

When in the Dell

Weekly Newsletter for the Town of Wendell Team



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

We'll let you know Town info in the Department Highlights sidebar. The Town has 6 different departments: Administration, Finance, Planning, Police, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works.

- PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

The 2020 Federal Census ends in just a few days. Census takers have been busy going door to door since August 11th, only 5 days remain to complete the Census and be counted. Please complete the 2020 Census today by calling 1-844-330-2020 or by visiting 2020census.gov.

From the desk of Police: Police Accreditation- Wendell Police Department to be Tested Against Best Practices on an International Level

Police Chief Bill Carter

In 2019, the Board of Commissioners adopted a strategic plan which included, as one of its goals, Public Safety and Neighborhood Improvement.

The Board's top initiative within that goal is to establish an action plan for the police department to achieve Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) accreditation which includes the initiation of policy review and development consistent with the accreditation process.

CALEA was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations whose members represent approximately 80% of the law enforcement profession in the United States.

COUNTDOWN
TO YOUR
FUTURE



5 days
left to get counted.

Sept 30 is the last day to fill out the census.
Don't miss your chance to bring money and power to your community!



2020census.gov
(844) 330-2020

Mail back your
census form



The participating associations include International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

CALEA's purpose is to enhance and improve the delivery of public safety services by maintaining a set of standards covering a wide range of both traditional and timely public safety initiatives, implementing a process for accreditation and ultimately recognizing excellence. The standards cover roles, responsibilities, and relationships with other agencies; administration, management and organization; personnel; operations; support; traffic enforcement and auxiliary and technical services.

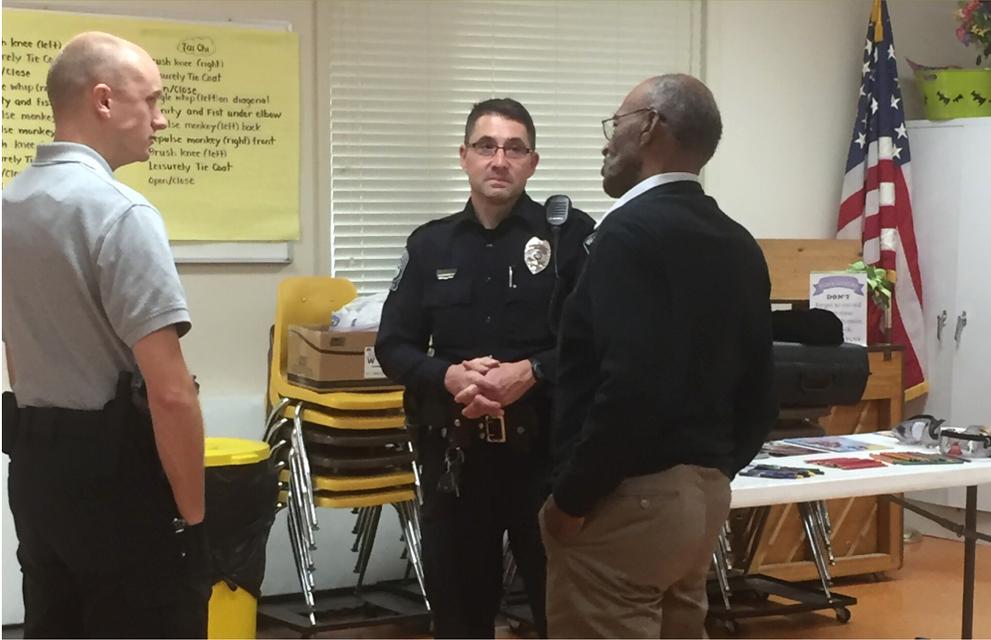
The standards are practitioner-informed and developed and, in many cases, are evidence-based. CALEA standards do not tell an agency how to do things. Instead, they tell the agency what it should do which allows for development of policies that fit the communities served.

- [PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:](#)

Public Works continues to prep for winter as only the first few leaves begin to drop. On Monday, Public Works took possession of a new snowplow to help keep our streets clear during wintry weather. This brings us to 4 vehicles equipped for snow removal as our town continues to add lane miles while growing.

