



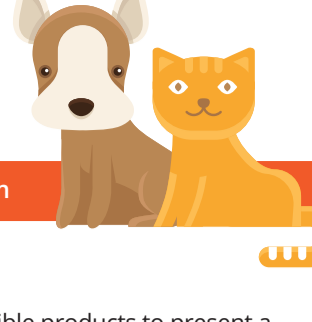
# NEW HANOVER COUNTY

## April Events

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### Saturday, April 1 Free Rabies Clinic 9 - 11am

The New Hanover County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit will be holding a free rabies clinic at 180 Division Drive. Animals must have a previous rabies vaccine certificate to be eligible.



Animal Services • 180 Division Drive • [newhanoversheriff.com](http://newhanoversheriff.com)

### Saturday, April 1 Edible Book Contest 1pm

This internationally celebrated event challenges participants to use edible products to present a literary theme such as a book, a book's subject, or characters. *All ages are eligible to participate and this free event takes place at the Northeast Library.*

Northeast Library • 1241 Military Cutoff Rd • Wilmington • [nhclibrary.org](http://nhclibrary.org)

### Saturday, April 1 The Big Splash

It's the moment you've all been waiting for...the grand opening of the new Splashpad at Hugh MacRae Park! Join NHC Parks & Gardens at noon for a ribbon cutting ceremony and then stick around for an afternoon of family fun.



Hugh MacRae Park • 314 Pine Grove Dr • Wilmington, NC • [parks.nhcgov.com](http://parks.nhcgov.com)

### Saturday, April 1 NHRMC Medication Disposal Event 11am

Don't toss in the trash or flush! Bring and dispose properly of your unwanted, unused and expired medications for free at the NHRMC Medical Mall (2243 S 17th Street). Needles and sharps accepted, and drive thru service is offered.

NHRMC Medical Mall • 2243 S. 17th St • Wilmington, NC 28401 • [health.nhcgov.com](http://health.nhcgov.com)

### Saturday, April 1 & 22 Saturday Story Hour 11am

Join us at the Main Library for a special, interactive story time that starts with a picture book and ends with a cool project or activity, with plenty of time to play, learn and laugh in between!

Main Library • 201 Chestnut Street • Wilmington, NC 28401 • [www.nhclibrary.org](http://www.nhclibrary.org)

### Saturdays in April Museum Explorers 11am & 2pm

Discover history, science and cultures of the Lower Cape Fear through interactive science investigations, hands-on exploration and unique artifacts at Cape Fear Museum. Activities are designed for ages 5 and up, to ignite curiosity and encourage families to have fun together. *Free for members or with paid general admission. Each program lasts 45 minutes and adult participation is required.*

Cape Fear Museum • 814 Market St • Wilmington, NC 28401 • [capefearmuseum.com](http://capefearmuseum.com)

### Sunday, April 2 Mid-century Driveways and Developments: Suburbanization and the City 3pm

After World War II, America's suburbs began to grow rapidly, and city neighborhoods often declined. Learn how these national trends played out in our area. Join Cape Fear Museum Historian Jan Davidson as she explores the 1950s and 1960s New Hanover County, and the neighborhoods that developed outside of the city limits. *Free event.*

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### Sunday, April 2 Curiosity Carts 1:30 - 3:30pm

Get your hands on history and science! Examine artifacts and science specimens. Gain insight into topics featured in museum exhibits. Carts are stationed in Museum galleries and feature short hands-on, facilitated experiences for visitors. *Free for members or with paid general admission.*

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### Wednesday, April 5 Beginner Line Dancing 11am

Come to the Senior Resource Center for a new season of Beginner Line Dancing with Sharon. Every Wednesday at 11 a.m., basic line dance steps will be taught with a touch of aerobic movement. *No registration is needed, and the class is open to anyone 55 and older. Call 798-6409 for more information.*

Senior Resource Center • 2222 S. College Road • Wilmington, NC 28403 • [src.nhcgov.com](http://src.nhcgov.com)

### Thursday, April 6 Wine and Design: Watermelon Seed Packet 6:30 - 8:30pm

Be inspired by the art and design in the newest traveling exhibit at Cape Fear Museum – the Smithsonian Institution's Patios, Pools and the Invention of the American Backyard. Paint your own masterpiece based on a vintage watermelon seed packets and bring your drink of choice. Light snacks will be provided.

