

Proclamation

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

“Advancing Quality of Life for All”

WHEREAS, this year marks the 64th annual observance of National Public Works Week, and the theme of this year’s observance, “Advancing Quality of Life for All...illustrates how public works professionals contribute to and enhance the quality of life in all the communities they proudly serve”; and

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health and well-being of the people of Carrboro; and,

WHEREAS, Carrboro Public Works makes important contributions to the community by providing reliable solid waste collection; loose leaf collection; street, greenway, and right-of-way maintenance; snow removal; stormwater facility maintenance; mowing and landscaping of Town properties and rights-of-way; tree trimming and removal; ball field preparation and maintenance; facility maintenance; vehicle and equipment maintenance; cemetery maintenance and cemetery plot sales; and more; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are a team of employees at all levels of government, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other facilities and services for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Carrboro Public Works in the past year include, among many others:

- Continued to provide construction administration on the 203 Project, a building designed to LEED Gold standards, as it moves towards completion.
- Continued to incorporate the Town’s climate goals by providing construction administration on the installation of the roof-top solar photovoltaic array on Fire Station 1 and Public Works reducing Carrboro’s GHG by an estimated 16%; replaced 1,000-watt high pressure sodium light bulbs at Anderson Community Park with energy efficient LED lighting; and continuation of the compost program, composting over 2,900 tons of leaves in fiscal year 2023.
- Initiated Westwood Cemetery Master Plan diversifying interment options and enhancing the property.
- Installation of ADA compliant restroom at Bim Street facility.
- Facilitated the Town’s recertification as a Tree City USA for its 39th year.
- Continued to maintain, diagnose, and repair the Town’s 108 vehicles and 70 pieces of equipment ranging from the largest ladder truck down to the smallest 2-cycle equipment.
- Completed annual street resurfacing and asphalt repairs, including addressing trip hazards from root damage on Frances Shetley and Libba Cotten Bikeways.

WHEREAS, in the 2024 biennial community survey, Carrboro Public Works earned residents’ highest ratings of satisfaction, with 91.4% of residents indicating they were satisfied or very satisfied with the department’s services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19th through May 25th, 2024, to be Public Works Week in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to thank and celebrate the Town's public works employees and to recognize the importance of public works professionals and public works programs for protecting our health, safety, advancing quality of life for all and making Carrboro a great place to live.

This the 20th day of May 2024.


Barbara M. Foushee

