

CASTLE STREET COLLECTIVE

The mission of CSC is to foster the growth and prosperity of Castle Street businesses through dedicated initiatives in beautification, safety, and events.



July 2026 Newsletter

CHILLIN' BY CASTLE



District Day 2026

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Castle Street will have two stops for District Day, 5th Ave. and 10th St.

Castle Street businesses have various specials for the day, so get out and support Castle Street!

Look for the Chillin' By Castle Street Maps and Specials in the storefronts!

And keep updated with new specials and demonstrations on the District Day site!

Food, Drink & Cafés

- The Barzarre @ 1610
- Café CannaBus @ 320
- Castle Street Kitchen @ 509
- Coco Pipa @ 506
- Creative Tastings @ 701
- Good Lie @ 603
- Home Plate Provisions @ 910
- Howard's Seafood & Convenience @ 501
- Jester's Café @ 607
- La Mar Salada @ 908
- Luna Caffè @ 608
- The New Wilmington Sports Club @ 1111
- Olivero @ 522 S 3rd
- On Thyme @ 918
- Ree's Social @ 907
- RX Chicken & Oysters @ 421
- Wilmington Wine @ 701
- Van Gogh Gurt @ 502 N 23rd
- Zora's Market & Kitchen @ 1411

Retail & Shopping

- The Herbal Gnome @ 506
- Jess James + Company @ 511
- Kids Making It @ 617
- Rescue Mission of Cape Fear @ 502
- The Roasted Bookery @ 1102
- The Smoke Life 910 @ 819
- The Union @ 539
- Vintage Values @ 609
- Wilmington Dispensary @ 319

Creative, Art & Music

- Abbey Haus @ 625 S 4th
- Astra Tattoo @ 603 S 9th
- Craft Cabana @ 1124
- Gather Events @ 317
- Gravity Records @ 612
- Live at Ted's @ 02
- Right to Left Anime & More @ 812
- River's Edge Art Supplies @ 812
- The Splendid Torch
- Station No. 2 @ 602 S 5th
- Thompson Design Build @ 912
- Varnam Strings @ 616
- Wallaby Film Production @ 602

Wellness & Fitness

- Connected Body @ 921
- Elemental Grove Emporium @ 819
- Glimmers Recreational Therapy @ 1116
- Healing Arts @ 715 S 5th
- Terra Sol Sanctuary @ 507 @ 5:00 pm only!

Salons & Barbers

- AK Collective @ 1114
- The Barber's Chair @ 720
- Elsewhere Salon @ 511
- Graham's Barber Shop @ 510
- Hudson & Co Salon @ 904
- Just Cut It. Barbershop @ 616
- Orange Blossom Studio @ 1110
- Quail's Quality Cuts @ 723
- Sacred Salon & Studio @ 1112
- Uptown Girls Nail Studio @ 906
- Wanda's Creative Hair Salon @ 1001



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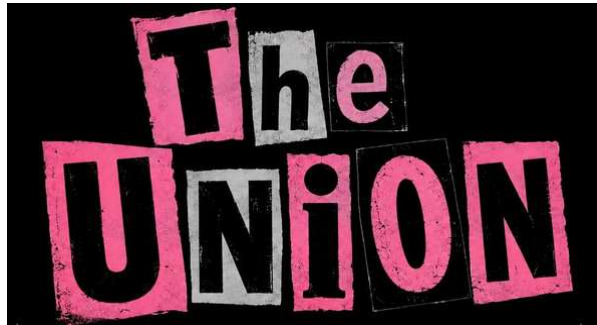


Welcome Skyler!

She will be taking over the Modern Love space with her new store, The Union!

Stop by and welcome her to Castle Street!

Also the location for the August Community Meeting on August 19th! (more on that later!)



Keep Castle Street Community Looking Good



See trash?

See an unkempt lot?

Report it to the City and help keep Castle Street Clean!

[Report It](#)

Abandoned Buildings

At the June community meeting, Rob Hogue, our contact with City of Wilmington Ordinances, discussed a few of the abandoned buildings on Castle. Per each address is the link to the New Hanover County tax records via the GIS mapping system and contact information for the shown owner. This information is all publicly available. Feel free to reach out to any entity and inquire about the condition of the sites and their impact on our Castle Street community.

