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ROCKY MOUNT, NC
THE CENTER OF IT ALL

Dear Neighbors,

The holidays are a festive time of year when we share special moments with our family, friends and loved ones, and look ahead to a new year filled with promise and opportunity. We reflect upon our many blessings and are grateful for the sacrifices being made by public safety personnel, essential workers and especially the citizens of Rocky Mount.

During this season of hope and joy, I offer my sincere thanks to you for your continued collaboration, cooperation, and support. You are the foundation of Rocky Mount and your active civic engagement contributes significantly to the progress and advancement of our City. I also express my appreciation to all City employees for their dedication, commitment, and service to our community. The outstanding work they perform every day meeting the needs of our neighbors enhances quality of life and exemplifies what building community is all about.

As the New Year approaches, it's hard not to reflect on the challenges we faced this year. 2020 has been a year like no other, but we persevered by providing virtual council meetings, drive-thru giveaways, food distribution sites, covid-19 testing and much, much more. I am proud of the way we have come together in the spirit of community to support and uplift each other.

And even with the challenges, it is truly an exciting time to be in Rocky Mount. We have made much progress in the areas of Community Wealth Building (CWB), Homeownership, Youth Human Development and Senior Sustainability. As we look forward to new and exciting opportunities that lie ahead, I remain committed to leaving no neighborhood behind, and am passionate about working cooperatively with all of you to make Rocky Mount the best place to live, work, play, visit and raise a family.

While the path forward from 2020 may feel uncertain, one thing has never been clearer: To change the trajectory for the better, we must continue to come together, work together, and support each other in building a brighter, safer, more just future we can all share.

My warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a Merry Christmas, a joyous holiday season, and a happy, healthy, and successful New Year.

WARD 3 FOCUS AREAS

The Berkshire Neighborhood Association has purchased its first home after founding a 501(c)(3) -- The Berkshire Acres Community Association. In celebration of the renovation and sale of the home, the Berkshire Neighborhood Association held an open house at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 1816 Duncan Dr. This event was part of Councilmember Richard Joyner and Ward 3's focus on Community Wealth Building.

The home had been vacant for the past five years. Renovations were completed entirely through the work of volunteers, as the entity has no paid staff. The Berkshire Acres community was established in 1968, and in conjunction with Ward 3's focus, is attempting to rebuild and renovate properties for home ownership opportunities.

"We have the opportunity to rebuild and manage the human development of our community," Joyner said. "This is an expression of communities working together with institutions to build beautiful and sustainable communities."

CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 14 / 5 p.m.
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Monday, Dec. 14 / 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Both meetings are held in the George W. Dudley City Council Chamber, third floor Frederick E. Turnage Municipal Building

Open House
1816 Duncan Drive



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