

# CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES

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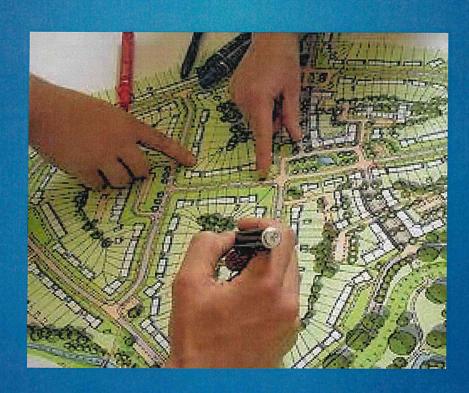
Welcome to the fourth edition of the City of Boiling Spring Lakes quarterly newsletter aptly named BSL Snapshot!! We hope you are enjoying the quarterly department spotlights. This quarter we make our focus on the Planning and Zoning Department.

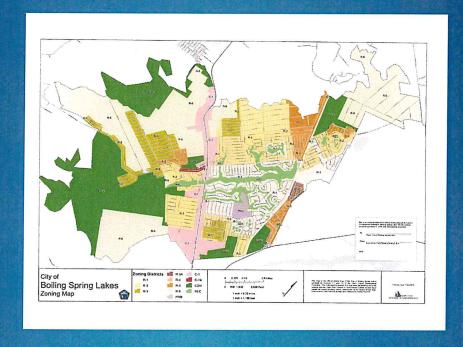
We welcome your feedback on this newsletter so that we can make the newsletter informative, fun, and something the citizens will want to read.

With the summer season coming upon us, we are all looking forward to warmer weather and longer days!!

# Planning & Zoning

The City's **Planning and Zoning** staff are responsible for existing and future land use as well as promoting public safety, health and welfare. Staff is guided by the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, a copy of which can be reviewed on the City's website. They also make sure property values are protected by keeping incompatible and unsuitable uses away from your property. Zoning staff also enforces the City's Unified Development Ordinance (U.D.O) to make sure residents and businesses are following their respected ordinances per their zoning district.





The City of Boiling Spring Lakes is home to many wildlife animals such as deer, possums, foxes, etc., and of course the Red Cockaded Woodpecker. The Red Cockaded Woodpecker is considered an endangered species and is scattered throughout most of BSL into three separate and Red. Green represents parcels zones: Green, outside a woodpecker sensitive area. Meaning no dealings with U.S. Fish & Wildlife is necessary while undertaking any development within the City's limits. Blue represents zones that are foraging areas outside of the clusters; where the birds search for food and defend their territory. Red represents parcels that lie within a cluster, which are areas with active cavity trees, plus a 200 foot buffer. Meaning that's where the Red Cockaded woodpecker lives.

When dealing with the woodpecker, the City has to rely on U.S. Fish & Wildlife. The woodpecker prefers the Long Leaf Pine. It is recommended that you speak with Zoning Technician Anthony Forte to find out what zone your parcel is located in before any development is considered. If your parcel is located in either the Blue or Red zone you will need to complete a tree survey, basal area spreadsheet and tree removal application. The tree survey (may be hand drawn) must show the location and sizes of all pine trees you want to remove, in relation to existing and proposed structures.

The basal area spreadsheet is available on our city website under the "Bird Sanctuary" tab. We ask that you please complete the highlighted fields only. Please include the total number of pine trees in each class size on the property, as well as the total number of pine trees in each class size you want to remove. Measurements shall be in diameter. To determine the diameter of a tree, measure around the tree at 4 1/2 feet above ground level, then divide by 3.14. Our tree removal application is also available online under, "Forms & Permits." If there are any questions, please contact Anthony Forte at aforte@cityofbsl.org or 910 – 294 – 0996.

