



# Town of Belville NEWSLETTER

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*Mayor Chuck Bost helps Governor Josh Stein cut the ribbon on the DMV Office located in Belville at 25 Old River Road. From left to right, NC Representative Frank Iler, Mayor Chuck Bost, NC DMV Commissioner Paul Tine, DMV Senior Examiner Takenya Flaverney, Governor Josh Stein, NC Representative Deb Butler and Brunswick County Commissioner Mike Forte.*



## Welcome to Spring, Belville

We're only a few months into 2026, and Belville is already making progress on projects that will enhance our community for years to come.

With the exception of a few minor additions, the Multi-Use Path along River Road has been completed. We also continue the expansion of our Riverwalk boardwalk and trail



system — extending to our future downtown district. It's inspiring to see our vision for the Town take shape, and we look forward to the day residents can enjoy this expanded connection along our beautiful waterfront.

We also finalized and approved the Stormwater Feasibility Study prepared by Withers-Ravenel ([see the study here](#)) to address the drainage and flooding problems in our communities. This allows us to now explore funding options for the \$4.45-million-dollar project, which is only

one part towards resolving this problem. The second part will be the education and enforcement of residents clearing their drains — this has been a major factor contributing to flooding in the past.

We continue to work on the downtown development and have been frustrated by the lack of cooperation by Urban Smart Growth in meeting conditions required to sell their land. However, this has not lessened our resolve to build a downtown area that Belville and Brunswick County will be proud of.

We have people waiting in the wings who have bought into our vision and are just waiting to begin work. We have also acquired land off Blackwell Road and are in the initial phases of planning a municipal campus that may include a permanent location for the new DMV License Office, temporary buildings to house Town Hall until one is built, a fire station, and even a post office (if we can develop and agree to a project with USPS).

We are still in the conceptual phase, but we are moving forward in providing more amenities for Belville and the local area.

We have accomplished a lot already this year and there is still more to come. Your commissioners and town staff are committed to making Belville a premier Brunswick County community – I'm excited for the future.

Chuck Bost  
Mayor of Belville



## Upcoming & Featured Events



## 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 28 9am-12noon (Rain Date: March 29)

The Easter Bunny is hopping into Belville! Join us on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to noon for an egg-stra special morning of family fun at our **6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt**.

Children ages 0–12 are invited to take part in our biggest hunt yet — with more than 15,000 eggs! Families can also get a **FREE** professional portrait with the Easter Bunny (a \$40 value), generously provided by [Kevin Hubbard Art & Photography](#).

The fun doesn't stop there — kids can enjoy face painting, Easter-themed activities, and more throughout the morning. Bring your baskets and your smiles — we can't wait to celebrate with you! 🐰 🥚 🌸

# Happy Birthday



- **Belville's Birthday – March 14:** Incorporated in 1977, the town turns 49 on this day.
- **St. Patrick's Day – March 17:** Send us photos in your finest greenery or Irish attire to [tobncsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:tobncsocialmedia@gmail.com)
- **Bands, Brews & BBQ – April 18:** Live music, cold beers and great eats. (This event is put on by the North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce.)

## Thank you, Belville Sweethearts!

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Sweetheart Shop, the Valentine's pop-up that returned to the Belville Riverwalk Market in February.

The shop sold greeting cards, gifts and of course, floral bouquets and arrangements provided by our friends at [Sweet Nectar's Florist](#).



*Belville Planning Board Chairman Scott Milligan stops by the Sweetheart Shop for a flower bouquet for his special someone. Supporting Town-hosted events is not only a great way to get to know your community but it's also a great way to support your local park. Proceeds from Belville Parks & Rec events go back into future park events and programs.*



## February Events & Honors

# STACY MITCHELL



## **March Employee of the Month**

Congratulations to Stacy Mitchell, Administrative Assistant for the Town of Belville (and one of our Parks & Recreation Board members). Thank you Stacy for your service to the Town.

## **Celebrations of Service**

Congratulations to Brenda Williams on 11 years of service to the Town of Belville.

