



May 2022 Newsletter

New Fire Station 53 Opens in May

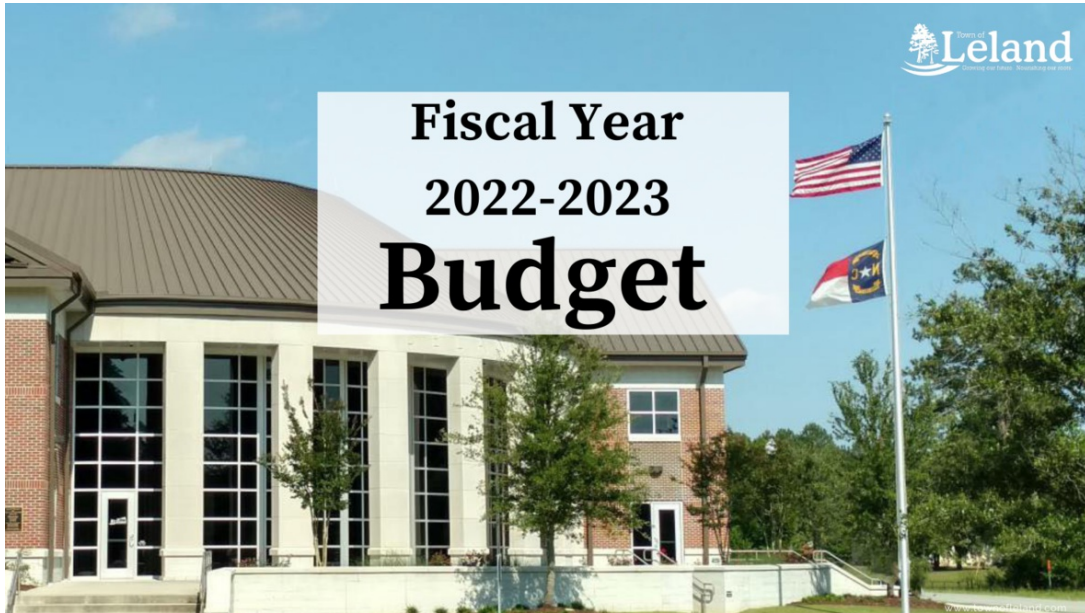


The Town is pleased to announce the opening of Fire Station 53, located at 187 Old Lanvale Road. The site, previously used by the former Town of Leland Streets and Utilities Department, underwent an extensive redesign and renovation, adding approximately 6,000 square feet to the original structure. Improvements include the addition of two 70' pull-through bays, eight sleeping rooms, a kitchen and living space, a fitness room, offices, and a conference room. Along with the building renovation, major improvements were also made to the parking lot, driveways, landscaping, and stormwater systems, creating a space that will serve the needs of the Town of Leland Fire/Rescue Department and Leland residents for years to come.

The opening of Station 53 will address the need for improved response times to emergency events in the rapidly expanding areas around the Highway 17 corridor, greatly improving our network of Public Safety services. Firefighters will begin moving into the new station in May. Details regarding an opportunity for the public to tour the new Station 53 will be announced soon on the [Town's website](#) and [social media](#).

Stay up-to-date on all projects by [visiting the Town Projects webpage](#).

\$33 Million Budget Approved



Leland Town Council approved a \$33 million budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 at its regular meeting in April. Highlights include the following:

- \$30 million general fund budget.
- No tax rate increase.
- 42.2% allocated to Public Safety.
- \$800,000 for a new fire engine.
- 17.7% allocated

to
Public
Services,
which
includes
the
street
maintenance
division
and
the
Parks,
Recreation,
and
Cultural
Resources
Department.

- \$324,600
in
capital
equipment
for
the
street
maintenance
division.
- More
than
\$1.6
million
for
street
projects.
- \$640,000
in
grant
proceeds
allocated
to
Founders
Park
renovations,
anticipated
to
begin
in
2023.
- 19
new
full-
time

employee
positions
including
four
firefighters
and
one
police
officer.

