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Welcome to our monthly update



Message from Mayor Allen

Greetings,

As we head into Labor Day, this is a time to remember the meaning of the

federal holiday. Labor Day was established in 1894 to honor and recognize the achievements of the American Labor Movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States of America. Labor Day is a time to pay tribute to our workforce. I would like to personally thank each of you that contribute to the workforce of our great nation.

The Town of Belville is proud to have completed the Vision 2030 Plan. The Plan will be presented for adoption at an upcoming Board of Commissioners Meeting. Vision 2030 focuses on expanding the Brunswick Riverwalk Park and developing a future downtown Belville. The amount of public interest and participation in the Vision 2030 plan has been fantastic. Citizens of the Town of Belville have voiced their opinions and engaged with me and others. To have an involved population is one of the best feelings a Mayor can experience. I thank you for your continued support and participation in this process.

Lastly, our thoughts and prayers are with the State of Louisiana as they begin the long recovery process from the devastation brought about by Hurricane Ida. It's not too late to ensure that your family and friends are prepared in the event that a hurricane should target our region.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day. We wish you all a Happy Labor Day!

Take care of each other!

Sincerely,
Mike Allen, Mayor
Town of Belville

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Town Updates

COVID-19

Brunswick County requires masks or face coverings inside all public buildings effective August 26th. Brunswick County Health Services continues to schedule 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.

Additional Doses and Boosters

Brunswick County Health Services is now administering additional third doses of the Pfizer and Moderna (mRNA) vaccines at its main vaccination clinic in Bolivia and pop-up vaccination clinics for moderately to severely immunocompromised people after an initial two-dose primary mRNA vaccine series only. Booster vaccines are not available nor recommended for the general population at this time, until further guidance is provided by the FDA and CDC. For more information, please visit [Vaccines - Brunswick County Government \(brunswickcountync.gov\)](https://brunswickcountync.gov/vaccines).

Brunswick County COVID-19 Case Counts

As of August 26, 2021, the Brunswick County Resident Covid-19 Case counts are:

12,476 Total Positives (confirmed and probable)

1,376 Active (includes isolating at home and hospitalizations)

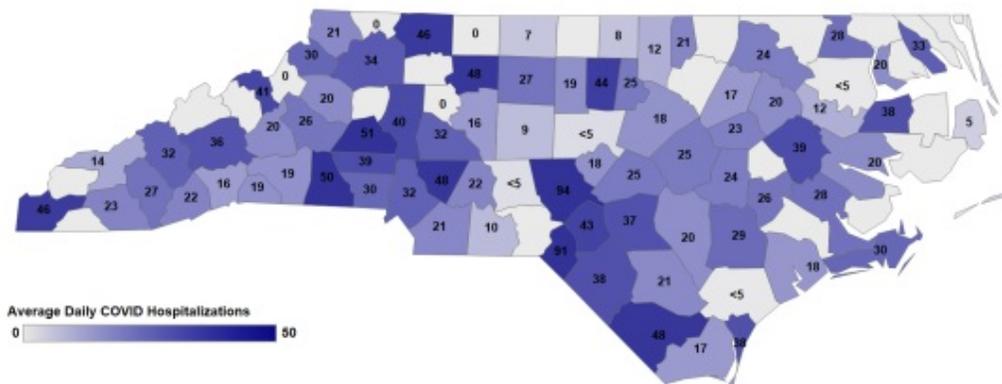
182 Deaths

10,918 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.

Average Daily COVID Hospitalizations per 100k Residents (8/10/2021 - 8/23/2021)



Note: Data in the above map reflect the average daily COVID-19 related hospitalizations in the previous two weeks (8/10/2021 - 8/23/2021) by county. The values are normalized to rates per 100,000 residents. Data are displayed as "<5" to protect privacy in counties where the average number of hospitalizations is less than 5.

Beginning Aug. 6, 2021, NCDHHS transitioned to using the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 Community Transmission Map](#) to monitor COVID-19 activity in North Carolina counties. This map is updated daily and uses a combination of total cases per 100,000 population and percent positivity in the last 7 days to measure the level of community transmission in counties.

Key metrics from the CDC and North Carolina are showing increasing COVID-19 spread. Getting vaccinated as quickly as possible is critically important to slow the spread of the virus.

