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Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce

Annual Banquet

Thursday, April 21, 2016

6-7 Social Hour

7-7:30 Dinner

7:30 Introduction of Dignitaries

7:45-8:10 Guest Speaker:

Mr. Henry Hinton

(see Mr. Hinton's bio on pg. 3)

8:10-8:30 Presentation of Awards

Citizen of the Year

Small Business of the Year

Jr. Citizen of the Year

Plus Silent Auction

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Tickets are now on sale for the Chamber's Annual Banquet and Community Awards Presentations to be held at the Wilkinson Center. They can be purchased at the Chamber office or at Attic Life for \$30.00 each. We are very excited about our keynote speaker who will be Henry Hinton from 103.7 The Talk radio!! You don't have to be a Chamber member to attend. Tell your friends to come out for an evening of great food, fellowship and celebrating!

If you have items you would like to donate to our silent auction contact the Chamber. We'll be happy to pick them up!

Many thanks to the following businesses who have already committed to sponsor the upcoming Chamber Banquet on April 21st!

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| Circle Grove Seeds | First Bank | Haslin Farms |
| Lee Chevrolet | Tideland EMC | Tri-County Telecom |
| Southern Bank | | |

It's not too late for you to be a sponsor and be listed in our program! Contact the Chamber today!

Calendar of Events, Holidays & Observances

Ongoing		Bluegrass Jams every Tuesday, 6:30 across from Fish Hooks Senior Center open Mon-Fri
April	1	April Fool's Day
	7	Beaufort Co Senior Expo
	9	Belhaven CLEAN SWEEP
	9	BCCC Gull Fest
	11	Town Council meeting
	13	Chamber meeting
	14	Business After Hours @ Fish Hooks Restaurant
	15	Tax Day
	21	Chamber Banquet
	22	Earth Day
	22	Honoring the lives of Seniors 90 years old and older
	23	Passover
	23	Burning of the Socks : 2:30 – 8:00pm
	25	Town Council meeting
May	5	National Day of Prayer
	5-6	Senior Center event (more in the May Newsletter)
	5	Cinco De Mayo
	7	Dedication of the Caboose
	8	Mother's Day
	9	Town Council meeting
	19	Chamber meeting
	19	Chamber Business Group Luncheon
	21	Armed Forces Day
	23	Town Council meeting
	28	Bath Fest (see next month's newsletter for more details)
	30	Memorial Day
June	9	Business After Hours @ Spoon River
	13	Town Council meeting
	14	Flag Day
	16	Chamber meeting
	19	Father's Day
	20	First Day of Summer

From the Executive Director:

We are very excited to have Henry Hinton, President of IBX Media (103.9 radio) as our guest speaker for our Annual Banquet on April 21st. Henry is known throughout eastern North Carolina and beyond. I am sure you will find him entertaining and interesting! Purchase your tickets now!

Our first bi-monthly Chamber Business Group Luncheon was a huge success! Fifteen business leaders met for lunch at Fish Hooks to discuss their business challenges and concerns. All are committed to the growth of new businesses in our town and are looking forward to working together to encourage people to come to Belhaven.

The Chamber's "clean sweep" program will have its first clean-up day on Saturday, April 9th. Any person or group interested in picking up trash around town is encouraged to meet at the Chamber office at 10:00 a.m. The time commitment is only a few hours. Heavy duty trash bags will be provided. Come join us!

Our annual membership drive will start May 1st. Due to the fact that the Mayor has stated the Town of Belhaven will no longer fund the Chamber, our membership drive is more important than ever. We are counting on you! One of our Board members, Karen Fisher, is heading the membership campaign so you may be hearing from her soon!

May is Shop Local Month across the country. Let's make sure our local businesses know how much we appreciate them by shopping with them! We are so fortunate to have so many great small businesses in Belhaven!

This is the season that boaters begin heading north after spending time in warmer southern temperatures. If you see a boat at the town dock drop by and say hello! Let them know what a friendly town we are!