A few other ordinances that should also be noted include;

- 1. Article 6, Section 6.33 (Keeping of Farm Animals.) Farm animals and the keeping, releasing or raising of waterfowl is only permitted in zoning district R-6. Waterfowl includes those species of birds commonly known as swans, geese, ducks, and any other fowl that are under the jurisdiction of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 2. Article 6, Section 6.2 (Accessory Uses and Buildings.) Accessory buildings and detached garages shall not be placed less than ten (10) feet from either side or rear yard lot lines, except for waterfront lots, where the accessory buildings must be at least twenty-five (25) feet from the rear property line. Except on lots of five (5) acres or more in the residential zone R-6, no residence shall have more than two (2) accessory/utility buildings, excluding a detached garage on a lot, and accessory/utility buildings shall not be placed forward of



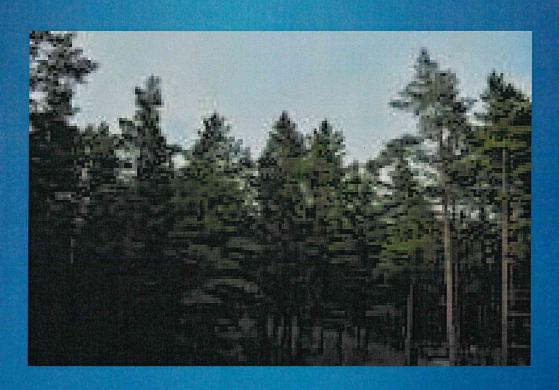
the front line of the principal structure. Zoning and building permits must be obtained for accessory buildings.

- 3. Article 2, Section 2.9 (Certificates of Occupancy and Zoning Compliance.) A Zoning Permit must be issued prior to all development. Zoning permits may be electronic, and applicants may be the landowner, a lessee or person holding an option or contract to purchase or lease the land, or an authorized agent of the landowner through notarized signature. Following issuance of such, an applicant may apply for a Building Permit in accordance with the approved Zoning Permit.
- 4. Sec. 8-5 (Injury to trees, crops, lands, etc. of another) Any person, not being on his own lands, who shall without written consent of the owner therefore willfully commit any damage, or injury to or upon any tree, wood, under growth, timber, garden, crops, vegetable, plants, lands, springs or other matter or thing growing or being thereon, or who cuts, breaks injures or removes any tree, plant or flower, may subject the offender to civil penalties. The civil penalties have been established to cover the cost of enforcement of this section in

accordance with section 1-15(b) of this Code. The civil penalty shall be as published in the fee schedule adopted by the board of commissioners and modified from time to time. If appropriate, the offender shall also be responsible for the cost to repair or replace any damaged property that may be incurred as a result of a violation of this section, said cost being added to the penalty.

- 5. Sec. 8.5.1 (Tree Ordinance).
- (a) Tree removal permits shall be required to remove any tree greater than 7.9 inches in diameter at breast height (this measurement is taken at fifty-four (54) inches above ground level).
  - (1) Rules and regulations are specified in the city's Unified Development Ordinance, article 7, part IV, sections 7.26 through 7.39.
- (b) Penalties for violation. Violation of this section may subject the offender to civil penalties that have been established to cover the cost of enforcement of this section in accordance with <u>section 1-15</u> of this Code. The civil penalty shall be as published in the fee schedule as adopted by the board of commissioners and modified from time to time.

For any development or zoning questions, please contact the Planning & Zoning Administrator, Mark Bloomer (mbloomer@cityofbsl.org) or Zoning Technician, Anthony Forte (aforte@cityofbsl.org). Call us at 910 – 294 – 0996. To review the various plans and forms as well as the City's U.D.O. please visit our website at www.cityofbsl.org/planning-zoning-department



