

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.*



May 2026 Newsletter

Abandoned Building Update



IT'S GONE!

And that's all there is to say about
that!

How and What to report to Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement is responsible for the city ordinances that provide a safe community and vibrant neighborhoods. Code Enforcement Officers promote a healthy and safe environment for citizens and visitors by handling a variety of requests including:

- *Houses or buildings that do not meet the Minimum Housing Code or Non-Residential Structures Code*
- *Public nuisance for high weeds (over 8") , trash, debris, graffiti, or abandoned structures that are in need of boarding*
- *Trash cans left on the street longer than 24 hours*
- *Junk, abandoned or health / safety hazard vehicles that are parked on private property or abandoned vehicles parked longer than seven days on a city street*



Code Enforcement

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Outdoor Movie Night



June 13th

located at 810 Castle Street
at 8:30.

Come watch Muppets from Space!
And enjoy some free popcorn!

THANK YOU

to Kathy at
**Home Plate
Provisions**
for sponsoring!

Visit her at
910 Castle Street!

Featuring specialty groceries &
gifts with hometown favorites
from across the US



June Community Meeting



June 17th at [River's Edge Art Supplies](#),
located at 812 Castle Street.

6:30 - 7:30

Agenda

- Code Enforcement, City of Wilmington
- Review of SBA National Small Business Week
- David Spetrino to discuss the new development at 512 Castle.
- Update on Black History of Castle Street Project

2026 Member window stickers available at meeting.



And, come out on Saturday, May 16th (Noon-6:00) for the Grand Opening!
Welcome to the neighborhood Sara and Dave!





DOWNTOWN DISTRICT DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 12 | 12 PM – 7 PM

FREE trolley! Ditch the car and travel **all 7 districts**. Presented by the Downtown Business Alliance for a more accessible and connected downtown.

SHOP LOCAL PROMOTIONS | FREE CONTINUOUS RIDES | EXPERIENCE DOWNTOWN

Thank you to our Premium Sponsor:



District Day is back!

If you're a business and want to advertise a special or event during this time, please let us know at admin@castlestreet.org.


There will be two trolley stops this year on Castle Street, exact locations to be confirmed. More information will be coming.

Cape Fear Memorial Bridge

There is a new petition provided jointly by ROW and HWF and directs its request for action to WMPO (Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization). The new petition is entitled "Replacement Cape Fear Memorial Bridge: A Citizen's Petition".

Below information provided from ROW:

The Historic Wilmington Foundation and Residents of Old Wilmington have joined forces to protect our city's future. As citizens of Southeastern North Carolina, we are calling on the WMPO to make a choice that respects our history, our environment, and our wallets.

 *Why we say NO to Tolls:*

The NCDOT is facing a significant funding gap for the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge replacement. We believe any toll or local tax is an unfair burden on working families, students, and retirees in Southeastern NC. Infrastructure should connect us—not charge us for our daily commutes.

 *Why we advocate for Design Alternative A:*

We are urging the WMPO to vote for the 65/135-foot Lift Bridge because it:

- Fits our footprint: Built within the existing right-of-way, minimizing damage to our Historic District.*
- Protects Nature: Saves 11 acres of Brunswick County wetlands.*
- Supports Equity: Prevents further disruption to minority communities along the Dawson/Wooster corridor.*
- Fixes Traffic: Maintains current traffic patterns instead of dumping highway volume onto narrow, two-lane residential streets like S. Front and S. Fifth.*

 *The Risks of the Fixed Bridge (Alternative B):*

A 135-foot fixed bridge would “wall off” the south end of our city, introduce direct pollution and noise, and create a traffic nightmare for downtown residents.

 **TAKE ACTION:** *Southeastern NC deserves equitable, accessible infrastructure that doesn't divide our community.*

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

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.

May Community Meeting Minutes

May's Community Meeting Minutes are available in the link below. Thanks again to Craft Cabana for hosting! [Craft Cabana | Good Vibes & Crafting](#)

Community
Meeting Minutes

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

- June 17th - River's Edge Art Supplies
 - August 19th - place TBD
 - October 21st - place TBD
 - December – Holiday Potluck, date TBD
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NEW! 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 1 month prior to the event.

Share Event

The Collective needs your membership to keep beautifying the street and creating community events. Please consider updating your membership for 2026!
(membership runs calendar year)

Membership link

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