*Space is limited and pre-registration is required at [www.wineanddesign.com](http://www.wineanddesign.com). The event, hosted by Cape Fear Museum Associates, is a 'Paint It Forward' party. The cost is \$35 and a portion will be donated by Wine & Design to the museum.*

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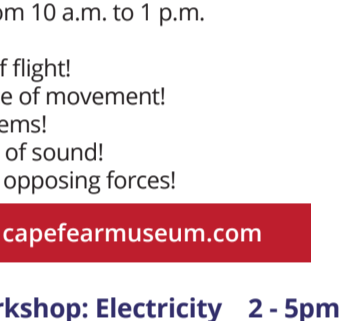
### Friday, April 7, 21 & 28 Little Explorers at Cape Fear Museum 10am

Explore the world around us with hands-on activities, interactive story time, experiments and fun in Cape Fear Museum Park! This free program is perfect for children ages 3 to 6 and their adult helpers. The theme for April 7 is "Science Parade," April 21 is "The Deep Blue Sea," and April 28 is "Fun on the Farm." In case of inclement weather, the program is moved inside. *Little Explorers is sponsored by the PNC Foundation.*

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### Sunday, April 9 & 23 Discovery Lab 2:30 - 4pm

Investigate, experiment, and explore! In Cape Fear Museum's Discovery Lab, the whole family can drop-in for fun, quick experiments and hands-on investigations. *Themes vary and are ideal for ages 5 and up with their adult helpers. Free for members or with paid general admission.*



Cape Fear Museum • 814 Market Street • [capefearmuseum.com](http://capefearmuseum.com)

### Monday, April 10 - Friday, April 14 Spring Break: Explorers Week 10am - 1pm

Enjoy free programs at Cape Fear Museum from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during Spring Break

**Monday: Rockets Away!** Explore the forces of flight!

**Tuesday: Move It, Move It** Explore the science of movement!

**Wednesday: Trees & Me** Explore our ecosystems!

**Thursday: Music Makers** Explore the science of sound!

**Friday: Opposites Day** Explore the science of opposing forces!

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### Tuesday, April 11 Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Workshop: Electricity 2 - 5pm

Cape Fear Museum and the Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America are partnering to provide this unique merit badge opportunity for local Scouts. Museum educators will take Scouts on a scientific journey to create electromagnetics, make a simple electric motor, and many more exciting challenges. Through scientific experiments and teamwork, Scouts will complete all requirements of the Electricity Merit Badge. Scouts should be in Class A uniform and bring along note-taking materials. Each Scout will receive a merit badge pamphlet, workbook, and blue card. *To register, please contact Matthew Bull with the Cape Fear Council at (910) 395-1100 x23 or [matthewbull@scouting.org](mailto:matthewbull@scouting.org). The cost is \$20 per scout.*

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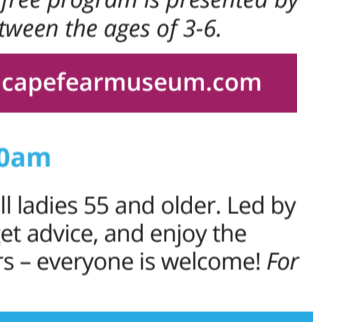
### Tuesday, April 11 Over 50's Dance 7:30pm

Enjoy a night of dancing at the Senior Resource Center on the second Tuesday of each month. Singles and couples age 55 and older are welcome, and admission is \$8 per person. *Call 910-798-6400 to learn more.*