# **New Employees**

James Caudill – Public Works

Sierra McBride – Public Works

Kellie Horton – Parks and Recreation

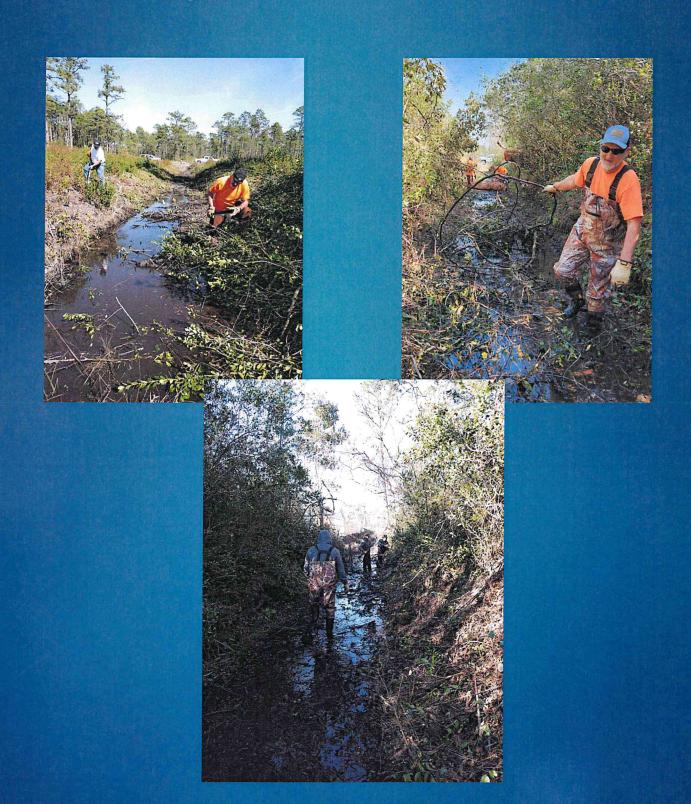
# Construction of New Police Department Building



Construction of the new police department is now almost complete. Anticipated completion date is on track for mid-May 2023. The closing on the USDA loan should still take place in August 2023.

# **Recent Projects**

Public Works has been cleaning out the City's ditches in the Highlands Subdivision.



# Recent Projects Cont.

Mowing of the lakebed in North Lake is about 1/3 completed. Timber mats are being used as most of the lakebed will not support the machine without using the mats.



# Recent Projects Cont.

Several weeks ago the lakebed mower operator came across an abandoned Mallard nest. There were 10 eggs in the nest. The eggs were placed in an incubator and 8 hatched. They will be released back in the wild when ready.



### **Public Works Recognition**

Our Public Works Director, Aaron Harward recently received an award from Julie Moore with the Venus Flytrap Champions for his work in saving Venus Flytraps



# FY 2023-2024 Budget

The fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024 budget for the City is in the process of being prepared by City Staff for presentation to the BOC. The Budget Workshop/Preliminary Budget Discussion is scheduled for Friday, April 21st at 9:00 a.m. Department budgets will be presented to the BOC at that time for review and discussion. The proposed budget will be available for review at City Hall from April 25 through June 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The required public hearing on the budget will take place at the May 2nd BOC meeting and the official adoption of the FY 2023-2024 budget will take place at the June 6th BOC meeting. The final budget will then be on the City's website for reference.



City of Boiling Spring Lakes FY 2023-2024 Budget

# Dams Reconstruction Update as of April 19<sup>th</sup>

As stated previously, the overall dams' reconstruction project budget was estimated to be approximately \$52 Million. That amount included the construction portion (estimated to be \$42 Million) and other items such as utility relocation, lakebed management, engineering fees and interest charges (estimated to be \$10 Million). The bids that were opened on March 31st considered the estimated construction portion only (\$42 Million). At \$46 Million, the bid is above the construction estimate. The engineers are also now requesting an increase in fees after opening the bids and updating the estimated costs of the total project. It looks more like the overall project is now estimated to cost around \$58 Million.

The BOC has requested a Special Meeting be scheduled for May 1, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in City Hall between the City, McGill Engineering (design and construction engineer), Schnabel Engineering (geotechnical and subsurface engineer), and Sequoia Services, LLC (the construction contractor) to discuss the total dam reconstruction estimate and project before moving forward.

As of mid-March the Duke and Spectrum utility relocation projects were estimated to begin in approximately mid-April and last about three weeks.

At this time the estimated start of reconstruction is still scheduled for late May – early June. There may be a more definite timeline after the May 1st meeting.

