



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.

Newest Brunswick County Park

Scheduled to open on Saturday, August 21, 2010

We have eagerly been anticipating the opening of the new Ocean Isle Beach Park on Old Georgetown Road. While we suffered a few setbacks along the way, this park is going to be a great addition to the Brunswick County Park System. We currently maintain and operate twelve parks throughout Brunswick County offering a variety of activities for adults and children, including organized sports, classes, special events, and senior activities.



The Ocean Isle Beach Park will feature tennis courts, an amphitheater, two playgrounds, a restroom facility, and a multipurpose field that will be used for football, soccer, and much more. We will also be renting the amphitheater to citizens interested in hosting their next event at our park. The amphitheater is designed to seat 300, but there is plenty of space in and around the theater for lawn chairs and blankets. If you are interested in renting this space or would like to check the availability please call 910-253-2670.

If you would like to find out about any of our programs, facilities, or parks, please visit our website at www.brunswickcountync.gov (Parks and Recreation) or call 910-253-2670.



Preserving the Past

The Brunswick County Planning & Community Development Department is nearing the completion of its countywide comprehensive historical architectural resources survey. The survey project was initiated in September 2009 and is primarily focused on documenting Brunswick



County's architectural history, using photographs and written narratives, of historical resources (e.g. houses, churches, etc.) that are a minimum of 50 years old and potentially eligible for placement on the National Register Listing. Assistance with the project is being provided by Landmark Preservation Associates, a local steering committee whose knowledge of the County's history has proven to be a tremendous resource and the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Unlike other historical architectural surveys conducted in North Carolina, this project will include written narratives on the background histories of some 75 traditional communities in Brunswick County. To date, a total of 495 historical resources have been surveyed and written narratives on 65 traditional communities have been completed.

Additionally, the final project will include the results of a cemetery study currently being conducted by the Brunswick County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department. Over the past two years, the County's GIS Department has been documenting the locational coordinates, using global positioning software (GPS) technology, of all existing and/or abandoned cemeteries in Brunswick County. To date, the locational coordinates of some 430 cemeteries have been documented. When complete, the results of the cemetery survey will be placed into a County GIS database and will be included as a component of the historical architectural resource survey project.

The project is anticipated to be complete in late summer or early fall. At this time, the Planning and GIS Departments are still actively seeking information on several undocumented communities and any existing and/or abandoned cemeteries whose locations have not been previously documented. If anyone has information that may be helpful to the above ongoing research efforts, please contact the Brunswick County Planning & Community Development Department at 910-253-2025.



Closings: Labor Day—Mon. Sept. 6

Veteran's Day—Thurs. Nov. 11

Thanksgiving—Thurs. & Fri. Nov. 25 & 26

Christmas—Thurs. Fri. & Mon. Dec. 23, 24, 27

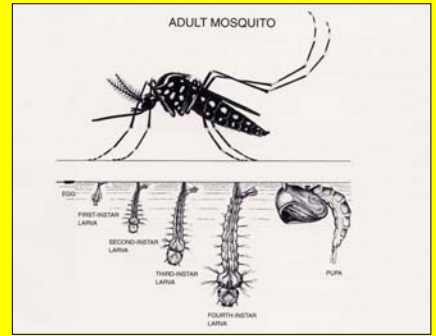
Household Mosquito Control - The Asian Tiger Mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*) is most commonly found within 300 feet of a home. You can reduce your risk by eliminating mosquito breeding sites and protecting yourself from mosquito bites.

What you can do:

- Empty or recycle containers in your yard that can collect water, such as tires, buckets, bottles and plastic tarps.
- Change water in pet bowls and bird baths at least twice a week.
- Cover unused swimming pools.
- Clean clogged rain gutters.
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets.

Protect yourself from mosquito bites:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Avoid being outdoors when there are a lot of mosquitoes, such as at dawn and dusk.
- Avoid areas where there are lots of mosquitoes.
- Use repellents with DEET (25 % or less for adults, 10% or less for children) to prevent mosquito bites, following label instructions.



The life cycle of a mosquito. The larval stages are always found in water.

For more information contact Brunswick County Mosquito Control at (910) 253- 2515.

You may also email us at: op-svcs@brunscoco.net.

