



City Limits Newsletter

July 2023

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the Let Freedom Rock Independence Day Celebration. It was a great success! Hairbangers Ball totally rocked the North Island Park!! A big thanks to the Weidling Family for lending the land for the pyrotechnical crew to do their thing, to all our generous sponsors that contribute year after year to make this event such a success, to the Wilmington Park District and all its volunteers who helped throughout the evening, to the Wilmington Police Department, Fire Department, & ESDA for keeping the public safe, to the Public Works Department for making the park look spectacular! Also, a shout to our Steering Committee - Jeannine, Joie, Kirsten, & Ivana - Thank you for stepping up & making this event happen!



Check out more great events planned for 2023:

[July 20](#), [August 17](#), and [September 21](#) from 4 PM to 7PM - Farmers Market
Hosted by the [Wilmington Park District](#)
Event Location: N. Water Street Parking Lot

July 14 thru 16 - [Cup In Hand Kickball Tournament](#)
Hosted by the [Wilmington Park District](#)
Event Location: North Island Park

July 20 thru 23 - [Catfish Days Festival](#)
Hosted by [City of Wilmington & Catfish Days Committee](#)
Event Location: North Island Park & N. Water Street

August 5 - [Wilmington Sharefest](#)
Hosted by the [Wilmington Rotary](#), [Wilmington Park District](#), Wilmington Pastor's Association
Event location: 209 Wildcat Court (Wilmington High School Campus)

August 12 - [Grilling for Freedom BBQ Competition](#)
Hosted by the [Wilmington VFW Post 5422](#)
Event Location: 557 W. Baltimore Street

September 8 - [Autumn Festival of Crafts](#)
Hosted by the [Wilmington Chamber of Commerce](#)
Event Location: North Island Park

Happy Workaversary!!

June

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| John Surman | 21 years |
| Justin Dole | 10 years |
| Patrick Kerr | 6 years |
| Josh Davis | 2 years |
| Joseph Rourke | 1 year |

July

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| Samantha Sullivan | 7 years |
| Sean Liaromatis | 2 years |

Other Important Info

Electronic Recycling is held each month on the second Thursday from 5pm to 7pm at City Hall in the front parking lot.

2023 Golf Cart Stickers are available for purchase. Applications are available at City Hall or online.

Meeting Calendar

July 5 - 7:00 PM
City Council

July 11 - 5:30 PM
Committee of the Whole

July 18 - 6:30 PM
Finance, Admin, Land Acq

July 18 - 7:00 PM
City Council

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Welcome New Businesses

Join us in welcoming a few new businesses!



[Brick & Bloom](#) - Boutique located at 223 N. Water Street

[Healing Hands Ministry](#) - Wellness & Nutrition Center located at 960 S. Water Street

[Laura Jane Photography by Brittany Allen](#) - Photography Studio located at 121 N. Water Street

[Dotties Porch](#) - Home Décor & Accessories located at 110 N. Park Street, Unit C (opening soon)

Employee Spotlight Karl Jurgens

What is your role at the City? How long have you been with the City and what position did you start at? *I currently serve as a sergeant on the night shift. I am also a property manager and truck enforcement officer. I have served Wilmington for the almost 14 years when I started as a patrol officer. I was also assigned as a detective from 2016-2020.*



If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, whose job would you want? *I'll say our city administrator, Jeannine Smith. I'm fascinated by everything that has to get done in order to keep a town operating. It's a lot of work, but like what I do now, no two days would ever be the same.*

What is on your wish list for the next 5 years with the City? *Continue to grow commercially as well as residentially in a positive way. This would in turn allow the PD to continue to grow and develop and bring additional police services to Wilmington. And I wouldn't be upset if we got our own Dunkin.*

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be? *Time was a good answer last month by Chief. So I'll say coffee, or vacation time. Either.*

What is your favorite aspect of your job? *I enjoy being involved with the command staff of the PD, and also collaborating with other community organizations.*

What has been your favorite project that you worked on here at the City? *Playing a role in bringing focus to truck enforcement in this community has been rewarding. I feel like we're making an impact on keeping the roadways a little safer through education and identifying violations. It's really not about the money, but truck officers issued over a quarter million dollars in fines during 2022.*

Three words that best describe you? *Dad. Husband. Coach.*

People would be surprised if they knew what about you or what's your secret talent that no one knows about? *My passion for music almost led me to pursue a career as a music teacher. While in college, I played bass guitar in a rock band and trombone in a jazz band.*

Thank you for reading . If you have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of the newsletter, please let me know.

Jeannine Smith, City Administrator