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Welcome to our monthly update

SUMMER IS COMING!



Message from Mayor Allen

*Hello and Welcome, Friends!
June is truly an exciting time around the Town of Belville as we enter the*

summer season. Officially beginning on June 20th, summer is almost here. We encourage you to visit our beautiful Riverwalk Park and enjoy the beautiful weather.

We are pleased to announce that the Town has changed its COVID-19 related policies regarding access to Town Hall, lifting all State of Emergency restrictions and ending the need for citizens to make appointments to meet with town staff. The Town Hall is now fully open between 8am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. We welcome you to stop by and ask a question or to say hello.

The month of June also marks the start of hurricane season. Please take the time to read through this update and learn about some important hurricane preparations. Preparation guidance is constantly improving, as we reflect following each hurricane season.

Additionally, I would like to invite anyone that is interested in serving on the Town of Belville Planning Board to fill out an application before June 15th. We will have three vacancies in July and if you have a passion for serving your community, we'd love to have you join us!

Take care of each other!

Sincerely,

Mike Allen, Mayor

Town of Belville

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Town Updates

COVID-19

Brunswick County Health Services is now scheduling appointments for all community members aged 12 and older. Please note that those aged 12-17 are eligible for the Pfizer version of the vaccine only. You can schedule a vaccination appointment online at brunswickcountync.gov/vaccines or by calling the Public Health Line at **910.253.2339** Mondays through Fridays from 9am until 5pm, excluding holidays.

Brunswick County COVID-19 Case Counts

As of May 27, 2021, the Brunswick County Covid-19 Case counts are:

9,303 Total Positives (confirmed and probable)

98 Active (includes isolating at home and hospitalizations)

153 Deaths

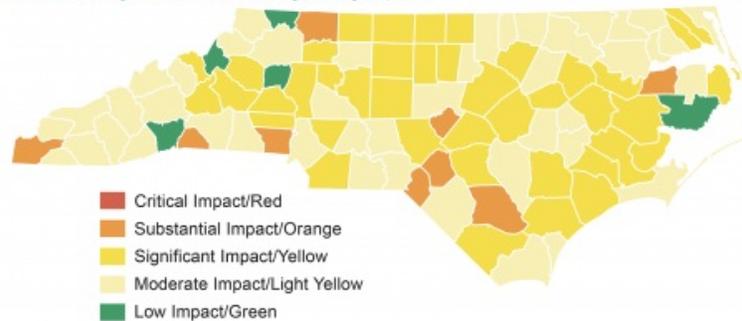
9,052 Resolved

CDC COVID-19 Symptom Checker

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided a great resource to review whether or not your symptoms may be COVID-19. Click [here](#) to check your symptoms and for further guidance.

County Alert System

NC Counties by Tier: Data from May 9–May 22, 2021



North Carolina's key metrics continue to show a decrease of COVID-19 trends. People getting vaccinated as quickly as possible is critically important to continue to slow the spread of the virus. The COVID-19 County Alert System gives individuals, businesses and community organizations, and public officials a tool to understand how their county is faring and to make decisions about actions to take slow the spread of the virus. The COVID-19 County Alert System uses metrics informed by North Carolina's key metrics to categorize counties into five tiers:

1. **Green:** Low Community Spread
2. **Light Yellow:** Moderate Community Spread
3. **Yellow:** Significant Community Spread
4. **Orange:** Substantial Community Spread
5. **Red:** Critical Community Spread

Currently, Brunswick County is in the **Light Yellow** category of Moderate Impact.

Additional information and updates can be found [here](#) and at the following links:

[CDC COVID-19 Website](#)

[NCDHHS COVID-19 Website](#)

[Brunswick County Health Services COVID-19 Website](#)

[News from Brunswick County Government](#)

[Brunswick County Email Updates on Emergency Situations](#)

[Brunswick County Social Media](#)

[Code Red - Emergency Alert Notifications \(phone calls, text and/or emails\)](#)

Vision 2030 Plan

The Town of Belville would like to thank all 752 people who completed a survey to help create our Vision 2030 Plan. We are currently analyzing the survey results to determine which amenities the

public would like to see incorporated into the Brunswick Riverwalk Park expansion and the future downtown Belville development, along the Brunswick River. Our next step is to release the draft Vision 2030 Plan for public comment. Then, we will finalize and adopt the final draft of the Vision 2030 Plan. This will take us one step closer to implementing the Brunswick Riverwalk Park expansion and the future downtown Belville development. For project updates please visit www.townofbelville.com/vision2030.

