



Town of Belville NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays from Mayor Chuck Bost



Welcoming winter to Belville, I'm reminded once again what a special season this is for our community.

The sights and sounds of the holiday season not only signal Santa's arrival, but that the year is quickly coming to an end. It's a time of both reflection and gratitude.

Looking back over the year, it's definitely been a time of change...

And now it's time to look ahead: As we work on several town improvement projects, like extending our park trails northward toward our future downtown, Belville's future is both inspiring and bright.

The past few months have quickly moved by. Bringing together our Belville neighbors, the Belville Riverwalk events like the Fall Festival, Halloween Trunk or Treat Monster Mash, Glow Mini Golf, Veterans Day - and just this past weekend - Christmas Festival, have filled our park and with exciting events and community connection. (It feels like just yesterday we were celebrating Founders Day in May!) Whew! It's been quite a year.

To all of our residents, businesses, staff, and volunteers I want to express my appreciation for making 2025 a great one in Belville - and here's to an even better 2026.

On behalf of the entire Town of Belville staff, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Chuck Bost
Mayor of Belville



Board of Commissioners Meetings

October, November, December Recap

During the October Board of Commissioners meeting, two of the main items on the agenda were public hearings for planning and zoning issues, including use and structure regulations as well as parking. There was a virtual presentation from Amanda Hollingsworth of WithersRavenel.

Amanda presented an update on the ongoing Stormwater study that was commissioned by the Town. Mayor Chuck Bost also spoke to the challenge of fixing stormwater issues, quoting an estimated cost of 4.5 million dollars to fully address the challenges facing our community. ABC Board Chairman, Joe Henson, presented a Resolution Approving Excess Working Capital for the Belville ABC Board for Capital Improvement Purposes. Greg

Bannerman and Ian McLeod, Belville Parks & Recreation staff gave updates on park improvements and events.

The Town's updated Hurricane Plan was also presented by Madame Town Manager Athina Williams. The Board also heard from the YMCA's Executive Director Josh Gravette and YMCA Wellness Coach, Stephanie Smith about YMCA's enrichment programs and asked the board for support. Finally, Madame Town Manager Athina Williams gave updates regarding transportation projects like the multi-use path and the Belville Riverwalk expansion.

Among the several items on the November agenda, reports were given by the Tax, Finance, Planning and Parks & Recreation departments. The BOC passed a resolution designating November as Diabetes Awareness Month. There was also a resolution recognizing November as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month. Transportation and other project updates were also given.

After a brief public comment period, the Board of Commissioners viewed a presentation from Amanda Halbert, GIS Analyst of WMPO about how the Cape Fear region will embrace and navigate future development. The Board also got to meet a new staff member, intern/UNCW graduate student Ashton Locklear.

At the December meeting, it was a time of celebration; at the top of the agenda was the swearing in of Mayor Chuck Bost, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill and Commissioner Hunter Smith. A packed house of family and community members looked on as the Honorable Superior Court Judge Jason Disbrow swore in the elected officials.

- We encourage all Belville residents to attend board meetings, as the Town of Belville believes in transparent and open communication with its residents.
- 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](#)

Events & Honors



Holiday Closures

Town Hall will be closed December 24, 25, & 26 in recognition of the Christmas holiday and January 1, for New Year's Day.

November Employee of the Month

Richard Trexler, Finance Clerk

December Employee of the Month

Greg Bannerman, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor

Birthday Celebrations and Staff Honors

In November, we celebrated the birthdays of: Kim Cranford, Administrative Assistant; Randy Collins, Recreation Assistant; and Kerry Wooding, Deputy Finance Officer.

In December, we celebrated the birthday of Commissioner Morgan Mehler and Communications Director Vince Matthews.

Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem, Ryan Merrill, for his recent recognition from Brunswick Community College. Commissioner Merrill also serves as the Director of Fire Rescue and In-Service Law Enforcement Education at BCC.

North Brunswick Veterans Day Event

We were honored to be a part of the North Brunswick Veterans Day Event at Belville Riverwalk Park. The Town of Belville and VFW post 12196 organized a day to show gratitude to all those who have served in our Nation's military. This family-friendly event included food trucks, activities and attractions for kids, live music, and speeches from local leaders and military members. THANK YOU to VFW Post 12196, the event planners, sponsors, vendors, attendees, guest speakers, elected officials, and all those who participated in the celebration of service!

Operation Green Light

From November 4–11, the Town of Belville took part in Operation Green Light, a national initiative led by the National Association of Counties that honors the service and sacrifice of America's veterans. The program invited residents, businesses, and community organizations to show their appreciation by shining a green light. The Town illuminated the Belville Town Hall and Riverwalk Park Veterans Memorial in green as part of the initiative, joining communities nationwide in honoring those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Thank you to everyone who participated and shared photos.

Second Annual Belville Classic

It was a great day for golf during our Second Annual Belville Classic Charity Golf Tournament. Thanks to all our sponsors, supporters and of course our volunteers, for the 2nd Annual Belville Classic Charity Golf Tournament which raised money for Belville Elementary School.

Congratulations to our winners:

1st Place: First Bank

Ryan Alexander, Daniel Glenn, Josh Brock and Tom Martin

2nd Place: Cape Fear Engineering

Drew Daymond, Phillip Windsor, Michael Raup and William High

3rd Place: Grey Outdoor Advertising Alex Burbank, Tim Kennedy, Cole Cannon and Bradley Pennington

There was also a Charity Luncheon which featured a Fashion Show provided by Wildly Loved Boutique and comedy by entertainer extraordinaire John Felts.

Prize raffles were also held to allow non-golfers to help support (thanks to all the businesses and people who donated prizes for this amazing event)! It was a great day for a great cause and we're super thankful to see everyone that joined us at Magnolia Greens!

