

Manager's Report

September 2026

Dam Project Update

Upper Lake Dam Impounded July 21, 2026 – Upper Lake full and dam operating.

North Lake Dam – Lakebed clearing continues (approximately 80% complete). Will be eligible for impoundment once clearing is complete.

Sanford Dam – Fill Placement and Concrete Work continues. Contractor expected to bring hydromill to complete cutoff wall. Expected Completion Q1 2027.

Pine Lake Dam – Concrete placement for the structure has begun. Lakebed clearing to commence once North Lake clearing is complete. Expected Completion Q1 2027.

Reminder: Contracted final completion date is May 18, 2027. Change Order 11 on agenda to add 5 days due to water restrictions at Sanford Dam.

Administration Update

Attended meeting of Cape Fear ARCH/Onslow
Bight at the Community Center

Attended workshop on Strategic Planning with the
North Carolina League of Municipalities

Next Steps: Review with City Staff and
schedule Open House with draft
materials created at workshop

Continuing discussions with USFW regarding RCW
and beginning discussions with NC Commerce
about Economic Development Planning

Public Safety

Continuing update for the Emergency Response Plan – Coordinating with BSL Fire/Rescue

Continuing to work on accreditation with NCLEAN

Received Endangered Species Permit – Allows relocation of nuisance alligators – Must meet permit criteria for removal

Public Safety - Federal Alliance for Safe Homes flash.org

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Parks and Recreation

Fall Overnight Trips

- September – Land of Oz
- November – Chinese Lantern Festival

Clean Sweep – Saturday September 26 8:00-1:00

Cornhole Tournament – Oct 24th – More details to come

Last Concert – September 4th @ 6:00 PM– Spring Lake Park – The Class Act

Library Hours – 10:00-3:00 Monday-Friday

Development Services

Developing Standard Operating Procedures to establish clear and consistent processes for Staff and the public

Updating website for Development Services – consolidating and organizing Planning & Zoning, Code Enforcement, and Building Inspections

Draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan recommended by the Planning Board