

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.*

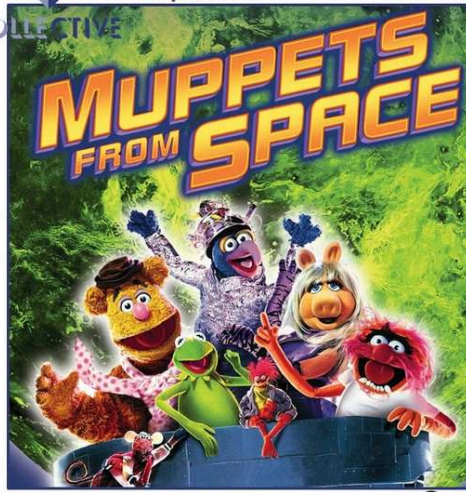


June 2026 Newsletter

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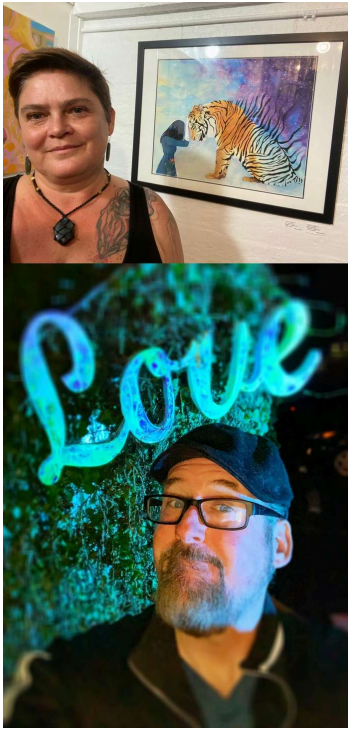
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June Community Meeting
on June 17th at [River's Edge Art Supplies](#),
located at 812 Castle Street.
6:30 - 7:30





Meet **Sara** and **Dave**, the creative duo behind River's Edge Art Supplies, Wilmington's newest—and only—dedicated art supply store. With a shared passion for art and community, they're building more than just a shop—they're crafting a vibrant space where artists, students, and hobbyists can find quality materials, expert advice, and hands-on inspiration.

Sara, a self-taught artist influenced by Modern Surrealism and Impressionism, has showcased her work in galleries across the U.S. and internationally. She recently moved to Wilmington, NC, bringing her artistic vision to the East Coast.

Dave, an accomplished artist in his own right, brings his creative expertise and enthusiasm to the venture. Together, they're committed to fostering a welcoming environment that encourages creativity and learning for all.

Agenda

- Code Enforcement, City of Wilmington
(Abandoned buildings at 618, 708, 805)
- David Spetrino to discuss the new development at 512 Castle. (see info below)
 - Review of SBA National Small Business Week
 - District Day on Saturday, July 11th
- Update on "Enterprise on Castle: Black Business Heritage on Castle Street Project"

2026 Member window stickers available at meeting.

**Hudson
development
coming to
512 Castle
Street**



- *The mixed use building includes (16) one bedroom, residential homes and (2) street level commercial spaces.*
 - *Apartments range in size from 550 SF to 650 SF and rents are anticipated to be in the \$1200 - \$1500 range.*
 - *The two commercial spaces (with option to subdivide into four spaces) are 600 SF each and will lease for approximately \$1400/month.*
 - *Also included are 16 off street parking spaces*
 - *Three level construction, brick exterior.*
 - *Construction is underway now, we should be welcoming our first residents as early as February 2027*
 - *This is a collaborative effort with the land owner, Kent Tomaselli*
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District Day is back!

Please forward the Collective any specials or events you may have during this time so we can advertise it!

We need your specials by
JUNE 14TH!

[Events Form | Castle Street Collective](#)

The Collective will have a new Business Map to distribute with specials noted. There will be one stop on Castle Street, we are pushing DBA for two stops. Locations to be confirmed.



Black Enterprise: Black Business Heritage on Castle Street

This community-led public history project is to bring back the stories of the black families who built a thriving home-based economy on castle street after emancipation — before their legacy was pushed out of view because of the Wilmington coup of 1898.

We're restoring visibility through a heritage trail, interpretive signage and markers, a digital archive, and descendant-centered programming that anchors equitable redevelopment in truth-telling.

We're combining archival and parcel-level research with descendant/community oral histories, then translate the findings into collaboratively designed interpretive signage, a heritage trail, and a digital archive that launches through public programming and walking tours.

