



Town of Belville NEWSLETTER

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October Events • Recognitions • Important Updates



A late summer paddle on the Brunswick River with a group of kayakers guided by Wilmington Outdoor Adventures.



Mayors Message



For years, our community has talked about the potential of Belville and the vision of creating a vibrant downtown that takes advantage of our location along the Brunswick River. Today, we are seeing meaningful movement toward making that vision a reality.

We recently announced progress on the redevelopment of our downtown property, and we're excited about the possibilities ahead. While there is still much work to be done, this is an encouraging time for Belville. We are

working carefully and deliberately to ensure that future development benefits our residents, strengthens our community, and compliments the character that makes Belville's "Small Town Charm."

At the same time, work continues on the expansion of the Belville Riverwalk. The Riverwalk has become one of our community's greatest assets, providing a place for families to gather, residents to enjoy the outdoors and visitors to experience the natural beauty of the Brunswick River. The continued expansion will create additional

opportunities for recreation, walking, gathering and enjoying our waterfront. This work is an important part of the Town's long-term vision for connecting the Riverwalk with the future downtown area.

None of this happens without the people who work every day to make Belville a great place to live. We are also continuing to strengthen our Town staff, and I am pleased to welcome Kayla Perkins as our new Parks & Recreation Director and Scott Devlin as our new Public Works Director. Both bring dedication, experience and leadership that will help maintain our parks and community.

And what better way to celebrate all that is happening in Belville than by enjoying the town events in October?

We invite everyone to come out to the Belville Riverwalk for **Founders Day on Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, as we celebrate Belville's 49th birthday and America's 250th with live music, family fun and local history. Then, on **Friday, October 23, from 5-7 p.m.**, **families can return to the Riverwalk Park for our Halloween Trunk or Treat Monster Mash.** These events are more than just dates on a calendar. They are opportunities for neighbors to meet, families to make memories and our community to come together.

There is a lot to be excited about in Belville. We are growing, but we remain committed to preserving the small-town character, natural beauty and community spirit that make Belville home.

Thank you for being part of this community and for sharing in the excitement about where we are headed. I look forward to seeing you around town and especially at the Riverwalk events this October.

