



April 2022 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



Spring has sprung in Leland, and we have so much to look forward to! With more daylight and warmer weather comes the return of lots of exciting opportunities to bring us all together.

We've all had to make big changes over the last couple years because of the pandemic. I know it was hard for me, and many of you, not to be able to

spend time around each other in the ways we were used to. But as things seem to be returning to normal, I am so happy to say that some of our favorite events are returning to normal too.

Two of our most popular events -- Night Hunt and Egg Hunt -- will be back in their traditional formats this year. These prove that no matter your age, there's just something special about getting outside, spending time with friends and family, and finding prizes!

I'm also thrilled about the return of movies and concerts in Founders Park. These are the perfect opportunity to see old friends, make new ones, and enjoy some fellowship in the park. Both of those series kick off this month with some special features that I know you're going to love.

You can find more information about upcoming events in this newsletter and

anytime on the [Town of Leland website](#).

I know we're all looking forward to summer right around the corner, vacations, and days spent at the beach or pool with friends and family. As we get back into the swing of things, I wish everyone good health. Please know that your health and safety continues to be top of mind for us in the Town. I hope to see you dancing in the park soon!

--Mayor Brenda Bozeman



The Town is excited to announce Ronnie Hayes as the new Fire Chief of Leland Fire/Rescue! Hayes joined the department in 2007, serving as Captain, Assistant Chief of Operations, and most recently, Deputy Chief of Fire and Emergency Services. He has been in the fire service for 32 years.

[Read more about Chief Hayes' promotion.](#)

Feedback Needed for ADA Transition Plan

As part of ongoing efforts to welcome and serve all members of the community, the Town of Leland is producing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan and needs your feedback.

The ADA Transition Plan is a comprehensive plan for improving access for individuals with disabilities to Town facilities, parks, programs, services, activities, and events. By updating and implementing the plan, consistent with

the ADA, Town services and facilities will become more accessible to everyone.

The Town has launched a [community engagement survey on accessibility](#), seeking input from individuals with disabilities, patrons, caregivers, organizations, and agencies that support individuals with disabilities, as well as from interested individuals with experience in accessibility needs and best practices. This community involvement will help with the Town's self-evaluation process and better enable us to address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs.

The survey will be available through **April 23**. [Learn more about the Town's ADA Transition Plan](#).

Town Project Updates



Perry Avenue Extension

The Town has received a \$250,000 grant from the Office of State Budget and Management. The State Capital and Infrastructure Fund grant will be used to help fund the Perry Avenue extension that is planned as a part of the Founders Park renovation project, scheduled to begin in January 2023. Upon completion of the project, Perry Avenue will be extended to fully connect Village Road and Old Fayetteville Road. Along with the extension, additional on-street parking spaces will be added to support the Founders Park expansion.

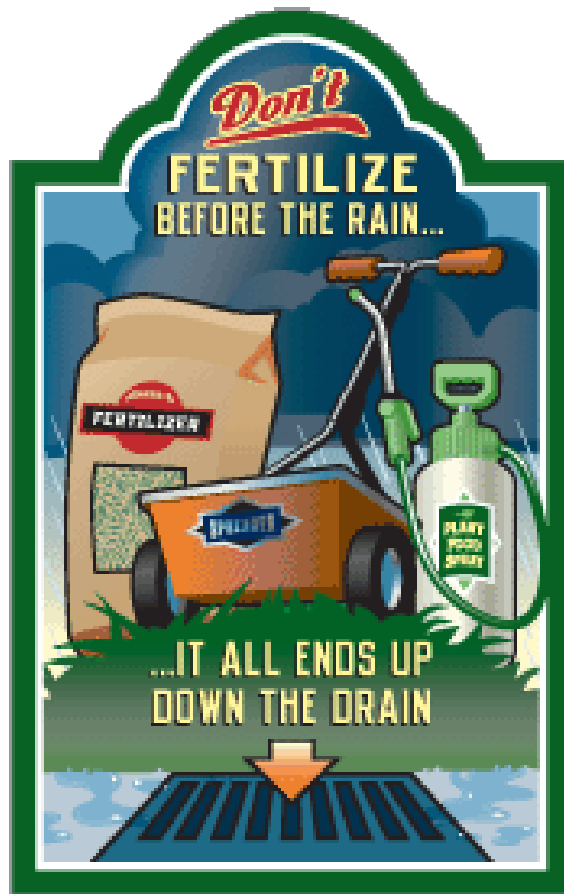


Sweetbay Park

In March, Town Council decided to name the unofficial park on Trade Street as Sweetbay Park! The name comes from the Sweetbay Magnolia, which is native to North Carolina and the coastal region of the eastern United States. The name was selected from a previous survey by Town staff and a public vote by the community. The Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the information including the Town's facility naming policy and made a recommendation to Town Council.

Sweetbay Park, located at 8650 Trade Street, is adjacent to the Windsor Park neighborhood. The site is intended to be the permanent home of the Town's disc golf course. With just over 11 acres, this single use park is sure to be a haven for the local and regional disc golf community.

