



# NEW HANOVER COUNTY May Events

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## Entire Month of May **May is National Foster Care Month**

New Hanover County Department of Social Services is empowering caregivers and strengthening families throughout the month of May. Learn about becoming a foster parent and opening your heart to a child in our community at [SocialServices.nhcgov.com](http://SocialServices.nhcgov.com) or call **910-798-3566**.

Social Services • 1650 Greenfield St • Wilmington, NC 28401 • [socialservices.nhcgov.com](http://socialservices.nhcgov.com)

## Through Sunday, May 7 **4-H Paper Clover Campaign**

Come to Tractor Supply Company in Rocky Point and support New Hanover County 4-H by donating \$1 at checkout to your local 4-H clubs. *Learn more at [bit.ly/4H-PaperClover](http://bit.ly/4H-PaperClover).*

Tractor Supply Co • 1415 Porters Lane Rd • Rocky Point, NC 28457

## Tuesdays, May 2 - 23 **Beginner Shag Lessons 5 - 6pm**

Learn to Shag at the NHC Arboretum every Tuesday in May! The cost is \$20 per person and proceeds benefit the Arboretum. *To register, call 910-788-7660.*

NHC Arboretum • 6206 Oleander Dr • Wilmington, NC 28403 • [arboretum.nhcgov.com](http://arboretum.nhcgov.com)

## Wednesdays in May **Beginner Line Dancing 11am**

Come to the Senior Resource Center for Beginner Line Dancing. 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 910-798-6409 for more information.*

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

## Thursday, May 4 **Workshop: Electric Bling 7pm**



Create jewelry that lights up at Cape Fear Museum! Make a felt pin, bracelet, or your own creation using conductive thread and LED lights. Designed for ages 18 and older, and the cost is \$10 per person. *Pre-registration is required at [www.capefearmuseum.com](http://www.capefearmuseum.com) or call 910-798-4362. Sponsored by Cape Fear Museum Associates.*

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

## Friday, May 5, 12 & 19 **Yoga in the Gardens at Airlie 8 - 9am**

Drop in for a one-hour yoga class taught by Longwave Yoga at various locations around Airlie Gardens. Classes are suitable for all skill levels, and the cost is \$16 per session.

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



## Fridays in May **Little Explorers 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 May 5 is "**May Day Play**," May 12 is "**Camping Out**," May 19 is "**It's for the Birds**," and May 26 is "**Fruits and Veggies**." In case of inclement weather, the program is moved inside. *Little Explorers is sponsored by the PNC Foundation.*

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## Saturday, May 6 & 20 **Saturday Story Hour 11am**

Come to the Main Library for a special, interactive story time. It 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 May **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 • [www.capefearmuseum.com](http://www.capefearmuseum.com)

## Saturdays in May **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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## Monday, May 8 & 22 **Pop Up Library 10am - 1pm**

The NHC Library is taking the library outside! Come to Northern Regional Park for kid's activities and story time for young children. On May 8, enjoy "Messy Monday" Storytime at 10:30 a.m. with messy sensory activities; and on May 22, come for "Nature in the Park" Storytime at 10:30 a.m. with a nature bracelet activity.

Northern Regional Park • 4700 Old Ave • Castle Hayne • [nhclibrary.org](http://nhclibrary.org)



## Wednesday, May 10 **National Bike to School Day**

National Bike to School Day was created to provide an opportunity for schools across the nation to join together to celebrate the energy of National Bike Month. Safe Kids Cape Fear invites and joins local schools, children, parents and educators to raise awareness about bike safety. Share the road and look for bikes!

Safe Kids Cape Fear • [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org)

## Wednesday, May 10 **Bird Hike at Airlie 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 28403 • [parks.nhcgov.com](http://parks.nhcgov.com)



## Wednesday, May 10 **Medicare 101 Northeast Library 9am-1pm Harbor United Methodist Church 1-3pm**

The Senior Resource Center is partnering with the Cape Fear Area Agency on Aging to host two "Medicare 101" information sessions to educate about the four parts of Medicare and ways to prevent healthcare fraud. *Admission is free, but RSVP is required by emailing [maydavis@nhcgov.com](mailto:maydavis@nhcgov.com) or calling 910-798-6407. The sessions will take place from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Northeast Regional Library and 1-3 p.m. at Harbor United Methodist Church.*

Northeast Library & Harbor United Methodist Church • [src.nhcgov.com](http://src.nhcgov.com)

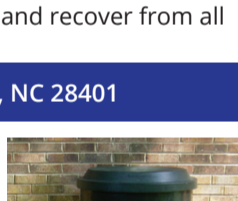
## Thursday, May 11 **2017 Cape Fear Preparedness Expo 4 - 8pm**

Come to the Coastline Convention Center to learn about preparedness and safety through interactive demonstrations and children's activities. Receive important information about available resources and tools to help prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies.

