



# BRUNSWICK SPOTLIGHT

## Our Mission

The government of Brunswick County, North Carolina exists to promote and sustain a superior quality of life. In partnership with our communities, we pledge to deliver cost-effective services in a personal, responsive, respectful and innovative manner, to our residents and visitors alike.

## 2010 Census

The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The first census took place in 1790.

Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data. It is used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities. Census data are also used to determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

You will receive your census questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person. Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household.

Your information is safe. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

For more information about the Census, visit [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov).

## Are You Properly Displaying Your House Number?

Prominently displayed house numbers on your home make your home safer. The E-911 addressing system was primarily created to assist emergency services in responding to emergency calls. A faster response time can make a significant difference in an emergency situation. E-911 location addresses are also required for phone service, building permits, driver license renewals, land titles, loans, mail delivery, utility services, insurance companies and for other purposes requiring a site location. In August 1991, Brunswick County adopted the Uniform Property Address and Address Display Ordinance to establish a formal program of placement of address numbers. Under this ordinance, property owners are required to permanently affix and display on each building and/or unit the address number which has been assigned to that lot or parcel of land. Address numbers are required to be at least three inches in height if posted within ten feet of ground level. If posted over ten feet above ground level, each number must be at least four inches in height. Address numbers must be placed on the building facing the street for which a number has been assigned to that structure and should be in sharp contrast to any background color and or texture, so as to be plainly visible and legible from the center line of the street. If the structure is set back more than sixty feet from the edge of the improved portion of the street, the address number must be additionally displayed on a freestanding sign or mailbox. Free standing signs must be no more than twenty-five feet from the edge of the street. The numbers on the mailbox must appear on both sides of the mailbox, unless it is one of a group serving multiple buildings or units, in which case the number must be displayed on the front of each mailbox. Property owners should make sure the address number is clearly visible and not obstructed by trees, shrubbery, porches, etc. Property owners in violation of the County's ordinance are subject to a civil penalty in the amount of \$25.00 per violation. For more information, contact the Building Inspections Department at 910-253-2050 or to view this, and other County Ordinances, visit our website at [www.brunswickcountync.gov](http://www.brunswickcountync.gov).



## Dog Park opens at Shallotte Park

The new Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Dog Park at Shallotte Park is now open to the public and their pets. This project is the result of collaboration between Brunswick County Parks and Recreation and a local organization named BARK. BARK, which stands for Brunswick Area Responsible K-9 owners, was formed by dog lovers in Brunswick County who set out to do

positive work for dog owners in our community. It was a great cooperation to work with the existing parks in our county. BARK contacted Jim Pryor, Director of Brunswick County Parks and Recreation and according to Lorretta Pyeatt, Owner/Trainer Canine Academy and BARK member, "he has been 100% behind the project and has helped us along to make the dog park a reality!"

BARK hopes to raise money for several more dog parks in the county. Mr. Pryor says "it was a great partnership. BARK had a mission and they made it a reality. This is the first dog park in Brunswick County and we hope to have more in other areas." If you would like to find out more about Brunswick County Parks and Recreation please visit our website at [www.brunswickcountync.gov](http://www.brunswickcountync.gov) (parks and recreation main page) or call 910-253-2670.

Government Center Holiday Closings:

Good Friday — April 2  
Memorial Day — May 31

## Spring 2010 Litter Sweep

Keep Brunswick County Beautiful and the Brunswick County Solid Waste and Recycling Department will co-sponsor a County-wide Litter Sweep on Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 9 am to 12 pm. Please join us in keeping our roads, beaches and waterways litter-free and help keep the wildlife of Brunswick County safe. If you or your organization would like to participate, please contact the Solid Waste Office at (910) 253-2524. Participating businesses and organizations will receive special recognition.

