



July 2022 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



Happy July! The first half of 2022 has flown by, and we've already had so much to celebrate.

Just in the last month, the Town opened its third fully-staffed fire station, held the 2022 Hurricane Expo, and became a StormReady community. Each of these is vital in protecting our growing community, which remains a top priority.

We also wrapped up another great season of movies and concerts in Founders Park. I loved seeing people of all ages come together to enjoy each other's company in our beautiful park. Our concerts get better every season, and so do your dance moves! I can't wait to spend more time dancing and enjoying movies with everyone in the fall.

July marks the beginning of the Town's new fiscal year, which comes with new projects, resources, and staff members to help serve our community. Leland has always been a wonderful place to call home, and the goals prioritized in our budget will ensure it continues to be for years to come.

You can read more about our events, accomplishments, and budget later in this newsletter and anytime on the recently redesigned [Town of Leland website](#).

With a Town growing this fast, there's always something exciting in the works! Make sure you're staying up-to-date with everything going on by reading these

newsletters, visiting our website, following the Town on social media, and attending our meetings. Be sure to tell your neighbors too!

I hope you have a wonderful rest of your summer and get to spend some time vacationing with your loved ones. Thank you for your part in making Leland a great place to live, work, and play. Have fun and be safe!

--Mayor Brenda Bozeman

Fire Station 53 Opening



The Town officially opened Fire Station 53 in June. Thanks to everyone who joined us for the Dedication and Open House!

Station 53, located at 187 Old Lanvale Road, was built in a strategic location to serve the rapidly growing area along Highway 17. Travel times to incidents in this area that used to be 8 to 12 minutes will now improve to 4 to 8 minutes.

[Learn more about the new station](#) or [request a station tour](#).



Leland Named StormReady Community

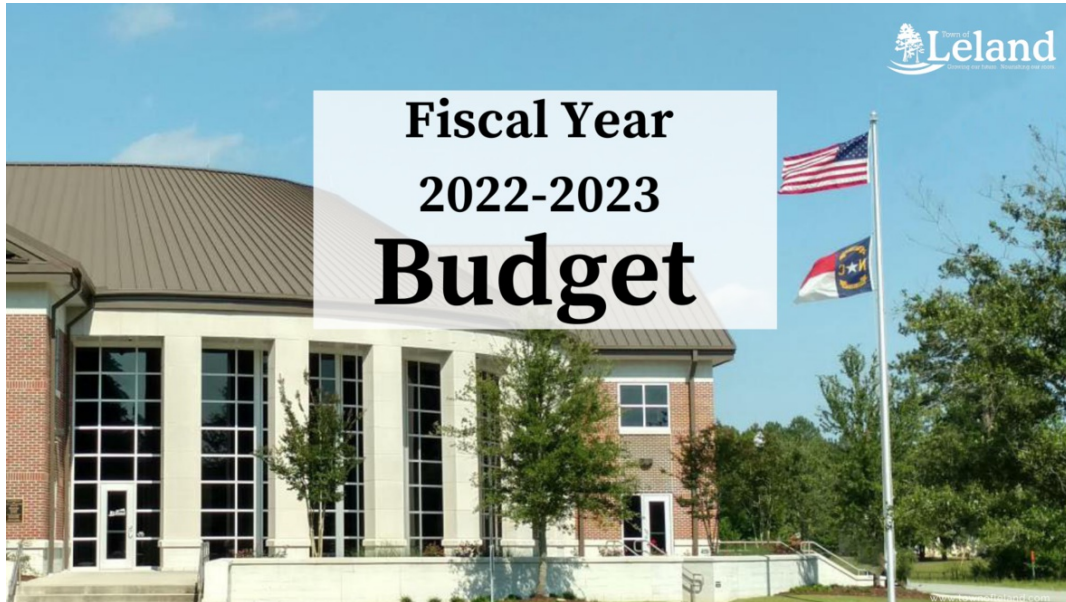


The National Weather Service (NWS) has named Leland a StormReady community. A meteorologist with the local NWS office presented Town Council and staff with the designation at the 2022 Hurricane Expo.

Being a StormReady community means Leland is better prepared to save people and property in the event of severe weather and has the necessary

communication and safety skills to do so. The designation will help the Town strengthen safety programs by providing clear-cut guidelines on how to improve hazardous weather operations.

[Learn more about the Town's StormReady designation.](#)



We are pleased to provide you with our new Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Manual. In it, you can view Town and departmental budgets, organizational charts, Town history, and Town stats.

[View the Budget Manual.](#)

Town Project Updates



Fire Station 51

The Town broke ground on the newest facility for Leland Fire/Rescue, Fire Station 51, on June 16. The new station, located at the Town's Municipal Operations Center, will be fully staffed with features such as four apparatus bays, full living accommodations, a gym, office space, and a 1,200 square foot conference room.

The Town has selected Environments Unlimited Inc., who recently completed construction on Fire Station 53, to serve as the general contractor. Construction is expected to take approximately 10 months. Once finished, the new station will be home to crews currently located at the existing Station 51 on Village Road.



