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Enjoy the FIRST edition of New Bern Now's (NBN's) newsletter! This quarterly publication is a summary of the website, www.NewBernNow.com. It was created in May 2009 to inform local residents and visitors of what the greater New Bern area has to offer!

Happy 300th Year Anniversary, New Bern!

With 300 years of history, our city has undergone some profound and remarkable changes. It all started in 1710 when Swiss Baron Christopher De Graffenried, Explorer John Lawson, and a group of Swiss and German settlers discovered the beautiful countryside that was named “New Bern” after the Baron's home city of Bern, Switzerland, which is now considered New Bern's “Mother City”.

Members of the exploration encountered the Tuscaroran Indians and drove the Indians from their homeland. The Tuscarorans attempted to regain their homestead by taking Baron De Graffenried and John Lawson hostage - John Lawson was killed. The Baron managed to survive and make it back to his new home of New Bern.

After a half century, North Carolina's first permanent Colonial Capitol building was constructed in 1770 and later named Tryon Palace after Governor William Tryon. Tryon Palace became NC's first state Capitol during the Revolutionary War in 1775. The Capital City was relocated in Raleigh in 1795. Tryon Palace burned in 1798. The landmark was rebuilt in 1950 from the original Palace plans. Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens draws in thousands of visitors a year with their re-enactments, lectures, and tours of this grand homestead.

The Civil War Battle of 1862 took place in New Bern as the Union Soldiers considered the city a valuable commodity as a seaport and railroad depot. Visit the Civil War Battlefield at the entrance of Taberna Community off Highway 70 East.

New Bern Pharmacist Caleb Bradham created “Brad's Drink” in 1898, which is now known as Pepsi-Cola. Visit the Pepsi Store on Middle and Pollock Sts to learn more.

James Davis brought the first printing press to New Bern, making it the first in the state of NC to have one. New Bern is also home to NC's first public school.

In 1922 New Bern suffered a horrific fire that engulfed 40 City blocks - mostly the African American neighborhoods with thriving businesses. With resilience, residents re-built New Bern then and continue to rebuild this wonderful city today!

The North Carolina History Education Center is scheduled to open in the summer of 2010 between Tryon Palace and New Bern's Farmer's Market.

New Bern Now is a “Small Town Metropolis” with people from all walks of life with similar visions of having a nice place to live, friendly neighbors and places to gather among friends! From Country Clubs to City Recreation Centers, we strive to enjoy a higher quality of life and take advantage of the Greater New Bern area resources (especially our rivers, National Forest, and the Historic Downtown district).

Notable residents: Beverly Perdue, 1st woman to be elected Governor of NC and Author, Nicolas Sparks.

For detailed information about events happening throughout our 300th Anniversary Year, contact the 300th Committee at 252-635-1710



Points of Interest:

- Celebrating 300 Years of History
- New Bern Living
- Arts in New Bern
- Things to Do and Entertainment
- Dining
- Shopping
- Outdoor Recreation
- Lodging
- Events and Festivals



Visit New Bern's Historical Society for a list of over 100 landmarks and sites at 512 Pollock St., 252-638-8558

About New Bern

Visitors are attracted to New Bern's southern charm, small town feel, combined with the beautiful scenery, terrific weather, and an abundance of things to do, we have it all!

New Bern is a city rich in the arts, history, and outdoor recreation. It is a safe, suburban community with a population close to 30,000 residents with diverse social backgrounds. Residents range from New Bernians, transplants seeking a slower pace of life, and snowbirds escaping from the cold weather. Military members and their families homestead in New Bern because of its close proximity to local military bases.

Consult the Employment Security Commission (514-4828) to find a job, for career planning information, or to learn about workforce related services.

CarolinaEast Health Systems is a Regional Medical Center located at 2000 Neuse Blvd., 633-8111 which includes Cancer Care and Cardiac Care Centers and various healthcare departments. Urgent Care: ECIM Urgent Medical Care, 2117 S. Glenburnie Rd., 636-1001 and New Bern Family Practice and Urgent Care, 1040 Medical Park Ave., 633-1698. There are plenty of other healthcare facilities and private medical and dental practices to choose from.

Your children will be safe and receive a great education in our Public School System (514-6300). There are also private schools: Epiphany School (638-0122); St Paul Catholic Education Center (633-0100); Sylvan Learning Center (633-6380) and many Religious Schools. The Pathway to College (638-1002) assists parents and students in making the proper choices during the College planning process. Students can receive a higher education at Craven County Community College (638-7200) and Mount Olive College at New Bern (633-4464) offering many advanced education opportunities. Craven Smart Start's Child Care Resource and Referral Program (672-5921) offers free child care referral services and other children's services to parents.

New Bern's City Government controls police and emergency services, utilities, taxes, parks and recreation, etc. Craven County Government regulates emergency services, social services, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, planning and inspections, New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, Parks and Recreation, and much more.

Swiss Bear Downtown Development Corporation is revitalizing New Bern's Downtown Historic District. Give them a call to learn more about current initiatives and see how you can make a difference (638-5781).

Coastal Carolina Regional Airport is located in New Bern. Airport services include Delta and US Airways flights, general aviation terminal, Fed Ex and UPS services, conference room, wireless Internet, taxi and car rental services, and the airport deli.

We are located:

- 20-30 minutes from Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point and 35-45 minutes from Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune.
- 35 -45 minute drive to the Beaches and far enough away to escape from summer Tourists and major impacts of hurricanes. Take a trip to Atlantic Beach, Emerald Isle, Topsail Island, or Morehead City for a fishing trip!
- 1 ½ hour drive from Wilmington or Raleigh so you can easily make a day trip and be back to New Bern before the sun goes down.

