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**Hurricane Season Starts June 1st, make sure you and your family are prepared.*



A family of pelicans takes in sunset on the river.



"An Ounce of Prevention..."



Hurricane season is literally, right around the corner.

Living in coastal North Carolina means we understand firsthand how quickly weather conditions can change. And while we can't prevent storms from happening, we can take steps to protect our families, homes, businesses, and neighbors *before* severe weather arrives.

As the old saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." It's true, and I can't emphasize this enough:

Preparation starts now — not when a storm is already approaching.

Take the time now to review your emergency and severe storm plans, assemble disaster supplies, and secure important documents. The small steps you take today can make a significant difference during an emergency situation. You know the best time to prepare for a hurricane? Last week. You know the second best time? NOW.

And the Town of Belville is preparing too. We continue working diligently to improve stormwater infrastructure, maintain drainage systems, and strengthen emergency preparedness efforts throughout our community.

Your Belville Board of Commissioners, town staff, first responders, and public works crews remain committed to protecting public safety and responding quickly when severe weather threatens our area.

One of the simplest and most effective ways residents can help reduce flooding is by keeping storm drains, roadside ditches, and culverts clear of debris, leaves, grass clippings, and trash. Blocked drainage systems can quickly cause water to back up during heavy rain events, leading to unnecessary flooding on roads and properties. Taking a few moments to inspect and clear drainage areas around your home can greatly improve stormwater flow and help protect your entire neighborhood during severe weather.

Residents can also play an important role in reducing storm impacts by clearing potential hazards like dead tree limbs on and around their property and checking on elderly neighbors or those who may need assistance during emergencies.

In this newsletter, we've got some great resources to help keep yourself and your family safe. Preparedness is a shared responsibility, and together we can help make our community safer, stronger, and more resilient.

Finally, please, monitor weather sources throughout hurricane season and take all watches and warnings seriously.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep yourself and Belville, prepared.

Chuck Bost
Mayor of Belville



Use these resources to help prepare for severe storms and hurricanes.

[TOWN OF BELVILLE EMERGENCY RESOURCE WEBPAGE](#)
Emergency Alert Sign Up Information, BEMC Outage Signup, Flood Insurance
Information, Important Contact Numbers and Much More

[HURRICANE GUIDE](#)

[READY.GOV](https://www.ready.gov)

The Federal Government's Disaster & Emergency Preparedness Website

[BRUNSWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT](#)

Includes Links to Build an Emergency Kit and How to Create a Disaster Plan.

NOAA Weather Radio Winnabow, NC (KHB31)

Broadcasting from the National Weather Service in Wilmington, NC.

[LIVE STREAM](#)

NOAA Weather Service Wilmington, NC

[LIVE FORECAST](#)

Make a Plan

- Discuss emergency procedures with your family
- Identify evacuation routes and meeting locations
- Plan for pets, medications, and special medical needs
- Keep important phone numbers easily accessible
- Know where to go in the event of an evacuation order

Build a Disaster Kit

- Store at least three days of water and nonperishable food
- Include flashlights, batteries, and a first aid kit
- Keep medications and important documents protected in waterproof containers
- Pack chargers, blankets, hygiene items, and cash
- Prepare supplies for children, seniors, and pets if needed

Stay Informed

- Monitor local weather forecasts and emergency alerts
- Sign up for emergency notification systems
- Follow trusted local government and emergency updates
- Keep a battery-powered radio available during power outages
- Follow evacuation orders and public safety instructions immediately



Upcoming & Featured Events

The 4th Annual
Belville Riverwalk

FOOD TRUCK RODEO

Sat.
June 20

11AM
-
4PM



Belville Riverwalk Park

Food Truck Rodeo
Saturday, June 20
11am-4pm

Yee-haw! The Belville Riverwalk Food Truck Rodeo is moseying back into town this June. **Enjoy unique and familiar flavors at the 4th Annual Food Truck Rodeo**, plus, line dancing, eating contests and more surprises!

CELEBRATE OUR 49TH BIRTHDAY & AMERICA'S 250TH!

Founders Day

LIVE MUSIC FROM
Cat-A-Tonic
AND
Brunswick Big Band

KIDS & FAMILY PLAY & ACTIVITY AREAS

PLUS! AMERICA'S 250th CELEBRATION

BALLOON SCULPTURE MR. TWISTER & MORE!

FOOD TRUCKS & OVER 30 VENDORS

FREE BIRTHDAY CAKE & MORE SURPRISES!