Stay safe,

Chuck Bost
Mayor of Belville



Town and Regional Updates

Town Projects Update

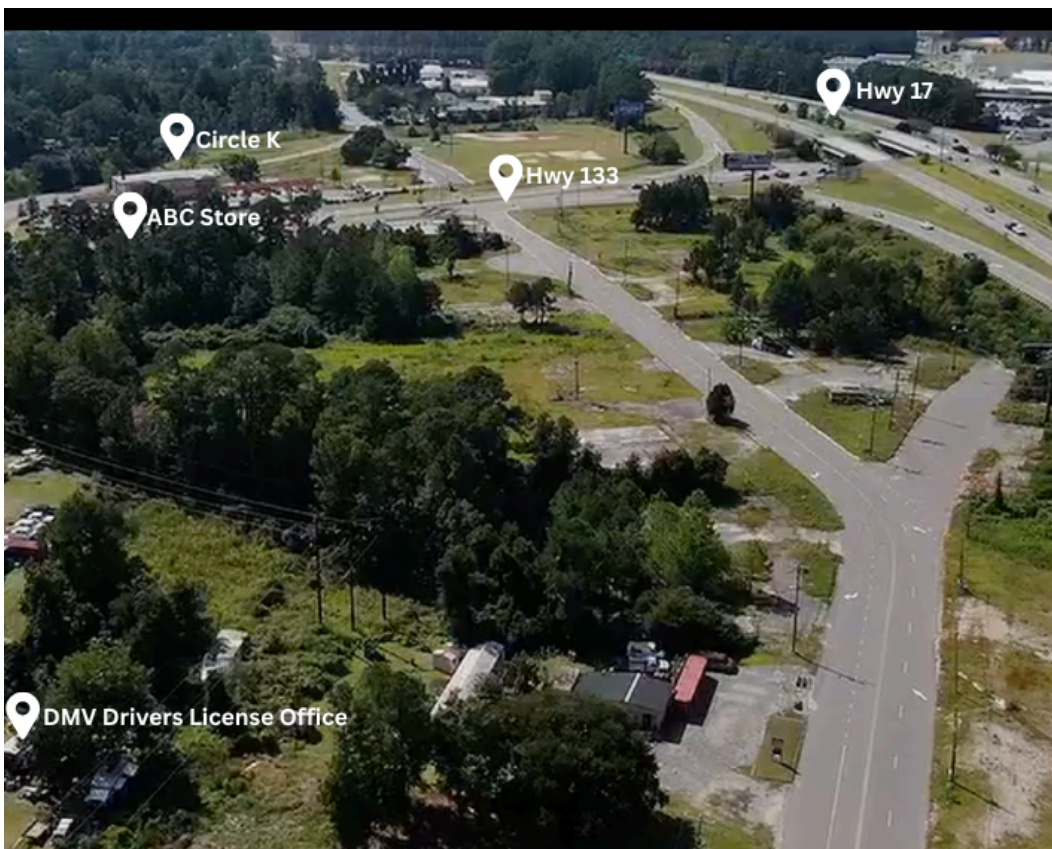
Downtown Development

As recently announced and [reported by WECT](#), the Town of Belville is actively working with a developer to move forward on the Belville downtown project, the mixed-use waterfront district along the Brunswick River, that will include shops, restaurants, residential development and civic amenities.

The vision, shared by Mayor Chuck Bost (who brainstormed the plan with a simple "napkin sketch") has evolved into the vision the Town is now working to advance.

"We are committed." said Mayor Bost, "This is a big deal to us, and I think once it's all developed and done, it's gonna be a big deal for everybody else in this area."

Get excited, Belville! We'll provide more details as they develop.



This aerial view of the property shows current landmarks. This downtown area will connect with the Belville Riverwalk Park via trails and boardwalks.



Mayor Chuck Bost discusses the vision for Belville's future downtown with WECT reporter Rachel Holley in a recent news story about the development.

Riverwalk Extension

Phase II of the Belville Riverwalk Boardwalk Extension Project is nearing completion. Weather permitting, the project should finish before November. The boardwalk expansion will add more spectacular river views, more walking trails and significantly enhance the green spaces of Belville and the Riverwalk Park.



The completed boardwalk extension and gazebo as seen from the Brunswick River. Thanks to our marine contractor, TD Eure for the amazing work.



Looking out toward the Brunswick River and a new gazebo that will host visitors and events.



Looking up into the roof of the gazebo, you can see the excellent craftsmanship and detail that was put into the structure.



A peaceful space. Looking south down the Brunswick River from inside the gazebo at the end of the river boardwalk.



(Above) A closer look at the new trails. This section of the walking path is on the river side of HWY 133 in front of Westport Lofts. (Below) Construction plans show how the trail winds through the forest and wetlands.



Boardwalk Expansion Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

We're almost ready to welcome everyone to this great new addition to our community! Soon, we'll be announcing a ribbon cutting ceremony and a chance for residents and visitors to explore this amazing new space!

Please, for your safety, do not explore the trail extensions, new boardwalks or added paths until all work is completed.

THANK YOU - we appreciate your patience and understanding.



Belville ABC Board Opening



Are you a Belville or Brunswick County resident interested in serving on the Belville ABC Board? APPLY NOW, we are accepting applications. For more information visit the [Belville ABC web page](#) or contact Town Hall.



Reminder: Keep Pets on a Leash

As outlined in the town's ordinance, the Town of Belville enforces a strict leash law and violators can be fined. When not on your property, and especially in the Belville Riverwalk or out on a stroll through your neighborhood **PETS MUST BE RESTRAINED ON A LEASH** at all times, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Citations will be issued to pet owners that do not comply.

Please, keep your pets on a leash. **This applies to both dogs and cats.**

Reminder: Don't Feed the Wildlife



Speaking of animals... Please, do not feed the wildlife in the Belville Riverwalk Park. Especially any alligators or birds that you may see around the Fishing Pier or sunning on the riverbanks.

Feeding wildlife can make them dependent on humans, and create unsafe behavior. Please, let nature exist - and thrive - naturally.



Proud Belville Businesses

If you've done any shopping recently around Belville, you may have seen a **Proud Belville Business** sticker on the window of a business.

This sticker indicates its a business **located in Belville** and that the shop owner is focused on customer service, great goods and services and a commitment to the Belville community.



Look for the PROUD BELVILLE BUSINESS sticker and please, support these businesses, they're here for you, the Belville community. (This is the North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce, who proudly leads the charge for North Brunswick businesses from Belville.)



The law firm, Harvey & Vallini, PLLC and coffee-house / workspace Palouse (both located in the Waterford Village Shoppes) are Proud Belville Businesses!



Events & Important Dates

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

Founders Day

LIVE MUSIC

KIDS & FAMILY PLAY & ACTIVITY AREAS

PLUS!

