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Vandemere's Future is So Bright...

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It truly takes a Village by the Sea to turn great ideas into lasting community treasures!

The Duke Foundation & Heritage Connection Trail...

A sincere thank you to Sue Britt and Melvin Mann for serving as co-applicants on the Duke Energy Foundation Grant, which awarded the Town of Vandemere \$7,000 to support the Heritage Connection Trail initiative. The funding was presented by Lauren Wargo from Duke Energy. We are so grateful!

This grant marks the big first steps toward creating interpretive signage, educational features, and visitor amenities that will preserve and celebrate Vandemere's unique heritage.

NCDOT & Multi-Modal Master Planning...

We are excited to be in partnership with NCDOT, the La Bella Engineering Team, and our Community Steering Committee, developing a Multi-Modal Master Plan to improve pedestrian and bicycle access, safety, and connectivity.

Please scan the QR code, or use the web address, to complete a brief survey and help identify our community's highest priorities. As a thank-you, participants will be entered into a drawing for a **\$50 gift card**.

Projects like these are only possible because of dedicated volunteers and community partners who believe in Vandemere's future. Thank you to all who support our commitment to improving the quality of living and helping tell the story of our Village by the Sea!

Share Your Voice!

Your input will help inform future bike & pedestrian projects for the Town of Vandemere

The Town of Vandemere is developing a plan to identify projects that enhance pedestrian and bicycle access, safety, and connectivity. Sharing your input will help us understand your priorities for the Town.

Scan the QR code below to access the survey.
Paper copies will also be available at Town Hall
1042 Pennsylvania Ave, Vandemere, NC 28587



Fill out the survey
and get entered
into a raffle for a
gift card!

<https://bit.ly/vandemeresurvey>



- ⇒ **THIS SATURDAY!**
- ⇒ At the Waterfront Park
- ⇒ Family Fun
- ⇒ Vendors
- ⇒ Food Trucks
- ⇒ DJ & Live Band
- ⇒ **FIREWORKS!**





Be Proactive & Plan Ahead

Hurricane Season is Here...

The NOAA Predicts a Below Normal Season;
Learn More About It...



[NOAA.ORG](https://www.noaa.gov)

• At home

- Gas up your vehicle, generator, chainsaw, lawnmower...
- Minimize wind and flood-borne debris damage by securing outside items, including propane tanks.
- In a flood zone, raise all chemicals and valuables in garages, workshops, and homes off the ground.
- Plan where to park your vehicles out of the flood zone.
- Fill bathtubs with water in case county water and/or sewer is compromised.

• If needing to evacuate- plan for safe shelter... and plan ahead of time

- If possible, try to stay with family, friends, or at a hotel.
For health reasons, a hurricane shelter should be a family's last resort.
- Typically, Pamlico County's hurricane shelter is at Pamlico Community College.
- Check www.pamlicocounty.org regarding the location of the public hurricane shelter.
Follow shelter and staff guidelines.
- Plan how and where to evacuate and care for pets. A hurricane shelter may be available for household pets. A rabies certificate is required for each pet. Have leashes, collars, pet food, medications and water available.
- Plan for the removal of large animals from flood zones. For assistance contact 252-745-3203; animalcontrol@pamlicocounty.org.

• Medical

- Make a plan with a friend, relative or neighbor to check on each other.
- Make a list of medications and emergency contacts and have medical records with you.
- Make sure to have prescriptions and medical supplies to last 3 weeks or more (example-oxygen).
- Wear a medical alert bracelet.
- Check your First Aid kit. In case you must evacuate, keep it within easy reach.



Hurricane Flower usually seen after heavy rain

Vandemere is Zone A

In an emergency, local officials will order evacuations using "zones" to keep your family safe. Vandemere is zone A because it is located in the region of Pamlico County most at risk to impacts from hurricanes, tropical storms, and other hazards. Learn more at:

knowyourzone.nc.gov

"The First 72 is On You!"

If you stay, know there may come a point when emergency assistance will not be available during or after the storm to immediately help you. Whether you stay or evacuate, please prepare accordingly to sustain yourself/ family for AT LEAST 3 DAYS (72 hours) after the storm as services and resources may be limited. Below are recommended items to include in an Emergency Supply Kit. Go to the websites listed on the right side of the page for more emergency preparation info.

