



March 2022 Newsletter

Leland Fire/Rescue Launches Senior Citizen KnoxBox Program



Leland Fire/Rescue now has a new tool to help protect residents and their property in emergencies. Through the Senior Citizen KnoxBox program, the department will provide key safes for homes of older residents in the department's response district.

The KnoxBox rapid entry system is a secure emergency access program developed for property owners and fire departments. When a fire breaks out or there is a medical emergency, Knox products allow immediate entry into buildings and property without forced entry damage or delay. Each KnoxBox purchased for a property in the Leland Fire/Rescue response district is keyed to a single master key controlled by the department. Nearly all the businesses and residential complexes in the Leland Fire/Rescue response district have KnoxBox key safes in place for fire department access during emergencies.

Generous donations from the Friends of Leland Public Safety have allowed Leland Fire/Rescue to purchase 10 KnoxBox key safes to launch this program.

These safes will be available for loan but remain the possession of Leland Fire/Rescue.

The program is open to all residents ages 65 and older in the Leland Fire/Rescue response district. The department will install a key safe for citizens and supply the safes as donations allow.

Residents interested in participating in the Senior Citizen KnoxBox Program should [complete a request form](#). Learn more about the program on the [Town's website](#).

Town Project Updates



Baldwin Drive Improvements

The goal of this project is to improve Baldwin Drive from Navassa Road to Lee Drive. The scope includes widening and paving Baldwin Drive, stormwater improvements, sidewalks, paving Lake Drive, and installing a multi-use path. The Town is working to bring an engineering firm on board to begin survey and design this spring.

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



Creek Week

The Town of Leland is participating in the Clean Water Education Partnership's (CWEP) Regional Creek Week March 12-19. Creek Week includes several events to raise awareness about the importance of clean and healthy waterways. Throughout the week, there are two events you can attend:

- **Virtual Stormwater Run Off 5K:** Anytime during the week, walk/run a 5K, using the Strava App to track your path. [Register today](#) to get your bib.
- **BioThon:** Anytime during the week, use the iNaturalist App to document and identify native aquatic species! [Join the project](#).

To find out more about each event, reach out to Town Engineer and Stormwater Administrator Adrianna Weber, aweber@townofleland.com, or [visit CWEP's Regional Creek Week Events webpage](#).



This year, Severe Weather Preparedness Week runs from March 6 through 12. This includes a statewide tornado drill happening on March 9 at 9:30 a.m. Practice what you would do and where you would go if this were an actual tornado warning.

Before severe weather strikes:

- "Be a force of nature": Know the risks for your area and be prepared to take action.
- Stay informed with a NOAA weather radio and local media.
- Develop and practice a plan for home, work, and when outdoors.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit.

For more information on severe weather preparedness, [visit the National Weather Service's website](#).



#LelandPrepares

Now is the time to be flood ready. As hurricane season approaches starting June 1, the chances of flooding increase. Everyone should take steps now to protect themselves, their family, and their home before a flood happens:

- Know your flood risk. [Visit the Town's website](#) or call (910) 332-4817.
- Check your flood insurance coverage levels with your insurance company or [FloodSmart.gov](#).
- Review or create a family emergency plan: [Ready.gov](#).
- Protect your home with small modifications such as diverting downspouts away from the home.

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



A Safety Message from Leland Fire/Rescue

As we head into spring, there are some very simple reminders to keep you, your family, and your neighbors safe:

- **WOLO**
 - **Wipers
On,
Lights
On:**
When using your windshield wipers, make sure you turn your headlights on. The main purpose for this is so that other drivers can see you.
- **CYC/CYB**
 - **Change**

**Your
Clock,
Change
Your
Battery:**

On
Sunday,
March
13,
Daylight
Saving
Time
begins,
therefore
we
will
be
changing
our
clocks
to
spring
forward.
When
you
change
your
clocks,
take
a
few
extra
minutes
to
change
the
battery
in
your
smoke
and
carbon
monoxide
detectors.
Having
a
working
detector
is
inexpensive
insurance
and

the
early
warning
you
and
your
family
need
to
get
out
of
the
house
when
a
problem
arises.
It
is
important
that
when
you
get
out,
STAY
out.

- **Dryer vents:**
Take
some
time
right
now
to
put
a
note
on
your
calendar
to
ensure
your
dryer
vents
are
cleaned
out.
When
was

the
last
time
you
performed
this
task,
or
had
it
done?
When
was
the
last
time
you
cleaned
out
the
lint
screen?
Doing
both
will
help
to
prevent
a
fire.



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.

Town Council Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 6 p.m.
Leland Town Hall Council Chambers



Find meeting agendas and minutes for all boards and committees [on the Town's website.](#)

Mark your calendar!

**\$15
tickets**

1212 Magnolia
Village Way
Leland, NC
28415



Performing Arts Series

7 - 9 PM

Leland Cultural Arts Center



**Down to
Earth Aerials**
March 25

This breathtaking exhibition will astonish both children and adults.

Bring the whole family to the show, then let the kids try it for themselves at the Basic Skills Workshop at the LCAC from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 26.

[Buy tickets now!](#)



This event features art activities for children of all ages and live entertainment.

The gallery will feature art by Brunswick County youth. The winning gallery artist will be announced at the end of the day's festivities.

No preregistration is required.

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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!

This pop-up arts based workshop series is fun for the whole family!

The events kick off with Turning the Wheel, a national play-based organization, in Founders Park on March 12 at 10 a.m.

Each event is free and no preregistration is required.



Join us for an ADULTS ONLY (21+) event!

The event will feature an egg hunt with prizes donated from local area businesses and restaurants, live music, movie trivia, food trucks, and adult beverages.

[Register you and your friends 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. himself, who will arrive after the hunts have finished!

No registration is required.



Join our newest program for kids ages 6-12!

This is the perfect opportunity for kids to get messy and have fun. Parent participation is encouraged.

[Sign up now!](#)



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Adult Sports

Free pickup games at Founders Park

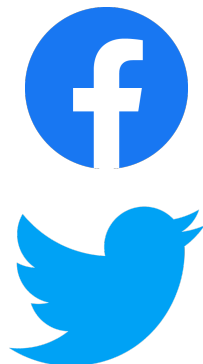
Volleyball	Soccer
March 7 - 6 PM	March 21 - 6 PM
April 4 - 6 PM	April 18 - 6 PM
May 2 - 6 PM	May 16 - 6 PM
June 6 - 6 PM	June 20 - 6 PM

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 come.](#)

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