250th
AMERICA'S CELEBRATION

KIDS & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT!

FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS

FREE BIRTHDAY CAKE & MORE SURPRISES!

SATURDAY, OCT. 10
BELVILLE RIVERWALK, 580 RIVER ROAD, BELVILLE
10AM-3PM

NOTHING bundt CAKES

BELVILLE RIVERWALK PARK

FUNTIME INFLATABLES

Waterford Village Shoppes

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Saturday, October 10 from 10am-3pm celebrate the Town of Belville's 49th birthday - and America's 250th - at Founders Day. It's a birthday party for us and the nation - and you're invited!

TRUNK OR TREAT MONSTER MASH

Friday Oct. 23rd 5-7PM

Free Candy! Costume Contest for kids! Food Vendors & More Spooky Surprises!

CLICK HERE & Register Now to host a trunk!

Sponsored by **WWAY 5** **Belville Riverwalk, 580 River Road
BELVILLE NC**

*Friday, October 23 from 5-7pm join us for our annual Trunk or Treat Monster Mash! Bring your little monsters (and the rest of the family) out for an evening of family-friendly spooks and surprises! **REGISTER NOW** to host a trunk by clicking the link above - space is limited, register now!*

**THE 3RD ANNUAL
BELVILLE CLASSIC**

**MON.
OCT 26**

**TOWN OF BELVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA**

Magnolia Greens

FIRST BANK

Help Make a Difference!

DRAWFIRE

CLICK HERE & Register Now as a Player, Team or Sponsor

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITING BELVILLE ELEMENTARY

Monday, October 26 join us at Magnolia Greens for the 3rd Annual Belville Classic Charity Golf Tournament. **REGISTER NOW** to be a player team or sponsor.

Belville Board Meetings



Monday, October 5 the **Belville Planning Board** will hold their monthly meeting at Brunswick Community College, Leland Center, 2045 Enterprise Blvd. Room 204. For the Planning Boards meeting schedule and meeting agendas, [click here](#).

Wednesday, October 14 the **Belville Parks & Rec Board** will hold their monthly meeting at Westport Lofts Meeting Room, at Westport Lofts, 1001 Broadbank Drive, Belville, NC. For the Parks & Rec Board meeting schedule and meeting agendas, [click here](#).

Tuesday, October 20 the **Belville ABC Board** will hold their monthly meeting at Brunswick Community College, Leland Center, 2045 Enterprise Blvd. Room 204. For the ABC Boards meeting schedule and meeting agendas, [click here](#).

Tuesday, October 27 the **Belville Board of Commissioners** will hold their monthly meeting at 63 River Road at 6PM. For the BOC's meeting schedule and meeting agendas,



Announcements, Service Awards & New Appointments

We're proud to welcome **Forward Physio** to the growing list of Proud Belville Businesses. Forward Physio is a specialized physical therapy and performance practice located at 59 Waterford Business Center Way Unit A in Belville. Forward Physio recently held their Grand Opening and ribbon cutting.



Mayor Chuck Bost welcomes Dr. Adam Salzman and his practice to Belville at the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting of Forward Physio on September 17, 2026.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Planning Board Member **Theresa Heath**, Planning Board Vice-Chairman **Joe Boyd**, and Parks & Rec Board Member **Brooks Rockwell**, all three celebrated birthdays in September.

Service Anniversaries & Honors



Mayor Chuck Bost recognized Commissioner Morgan Mehler for 8 years of service at a recent Belville Board of Commissioners meeting.

Recognized in September for service to the Town of Belville, Recreation Assistant **Payton Hankins** celebrated 1 year of service.

THANK YOU ALL for your service to the town!



Town Manager Athina Williams (far left) and Town Clerk Sharon Niemann (far right) are joined here by John David, District Attorney for Brunswick County (recipient of the Super

Hero award) as the group attends the Everyday Heroes fundraiser luncheon in September for the Carousel Center in Brunswick County.

Carousel Center is a child advocacy center that helps heal young survivors of physical or sexual abuse. If you'd like to make a donation please [click here](#).