OR Rob Hogue Rob.Hogue@wilmingtonnc.gov



618 / 618 1/2 / 620 Castle

Rob indicated that this building has currently no violations. The structure has been verified structurally sound. The most the City can do, and us, is submit any illegal dumping or maintenance violations.

https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/df90734a21244ccdbfec0f798697b356/page/Basic-Map#data_s=id%3AdataSource_1-BasicMap_1511-6%3A57524

The tax records show that this site is owned by J Longs Custom Homes.

<https://jlongcustomhomes.com/>

1901 Market Street, Wilmington NC 28403

Office : (910) 899-9108

Email: info@jlongcustomhomes.com



708 Castle

Rob didn't comment on this building.

<https://etax.nhcgov.com/pt/Datalets/Datalet.aspx?UseSearch=no&pin=R05409-010-031-000&jur=NH&taxyr=2026>

The tax records show that this site is owned by:
SHAREEF ABDUL RAHMAN BEVERLY B



805 Castle

Rob indicated that this building is under review by the City for ordinance violations. It is also being put up for sale, and the adjacent lot.

<https://etax.nhcgov.com/pt/Datalets/Datalet.aspx?UseSearch=no&pin=R05409-008-003-000&jur=NH&taxyr=2026>

The tax records show that this site is owned by:
STOREHOUSE HOLDINGS LLC

<https://www.storehouse-holdings.com/>

921 Princess St.
Wilmington, NC 28401
storehouseholdings.rentals@gmail.com
910-465-0564

Below is a link to the letter that the Collective submitted to the City about the eyesore of these buildings and if they violated any ordinances.

[City Letter](#)

Black Enterprise: Black Business Heritage on Castle Street

Join the community in participating in twice weekly discussions about the Black Enterprise project! You can attend virtually too!

Thanks Lizzie and Erin for your continued support in holding these meetings!

[About](#)



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ENTERPRISE ON CASTLE: BLACK BUSINESS HERITAGE ON CASTLE STREET

This community-led project reclaims the stories of Black families who built a thriving home-based economy on Castle Street after Emancipation
—before the Wilmington Coup of 1898 pushed their legacy out of view.

By pairing archival research with descendant oral histories, we're creating a heritage trail, interpretive signage, and a digital archive—grounded in truth-telling and community voice.

ATTEND THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY INPUT MEETINGS!

July's Schedule:

	Topic:
Tuesday, July 14 @ 5:00 pm	How should this feel?
Friday, July 17 @ Noon	How should this feel?
Tuesday, July 21 @ 5:00 pm	What are people worried about??
Friday, July 24 @ Noon	What are people worried about??
Monday, July 28 @ 5:00 pm	How should this help people who live here?
Thursday, July 31 @ Noon	How should this help people who live here?

- 5:00 pm time meetings will be at Glimmers Recreational Therapy
- Noon time meetings will be at The Roasted Bookery



RSVP TO EACH
SESSION



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RSVP

Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Replacement Project



Alain, the Vice-President of Castle Street Collective, attended the ROW-Historic Wilmington Foundation community meeting about opposition to a proposed 135-foot-high replacement bridge across the Cape Fear River on June 22nd.

Meeting presenters urged the community to oppose the 135-foot bridge option. Their concerns included the project's scale, potential cost, possible tolls or new taxes, impacts to Wilmington's skyline, environmental harm, and possible effects on nearby property values.

The presenters said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently a major barrier to a lower bridge option because it has indicated a permit would require 135 feet of vertical clearance unless federal law changes.

The meeting also raised questions about the project timeline, the role of federal funding, whether lower-height options could return, how responsive elected officials and agencies will be to public input, and whether legal action may become part of the community response.