Coastline Convention Center • 501 Nutt St • Wilmington, NC 28401

## Thursday, May 11 **Rain Barrel Sale 9am - 4:30pm**

Purchase a 60 or 80-gallon rain barrel from the New Hanover County Soil and Water Conservation District. Available for pick up on the second Thursday of each month at the West entrance of NHC Government Center.

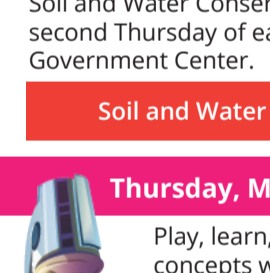


Soil and Water Conservation • 230 Government Center Dr • [soilwater.nhcgov.com](http://soilwater.nhcgov.com)

## Thursday, May 11 **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.*

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## Friday, May 12 **National Public Gardens Day 9am - 4:30pm**

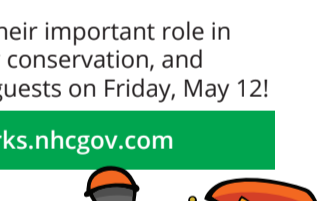
National Public Gardens Day celebrates America's public gardens and their important role in promoting environmental stewardship and awareness, plant and water conservation, and education. To celebrate, Airlie Gardens will offer free admission for all guests on Friday, May 12!

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## Saturday, May 13 **A Day on the Oleander Express 10am - 4pm**

Enjoy a fun-filled day of adventure with interactive & educational stops around the Arboretum gardens aboard the Shriner's Choo-choo! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at [arboretum.nhcgov.com](http://arboretum.nhcgov.com) or at the Arboretum office, with proceeds benefiting the Ability Garden. Children 2 and under are free.

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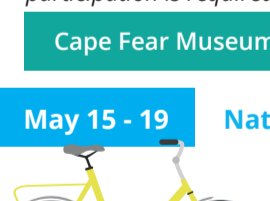
## Sunday, May 14 **Discovery Lab 2:30 - 4pm**

Investigate, experiment, and explore! In the 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. *Adult participation is required. Free for members or with paid general admission.*

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## May 15 - 19 **National Bike to Work Week**



May is National Bike Month, a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling. Whether you bike to work or school, ride to save money or time, pump those pedals to preserve the environment, National Bike Month is the opportunity to celebrate the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons to ride. Share the road and look for bikes!

Sign up to Participate in Bike to Work Week: [bit.ly/BikeToWorkNHC](http://bit.ly/BikeToWorkNHC)

## Thursday, May 18 **Educator in the Garden at Airlie 2 - 4pm**

Come to Airlie Gardens and learn all about nesting and baby animals. This program will have something for all ages, including a hands-on activity for kids. *Free for members or with paid garden admission.*

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## Friday, May 19 **Airlie Gardens Concert Series 6 - 8pm**

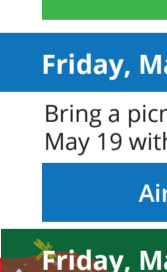
Bring a picnic and enjoy music on the Airlie Oak lawn as the Summer Concert Series kicks off on May 19 with the soulful sounds of Bibis Ellison. Tickets at [AirlieGardens.org](http://AirlieGardens.org).

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## Friday, May 19 **PNC Family Night: Back Yard Camp Out 6 - 8pm**

Explore the great outdoors at this free Cape Fear Museum event. Learn about the animals, plants, and bugs, find spring constellations, make shadow puppets, and play backyard games. *Activities are appropriate for children of all ages and include special programming for early learners. Adult participation is required. Brought to you by PNC Grow Up Great.*

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## Sunday, May 21 **From Downtown to Suburbia and Back Again 2pm**

Come to this free Cape Fear Museum event as local architect Charles Boney, Jr. discusses how famous architects like Frank Lloyd Wright influenced Wilmington residents as they relocated to the suburbs. Explore how public attitudes have shifted in recent decades, making downtown living desirable again. Afterward, continue your exploration of 20th century trends in Patios, Pools and the Invention of the American Backyard exhibit. *Boney is vice-president of LSP3 and has been with the firm since 1978.*

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## Sunday, May 28 **Planetarium Film: The Little Star That Could Show times: 1:30pm, 2:15pm, 3pm**

Follow Little Star, an average yellow star, as he searches for planets of his own to protect and warm. Along the way, he meets other stars, learns what makes each star special and discovers that stars combine to form clusters and galaxies. He also learns about the planets in our Solar System! *Adult participation is required. Free for members or with paid general admission.*

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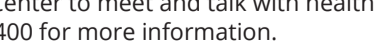
## Wednesday, May 31 **Health & Wellness Fair 10am - 1pm**

Come to the Senior Resource Center to meet and talk with health and medical professionals at the Health Fair. Call 910-798-6400 for more information.

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