New Bern Now



IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Emergency - 911
New Bern Police: 672-4100
New Bern Fire: 639-2931
Craven County Sherriff: 636-6620
City General Info: 639-2701
City Taxes: 639-7532
City Animal Control: 672-4304
County Animal Control: 637-4606
Public Works: 639-7501
City Electric: 636-4070
Progress Energy: 800-452-2777
Century Link Phone: 800-366-8201
Trash/Recycling: 639-7501
Water & Sewer: 639-7541
Suddenlink: 877-794-2724
Building Insp/Permits: 639-2941
Parks & Recreation: 639-2912
Business License: 639-7532
Food & Shelter: 637-4185
Housing Authority: 637-3599
Mosquito Control: 639-7501
Natural Gas: Ameri Gas 637-3903; Jenkins Gas Co. 633-5560; Mallard Gas & Oil 637-2524
Chamber of Commerce: 637-3111
Visitors Center: 637-9400



New Bern Art Shops and Galleries

In celebration of our 300th year Anniversary, New Bern's artists and local businesses have pulled together for two terrific street artwork projects. The "Bear Town Bears" and "Historical Character" fire hydrants are on display throughout the city. Visit New Bern's Chamber of Commerce or the New Bern Visitor's & Convention Center for details and location of this unique street artwork.

Art enthusiasts are taken aback by the masterpieces of New Bern's Artisans. Stroll through the art galleries and shops scattered throughout the city. Start your trip downtown on Craven Street and visit Treasure Crafts and The Accidental Artist, then walk down Pollock Street to see Carolina Creations, make your way up and down Middle Street and visit the Framing Fox Art Gallery, Art of the Wild, Art & Materials, Gallery Arts Printing, Ballantyne Framing and Art, Etched in Time Designs. Walk north on Pollock to see the Craven Arts Council and Gallery located in the Bank of the Arts Building and the ART Gallery.

Don't miss Hancock Street where you can visit Poor Charlie's which is the oldest Antique Flea Market in North Carolina. Across the Street on S. Front Street check out New Bern's Farmer's Market where vendors sell their special arts, crafts, produce, etc. and locals meet on the weekends to shop and gather among friends. Visit Bejeweled Beads and More, Fabulous Findz, and the Pic Frame & Gallery on Trent Road. A short drive to S. Glenburnie Road, stop in on the Frame Shop and Gallery. Drive down the road to Colony Drive and visit Pottery Concepts Gallery and Studio.

Cross over the Bridge into James City to see the Coastal Art and Frame on Hwy 70 E. and Robert's Art Gallery and Shop on Old Cherry Point Road. Please call the Craven Arts Council and Gallery at 252-638-2577 for more information about New Bern's Arts and Cultural Influences.

Things To Do and Entertainment

Ready for a good time? There are plenty of things to do for the entire family:

- Visit one of 20 + parks and three recreation centers located throughout the city. We even have a dog park. Union Point Park is a popular spot to relax. New Bern Parks & Recreation offers numerous programs at the Community Resource Center, Stanley White Recreation Center, and the West New Bern Recreation Center. For details, call the 252-639-2912.
- Take a self-guided walking tour or horse drawn carriage ride, trolley tour, Segway tour, tugboat cruise, or helicopter ride! Contact the New Bern Visitor's & Convention Center for details 800-437-5767.
- Cool off at the new Aquatics Center, the YMCA, New Bern's Splash Park, go bowling or play laser tag at the Strike Zone, or rollerskating at Rollerland. Do you prefer Beach Bingo? We have that too!
- Need to relieve some stress? Visit one of many gyms and fitness centers. Gold's Gym, Johnnie Ray Kinsey Fitness Center, Snap Fitness 24/7, Sound Fitness and Golf, and Curves, to name a few. Enter a "fitness challenge" and start living a healthier life.
- Enjoy a live performance at the Masonic Theatre, New Bern Civic Theatre, New Bern's Farmer's Market, New Bern's Riverfront Convention Center, Ratio Theatre Company, or Trent River Coffee Co,
- Dance the night away, sing karaoke, or enjoy conversation at one of New Bern's bars: Ace's Sports Bar & Lounge, Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, Attitudes Pub & Grill (shag/line dancing), Bear Towne Market (BTM), Captain Ratty's Seafood & Steakhouse, The Chelsea, Christoph's on the Water, The Diamond Club, Full Moon Saloon, Half Time Pub & Grill, Harvey Mansion 1797 Steamer Bar, The Hurricane Bar & Restaurant, The Ice House, Mesh Sports Lounge, Mickey Milligan's, Morgan's Tavern & Grill, Mr. Stix Billiards, Sin City, the Texas Steakhouse & Saloon, or Your Alibi Lounge.
- Catch the latest film release at the Neuse Boulevard Cinema or Southgate Cinema 6.

Outdoor Recreation

Boating, fishing, paddling, hunting, golfing, hiking, bird watching, photography, camping and tennis are only a few of many outdoor recreation opportunities in New Bern.

Nestled between the Neuse and Trent Rivers in Eastern North Carolina, New Bern is a haven for boaters, fishermen, and water sport fanatics. Whether you prefer boating or paddling in a smaller watercraft, you can choose from small tributaries and creeks to the mile wide Neuse River. Fishing is plentiful! Some of the water is brackish so you can catch both salt water and fresh water fish. Catch strippers, crappie, largemouth bass, perch, flounder, and many more species. Stop into our local Field and Stream Sports Store to get the inside scoop! They have two locations: 2723 Neuse Blvd. (637-5100) and 2551 Hwy 70 E (637-6800). Custom Marine Inc, 2401 Hwy 70 E (638-5422) also has boating and fishing equipment. Contact the Neuse Riverkeepers (637-7972) for paddle trail maps and details about boating and fishing in the Neuse or Trent Rivers.