With the help of the community and grants, the Collective hopes to bring this endeavor to life!

About



Twice weekly meetings! Schedule listed below.

Please RSVP for each meeting. Follow the website and review calendar invites.

[Community Input Sessions](#)

Please read the Project Summary and Primer prior to attending a community input session.

Meetings:

Monday, June 8 @ 5:00 pm OR Thursday, June 12 @ Noon

What is Castle Street to you?

Tuesday, June 16* @ 5:00 pm OR Thursday, June 18 @ Noon

What do you want this to DO for the community

Monday, June 22** @ 5:00 pm OR Thursday, June 25 @ Noon

Who is this for—and who is it NOT for?

Tuesday, July 14 @ 5:00 pm OR Friday, July 17 @ Noon

How should this feel?

Tuesday, July 21 @ 5:00 pm OR Friday, July 24 @ Noon

What are people worried about??

Monday, July 28 @ 5:00 pm OR Thursday, July 31 @ Noon

How should this help people who live here?

Tuesday, August 3 @ 5:00 pm OR Friday, August 6 @ Noon

Who needs to be visible in this?

Tuesday, August 11 @ 5:00 pm OR Friday, August 14*** @ Noon

How should this show up in the world?

Monday, August 17 @ 5:00 pm OR Thursday, August 20 @ Noon

What words feel right?

•5:00 pm time meetings will be at Glimmers Recreational Therapy (unless noted otherwise)

•Noon time meetings will be at The Roasted Bookery (unless noted otherwise)

•*June 16th @ TBD Location

•**June 22nd @ 5:00 pm at Home Plate Provisions

•***August 14 @ TBD Location

New Street Banners



After almost 9 months of back and forth and a new City Committee, we will be seeing the new Castle Street District Banners!

Thanks DBA!

Cape Fear Memorial Bridge



Below is updated language provided jointly by ROW and HWF and directs its request for action to WMPO (Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization). The online petition is noted following.

Help Preserve the Historic District, Brunswick County Wetlands, and Dawson/Wooster Corridor Businesses and Neighborhoods.

Tell the WMPO:

- NO to Tolls.
- NO to damaging fixed bridge with 135 foot clearance.
- YES to lift bridge built within the existing right of way.

Community Petition

Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Replacement

TO: Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO)

From: Citizens of Southeastern North Carolina

We, the undersigned, urge the WMPO to reject all tolling plans for the replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge and to vote in favor of Design Alternative A: the lift bridge with the 65/135-foot vertical clearance.

Background:

1) NCDOT plans to replace the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge with one of two alternative designs: Alternative A: a 65/135 ft Lift Bridge; and Alternative B: a 135-foot Fixed Bridge. Either of these design alternatives will cost in excess of \$1.2 billion. NCDOT has obtained a \$242 million federal grant, and NC might contribute \$85 million, but approximately \$900 million more is needed. WMPO is considering a toll to fund the remainder. Any kind of toll or local tax will be unfair to the citizens of our region and disproportionately burden working families, retirees, and students of area counties.

2) The 65/135-foot lift option can be built within the existing right of way of the current bridge and therefore minimizes damage to the Historic District, approximately 11 acres of wetlands in Brunswick County, and businesses and minority communities along the Dawson/Wooster corridor. It also maintains existing traffic patterns and evacuation routes. The 135-foot fixed option will result in significant environmental damage,

including to wetlands in Brunswick County; produce ongoing environmental damage with direct introduction of pollution and noise to the city; wall off the south end of the city; and damage the Historic District and minority communities along Dawson, Wooster, Meares, and Wright Streets. Because it will land at S Fifth instead of S Third, the 135-foot fixed alternative will dramatically change traffic patterns downtown, resulting in congestion, backups, and delays. For instance, it will direct ever-increasing bridge traffic currently carried by a 4-lane state highway (S Third) onto narrow two-lane residential city streets (S Front Street and S Fifth Ave) that cannot handle the volume.

We urge the WMPO to stand with the community and make the responsible decision:

- NO to tolls
- YES to Option A: the 65'/135' lift bridge

Southeastern North Carolina deserves infrastructure that is accessible, equitable, and protective of our communities—not one that divides and burdens them.

 [Sign the petition to](#) *tell the WMPO: No tolls, and yes to Alternative A.*

[Download Bridge Petition Flyer](#)

[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.



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 - place TBD
- 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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