Featured News & Events

Wilmington Outdoor Adventures Eagles Island Kayak Tour

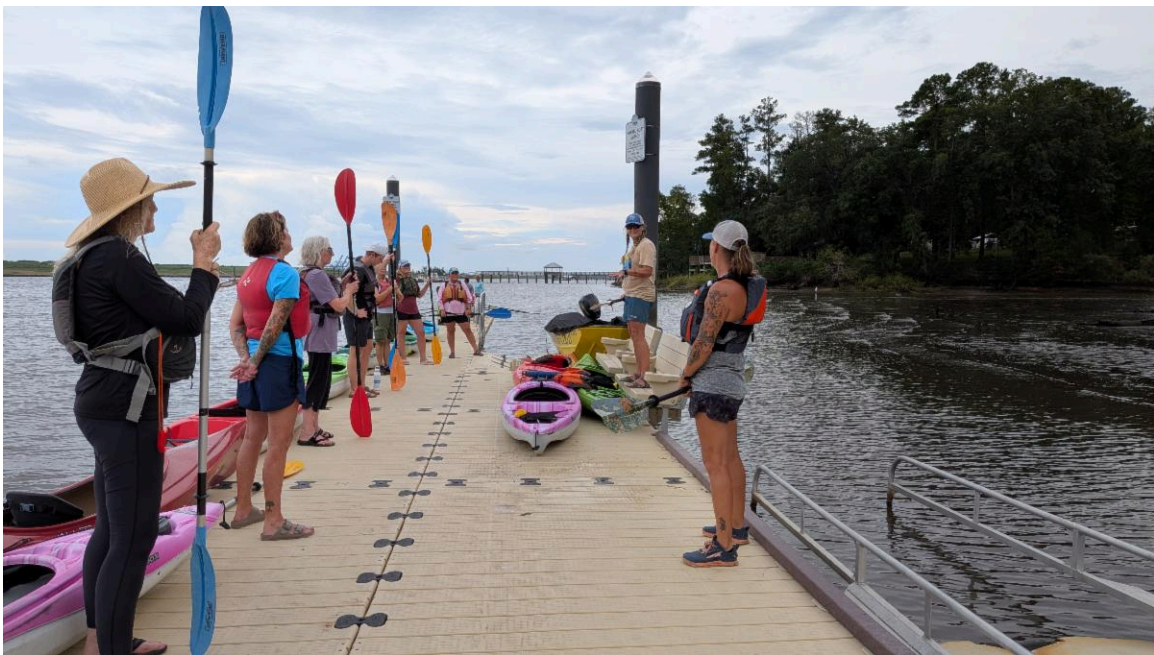
Take to the water on **Saturday, October 3rd** with WOA (Wilmington Outdoor Adventures) from 1030am-1pm. Launching from the Belville Riverwalk, this tour hosted by WOA takes paddlers through several different beautiful ecosystems and lush river environments.

Fall is one of the best times to the enjoy the water and with the tide gently pushing you along for the entire 2 hour plus adventure, this trip is great for all types of kayakers - from beginners to advanced.

[Register now](#), for the **October 3rd Eagles Island Kayak Tour**, space is limited!



A group of kayakers launch from the Belville Riverwalk Fishing Pier and attached kayak launch for the tour of Eagles Island.



A group of kayakers get safety instructions and a quick overview of the days paddle and adventure.



Kayaking puts smiles on faces! A happy paddler prepares to head out on the Brunswick River.

Belville Donates Remaining Back to School Bash Backpacks to Schools

Our **Assistant Town Manager Chad Stardumsky** and new **Parks & Recreation Director Kayla Perkins** hit the road in September to donate the remaining backpacks and school supplies we collected for the Back to School Bash.

The two visited Belville Elementary, Lincoln Elementary and Town Creek Elementary to make the donations. We hope students enjoy and make use of these new supplies - thanks for the local schools for accepting the donations! Here's to another great school year!



Assistant Town Manager Chad Staradumsky and Parks and Recreation Director Kayla Perkins with Belville Elementary's Principal Allison Dixon.





Pirates Invade Belville Riverwalk Park

On Saturday, September 12 the Belville Riverwalk Park was once again invaded by WHET (Wilmington Harbor Enhancement Trust) Feast of Pirates Festival! From the first “Ahoy!” to the final cannon blast, it was a day of fun and adventure.



A group of salty sea dogs greets guests in the Belville Riverwalk Park at the Feast of Pirates Festival on Saturday, September 12, 2026.

Families and aspiring buccaneers of all ages came out to enjoy the festivities along the Brunswick River, hunt for the “Most Wanted Pirate,” and soak up the sights and sounds of a pirate invasion.

The waterfront was transformed with awesome adventure, sword fights, sea shanties, pirate games, historic encampments, vendors, food trucks and more!

Thanks to all that came out for this swashbuckling good time!