## .Free Disposal at the Landfill

Monday April 12 through Saturday April 17, 2010, Brunswick County residents may dispose of all materials except for regular household trash or new construction debris free of charge at the County Landfill in Bolivia (convenience centers will maintain regular tipping fees). Anyone driving a commercial vehicle or hauling commercial debris will be charged regular tipping fees.

## HHW Collection, Electronics Recycling and Clothing Drive

The Brunswick County Solid Waste Department will collect Household Hazardous Waste on Saturday April 17, 2010 from 9 am until 2 pm in the school bus parking lot of Shallotte Middle School. This collection will be free for county residents and farmers only; commercial or industrial waste will not be accepted. Items such as paint, chemicals and pesticides will be accepted. Ammunition, medical and pharmaceutical waste are not accepted.

In addition, Electronics and clothing will be collected at this event. The electronics will be recycled and the clothing will be donated to a local non-profit agency. Electronics may also be brought to the landfill site in Bolivia any time throughout the year.

**For more information about any of these events, please contact the Brunswick County Solid Waste Department at (910) 253-2524.**

## Brunswick Soil & Water Conservation District Rain Barrel Sale



Residential water can increase as much as 50% during summer months due to outdoor water use. Why not save money, conserve water, and, at the same time, promote a healthy environment by collecting natural rainwater year-round.

A rain barrel can be used to save water for plants during dry periods, watering your garden and lawn, and even washing your car! To help do your part in saving, the Brunswick Soil & Water Conservation District is selling rain barrels. The 65 gallon rain barrels are being offered at a reduced price of \$95 which is 35% below retail! The rain barrel is made from 100 % recycled material, features an optional one/two spigot connection, an overflow hose, and a screen to keep out insects and debris. If you would like to take a look at the rain barrel, there is one on display at the Brunswick County Governmental Center in the lobby of Building F.

For additional information or to schedule a pick up time, please contact the Brunswick Soil & Water Conservation District Office at 910-253-2830, or visit their website at [www.bswcd.org](http://www.bswcd.org).



## In The Spotlight...

The Clerk to the Board is appointed by the Board of Commissioners and duly sworn into official public office. This position is a part of the Management or Administrative Team with the County Manager, Assistant County Manager and the County Attorney. The office of the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners in Brunswick County is comprised of the Clerk to the Board and one Deputy Clerk who serves in the absence of the Clerk. In addition to recording, processing and maintaining accurate records pertaining to the Board's actions, the Clerk to the Board is officially responsible for the County seal and the retention of official records including minutes, ordinance books, records of County-appointed boards and committees, resolutions, contracts, agreements, and leases, etc., in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk work together to prepare agendas, board packets, notify the public and media of board meetings and serve as a central point of contact for the Board of Commissioners. They also respond to requests from the general public, the news media and County employees for information and/or services and ensure public access to County records as required by state public records laws. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk interact with the County Manager and the agencies and departments of county government, who call upon the office for various services or information daily. Through their work, the Clerk's Office provides continuity that is essential to the operations of both the Board of County Commissioners and the organization of County Government. As the custodian of all official records containing the acts, orders, and judgments of the Board of County Commissioners, the Clerk to the Board's Office contains a wealth of information regarding the history of Brunswick County Government. Historical records for Brunswick County have been preserved in the Clerk's Office with the recent restoration of the Minute Books from 1875 through 1973.

As a reflection of their commitment to their careers, local county government and the communities they serve, both the Clerk to the Board and the Deputy Clerk have received their North Carolina Certified County Clerk designations through the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the North Carolina Association of County Clerks to the Boards of County Commissioners. The Clerk to the Board's Office is located on the first floor of the David R. Sandifer County Administration Building at the Brunswick County Government Center in Bolivia. To contact your Commissioners or the Clerk to the Board, please call 910-253-2017 or email [commissioners@brunscosco.net](mailto:commissioners@brunscosco.net).



Front: Margie Stephenson, Deputy Clerk & Debby Gore, Clerk. Back: Brandy Lewis, Temp