



September 2021 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



It's almost time to say goodbye to another wonderful summer in Leland! As we hopefully move into some cooler weather, I'm thankful for how much progress we've made and what's in store for us down the road.

This time last year, there was still so much uncertainty about COVID, whether we'd be able to come together for events, and if we could, what those would look like. But it

taught us how to be innovative and flexible, which a Town growing as fast as we are certainly needs! I'm proud of how we still came together, even while masking and social distancing. Many of us thought we'd be out of the woods by now but unfortunately, COVID continues taking a toll on our communities with the rise of the Delta variant. We know many families are dealing with this, and you remain in our thoughts.

We continue focusing on health and safety but we're also crossing our fingers, hoping for a fall that looks more like years past. The first sign of that is the return of one of my all-time favorites: our Live @ the Park concert series. It's a wonderful time to bring the community together for live music, which I know I've missed. Don't forget your dancing shoes!

Live @ the Park is just the beginning. We're bringing back our Movies in the Park series next month and planning for all of our popular holiday events – sure to be bigger and better than ever! You can find the schedule and updates for all events on the [Town of Leland website](#).

As we take steps towards being back together, I'm hopeful that we can keep

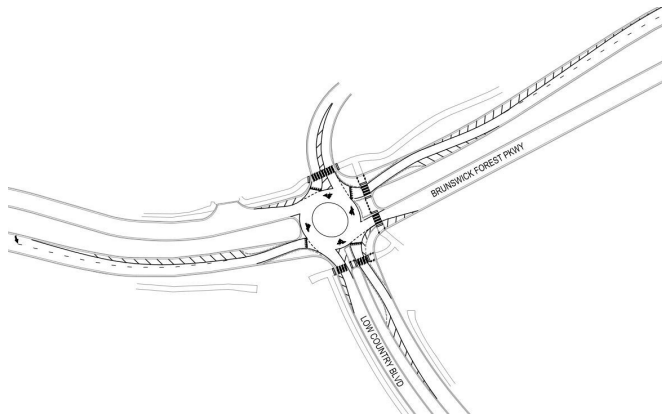
moving forward. Signs of progress are exciting, but it's important that we remember not to let our guard down just yet. I encourage everyone to do what they can to keep themselves and their families safe. Have a happy, healthy September and I hope to see you at our concerts!

---Mayor Brenda Bozeman

Town Project Updates

Olde Waterford Way

The Town is working on the design of the Olde Waterford Way extension. The project will extend the road in Waterford from Palm Ridge Drive to Olde Regent Way. This will alleviate traffic congestion and better serve the developing areas within Waterford. The Town anticipates this project to bid later this year, with construction starting early 2022.



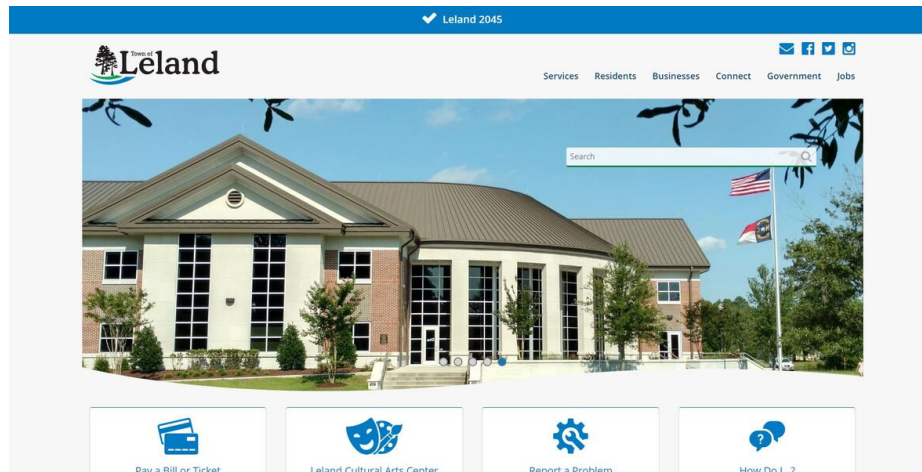
Brunswick Forest Roundabout

Construction begins in September to install a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Brunswick Forest Parkway and Low Country Boulevard and restripe both roads. The roundabout will allow

vehicles to keep moving freely and improve pedestrian safety. Restriping will provide better visibility for drivers and pedestrians. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of October.

