WWAY
 - [Town of Leland launches inaugural In Bloom festival](#)
 - [Leland to host Community Earth Day Celebration](#)
 - [Leland launches ‘Let’s Talk Leland’ forum series to connect residents with town leaders](#)
 - [Leland Town Council approves \\$46 million budget, approves annexation and rezoning of 150 acres](#)
 - [Town of Leland celebrates Earth Day with family activities, sustainability lessons](#)
 - [WWAY to take part in Leland’s annual Hurricane Expo](#)
- StarNews
 - [A Leland shopping center anchored by a grocery store takes shape](#)
 - [Leland officials weigh new election method](#)
 - [How two requests in Leland can change the outlook for nearby residents](#)

- [A hotel project in Leland is facing delays. Here's what to know.](#)
- [Big banks and a fast food restaurant make plans for Leland](#)
- [After several denials, Texas Roadhouse is getting ready for Leland](#)

- Port City Daily
 - [The Agenda: Government meetings this week](#)
 - [The Agenda: Meetings in local government this week](#)
 - [Leland lowers property tax rate in approved \\$50M budget](#)

TDA Marketing

- Continued working with Springer Studios on brand development, which includes logo design and brand voice.

Leland TDA Meeting Summary

The Leland Tourism Development Authority met on April 20, 2026. The purpose was a joint meeting with the Town Council, Economic Development Committee, and Parks & Recreation Board to hear and discuss presentations from Visit NC and Outdoor NC. The next LTDA meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2026.

Planning and Inspections Department News

Planner I Justice Herman and Planning Manager Andrew Neylon attended North Carolina Emergency Management's National Flood Insurance Program Virtual Summer Workshop Training Workshop, which provided training and information on elevation certificates and the state's new model flood damage prevention ordinance.

Planning Board Meeting Summary

The Planning Board met on April 28, 2026, and heard the following item:

1. Zoning Map Amendment Recommendation – The Planning Board voted to recommend approval of a proposed zoning map amendment of 1.54 acres at 3717 Leland Corners Drive into the U.S. Highway 17 Overlay District.

The Planning Board's next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Board of Adjustment Meeting Summary

The Board of Adjustment did not meet in April due to lack of agenda items. The June meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Current Planning Update

Technical Review Committee (TRC) Report

In addition to project reviews, the Technical Review Committee (TRC) reviewed the following new items:

1. Development Site Plan for Taco Bell – Proposal for a 2,274-square-foot quick-serve restaurant on New Pointe Boulevard.
2. Development Site Plan for Leland Unpaved Roads Project – Proposal for improving unpaved roads including Breman Lane, John Sneed Lane, Graham Drive, and Appleton Way.
3. Development Site Plan for Coastal Credit Union – Proposal for a 2,900-square-foot bank in the Brunswick Forest Commercial Village.
4. Preliminary Subdivision Plat for Brunswick Village Boulevard Extension – Proposal to subdivide out right-of-way for the eastward extension of Brunswick Village Boulevard.

Number of Reviews by Stage – Permitting Applications

<u>Stage/Plan Type</u>	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Revisions</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	No.	Avg. Days	No.	Avg. Days	No.	Avg. Days
Address Request	2	1.5	0		2	1.5
Building/ Flood (3 Day Review)	1	2.0	0		1	2.0
Commercial Building / Flood	5	6.8	1	2.0	6	6.0
Commercial Building / Flood / Zoning	2	10.0	25	2.3	27	2.9
Commercial Building / Flood / Zoning / Pub Serv	8	7.6	11	3.4	19	5.2
Commercial Building / Zoning	1	8.0	5	3.0	6	3.8
Commercial Building / Zoning / Pub Serv	1	6.0	0		1	6.0
Commercial Building Fire	9	7.8	5	2.6	14	5.9
Commercial Zoning	0		1	1.0	1	1.0
Electrical (5-Day Review)	3	2.0	0		3	2.0
Fire Operational Permits	2	2.0	0		2	2.0
Fire/Electrical/Zoning/Pub Serv	0		1	3.0	1	3.0
Permit Building/Zoning	4	8.8	3	2.7	7	6.1
Permit Flood	2	6.0	0		2	6.0
Residential Building / Flood	13	9.3	0		13	9.3
Residential Building / Zoning / Flood	91	8.9	67	2.3	158	6.1
Residential Flood	2	4.0	1	1.0	3	3.0
	Total Initial: 146		Total Revisions: 120		Total Plans: 266	

