



# BELVILLE NEWS

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## Time Line for Downtown Development When will we **SEE** progress?

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### From The Mayor

Hello! The Commissioners and I hope our first newsletter will provide an opportunity to communicate information to our citizens about what is going on in Belville.

The Board decided that we would try a tri-fold approach to keeping you informed. We will send out postcards when we have time sensitive information. When we need to update information, but it is not time sensitive, we will send a newsletter. We will also be asking you to fill out our surveys (see page 4) so that you can tell us what is on your mind and what you feel we can do to make Belville a better town.

I am proud to be your Mayor and I look forward to representing you. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call me, 431.4679.

*Mayor Thurlow*

I imagine that many of you are wondering about what is going on with the downtown re-development, because you can't see anything happening! Trust me, the project is moving forward.

The contract to exchange property between NCDOT Bridge Maintenance Department and Urban Smart Growth (primary developer for the downtown) is in Raleigh for final approval.

The plan to move Blackwell Road further south on Route 133 has been approved by the DOT and we are waiting for the final approval of the three property owners impacted by moving the road.

Urban Smart Growth has also completed phase two of the environmental impact studies.

A gas tank was successfully removed from the downtown area and the Guyton & Williams properties will be demolished in the near future, by ACE, a county program that provides assistance in demolishing buildings in a blighted area.

We are awaiting the final results of the economic impact study which will help us determine future financing options for the development of the downtown infrastructure.

We will continue to keep you informed as the project moves forward. If you haven't seen the conceptual drawings of the future downtown, please stop in at the Town Hall and take a look!

*Mayor Thurlow*

## Commissioner Rhodes Resigns



I have lived in Brunswick County for 25 years, the past ten years as a resident of Belville and eight years as a Belville Commissioner. Previously, I lived at Oak Island and owned Carolina Cousin Candy Shop where with a friend we sold handmade candy and taught candy making classes. My husband Zeb was diagnosed with asbestos exposure from his 40+ years in the American Merchant Marines. We needed to be closer to medical facilities so we moved to River Ridge at Olde Towne.

When I became involved in Belville politics in 1999 the town did not have an open town government, sound fiscal policies, nor a master plan for the revitalization of Belville's Main Street area along the Brunswick River. That has changed in the past six years due to the influx of new residents who have encouraged and supported Belville to move forward with development plans. My goals were for an open form of government, fiscally sound spending, and an established master plan for development that will enhance the quality of life in Belville. We have met these challenges and as I retire from my Commissioner's position I ask the residents of Belville to support Mayor Thurlow and the Board in their efforts to move Belville forward.

*Jean Rhodes, Commissioner*

## Thank You

On behalf of the Belville Town Staff and Board of Commissioners I want to thank Ms. Rhodes for her guidance and contributions over the past eight years. She has helped make Belville a better place for our citizens. During Jean's tenure she was an integral part of creating a vision for our community, which included the redeveloped Main Street and guiding major growth in the Waterford Business Park. Jean's interest in history also provided the Board with local historical information and in doing so provided them with a prospective towards the future without abandoning Belville's past.

Jean, thank you for all your time and support of Belville.

Mayor Chuck Thurlow

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## Safety Committee Forming

If you are interested in becoming involved in Belville, the Commissioners are forming a safety committee. The safety team will look at all aspects of public safety and make recommendations to the Board on how we can make the town safe and secure.

Commissioner Mark McAllister will chair this committee. Call the town hall for more information 910.371.2456.

## Commissioner Vacancy

With Commissioner Rhodes departure we have a vacancy on the BOC. Bellville's Board policy requires interested residents to complete an application, available online or at the town hall. The person selected to fill the vacancy will sit on the Board until the 2009 election. The application must be submitted to the town hall by November 10, 2008 attention Athina Williams or at [taxcollector@townofbelville.com](mailto:taxcollector@townofbelville.com).



## Waterford Village Fall Festival

Come and learn more about the businesses in Waterford at the Fall Festival on Saturday, November 1, 2008, located on Highway 17 South in Belville. Enjoy live music, arts and crafts, food, and a silent auction. There will be fun for adults and children, a Halloween costume contest and more. Hours are from 1 AM to 4 PM. All proceeds from the silent auction benefit the Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center. For more information, call 910.392.9325.



**The North Brunswick Christmas Festival & Parade**, sponsored by the Unity Group of NB, will be held on December 13. The parade starts at 10 AM on Village Road in Leland. Belville invites its children to ride with the **Grinch** on the Belville float during the parade. Please call 910.371.2456 for participant information. The Festival begins at noon behind Leland's Town Hall.