“As the Town continues growing rapidly, it’s important that our staffing and services rise to meet the community’s growing needs,” Mayor Brenda Bozeman said. “Leland is a wonderful place to call home, and the goals prioritized in this budget will ensure that it continues to be for years to come.”

Learn more about the budget [on the Town's website](#).

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Opportunity



The Town of Leland is considering an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Revitalization funds from the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Division to provide rehabilitation or replacement housing assistance to lower-income homeowner households.

Owner-occupied households with lower incomes residing in substandard housing are encouraged to contact the Town if they would like to be considered for a rehabilitation or replacement housing loan (up to 8-year term, 0% interest forgiven loan) offered through the CDBG program.

To be considered for a loan, applicants must meet the criteria outlined below:

- Occupant household income must be at or

below:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Income Limit</u>
1	\$42,000
2	\$48,000
3	\$54,000
4	\$60,000
5	\$64,800
6	\$69,600
7	\$74,400
8	\$79,200

- Applicants must be able to document that they are current on all taxes and obtained clear title to the property to be assisted at the time the Town considers formal applications for CDBG assistance.

- All households served must occupy a unit with severe structural deficiencies or severe water and/or sewer needs. This program is designed to address housing needs, not minor structural cosmetic improvements.
- No rental units or vacant units will be considered for assistance.
- All units must be located within the corporate limits of

the
Town
of
Leland.
[See](#)
[if](#)
[you](#)
[live](#)
[in](#)
[Town](#)
[limits.](#)

- Manufactured housing must have been converted into real property if owned and occupied by the homeowner prior to selection.

If you wish to be considered for CDBG assistance, you must apply no later than **June 14**. Learn more about the program [on the Town's website](#).



Leland Joins AARP Network of Age-Friendly

Communities

The Town of Leland is joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities as part of ongoing efforts to better serve residents of all ages. Through its participation in the network, Leland will continue working to provide safe and walkable streets, age-friendly housing and transportation options, access to needed services, and opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in community life, among other things. Town staff chose to pursue joining this network as the initiative supports the [Leland 2045 Plan](#) strategy to provide equal access to community facilities, housing, and infrastructure. Learn more about Leland joining this network [on the Town's website](#).



Mosquito Control

Town of Leland Public Services employees monitor mosquito activity and respond to service calls from citizens related to mosquitoes through Nov. 1.

Report a mosquito issue in your area and request adulticide spray through [Leland 311](#) or call (910) 371-0148. Once a report is received, a staff member will investigate the report to determine if the area meets the threshold for spray: a landing count of seven per minute. If the area meets the threshold, a truck will be routed to the area to begin spray operations. Spraying will then continue until it appears the outbreak is contained. The frequency of spraying depends on the overall number of areas that need spraying, available manpower, and the severity of the outbreak.

[Request spray notification.](#)

[Request for your residence not to be sprayed.](#)

[Register as a beekeeper.](#)




The Town of Leland is proud to announce the Old Fayetteville Road Multi-Use Path and Resurfacing project has been named a finalist for the 2022 N.C. Department of Transportation Mobi Awards! Learn more about the awards and the project [on the Town's website](#).

#LelandPrepares

Hurricane Preparedness Week

May 1-7, 2022

- Determine your risk.
- Develop an evacuation plan.
- Assemble disaster supplies.
- Get an insurance checkup.
- Strengthen your home.
- Help your neighbor.
- Complete a written plan.



Hurricane season officially runs from June through the end of November and experts are predicting another above-average season. Now is the time to make sure you're prepared.

- Review your evacuation plans.
- Update your hurricane kit and ensure you replace perishable products. Have your medication needs changed? Do you have adequate water on hand for 72 hours?
- If you have a home or portable generator, make sure you have it serviced.
- Are you registered to get the Town's emergency

alerts?
If
not,
sign
up
[on](#)
[the](#)
[Town's](#)
[website.](#)
There,
you
can
also
find
handouts
for
pet
safety,
emergency
supply
kits,
shelters,
and
more!

