



## NEW HANOVER COUNTY CENTER & ARBORETUM

Second Quarter 2021

### Earth Day Alliance



### ...building connections with nature...

David Sobel said, "If we want children to flourish, to really feel empowered, let us allow them to love the earth before we ask them to save it."

Read this inspiring article by Amy Renfranz, Program Coordinator for New Hanover Soil & Water Conservation District as she relates her love of nature, where it has taken her, and all that is available through the Wilmington Earth Day Alliance and the Cooperative Extension.

For full article

### Plant Clinic Reopens May 3, 2021

The Plant Clinic located in the Hutaff Building on the grounds of the NHC Arboretum and NC Cooperative Extension Center will reopen to the public on May 3 from the hours of 10am to 4pm during weekdays. Masks are still required. Plant questions, soil samples, identification and diagnostics are just some of the services our Extension Master Gardener Volunteers offer at the Plant Clinic.



#### Constant Contact

Please keep in mind that starting April 1<sup>st</sup> soil tests are free of charge until Thanksgiving (from Thanksgiving to April 1<sup>st</sup> there is a \$4 charge per soil sample). Our Extension Master Gardener Volunteers look forward to answer your growing questions.

[Learn more](#)

## Cooperative Extension - From the Director



### Save Water and Money with Proper Irrigation

Check out some tips on ways we can have a pretty lawn and reduce our irrigation usage and water bill.

[For full article...](#)

## Arboretum Gift Shop to Reopen May 3, 2021



### We get to shop again at the Arboretum Gift Shop!!!

The Arboretum Gift Shop will reopen with regular hours of 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday beginning Monday, May 3rd.

**Remember, Friends of the NHC Arboretum receive a 10% discount off all regularly priced items.**

## 4-H Youth Development

### Summer is around the corner and so is 4-H

Bees, Frogs and so much more is being offered by the New Hanover County 4-H.

[Look at what 4-H has to offer](#)



**New Hanover County 4-H  
Presentations and Creative &  
Performing Arts Contests!  
the week of May 19-21**



### NHC 4-H & the Food Bank of NC partner to make a difference

The New Hanover County 4-H made a big difference in helping to provide much needed food and goods to our community in partnership with the the Food Bank of Eastern NC. Collected 1,648 total pounds of food & goods \$670 were collected in donations Every \$1 donated helps the Food Bank provide FIVE meals, so 4-H helped provide 3,350 meals!

[Learn more](#)



The event will be virtual with submissions allowed either by video submission (with no edits) OR broadcast LIVE using Zoom.

[Learn more](#)

## Meet the Folks Who Make Us Great!



[Colleen Higgins](#)  
[CES Advisory Council](#)



[Claire DeLespinois](#)  
[Staff](#)



[Juanita Sneed](#)  
[Volunteer](#)

## Therapeutic Horticulture & the Ability Garden

### Arboretum is now a Park Rx



Congratulations to the Ability Garden for getting the NHC Arboretum listed as an approved Park RX site! Park Rx is a partnership between local parks, healthcare providers, public health agencies, and other community groups.

[For full article](#)

## Other Happenings

**Yoga For All** with Caroline Cooley will be taking place Saturdays, beginning April 10 through June 5, 8:30-9:30 a.m. on the Arboretum lawn.

These sessions are perfect for all levels but especially tailored for those newer to yoga. Sessions will be capped at 15 people to maintain social distance and masks will be required. No cost, but donations encouraged. Each week, half the donations received will be given to a charitable cause.

[Register here](#)

## EVENTS to enjoy |

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### **3rd Saturday Plant Sale**

Outside the Ability Garden Lewis Greenhouse

Open to everyone; no sign-up needed  
Please maintain social distancing and masks are required

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### **Coastal Composting Council**

**Expo** at the Arboretum

[Learn more and register here](#)

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**NHC Storytime** - Wednesdays through May (*weather permitting*) at the Arboretum Woodland Garden 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (2 sessions)  
[Register through the NE Library](#)

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### **Wilmington Farmer's Market at Tidal Creek** Saturdays 8 am - 1 pm

Also....

Donation Station-2nd & 4th Saturdays

Seed Potting Event-April 24 only

[Learn more](#)

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**Arboretum grounds closed at 4 p.m. for private event**

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### **ParkRx Event**

on the Arboretum Grounds

Details to be published soon

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4-H Photo Challenge begins  
[Learn more](#)

JULY  
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**Watch for the next newsletter**

## Learn more about the Cooperative Extension and Arboretum:

[New Hanover County Cooperative Extension](#)

[New Hanover County 4-H](#)

[Ability Garden](#)

[Ask Extension](#)

[Friends of the New Hanover County Arboretum](#)



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Constant Contact

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made at the time of registration for the event to  
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