Hunters relish in the enormous Croatan National Forest, spanning approximately 165,000 acres, located in our backyard which also provides a sanctuary for nature lovers. The Croatan is home to the black bear, deer, wild turkey, quail, coyote, beaver, porcupine, rabbit, squirrel, bobcat, American alligator, and bald eagle, pileated woodpecker, red-tailed hawk, to name some of the wildlife species you may see.

A “Nature Lover’s Paradise”, birdwatchers, hikers, photographers, and walkers enjoy a “walk in the woods” as the forest’s habitat supplies excellent conditions for exotic plants like the Venus flytrap, making it the only National Forest with the largest carnivorous plant population. Talk to the trained volunteers or rangers at the National Park Service (NPS) Ranger’s Station on Hwy 70 E (638-5628) for more information. There are also walking trails throughout our City and County. Contact New Bern Parks & Recreation (639-2912) and/or Craven County Recreation & Parks (636-6606).

Golfing is another favorite pastime in New Bern. Visit the Emerald Golf Club (633-4440), River Bend Golf & Country Club (638-2819), New Bern Golf and Country Club (637-4061), Taberna Country Club (634-1600), Carolina Pines Golf & Country Club (444-1000), or the Cherry Point Golf Course on Marine Corps Air Base (466-3044). Contact Wild Bill's Golf Shop at 3811 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. (633-9820) for the inside golfing information!

Campers have many choices. You can stay in New Bern’s luxury campground - KOA, located on Hwy 17 N in Bridgeton (800-562-3341). They have cabins, RV sites, tents sites, fishing pond, pavilion and a dock on the Neuse River. They also have a small camp store where they sell fire wood and all of the amenities. They even have a dog park for both small and large dogs and an obstacle course. If you prefer a smaller scale campground, visit Flanner’s Beach Campground or Neuse River Campground which are run by the NPS. Brice’s Creek Boat ramp also has a small primitive campground. For more information about camping in the area, call the NPS (252-638-5628).

Prefer tennis? There are tennis courts throughout New Bern to include Craven Community College, New Bern Golf and Country Club (637-4061), The Emerald Country Club (633-4440), River Bend Country Club (638-2819), and New Bern Parks and Recreational facilities (639-2912).

Outdoor Corner: New Bern Field & Stream Sports (NBF&SS):

From the Sounds to Inland: Strippers, Speckled Trout, Flounder, and Red Fish (Puppy Drum);

Freshwater fishing: Largemouth Bass, Brim (Sun Fish), Crappie, and Catfish

APR 3 - Fly Fishing Seminar NBF&SS on Hwy 70 E;

APR 17 - Concealed Weapon Training at NBF&SS on Neuse Blvd Bass Tournaments are ongoing, contact NBF&SS for details

HUNTING SEASON:

Wild Turkey: Apr 3 - Youth Day; Open Season Apr 10 - May 8

No Closed season for groundhog, nutria, coyote & skunk

NC Wildlife Resource Commission at 919-707-0010



Dining in New Bern

Choose from over 100 restaurants offering a large spread of dining opportunities. Depending on your taste, our local chefs will whip up a fabulous meal for you!

Breakfast/Variety: Country Biscuit Restaurant (638-5151), International House of Pancakes (633-7800), Mel's Diner (634-2377), Michelle's Picnic Basket (634-9799), and the Waffle House (635-5220 & 672-9800).

Coffee Shops & Deli's: Almond Tree Cafe & Ice Cream Parlor (637-9307 & 514-2233), Boston Deli (633-4899), Carolina Bagel Co. & Deli (636-0133), A Catered Affair Cafe and Catering (637-7331), Chadwick House Café (637-2018), Cow Café (672-9269), Dunkin' Donuts (633-2300 & 637-9284), Ghent Sandwich Shop (638-5928), Java Junction (637-7621), Pollock Street Delicatessen (637-2480), Port City Java (633-7900), Schlotzsky's Deli (638-2508), Stanly Hall Café (635-1879), Starbucks (638-2954), Ta Ta's Take Out Café (634-2233), and Trent River Coffee Company (514-2030).

Italian Food: Franco's Pizza (635-3396), La Fontana Italian Restaurant (636-0220), Nikola's Italian Restaurant (638-6061), and Paula's Pizza and Italian Restaurant (637-7600),

International Cuisine: China Garden (637-8118), China King (636-3155), China Wok (636-5288), Golden China (637-1136), King Buffet (638-1188), New Chinese Food Takeout (636-9993), Peking Garden Express (637-8187), Sumo Bowl (672-8975), Super China Buffet (636-9988), Musashi Japanese Steak & Seafood Restaurant (637-0063), Osaka Express Grill (637-0444 & 288-5718), Mongolian House (514-0600), Thai Thai Seafood Restaurant (633-9593), Arturo's Mexican Restaurant (634-1894), El Cerro Grande (638-8938), El Tequila Mexican Restaurant (633-2958), El Zarape Mexican Restaurant (672-8625); and Zorba's Kitchen (take-out/catering) (633-1450)

Pizza and Subs: 37th Street Pizzeria (633-5444), Aggies Steak Sub (639-9979), Andy's Cheesesteaks & Cheeseburgers (514-2893, 637-7994 & 638-4609), Big Apple Pizzeria (636-3803), Cici's Pizza (633-4500), Dominos Pizza (514-2072 & 638-1000), Famous Subs and Pizza (637-2809), Franco's Pizza (635-3396), Gina's Pizza (672-9063), Jersey Mike's Subs (636-2566), Little Caesars (636-3339), Papa John's Pizza (636-1212), Pizza Hut (638-3100, 638-5400, & 637-0400), Quiznos (636-1007) and Subway Sandwiches (638-4851, 635-1850 & 636-0020).