Visit our Website:

<http://www.belhavenchamber.com/>

Like Us on Facebook

Chamber of Commerce

Golf Cart Raffle

Remember to get your raffle tickets for the golf cart that the Chamber will be giving away on July 4, 2016. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber's office or from any of the Chamber Directors.

They make great birthday and anniversary gifts or just buy them when you're feeling lucky!



A&W Sales/Howell's Mercantile

Spring Open House

Saturday April 2nd from 8am - 5pm.

Free hotdogs will be served from 11am - 1 pm

98.3 The Bridge will broadcast live from A&W 11 am - 1 pm.

Wayne & Candy Howell : A&W Sales
252-964-3500

Bio for Henry Hinton

Greenville, NC



Henry Hinton, President of Inner Banks Media, LLC is a broadcaster and businessman in Greenville, NC. He currently serves on the UNC Board of Governors and the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters state board.

Henry and his son, Hank, own Inner Banks Media which owns and operates five FM radio stations in eastern North Carolina along with some affiliated companies and commercial real estate holdings.

In June of 2015 Henry was inducted into the North Carolina Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He has done radio and television in North Carolina and Virginia since 1976. His Talk of the Town morning program airs on 2 FM stations with coverage from the Virginia line to near Wilmington along with a local cable television audience in Pitt, Beaufort and Martin Counties.

Henry is the former chairman of the ECU Foundation. He is also former chairman of the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce and former president of the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters.

He was named Greenville's Business Leader of the Year in 2002. He has been honored with the Distinguished Service Award from both the ECU Alumni Association and the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters. This coming fall ECU has announced he will receive the Outstanding Alumni Award on homecoming weekend.

Henry lives in Greenville with his wife Debbie, a 1975 graduate of ECU. He has two children, Hank, 38, the Vice President of Inner Banks Media in Greenville and Courtney, 33, who resides and works as a nurse in Charleston, SC. Both children attended ECU.

Belhaven Community Chamber joins forces with The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce

In an effort to promote Belhaven to people outside the area, your chamber has recently affiliated with the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. The Executive Director and a few of our Board Members will be attending the Business Showcase in Raleigh on May 9th. The attendance is expected to be 400-500 people. We plan to have a booth about the Belhaven area and the many things we have to offer tourists and potential business investors. We are very excited about this opportunity to showcase our town!

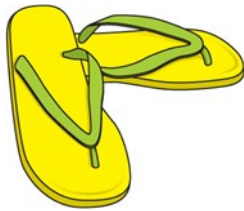
Belhaven's Newest Event

Burning of the Socks

Saturday, April 23rd

Pamlico St—Downtown Belhaven

4:30 to 8:00 pm



and **tank tops** and



Come out and **C**elebrate Spring and the upcoming boating season

Boat inspections, blessings, crafts, music, fun and a great time enjoying the many great shops and fine restaurants of Belhaven.

Free dockage ——— Free Vendor space

2:30	Vessel Safety Checks
3:30	Boat Blessings at the Docks
4:00	Vendors set up
4:30—5:30	Burning of the Socks
4:30—8:00	Vendors open

Enjoy Dinner in Belhaven

Deadline for boat dockage & vendor registration is April 15. Spaces are limited.

Dockage reservation: Contact Les Porter (252 944 0066) for space at Belhaven Town Docks & Waterway Marina

Contact Henry Boyd (252 943 0030) for space at River Forest Marina

Vendors call Yvonne Deruiz at 252 943 9910 First Reserved — First Served

Cooperage Docks—First Come— First Served.

Sponsored by the Belhaven Celebrations Committee

Upcoming Workshops, Classes & Announcements

United States Power Squadrons Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron

Offers two educational opportunities scheduled for April.