Number of Reviews by Stage – Planning Applications

<u>Stage/Plan Type</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Revisions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Address Request	4	4	8
Development Site Plan	4	8	12
Development Site Plan Minor Modification	3	5	8
Exempt Plat	7	6	13
Family Care/ Group Home	0	1	1
Final Plat with New Performance Guarantee	0	8	8
Performance Guarantee Release	0	3	3
Preliminary Plat Minor Modifications	4	0	4
Preliminary Plat-Major Subdivision	1	1	2
PUD Site Specific Plan and Master Land Use Plan Update	1	0	1
Sketch Plan	3	1	4
Zoning Letter	3	0	3
	Total Initial: 30	Total Revisions: 37	Total Plans: 67

Floodplain Development Update

Floodplain Development Permits	Floodplain Development Inspections
1	6

Other Information

Performance Guarantees

Subdivision		Number of Agreements	Total per Agreement Type	Change from Previous Month
Beckington Townhomes				
	Surety Bonds	2	\$139,964.38	\$0.00
Bellamy Place				
	Cash Bond	1	\$1,037,615.00	\$0.00
Bishops Ridge				
	Cash Bond	1	\$14,875.84	\$0.00
Brunswick Forest				
	Surety Bonds	16	\$4,855,835.42	-\$3,534,502.58
Charleston Commons				
	Cash Bond	2	\$171,490.62	\$0.00
East Lake				
	Surety Bond	6	\$1,398,205.08	\$0.00
Grand Park				
	Surety Bond	2	\$895,602.23	\$0.00
Grayson Park				
	Cash Bonds	3	\$50,860.15	\$0.00
	Surety Bonds	8	\$1,225,669.38	\$0.00
Highland Hills Village				
	Letters of Credit	1	\$56,250.00	\$0.00
Leland Corners				
	Surety Bond	1	\$181,343.75	\$0.00
Mallory Creek				
	Letters of Credit	1	\$92,285.00	\$0.00
	Cash Bonds	5	\$329,716.44	\$0.00
	Surety Bonds	10	\$2,960,668.01	\$0.00
Night Harbor Dr				
	Cash Bond	1	\$7,650.00	\$0.00
Pinewood				
	Surety Bond	5	\$2,282,345.51	\$0.00
Riverwalk Point				
	Surety Bond	2	\$481,560.00	\$0.00
Savannah Branch				
	Surety Bond	1	\$854,407.50	\$0.00
Seabrooke				
	Cash Bond	1	\$0.00	-\$144,035.00
Terrapin				
	Surety Bond	5	\$540,850.00	\$0.00
Townes at Seabrooke				
	Surety Bond	2	\$683,850.25	\$0.00
Westgate Townes				
	Surety Bond	5	\$1,901,216.80	\$0.00
Total Cash Bonds		14	\$1,612,208.05	-\$144,035.00
Total Surety Bonds		65	\$18,401,518.31	-\$3,534,502.58
Total Letters of Credit		2	\$148,535.00	\$0.00
Total Performance Guarantee Sureties		81	\$20,162,261.36	-\$3,678,537.58

