

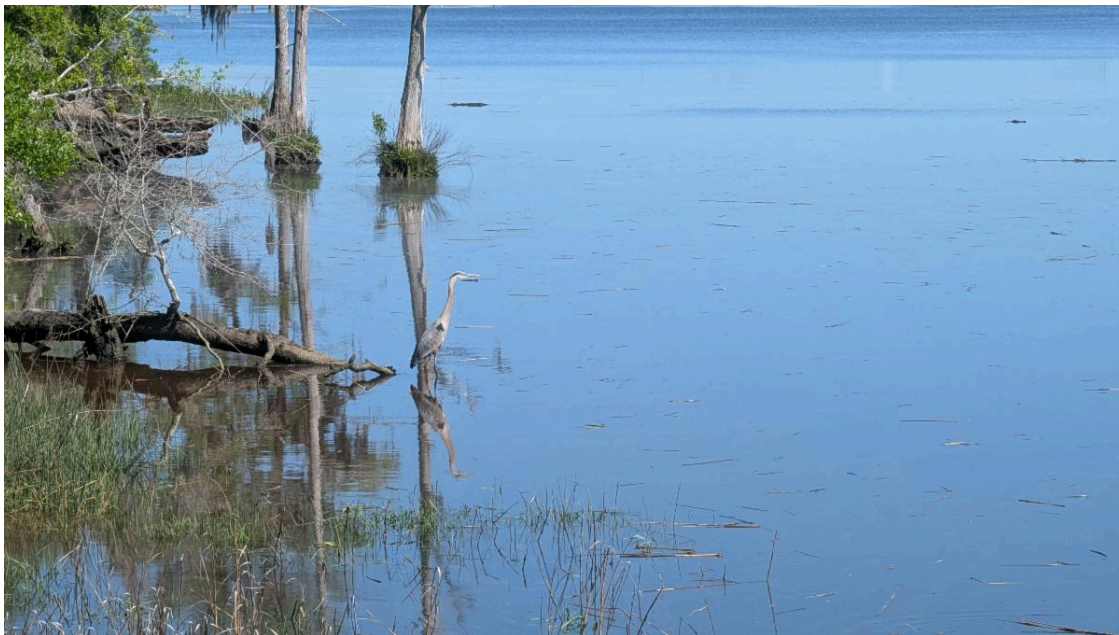


Town of Belville NEWSLETTER

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**Our newsletter published at the end of this month to include the many events that happened toward month's end.*



An egret looks for lunch just a few hundred yards from where the Belville Riverwalk will be extended. Views like this are just one of the many perks residents will enjoy when they are able to explore the new walking trails and boardwalks being completed now.

Let's Talk Progress



Last month I spoke about the progress we're making on several projects for the Town of Belville.

I'm constantly amazed by the hard work our town staff and partners like TD Eure and Withers Ravenel continue to demonstrate while pushing these projects forward.

One project I'm super excited about is the expansion of our Riverwalk boardwalk and trail system — TD Eure

has really picked up the pace and we're seeing woods and wetland being transformed into a green space that will be enjoyed by our residents and community for generations to come.

Very soon (the project is on track for completion this July!) you'll get a chance to see this beautiful space and experience it for yourself.

Shortly, we'll also start working on a property we've acquired off Blackwell Road. Plans for this space include a municipal campus, and a temporary Town Hall location until one is built in our future downtown.

As we look ahead to the future, we're excited to see how this progress will positively impact Belville. Growth is inevitable, but with all these projects, we're incredibly mindful of keeping our 'Small Town Charm' and building a community that we, as well as future generations, will thrive in.

Chuck Bost
Mayor of Belville



Upcoming & Featured Events



Founders Day

Saturday, May 9 10am-3pm

Much needed rain postponed one of our biggest events of the year, but the party is still on... It's our 49th Birthday! Come party with us at Belville Riverwalk Park, enjoy free birthday cake, live music from Class Act, Kids & Family play areas. Plus food trucks, craft vendors, and many more special surprises.



- **Memorial Day Program – May 25:** In partnership with VFW 12196, we honor honors and remembers the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally established to honor Civil War dead, Memorial Day expanded after World War I to commemorate all American military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice in all wars.
- **Youth Fishing Day – June 13:** Want to teach a kid how to fish? We'll provide the rods and bait, you just sign up the kid. Sign up your child for Youth Fishing Day, registration will open soon on [RecDesk](#).
- **Food Truck Rodeo – June 20:** Live music, family fun, great eats.
- **250th Celebration - June 27:** Celebrate America's 250th with live music from the Brunswick Big Band, a short historical program and more.

