



BRUNSWICK SPOTLIGHT

Our Mission

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

Upcoming Waterline Projects

- Lake Wood Estates Phase 2
- Wood Duck Retreat
- Evans Circle
- River Run Plantation
- Lake View

Waterline Projects Scheduled For Next Year

- Fisherman's Village
- Arrow wood Drive
- Hewett-Burton Road
- Sander's Forest
- Union Village
- Fay Circle
- Rourk Landing
- Lena Lane
- Pelican Place
- Harris Trail
- Rutland Road
- Hewett Road

Health Department Pediatric Clinic

The Health Department Pediatric Clinic is back in full swing once again. The clinic is being covered by Dr. Franchesca Brown, MD, a Duke medical school graduate.

The clinic has open appointments from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to serve children from birth to 21 years of age. Both well baby physicals and acute care is offered as well as treatment for chronic conditions. Dr. Brown can treat for a variety of conditions including colds, fevers, respiratory infections, urinary infections, and ear infections. She provides managed care for asthma, diabetes, and obesity. The clinic sees all eligible children regardless of ability to pay. This includes those with private insurance, Medicaid or private pay on a sliding fee scale based on family income. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred. Appointments can be made by calling 253- 2276.

Dr. Brown is not new to this area; she grew up in Myrtle Beach. She attended Duke University for her undergraduate degree in Biology and stayed on to attend the medical school for her Pediatric degree. She then served nine years in the Air Force as a Pediatrician. When she moved back to the Carolinas she knew she wanted to help underserved children and knew that Public Health would be the best way to do that. "I like kids", she replied when asked why she became a pediatrician. "I want to provide top quality medical care to disadvantaged children," she stated. Another one of her goals is to start a mentorship program with other professionals for adolescents in the community. "I am very concerned about the growing number of adolescents in the community who are at high risk," she added. Additionally, she is an accomplished artist and has volunteered to paint a beach scene on a wall in the clinic.

For more information about the Pediatric clinic or any other health program, please call the Brunswick County Health Department at 1-888-428-4429.



Criminal Justice Partnership Program Saves County Money

The Criminal Justice Partnership Act was enacted to establish community-based correction programs. Under the structured sentencing laws, violent and repeat offenders are directed to prison and jail, while less serious offenders are directed to less costly punishments in the community. To assist with this, counties that voluntarily apply for funding can receive community corrections grants from the North Carolina Department of Correction. According to the NCDOC website, the Criminal Justice Partnership Program Goals are to reduce recidivism, reduce the number of probation revocations, reduce alcoholism and other drug dependencies among offenders and reduce the cost of incarceration. Here in Brunswick County, it costs \$46.00 per day per inmate to stay in jail versus approximately \$2.80 per day per inmate to be on Electronic House Arrest. Currently, there are 59 inmates on the house arrest program. The savings for one month is approximately \$84,134.00 in jail bed space. Multiply that by 12 months and the savings are over \$1,000,000! The Electronic House Arrest program allows individuals to remain at their residence until their case is taken care of, rather than waiting in jail. The program is also structured so that individuals owing child support can get out of jail to work to pay the child support that they owe. With the exception of working, offenders are confined to their residence and monitored 24-hours a day.



EHA Monitoring Equipment



Children's Summer Reading Program

Mystified by a mystery? Confounded by a conundrum? Baffled by a brainteaser? "Get a Clue @ Your Library!" was the theme of the Children's Summer Reading Program in Brunswick County's five public libraries. More than 1,000 children of all ages participated in the free activities. They reported reading over 22,000 library books during the six-week program. Participants kept reading logs, and turned them in at the grand finale for prizes, ice cream and pizza.

Children's Summer Reading is an annual cooperative effort of public libraries and the State Library of North Carolina.

Studies show that children who continue to read during the long summer vacation will return to school with their learning skills still sharp.

Additional funding for this important program was provided by the four Friends of the Library groups, and by grants from BEMC and the Brunswick Arts Council. Look for next summer's program to begin mid-June!!

Brunswick Senior Resources, Inc.

With the recent additions of nutrition sites in Calabash and Boiling Spring Lakes, BSRI is now operating eight sites in Brunswick County:

- Ash Senior Site:** 5859 Waccamaw School Rd., Ash (910-287-3998)
- Boiling Spring Lakes Community Center:** 1 Leeds Road, BSL (910-599-4594 Mon., Wed., & Fri.)
- Calabash Presbyterian Church:** 8820 Old Georgetown Rd SW, Calabash (910-599-4593)
- Crystal Springs Missionary Baptist Church:** 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd. NE, Leland (910-655-3007)
- Leland Senior Center:** 1490 Village Rd., NE, Leland (910-371-3560)
- Oak Island Recreation Center:** 3003 E. Oak Island Dr., Oak Island (910-448-0176)
- Southport Senior Center:** 209 N. Atlantic Ave., Southport (910-457-6461)
- Shallotte Senior Center:** 1540 Main St., Shallotte (910-754-8836)

All seniors 60+ years of age are welcome!

