

Your Cameron Connection

December 2025

Sold-Out Trolley Tour: A Trip Through Cameron's Past



Sandhills Trolley Company took 30 passengers on a tour of Cameron's yesteryear on the afternoon of November 16. The sold-out four-hour tour, narrated by Cameron Historian James Comer, included points of interest such as the sites of the Mormon Sunday School and Greenville Elementary School, painted tobacco barns, Red Hill Missionary Baptist Church, the Cameron cemetery, the old Cameron jail and and local historic homes and commercial buildings. There were refreshment stops at Lazy Fox Lavender Farm and James Creek Cider House before the tour concluded back at Town Hall in late afternoon.

In the photo above, James Comer (in yellow shirt) describes a point in the town's history. Listening, left to right: Cindy Sutton, her mother Kay Kelly, and trolley driver Greg Piper. *Photo by Wendy Butner.*



Town Board Adopts Firearms Ordinance

The Town Board has adopted a firearms/discharge ordinance that applies to residents within the city limits. Copies are available at Town Hall or on the Town website.

Water Bill Postage Surcharge Coming

Beginning with January 2026 Utility Billing, there will be a \$2 fee for mailed paper bills. Each year the Town spends more than \$1700 on postage alone. You can save the \$2 by providing your email address to Town Hall, enabling your monthly statement to be emailed instead of mailed through USPS.



A Dock for Jenessa

There is now a fishing dock at the pond in Phillips Memorial Park, built by Chris Simpson. His labor was donated to the Town in memory of Jenessa Kramer.

Cameron Elementary invited the Town to participate in the school's recent Fall Festival (below). It was a great opportunity to meet families and share events within the Town, a fun-filled evening.



Two of the winners from the Town's Hallowe'en Trunk or Treat: Scarlett McDaniel as the Addams Family's Wednesday (above) and Gunner Hendrick (right) as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle.



Applications for Historic Plaque Discount Still Open!

The non-profit Cameron Historic Preservation Inc (CHP) expanded its plaque program (launched with an initial set of 10 last year) this fall. The 8x10-inch cast bronze markers have a raised inscription honoring each of our town's historic structures. (At right is a plaque currently identifying a commercial building.)

In addition to markers for Cameron's five historic churches, this round opens the program to residential structures for the first time. Historic District homeowners who would like a plaque can obtain a simple application form at Town Hall or via email at cameronnc@townofcameron.com.

The first five applicants will be entered into a drawing for one free plaque in this cycle, while the remaining four will receive a 50 percent discount on the \$465 cost of the bronze marker, a reduced price of \$230. Thanks for helping us highlight Cameron's history!



Town Officials Sworn In

The Honorable District Court Judge Beth Tanner recently administered the oaths of office to our newly elected officials: Upper left, Commissioner Kane Parsons; upper right, Mayor Lisa Paschal; lower left, Commissioner Marcia Korver; lower right, Mayor Pro Tempore Joey Frutchet.



Seeking Input on Proposed Event Venue

Thomas Blue (at right) is the engineer hired by the Town to prepare site design plans for the Dewberry Barn event venue proposed for the corner of Rte. 24/27 and Pineywood Church Rd. He came to the Farmer's Market on November 22 to hear residents' concerns and preferences about the use of the site. He distributed information sheets and collected email addresses for future announcements. There will be a community meeting soon to review options and gather more input.



Mark Your Calendar.....

December

December 2, Public Hearing, 6pm, Town Hall

December 6- Cameron Christmas Parade,
10am (see announcement at right)

December 12- Market & Movie, Phillips
Memorial Park (see announcement!)

December 24-26 Town Hall closed, Merry
Christmas!

December 31- Dewberry Drop, 6 pm,
Cameron Elementary School. (see
announcement at right)

January

January 1, Town Hall Closed – Happy New
Year!

January 6, Historic Preservation Commission
meeting, 5:30 pm, Town Hall

January 13, Planning Board meeting, 6:30pm,
Town Hall

January 19, Town Hall Closed, Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day

January 27- Antique Street Fair Meeting, 9am,
Town Hall

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Town Hall

Join the Sunshine List!

To stay connected and informed about
town happenings, provide your email to
Town Hall. You will automatically receive
meeting agendas and other information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to assist in
locking the gate to the park each evening.
If interested, please contact Town Hall
at 910-245-3212 or
cameronnc@townofcameron.com.**

**You can now register to monitor your
water usage through Eye on Water**
with the recent change to new water
meters. This system can check for leaks
and help keep your utility costs down.
See the enclosed notice for registering
instructions. Note: You'll need your
account number from your bill to
register.



Saturday November 29. 5 pm- TREE LIGHTING

Welcome the Christmas season with the
lighting of the big magnolia tree at 325
McNeill St. Live Nativity scene,
refreshments provided by community
churches, music, children's story time
and opportunity to meet our special
guest, Santa. Call Sylvia 910-638-8068
for more info.

Saturday December 6, 10 am— Cameron Christmas Parade!

Line up on McNeill St. entrance off old
US 1
For more information contact Cameron
Baptist Church 910-245-7222

December 12: Market & Movie at the Park!

5pm-7pm Farmer's Market
7pm-9pm Free Hot Chocolate, Cookies,
meet Santa and be sure to bring a chair
and blanket for the showing of the
classic "Rudolph the Red Nosed
Reindeer"

December 31: Dewberry Drop at Cameron Elementary School

Join us at 6 pm for the Dewberry Drop
and plan to stay afterwards for
fellowship, food & fun. Call
910-245-3212 for more info

Yard Debris Pickup Suspended

Yard debris pickup is suspended annually
October 1-April 1 to allow residents to burn.
Elderly and disabled residents please contact
Town Hall to request an exemption.