# Pepperoni Pizza Dip Anyone?

1 cup of finely chopped pepperoni

18 oz. package of cream cheese (softened or you can used whipped)

½ cup sour cream

½ teaspoon of oregano

1/8 teaspoon of cayenne pepper

½ teaspoon garlic powder

½ cup of prepared pizza sauce

2 teaspoons of chopped green pepper (or jalepenos)

2 teaspoons chopped onion or scallions

½ cup of shredded mozzarella

Sliced French baguette or Scoops

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Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Combine pepperoni, cream cheese, sour cream, spices and pizza sauce and put in baking dish

Top with green peppers, onions and shredded mozzarella

Bake in oven until heated through and mozzarella is melted

Serve with sliced baguette or scoops

# What Flowers Bloom in Spring in North Carolina?

### What are the most popular spring flowers?

Crocuses, primroses, tulips and peonies are the most common springtime flowers. Each of those species blooms in a different month between March and April, sometimes even until June. By choosing various spring flowers, you can make your garden look fabulous for several months.



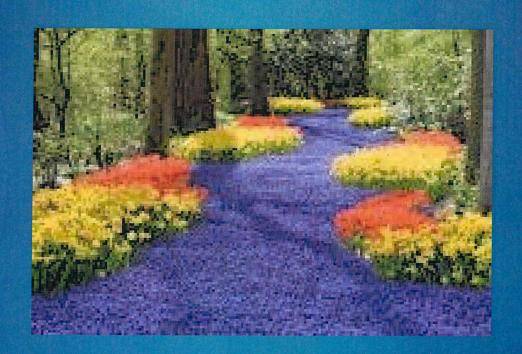
### When to seed spring flowers?

Spring flowers are typically seeded several months earlier in autumn in special containers. In early spring, they are planted in soil - if the weather conditions allow. Keep in mind that every spring flower is different and, therefore, it requires different conditions. Read the tips on the seeds packaging.

# What Flowers Bloom in Spring in North Carolina?

### When to plant spring flowers?

Spring plants are typically planted in autumn. They are not always planted straight to the ground - the process might start in special boxes to keep the plants over winter. Keep in mind, however, that it all depends on individual needs of a plant and another month might be better in a particular case.



# Preparing for Potential Severe Weather Outages

Duke Energy customers who experience an outage during a storm can report it the following ways:

Visit duke-energy.com on a desktop computer or mobile device.

Use the Duke Energy mobile app – Download the Duke Energy App via Apple Store or Google Play.

Text OUT to 57801 (standard text and data charges may apply).

Call the automated outage-reporting system, at: 800.POWERON (800.769.3766).

Visit Duke Energy's outage map at the below website to find up-to-date information on power outages:

https://outagemaps.duke-energy.com/#/home

See additional information from FEMA on Spring Thunderstorms and tornado. The June newsletter will contain information on hurricane preparedness.



# BE PREPARED FOR A THUNDERSTORM, LIGHTNING, OR HAIL

Lightning is a leading cause of injury and death from weather-related hazards.

Thunderstorms are dangerous storms that include lightning.







Create lightning and hail



Cause flash flooding and tornadoes

# IF YOU ARE UNDER A THUNDERSTORM WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

When thunder roars, go indoors.





Pay attention to alerts and warnings.

Move from outdoors into a building or car.





Unplug appliances.



Do not use landline phones.

# **HOW TO STAY SAFE**

### WHEN A THUNDERSTORM THREATENS



Know your area's risk of thunderstorms. They can occur year-round and at any hour.

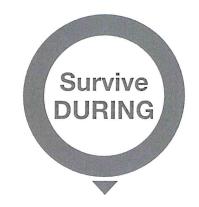
Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

**Identify sturdy buildings close** to where you live, work, study, and play.

**Cut down or trim trees** that may be in danger of falling on your home.

Consider buying surge protectors, lightning rods, or a lightning protection system to protect your home, appliances, and electronic devices.

Secure outside furniture.



When thunder roars, go indoors. A sturdy building is the safest place to be during a thunderstorm.

Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of thunderstorms. Be ready to change plans, if necessary, to be near shelter.

When you receive a thunderstorm warning or hear thunder, go inside immediately.

If indoors, avoid running water or using landline phones. Electricity can travel through plumbing and phone lines.

**Protect your property.** Unplug appliances and other electric devices.

If boating or swimming, get to land and find a sturdy, grounded shelter or vehicle immediately.

If necessary, take shelter in a car with a metal top and sides. Do not touch anything metal.

Avoid flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown®. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.



