In Loving Memory of our Mayor,
William "Mike" Robert Michael Allen
December 20, 1949 – July 30, 2025

Message from Acting Mayor Chuck Bost

As we enter the month of September, we continue to mourn the loss of our long time Mayor and friend, Mike Allen. The sudden and untimely passing of Mike has left a noticeable void, not only in our town hall, but the Belville community and the greater Brunswick County area. Mike was a living legend, a man larger than life, whose impact will be felt for years to come and pure joy and love for this area greatly missed. I still expect to see him sitting in his office, looking at me with that smirk that always made me smile as he would say something to the effect "well look who it is," to which I would crack a joke or ask if he ever went home. I miss the banter – I miss the man and his friendship but especially the ability to just talk about things we wanted to do in Belville and bounce ideas by him. Of course, there would be several stories mixed in with that but that was just the benefit of talking to him, stories that I have heard a thousand times, but I truly miss. But the greatest way to honor the man is to honor his dream for this Town and we are moving forward with them. As the Acting Mayor, I insisted that we began renewed talks with our downtown developer, Urban Smart Growth, to try and come to a resolution to this long, on-going and stagnated project. Those talks have been productive, and I hope to announce a resolution soon. We also completed our multi-use path (MUP) along River Road, and, after a few additional minor finishing touches, we should be dedicating it soon. The Riverwalk expansion also continues and, after some final meetings with our contractor, we are very close to laying out our construction area and to begin work. This all comes during an election season which I am running to continue being your Mayor. It will not detract or distract me from committing myself to you and this Town as we continue to enjoy living in an incredible area that is Belville, NC!!

Stay safe and best wishes!
Chuck Bost
Acting Mayor of Belville

Board of Commissioners

July and August BOC Recap

Highlights of the July Board of Commissioners meeting included a Resolution recognizing Athina Williams' 19 years of service with the Town of Belville; a Resolution expressing thanks and appreciation to Cindy Ruggerio as Parks and Recreation volunteer; and a Resolution expressing thanks and appreciation to Gene Ward of the ABC Board. Other items included a Belville Riverwalk Park project update, a Transportation Update, and the release of an on-call engineering Request for Qualifications.

Highlights from the August Board of Commissioners meeting included a presentation to the family of late Mayor Mike Allen with a Presidential Proclamation in recognition for his service and shared condolences with the family for their loss. The Board of Commissioners also acknowledged several staff members for their service to the town: Jace Sanchez (2 years), Linda Nixon (2 years), Jeff Gruenewald (3 years) and finally Randy Collins (for 1 year) work anniversaries. Ian McLeod, Events Coordinator, updated the Commissioners on Park Events and upcoming changes to the Belville Riverwalk Park parking lot, which will include the addition of boat parking in the parking lot. Mr. McLeod also provided updates on Storm Water Mitigation which is a major focus for the Town and Commissioners.

You can find the Board of Commissioners' agendas and meeting minutes[here](#). Be sure to check the agendas and follow us on social media for the locations of all public meetings.

Public Meeting Schedules

[Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar](#)

[ABC Board Meeting Calendar](#)

[Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Calendar](#)

[Planning Board Meeting Calendar](#)

Things to Know

Honoring Mayor Allen
The Celebration of Life Ceremony held at Brunswick Community College was attended by hundreds from all over Southeastern North Carolina.
Kind words and stories were shared by speakers including Sheriff Brian Chism and NC State Representative Charles Miller. Acting Mayor Chuck Bost, who, along with Acting Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill presented Belville's First Lady, Barbara Allen with the Mayor's meeting gavel from Town Hall. The Highway Patrol also unveiled a picture of Mayor Allen that will hang in the new Brunswick County Highway Patrol office, here in Belville. We will sorely miss Mayor Mike Allen.

Belville Staff Honors and Celebrations
In late July we celebrated the 19th work anniversary of Town Manager Athina Williams! In August, we celebrated the work anniversaries of Randy Collins, Jace Sanchez, Jeff Gruenwald, and Linda Nixon; the birthdays of Brenda Hewlett and Athina Williams; and Ian McLeod as our August employee of the month!

New Town Hall Location
Town Hall has moved to a new location at 497 Olde Waterford Way, Belville, Suite 200. This transition marks a significant step forward in the Town of Belville's growth and commitment to supporting the expanding Brunswick County community. We made a short video that highlights our experience and memories at our old location on River Road. Watch it on our [Facebook Page](#).