Ocean Gate Plaza Intersection Improvements

The goal of this project is to improve the intersection at Ocean Gate Plaza and New Pointe Boulevard. The scope of the project includes the installation of a single-lane teardrop roundabout, resurfacing Ocean Gate Drive to Highway 17,

and providing stormwater improvements.

The Town is working to bring an engineering firm on board to begin survey and design this summer.

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

Deadline Extended: 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, the deadline has been extended. You must apply no later than **July 20**. [Learn more about the program.](#)



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.](#)



#LelandPrepares

We want residents to enjoy the upcoming Independence Day holiday safely. If you plan on celebrating with fireworks, here are some important reminders:

- The safest way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show.
- Legal fireworks in North Carolina: Poppers, sparklers, fountains, and

other
novelty
items
that
don't
explode,
spin,
leave
the
ground,
or
fly
through
the
air.

- Illegal fireworks in North Carolina: Firecrackers, ones that spin on the ground, roman candles, bottle rockets, or any aerial fireworks. Essentially, any firework that leaves the ground.
- Check with your HOA for rules on private fireworks

celebrations.

- Adults should always supervise children.
- Never try to relight or pick up fireworks that have not fully ignited.
- Have a fire extinguisher and water nearby for emergencies. Sparks and smoldering embers from fireworks can start fires.

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



A Safety Message from Leland Fire/Rescue

Summer has arrived! Many of us will be taking a vacation, but fire doesn't. Please stay vigilant when it comes to fire safety. Here are some tips to help keep you, your family, and your home safe:

- Going to the beach? Use sunscreen, wear a broad brim hat, and put up an umbrella.
- Pay attention to lifeguards and the flags, and know what to do in case you're caught in a rip

current.

- Keep a fire extinguisher near your BBQ, fire pit, or campfire.
- If you have a gas grill, make sure the connections to the tank are tight and gas is not leaking.
- Clean your grill.
- Keep a smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide alarm in your camper. Also, it doesn't hurt

to
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a
weather
alert
radio.
You
never
know
when
severe
weather
might
pop
up.

- Look
around
outside
for
tripping
hazards.

Is
the
hose
snaking
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through
your
lawn?

- If
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have
a
pool,
make
sure
you
have
safety
devices
nearby.

A
life
ring
with
a
rope
is
a
good

example.

- Make sure your lawn mower is in good shape. Has it been tuned up and the blade sharpened lately? What kind of foot gear do you wear when mowing the lawn? Sandals and flip-flops aren't appropriate. If working on your mower, always remove the spark plug so that it doesn't

accidentally
start
and
NEVER
stick
your
hand
or
arm
into
the
deck
to
clear
out
grass.

- Store gasoline in approved containers and in a safe location. Don't fill your mower or gas powered equipment when it's hot. Let the engine cool.
- Look around your yard to make sure the items your

children
play
with
are
safe.

- Have
some
basic
first
aid
supplies
handy,
like
bandages
and
antiseptic
cream
to
take
care
of
minor
scrapes
and
bruises.

By taking a few moments to look around, we can all enjoy the summer safely. A few precautions now will go a long way later. Always check your detectors to make sure they are working, get outside, and enjoy the nice weather!





- Economic Development Committee:
July 14, 6 p.m.
- Council Agenda Meeting:
July 18, 1 p.m.
- Leland Tourism Development Authority:
July 20, 4 p.m.
- Council Regular Meeting:
July 21, 6 p.m.
- Planning Board:
July 26, 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](#).

VEGETATIVE DEBRIS DROP-OFF CENTER

Municipal Operations Center | 1987 Andrew Jackson Highway NE, Leland, NC 28451

CLOSED JULY 2



The Vegetative Debris Drop-Off Center will reopen for normal hours on Wed., July 6. If you plan to visit the center, please use the temporary entrance off Popular Drive, pictured below, due to construction.





Town facilities will be
closed on Monday, July 4.

Mark your calendar!

Leland Cultural Arts Center
presents a solo show of the work of

FREE AND OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC

GREG STANLEY

Gardens/Landscapes • Doodles/Abstractions • Still Lives • Expressive Experiences



Exhibition:
June 21 - July 28

Reception:
July 7
6 - 8 pm

LELAND CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
1212 MAGNOLIA VILLAGE WAY
LELAND, NC 28451

July's gallery artist, Gregory Stanley, finds magic in the mundane when working with acrylic house paints, plywood, metal scraps, and all sorts of found objects.



Join us for our last Paint Pouring as part of our Spring into DIY series!

July 7 at 7 p.m.

[Sign up here!](#)

**\$15
tickets**

1212 Magnolia
Village Way
Leland, NC
28415



Performing Arts Series

7 - 9 PM

Leland Cultural Arts Center

Comically Impaired July 15



Wilmington's longest running improv group, Comically Impaired, is coming to the LCAC and they are ready to make you laugh! This group of comedy experts has a night of sketch comedy that won't disappoint.

