

# All Aboard



**Hamlet City Hall**  
 201 Main Street, Hamlet,  
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 910-582-2651

**Hours:**  
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Monday through Friday

**Department Contact Information:**

Public Works Department: (910) 582-7987  
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## CITY OF HAMLET

FEBRUARY- MARCH

“DO THE BEST YOU CAN UNTIL YOU KNOW  
 BETTER. THEN WHEN YOU KNOW BETTER,  
 DO BETTER.”

-MAYA ANGELOU

### HONORING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:

Women's History Month is an opportunity to celebrate the remarkable contributions women have made to our communities, workplaces, and history. Recognizing these achievements helps ensure their stories are honored and continue to inspire future generations. See below for some interesting local women's history!

- Lillian Duer James: a pioneering hospital administrator who helped found the Hamlet Hospital and the Hamlet Hospital School of Nursing, giving many local women the opportunity for education and careers in nursing at a time when such chances were rare. She also served on the North Carolina State Board of Nursing and successfully fought to keep diploma nursing schools open, protecting pathways for future nurses across the state.
- Lois Wheeler: the first woman with Seaboard Coastline Railroad to hold the position of assistant terminal superintendent in Hamlet. She was one of the highest ranking railroad executives.

### HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

We proudly join the nation in celebrating Black History Month, established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Dr. Woodson chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, both of whom were pivotal figures in the fight for freedom and equality. In 1976, President Ford officially recognized Black History Month, urging Americans to honor the contributions of African Americans to the nation's history and culture. Hamlet has been the birthplace and home to several notable African Americans who have made significant contributions in the world:

- John Coltrane (1926–1967): Born in Hamlet on September 23, 1926, John Coltrane was a pioneering jazz saxophonist and composer. He played a central role in the development of modern jazz, particularly in the genres of bebop and free jazz. Coltrane's innovative techniques and compositions have left an indelible mark on the music world.
- Frederick C. Branch (1922–2005): A native of Hamlet, Frederick C. Branch made history as the first African American officer in the United States Marine Corps. Commissioned as a second lieutenant on November 10, 1945, his groundbreaking achievement paved the way for greater diversity within the U.S. military.
- John Kenneth Lee (1923–2018): Growing up in Hamlet, J. Kenneth Lee was valedictorian of Capital Highway High School in Hamlet in 1941. In June 1951, Lee and four others enrolled at the UNC School of Law. They were the first black students to be admitted in the history of the law school. Lee helped to open doors for others who followed him into the law profession in North Carolina.

# HAMLET HAPPENINGS

## ADMINISTRATION:

February 10<sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting at 6 PM  
March 10<sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting at 6 PM

## SENIOR CENTER:

### February

- February 2 - Senior Games Registration Opens
- February 13 - Pasta Pals & Valentine's Smiles Spaghetti Luncheon @ 11:30 am
- February 11 - Veterans Luncheon @ 12 pm
- February 18 - Prayer Breakfast @ 9 am, Everyone is welcome
- Computer Literacy Classes, 2nd & 4th Mondays | 12:30 p.m.
- Spanish Language Classes (Self-Paced), 1st & 3rd Mondays | 12:30 p.m.
- ESL Classes, 1st & 3rd Mondays | 1:30 p.m.

### March

- March 11- Veterans Luncheon @ 12 pm
- March 17 - Pot of Gold Potluck & Bingo @ 11:30 am
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For a full calendar of daily, weekly, and monthly activities, please contact the Hamlet Senior Center at 910-582-7985. There is something happening every day.

## PARKS & RECREATION:

For updates follow the [City of Hamlet Parks and Recreation](#) on Facebook!

## HUMAN RESOURCES:

For current job openings with the city go to [www.hamletnc.godaddysites.com](http://www.hamletnc.godaddysites.com) or [indeed.com](http://indeed.com)

## PUBLIC SAFETY:

Safety Tips for Cold Weather!

- Dress in warm layers
- Limit time outdoors
- Avoid overexertion
- Protect pets and pipes
- Check on vulnerable neighbors
- Ensure home heating safety by:

Chimneys: Check for blockages, keep flammable items away from area around hearth, use a safety screen to prevent embers from coming out, keep children and pets away

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors: Check to ensure they are working properly and change batteries if needed

Space Heaters: Keep a safe distance from combustible items and don't use a drop cord

## TRASH PICK-UP:

### Service

For all service-related issues, questions, or concerns, please contact the City of Hamlet Public Works 910-582-7987 directly. They are your primary point of contact for scheduling, billing inquiries, missed pickups, and any other service matters.

### Issue Resolution Process

When questions or concerns arise regarding your trash service, we maintain an extensive review system. All our trucks are equipped with cameras, and we will always review the footage to investigate and resolve any concerns or discrepancies. This ensures accurate and fair resolution of service issues.

### Pickup Day Requirements

**IMPORTANT:** Trash cans must be rolled out to your designated pickup spot the NIGHT BEFORE your scheduled pickup day. This is crucial to ensure your trash gets collected on schedule. Cans placed out on the morning of pickup may be missed. Occasionally due to circumstances