Southern BBQ: McCoy's Grill Chicken & BBQ (637-3944), Moore's Old Tyme Barbeque (638-3937), and Smithfield's Chicken and BBQ (636-2398).

Surf and Turf: Captain Ratty's Seafood & Steakhouse (633-2088), Flounders Seafood & Smokehouse (636-1200), Friday's 1890 Seafood (637-2276), MJ's Raw Bar and Grill (635-6890), Sting Ray Cafe and Tryon Palace Seafood (638-2280), Texas Steakhouse and Saloon (637-1500) and Outback Steakhouse (672-9394).

Sweet Tastes: Bear City Fudge Company (636-1360), Coopers New Orleans Style Snowballs (637-2855) and Dairy Queen (637-6457)

Upscale Dining: The Chelsea (637-5469), Christoph's on the Water (638-3585), The Flame Restaurant and Banquet Centre (633-0262), Harvey Mansion Historic Inn (635-3232), Morgan's Tavern and Grill (636-2430), Nikola's Italian Restaurant (638-6061), Pia's of New Bern (636-0086), and Stanly Hall Café (635-1879)

Variety Dining: Annabelle's Restaurant (633-6401), Applebee's Restaurant (637-8050), Baker's Square (637-0304), Carolina Grill (634-3456), Fred & Claire's (638-5426), Golden Corral (638-4010), Half Time Pub and Grill (672-8777), The Hurricane Restaurant (638-8566), International House of Pancakes (633-7800), Joliet Jakes (342-0261), Kitchen on the Trent (638-2241), Ruby Tuesday (638-8004), Sea Glass Cafe & Bakery (634-2327), and Spunky McDoogle's (637-5705)

For Fast food restaurants please refer to the Yellow Pages.

New Bern Shopping

Are you searching for that unique gift for some special? Then we recommend that you visit:

Antiques and Flea Markets: Andrea's Attic Antiques (633-5656), Jane Sugg Antiques (637-6985), JL Kirkman's Antique Mall (634-2745), Martha's Favorite Things (637-8030), Middle Street Antiques & Flea Market (633-4876), New Berne Antiques & Collectibles Mall (637-0206), Peddler's Depot (637-7001), Poor Charlie's Flea Market and Antiques (672-0208), Seaport Antique Market (637-5050), Tom's Coins & Antiques (633-0615) and Will & Lynn Gorges Civil War Battleground Antiques (636-3039).

Bath and Beauty: Bath and Body Works (638-5102), Beauty World Discount (638-3400), Sally's Beauty Supply (638-9080), and World Beauty Supply (672-5989).

Books: Books-a-Million (635-6963), Manny's Christian Books and Music (636-9673), New Bern Bible and Bookstore (638-6193), Somewhere in Time (514-2868), and The Next Chapter (633-5774).

Gift Shops & Boutiques: Bern Bear Gifts (637-2300), The Boathouse (633-3501), Confluence (633-4925), DJ's Novelties and Gift Shop (638-3335), Fraser's Wine, Cheese & More (634-2580), The Funky Monkees (514-0026), The Haymaker's Wife (633-2956), I Got Your Bag 2 (633-2247), Jan's Hallmark (638-1585), Late Bloomer (633-0999), Middle Street Landing (514-0000), Mitchell Hardware (638-4261), One World Shoppe (633-3929), Pier One Imports (633-5235), Samantha's (636-1855), Snap Dragon (514-6770), Treasures on the Trent (637-7900), Tuesday Morning (635-2956), Things Down the Road (514-6918), Vintage Sweets Boutique (514-0024).

Clothing: Ann Lynn's of New Bern (638-3897), Cato (633-6214), City Kidz Clothing Company (638-4341), Four C's Coastal Casual Clothing (636-3285), Heavenly Fashions (636-0003), The Intimate Bridal (638-1220), It's Fashion (633-4130), Juliette's Boutique (514-9800), Manhattan (638-8901), Maurice's (634-9911), New York Fashions (638-3977), One World Shoppe (633-3929), Peakcock's Plume (633-1043), Re Chic (672-8863), Rosemary St. Claire Originals (636-3589), Sang's Fashions and Gifts (633-4240), The Wedding Shop (514-0446), Three Little Fishes (636-3510), Today's Fashion (635-1792), Tuxedo Too (633-5292), Uniforms PRN of New Bern (635-9975), and World Fashions (638-6151).

Department Stores: Belk Department Store (633-1136), JC Penney's (633-3925), Target (638-2954), Wal-Mart (637-6699). Coming soon to the New Bern Mall: TJ Maxx and Sears Appliance

Sporting Goods: Custom Marine and Fabrication (638-5422), Divin' Dawgs (638-3432), Eastern Edge Surf Shop (638-2213), Field and Stream Sports (637-5100 & 637-6800), Flythe's Bike Shop (638-1544), Hibett Sports (638-6206), Team Sports (633-2610), and New Bern Sporting Goods (638-1136).

These stores will give you a start on your shopping adventure. For more information, about shopping in New Bern ask your lodging host or refer to the Yellow Pages.

COMMUNITY NOTES:

- New Bern has a Prescription Drug Discount Card Program. Ask your local pharmacy if they have the card.
- Historic Riverside HOA will host a unique event April 9 - 10 during the Tour of Historic Homes with antique auto displays and residents dressed in costumes of the home's era.
- Don't forget to fill out and send in your 2010 Census form. The data collected helps determine how government funding is spent in our community.