Thank you, Shoppers (and Fisherman)!

Thanks to everyone (both buyers and sellers) who came out and supported the Spring Community Yard Sale on April 25th. Multiple households set up shop at the Belville Marketplace and had a wide assortment of gently loved treasures. There was great weather and great bargains.



The Riverwalk Marketplace played host to the Spring Community Yard Sale. The Marketplace was consistently busy throughout the day with eager shoppers looking for deals.



Senior Fishing Day took place at the fishing pier on April 20th. This event hosted seniors from Brunswick Cove.



The Corvette Club rolled through the Belville Riverwalk on the morning of April 25th, giving both sellers and buyers at the Spring Community Yard Sale a chance to see an impressive fleet of exotic cars.

April Events & Honors



April Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Dana Fisher, Event Coordinator and our April Employee of the Month.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Commissioner Lee Alexander, Town Clerk Sharon Niemann and Planning Board member Joe Cranford. Congratulations to Chad Staradumsky celebrating 2 years of service. Congratulations to Brenda Hewlett celebrating 7 years of service.



Belville Elementary Principal Alison Dixon is presented with a check raised from the Belville Classic Charity Golf Tournament at a Board of Commissioners meeting. The funds

will go toward much needed supplies and equipment for Belville Elementary students.



Intern and UNCW student Ashton Locklear is recognized for her work on the Belville Liberty Award (a volunteer recognition program) by (left) Commissioner Hunter Smith and (right) Mayor Chuck Bost.



The VFW post 12196 hosted a Bingo and Hot Dog night at the Belville Riverwalk on April 30th. It was an evening of fun and frankfurthers.

Town and Regional Updates



Belville Riverwalk is home to the fictional 'Python Bounty Blitz' competition, featured in the hit show, R.J. Decker, streaming now on ABC, Hulu and Hulu on Disney+. (Image copyright 20th Television)

R.J. Decker Comes to Belville

Back in March, the hit show *R.J. Decker* came to Belville Riverwalk to shoot an episode (we unfortunately couldn't talk about it until the episode aired). Streaming now on ABC and Hulu, Episode 8 called 'Burn the Boats' finds Decker investigating the death of python wrangler.

Set in South Florida, *R.J. Decker* had Belville Riverwalk serving as the location for the fictional Python Bounty Blitz. In addition to the fishing pier, the show also shot on the boat ramp and in other parts of the Belville Riverwalk Park.



Decker questions a python hunter about a murder on the hit show R.J. Decker shot at the Belville Riverwalk on March 10, 2026. (Image copyright 20th Television)



A dolly shot is used to capture a moment for the hit show R.J. Decker, filmed at the Belville Riverwalk.



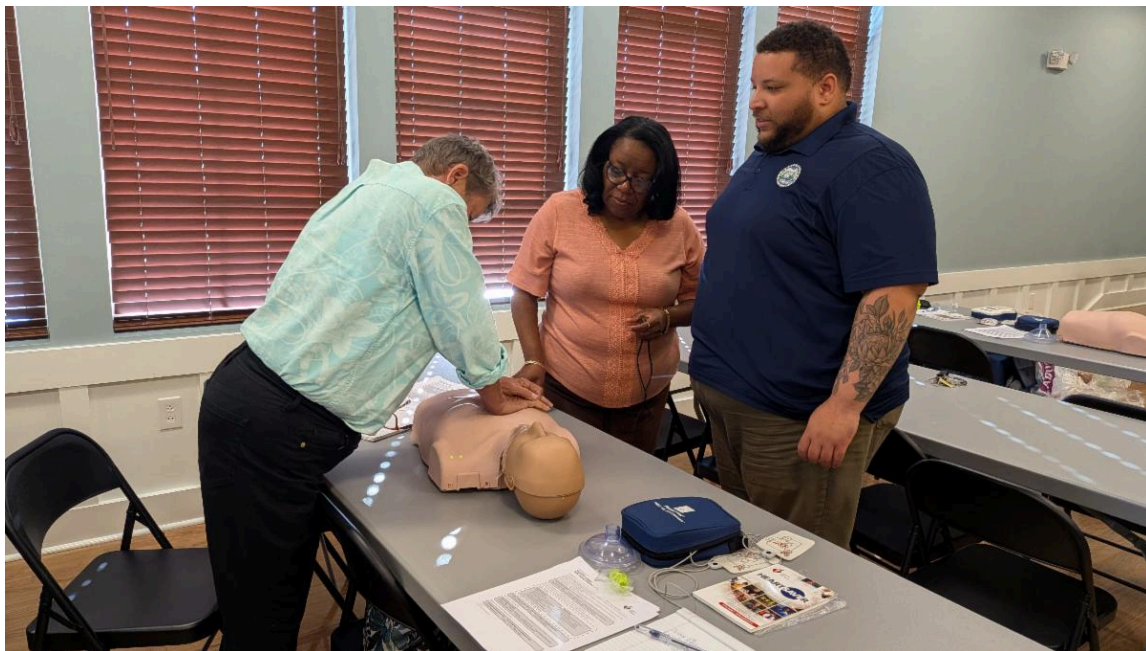
The Belville Riverwalk boat ramp is used as a set piece for the TV show R.J. Decker starring Scott Speedman. (Image copyright 20th Television)



