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Snip! Mayor Chuck Bost (center), Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill (far right), Commissioners Morgan Mehler (left of Mayor Bost), Hunter Smith (far left) and Madame Town Manager Athina Williams (second left from Mayor Bost) are joined by other local officials to cut the ribbon on the multi-use path on Thursday, January 29th.



Hello Belville, Happy February!



It seems like just yesterday we were opening Christmas gifts and enjoying time with the family, then you turn around, and it's almost Valentine's Day.

The year is moving fast, and so is the Town of Belville.

Just a few weeks ago, we cut the ribbon on our new multi-use path in front of Belville Elementary. This new greenway, which is part of the Gullah Geechee Heritage Trail will connect several Belville neighborhoods and promote healthy

living. It's an incredible addition to our Town and we're very excited to see this pathway continue to grow.

And speaking of growth - right now, contractors are working on extending our Riverwalk boardwalk and walking trails. Meanwhile, myself and our Town Manager are meeting with developers about our downtown and moving that and other projects forward, too.

I sat in many meetings about our future downtown as Mayor Pro Tem. That experience not only made me better prepared to address the pending development, but as Mayor my knowledge and background has allowed me to seamlessly pick up this project and keep it moving forward.

But no matter how fast you're moving, Mother Nature has a way of making you take time to enjoy the scenery - like the beautiful snow we got at the end of January! (I hope you and your family got a chance to enjoy the winter wonderland.)

And while it certainly was pretty, out of caution I followed Governor Stein's directive and issued a State of Emergency to help protect our residents. Thankfully, Belville got through the storm without any issues - I hope you did as well.

Soon, we'll be turning our attention toward Spring - but before that, don't forget to stop by our Valentine's Pop Up at the Belville Riverwalk Park from 2/12 - 2/14 and grab a gift for your sweetheart - I know I will! It's one of the many great things we've got going on at the Riverwalk Park over the next few months.

Until next month, have a great February and if you didn't notice my underlying message - let's keep moving forward!

Chuck Bost
Mayor of Belville





An area close to the Belville Riverwalk is blanketed with snow on the morning of February 1st, 2026.

Gianna: The January Winter Storm

As our calendars turned from January to February, Winter Storm Gianna brought snow to the Carolinas. With high winds and bone-chilling lows, Gianna delivered 6-14 inches of snow and sub-zero wind chills to Belville and Brunswick County.

Students at Belville Elementary enjoyed several snow days, while parents waited for the dry, powdery stuff (which didn't stick around long) to evaporate and for roads clear.

Share your pictures of the storm with us at: tobnccsocialmedia@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

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

Get the **2026 Event Calendar** from the link at the bottom of this newsletter.

- **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!
- **Easter Egg Hunt – March 28 (Rain Date: April 25) 9am-12noon:** Help the Easter Bunny find the thousands of eggs he's hidden at the Belville Riverwalk Park! Plus, take a professional studio portrait with the Easter Bunny, courtesy of [Kevin Hubbard Art & Photography](#).
- **Bands, Brews & BBQ – April 18:** Live music, cold beers and great eats. (This event is put on by the North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce.)



February Events & Honors



February Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Elsie Graham, Administrative Assistant for the Town of Belville. Thank you Elsie for your service to the Town.

Town Hall Closures

Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 16, 2026 in observance of Presidents' Day and will reopen on Tuesday, February 17th, at 8am.

Celebrations and Welcomes

Happy Birthday to Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Greg Bannerman.

Welcome aboard Dana Fisher, she'll be supporting Parks & recreation by helping with event coordination and sponsorships. Welcome to Team Belville, Dana!

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



Leash Up, Belville

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

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 your pet 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.**

And please, pick up after your pet.

Multiuse Path Now Officially Open

It's been several years in the making, but the main portion of the Belville multi-use path is now open. There are still smaller sections to be completed, but when finished, this path

will be a little over a mile of greenway (walking and biking path) that connects Belville neighborhoods like Hawkeswater and WestPort Lofts all the way to Blackwell Road and beyond.

We'd like to extend our thanks and gratitude to all our of partners for their help on this project: WMPO, Withers Ravenel, S&C Construction, The North Carolina Department of Transportation, Smart Moves Consulting and The Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Trail Commission.



The panorama above highlights many features of the multi-use path, including a water fountain and hi-vis crosswalks.

DMV Belville Office Now Open

As we reported last month, the Department of Motor Vehicles has opened a temporary drivers license office in Belville. The office, located at 25 Old River Road will process drivers licenses and other DMV-related needs.

The Belville DMV Office is now open from Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. Services include REAL ID and license renewal. Commercial driver licenses and motorcycle skills tests are not offered.

The office is currently serving walk-ins with appointments scheduled to begin in March.

Riverwalk Update

TD Eure, our selected contractor for the Riverwalk extension has driven piles and is thoughtfully clearing woods to extend the Riverwalk walking trails and boardwalk. We'll keep you posted with updates.

When complete, these trails and boardwalks will connect the Belville Riverwalk to our future downtown.

Please, for your safety, do not explore these trails until the work is completed.



Contractor TD Eure works to extend the Belville Riverwalk toward the future Belville downtown.