WMPO Safety Action Plan
The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) is proud to launch a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan initiative to improve roadway safety for all roadway users in the region. The SS4A program is a federal initiative meant to support efforts to enhance transportation network safety and to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities, particularly for people not using a motor vehicle. As Belville is part of the WMPO planning area, you are encouraged to provide your input on the SS4A plan during the [public comment period which is currently taking place](#).

Southeastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update
All community members within Brunswick, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pender Counties are invited to participate in the mitigation planning process by taking an online survey. The information you provide will help local, state, and federal agencies better understand your hazard concerns and can lead to mitigation activities designed to help lessen the impacts of future hazard events. Learn more and provide input through the [project's website](#).

NCDOT State Transportation Improvement Plan
The North Carolina Department of Transportation is developing a 2028-2037 State Transportation Improvement Plan. This plan will help guide transportation projects for a 10-year period. Provide your input now through August 29 at [NCDOT.gov](#).

Past and Upcoming Events
The August 15th Movie in the Park night with a screening of "A Minecraft Movie" was cancelled due to weather and will be rescheduled. Next events include the Feast of the Pirates on September 13, Community Yard Sale on September 20, and the Brunswick Heritage Riverside Ride on September 27. Learn more about these events by following us on Social Media and visiting [belvillepr.recdesk.com](#).

"Be A Looker" For Bikes and Pedestrians
The Go Coast Be A Looker Campaign asks that you become more vigilant on the

roadway. Whether you are a driver, bicyclist, or a pedestrian- everyone has the responsibility to "see and be seen" to protect themselves, and others, on the road. Learn great tips for being a better driver, bicyclist, and pedestrian and take the safety pledge at gocoastnc.org/bealooker.

Town and Regional Updates

River Road Multiuse Path

It's been a long road, literally....and the second phase of the River Road multi-use path project has been completed! We couldn't have done it without our partners at NCDOT, S&C Construction, and WithersRavenel. We'll be having an ribbon cutting to officially open the path (although it's great to see people already using it!) within the next few weeks and will be inviting the public to attend. Thank you also to the residents of for your patience as we completed this project for you.

Mayors of Brunswick County August 2025 Meeting

As Brunswick County continues to rapidly grow, one of the challenges faced by local municipalities is how to fund and grow fire services. Did you know the average cost of a fire truck is one million dollars? To address these funding challenges, the Mayors of Brunswick County met in Supply for a presentation by Fire Chief's Charles Drew and Chief Keith McGee, and to discuss solutions. Among the attendees were Belville's own Acting Mayor, Chuck Bost, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill, Madame Town Manager Athina Williams, and Deputy Finance Officer Kerry Wooding. After the session, Acting Mayor Chuck Bost also met with other mayors, including the neighboring towns of Navassa and Leland, to discuss how towns can work together to help.

Stay Engaged
Looking for a way to get involved in your Belville community? The Town of Belville offers numerous ways to stay connected and make a difference. Attend public meetings to share your voice, enjoy a variety of events at Belville Riverwalk Park, and volunteer your time and talents to give back. Stay up-to-date by following us on Instagram, Facebook, X, NextDoor, and LinkedIn.

Explore meeting agendas and schedules at townofbelville.com, discover parks and recreation events at belvillepr.recdesk.com , and learn about volunteer opportunities at townofbelville.com/recreation. Your community is stronger with you in it!

Featuring Local Businesses
Are you a local Belville business? We'd like to hear from you. We recognize Belville businesses every week on our social media channels. If you're a business located in Belville and would like to be featured, contact us at Belville Town Hall. We're looking for a little information about your business, any special offers you may have for residents and what makes your business special - and of course, you have to be located in Belville.

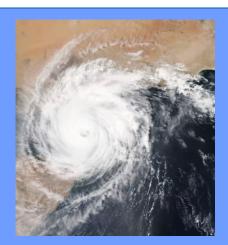**Vendors (and new Shades) at Belville Riverwalk Market**
Fun Time Ice Cream is open Monday to Friday from 1 to 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 7 pm. Seaview Crab Company is open Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm or sellout. Follow the Belville Riverwalk Park on Facebook to get timely updates on weather-related vendor schedule changes. We also installed a giant sunshade beside Fun Time Ice Cream to make your experience even better!

Pet Registration
You can now register your pets with Belville! In the event your pet is missing and found, we can help reunite you. Register your pet by emailing Randy Collins at publicworks@townofbelville.com. Provide the pet's name; owner name, email, and phone number; home address, breed and description, and a photo!

Extra, extra! Read all about it!
The Belville Monthly Newsletter is a great way to stay connected with what is going on our community. Please share this newsletter with a friend or neighbor to help spread all the exciting information that comes with each edition. New subscribers may send a request to be added to the distribution list to tobncsocialmedia@gmail.com.