To register for either course or seminar, email pspsed@gmail.com

The first is the **AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE** - April 2, 9 and 16 from 10:00 AM to 2:45 PM:

This is an important course for beginners and those looking for a refresher. The attached flyer has all the details. This course also includes the following

benefits:

- Meeting the NC Boating Law certification requirement for any person under 26 operating a vessel with a motor of 10 horsepower or more.

- Free six month membership in the United States Power Squadron/Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron.

- Many insurance companies offer discounts on boat insurance for those successfully completing the course.

Share these opportunities with your friends and fellow recreational boaters. Not only will you help them increase their boating knowledge, but it's a great way to help your Squadron attract new members.

PSPS will also provide a Seminar, **Mastering the Rules of the Road**, on Saturday, April 23rd.

This is one of the most important seminars for all boaters. A flyer is attached describing the topics covered.

Any questions, feel free to contact our Education Officer, Kelly Adams, at pspsed@gmail.com or by telephone at [252-561-6995](tel:252-561-6995).

Computer Literacy Workshop

Sponsored by AT&T and ECSU

Saturday, April 2, 2016 — Free and open to the public (lunch provided)

To register for sessions please call 252 335 3229 or email titibbs@ecs.edu

Information Technology Center, ECSU Campus, 1704 Weeksville Rd. Elizabeth City, NC. 27909

Registration : 9 am Sessions: 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Session 1

Session 1A

10am—12 noon —Basic computer skills for Seniors

Keyboard functions, search engines, senior resources, email

Session 2A

10am—12 noon — Basic computer skills for young adults

MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Session 2

Session 2A

1pm—2pm Social Digital Media

Session 2B

2:15—3:15 Job Search basics

Business After Hours

April 14th at Fish Hooks

5:30—6:30 pm

Join your fellow Chamber members for Business After Hours

Intracoastal Waterway Celebration (ICW)

Committee donates \$3,200 from its 2015 proceeds to the Belhaven Renaissance Committee towards the construction and installation of a gazebo for the Wynn's Gut Dock.

**Goose Creek State Park
Schedule of Events for April**

For more info, please call the park office at 252-923-2191

Saturday, April 2 **2:00 p.m.**

National Frog Month Celebration

Join a ranger for a Frog-tastic afternoon! We will study the life cycle of a frog and cover some frog identification tips with hands on activities. Please meet at the park's outdoor classroom located behind the visitor center at 2:00 pm. Remember to dress for the weather.

Sunday, April 10 **2:00 p.m.**

Mallard Creek Hike

Join a ranger on an easy half-mile hike through pine-hardwood forests ending at a small overlook on Mallard Creek. Wear sturdy footwear, bring water and binoculars. Meet in the last parking lot.

Saturday, April 16 **2:00 p.m.**

Totally Turtles

Can you guess North Carolina's state reptile? I'll give you a hint, it's a turtle! Meet at the visitor center to discover some of the unique turtles living throughout eastern North Carolina.

Saturday, April 23 **2:00 p.m.**

Swamp Life Discoveries

Have you ever wondered what's lurking through our beautiful swamps in eastern North Carolina? Goose Creek State Park is the perfect place to explore and discover the amazing wildlife that calls these swamps their home. Join a ranger at the visitor center for a guided ¾ mile hike. There will be plenty of stops along the way in hopes of observing and handling some of the swamp's most mysterious and hidden creatures. Please dress for the weather.

Contributions to the Chamber

The Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce is a 501 (c) 6 corporation. Contributions to the Chamber are not tax deductible. However, Chamber dues may be considered a business expense. Members should consult their accountant for verification.

Rack Time Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

Cliff Lowell purchased Rack Time in April of 2015. He has renovated the interior of the building and purchased video games to go along with the pool tables to make it a more family oriented venue. Cliff is a retired disabled veteran who moved to Belhaven 3 years ago and owns property in Dowry Creek and in town. He retired from a 30 year career with an international container ship company out of Norfolk, Va. When Cliff moved to Belhaven he started his own business, Cliff's Services offering tractor work, yard maintenance and home maintenance. **Cliff, congratulations on your first anniversary at Rack Time!!**

WELCOME RETURNING AND NEW MEMBERS!