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

Town Website Redesign Survey



The [Town of Leland website](#) is being redesigned. The goal is to make it as accessible and user-friendly as possible. To make that happen, we need your feedback! Give us your thoughts in [this quick survey](#).



Applications Needed for Housing Assistance 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 (REDD). The funding would be used to provide rehabilitation or replacement housing assistance to lower-income homeowner households. The program is sponsored by the Town of Leland, with funds potentially provided by REDD.

To apply for the grant, the Town needs applications from residents seeking repairs to their homes. Owner-occupied households with lower incomes residing in substandard housing should contact the Town if they'd 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 in [this information statement](#). This document also includes three application forms that must be returned to the Town's Director of Planning and Building Inspections **no later than Sept. 10**.

Public Survey: Coastal Resiliency



The Town is seeking public input as part of the Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) through the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management (DCM). The goal of the project is to enhance resiliency to natural hazards, like flooding and storms, by building a framework to develop and implement a locally driven resilience strategy and implement projects or activities which reduce the impacts of those hazards.

Community engagement is critical to this project. Give us your feedback in [this public survey](#), which will gauge priorities and preferences as a baseline for project plans. Participants will be asked about experiences with disasters caused by natural hazards like flooding, storm surge, and/or erosion.



A Safety Message from Leland Fire/Rescue

With school back in session, our responsibilities change. Buses are back on the roads, so drivers need to take an extra moment to make sure we are doing the following:

- Watch out for children walking or riding bikes to school or waiting for the bus.
- Stop for school buses flashing their lights. Pay attention to the children, as their focus is

on
the
bus,
not
you.

- Make sure you are following any crossing guard's directions. They are there to protect the children.
- Park in the correct spots if dropping your child off at school. It is VERY important that room be left for emergency vehicle access to the building.
- Be more aware

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Mark your calendar!



Register for Classes Now

You can register for any class in our CAPE magazine now. [View the online version](#) or drop by the Leland Cultural Arts Center to grab your hard copy today. The first sessions start Sept. 13.



Be part of our newest program!

Bring your little ones for a morning of fun that includes songs, games, and crafts based upon a different theme each week.

Dates: Every Tuesday starting Sept. 14

The poster for the 'ARTIST RECEPTION' is set against a light grey background. At the top left, the text 'ARTIST RECEPTION' is written in a bold, teal font, with 'Sept. 2 | 6-8PM' below it. The 'Leland' logo is in the top right corner. Four landscape paintings are arranged in a collage: a swampy forest with tall trees, a marshy field with a small pond, an abstract colorful landscape with blue, green, and red, and a sunset over water with a horizon line. The text 'LANDSCAPE VARIATIONS' is written in a bold, black font, with 'Kari Feuer' below it. At the bottom, the address '1212 Magnolia Village Way, Leland NC' is printed.

Artist Showcase

The Leland Cultural Arts Center is proud to showcase the work of artist Kari

Feuer. Come check out her works and be inspired for your next class at the LCAC!

Dates: Sept. 2 - Sept. 23



Bust out those dancing shoes, pack your lawn chairs, and head down to Founders Park to enjoy music for our Live @ the Park concert series! Chocolate Chip & Co. kicks off the family favorite on Sept. 30.

Outdoor events are subject to cancellation based on the weather. Follow the [Town of Leland Parks and Recreation Facebook Page](#) for updates.



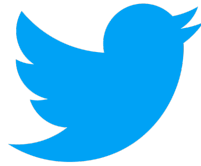
Come watch one of Disney's newest movies: **Raya and the Last Dragon**.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 2

Time: 7 p.m.

Bring a blanket or chairs and family and friends, but please leave pets, alcohol, and tobacco products at home.

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