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Your 2026 Board of Commissioners, from left to right, Commissioner Hunter Smith III, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill, Mayor Chuck Bost, and Commissioner Morgan Mehler.





Happy New Year from Mayor Chuck Bost



January is a time for reflection and planning, and I am excited about the progress we're making and the opportunities that lie ahead for Belville.

At Town Hall, like you, we're busily preparing for the year ahead -- we're excited for, and looking to the future.

This year, we're continuing the work on our Belville Riverwalk expansion, like extending the hiking trails toward what will eventually be our new downtown.

We're also going to see new responsible, planned residential development, like 600 East along Hwy 133 and near Waterford.

Our community (like all of Brunswick County) is rapidly growing. Together, we'll continue building a town that values thoughtful growth, exceptional quality of life, and strong connections among neighbors.

Also on the horizon: Our 50th Anniversary, which will happen next year, in May of 2027. But as we begin 2026, I want to thank you for the pride, participation, and sense of community that make Belville such a special place - and say thank you for being an active part of our Belville family.

I look forward to working together throughout 2026 as we continue building a community we are proud to call home.

Chuck Bost
Mayor of Belville



Community Events to Look Forward to in 2026.

Our 2026 Event Calendar has an exciting line-up planned for the year ahead. The events at the Belville Riverwalk Park bring our community together, support local businesses, and create lasting memories for families and visitors.

Remember when you support any of the Town-hosted events all the proceeds go back into future park events, so not only are you getting a great experience by attending or supporting these events, you're also supporting your local park!

Some of the 2026 Events include:

- **Valentine's Sweetheart Shop Pop-Up – February 12-14:** Last year this pop-up retail location sold beautiful floral bouquets and gifts for that special someone - and we'll do it again this year!
- **Founders Day – May 2:** Celebrate the birth of Belville with our Founders Day. This family-friendly event will recognize Belville's **49th year** as a town.
- **Back to School Bash – August 22:** We're throwing a party for students, faculty and parents!
- **Belville Classic Charity Golf Tournament – October 26:** Our 3rd Annual Belville Classic promises to once again help make a difference in our community.
- **Christmas Festival, Market & Tree Lighting – November 21 and December 5:** A cherished holiday tradition in Belville at the Riverwalk Park.

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2026 EVENT CALENDAR**



January Events & Honors



January Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Chad Staradumsky, Planner for the Town of Belville. Chad is our first Employee of the Month for 2026.

Town Hall Closures

Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Town Hall will reopen on Tuesday, January 20th at 8am.

Celebrations and Honors

In December, Commissioner Morgan Mehler exchanged wedding vows with his new wife Raquel. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Congratulations to our former Parks Director, Jim Bucher for being appointed to the Eagles Island Nature Park Board.

Belville Business of the Week

Local Belville business Evolve Waterford Apartments was recently recognized as our Belville Business of the Week. If you're a business located in Belville and would like to be featured, contact us at Belville Town Hall.

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.



Belville's Leash Law

It's a new year, Belville, and what better way to start it than with a friendly reminder... 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 Mr. Woofels for a walk in your neighborhood, or the Belville Riverwalk Park. **Citations and/or fines will be assessed to owners who do not follow the ordinance.**

Multiuse Path Ribbon Cutting

While the multiuse path on the east side of 133 has been open for a few months, we're excited to officially christen this new pathway later this month. The path, which is part of the historic Gullah Geechee Heritage Trail will eventually run to Southport and beyond.

We'll be sending out an invitation shortly to join us as we officially open this connecting greenway/blueway.



600 East

Just before the Rice Hope Community on HWY 133, a new 10 lot development will start to take shape this year as lots and homes are built out within it. This low density community will feature boat docks and quality, custom-built homes, much like Rice Hope.

DMV Belville Office

The Department of Motor Vehicles has chosen Belville as the site of a temporary DMV Office. The office which will be located on River Road will process drivers licenses and other DMV-related needs. The office is expected to open later this year and will help make accessing DMV services more convenient.

Key Development Focuses for 2026

With the goal of preserving Belville's small-town feel while planning responsibly for the future, several projects are being focused on for 2026 and beyond by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, including:

- Infrastructure planning and development to support residential and commercial growth.
- Continued investment in parks and recreational amenities.
- Storm water mitigation plans and strategies to address existing and potential issues.
- Ongoing review of traffic flow and pedestrian safety improvements along Hwy 133.

Stay Connected & Get Involved

Your involvement plays a vital role in shaping Belville's future. Board of Commissioner meetings, volunteer opportunities, and community events are open to everyone. Get involved!

2026 BOC and Board Meeting Calendars

The Town of Belville believes in transparent and open communication with its residents and encourage Belville residents to attend Board of Commissioner, Parks & Recreation, ABC and Planning Board meetings.

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.

BOC Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

[Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar](#)

[ABC Board Meeting Calendar](#)

[Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Calendar](#)

[Planning Board Meeting Calendar](#)



Community Highlights



Congratulations to Commissioner Morgan Mehler and his bride Raquel for their recent marriage.



Construction is almost complete on 600 East. This waterfront & boating lifestyle community will be a great addition to Belville.



New to Belville? Stop by Town Hall for a Welcome Gift. We're glad you've decided to join us and call Belville home.