Returning:

Benson Farms

Wells Fargo Bank

New Members:

Jim and Susie Merritt

**Stay in the know about what's happening in
Town! Join your Chamber today!**



Belhaven Senior Center



Dear friends,

We are pleased to announce our upcoming, "I am not a senior, I am a recycled teenager event." We invite all professionals and surrounding Beaufort County Citizens to come out and enjoy!! The event will be May 5 & 6, 2016 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Belhaven Senior Center.

For professionals interested in becoming a vendor, please fill out the attached form below. All forms are due no later than April 21, 2016! We will only accept up to 10 vendors for this event. Vendors will present for 20 minutes increments and will be allowed to set up a vendor table. Following each presentation, participants will be allowed to visit each vendor table to receive handouts and additional valuable information. The Center will provide tables and chairs. For additional questions or request, contact Stephanie Webb at 252-943-2992. We hope to see you there!!

Sincerely,

Belhaven Seniors' Center Staff

VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

Name:
Organization:
Phone number:
Email address:
Special accommodations:

(There is NO fee for this event. We would like each vendor to donate a door prize. A confirmation email will be sent to all vendors no later than April 25, 2016)

Honoring Dr. Charles Boyette

Former Belhaven Mayor and current councilman Dr. Charles Boyette passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2016. He was 81 years of age. Dr. Boyette was born in Chadbourn, Columbus County, NC, on March 6, 1935. A town of approximately 2,200 and very much like Belhaven just located a little further inland. He graduated from Chadbourn High School in 1953 where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He attended the University of North Carolina, was a Morehead Scholar finalist, received a scholarship from the university, and worked in the dining hall. He majored in history and pre-med. In college he was captain of the wrestling team and also participated in football and track. Following his completion of his undergraduate degree, he attended the UNC School of Medicine and received his medical degree in 1961. He next served his country as a U.S. Navy Flight Surgeon until 1964. Dr. Boyette then relocated to Belhaven and established the C.O. Boyette Medical Clinic where he served the area until his death. He recently celebrated his 51st anniversary of practicing medicine in Belhaven.

Dr. Boyette had many professional and medical affiliations which included President of North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians; President of Beaufort County Community College Foundation (since 1985); Member of North Carolina Medical Society; Member of North Carolina Institute of Medicine; Member of Governor's Commission on Infant Mortality; Member of North Carolina Medical Directors Association; Medical Director of: Hyde County Health Care Units, Hyde County Health Department, Hydeland Home Health, Hydeland Hospice, Hyde County EMS, and Cross Creek Healthcare Facility. He was Chief of Staff at Pungo District Hospital for 19 years and active medical staff for 48 years.

On a political level, he served as Chairman of the Belhaven Democratic Precinct, Council Member of the Town of Belhaven and member of Beaufort County Democratic Executive Committee. He was Mayor of the Town of Belhaven for 30 years and former Chairman of the Beaufort County Mayor's Association. He also served as President of the Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce.

His awards include Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, North Carolina Family Physician of the Year, Governor of North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine, National Family Physician of the Year-Runner-up, and Honorary Fireman of Belhaven. The award he was most proud of was the United States Country Doctor of the Year, as his patients meant as much to him as he did to them.

Dr. Boyette was a long-time member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Belhaven. He was also an Honorary Member of the Belhaven Fire and Rescue Department. His hobbies included gardening, swimming, boating, water-skiing, wildlife conservation and improving the Belhaven community and area.

Dr. Boyette was a long supporter of the Chamber. The Chamber received his check dated 3/10/16 for his ticket to the annual banquet just days before he passed away. In addition he had already purchased a golf cart raffle ticket and was a sponsor of last year's Christmas Celebration.

[Read more about Dr. Boyette](#)

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