Staying in New Bern

Bed & Breakfast:

The Aerie Bed and Breakfast, 509 Pollock St., New Bern, 252-636-5553 or 800-849-5553
 Berne Rivers Guest House, 209 Hancock St., New Bern, 252-638-2798
 Broad Creek Guest Quarters & Resort, 6229 Harbourside Dr., New Bern, 252-474-5329
 Hanna House Bed & Breakfast, 218 Pollock St., New Bern, 252-635-3209 or 866-830-4371
 The Harmony House Inn, 215 Pollock St., New Bern, 252-636-3810 or (800) 636-3113
 Harvey Mansion Historic Inn, 221 S. Front St., New Bern, 252-635-3232
 Howard House Victorian Bed & Breakfast, 207 Pollock St., New Bern, 252-514-6709 or 800-705-5261
 Meadows Inn, 212 Pollock St., New Bern, 252-634-1776 or 877-551-1776
 Sail Inn, 714 Pollock St., New Bern, 252-259-8507
 New Berne House Inn, 709 Broad St., New Bern, 252-636-2250 or 866-782-8358

Cabins:

New Bern KOA, 1565 B St., 5 miles north of New Bern on Hwy. 17, 252-638-2556 or 800-562-3341

Hotels:

Bridgepointe Hotel & Marina, 101 Howell Road, 252-636-3637 or 877-283-7713
 Candlewood Suites, 3465 Dr M L King Jr Blvd., New Bern, 252-638-8166
 Comfort Suites Riverfront Park, 218 E. Front St., New Bern, 252-636-0022 or 800-517-4000
 Holiday Inn Express, Hwy 17 South, New Bern, 252-638-8266
 Hampton Inn - New Bern, 200 Hotel Dr., New Bern, 252-637-2111 or 800-HAMPTON
 Hilton New Bern / Riverfront, 100 Middle St., New Bern, 252-638-3585
 The Hurricane Resort, 100 Marina Dr., New Bern, 252-637-2477
 Marriot - Springhill Suites, 300 Hotel Dr., New Bern, 252-637-0017
 Wyndham-Resort At Fairfield, 750 Broad St., New Bern, 252-638-8011

Motels:

Palace Motel, 1901 Dr M L King Jr Blvd., New Bern, 252-638-1151
 The Ziegler Motel Suites, 1914 Trent Blvd., New Bern, 252-638-6868

Vacation Rentals:

Abilena Mansion, 2814 Old Cherry Point Rd., New Bern, 252-349-2441
 The Sparrow House, 220 E. Front St., New Bern, 252-637-3574
 Fort Point River House, 1300 Green Springs Rd., New Bern, 252-717-4049
 The River Camp, Call Tommy Moore at 252-670-3040 for details



COMMUNITY NOTES:

- The Tryon Civitan Club collects greeting cards for school projects year long. Drop off used greeting cards (they only need the front cover) at the UPS Store, 1822 S. Glenburnie Rd (637-7500).
- You don't have to spend thousands of dollars to create a website! Call Images by Rodger (229-1390) or Elizabeth's Team (571-4117) to discuss your options. A blog may be all that you need. You can create your own on Blogger.com for FREE!
- 50% of paid advertising on New Bern Now's website will be sent to the local non-profit of the advertiser's preference. Win-win for the business and non-profit. Our non-profits need our community's support.