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
10AM-3PM

BELVILLE RIVERWALK, 580 RIVER ROAD, BELVILLE

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES
BELVILLE RIVERWALK PARK
FUNTIME INFLATABLES
Waterford Village Shoppes

Founders Day
Saturday, June 27
10am-3pm

Much needed rain postponed one of our biggest events of the year - not once but twice, but the party is still on... **Celebrate Belville's 49th Birthday AND America's 250th!**

Come party at Belville Riverwalk Park, enjoy free birthday cake from Nothing Bundt Cakes, live music from Cat-A-Tonic AND Brunswick Big Band, plus, Kids & Family play areas, food trucks, craft vendors, and many more special surprises.



**Youth Fishing Day
Saturday, June 13
7am-12pm**

We've filled all available spots for Youth Fishing Day and are looking forward to a great morning on the Belville Riverwalk Fishing Pier with our junior fishermen and women! Anglers and their parents, PLEASE, remember to wear sunscreen!

Please note the Belville Riverwalk Fishing Pier will be closed for this event Saturday, June 13 from 7am until 1pm.



May Events & Honors

May Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Nathan Paterson, Recreation Assistant and our May Employee of the Month.

Celebrations

Congratulations to Administrative Assistant, Kim Cranford who is celebrating 3 years of service to the Town of Belville.



Always ready to help out, Kim Cranford is amazing asset to the Town of Belville.



We salute Belville resident Tia Clemmons, her family and everyone who participated in the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup held in memory of Tia's son, Durrell Clemmons.

They helped beautify our community while also honoring Durrell's memory through service, dedication, and community pride! It was inspiring to see these folks come together to make a positive impact while remembering someone who meant so much to family and friends.

Town and Regional Updates

Burning Down the House - For a Great Cause

On Saturday May 16, the Town of Belville partnered with local and county public safety agencies to conduct emergency response training exercises at Town-owned properties located on Blackwell Road.

The controlled training event brought in Fire Departments from New Hanover, Winnabow, Navassa, Leland, The Wilmington Fire Department and many more to provide valuable hands-on training opportunities for fire, rescue, and law enforcement personnel in a realistic but controlled environment.

An old boarding house on what will become a future municipal campus for the Town of Belville was burned for the training.

Mayor Bost and the Commissioners resoundingly support this and other initiatives to use Belville property for training exercises, while Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Merrill (who also serves as Director of Fire/Rescue and In-Service Law Enforcement Education at Brunswick Community College), helped coordinate the collaborative training effort.

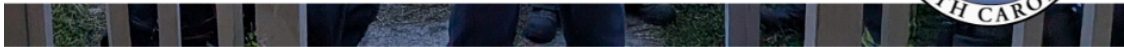


Members of the Wilmington Fire Department prepare for a day of intense training on Blackwell Road on Saturday, May 16, 2026.





Before the burn and training commences, Lead Trainer James Lancaster reminds trainees of both safety points and potential hazards.



Firefighters begin their training exercises. Departments from all over Southeastern North Carolina attended the training on Blackwell Road on Saturday, May 16, 2026.





Fully engulfed in flames, the building burns quickly. Within 15 minutes the structure was almost completely destroyed.



Firefighters keep pouring water on the burning building to contain both the fire and intense heat.



Memorial Day Ceremony: Honoring Those Who Served and First Responders

VFW Post 12196 and Auxillary hosted a Memorial Day event at the Belville Riverwalk this past Memorial Day. It was a meaningful tribute to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service, and to First Responders who also serve our community and nation.

The ceremony included the placing of a wreath at the Veterans Memorial, symbolizing the community's enduring respect and appreciation for fallen service members. Family members were also invited to place roses in honor of departed loved ones, creating a powerful and personal moment of reflection for all in attendance.

The event served as a reminder of the true meaning of Memorial Day and the importance of preserving the legacy of those who served. The Town of Belville extends its sincere appreciation to VFW Post 12196 and Auxiliary for organizing this solemn and heartfelt observance and to all who participated in honoring our nation's heroes.

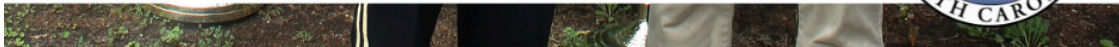


(Left) Brittney Reinert sings the Star-Spangled Banner, (right) Mayor Chuck Bost and a member of the VFW place a wreath at the Belville Riverwalk Veterans Memorial.