Please join us for the Hurricane Expo on June 11 at 10 a.m. at the Leland Cultural Arts Center. We will have speakers on the 2022 hurricane outlook, flood insurance program, stormwater management, and many other topics. Emergency management partners from across the area will be there to help your family prepare! You can submit questions for our panel with Town staff [here](#).



TOWN OF LELAND
**HURRICANE
EXPO** June 11, 2022 | 10 AM - 2 PM
Leland Cultural Arts Center
SAVE THE DATE 

The graphic features a grey background with a flag on the left containing two red squares with black centers. The text is in a mix of black and red fonts, with 'HURRICANE EXPO' in large, bold letters. The event details and 'SAVE THE DATE' are in white and red. The Town of Leland logo is in the bottom right corner.

Find more preparedness tips by searching #LelandPrepares on [social media](#).



A Safety Message from Leland Fire/Rescue

With nice weather taking hold and the pandemic easing up, a lot of people are out and about along our streets. Please remember to observe the rules of the road. It's very easy to become complacent, but we need to be vigilant and watch out for each other.

- Observe posted speed limits. Slow down

in
neighborhoods.

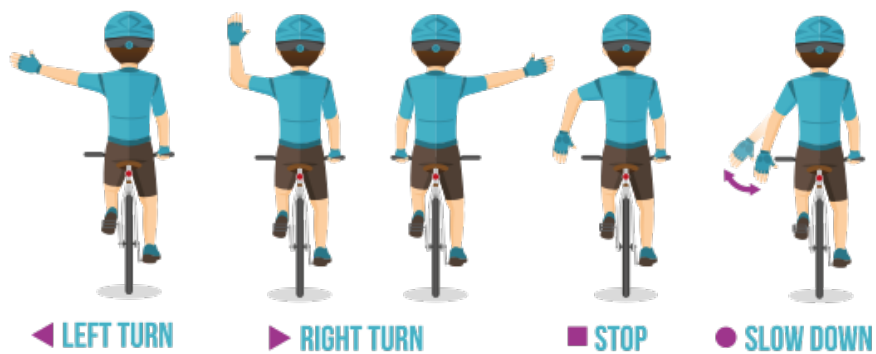
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- When
passing
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motorists
along
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roads,
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plenty
of
space.
What
if
that
jogger
fell,
or
the
cyclist
hit
something
and
lost
his/her

balance?

There are rules of the road for bicycle riders in North Carolina too. Keep in mind, you also are a moving vehicle and need to observe the same rules as motor vehicles. This keeps us all safe.

- Stay to your right along the edge of the road in the right lane.
- Don't ride on the sidewalk.
- Use the hand signals below when turning and stopping.



- You **MUST** come

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a
full
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complete
stop
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signs.

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stop,
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FIFO:
First
In,
First
Out.

Our overall goal is safety. We have all seen close calls on our roadways. Working together, we can all be solutions to the problem instead of the problem itself. This goes for all – walkers, joggers, bike riders, and vehicle drivers. Talk to your friends, neighbors, and strangers and remind them to STAY SAFE while on our streets and sidewalks.



- Council
Agenda
Meeting:
May
16,

- 1
p.m.
- Leland
Tourism
Development
Authority:
May
18,
4
p.m.
- Council
Regular
Meeting:
May
19,
6
p.m.
- Planning
Board:
May
24,
6
p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall, located at 102 Town Hall Drive. Meeting agendas and minutes are available [on the Town's website](#).