April Calendar of Events & Festivals

- 3: **Making of the State**, 1pm, Tryon Palace Visitor Center Auditorium, (252-514-4900)
- 4: **Free First Sundays**, 1pm - 6pm, Tryon Palace Gardens (252-514-4937)
- 7: **Coastal Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention Board Meeting**, open to the public, 2pm at CMAST building in Morehead City (252-665-3424)
- 8: **Craven County Rabies Vaccination Clinic** at participating Veterinary Clinics, only \$7 per dog or cat. Sponsor: Craven County Health Department
- 9-10: **Heritage Plant Sale**, 9am - 5pm, Tryon Palace (252-514-4900)
- 9 - 10: **Spring Historic Homes and Garden Tour** from 10am - 5pm, New Bern Historical Society (252-638-8558)
- 9 - 11: **Garden Lover's Weekend** - New Bern Celebrates 300 Years of Gardens Fri & Sat: 9am - 6pm and Sun: 11am - 6pm. Call Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens (252-514-4900)
- 10: **Rabies Vaccination Clinic** at 70 West Veterinary Clinic in Havelock, 8am - Noon, \$7 (cash only) per dog/cat. Sponsored by the Craven County Health Department
- 10: **Chair Fair** presented by Habitat for Humanity of Craven County, silent and live auctions, BBQ and Azalea sale, ReStore, 930 Pollock St. 8am - 2:30pm (252-633-9599)
- 10: **Notable New Bernians: Documenting New Bern's Founding Families**, 10am, Tryon Palace Visitor's Center Auditorium (252-514-4935)
- 10: **10th Annual Night to Remember Tropical Night**. Dinner, dance, and silent auction for the Coastal Women's Shelter at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center (252-638-4509)
- 10: **"Grown Here & Made Here for 300 Years"**, 8am - 4pm, New Bern Farmer's Market Spring Fest (252-633-0433)
- 10: **Bear City Opry Country and Gospel Music Show** at the Masonic Theatre, 516 Hancock St at 7pm (252-670-7082)
- 11: **"Annual Elements of Fashion"** Fashion Show and Luncheon, sponsor: Tryon Civitan Club from 1pm - 3pm at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center (252-637-7500 or 252-636-9627)
- 12: **7th Annual Lee W. Home Memorial Golf Tournament** at Carolina Pines Golf Course (637-6345)
- 15: **African American Lecture New Bern and the Role of Freeman**, 7pm in Tryon Palace Visitor's Center Aud. (252-514-4935)
- 16: **"Vienna Teng"** at the Old Theatre, 609 Broad St., Oriental. Doors concert begins at 7:30pm (252-249-3670)
- 16: **"Nearly Neil"**, Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center, 7:30pm (252-637-1119)
- 16: **Angelo M Folk Concert**, 8pm, at the Trent Coffee Company, 208 Craven St, (252-633-6444)
- 16 - 18: **"Whiskey Flats - How the West was Fun"** at the Masonic Theatre, 516 Hancock St. (252-637-2662)
- 17: **Festival of Fun** at Union Point Park, 10am - 3pm (252-639-2901)
- 17 - 18: **"A Music Journey in a Time Long Ago"** presented by Craven Community Chorus, Sat: 7pm and Sun: 3pm, at Craven Community College Orringer Auditorium (252-638-7357)
- 17 - 19: **The Coming of the Palatines** at Tryon Palace (252-514-4935)
- 18: **African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour** at 2pm (252-514-4935)
- 18: **The Influence of New Bern's Early Religious Communities on the Development of Our Town**, 8pm at First Presbyterian Church
- 19 - 23: **Celebrate Earth Week**
- 19: **Folk Concert with Angelo M** at the Trent River Coffee Co., 208 Craven St., 8pm (252-633-6444)
- 19 - 21: **Neuse River Senior Games Silver Arts Exhibition**, West New Bern Recreation Center (252-636-6606)
- 19 - 29: **Neuse River Senior Games Athletic Competition**, West New Bern Recreation Center (252-636-6606)
- 21: **Administrative Professionals Day** at the Riverfront Convention Center (252-637-3111)
- 22 - 25: **"Whiskey Flats - How the West was Fun"** at the Masonic Theatre, 516 Hancock St. (252-637-2662)
- 23: **Fiddlefest - A Tribute to Ervin T. Rouse** at 2pm at the New Bern Farmer's Market.
- 23: **10 Year Anniversary Banquet Honoring Dr Martin Luther King, Jr** at the Flame Catering & Banquet Centre 7pm (252-633-2166)
- 24: **Annual Fish Fry** hosted by the Order of the Easter Star Chapter #515, 11am - 2pm, 4125 Dover-Ft Barnwell Rd. Proceeds benefit Scholarship Fund. For details call (252-258-6582)
- 24: **"1776"** Gala opening presented by the New Bern Civic Theatre at 6:30pm, 414 Pollock St. (252-634-9057)
- 25: **Hymfest: Faith Music of the Settlers**, at 2pm at Centenary United Methodist Church
- 25: **NC Symphony**, concert starts at 7:30pm at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center (877-627-6724)

Continued - April Calendar of Events & Festivals

- 27: **James City: Past, Present & Future**, 7pm, New Bern - Craven Library (252-638-8558)
- 28: **Bernese Classical Pianist in Concert** at 7pm, First Baptist Church
- 28: **Update on United for Health** at 2pm in Jacksonville and Legislative Reception at Camp Lejeune at 5:30pm, location TBD (252-665-3424)
- 29: **"1776"** Preview presented by the New Bern Civic Theatre, 8pm, 414 Pollock St. (252-633-0567)
- 30: **Hanging Chads - Jazz Music** at Union Point Park, 7pm, Union Point Park (252-639-2902)
- 30: **"1776"** performance presented by the New Bern Civic Theatre at 8pm, 414 Pollock St. (252-633-0567)
- 30: **New Bern Blues and Jazz Festival** the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center (252-617-2938)