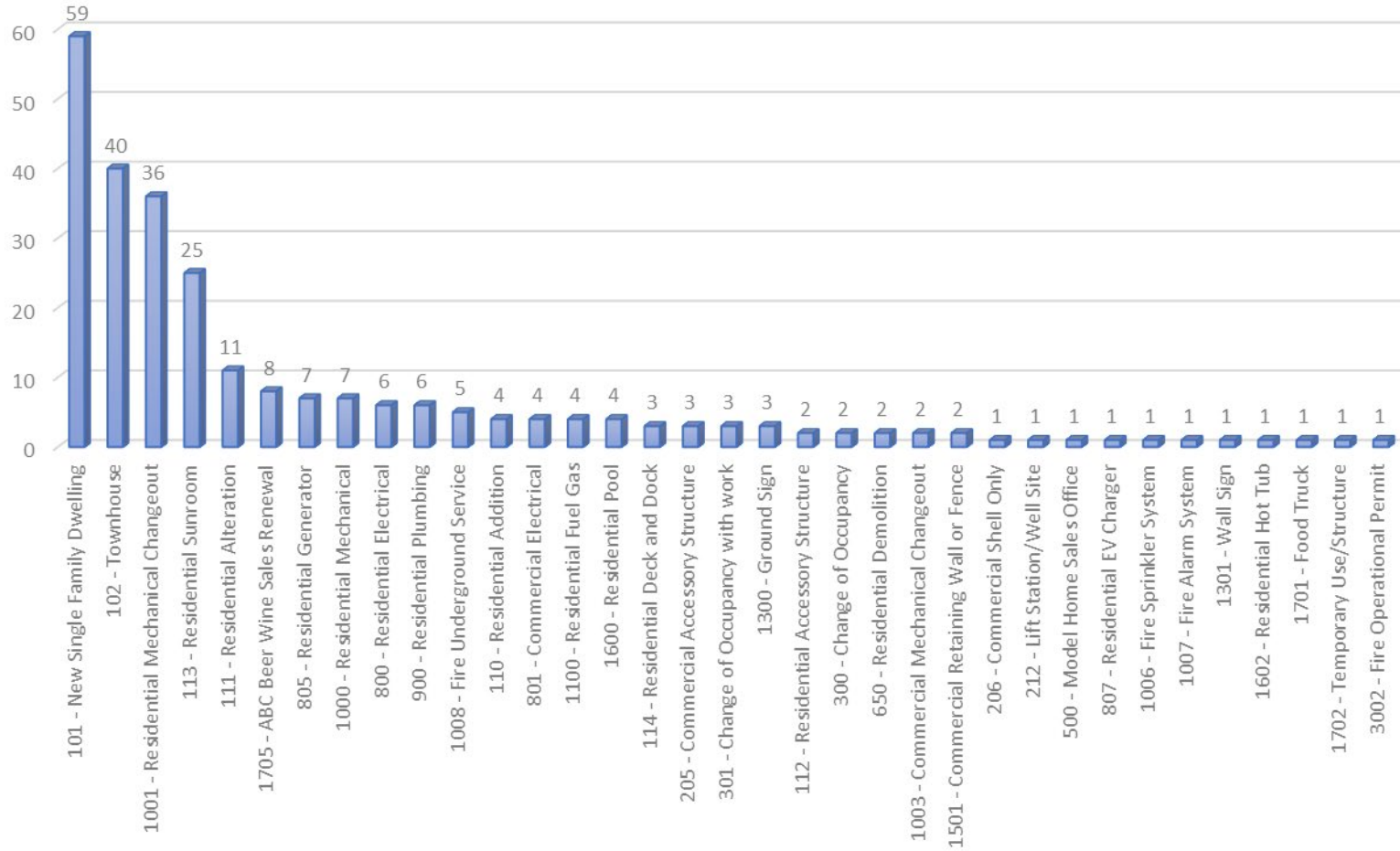
Long Range Planning and Community Development Update

Staff continues to work on the corridor plans for S. Navassa Road and Village Road and began reviewing graphic designer submissions for potential inclusion into the plan.