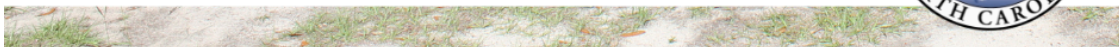


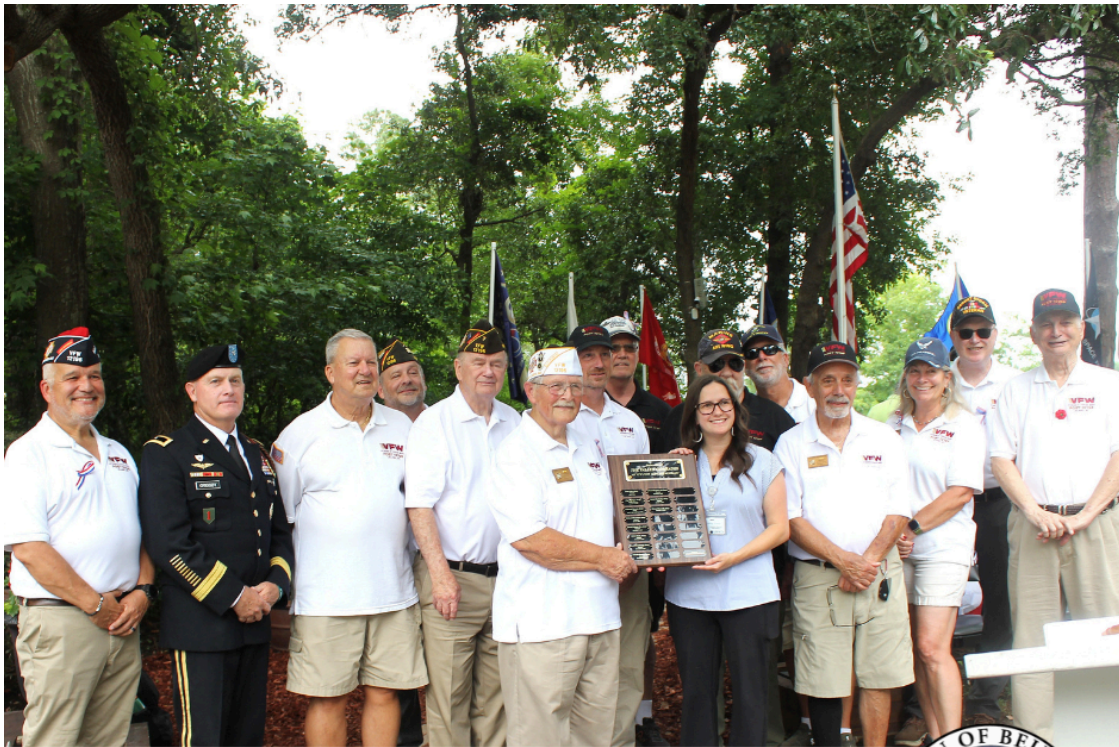


Guest Speaker and Army Brigadier General (retired) Wayne Grigsby and Mayor Chuck Bost pause for a photo at the Memorial Day ceremony.



Local residents attend the Memorial Day Ceremony in Belville Riverwalk Park to honor Those That Served and First Responders.





Members of VFW Post 12196 and Axillary, guest speakers and other attendees pause for a photo during the Memorial Day ceremony at Belville Riverwalk on May 25, 2026.



Other Noteworthy Happenings This Past Month



The Belville Community Rowing Club (that launch and house boats at the Belville Riverwalk) are featured in the latest issue of North Brunswick Magazine.



Recreation Assistant Randy Collins (right) and Town Manager Athina Williams (center) pitch in to help former Parks Director Jim Bucher (on hands & knees, far left) lay pavers and upgrade the picnic area by Funtime Ice Cream.

MUCH THANKS AND APPRECIATION to Jim Bucher for his hard work on this project!



Sheriff Brian Chism and Mayor Chuck Bost take a moment to catch up at the 14th Annual Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Prayer Breakfast on May 7, 2026. The event was held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Bolivia.



Madame Town Manager Athina Williams swears in Stacy Mitchell - elected unamously - as the new Secretary of the Belville Parks & Recreation Board at the P&R Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Riverwalk Extension - Project Update

Progress continues on the Belville Riverwalk Boardwalk Extension Project. This enhancement will expand access to one of the community's most popular recreational destinations while providing additional opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Brunswick River.

Designed to improve connectivity throughout the Riverwalk area, the boardwalk extension will create additional viewing opportunities along the waterfront, and further establish the Belville Riverwalk as a premier destination for outdoor recreation, community events, and tourism in Brunswick County.

Once completed, the extension will provide an enhanced experience for hikers, runners, birdwatchers, dog-walkers, families and everyone who wants to enjoy the Belville Riverwalk and park.



Looking toward the Brunswick River, the boardwalk extension is laid in 5 foot sections (the boardwalk is 10 feet wide). The concrete decking is then mounted to pylons and railings. Much thanks to our marine contractor, TD Eure.



Looking toward 133, in the same section, the boardwalk extension is almost complete.



Decking platforms are still being constructed near the water. Work is going quickly for the TD Eure crew.



Pylons have been placed along the path where the boardwalk extension will be connected into.



Further north of the boardwalk extension the trail connects back on land near here. 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.

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.

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