## NEED A RIDE?

### Try The Wave Brunswick Connector



*The Wave Transit Brunswick Connector*

is a new public transportation link between Brunswick and New Hanover counties. The bus operates on a 60 minute frequency, Monday—Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM. There are three bus stops

located in Belville: the intersection of Blackwell Road and Highway 133, the intersection of Blackwell Road and Chappell Loop Road, and Old River Road in front of the NCDOT Bridge Maintenance Facility. For information about bus schedules, routes or fares, call the Wave Transit information Center at 910.343.0106 or visit their web site at [www.wavetransit.com](http://www.wavetransit.com). Maps are also available at Town Hall.

## Street Report

Since the end of 2007, the Town of Belville has accepted eleven streets into the municipal system. Those streets are Creek Stone Court, Diamond Court, Gray Fox Court, Kingsworth Lane, North Olde Towne Wynd, Opal Stone Court, Red Stone Court, South Olde Towne Wynd Extension, Southampton Place, Squire Court and Yellow Stone Court. Street repairs have been made on Gray Fox Court, Kingsworth Lane and Squire Court. Blackwell Road and Chappell Loop have been repaved, striped and speed limit signs were posted on Blackwell Road. Striping has been scheduled for Ploof Road. The Town of Belville expresses its appreciation to the NCDOT Maintenance Department for their assistance.

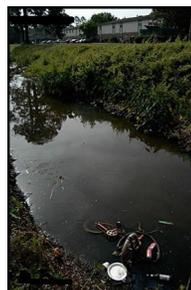
## Proper Maintenance For Drainage Easements

Drainage easements are common for the residents of Belville. Since most of Belville is flat and water drainage is relatively slow, when it rains, the storm water must run through drainage easements to reach a normal outlet. ***Although the Town will occasionally inspect storm ditches as a result of a public nuisance complaint, property owners and/or your HOA is responsible for maintaining the drainage easement.***

Fall and winter are the best times to perform yearly maintenance on your drainage systems. Citizens are reminded to never dispose of leaves, grass clippings or trash into a drainage system or into a location where debris can be swept into the system by storm water. Such actions may result in serious flooding and mosquito infestation after the next storm. Keep your drainage systems clear so that water can move freely away from your house. Make it your family goal to ensure that toys, such as basketballs, are not left in your drainage ditch. Please do not burn vegetative debris in your drainage ditch. For more information on landscaping your drainage system, call the Brunswick County Division of the NC Cooperative Extension Service at 910.253.2610; Brunswick County Government Complex, Building N, 25 Referendum Drive, Bolivia, NC 28422.



**A cleared and free flowing easement.**



**A clogged easement.**

### Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates

November 24, 2008

December 15, 2008

All meetings begin at 7 PM and are held at the Town Hall, 497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205. Agendas are posted on the town web site at [www.townofbelville.com](http://www.townofbelville.com).

### Planning Board Meeting Dates

November 5, 2008

December 3, 2008

All meetings begin at 5:30 PM and are held at the Town Hall, 497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205. Agendas are posted on the town web site at [www.townofbelville.com](http://www.townofbelville.com).

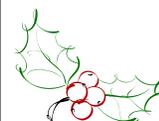
### **The Belville Town Staff and the Board of Commissioners** wish

*you a safe and healthy holiday season. Here in South Eastern North Carolina we don't see much of a weather change but the atmosphere becomes festive for celebrating.*

*Please note that the Town Hall will be closed on:*

November 27 & 28

December 24, 25 & 26





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## Town of Belville Survey

Please complete the survey and drop it off at the Town or mail it to Mr. Chris Sammons, 497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205, Belville, NC 28451, or fax to 910.371.2474. Thank you! We appreciate you input.

Currently the speed limit on Route 133 & Blackwell Road is 35 MPH. Please indicate your preference.

**The speed limit on BLACKWELL ROAD should be: (Circle your choice.)**

1. 35 MPH
2. 45 MPH
3. 55 MPH
4. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**The speed limit on Route 133 should be: (Circle your choice.)**

1. 35 MPH
2. 45 MPH
3. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a preference for how the Belville staff communicates news and town information?**

(Circle your top TWO preferences. If you choose email please give us your email address.)

Newsletters \* Postcards \* email \_\_\_\_\_ \* web page \* Other \_\_\_\_\_