Solid Waste/Recycling News & Events - Fall Clean Up Activities

BIG SWEEP - August 1 through October 31 - NC Big Sweep is a statewide program that has developed into a worldwide event. NC Big Sweep originated as a coastal cleanup and then expanded inland. NC Big Sweep now runs from August 1 until October 31. All 100 North Carolina counties participate along with over 90 other countries. NC Big Sweep will be a huge success only if the residents of Brunswick County come together as a TEAM. If you have an organization planning a cleanup event during this time frame or want to find out how to get involved in this event please contact Kimberley Thompson at (910)253-2524 or by [email](mailto:kimberley@brunscoco.net). This will ensure that your group is counted as part of the NC Big Sweep Event. By doing this you can receive supplies such as vests, bags and more.

As a resident or visitor of North Carolina you can take pride in participating in this event that started right here in the beautiful state of North Carolina and developed into a worldwide event

KEEP BRUNSWICK COUNTY BEAUTIFUL BIG SWEEP - Saturday, October 2nd - Keep Brunswick County Beautiful, with the help of many volunteers will be cleaning up the roads and waterways of Brunswick County. Please join us in helping to Keep Brunswick County Beautiful. To volunteer, please contact Kimberley Thompson at (910) 253-2524 or by [e-mail](mailto:kimberley@brunscoco.net).

FREE DUMP WEEK AT THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY LANDFILL - September 13th - 18th - Brunswick County Residents may bring items, except for household trash, land clearing debris and new construction debris to the Landfill in Bolivia free of charge. Commercial vehicles will be charged normal tipping fees. Please be prepared to show proof of residency. For more information contact Kimberley Thompson at (910)253-2524 or by [email](mailto:kimberley@brunscoco.net).

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION - Saturday, September 18th - The Brunswick County Solid Waste Department will be hosting the Fall HHW collection from 9 am to 2 pm to collect household hazardous waste. Items will be taken free of charge to Brunswick County Residents. Please keep in mind that items such as batteries, used oil, used oil filters, antifreeze, fuels and latex paint are also accepted at the Brunswick County Landfill year round at no charge. Please be prepared to show proof of residency. This event will take place at South Brunswick Middle School, 100 Cougar Drive, Southport, NC 28461.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING - Saturday, September 18th - The Electronics Recycling Event will be held in conjunction with the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Items accepted are: All electronic equipment, production equipment, computers and computer accessories. This event will take place at South Brunswick Middle School, 100 Cougar Drive, Southport, NC 28461.

CLOTHING DRIVE - Saturday, September 18th - The Clothes Drive will be held in conjunction with the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection. The clothes collected will be given to a local charity. This event will take place at South Brunswick Middle School, 100 Cougar Drive, Southport, NC 28461.

For more information on these events, contact Kimberley Thompson in the Solid Waste Department at (910) 253- 2524.



In The Spotlight...

BSRI Volunteers Give The Gift Of Mobility—Nancy Roberts, an 84 year old woman who resides in Calabash, has struggled for years with multiple health issues and high risk of falling. She completed a physical therapy regimen to help her regain the strength to walk, but was still unable to walk. Nancy, like many seniors living in Brunswick County, found herself homebound. She relied on her elderly husband to assist her out of the home and maneuver her down several stairs. Because the fear of falling was so great and leaving her home was so difficult, she had to limit trips out of her home only to medical appointments.



Mrs. Roberts called Brunswick Senior Resources, Incorporated (BSRI) and requested assistance to making her home more wheel chair accessible. Her request was referred to Paul Witmer, a volunteer with BSRI's Ramps and Rails Program. Mr. Witmer was able to organize and coordinate a group of teens to complete the ramp. In addition, a small portable ramp, previously donated to BSRI, was installed inside her home so that she could enjoy the comfort of her Carolina room.

Both Mrs. Roberts and her family are overjoyed with her new ramp. As stated in an email received from Mrs. Robert's daughter, Diane Cashion, "My brother, Ralph, from Charlotte visited my parents this weekend and said that the ability to easily get in and out of the house has been a source of great joy for our Mother. I want to thank you very much for all you did to make this possible for my parents. I would also like to thank the volunteer church youth group that my parents said were a big part of the installation. Again, many thanks for all that Brunswick Senior Resources does to help seniors maintain their quality of life."

If you would like to help BSRI make a difference in the quality of lives of Brunswick County seniors by volunteering, please call: 910-253-2219. You can also help by making a financial contribution. Please make checks payable to BSRI, PO Box 89, Bolivia, NC 28422. BSRI is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. For more information about BSRI's senior centers, nutrition sites and programs, please visit: www.brunswickseniorresources.org.

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