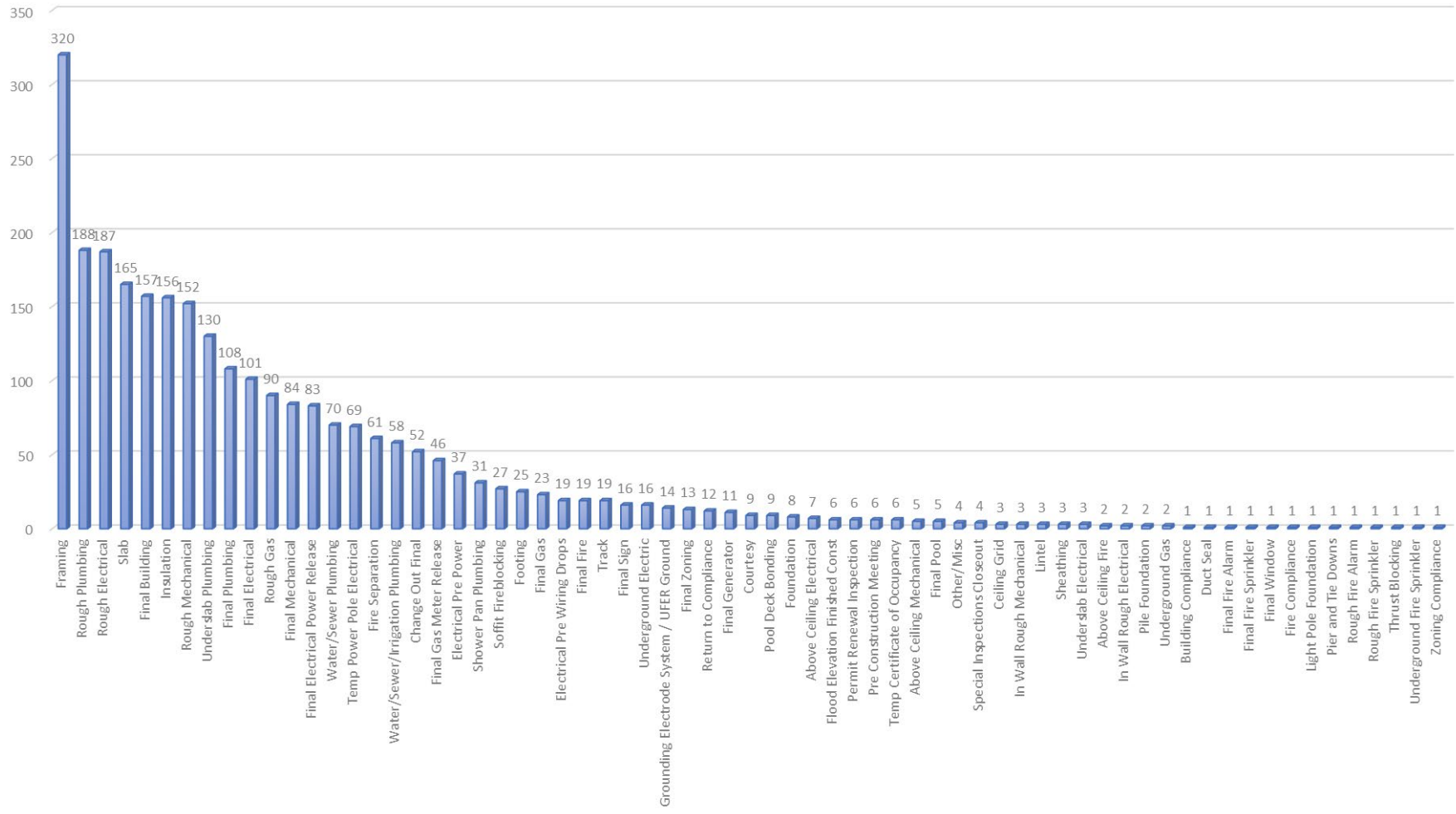
Building Permitting and Inspections Update

Total Permits Issued	Total Inspections	Total Value of Construction
259	2,670	\$37,318,019

Permits Issued by Type 4/1/26 to 4/30/26



Inspections Completed by Type 4/1/26 to 4/30/26



Code Enforcement Update

Case Summary

4/1 Through 4/30	Minimum Housing	Nuisance	Zoning	Vehicle	Total
Cases Carried Over	1	6	26	2	35
Cases Opened April 2026	0	11	5	1	17
Cases Closed April 2026	0	0	5	0	5
Active Cases (Evolve) 2026	1	17	32	3	53

Economic and Community Development Department News

Staff attended the NC Ports Cold Chain Summit to hear from industry leaders in trade dynamics and complex global supply chain networks associated with imports and exports from the Wilmington Port. During that week, staff met with industrial developers with a significant presence in the Cape Fear region to discuss market trends and interest for inventory in the greater Leland area. Staff attended the Brunswick Community College Job Fair to meet with Leland-based businesses and workforce development support and followed up with meeting with the BCC Small Business Center staff to learn about their incubator and small business support program.