Solid Waste/Recycling News & Events

Disposal Fee Increase

Due to increasing costs of operation, the Brunswick County Landfill and Convenient Site tipping fees were increased, effective July 1, 2007. The tipping fee for MSW at the County Landfill is \$46.00 per ton and all tipping fees at the convenient sites increased by 15 percent. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Spring Clean Up Results

On Saturday, March 31, 2007, the Brunswick County Solid Waste and Recycling Department and Keep Brunswick County Beautiful sponsored the County's annual Litter Sweep. More than 80 volunteers and County employees came out to clean up the roadways and beaches of Brunswick County. More than 3,000 pounds of litter was picked up from our roadsides.

Fall Clean Up Activities

On Saturday, October 6, 2007, the Brunswick County Solid Waste and Recycling Department and Keep Brunswick County Beautiful will sponsor **North Carolina Big Sweep** in Brunswick County to rid our beaches, waterways and roadsides of litter. If you or your organization is interested in joining us to protect our wildlife and make Brunswick County a more beautiful place to live, please contact Jennifer Whitley at (910) 253-2524.

Monday, October 15th thru Saturday, October 20th is free week at the Brunswick County Landfill. All residents may dispose of items, with the exception of regular household trash, for free. Businesses will be charged the regular tipping fees.

The Brunswick County Solid Waste Department will hold its bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Electronics Recycling and Clothing Drive Day on Saturday, October 20th at the Southport Wal-Mart from 9 am to 2 pm. County residents can bring in **hazardous waste** such as pesticides, paint and batteries free of charge. Residents may also bring **electronics** to the collection day for recycling. In addition, **clothing** will be collected and donated to a local charity.

If you have any questions about the above events, please call the Brunswick County Solid Waste and Recycling Department at (910) 253-2520.

Board of Elections Announces Municipal Elections

This year is a municipal election year in North Carolina. Brunswick County, at 19, has the most municipalities of any county in North Carolina. With two sanitary districts and a hospital trustee board also holding elections this fall, the total number of open seats for the November 6, 2007, municipal election is 75. In Brunswick County all municipal, sanitary district, and trustee board candidates run as non-partisan candidates, meaning party affiliations are not involved. A list of candidates is located at www.brunswickcountync.gov - choose Board of Elections under the departmental menu.

Key Dates:

Election Day 2007 = Tuesday, November 6th

Voter Registration Deadline = Friday, October 12th

Absentee Voting by Mail = Friday, October 5th – Monday, November 5th

One-stop Voting = Thursday, October 18th – Saturday, November 3rd



One-stop voting in a municipal election year will only be available at the Brunswick County Board of Elections office in Building F at the Bolivia Government Complex. Only individuals who will have resided within a municipality, the North Brunswick or the Southeast Brunswick sanitary districts, or the Doshier Hospital jurisdiction for 30 days prior to Election Day may vote in this year's election.

For more information, please contact the Brunswick County Board of Elections at boel@brunsc.net or 910-253-2620. The North Carolina State Board of Elections website is www.sboe.state.nc.us.



In The Spotlight...

Farm families have received great advice from the "county agent" since the 1920's. Home gardeners know that Cooperative Extension is the place to go for help with plant problems or to get that all-important soil analysis done. Rural families have been a part of 4-H – the youth component of Cooperative Extension - for almost 100 years.

But, the modern Cooperative Extension Service has something to offer just about every citizen of Brunswick County.

As the outreach unit of North Carolina's two land-grant universities – N.C. State and N.C. A&T State – Cooperative Extension is your local link to research-based information in agriculture, horticulture, foods and nutrition, housing, financial management, community development and environmental issues such as storm water and water quality. And while 4-H still has lots of opportunities for rural kids, programs in robotics, electricity, environmental science and a host of others have universal appeal.

Located in Building N at the Government Complex in Bolivia, Brunswick County's Cooperative Extension Service offers classes, workshops, information and advice that truly lives up to the slogan of "helping people put knowledge to work".

Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 910-253-2610 or visit our website at <http://brunswick.ces.ncsu.edu/>.

