



Town of Belville July 2023 Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

Greetings and welcome to the July 2023 edition of our Town Newsletter! Last month, we hosted our first ever Food Truck Rodeo! In total, 11 trucks came out to share a delicious variety of foods. Thank you to all who attended, sponsored, and provided entertainment for the event. We also hosted our third annual Youth Fishing Day for a special morning for kids and their guardians to fish off the Riverwalk Pier. June was also the official start of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. We encourage you and your loved ones to be prepared for storms in the coming months; have a plan and the necessary items to stay safe.

Happy 4th of July! We wish you a safe and celebratory Independence Day. On July 4th, we thank everyone who does so much day to defend our country, to defend our freedom, and serve their communities.

Please enjoy our newsletter to learn about all that is taking place in our community.

As always, take care of each other!

Sincerely,
Mike Allen, Mayor



Board of Commissioners

June BOC Recap

The Board of Commissioners approved a resolution supporting the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's Action Planning Grant Application through the "Safe Streets and Roads for All" program, and a Resolution to designate July as Parks and Recreation Month. Staff provided updates on tax collection, finance, and code enforcement.

You can find the Board of Commissioners' agendas and meeting minutes [here](#).

July Public Meeting Schedule

Planning Board

July 11
6:30 PM

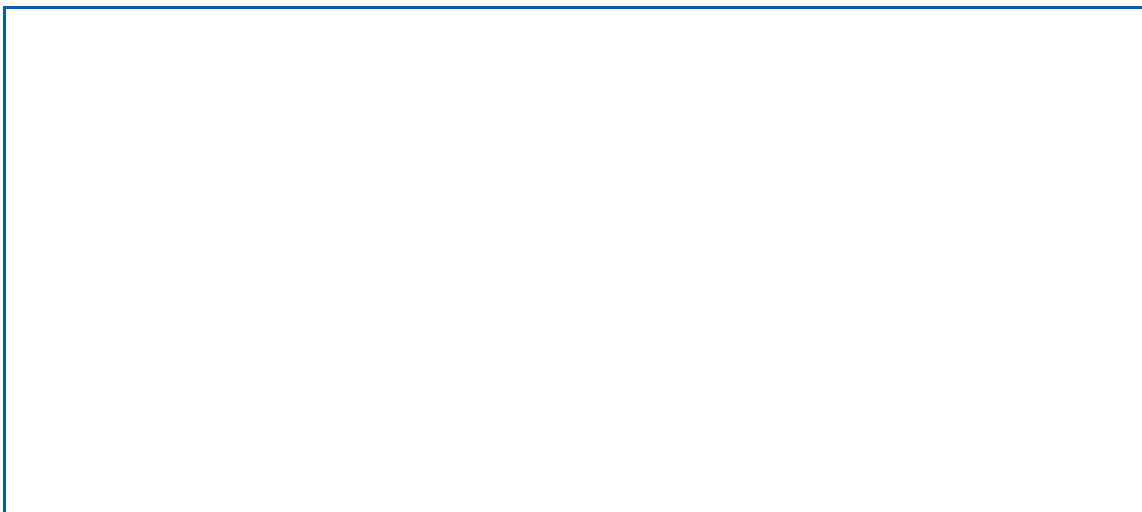
Parks & Recreation Board

July 12
6 PM

Board of Commissioners

July 24
6:30 PM

Things to Know





Food Truck Rodeo Recap

Our first ever Food Truck Rodeo was a success! Eleven vendors came to Belville Riverwalk Park to showcase their delicious meals and yummy treats. Live music was performed by The Many Everythings. Thank you to all the vendors and attendees. (Photo featured above).

Youth Fishing Day Recap

We were maxed out for participation in the Third Annual Youth Fishing Day. Kids from ages 6 to 15 were able to spend the morning fishing from our beautiful Riverwalk Pier. Thank you to our sponsors for supporting the event!

Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser

The town hosted a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings to offer continued support for the Parks and Recreation Department. \$496 was raised!

Kayak and Paddle Board Rentals and Tours

Riverwalk Rentals has kayaks and paddle boards available for day use right in Belville Riverwalk Park! Rentals are available Tuesday to Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 to 8 pm. Reserve online and see prices at

<https://rentatriverwalk.com>.

In addition to rentals, Wilmington Outdoor Adventures offers guided paddle tours that depart from Belville Riverwalk Park. Experience a customized tour in a kayak or canoe that includes nature, culture, and history by an experienced and knowledgeable guide. Learn more and reserve at

<https://www.wilmingtonoutdooradventures.com/>



Town and Regional Updates

Dragonfly Pond

The Dragonfly Pond at Belville Riverwalk Park is complete! Located along the trail, this pond will host dragonflies in an effort to mitigate the mosquito population in and around the park. The pond is currently host to dragonfly nymphs but adult dragonflies can be seen. A dragonfly can eat hundreds of mosquitos in a day!

H2GO Reverse Osmosis Plant

After three years of construction, H2GO's Reverse Osmosis Plant is now pumping water to customers. Sourced from underground aquifers the treatment plant filters water to prevent contamination from PFAS such as GenX. Read the full story from WECT [here](#).

Belville Skycam

View the Brunswick River online in real time! The First Alert Sky Cam is a live camera provided by WECT positioned on the Belville Riverwalk. [Watch Here](#)

Town Hall Closed July 4

Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day

Blueprint Brunswick

The Brunswick County Planning Department recently presented the final draft of the Blueprint Brunswick 2040 Land Use Plan and the Parks & Recreation Plan. Both were officially adopted by the Belville Board of Commissioners. You are invited to view the plans [here](#).

Vending Machines at Belville Riverwalk Park

There is now an ice and vending machine in operation beside the Market at Belville Riverwalk Park. Fill up your containers with water and ice and stay hydrated and cool during your day at the park. Also, two new drink vending machines and one new snack vending machine are expected to be in operation in early July. The drink machine will be located beside the ice and water vending machine. The other drink machine and snack vending machine will be beside the restrooms.

Join the Belville Team

Job Openings

The Town of Belville is currently hiring for the positions of *Planner* and *Deputy Finance Officer*. See job descriptions and application information on our [Jobs Page](#).



Spotlight



Above are photos of the Dragonfly Pond at Belville Riverwalk Park



In June, Ian McLeod celebrated 1 year as the Ground Maintenance / Recreation Assistant for Belville. We are blessed to have Ian on our staff and are appreciative of all his hard work!



Welcome Eli Sylvester as our Planning Intern. A Junior at UNC Chapel Hill studying City Planning, Eli will spend this summer as the special assistant to the Town Manager and work on various town projects.



Above are photos from the Third Annual Youth Fishing Day



Hurricane Season June 1 - November 30

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting 12 to 17 named storms during the 2023 Hurricane Season. Learn how you and your loved ones can be prepared for this hurricane season at [NOAA.GOV](https://www.noaa.gov)

Noteworthy Events

Dragonfly Fundraiser and Apparel Sale

Monday, July 10
5 - 9pm

Come support our Dragonfly Pond Project. We will be selling Dragonfly t-shirts, jewelry, flags, and prints to raise funds for the dragonfly pond. The event will be held at Highway 55 restaurant in Leland at 1114 New Pointe Blvd. Proceeds will help maintain the pond and landscaping, and increase the number of dragonfly nymphs.

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 7
10am - 3pm
(Rain Date October 14)

Come be a part of our Annual Fall Festival! We'll have lots of vendors, bounce houses, entertainment, and food trucks. Admission is free.

Belville Riverwalk Park

Follow the Belville Riverwalk Park on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/belvillepark) to stay updated on events, vendors/markets, and weather impacts on events and schedules.



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