Staff met with the state representation from North Carolina Economic Development Partnership Office of Business Retention and Expansion to discuss state protocols, relationships between the state and the county, and opportunities for future collaboration.

New Businesses

- **Priority Pet Urgent Care** opened on April 27 at **3556 Leland Town Center, Suite 130**.

New Construction/Development

- Taco Bell proposed an approximately 2,300-square-foot restaurant near the intersection of **West Gate Drive** and **New Pointe Boulevard**.
- Coastal Credit Unit proposed an approximately 2,900-square-foot bank at the northeast intersection of **Provision Parkway** and **East Cutlar Crossing**.

Economic Development Committee Meeting Summary

The Economic Development Committee met on April 9 to hear from the owners of Throw Coast Disc Golf, located along Village Road in Leland. Their presentation covered why they chose Leland, opportunities and challenges they have experienced in the community, and how a continued investment in recreation has benefited their business. A Special Meeting was held on April 20 in conjunction with the Leland Town Council, the Parks and Recreation Board, and the Leland Tourism Development Authority. A presentation was given by the Executive Director of Visit NC and the Director of Partner and Industry Relations for Outdoor NC to discuss the direction of tourism in North Carolina and its place in the greater state economy. The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2026.

Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Resources Department News

The department has enjoyed an exciting spring season, wrapping up session two and starting session three. PRCR staff have been busy planning a new event, In Bloom, scheduled for May 16, as well as starting preparations for the opening concert in Founders Park on July 31.

Parks and Recreation Board Summary

The Parks and Recreation Board did not meet in April. The next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Upcoming Events

June 2, 12-2 p.m. – Slow Cool Glaze Firing Workshop, LCAC

June 4, 5-6:30 p.m. – Youth Hand building Workshops, Bird House, ages 10-15, LCAC

June 10, 12-2 p.m. – Decals on Clay, LCAC

June 10, 3-5 p.m. – Wheel Throwing Workshop, LCAC

June 11, 5-6 p.m. – Youth Hand building Workshops, Pet Portraits, ages 6-10, LCAC

Social Media Update

- PRCR Facebook Highlights (April 1 – 30, 2026)
 - Followers/Likes – 6,961
 - Page reach – 15,175
 - Top post (Largest reach): “Thank you to everyone who joined us at Spring Fling! We had an egg-cellent time celebrating with you all. We’d love your feedback! Please take a moment to fill out our event survey so we can make next year even better: bit.ly/SpringFlingEvaluation.”
- LCAC Facebook Highlights (April 1 – 30, 2026)
 - Followers/Likes – 5,556
 - Page reach – 627
 - Top post (Largest reach): “Thank you to everyone who joined us at Spring Fling! We had an egg-cellent time celebrating with you all. We’d love your feedback! Please take a moment to fill out our event survey so we can make next year even better:

[bit.ly/SpringFlingEvaluation.](https://bit.ly/SpringFlingEvaluation)”

- PRCR Instagram (April 1 – 30, 2026)
 - Followers/Likes – 2,233
 - Post reach – 4,761
 - Top post (Largest reach): “A huge THANK YOU to our amazing food truck vendors who helped make Spring Fling such a fun and delicious event! We truly appreciate you being part of the celebration and bringing such great flavors for everyone to enjoy. Glizzies on the Go, Dixieland Kettlecorn, Chocolate and S’more and The Green Bean.”

- LCAC Instagram (April 1 – 30, 2026)
 - Followers/Likes – 2,211
 - Post reach – 2,273
 - Top post (Largest reach): “A huge THANK YOU to our amazing food truck vendors who helped make Spring Fling such a fun and delicious event! We truly appreciate you being part of the celebration and bringing such great flavors for everyone to enjoy. Glizzies on the Go, Dixieland Kettlecorn, Chocolate and S’more and The Green Bean.”

