



NEW HANOVER COUNTY

Upcoming Events

www.nhcgov.com

Entire month of May

National Foster Care Month



New Hanover County Department of Social Services is "Honoring, Uniting, and Celebrating Families" throughout the month of May. Join us by helping to recruit and support foster families in New Hanover County! **Visit our website or call 910-798-3566.**

Social Services • 1650 Greenfield St • Wilmington, NC • socialservices.nhcgov.com

Sunday, May 1

New Hanover County Free Day

Make plans to visit a New Hanover County attraction the first Sunday of each month! County residents, employees & students get in **FREE** to New Hanover County's Airlie Gardens, Arboretum (always free), and Cape Fear Museum!

For more information, hours and locations please visit us at www.nhcgov.com

Sunday, May 1

Music Discovery

3 - 4:15pm

The North Carolina Symphony String Quartet will read a children's book aloud to kids, then present an interactive demonstration of stringed instruments! The program is free and no registration is required.



NHC Main Library • 201 Chestnut Street • Wilmington, NC 28401 • www.nhclibrary.org

Wednesdays

Ogden Park Farmers' Market

8am - 1pm

Come out to Ogden Park every Wednesday through November to get your fresh, locally-grown fruits, vegetables, plants, herbs, meats, baked goods, art, crafts and more!

Ogden Park • 615 Ogden Park Drive • Wilmington, NC 28411 • parks.nhcgov.com

May 5, 10 & 25

Outdoor Environmental Learning Center Installations

9am

New Hanover County Soil & Water Conservation District is installing Outdoor Environmental Learning Centers at four local Pre-K centers. Volunteers are encouraged to participate! To sign up, email drharrison@nhcgov.com or call **910-798-7135**.

May 4: Johnston Pre-K Center

May 10: Freeman Elementary

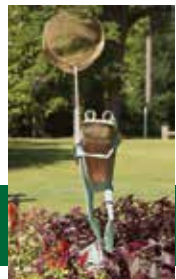
May 25: College Rd Early Childhood Center

Soil & Water • 230 Government Center Dr, Suite 100 • soilwater.nhcgov.com

May 5 - August 31

Ribbit the Exhibit

Hop on in to Airlie Gardens and see the whimsical frogs of Ribbit the Exhibit! Open daily and free with garden admission.



Airlie Gardens • 300 Airlie Rd • Wilmington, NC • www.airliegarden.org

Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26

Little Explorers

10am

Enjoy interactive story time, exploration stations and play related to a weekly theme in Museum Park! Great for ages 3 to 6 and their adult helpers.

Parental participation is required. Free events!

May 5: Making Music in the Park

May 19: Water Wonders

May 12: Digging in the Dirt

May 26: Fun in the Sun

Cape Fear Museum • 814 Market Street • www.capefearmuseum.com



Friday, May 6

National Public Gardens Day

Come celebrate National Public Gardens Day at Airlie with free admission all day. Local writer Anne Russell will also debut her new book, *The Mystical Magical Amazing Fantastical Gardens of Airlie*.



Airlie Gardens • 300 Airlie Road • www.airliegarden.org

NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS DAY

MAY 6, 2016

Fridays, May 6 & 20

Summer Concert Series

6 - 8pm

Bring a picnic and friends, and enjoy music on the Airlie Oak lawn. *Signal Fire* brings reggae **May 6** and *Boba Funk* brings the funk **May 20**. Purchase tickets online or at the Airlie Gift Shop.



Airlie Gardens • 300 Airlie Rd • Wilmington, NC • airliegarden.org

Saturday, May 7

27th Annual River to Sea Bike Ride

8am

Participate in the 27th Annual River to Sea Bicycle Ride, which is a 20-mile roundtrip ride from downtown Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach and back. Learn more and sign up at RiverToSeaBikeway.com.



Bailey's Park • 100 block of North Front Street • downtown Wilmington

Saturday, May 7

Story Extravaganza

9 - 11am

New Hanover County Public Library's 6th-Annual Storytelling Festival for Children will be held at the Northeast Library. Performances and activities will show kids that reading is fun! The event is free and fun for families with young children. No registration is needed.