Senior Resource Center • 2222 S. College Rd. • [src.nhcgov.com](http://src.nhcgov.com)

### Wednesday, April 12 Bird Hike 8 - 9:30am

Fly over to Airlie Gardens to participate in the monthly Bird Hike, co-hosted with Wild Bird & Garden! Birders of all levels are encouraged to join. *Free for members and with paid garden admission.*



Airlie Gardens • 300 Airlie Road • Wilmington, NC • [airliegardens.org](http://airliegardens.org)

### Wednesday, April 12 Confident Communicators – Public Speaking Workshop 9:30 - 11:30am

Youth can learn to communicate with confidence by participating in fun, hands-on activities at New Hanover County 4-H's free communication workshop. Perfect for youth ages 5-18. Topics will include preparing for presentations, overcoming stage fright, writing a speech, and using visual aids. *Call 910-798-7660 to register by March 31. This program will be held at the Northeast Library.*

Northeast Library • 1241 Military Cutoff Road • [www.nhclibrary.org](http://www.nhclibrary.org)



### Thursday, April 13 PreK Math and Science 10am

Play, learn, and explore with your child at Cape Fear Museum! Math and science concepts will be introduced through interactive story times, hands on science experiments and exploration stations. *This free program is presented by NHC Libraries and is designed for children between the ages of 3-6.*

Cape Fear Museum • 814 Market Street • [capefearmuseum.com](http://capefearmuseum.com)

### Tuesday, April 18 Wise Women Support Group 10:30am

NHC Senior Resource Center's Wise Women Support Group is open to all ladies 55 and older. Led by a certified counselor, women in the group share their stories, give and get advice, and enjoy the company of one another. Feel free to just listen or lend support to others – everyone is welcome! *For more information, call 910-798-6409.*

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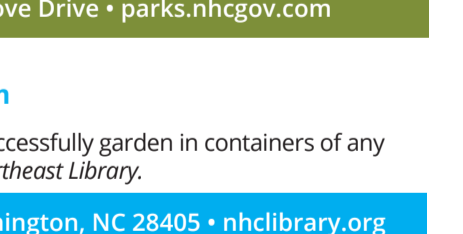
### Thursday, April 20 Educator in the Garden 2 - 4pm

Come to Airlie Gardens and learn how plants know when to bloom in the spring, why flowers are so important, and how plants respond to different stimuli. This program will have something for all ages, including a hands-on activity for kids. *Free for members or with paid garden admission.*

Airlie Gardens • 300 Airlie Road • Wilmington, NC 28403 • [parks.nhcgov.com](http://parks.nhcgov.com)

### April 20 - 23 Master Gardener Plant Sale Apr. 20-22: 9am-5pm Apr. 23: noon-5pm

Purchase locally-grown herbs, vegetables, flowers (including annuals and perennials), shrubs, trees, and rose bushes at the NHC Arboretum. Master Gardeners will be on-hand to give advice on planting and long-term care. *Open to the public April 20-22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and April 23 from noon-5 p.m.*



NHC Arboretum • 6206 Oleander Dr • [arboretum.nhcgov.com](http://arboretum.nhcgov.com)

### Friday, April 21 Veterans Stand-Down 7am - 2pm

Veteran Stand Down connects homeless or underserved veterans with community resources. Information on education, housing and VA benefit assistance programs, as well as services like haircuts, health screenings and clothing and other donations will be available to those who attend. *The event will be held at VFW Post 2573, 2722 Carolina Beach Road.*

VFW Post 2573 • 2722 Carolina Beach Road • Wilmington • [veteranservices.nhcgov.com](http://veteranservices.nhcgov.com)

### Friday, April 21 Star Party 7 - 10pm

Join Cape Fear Museum, Carolina Beach State Park, and other community partners for an evening of stargazing and astronomy activities. Experience laser-guided constellation tours, planetarium shows, telescope viewings, and much more. *Bring a flashlight to this fun, free event. Rain or shine; weather and event updates can be found at [CapeFearMuseum.com](http://CapeFearMuseum.com).*