CDC guidance recommends that everyone wear a mask in all indoor public spaces if you live in areas of high or substantial levels of transmission as defined by the CDC Community Transmission Map until more people are vaccinated and viral transmission decreases. **As of Aug. 4, that is 98 out of 100 counties.**

There are critical actions we can all take to slow the spread of COVID-19, regardless of the level of community transmission in your county. Individuals, businesses, community organizations, and public officials all have a responsibility to take these recommended actions, in addition to following the requirements in existing [Executive Orders](#) and [NCDHHS guidance](#).

Counties in high and substantial areas of COVID transmission according the CDC need to do even more to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their communities; counties should encourage vaccination and follow all CDC and NCDHHS guidance for slowing the spread of COVID-19. Please visit the [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services](#) to review the county transmission data.

Additional resources

[CDC COVID-19 Website](#)

[NCDHHS COVID-19 Website](#)

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

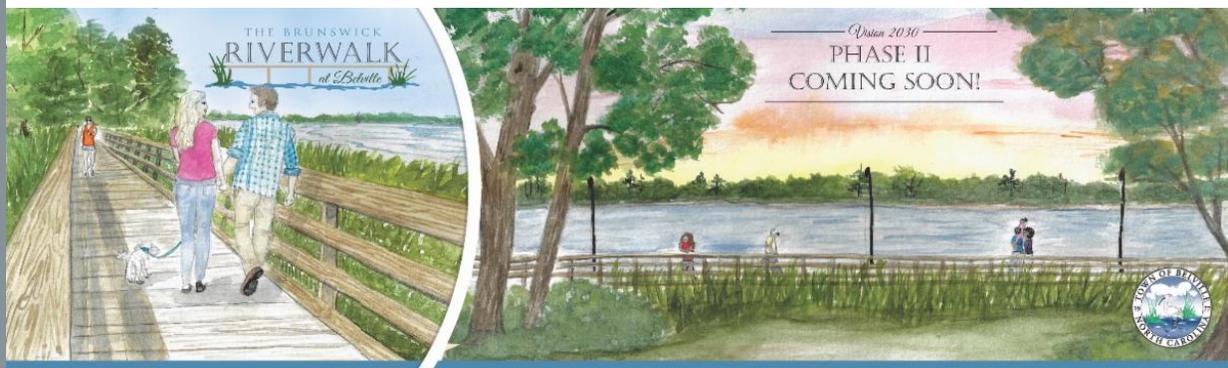
[News from Brunswick County Government](#)

[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 launched the Vision 2030 planning process in January 2021 by working with the Steering and Stakeholder Committees to identify priorities for future development along the Brunswick River in Belville. The public input period took place in April 2021. The Town received 752 public survey responses to help guide the development of the Vision 2030 Plan.

The Vision 2030 Plan focuses on expanding the Brunswick Riverwalk Park and developing a future downtown Belville. The Brunswick River in Belville provides a unique opportunity to expand the Riverwalk trail to the north to US 74/76 and integrate it with other

Town of Belville



Vision 2030 Plan

recreational components and a new riverfront mixed-use development to create the new downtown Belville.

The Town of Belville incorporated the Steering and Stakeholder priorities and the public input responses into the Vision 2030 Plan that will be presented by the Board of Commissioners at an upcoming meeting.

For additional information, please visit the project website at

www.townofbelville.com/vision2030 or contact Athina Williams, Town Manager, at townmanager@townofbelville.com or 910-371-2456 or Adrienne Harrington, Project Consultant, at adrienne@smartmovesconsulting.net or 910-431-0949.

Hurricane Season 2021

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June through November. If you haven't already, take the time to prepare for the season. To learn more about hurricane safety, visit [Hurricanes | Ready.gov](#) or [Ready NC](#).

Get **ReadyNC**



Plan Discuss with your family what to do before, during and after an emergency. The more prepared you are, the better you will be.

- Set a place for family members to meet during emergencies.
- Have an out-of-state contact person for all family members to call.
- Copy important documents like insurance policies, birth certificates, bank statements and social security cards and keep in a safe place.
- Make a plan for your pets.
- Know specific care instructions for older adults or people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Prepare Make an emergency supplies kit before a disaster with basic items your family may need in or after an emergency. Be sure everyone knows where the kit is.



Stay Informed ReadyNC.org has lots of information about planning and preparing for emergencies plus what to do during different types of disasters.



Visit ReadyNC.org to plan and prepare for disasters, and stay informed when they happen.



Visit readync.org to learn more.