BOC and Board Vacancies

The Town of Belville is currently seeking individuals interested in serving the Town's Boards. Currently there are vacancies on the Belville Board of Commissioners, ABC and Parks & Recreation Boards. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 4 pm.

[Board of Commissioners Opening](#)

[ABC Board Opening](#)

[Parks and Recreation Board Opening](#)

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 Commissioners, Parks & Recreation, ABC and Planning Board meetings.

[Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar](#)

[ABC Board Meeting Calendar](#)

[Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Calendar](#)

[Planning Board Meeting Calendar](#)

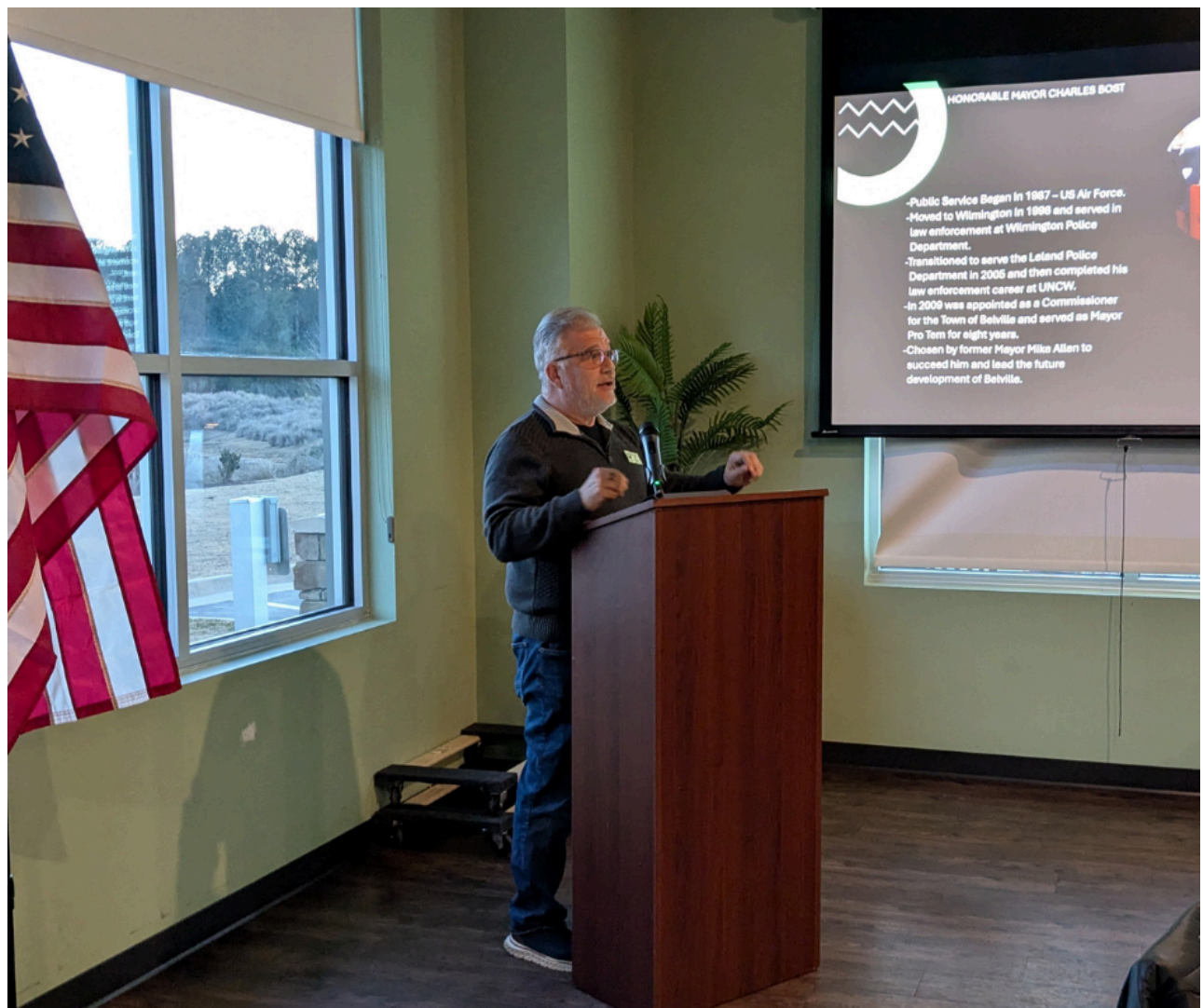
Get Involved, Stay Connected

Board of Commissioners meetings, volunteer opportunities, and community events are open to everyone. Get involved!

The Belville Monthly Newsletter is also another great way to stay connected with what is going on in our community. Forward this email to your friends and neighbors and tell them to subscribe to the Town of Belville Newsletter!



Community Highlights



Mayor Chuck Bost gives a presentation to the North Brunswick Kiwanis Club on February 9, 2026. The presentation highlighted many of the projects currently underway in Belville.



Be sure to stop by the Belville Riverwalk Park and fuel up on great coffee from High Peaks Brew - they'll be in the park until Spring.



New to Belville? Curious about why we're such a great town to start a family or business in? Stop by Town Hall for a Welcome Gift and more info.

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