Human Resources Department News

In April, the Town welcomed two new employees, one to the Finance Department and one to the Fire Department. Two staff members ended their service with the Town. HR Specialist Adela Sandoval attended job fairs hosted by Brunswick County and North Brunswick High School. The department is preparing for recruitment of the newly approved positions for FY26-27.

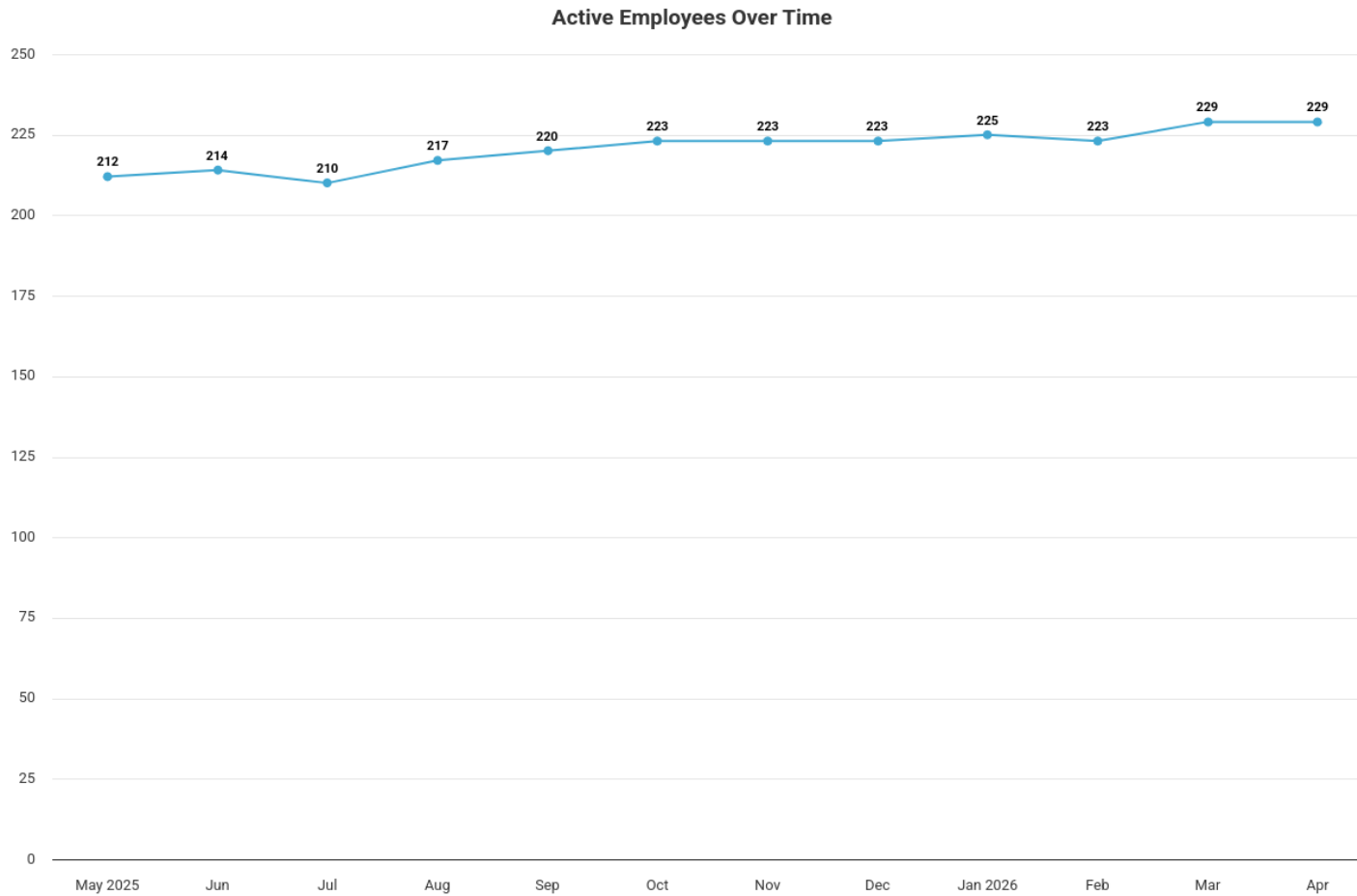
Personnel Updates

Name of Employee	Department	Type of Change	Date of Change	Position Title	From Position	To Position
Javier Barrera	Planning & Inspections Department	Termed	4/2/2026	Planner II		
Trisha Newton	Finance Department	New Hire	4/13/2026	Purchasing and Contracts Supervisor		
Roger Rozell	Fire Department	New Hire	4/13/2026	Fire Captain – Training and Safety		
Mark Cooper	Planning & Inspections Department	Termed	4/20/2026	Code Enforcement Officer		

Workers Comp Data April 2026

Number of Incidents	Loss Time (Y or N)	Brief Description of Incident and Injury/Illness
1	Y	Laceration of Hand