Actions for Residents and Businesses

- **Review** the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Replacement FAQ from Historic Wilmington Foundation:
 - <https://historicwilmington.org/bridge-replacement/>
- **Sign and share** the online petition opposing tolls and supporting the 65/135-foot lift bridge option, if you agree with the concerns raised:
 - <https://www.change.org/p/replacement-cape-fear-memorial-bridge-a-citizen-s-petition/bsv>
- **Contact elected officials, WMPO** representatives, **NCDOT**, and other decision-makers to share your position.
 - Josh Stein, Governor / <https://governor.nc.gov/contact/contact-governor-stein>
 - Senator Ted Budd
 - <https://www.budd.senate.gov/contact/>
 - 929 N. Front St., Suite 460, Wilmington, NC 28401
 - Phone: 910-218-7600
 - Senator Thom Tillis
 - <https://www.tillis.senate.gov/email-me>
 - Phone (DC Office): 202-224-6342
 - Other Legislators:
 - <https://www.ncleg.gov/findyourlegislators>
 - WMPO / <https://www.wmpo.org/contact/>
 - NCDOT
 - Project Development Environmental Engineer, Mason Herndon
 - Phone: 910-341-2000
 - Send message:
 - <https://www.ncdot.gov/contact/Pages/form.aspx?UnitName=CFBridge&sourceUrl=/projects/cape-fear-bridge-replacement/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Watch** for yard signs or other community materials when they become available.
- **Encourage** neighbors, customers, and nearby businesses to stay informed and participate in public comment opportunities.
- **Help** Castle Street decide the best way to share accurate information across the neighborhood and business community.

Resources:

June 22nd Presentation: <https://historicwilmington.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Bridge-Member-Meeting-PowerPoint.pdf>

Sample letter to elected officials: <https://historicwilmington.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Sample-Letter-to->

Sample Letter to Elected Officials: <https://historicwilmington.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/sample-Letter-to-Elected-Officials-Officials.docx.pdf>

Historic Wilmington Foundation Inc.: <https://historicwilmington.org/bridge-replacement/>
<https://historicwilmington.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/CFM-Bridge-Frequently-Asked-Questions-rev-6.3.2026-1.pdf>

About WMPO: <https://www.wmpo.org/>

Petition



Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Replacement
Information and details about the proposed replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge in Brunswick and New Hanover counties.

Tree Documentation



Alain Norman and Bob Elkins took to the street on Friday, June 19th, to document the conditions of the trees on Castle Street.

The goal would be to replace those trees which have seen better days and no longer viable, prune unwieldy trees, and add trees where necessary.

We think that maintaining a great tree canopy contributes to a beautiful street and cooler sidewalks!

Ask Aaron Reese, the City Arborist, to help us improve our street trees!
aaron.reese@wilmingtonnc.gov



Finances

We are reaching out to the IRS to submit prior years tax returns. Currently the IRS is rejecting our electronic returns because there are questions about our nonprofit status. Once that is resolved, we will work on obtaining our Charitable Solicitation License.

The resolution of these items is crucial if the Collective wants to seek out grants.

Thanks David!





Our meetings are open to Castle Street Businesses and Castle Street residents. We are currently securing meeting spaces, but all meetings are from 6:30-7:30. We are always learning about city ordinances, events, and happenings on Castle Street.

If you would like to host on one of the below dates, please let us know:

admin@castlestreet.org

- August 19th - The Union (current Modern Love spot)
- October 21st - place TBD
- December – Holiday Potluck, date TBD

Have an Event to Share?

We want to let everyone know of the great events happening in our Castle Street Neighborhood. Have something coming up? Let us share in our monthly newsletter. Please provide us the details by filling out this online form. Please allow us 2 weeks prior to the event month.

[Share Event](#)

When you support the Castle Street Collective, you're helping keep our neighborhood vibrant, connected, and cared for.

Every dollar goes directly back into the community through the practical, everyday things that make our work possible.

Community Programs & Events

- Movie Nights & Pop-Up Events — Licensing fees, equipment rentals, and the little touches that make gatherings fun and welcoming.
- Snacks & Refreshments for Meetings — Because conversations flow better when people feel comfortable and cared for.

Neighborhood Care

- Cleanup Tools & Supplies — Gloves, grabbers, trash bags, safety vests, and other materials that keep our streets clean.

Operational Essentials

- Nonprofit Software & Technology — Tools that help us manage memberships, communicate with neighbors, and stay organized.
 - Insurance — Protecting our volunteers, events, and community spaces.
- Printing & Outreach Materials — Flyers, posters, signage, and educational materials that help us reach more residents.

Why It Matters

Your contribution—no matter the size—helps us host events, support local history, maintain public spaces, and build a stronger, more connected Castle Street community. You're not just donating; you're investing in a neighborhood that belongs to all of us.

Please consider updating your membership for 2026!
(membership runs calendar year)

Membership link

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