Belville Business of the Week

Are you a local Belville business? We'd like to hear from you. We recognize Belville businesses 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.

Town and Regional Updates



It's the Law!

Belville's leash law prohibits animals from running loose. Leash your pet when not on your own property.

Call: 910-371-2456 To report a dog off a leash.



Reminding our residents that the Town's leash law prohibits animals from running loose off of their owners property. When off your property, pets must be on a leash. This includes when you're taking Buster for a walk in your neighborhood, like Olde Towne or Rice Hope. **Citations and/or fines will be assessed to owners who do not follow the ordinance.**

Addressing Flooding in Belville

Flooding is a significant issue for coastal North Carolina. Mayor Bost and our Commissioners are proactively attacking the problem. The Town of Belville is a member of the American Flood Coalition. In November, Mayor Chuck Bost and Commissioner Hunter Smith joined other members who attended AFC's NC Leaders in Resilience Reception in downtown Wilmington to share thoughts and help find solutions to flooding.

The American Flood Coalition drives transformational adaptation of policies and practices that help protect communities from higher seas, stronger storms, and more frequent flooding. For more about the American Flood Coalition visit floodcoalition.org/

Belville Downtown Development

Development on Belville's downtown is marching forward thanks to our Mayor Chuck Bost and Board of Commissioners. They're in talks with developers and approved a recent land clearing that will attract even more attention to this prime location. Thanks to Coastal Exterior Solutions for clearing the downtown area - it's a great step forward and improvement for our Town!

River Road Multiuse Path

The second phase of the River Road multi-use path project has been completed! Thanks to partnerships with NCDOT, S&C Construction and WithersRavenel. A ribbon-cutting ceremony to formally open the path to the public will be announced shortly.

Stay Connected

The Belville Monthly Newsletter is a great way to stay connected with what is going on in our community. It is now easier than ever to sign up! Share this link with your friends and neighbors where they can quickly provide their email address to receive this newsletter straight to their inbox each month: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/OGkrs8q>

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. Learn about volunteer opportunities at townofbelville.com/recreation.

Your community is stronger when you take an active part in it!

Pet Registration

Register your pets in Belville. In the event your pet is missing and found, we can help reunite you with that special member of your family. 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 please, include a photo of your pet.



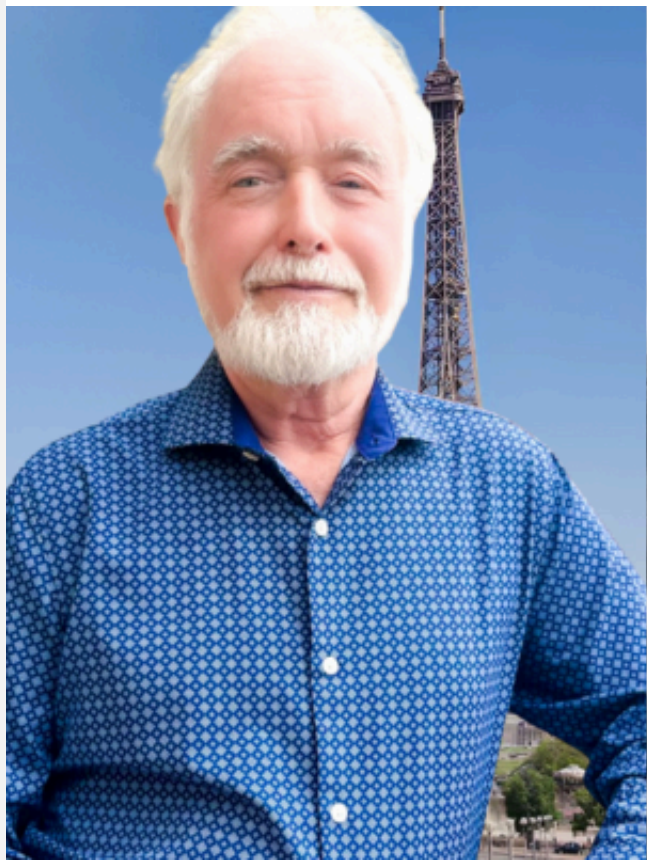
Community Highlights



Mayor Chuck Bost poses with other NC Mayors and officials at the American Flood Coalition NC Leaders in Resilience Reception in November.



Town staff and leaders review progress on the new and extended walking trails at Belville Riverwalk Park.



Recognized for their outstanding service, (L) Richard Trexler and (R) Greg Bannerman were named as Employees of the Month for November and December, respectively.



Glow Night Mini Golf sponsored by The Golf Barn was a highlight of November's events at the Belville Riverwalk Park.



The Board of Commissioners at the December Ceremonial Proceedings. From left to right, Commissioner Hunter Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill, Mayor Chuck Bost and Commissioner Morgan Mehler.



During the month of December Town Hall hosted a Toys for Tots drop off as well as an opportunity for kids of all ages to send a letter to Santa.



Before gifting each child a free toy, Mayor Chuck Bost reads *'Twas Night Before Christmas* to a group of eager kids at the annual Christmas Festival at the Belville Riverwalk Park.



Mayor Pro Tem pauses to take a photo with The Grinch after welcoming the crowd to the annual Belville Riverwalk Christmas Festival.



Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted children at the annual Belville Riverwalk Christmas Festival. Several enterprising kids brought their wishlist to make sure Santa hadn't forgotten anything.



The Grinch also joined Santa for a photo at the annual Christmas Festival at the Belville Riverwalk Park.



Mayor Chuck Bost is all smiles as Santa confirms - Mayor Bost made the Nice List!



The Dragonfly Sanctuary is one of the many attractions in Belville Riverwalk. The pond and habitat help mitigate the mosquito population in the park.

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