



February 2022 Newsletter

New Leadership in Leland



The Town of Leland started 2022 with exciting news about two new leadership positions designed to better serve the needs of the growing population. Chris Langlois has been named the Town's first Public Safety Director and Wyatt Richardson has been named the Town's first Community Enrichment Director.

Langlois has served as Fire Chief for Leland Fire/Rescue since August 2020. As Public Safety Director, he will oversee the Fire/Rescue, Police, and Emergency Management departments. The role was created to ensure the Town's public safety departments can continue to cohesively and strategically plan for the future in a more proactive manner.

"I see my role as reflecting the Town's servant leadership philosophy by serving and supporting our public safety departments as they continue their excellent service to the community," Langlois said.

Richardson has been with the Town since April 2018, serving as Operations Director. In his role as Community Enrichment Director, Richardson will coordinate community engagement efforts, and be responsible for ensuring the Town government is serving the citizens and customers of Leland in the most

effective way possible by building strong, meaningful relationships within the community.

“In the short term, our team will be working towards building new and strengthening existing community relationships for the Town. In the long term, we will collaboratively develop and implement a strategic plan for community outreach, engagement, and all communications of the Town both internally and externally,” Richardson said.

Langlois and Richardson started their new positions in January. Langlois will continue to serve as acting Fire Chief until that position is filled.

Read more about these leadership positions [on the Town website](#).



Leland in Lights Survey

The 2021-2022 Leland in Lights season was bigger and brighter than ever thanks to new displays, more visitors, and the debut of the family favorite Leland Express trackless train. Town staff estimates more than 6,750 people got to enjoy the magic of the lights in Founders Park between Dec. 4 and Jan. 10. Thank you to everyone who visited!

We are already looking ahead to next season and need your feedback. What was your favorite part of Leland in Lights? What did you think of the Grand Illumination? What would you like to see added next season? Give us your thoughts in [this short survey](#) so we can make Leland in Lights even more magical in the future!

Updates about Leland in Lights throughout the year can be found on [LelandinLights.com](#).

Town Project Updates



Olde Waterford Way

The Town has received the construction drawings and bid documents for the Olde Waterford Way extension project and has advertised this project for bids, which are due in February. This project will extend Olde Waterford Way from Palm Ridge Drive to Olde Regent Way. The extension will alleviate traffic congestion along the existing Olde Waterford Way and better serve the developing areas within Waterford.



Resilient Coastal Communities Program

In March 2021, the Town was selected to participate in phase 1 and 2 of the North Carolina Resilient Coastal Communities Program. The program is a state-local partnership designed to help overcome barriers in coastal resilience and adaptation planning, boost local government capacity, and support a proactive, sustainable, and equitable approach to coastal resilience planning

and project implementation. Since March, Moffat & Nichol, in partnership with the Town, has reviewed existing plans and resources, conducted three Community Action Team meetings, and obtained public feedback through a survey and meeting to develop a resilience strategy. The resilience strategy includes a risk and vulnerability assessment report and a project portfolio to help better reduce exposure, reduce sensitivity, and increase adaptability to flooding and other hazards. The Town anticipates phase 1 and 2 of the program to be completed in February. The Town will then be eligible for engineering, design, and implementation funding. [Visit the Town's Environmental Resiliency webpage](#) to review the program deliverables or provide feedback.

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





#LelandPrepares

There's something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With these simple safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters, or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

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



A Safety Message from Leland Fire/Rescue

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill. It is produced by the incomplete burning of solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels. Appliances fueled with natural gas, liquified petroleum (LP gas), oil, kerosene, coal, or wood may produce CO. Burning charcoal and running cars produce CO.

On Dec. 30, Leland Fire/Rescue responded to a call for a “gas leak” at an apartment complex, which turned out to be a very dangerous CO call. No one was hurt and crews were able to ventilate the area to make it safe for residents to return. Metering showed high levels of CO, which could have been deadly if undetected.

This proves just how important CO alarms are in the home. Along with smoke detectors, these are early warning devices to alert you to danger and allow you to safely evacuate your home.

- Purchase a CO detector and follow manufacturer's instructions for installation.
- Test it monthly to ensure it's working.
- Change the battery at least annually.
- CO detectors look different than smoke detectors and plug into wall outlets.

Never use gas powered equipment indoors because of the CO they create in their exhaust. That also applies to the use of generators during a storm or anytime during a power outage. Make sure these items are outside and never place them next to a window or vent that enters your home.

How would you know you have been poisoned by CO? Initial symptoms are similar to the flu, without the fever, and may include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

If you're feeling this way or think you smell gas, call 911 immediately.



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!



Registration for our spring and summer classes opens Feb. 1 at 9 a.m.!

[View the CAPE.](#)



Stop, sip, and shop!

February 5, 2022

1 - 3 PM

Leland Cultural Arts Center

Join the Leland Cultural Arts Center in celebrating the talented potters taking classes and working in the pottery studio.

Stop by, shop for a new favorite mug, and enjoy coffee, tea, or hot chocolate!

Feb. 5, 1 - 3 p.m.



Join us for a night of family fun around the campfire at Cypress Cove Park! We will provide all the supplies for making your own s'mores and have plenty of games for some friendly competition.

This event is free, but you must [register before attending](#).

Feb. 26, 4 p.m.

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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 Brunswick County's only adult volleyball and soccer programs! These pick-up style sessions are free and a great way to meet new people while you exercise.

[Sign the waiver](#) before you come.



These are held in the Leland Cultural Arts Center Multipurpose Room at 6 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

All ages, styles, and instruments are welcome.



ARTIST RECEPTION
Feb 5 | 1-3PM



VALIANCE IN MEN
Rachel Baker
Jan 28 - Feb 25

1212 Magnolia Village Way, Leland NC

Our February Gallery artist is Rachel Renee Baker of Whimsy Rae's Artistry. Her work features powerful mixed media portraits of iconic figures.

Come by the LCAC on Feb. 5 from 1 - 3 p.m. for her reception.

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