Headcount (FT and PT Employees) May 2025 – April 2026



Human Resources

Headcount ⓘ

229

As of Apr 2026

Hired ⓘ

46

Termed ⓘ

27

Growth Rate ⓘ

9.0%

Turnover Rate ⓘ

12.2%

Average Tenure ⓘ

4.4

(Years)

Terminations include voluntary and involuntary separations of employment.

Information Technology Department News

Associate IT Systems Administrator Josh Rieg attended Microsoft training aimed at defending against cyberattacks, and Laserfiche training focused on managing records repository system security.

GIS Analyst Elizabeth Galloway attended ESRI training focused on supporting features and capabilities of the web-based ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Enterprise platforms.

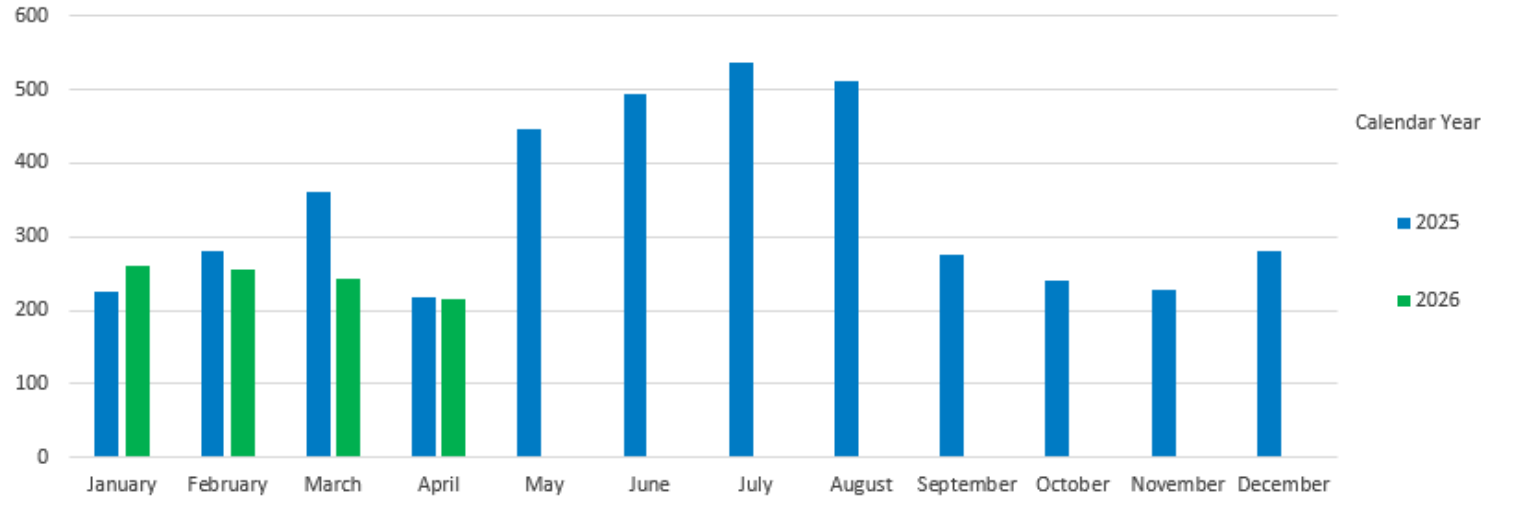
Major Work Priorities

- Audio-Visual Systems Upgrade: Work continues with installation of new audio-visual equipment in renovated conference rooms within Town Hall.
- Website Migration: Staff continue to work with the Communications Department in the planning and design phases of the website platform migration.