NHC Northeast Library • 1241 Military Cutoff Rd • nhclibrary.org

Saturday, May 7

A Day on the Oleander Express

10am - 5pm

Enjoy a fun-filled day of adventure with interactive & educational stops around the gardens aboard the Shiner's Choo-choo! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online or at the Arboretum office.



NHC Arboretum • 6206 Oleander Drive • Wilmington, NC • arboretum.nhcgov.com

Saturday, May 7

Family Fun in the Park

1 - 4pm

Explore the sights and sounds of the natural world at this free event at Cape Fear Museum Park! Paint with water, create a poet-tree, operate a digger to "dredge" a channel, run through a Ghost Forest, and more. *Parental participation is required.*

Cape Fear Museum • 814 Market St • Wilmington, NC • www.capefearmuseum.com

Tuesday, May 10

Over 50's Dance

7:30pm

Enjoy a night of dancing at the Senior Resource Center. Singles and couples age 55 and older are welcome. Admission is \$8 per person. For more information, visit our website or call 798-6409.



Senior Resource Center • 2222 South College Road • src.nhcgov.com

Wednesday, May 11

Bird Hike

8 - 9:30am

Fly over to Airlie Gardens to participate in our monthly Bird Hike, co-hosted with our partner Wild Bird & Garden. Birders of all levels are encouraged to join us. Free for members & with garden admission.



Airlie Gardens • 300 Airlie Road • Wilmington, NC • airliegarden.org

Thursday, May 12

Monthly Rain Barrel Sale

9am - 5pm

Short stack and tall stack rain barrels are available for purchase and pick up on the second Thursday of each month at the West entrance of New Hanover County's Government Center.



Soil & Water • 230 Government Center Dr • soilwater.nhcgov.com

Friday, May 13

Pulling Back the Curtain: Special Effects Makeup

7pm

Get a behind the scenes look at how characters, props and creatures are made for TV and film with award-winning, special-effects makeup and prosthetics artist Jeff Goodwin. For more information, visit our website.

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Saturday, May 14

Wellness Walk

9 - 10am

Join us for our free monthly guided walking program. The event will begin with a brief talk and end with a walk around the 1.5 mile walking trail.



Hugh MacRae Park • 314 Pine Grove Dr • Wilmington • parks.nhcgov.com

Saturday, May 14

Soil & Water Tour at Airlie Gardens

10 - 11am

Soil and Water Conservation District will host a free tour and workshop at Airlie Gardens, focusing on best management practices that help improve water quality. Local officials have been invited to attend and speak with the public.

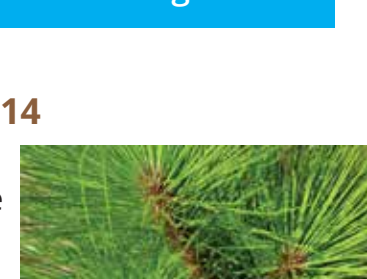
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Saturday, May 14

Family Science Saturday: Cape Fear Flora

10am Preschool 11am & 12pm Ages 5-14

Get an up-close look at cotton, longleaf pine trees, and other plants that have helped shape the history of our area at Cape Fear Museum. Examine native and non-native species and discover tools to help you identify local trees and other plants. *Free for members or with general admission.*



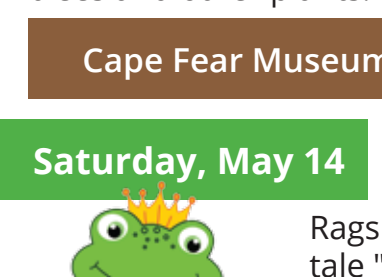
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Saturday, May 14

"The Frog Prince" performed by Rags to Riches Theatre

11am - noon

Rags to Riches Theatre for Young Audiences will perform the classic fairy tale "The Frog Prince" at New Hanover County's Main Library. The event is free and no registration required.