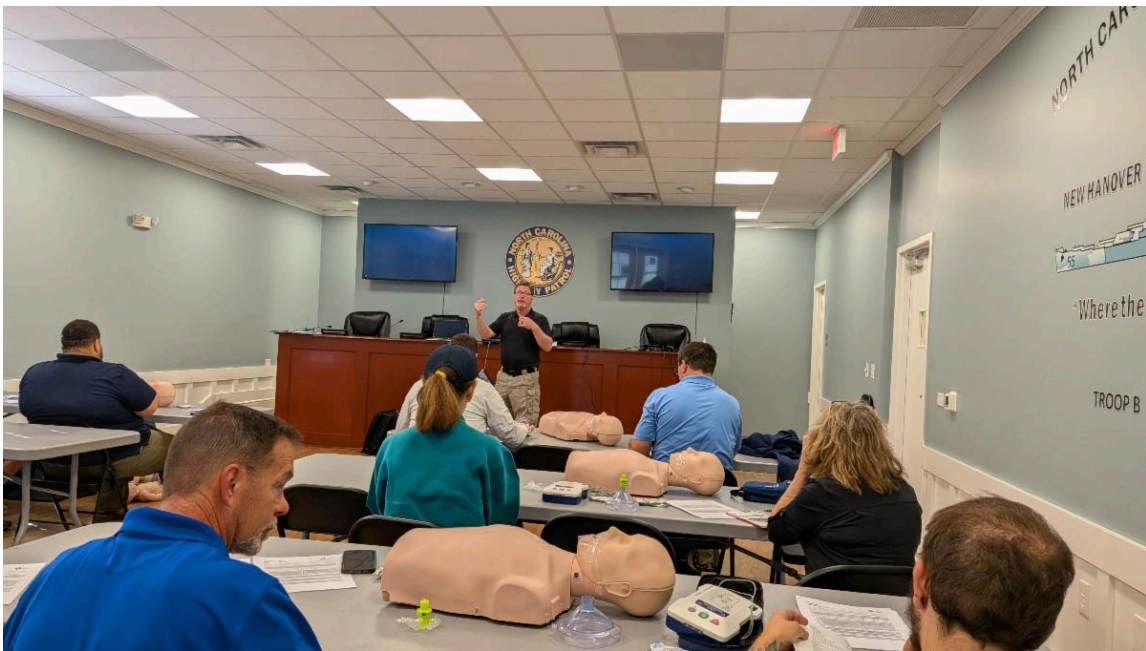
R.J. Decker star *Scott Speedman* walks up the boat ramp after finishing a scene at the Belville Riverwalk.

Lifesaving Training

Town Hall staff received vital CPR training to update and refresh their certification. The training empowers individuals to recognize cardiac emergencies and safely perform chest compressions, use an AED and provide relief from choking. The certification is valid for 2 years.



Town Hall staff practice CPR.



Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill (Director of Fire/Rescue and In-Service Law Enforcement Education at Brunswick Community College) explains to attendees that until help arrives, “you are the first responder.”

Riverwalk Extension - Project Update

Building permits were issued on April 14th for the boardwalk extension and that work will commence soon. Dying and damaged trees or destroyed by hurricane are also being carefully removed.



*1300 linear feet of surface trail has been installed to date, about 95% of the trail. Here you can see a section of the trail is almost complete. **Please, for your safety, do not venture onto the trails or explore these paths until this work is completed.***

Board Seats Appointed



Stacy Mitchell and Mark Wilde-Ramsing were re-appointed to the Parks & Rec Board at the Board of Commissioners meeting on April 28th.

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

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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