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



Contra Dance

July 30 @ 7 PM

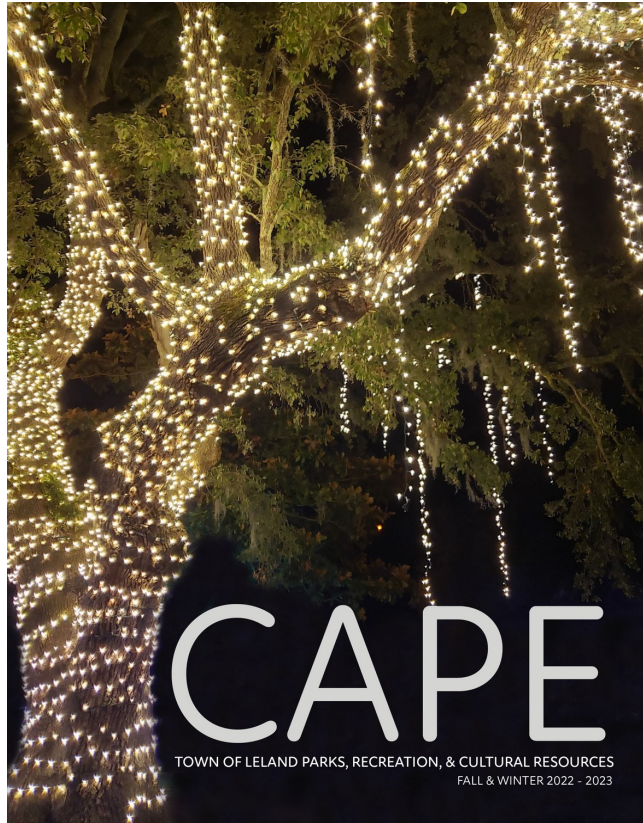


\$12
entry

1212 Magnolia Village Way Leland, NC

Join Cape Fear Contra Dance for a night of live music and fun! Contra is a communal-style folk dance that is fun and easy to learn. A caller leads dancers through a series of moves and the sequence repeats itself. No partner or experience is necessary. A quick beginners lesson will be offered right at 7 p.m.!

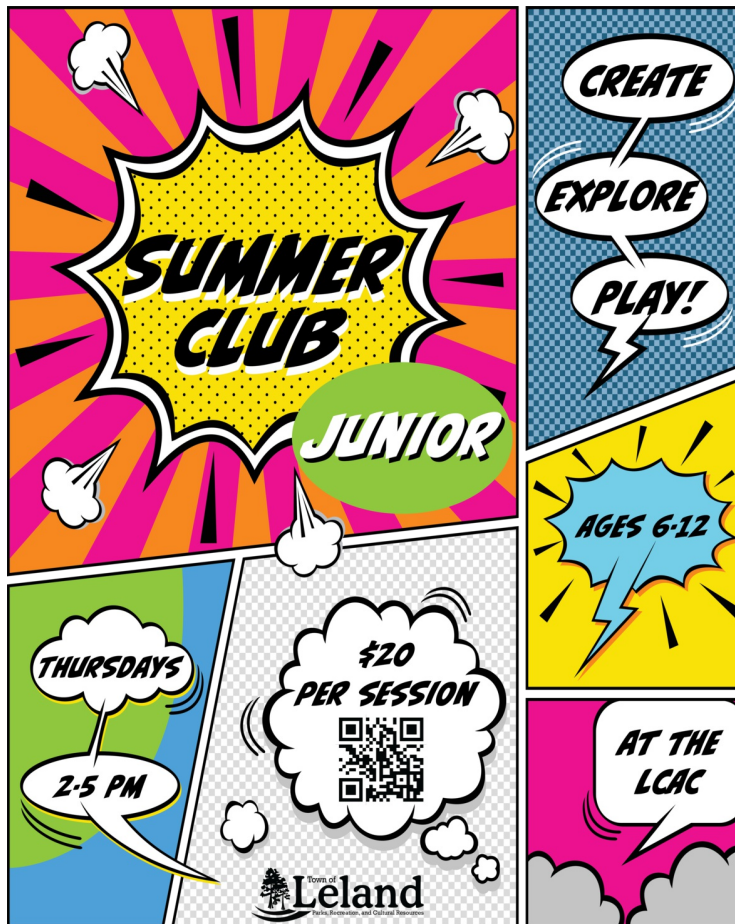
Purchase tickets [online](#) or at the LCAC.



A new CAPE is on the way!

This guide contains everything you need to know about all events and programs happening this fall and winter. Keep an eye on your mailbox or get your copy at the LCAC.

Registration for fall and winter programs will open **Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.**



[Join Summer Club Jr.!](#)

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

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.

July 11 - Environmental Science & Pottery

July 25 - Youth Kayaking Adventure

Aug. 1 - Environmental Science & Pottery

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