NHC Main Library • 201 Chestnut Street • www.nhclibrary.org

May 15-21

National Hurricane Preparedness Week

Hurricane Preparedness Week is a reminder to prepare for potential hurricanes or tropical storms. Hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30, and you should have a family emergency plan in place and a family emergency supplies kit assembled. Learn more at em911.nhcgov.com.

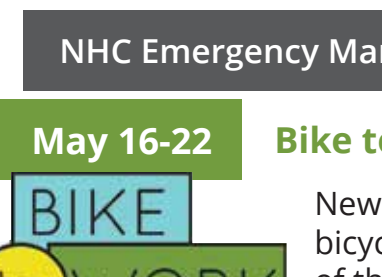


NHC Emergency Management • 230 Government Center Dr. • em911.nhcgov.com

May 16-22

Bike to Work Week

New Hanover County is celebrating the 2016 Bike to Work Week to promote bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation, and to recruit members of the community as regular bicycle commuters. Join the celebration by riding your bike to work at least one day this week! Learn more and sign up at RiverToSeaBikeway.com.



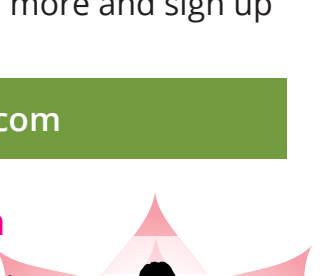
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Tuesdays, May 17 - June 21

Summer Yoga Series

8 - 9am

Drop in for a one-hour yoga class, held in various locations around Airlie Gardens and taught by Longwave Yoga. Suitable for all skill levels and participants must be 16 or older. \$10 for Airlie members and \$15 for non-members.



Airlie Gardens • 300 Airlie Road • Wilmington, NC • airliegarden.org

Wednesday, May 18

Resume Workshop

3 - 4:30pm

At this free workshop, you'll learn how to use the library's resources to craft a resume and receive helpful tips to make your resume stand out. Space is limited and preregistration is requested by using the calendar at www.nhclibrary.org

NHC Northeast Library • 1241 Military Cutoff Road • www.nhclibrary.org

Friday, May 20

Lunch and Learn about Bird Friendly Habitat

noon - 1pm

Bring your lunch and learn what you can do to stem the population decline of migratory songbirds in our area! Charley Winterbauer, president of Cape Fear Audubon, will be the featured speaker. Free and no reservations are needed.

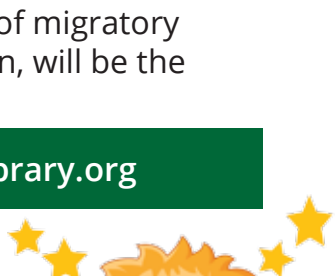
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Friday, May 20

Pre-K Planetarium Pajama Party

6 - 8pm

Enjoy bedtime stories under the stars in Cape Fear Museum's digital planetarium! Children and parents will explore the night sky, make star pictures, and sing star songs. Perfect for children ages 3 to 6. Parental participation is required and space is limited. To register, contact the museum at 910-798-4362 or email cfmprograms@nhcgov.com. Free for members; non-members: \$5 per child, parents are free.



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Tuesday, May 24

Fashion Design Contest Runway Show

6pm

Teens will model outfits and accessories they have designed and made from discarded library books and cassettes! The Runway Show is free and open to the public. No reservations are needed, but seating is limited.

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Thursday, May 26

Funeral Planning

2 - 3pm

Rebecca Taylor of Funeral Consumers' Alliance will speak about options for meaningful, affordable, dignified funerals. This informational program is free; preregistration is requested by using the calendar at www.nhclibrary.org

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May - June

Special Judicial Primary Election Dates

May 13: Voter Registration Deadline

May 26: Absentee One-Stop Voting Period Begins

May 31: Absentee Ballot Request Deadline

June 4: Absentee One-Stop Voting Period Ends

June 7: Special Judicial Primary

Board of Elections • 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 38 • www.nhcvote.com