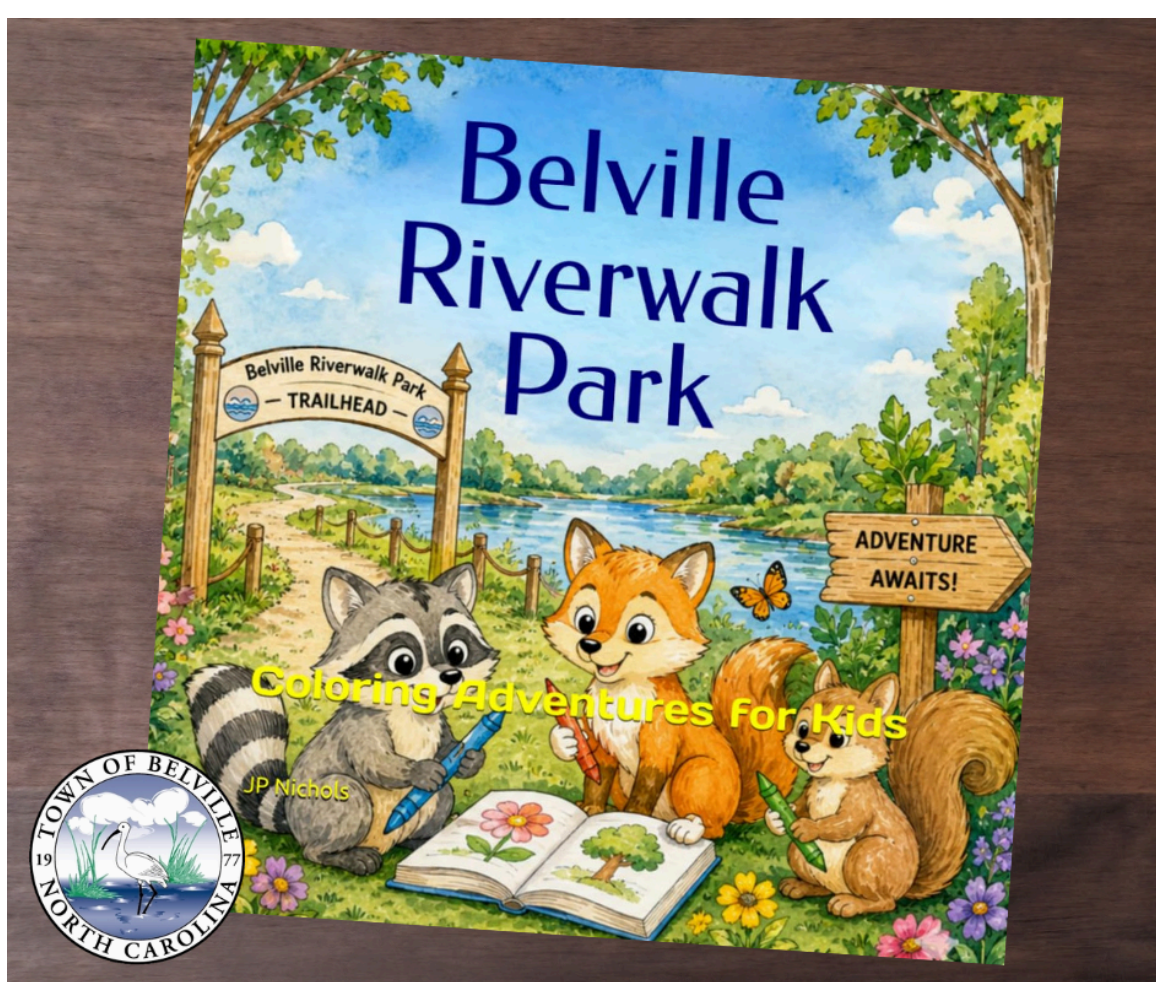


Kids played pirate games that had them competing against each other in a race to dress like pirates and "swab the deck" for fun and prizes.



A young buccaneer learns how to defend himself at the Feast of Pirates Festival on Saturday, September 12, 2026 in the Belville Riverwalk Park.





Belville Riverwalk Park: Coloring Adventure for Kids

Created by author JP Nichols and inspired by the sights, wildlife, and natural beauty found at Belville Riverwalk Park, the **Belville Riverwalk Coloring Book: Coloring Adventure for Kids** will make a great Christmas gift.

It's more than just a coloring book—it's a keepsake that celebrates Belville, our Riverwalk, and the importance of connecting children with the outdoors.

[Pick up a copy here](#), grab some crayons, and let the adventure begin!



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](#)

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