Carolina Beach State Park • 1010 State Park Road • Carolina Beach • [capefearmuseum.com](http://capefearmuseum.com)

### Saturday, April 22 Wilmington Earth Day Festival Noon - 6pm

Join us for the 2017 Wilmington Earth Day Festival at Hugh MacRae Park. Featuring over 60 local exhibitors and vendors, live music, food and drinks, a kids zone, outdoor games, and more! *Free fun for the entire family.*

Hugh MacRae Park • 314 Pine Grove Drive • [parks.nhcgov.com](http://parks.nhcgov.com)

### Saturday, April 22 Crazy Containers 2 - 3pm

No Yard, No Problem! This presentation discusses how to successfully garden in containers of any size or sort. *This free Arboretum program will be held at the Northeast Library.*

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### Sunday, April 23 Food Truck Rodeo Noon - 5pm

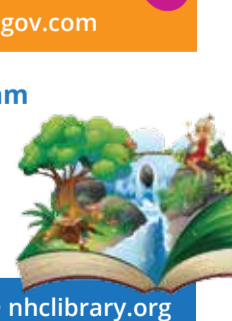
The Food Truck Rodeo is rolling back to Ogden Park with your favorite local food trucks, fabulous live music and the grand opening ceremony of the new Ogden Skatepark. Bring your family, friends, chairs and blankets, and have a great time supporting the new skatepark.

Ogden Park • 615 Ogden Drive • Wilmington, NC 28411 • [parks.nhcgov.com](http://parks.nhcgov.com)

### Wednesday, April 26 13th Annual Flower Launch 5 - 6pm

In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month, flowers will be launched from The Barge at 101 S. Water Street into the Cape Fear River in honor of those who have positively impacted the lives of local children. This celebration is free and open to the public, and flowers will be provided to all participants. *The event is hosted by The NHC Child Abuse Prevention Coalition and community partners.*

The Barge • 101 South Water St • Wilmington, NC • [socialservices.nhcgov.com](http://socialservices.nhcgov.com)



### Saturday, April 29 Story Extravaganza & Car Seat Check 9 - 11am

Attend the Library's 7th Annual Storytelling Festival for children featuring live performances, comic books, a Freight Train Story Walk, and more! Wilmington Fire Station 9 (1201 Military Cutoff Rd) will be checking car seats for proper installation until 11:30am. *Come out to this free event and make sure your child is riding safely! All ages are welcome!*

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### Saturday, April 29 Davis Dash 5K & Health Fair 10am

Participate in the Davis Dash 5K and Health Fair. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the NHC Senior Resource Center Home Delivered Meals Program. The 5K Race starts at 10 a.m. The Davis Community Campus, 1011 Porter's Neck Road. *Learn more at [TheDavisCommunity.org](http://TheDavisCommunity.org).*

The Davis Community Campus • 1011 Porter's Neck Rd • Wilmington, NC • [src.nhcgov.com](http://src.nhcgov.com)

### Sunday, April 30 Planetarium Film: Dark the Movie (23 minutes) Show times: 1:30pm, 2:15pm & 3pm

Explore the nature of Dark Matter, the missing 80% of the Universe, in *Dark the Movie*. *Free for members or with general admission.*

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### Sunday, April 30 History Up-Close: Hats! 2pm

Take an in-depth look at Cape Fear Museum's collection of stylish and not-so-stylish hats and learn how they help us understand the past with historian Jan Davidson. Then, go behind-the-scenes with Curator Heather Yenco in collections storage. *Registration is limited and participants must be 12 or older. Pre-registration is required and tickets may be purchased at [CapeFearMuseum.com](http://CapeFearMuseum.com) or call 910-798-4362. \$8 for members and \$12 non-members.*



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