Projects Completed

- Founders Park Infrastructure: Access control component installation has been completed for the amphitheater.
- GIS Server Maintenance: Updates were applied across the GIS environment to ensure continued system protection and stability.
- GIS Data Updates: Staff worked with the Planning and Engineering departments to develop a spatial walkways dataset to inventory sidewalks and multi-use paths within the Town.
- Application Security: Updates were implemented to enhance security of primary applications used by the Police Department.
- Electronic Forms: Staff have developed a series of forms that streamline workflows and bring efficiency to data collection processes used within the Police Department.
- Network Maintenance: Security and performance updates were applied across servers, switches, and firewalls.
- Camera System Maintenance: Town Hall security cameras have been migrated to a new digital video recorder as building renovations have been completed.

Total IT Support Tickets by Month (2025-2026)



Administration Department News

Mayor Brenda Bozeman signed a letter of support for staff to submit the Baldwin Drive Pedestrian Improvement Project for the FY27 Community Project Funding request.

On April 14, Councilmember Veronica Carter attended the NCLM Municipal Finance Comprehensive Fiscal Training for Local Governments. The training covered a wide range of municipal finance topics, including the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, budgeting, internal controls, debt management, audits, purchasing processes, and ethical considerations, as well as best practices for financial oversight. The course also emphasized the roles of elected officials and staff in maintaining strong financial management and accountability.

Town Clerk's Office

On April 20, the Town partnered with the American Red Cross to host a community blood drive at the Leland Cultural Arts Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event was well attended by community members and Town staff, demonstrating strong community support for this life-saving effort. A total of 36 whole blood donations were collected, which will have the potential to help patients in need of critical care. The Town appreciates the collaboration with the American Red Cross and the Town Clerk's Office for providing assistance throughout the event. This partnership reflects the Town's continued commitment to community engagement and public service initiatives that positively impact the lives of others.

Work Priorities

- The Town Clerk published meeting agendas and prepared minutes for the following meetings:
 - April 7 Board of Adjustment – Canceled
 - April 9 Economic Development Committee
 - April 13 Agenda Council Meeting
 - April 16 Regular Council Meeting
 - April 20 Special Council Meeting with Leland TDA, Economic Development Committee, and Parks & Recreation Board
 - April 23 Special Council Meeting
 - April 28 Planning Board Meeting

- Action Items:
 - Budget Amendments – 1
 - Budget Ordinances – 2
 - Minutes – 4
 - Agendas – 6

- Resolutions – 10
- Ordinances – 2
- Proclamations – 1
- Certificate of Achievement – 4
- Presentations – 1 (Effective Community Engagement)
- Public Hearing Notices for the Council Meetings – 3
- Current Board/Committee Vacancies: Parks & Recreation Board Student Representative (2). As of June 30, the following additional vacancies will occur: three (3) on the Economic Development Committee, two (2) on the Board of Adjustment, and three (3) on the Parks & Recreation Board.

Government Portal (iCompass) Transparency Update

- Portal Visits – 17,946
- Portal Unique Visits – 4,615
- Economic Development Committee Meeting April 9 Agenda Views – 339
- Agenda Council Meeting April 13 Agenda Views – 717
- Special Council Meeting April 20 Agenda Views – 292
- Regular Council Meeting April 16 Agenda Views – 1,408
- Special Council Meeting April 23 Agenda Views – 1,148
- Planning Board Meeting April 28 Agenda Views – 358
- March 2026 Monthly Staff Reports – 75