Hurricane Season Preparedness

Make sure you and your loved ones are prepared. Learn about how to stay informed, make a plan, and stay ready.

Learn more at Brunswick County's Hurricane Resources Page.
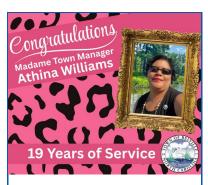

Spotlight

Pictured above is the Celebration of Life Ceremony for Mayor Mike Allen on August 5, 2025, and a collection of the Mayor with Belville Staff and community members in recent years. We greatly appreciate the outpouring of support the community has shown after the unexpected loss of our beloved Mayor.
With Mayor Allen's memory always in mind, we will keep moving forward as a town and community.

Acting Mayor Chuck Bost with Southport and Calabash Fire Chiefs and Acting Belville Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill.

A wonderful congratulations to Town Manager Athina Williams for celebrating 19 years with the Town of Belville!

Congratulations to Ian McLeod, Event Coordinator, as our August Employee of the Month!

Noteworthy Events

TOWN OF BELVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION — 2025 EVENTS

JUNE 7	FOOD TRUCK RODEO: 11 AM - 4 PM
JUNE 21	YOUTH FISHING DAY: 7 AM - NOON — REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SEPTEMBER 13	FEAST OF THE PIRATES: 10 AM - 4 PM — RAIN DATE: SEPTEMBER 20
SEPTEMBER 20	COMMUNITY YARD SALE: 7 AM - 11 AM — TABLE/BOOTH REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SEPTEMBER 27	BRUNSWICK HERITAGE RIVERSIDE RIDE — REGISTRATION REQUIRED
OCTOBER	SENIOR FISHING DAY — DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED
OCTOBER 4	FALL FESTIVAL: 10 AM - 3 PM — RAIN DATE: NOVEMBER 1
OCTOBER 10	HARVEST GATHERING FESTIVAL (SKARURE INDIANS) — TENTATIVE DATES: OCTOBER 10, 11, 12

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OCTOBER 18	BIKES, BREWS, AND BBQ — TENTATIVE DATE, TIME TO BE DETERMINED
OCTOBER 24	HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT: 4 PM - 6 PM — TRUNK REGISTRATION REQUIRED
OCTOBER 27	2ND ANNUAL BELVILLE CLASSIC CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT *
NOVEMBER 22	GLOW MINI GOLF / NIGHT OUT: 5 PM - 8 PM — REGISTRATION REQUIRED
NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY CEREMONY: 11 AM - 4 PM
DECEMBER 6	CHRISTMAS CRAFT FESTIVAL: 10 AM - 3 PM — VENDOR REGISTRATION REQUIRED
DECEMBER 6	CHRISTMAS MOVIE IN THE PARK: 7 PM - 9 PM
DECEMBER 13	CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & VILLAGE: 2 PM - 7:30 PM — RAIN DATE TO BE DETERMINED

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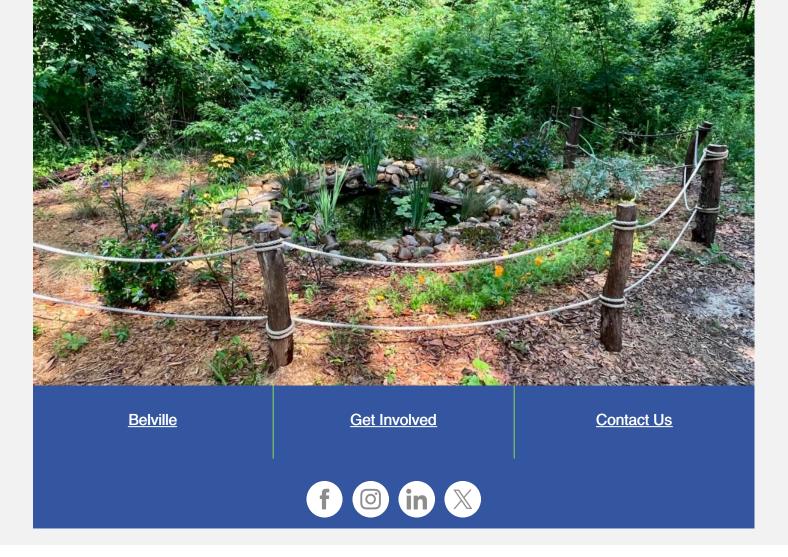

Other Events and Details

Movies in the Park
September 19
Belville Riverwalk Park

Christmas in Charleston
December 5-7
Charleston, SC
Registration Information

Belville   **Get Involved**   **Contact Us**