BE PREPARED Items needed for your Emergency Supplies Kit



Water— one gallon per person per day (a week's supply is better)



Non-perishable foods, such as canned goods, granola bars, nuts, dried fruit, and cereal



Non-electric can opener



First aid kit and medicines



Baby supplies, toys, books, games



Food, water, leash and carrier for pets



Flashlight, portable radio, batteries



Cash and change



extra pair of eyeglasses



Extra set of house and car keys



Change of clothes, sturdy shoes



Blanket or sleeping bag



Anti-bacterial hand wipes or gel



Personal hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.



Fire extinguisher ABC-type



Important papers: identification, insurance, bank information, will, etc.



Cell phone and charger



NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



This graphic and others can be found at readync.org.

Town of Belville Emergency Information Website

We are excited to announce that the Town has launched an emergency information page on our website. While still a work in progress, this page currently provides valuable information about hurricane preparations, response and recovery. You can

access our new emergency information page by [clicking here](#) or visiting us at townofbelville.com/emergency-information/.

Board of Commissioners Meeting



The Board of Commissioners Meeting scheduled for Monday August 30th was cancelled due to an emergency. A Board of Commissioners Special Meeting has been scheduled for September 15th at 6:00 PM.

Monthly Meetings Schedule



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1. Planning Board Meeting - September 14th at 6:30 PM
2. Parks and Recreation Board Meeting - September 9th at 6:00 PM
3. ABC Board Meeting - September 21st at 6:30 PM
4. Board of Commissioners Meeting - September 27th at 6:30 PM
5. Board of Commissioners Special Meeting - September 15th at 6:00 PM

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

Other Town Updates

(1) Town Contributes to Brunswick

County Community College – The Town of Belville recently contributed \$2,000 to the Brunswick Community College Foundations' Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD) programs.

Pictured from left to right: Athina Williams, Belville Town Manager, **Elizabeth Wassum**, Executive Director, BCC Foundation, Mayor Mike Allen, **Town of Belville, NC**, Dr. Gene Smith, President, Brunswick Community College and **Onya Gardner**, Dean, CEWD.



(2) Fall Festival– The Summerfest Healthy Living Festival, which was privately sponsored, has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

The Fall Festival sponsored by the Town with food, entertainment and vendors is scheduled for October 2nd from 10am until 3pm. The Festival will be held at the Brunswick Riverwalk at Belville located at 580 River Road. The event will feature food vendors (Seaview Crab Company, Trolley Stop of Southport, Snowie of the Carolinas and Papa Dom's Singing Sandwich Truck); free entertainment (Mr. Twister - balloons, Bounce Houses and No Sleeves Magic - magic show); and several additional vendors. For more information visit the [Town's website](#).



(3) Registration for lost pets – All pets within Town limits should be registered with our Parks and Recreation Department. To register your pet, email Jim Bucher at parksandrec@townofbelville.com. Please provide your name, address, collar number, and a description of the animal. If they are chipped, provide this information as well. This registration will help if your animal should get lost.

(4) Brunswick Riverwalk featured in the Star News – "Heart of the Town: Brunswick Riverwalk offers a slice of nature within the Belville Community" by Matt Born. **Star News Editors Note: This is part of an ongoing series highlighting towns and communities in the Wilmington area and the places within them that are iconic and represent the "heart and soul" of that place.**

To read the article in its entirety, visit the [Star News website](#).

(5) Brunswick County Early College High School Intern –

The Town would like to welcome aboard Yanisa Keck. Miss Keck is an intern from Brunswick County Early College High School. Students in this program volunteer ten hours of their time each month during the school year in community service. Welcome, Yanisa!



Brunswick Riverwalk Park at Belville



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

Duke Energy Education Pavilion

The Duke Energy Education Pavilion is located along the Park's boardwalk. Please contact **Town Hall at (910) 371-2456** for up-to-date information and reservations.

Riverwalk Farmers' Market

[Little Boys Produce](#) and [Seaview Crab Company](#) will be at the Farmer's Market on Thursdays from 2pm-6pm, Fridays from 11am-6:30pm, Saturdays 10am-6:30pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Pictured at right are Celeste and Bob Plassman visiting the Farmer's Market
Photo credit: Matt Born/ Star News



Enjoying the Brunswick Riverwalk

A man runs along the Brunswick Riverwalk at Belville. The park includes a mile of wooded paths, the Duke Energy Education Pavilion, a music pavilion, a 1,500 foot boardwalk which overlooks the Brunswick River, playgrounds, picnic shelters, and a fishing pier. The town



is working to install boat ramp docks for both motorized and non-motorized crafts. The Town recently broke ground on the next step of their Vision 2030 plan,

that includes extending the existing boardwalk north, a 2,400 foot addition.

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.



Visit our Website