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Vision 2030 Plan

Hurricane Season 2021



Know your Hurricane Risk

Hurricane Season begins on June 1st and runs through November 30th. Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water, even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. [Start preparing now.](#)

Make an Emergency Plan

Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands [your hurricane plan](#). In your hurricane plans include the [office, kids' daycare, and anywhere you frequent](#). Ensure your business has a [continuity plan](#) to continue operating when disaster strikes.

Discuss the latest [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidance on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) and how it may affect your hurricane planning.

Know your Evacuation Zone

You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. [Learn your evacuation routes](#), practice with household, pets, and identify where you will stay. Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

Recognize Warnings and Alerts

Have several ways to receive alerts. [Download the FEMA app](#) and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. [Sign up for community alerts](#) in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)- which requires no-sign up.

Those with Disabilities

If you or anyone in your household is an [individual with a disability](#) identify if you may need additional help during an emergency.

Review Important Documents

Make sure your [insurance policies and personal documents](#) like ID are up to date.

Make copies and keep them in a secure password protected digital space.

Strengthen your Home

De-clutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture, consider hurricane shutters.

Get Tech Ready

Keep your cell phone charged when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

Help your Neighborhood

Check with neighbors, senior adults, or those who may need additional help securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance to others

Gather Supplies

Have enough supplies for your household, include medication, disinfectant supplies, masks, pet supplies in your go bag or car trunk. After a hurricane, you may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks. Remember that not everyone can afford to respond by stocking up on necessities. For those who can afford it, making essential purchases and slowly building up supplies in advance will allow for longer time periods between shopping trips. This helps to protect those who are unable to procure essentials beforehand and must shop more frequently. Only take the items you and your family may need so that others who rely on these products can also access them.

To learn more about hurricane safety, visit [Hurricanes | Ready.gov](#).

Burn Ban

The Town would like to remind our citizens that the region's moderate drought conditions, a high fire danger index rating, and recent weather forecasts have led us to mirror Brunswick County and institute a burn ban within 100 feet of any structure. The ban includes open flames, but does not include gas and charcoal grills. The ban was enacted May 26, 2021.

"One of our primary duties is to help protect our citizens from harm," said Mayor Mike Allen. "Our burn ban is an added, hopefully temporary step to ensure our residents are better protected during this time of drought."

Board of Commissioners Meeting



On Monday May 24th, at our monthly Belville Board of Commissioners Meeting, the Board approved Resolution R21-11, a resolution receiving funds under the American Rescue Plan Act related to COVID-19 relief. The Board also approved Resolution R21-12, a resolution honoring those that made the ultimate sacrifice, as we observe Memorial Day. A resolution in support of William Long's Eagle Scout Project was approved, a proclamation terminating the State of Emergency from COVID-19 was made and the Town enacted a Burn Ban resolution within the corporate limits of Belville. This burn ban will eliminate open fires, but the use of grills (both charcoal and gas) are still permitted. Great progress is being made on the Vision 2030 Plan. Adrienne Harrington of Smart Moves Consulting joined the BOC meeting to give a synopsis of the 752 Public Input survey results, as well as the outcome of the vision strategies derived from the Steering Committee and Shareholder Committees held over the last few months. The plan will be finalized during the next month, and will then be presented to the Commissioners. The citizens are excited about the expansion of the Brunswick Riverwalk, and growing interest in the Downtown development. Check our website soon for complete meeting minutes.

Monthly Meetings Schedule



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1. Planning Board Meeting - June 8th at 6:30 PM
2. Parks and Recreation Board Meeting - June 10th at 6:00 PM
3. ABC Board Meeting - June 15th at 6:30 PM
4. Board of Commissioners Meeting - June 28th at 6:30 PM

Please check with the Town or follow press releases and notifications for meeting cancellations and changes.

Other Updates

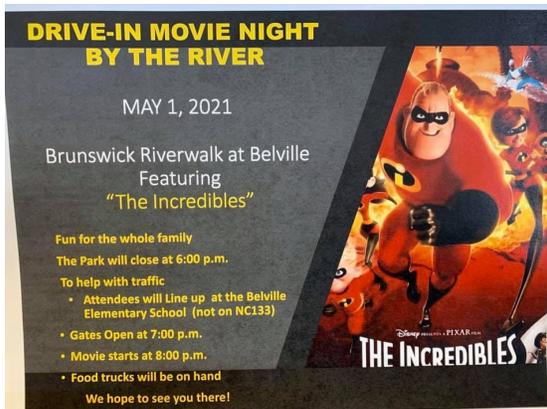


(1) **Memorial Rose Garden** – The Memorial Rose Garden at Town Hall was in full bloom during the month of May. It is truly a treasure. We appreciate our maintenance engineers, Greg DeVone and Willie Taylor, for keeping the outside looking impeccable. Thank you, Greg and Willie!