FOOD & WATER

- ☐ Water- One gallon per person per day
- ☐ Manual Can Opener- not electric
- ☐ Non-perishable foods
- ☐ Mess kits, Paper cups, plates & disposable utensils, paper towels

HEALTH & HYGIENE

- ☐ Soap, hand sanitizer
- ☐ Prescription medications & glasses
- ☐ Personal hygiene items/ feminine supplies
- ☐ Medical equipment/ supplies
- ☐ Complete change of clothing, including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
- ☐ Regular meds like Tylenol, Tums

SANITATION

- ☐ Baby wipes, toilet paper
- ☐ Garbage bags, plastic ties
- ☐ Bucket
- ☐ Bleach

COMMUNICATION

- ☐ Extra cell phone batteries/ charger
- ☐ Battery operated or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA* weather alerts & extra batteries
- ☐ Pencil & paper
- ☐ Local map

SAFETY

- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ Latex gloves
- ☐ Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Dust mask to help filter unhealthy air
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher
- ☐ Waterproof matches / candles

PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL SAFETY

- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- ☐ Portable games, puzzles, books to read

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food, water & pet supplies

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ Important family documents; i.e. insurance policies, identification & bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- ☐ Keep some cash on hand

*National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

Pamlicocounty.org



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Emergency Kit Tips

- ⇒ Reassess your Emergency Kit yearly
- ⇒ Make sure Family Members know where the Emergency Kit is located

Reasons to Celebrate!

JULY
National Ice Cream Month
America's 250th Birthday; 4
Parents' Day; 26

AUGUST
National Wellness Month
Coast Guard Birthday; 4
Tell a Joke Day; 16

SEPTEMBER
Gospel Music Heritage Month
First Responders Day; 11
Love Note Day; 26

The Ditching & Debris Removal Project Continues...

Thank you for your support, patience, and feedback as we continue clearing our swales and ditches throughout Town. This project supports clearing the debris from the stormwater system so we can help flood waters drain away faster. Phase one, clearing debris from the Town's Right-of-Ways, is almost done. At this time, we are taking a better look at the culverts, knowing we will need to repair them in the near future. Phase two will address the ditches that cross private property. We will be in full communication with the property owners, as this part of the project is scheduled for around September 2026. Thank you again for your support. If you have any concerns, please get in touch with the mayor at Town Hall.

NOTICE

CAMA PERMIT APPLIED FOR

Project: Installation of a living shoreline composed of marsh silt, oyster clutches, and marsh plantings, repair and expansion of riprap shoreline, and regrading the erosion escarpment.

COMMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH 7/24/26

APPLICANT:
Town of Vandemere
c/o Nancy Oberle
1042 Pennsylvania Avenue.
Vandemere, NC 28587

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE
LOCAL PERMIT OFFICER BELOW:
Jessica Thomas- DCM
943 Washington Square Mall
Washington, NC 27889



Duke Energy is the primary company providing power to Vandemere. There are multiple programs available to help you conserve energy and save money. Available programs can be found through the QR code below:

SAVINGS & SOLUTIONS



You can also call 844.346.4366 to see if you are eligible for a free in-home energy assessment.

<https://www.duke-energy.com/home/products>

Community Reflections... Living the Love Life

By Pastor Edwin Roman



We often think of laying down your life for someone else in terms of dying. That's what Jesus did. He loved us so much He laid down His life by dying in our place so that we could live. But now, He's asking us to lay down our lives in a different way. He's asked us to show our love, not by dying for others, but by living for them. Exactly what does that mean?

Sometimes it means giving our lives by spending time in prayer for someone. Other times it means giving of ourselves with love and understanding. Many times it means laying down our own selfish desires in order to meet the needs of another.

Romans 15:1 puts it this way, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." When you lay down your life you live to please God not yourself. If His love leads you to the person next door, you follow. When love calls you to intercede for someone in need, you yield.

Commit yourself today to lay down your own life-----and take up the love life.

An Invitation for Vandemere Residents

Any Vandemere Resident who has children here during the summer is welcome to have them attend Summer Camp, this summer 2026, at Camp Vandemere.

Please contact Pastor Edwin Roman for more information: Call or text 252-838-2026

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