May Calendar of Events & Festivals

- 1: **5th Annual New Bern Blues and Jazz Festival**, New Bern Riverfront Convention Center (252-617-2938)
- 1: **Duffest** at Henderson Park, Stanley White Recreation Center from 10am - 4pm, presented by the City of New Bern and the Neuse River Community Development Corporation (252-639-7586)
- 1: **Craven County Clean Up** at Lawson Creek Park
- 1: **Habitat "Womens" Build** (252-633-9599)
- 1: **Meet John Lawson**, 1pm, Tryon Palace Visitor's Center Auditorium (252-514-4935)
- 1-2: **"1776"** performance by the New Bern Civic Theatre, Sat: 8pm & Sun 2pm, 414 Pollock St. (252-633-0567)
- 2: **Free First Sundays** 1pm - 6pm, Tryon Palace Gardens (252-514-4935)
- 4 - 5: **CarolinaEast Health System Omega Jewelry Sale**, 7am - 4pm in Education Department Classroom 1 (252-633-8127)
- 5: **Colonial Capitol Humane Society Yard Sale**, 8am - 1pm, 1860 Old Airport Rd (252-633-8127)
- 5: **Bayard vs. Singleton Re-enactment**, 7pm at the Masonic Theatre, 516 Hancock St.
- 6: **African American Lecture** - From New Bern to a New Birth of Freedom, 7pm, Tryon Palace Visitor's Center Auditorium (252-514-4935)
- 6 - 9 **"Remembering the War Years"**, numerous re-enactments during the weekend.
- 7: **9th Annual Taberna CARES Golf Outing** at the Taberna Golf and Country Club. (252-633-2538)
- 7: **Susan Werner** at the Old Theatre, 609 Broad St., Oriental, concert begins at 7:30pm (252-249-3670)
- 8: **Southern Gentlemen Barbershop Chorus** performance, 7:30pm, Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center
- 9: **May Day for Mutts** hosted by Wes Goforth of WCTI Channel 12, proceeds benefit the Colonial Capitol Humane Society, Lawson Creek Park, 11am - 2pm. Registration 10:30am
- 13 - 15: **"1776"** performance by the New Bern Civic Theatre at 8pm, 414 Pollock St. (252-633-0567)
- 14: **Artwalk Downtown New Bern** from 5pm - 8pm (252-638-2577)
- 14 - 15: **3rd Annual New Bern Literary Symposium**, Friday: the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center and Saturday: Epiphany School, 2100 Henderson Ave (252-638-2577)
- 14 - 15: **70th Annual Spring CHDDA Rally** sponsor: Carolina Harley Davidson Dealers Association at the Craven County Fairgrounds, 3700 Hwy 70 E. (252-633-1902)
- 15: **Antique Automobile Club** - Grand National Meet, 7am - 3pm, Downtown New Bern, (252-637-2319)
- 15: **Bike Rodeo** behind JC Penney at the New Bern Mall, 10am - 1pm (252-639-2902)
- 15: **Meet John Lawson**, 1pm, Tryon Palace Visitor's Center Auditorium (252-514-4935)
- 16: **African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour**, 2pm (252-514-4935)
- 16: **"1776"** presented by New Bern Civic Theatre at 2pm, 414 Pollock St. (252-633-0567)
- 16: **North Carolina Symphony** at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center at 7:30pm.
- 20 - 22: **"1776"** presented by the New Bern Civic Theatre, 8pm, (252-633-0567)
- 21: **The Palantines: Profiles in Courage**, New Bern-Craven County Library 7pm. (252-638-7808)
- 21 - 23: **2010 MCAS Cherry Point Air Show** (866-946-4762)
- 22: **13 Annual 5k Run for Shelter** to benefit the Coastal Women's Shelter. Race starts at Creekside Park.
- 22: **YMCA Triathlon**, (252-638-8799)
- 22: **New Bern Bear Birthday Party** at the Attmore-Oliver House, 10am - 3:30pm. (252-638-8558)
- 22: **Jonathan Scales Fourchestra - Caribbean Jazz Music** at Union Point Park at 7pm (252-639-2902)
- 23: **Tryon Palace Concert** performance by Craven Community Concert Band, 7pm, Grover C. Fields Auditorium, 2000 Dr M L King Jr Blvd (252-637-7748)
- 29: **Neuse River Day** at Union Point Park (252-637-7972)

June Calendar of Events & Festivals

- 1 - 30: Tryon Civitans **Sugar for RCS** drop off at UPS Store, 1822 S. Glenburnie Rd. (252-637-7500)
- 6: **Free First Sundays**, 1pm - 6pm in Tryon Palace Gardens. (252-514-4935)
- 10: African American Lecture - "**We've Come this far by Faith**" at 7:00pm in Tryon Palace Visitor's Center Auditorium (252-514-4935)
- 11 - 13: "**Curious Savage**" at the Masonic Theatre, 516 Hancock St. (252-637-2662)
- 12: **Bernaroo** from Noon - 10pm at Union Point Park (252-639-2901)
- 14 - 26: "**Children's Workshop**" New Bern Civic Theatre, 414 Pollock St. (252-633-0567)
- 18 - 20: "**Curious Savage**" at the Masonic Theatre (252-637-2662)
- 18: **Juneteenth: Choral Festival** at Temple Baptist Church
- 20: **Juneteenth Homecoming Picnic & Family Gathering** at Union Point Park (252-635-5658)
- 22: **South Lawn Concert Series: North Carolina Symphony** at Tryon Palace, gates open at 5:30pm
- 26: **1st Annual Brew Bern Beer Festival**, Noon - 4:00 and 6pm - 10pm at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center.
- 27: **New Bern History Bowl** in the Orringer Auditorium at Craven Community College, 9am (252-638-9050)

Community Notes from the People of New Bern

- Purchase high quality compost from Tuscarora Landfill for ONLY \$30 per ton! Contact the Coastal Environmental Partnership (633-1564) for details. Take a tour of the landfill and see how trash is converted into electricity!
- During Earth Week in April, LESS MEANS MORE, a Craven County Water Conservation Initiative, will set up water conservation training stations at Union Point to educate today's youth of the importance of saving this natural resource.
- Improve our ecosystem by recycling oyster shells. Drop off your shells at the landfill and they will return them to areas of the bay to rejuvenate the oyster population and slow beach erosion by producing coastal reefs.
- Fly the City of New Bern's Flag and you may win \$300! In celebration of the City's 300th Anniversary, Archadeck of Coastal Carolina (638-6200) will pay \$300 to the person who submits a picture of New Bern's City Flag flying the farthest from New Bern during 2010.
- All residents should be aware of the positive impact that New Bern National Night Out (NNO) Against Crime Prevention (August 3, 2010) has on our community. The goal of the NNO is to promote crime and drug prevention, enhance law enforcement and community relationships, and encourage solidarity in our neighborhoods so we can fight to keep our streets clean. The NNO Committee needs volunteers and neighborhood watch members to become involved in the planning process (672-4130).
- Uptown Business and Professional Associations is revitalizing Five Points. They need volunteers to support their efforts (288-5716).
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has a newly formed Craven/Pamlico Chapter. New members are welcome (672-4130).
- S.T.A.F.F. House is also a newly established non-profit agency that provides assistance to victims of domestic violence, are pregnant and need shelter (633-4357).
- New Bern Art & Wine Festival is accepting 2010 sponsors and exhibitors for August 26-28, 2010. Proceeds will benefit the hearing impaired children of Craven County Schools (670-1604)

Community Events for People with Special Needs

Take some time out of your schedule and support people with and families of those with Special Needs!