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



#LelandPrepares

Excessive use of pesticides and fertilizers can be harmful to your plants and the environment. After a storm event, these chemicals can be collected through stormwater runoff and carried into our waterways untreated, causing harm to fish, birds, and even people!

Always read and follow the application directions carefully and never apply these chemicals before it rains.

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



A Safety Message from Leland Fire/Rescue

It's time for spring cleaning! Here are some common sense safety tips to keep in mind as you begin your spring projects:

- Take advantage of the [Brunswick County landfill](#) to get rid of those hard to dispose of items like tires, old appliances, and paint. Look at their list to see what else you can safely

dispose
of
that
may
be
taking
up
space
in
your
garage.

The
County
is
holding
[Free
Cleanup
Week](#)
April
11-
16.

- Check
your
gas
can.
Is
it
an
old
metal
one
that
is
starting
to
rust
and
should
be
replaced?
Make
sure
you
open
the
vent
when
you
fill
it
up.
Replace

old
ones
with
the
new
safety
ones.

- Check
your
lawn
mower
and
do
some
preventative
maintenance.
Make
sure
you
pull
the
spark
plug
out
so
it
won't
start
accidentally
when
you
take
off
the
blade
to
sharpen
it.
This
also
goes
for
other
power
tools.
Ensure
you
are
taking
safety
precautions

when
using,
maintaining,
or
repairing.

- Look
at
your
hand
tools.
Make
sure
when
working
in
the
yard
that
you
lay
your
rakes
down
with
the
tines
in
the
ground
so
that
if
you
happen
to
step
on
it,
it
won't
come
up
and
hit
you.
Is
your
hose
laying
in
the
yard

where
it
can
cause
a
trip
hazard?


- Look
around
the
house
and
the
yard.
Are
there
items
that
should
be
put
away
that
didn't
get
put
away
in
the
fall?
Are
there
items
that
need
repair?
- Did
you
use
your
fireplace
this
winter?
Schedule
time
to
have
it
cleaned
and
inspected.


- Now is the time to schedule a dryer vent cleaning. Get it on the list, especially if it's been awhile since your had this task performed.
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April 6 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Blood Drive

Leland Town Hall
102 Town Hall Drive

 American Red Cross

 Town of Leland
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- Economic Development Committee:
April 7, 6 p.m.
- Council Agenda Meeting:
April 11, 1 p.m.

- Council
Regular
Meeting:
April
14,
6
p.m.
- Planning
Board:
April
19,
6
p.m.
- Parks
and
Recreation
Board:
April
20,
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!

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Adult Sports

Free pickup games at Founders Park

Volleyball

March 7 - 6 PM
April 4 - 6 PM
May 2 - 6 PM
June 6 - 6 PM

Soccer

March 21 - 6 PM
April 18 - 6 PM
May 16 - 6 PM
June 20 - 6 PM

Introducing Leland's first adult volleyball and soccer programs!

These pick-up style sessions are free and are a great way to meet new people while you exercise.

[Sign our waiver before you show up.](#)

We hope to see you there!



Bring the kids, and the adults, for a showing of Space Jam: A New Legacy under the stars in Founders Park!

The Donut Bus will be on-site serving up some hot fresh treats.

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Art Around Town

North Carolina Arts Council | BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Founders Park

- Mar 12 @ 10 AM
Turning the Wheel
- Apr 9 @ 6 PM
Art in the Park
- Apr 23 @ 10 AM
Barre in the Park
- Apr 23 @ 1 PM
Art in the Park
- May 14 @ 4 PM
Zumba in the Park
- May 14 @ 6 PM
Art in the Park

Westgate Nature Park

- Mar 19 @ 10 AM
Sketching in the Park
- Mar 19 @ 1 PM
Clay in the Park
- Apr 30 @ 10 AM
Sketching in the Park
- Apr 30 @ 1 PM
Clay in the Park

LCAC

- Apr 2 @ 1 PM
Clay with Lauren

Join us for free, arts-based events around Leland!

Just before the April Movie in the Park, Art Around Town will be on site with a Space Jam themed craft!

Check out the graphic for dates of other art pop-ups around town!



Join us for an ADULTS ONLY (21+) event! Please note this event is BYOB and you must preregister.

The event will feature an egg hunt with prizes donated from local area businesses and restaurants, live music from Gump Fiction, and music trivia.

[Register now!](#)



This holiday event features egg hunts for children up to 10 years old.

Bring a basket and prepare for a visit from Mr. E.B., who will arrive after the hunts!

No registration is required.

Plant Giveaway



Decorative pots not provided.
Bring your own box or bag.
Leland residents only.
First come, first served.



Our plant giveaway is back for another year!

Leland residents can stop by Founders Park and pick up some new plants to beautify their yard this spring.

Please note this is a first come, first served event and supplies will be limited.



Our Live @ the Park series kicks off in just two weeks with a performance by Phantom Playboys.

T'Geaux Boys food truck will be on site and coolers are welcome.

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