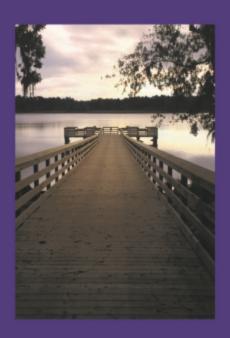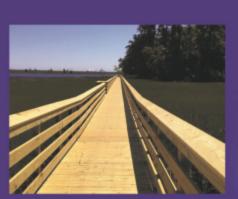# RECREATION AND RIVERWALK

The Town of Belville is committed to preserving precious natural resources and believes education and appreciation are critical steps in preservation. Therefore, policies and projects that enhance the access and opportunity for citizens to enjoy local natural resources are vital in town planning. A key function of the Riverwalk is to incorporate and accommodate the NC K-12 Core Curricula via live interaction with the environment as an alternative to classroom based textbook study. The Duke Energy Education Pavilion is designed to satisfy live interaction learning. Classes held within the pavilions surrounding the wetlands and riverfront will be broadcast live via WiFi and Skype over the Brunswick County Wideband Network enabling live interaction by all 12,200 students within the school system.

- **Parks & Beaches**
- **Boating & Fishing**
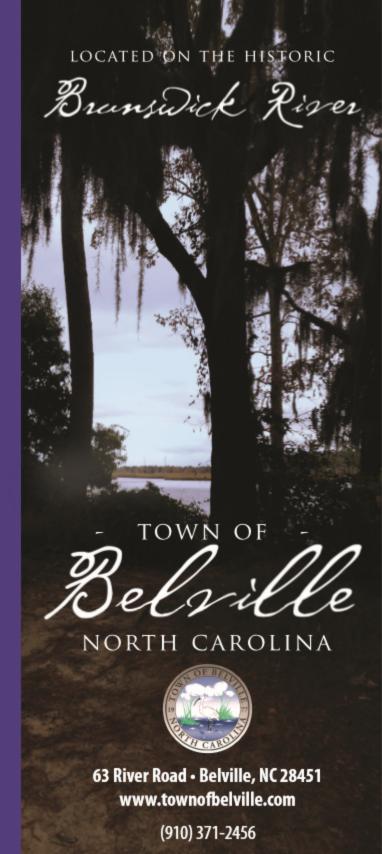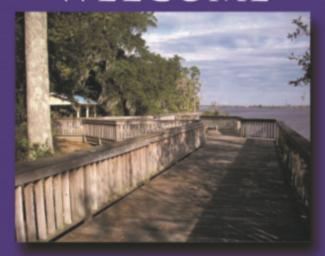- **Canoeing & Kayaking**
- **Paddle Boarding**

SCHOOLS & HOSPITALS

- **New Novant Hospital**
- **Dosher Hospital**
- **Belville Elementary**
- **Lincoln Elementary**
- **Leland Middle**
- **South Brunswick High**
- **North Brunswick High**

WELCOME

The Town of Belville welcomes you! Whether you are a life-long resident, new to town or just here for business, we're glad that you're a part of our community. The town's vision is to maintain its distinctive small town character while taking a leadership role in re-vitalization. We are focused on historical education, recreation and fostering an economic environment where citizens and businesses thrive.

VEGETATION

- Indigo Flower
- Venus Fly Trap
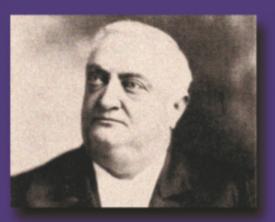- Live Oak
- Loblolly Pine
- Long Leaf Pine

OUR HISTORY

Belville is conveniently situated at the intersection of US 74-76, NC Highway 133 and US 17 near Southport-Brunswick County beaches, the Brunswick County Government Complex and the city of Wilmington, a major deep-water port located on the Cape Fear River. Belville is home to the 200 acre Lincoln Industrial Park located on Highway 17.
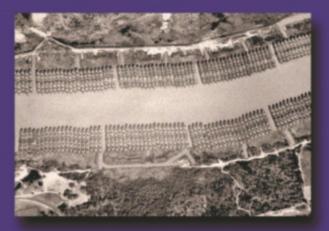
The town, incorporated in 1977, has 2,203 residents and has seen tremendous growth in recent years. A new Riverfront District is coming soon with retail, office, and residential space, and a public waterfront park incorporating nature studies into our school curriculum.

BELVILLE'S LIBERTY SHIPYARDS

Brunswick River Utilized during World War II

HON. DANIEL LINDSAY RUSSELL

Daniel Lindsay Russell, Jr. (August 7, 1845 – May 14, 1908) was born to a prominent planter family in Belville. Russell was the 49th Governor of North Carolina from 1897-1901, an attorney, judge and politician elected as state representative and to the United States Congress.

In 1941, just prior to entering World War II, the US began building Liberty Ships in the Belville area. President Franklin Roosevelt cited Patrick Henry's speech of March 23, 1775, with the phrase "Give me liberty or give me death!" saying these ships would bring liberty to Europe. On December 6, 1941 the Zebulon B. Vance, named after North Carolina's Gov. from 1877-1879, became the first Liberty Ship launched from the Brunswick area.