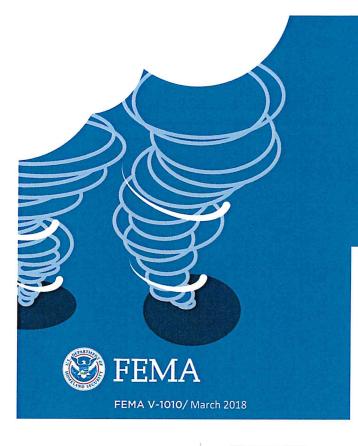
Listen to authorities and weather forecasts for information on whether it is safe to go outside and instructions regarding potential flash flooding.

Watch for fallen power lines and trees. Report them immediately.

### Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **Ready.gov** and search for **thunderstorm**, **lightning**, or **hail**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for **thunderstorm**, **lightning**, or **hail**.





# BE PREPARED FOR A TORNADO

Tornadoes can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris.

Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground.







**Bring intense winds** 



Can happen anywhere



Look like funnels

### IF YOU ARE UNDER A TORNADO WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

Go to a safe room, basement, or storm cellar.





If you can safely get to a sturdy building, do so immediately.

If there is no basement, get to a small, interior room on the lowest level.





Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.

Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.





Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death.

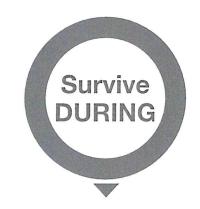


Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

# **HOW TO STAY SAFE**

### WHEN A TORNADO THREATENS







**Know your area's tornado risk.** In the U.S., the Midwest and the Southeast have a greater risk for tornadoes.

Know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating funnel-shaped cloud, an approaching cloud of debris, or a loud roar—similar to a freight train.

Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts. If your community has sirens, become familiar with the warning tone.

Pay attention to weather reports. Meteorologists can predict when conditions might be right for a tornado.

Identify and practice going to a safe shelter for high winds, such as a safe room built using FEMA criteria or a storm shelter built to ICC 500 standards. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level.

Consider constructing a safe room that meets FEMA or ICC 500 standards.

Immediately go to a safe location that you identified.

Take additional cover by shielding your head and neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around you.

**Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio**, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.

**Do not try to outrun a tornado** in a vehicle.

If you are in a car or outdoors and cannot get to a building, cover your head and neck with your arms and cover your body with a coat or blanket, if possible.

**Keep listening to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio**, and local authorities for updated information.

If you are trapped, cover your mouth with a cloth or mask to avoid breathing dust. Try to send a text, bang on a pipe or wall, or use a whistle instead of shouting.

Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.

**Do not enter damaged buildings** until you are told that they are safe.

Save your phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messaging or social media to communicate with family and friends.

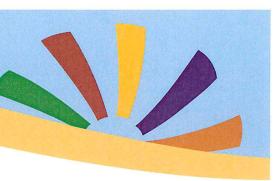
**Be careful during clean-up.** Wear thick-soled shoes, long pants, and work gloves.



### Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **ready.gov** and search for **tornado**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **tornado**. Find Emergency Safety Tips under Prepare.

Ordinances, Resolutions and other BOC meeting approvals for This Quarter (January, February, March):



#### January

- 2023-01 Resolution Adopting 2023 Dates for Citizens Forums (dates are March 9, June 15, September 21 and December 14 all at 6:00)
- 2023-02 Resolution to Approve Disposal of Surplus Personal Property through Donation (dog cage for animal services being donated to Columbus County)
- 2023-03 Resolution to Approve Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Guidelines (needed for dam restoration FEMA funds)
- 2023-04 Resolution to Approve Senior Sunshine Fund Policy & Procedures for the Parks and Recreation Department
- 2023-05 Resolution to Approve Waiving Permit Fees for Fire Rescue Department

#### **February**

- 2023-01 Ordinance to Amend FY 2022-2023 Budget (FICA increase and increase to General Fund)
- 2023-06 Resolution to reestablish Founders Day Festival

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Upcoming BOC meetings (unless specified meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall):