Public Works' maintenance capabilities continues to grow and also adapt. With all of the take-out businesses and increased pedestrian traffic downtown, we have seen the volume of trash grow along with more folks enjoying themselves at our outdoor tables and benches. Our maintenance section has incorporated fly trap maintenance, trash can/lid cleaning along with bench and tabletop cleaning into their weekly schedule.

Our compliance section has been very busy with this week nearly setting a record for contacts with residents. The majority of contacts are related to grass and limbs being placed on the roadway instead of inside the yard waste cans. We ask for everyone's help with keeping our roadways and storm water sewers free from yard debris.



The accreditation process is a time-consuming commitment, particularly in its initial phases. Even in reaccreditation, the need to monitor processes requires a significant commitment of time and resources to ensure compliance is met. The Board provided staffing to support the initiative. The position of Accreditation Manager is also responsible for management and oversight of the Evidence Room.

In June 2020, the Police Department received notification that the Wendell Police Department has been deemed eligible to participate in the CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

The Police Department is currently in the self-assessment phase of the accreditation process. In this phase, all policies and procedures are reviewed and approved or amended as needed to ensure they meet compliance with the applicable CALEA standards. In some cases, new policies and procedures may be needed

This is the most labor-intensive component of initial accreditation and will ultimately lead up to an on-site assessment by CALEA staff. Staff across the Police Department will be asked to work with the Accreditation Manager to develop and/or refine policies and procedures

• PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Public Works Director Brian Bray met virtually with multiple representatives from Withers Ravenel to go over a draft pavement condition survey that is set for presentation to the Board this coming Monday, September 28, 2020. The survey is intended to give a snapshot of the town's pavement infrastructure health.

Our storm water system repair for the portion of Wendell Blvd. in front of Wendell Elementary has been completed. This allows water to effectively drain until the issue is fully resolved in future Capital Improvements.

• PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Tiny Basketball wrapped up this week after we had a total for 15 kids spread out over 3 weeks. This program is used to introduce young boys and girls to the game of basketball. We taught them the basic fundamentals of the game, dribbling, passing, shooting and rebounding all while practicing social distancing and providing a safe environment. Adult Kickball and Beach Volleyball began this past week. Both of these leagues put in rules to make the sports safer and provide social distancing. The playground has been opened back up for the public.



which meet the needs of the community, fulfill the requirements of the CALEA standards and provide all stakeholders with clear and concise expectations for the community served. CALEA tells agencies that it can take as much as three years to complete the self-assessment phase.

This is an exciting time for the Police Department and our community as we work to fulfill the strategic initiative while advancing the Police Department to an even higher level of professionalism and accountability based on international best practices and standards.

If you are interested in learning more about CALEA, visit their website at www.calea.org.

Yours in service,
Bill Carter, Police Chief

CENSUS 2020 | **Wendell Counts**



COUNT ALL CHILDREN THIS APRIL
SHAPE THEIR FUTURE. START HERE.



THE GOURD OF THE RINGS

WENDELL FARMER'S MARKET

Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm

Campen Street

"ONE RING TO RULE THEM ALL, ONE RING TO FIND THEM, ONE RING TO BUY THEM ALL. AND IN THE MARKET BITE THEM."



Well in the Dell



Wellness Tips from Wendell's HR Department

The transition to the shorter and busier days of fall can be a challenge. To help ease the change, we've put together 15 Autumn Wellness Tips to get you ready for the colder months and keep your mental (and physical!) health in check.

1. Start taking a Vitamin D supplement.
2. Take some time to yourself.
3. Get your flu shot and yearly check-up.
4. Boost your immune system by drinking water, washing your hands often, and eating nutritious foods.
5. Get yourself ready for Daylight Savings Time. Go to bed earlier when you can.
6. Make some plans for the cold months so you don't spend all winter in hibernation.
7. Moisturize your skin to prevent dryness.
8. Buy in-season foods such as beets, pumpkins and squash.
9. Stay active and keep moving throughout the day.
10. Wear layers to protect your body from dropping temperatures.
11. Do some "spring cleaning" in the fall.
12. Prepare your home for possible extreme weather conditions.
13. Get some books to read and shows to watch.
14. Keep a schedule with things you like to do.
15. Be kind to yourself in the shorter days. Reframe negative thoughts into positive ones.