9: Social Event for People with Disabilities, First Presbyterian Recreation Hall, 7pm - 9pm The Arc of Craven County, (636-3441 x110) or (637-6577)

15: Understanding & Writing Effective IEP's Workshop, Craven County Smart Start/Child Care Resource & Referral Building, 1917 Trent Road, 6pm - 8pm (675-2751)

16: SibShop/Workshop for Siblings of Children with Special Needs (ages 5-13), Child Care Resource & Referral Building, 1917 Trent Road, 6pm - 9pm, Family Support Network of the Crystal Coast (675-2751) Call to register Every 3rd Friday of the month (except in the summer)

22: Legislative Breakfast promoting the Importance of Early Childhood Education, Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School, 9am (672-5921)

24: Resource Fair, Creekside Park Baseball Fields. 9am (675-2751)

24: Opening Day of Special Needs Baseball, Creekside Park Baseball Fields, 9am (745-4052)

26: Navigating & Negotiating the DD/MH (Developmental Disabilities/Mental Health) System Workshop, CDSA/Child Developmental Services Agency (Neuse Blvd in front of Furniture Fair), 6pm - 8:30pm (675-2751)

26: LEG/Local Empowerment Group Meeting with Guest Speaker, 800 Cardinal Rd., 6:30pm - 8pm (637-6577)

29: Craven County State of the Child Conference, New Bern Church of God (639-7877)

29: Public Forum on Managed Care Waivers (Affecting People with Disabilities), New Bern/Craven County Library, 400 Johnson Street, 6pm - 8pm (636-3441 x 110)

MAY:

1: Special Olympics Swim Meet, Twin Rivers YMCA (349-8799)

1: 2nd Game for Special Needs Baseball, Creekside Park Baseball Fields, 9am (745-4052)

6: Special Olympics Track & Field Events, Grover C. Fields Middle School Track, email: mseymour@cravencountync.gov

7: Social Event for People with Disabilities/Dance, Trent Park Elementary School Cafeteria 7pm - 9pm (636-3441 x110) or (637-6577)

8: 3rd Game - Special Needs Baseball, Creekside Park Baseball Fields, 9am (745-4052)

14: Social Event for People with Disabilities/Talent Show, Broad Creek Christian Church, 7pm - 9pm (636-3441 x110) or (637-6577)

15: 4th Game - Special Needs Baseball, Creekside Park Baseball Fields, 9am (745-4052)

22: 5th Game - Special Needs Baseball, Creekside Park Baseball Fields, 9am (745-4052)

24: LEG/Local Empowerment Group Meeting with Guest Speaker, 800 Cardinal Rd., 6:30pm - 8pm (637-6577)

28: Social Event for People with Disabilities/Prom, RHA/Howell Center, 140 Pirates Rd, River Bend, 7 pm - 9pm (636-3441 x110) (637-6577)

29: 6th Game - Special Needs Baseball, Creekside Park Baseball Fields, 9am (745-4052)

JUNE:

5: 7th Game - Special Needs Baseball, Creekside Park Baseball Fields, 9am (745-4052)

11: Social Event for People with Disabilities, Oaks Road Elementary School Cafeteria, 7pm - 9pm (636-3441 x110) or (637-6577)

14 - 18: Adult Day Camp for People with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) (ages 22 & up), Trent Park Elementary School & Outings TBA, (636-3441 x110) MUST APPLY BEFORE MAY 10th

21 - July 30: Adult Day Camp for People with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) (ages 22 & up), Trent Park Elementary School & Outings TBA (636-3441 x110) MUST APPLY BEFORE MAY 15th

28: LEG/Local Empowerment Group Meeting with Guest Speaker, 800 Cardinal Rd., 6:30pm - 8pm (637-6577)

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The sole purpose of New Bern Now.com and the mini-version of the website produced as this newsletter is to inform the residents and visitors of what our great city has to offer.

Wendy retired from the US Navy after 21+ years as a Chief Hospital Corpsman.

Her passion is caring for others, so she decided to make an attempt in helping her local community of New Bern, NC. By providing information about New Bern's businesses, non-profits, and civic groups, she hopes to help increase our economic outlook! The more people know about New Bern, the more apt they will be to participate in events, use local businesses, and get involved in non-profits and community groups.

Wendy is a Volunteer and board member for our local Red Cross Chapter and believes wholeheartedly in VOLUNTEERISM if you can spare a couple of hours to benefit the cause that you believe in, YOU can make a difference!

Submit free non-profit and business listings on New Bern Now.com. This service was originally created to assist those who have been seriously impacted by our Nation's economic downfall and can't afford to advertise during this difficult time.

If you don't have a computer, please send a note with your business information to include the name, phone number, PO Box or address to be published on the online version. Also, if you don't have a computer, but have a community announcement, please send a note with the date, time, location, event title, and contact information and your information will be uploaded to New Bern Now.com

Community Notes from the People of New Bern

- Craven Pamlico Animal Service Center receives approximately 7,800 animals per year. You can make a difference:

- Don't feed stray animals, it could attract raccoons that can carry rabies. This could put you, your animals, and your neighbors at risk.

- If you're interested in adoption, the Shelter has a playroom for you to interact with prospective pets.

- The Animal Services Center receives over 200 reports of lost pets per month. If you find an animal, please contact them to make sure it's not somebody's pet. Call 637-4606 for more information on how you can help.

- Wild Animal Rehabilitation Center of East Carolina (WILDARC) needs paper towels, Dawn (blue) dishwashing liquid, liquid laundry detergent, Lysol, bleach, toilet paper, newspaper, and bait fish (like mullet).

- Spring is here. If you're buying a new house, seeking to decrease your flood insurance, or are installing a fence, call a Land Surveyor for assistance. Southern Boundaries has been in business for 21+ years (633-2771)

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Thank you to New Bern Now's Blog and Website Readers, with your input and guidance, NBN has truly become our community's website! - Wendy Card