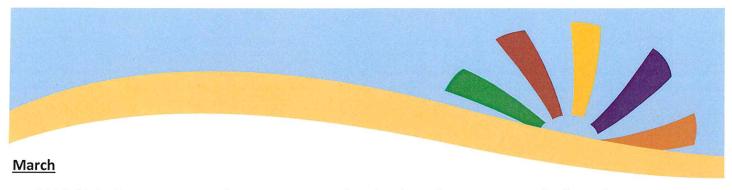
May 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Special)

May 2, 2023 (Regular)

June 6, 2023 (Regular)

June 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Citizens Forum)

July 5, 2023 (Regular)



2023-02 Ordinance to Amend FY 2022-2023 Budget (Parks and Recreation Nashville trip)

2023-03 Ordinance to Amend Section 12.5.2, Nonconfomities, of the City's Unified Development Ordinance (setbacks)

2023-07 Resolution adopting a conflict of interest, eligible use and allowable costs policies for the City (requested by the COG's ARPA project manager)

2023-08 Resolution to Modify the GPI professional services contract (increasing streambed restoration project fee by \$27,900)

BE ON THE LOOKOUT
FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT
ABOUT THE
DAMS RECONSTRUCTION
GROUNDBREAKING!!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**2023 FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL!!** 

AUGUST 26, 2023 @ Spring Lake Park Featuring Giant Kids Midway — Kayak Races Family Fun Run — Food Truck Rodeo — Battle of the Bands and more!





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Caller ID When you see the following displayed, you will know the call is from us. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

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 1-866-419-5000 or Emergency Comm
 General Notifications
 1-855-969-4636 or General Comm

Privacy Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

Join Our Database To make sure you receive notifications, please register at

https://www.cityofbsl.org

You can serve your community by joining one of our committees seeking new members:

**Community Appearance Commission** 

**Library Commission** 

**Grants Committee** 

Special Events Committee

See City Website for applications:

https://www.cityofbsl.org/boards-committees/boards-committees-volunteer-vacancies



### **REPORT A CONCERN:**

Please use the REPORT A CONCERN LINK to report any complaints regarding abandoned/junk vehicles, overgrown grass, debris filled properties. This helps the city track complaints and the resolutions. If you would like a follow up email please fill in your email, for updates and resolutions to your specific complaint.

www.cityofbsl.org/report-concern

Visit <a href="https://www.myplate.gov/">https://www.myplate.gov/</a> to learn how to eat healthy through the USDA's My Plate

#### **FOCUS ON PARKS & RECREATION:**

**Upcoming Events:** 

https://bsl.recdesk.com

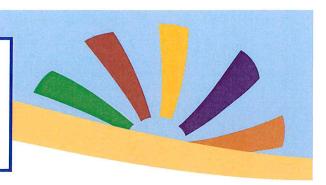
Sign on and create your family account today!

#### **UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:**

City buildings & offices will be closed on these days:

April 7 Good Friday May 29 Memorial Day

July 4 Independence Day September 4 Labor Day





Many items can be recycled at no charge at the county landfill and/or convenience centers. For more information visit: <a href="https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/solid-wast-and-recycling/">https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/solid-wast-and-recycling/</a>

### **Important numbers:**

811 call before you dig or online <a href="https://call811.com/811-In-Your-State/Map/State/North-Carolina">https://call811.com/811-In-Your-State/Map/State/North-Carolina</a>

Emergency — 911 Police Department non-emergency 363-0011

Fire Department 845-2818 City Hall Main 363-0025

Community Center 363-0018 Duke Energy – Customer Service 800-452-2777

Duke Energy Outages – 800-419-6356 Brunswick County Public Utilities 253-2655

Brunswick County Tax Department 253-2729 Brunswick County Landfill 253-8101

River Road/Dosher Cutoff Recycling Center 457-9484 Waste Industries 253-4177

ATMC 754-4311 Bolivia Elementary 253-6516

South Brunswick Middle School 845-2771 South Brunswick High School 845-2203

Dosher Memorial Hospital 457-3800 Novant Health Brunswick 721-1000

#### **UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Planning Board (6:30 pm) - April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11

Special Events (5:30 pm) - April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12

Grants Committee (4:30 pm) - April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13

Library Commission (10:00 am) - April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13

Community Appearance (6:00 pm) - April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10

THE PUBLIC
IS ALWAYS
WELCOME
TO ATTEND!

