

Your Cameron Connection

October 2026

The Lighting of Cameron: a Tradition Returns

Some longtime Cameron residents can recall when the Christmas season here began with an evening when the town's Historic District was aglow with luminaries and carolers sang in the gathering dusk. The singers might conclude with cocoa and cookies in a local home. The Lighting was briefly reinstated around 2014 through the efforts of the late Sarah Hilmer, the last time this tradition was honored was in 2019 when the Youth at Cameron Baptist Church organized it. This Christmas season, the town will be aglow once more as Town Manager Wendy Butner and a group of volunteers have undertaken to enlist home- and property owners in the Historic District in creating and placing the luminaries. A letter emailed in July outlined the plan. The simple materials for creating the luminaries (small paper bags, sand, candles) will be available at Town Hall. Each property owner will place the luminaries at stated intervals along the edge of the street, light them at the designated time, and collect them the next day.

When the luminaries are lit, there will be caroling through the Historic District led by Reverend John Bright, Pastor of Hood Chapel AME Zion Church on McNeil Street. Finally, carolers will enjoy hot cocoa and cookies in the fellowship hall of Cameron Community Church.

Watch for information from Town Hall about final dates, instructions and any additional details.



Meet Cameron's New Maintenance Technician



Welcome to Matthew Hardy, who started work on September 21—just in time for the Street Fair! Matthew has a deep knowledge and experience of working with equipment and an eye for detail. Matthew recalls being a young boy and coming to Cameron to shop for antiques with his mother and grandmother. Matthew resides in the Cameron – Carthage area. Please make sure to give Matthew a Cameron welcome when you see him.

Work Continues on Dewberry Barn Event Venue

If nothing appears to be happening at the venue site, it's because trusses for the open-air pavilion-style building are being manufactured and building permits are being secured through the Inspections Dept. Signs of progress should be visible soon.



BOO!

Come and celebrate Halloween with a community Trunk or Treat at Cameron Town Hall on Friday, October 30 from 5pm until 6:30pm. All ages are welcome at this event, which will include a lighted trail walk leading to the Old Jail.

If you would like to set up a trunk or donate candy, please contact Town Hall at 910-245-3212 or cameronnc@townofcameron.com

Mark Your Calendar.....

October

Oct. 2-3 Fall Antique Fair, 9am-5pm, rain or shine
Oct. 5 Historic Preservation Commission meeting,
Town Hall, 5:30 pm
Oct. 9 Town Hall closed
Oct. 13 Planning Board meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 pm
Oct. 27 Town Board meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 pm
Oct. 30 Trunk or Treat 5-6:30 pm

November

Nov. 3, Historic Preservation Commission meeting,
Town Hall, 5:30 pm
Nov 10 Planning Board meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 pm
Nov. 11 Town Hall closed, Veterans Day
Nov. 17 Town Board meeting, Town Hall, 6:30 pm
Nov. 26-27 Town Hall closed, Thanksgiving
Nov. 28 Annual Tree Lighting 5 pm, corner beside
post office

December

Dec. 5, Christmas Parade, 10 am
Dec. 6, Lighting of Cameron, meet at Town Hall 5
pm



NO YARD DEBRIS PICKUP OCTOBER 1 - APRIL 1



GFL is requesting trash cans be placed three feet away from any structure—tree, mailbox, etc—to allow the arm on the truck to reach the can without interference

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.

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.

Water Bill Postage Surcharge

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 \$2 by providing your email address to Town Hall, enabling your monthly statement to be emailed instead of mailed through USPS.

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