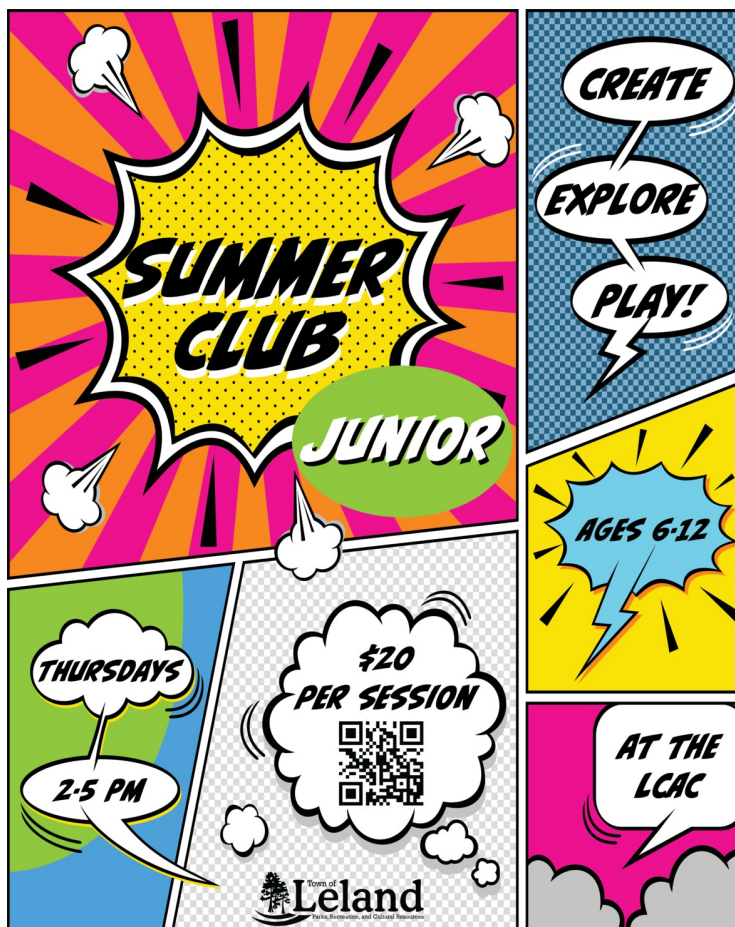


Sign Up for CodeRED Alerts

The Town has implemented CodeRED, a high-speed emergency mass notification service. The free community notification system for Leland residents will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media. [Learn more](#) about CodeRED.

Sign up for CodeRED alerts [online](#) or text ALERTLELAND to 99411.

Mark your calendar!



[Join Summer Club Jr.!](#)

Kids will create, explore, and play with activities in art, nature, and games.

June 16 - Art & Pottery
June 23 - Art & Environmental Science
July 7 - Yoga & Pottery
July 14 - Art & Drawing
July 28 - Dance & Pottery
Aug. 4 - Pottery & Art
Aug. 11 - Art & Dance



[Join Summer Club!](#)

Teens will create and learn with activities in art, recreation, and nature.

June 27 - Environmental Science & Art
July 11 - Environmental Science & Pottery
July 25 - Youth Kayaking Adventure with Wilmington Outdoor Adventures
Aug. 1 - Environmental Science & Pottery



We have two free concerts coming up this month as part of our Live @ the Park series.

Remember to bring a blanket or chair, and coolers are welcome.

May 5 - L Shape Lot with Wheelz Pizza food truck

May 26 - Port City Shakedown with Tasty Tees food truck



Join us at the Spring Art Market, happening Saturday, May 7.

This year's market features more than 30 vendors, music from Stray Local and The Graes, food from Poor Piggy's food truck, and crafts for the whole family!

Admission is free, but remember to bring money to purchase items and food.



Our Leland's Little Learners classes are so popular, we've added another offering.

Registration is now open for our 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. classes in June, so [sign your little ones up now!](#)

Please note that parent participation is required.

Are you ready to be amazed? Russell Anderson is not your usual illusionist, he's a revillusionist! With his dancing assistant, he will wow you with the tricks he has up his sleeve.

Tickets are \$15 and [can be purchased online](#) or at the LCAC.

Bring the kids (and the adults) for a showing of Luca under the stars in Founders Park!

Show up a little early for movie-themed crafts starting at 6 p.m.

T'Geaux Boys food truck will be on site!

Our May gallery show by Chris Fowler is entitled Golden Hour. Golden Hour is a series of mixed media works that explores the fleeting nature of dreams and memories.

Fowler's reception will be held on May 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. His show will hang in the LCAC gallery through June 16.

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