Congratulations to Sharon Niemann on 6 years of service to the Town of Belville.



*Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill for 25 years of service as an EMS Director for Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center.*

### **Daylight Savings Time**

Get ready to "spring forward" an hour on Sunday, March 8, at 2am when you'll set those clocks ahead by an hour. We'll lose an hour but gain it back on Sunday, November 1 at 2am when Daylight Savings Time ends.

***Did you know: In the month of March we gain 60+ minutes of daylight.***

## **Town and Regional Updates**



#### **Belville Riverwalk Park Grounds Maintenance**

We are currently performing grounds maintenance on the main field in front of the Coldwell Banker stage. Please keep pets, children (and yourself) off the field until the maintenance is completed. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

#### **DMV Belville Office Ribbon Cutting**

The NC DMV officially opened the temporary DMV office at 25 Old River Road in Belville at a ribbon cutting on Thursday, March 5th. Helping Governor Stein and other officials cut the ribbon was our own Mayor Chuck Bost.

This office processes drivers licenses and other DMV-related needs Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Services include REAL ID and license renewal. Commercial drivers licenses and motorcycle skills tests are not offered at this location. Schedule an appointment online or walk-in.



*From left to right, Commissioner Morgan Mehler, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill, Governor Josh Stein, Mayor Chuck Bost and Commissioner Hunter Smith in front of the Belville DMV office on March 5th, 2026.*

### **Riverwalk Extension - Project Update**

TD Eure, one of our development partners on the Belville Riverwalk Extension Project continues the work to extend the Riverwalk walking trails and boardwalk. For over the past month work crews have been diligently working to clear underbrush, drive pylons and make the area ready for residents to explore.



*Pylons sit ready to be placed in the Riverwalk extension.*



*At the end of this boardwalk a gazebo will be built to host events and sightseers.*

When complete, these new trails and boardwalk will connect the Belville Riverwalk Park to our future downtown – and offer breathtaking views of the beautiful Brunswick River.

Please, for your safety, do not venture onto the trails or explore these paths until this work is completed.



## **Board Vacancies Filled**

At the February Board of Commissioners meeting, several new members were appointed to our boards:

Lee Alexander was appointed as a Commissioner to the Belville Board of Commissioners.

Jason Gaver was appointed as a Board Member to the Belville ABC Board.

Cindy Ruggiero was appointed as a Board Member to the Belville Parks & Recreation Board.



*Lee Alexander, newly appointed Belville Commissioner, Jason Gaver, new ABC Board Member, and Cindy Ruggiero, new Parks & Rec Board Member.*

We encourage all Belville residents to get involved in their community and there are several ways to do so. Board 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 encourages 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 with  
the Parks & Rec**

## Christmas Committee

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

Currently the Belville Parks & Recreation Board is looking for individuals interested in serving on the Christmas Committee. This committee will help organize, plan and execute Belville's Christmas event at the end of this year. Interested? Contact Town Hall for more information.

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## Community Highlights



Mayor Chuck Bost and Commissioner Hunter Smith welcome the 76th Governor of North Carolina, Josh Stein to Belville on March 5th, 2026.



*Belville Parks & Rec Event Coordinator Dana Fisher (left) and Finance /Deputy Clerk Brenda Williams pause for a photo at the Cape Fear Council of Government meeting and dinner on February 26, 2026. Ms. Williams just celebrated 11 years of service with the Town of Belville.*



Mayor Chuck Bost reads to students at Belville Elementary during National Reading Week, March 2-6.



*Town Clerk Sharon Niemann reads to young students at Belville Elementary on Thursday, March 5, 2026 during National Reading Week. Mrs. Niemann just celebrated 6 years of service with the Town of Belville.*



*Madame Town Manager Athina Williams (far left) shares a moment with the Mayor of Burgaw Olivia Dawson (second from left) and councilwomen from Whiteville and Jacksonville at the NCLM Town & State Dinner in Wilmington, NC on February 25, 2026.*

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