(2) **Planning Board Vacancies** – The Town of Belville Planning Board has three vacancies starting in July. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should complete an application by Wednesday June 15th. The applications can be found on our website, or by [clicking here](#).

(3) **Parks and Recreation Drive In Movie Update** – Our free Drive-In Movie event, held May 1st, was a huge success. We would like to thank our Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Bucher, who built the movie screen and our Parks and Recreation Board Secretary, Brenda Hewlett, who coordinated our vendors. Additionally, we would like to thank the Parks and Recreation Board members and volunteers who provided parking assistance, allowing families to safely watch 'The Incredibles.' Many thanks to Trolley Stop and Snowie of the Carolinas for making the event extra special!



(4) **Riverwalk Pier Fishing** – People love catching fish at the Riverwalk Pier! If you would like to purchase a card key for the park's gate, please visit our website homepage and click on the button underneath "Let's Go Fishing" or [click here](#) for more information.

(5) **Brunswick County Issues Stage 1 Water Conservation Alert** – To ensure adequate

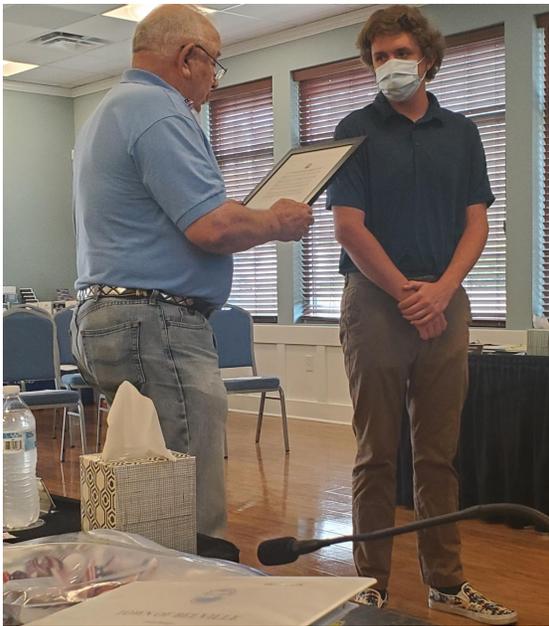
water is available for essential needs, Brunswick County has declared a Stage 1 Water Conservation Alert effective immediately. Water conservation alerts affect all customers of public water systems anywhere in Brunswick County.

Brunswick County asks the users of public water systems throughout the county to be diligent in using water wisely. Demand for water has exceeded 80% of the available production and distribution capacity. As Memorial Day approaches, water demands are expected to increase.

Brunswick County Public Utilities provides water service in unincorporated portions of Brunswick County as well as the following communities: Boiling Spring Lakes, Bolivia, Calabash, Carolina Shores, Caswell Beach, Navassa, Northwest, Sandy Creek, St. James, Sunset Beach, and Varnamtown.

Customers of other utilities such as Bald Head Island, Brunswick Regional – H2GO (Belville), Holden Beach, Leland, Oak Island, Ocean Isle Beach, Shallotte, and Southport are under the same restrictions since these utilities receive their water from Brunswick County Public Utilities. To read the complete media release, please visit Brunswick County's website by [clicking here](#).

(6) **Blessing Box: Eagle Scout Project** – William Long received a resolution in support of his Eagle Scout project at the May 24, 2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting. The Blessing Box that he constructed is located at Town Hall and provides food and toiletries for those in need. We are proud of Mr. Long and appreciate his enthusiasm for supporting our community!



Mayor Allen presenting William Long with a resolution in support of his Eagle Scout project.



Long's "Blessing Box" located at Town Hall.

Brunswick Riverwalk Park at Belville



For updates and information about our Park,
please visit our [Riverwalk Facebook Page!](#)

Duke Energy Educational Pavilion

The Duke Energy Educational Pavilion is located along the Park's boardwalk. Use of the pavilion may be restricted due to construction and COVID-19. Please contact **Town Hall** at (910) 371-2456 for information and reservations.

Riverwalk Farmers' Market

[Little Boys Produce](#) and [Seaview Crab Company](#) will be at the Farmer's Market from 10am to 6pm on Fridays and from 10am to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays.



Riverwalk Veterans' Memorial

Visit our Veteran's Memorial located in the back of our Town Park. For more information about adding a name to the memorial, please contact Jim Bucher or go directly to [Polar Engraving](#) to place your order online.



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