

# KBCB NEWSLETTER

## New in Leland

I was very excited to learn that Goodwill Industries recently opened a new store in Leland, NC. This is the first Goodwill Store in Brunswick County. As most of you know Goodwill is a resale store that helps extend the life of items such as clothing and household goods but what many do not realize is that Goodwill is more than just another resale store. Below is an article released by Rebecca B. Lytle, Ph.D. with Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina.

### **GIENC® Is Happy to be in Brunswick County**

Thursday, May 12, 2011, was an important day for Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina (GIENC®) as we opened our 31st GCF Donation Center & Store® in Brunswick County, the first for that county. The store is located in Leland in the Waterford Village Shopping Center. "We are glad to have come over the bridge from Wilmington where we have two locations," said Dennis McLain, GIENC® president. We want to be easily accessible to all who want to donate to us and to shop in our stores."

Like all GCF Donation Centers & Stores, the Leland location is open for shopping and to receive donations Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Sunday, noon - 6 p.m. We will accept clean gently used clothing, household items, small appliances such as microwaves and toaster ovens, and furniture. We ask that all donated items be in good enough condition that they can go directly to the sales floor. We cannot accept large appliances, (washers, dryers, full sized refrigerators, stoves) broken or worn furniture, or computers and televisions.

Donors may bring their donations to the donation door at the Leland GCF Donation Center & Store® during the hours of operation. Tax receipts are available at the time the donation is made. Please do not leave donations outside the store when it is closed.

When you donate to and shop in your local GCF Donation Center & Store®, you support your local community by providing jobs that pay a living wage plus full health benefits. You also support our computer, life skills, math and adult literacy training site, [GCFLearnFree.org](http://GCFLearnFree.org). The site is free to anyone who has access to a computer and the internet. [GCFLearnFree.org](http://GCFLearnFree.org) is also available on smart phones and several of the tutorials from the site are now available as Apps for the iPad and iPod Touch.

"We look forward to great success here in Leland and Brunswick County and we thank everyone for making us feel so welcome," continued McLain. "We hope to establish a great relationship with this community."

Because the GCF Donation Centers & Stores recycle gently used clothing and household items through resale, they are considered environmentally green. They also recycle donated clothing that cannot be sold due to stains, tears or missing buttons. A bonus for this location is the sprinkler system for the grounds that uses recycled canal water.

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GCF Donation Center & Store® located in Leland in the Waterford Village Shopping Center (in front of Harris Teeter)



## Metal for Money . . . OKI Recycling Center

A fairly new business is under operation in the town of Oak Island. The name is OKI Recycling Center and they are located off of Longbeach Road at 3898 Old Bridge Road in Oak Island (turn off of Longbeach Road as if you were going into South Harbor). OKI Recycling Center is a metal recycling operation. They will purchase scrap metal such as aluminum cans, copper, insulated wire, radiators and even batteries from individuals. Simply bring your collected metal to their location, they will weigh it and then you get to walk away with cash. How great is that!!!

With the price of metal at such a high mark I receive several phone calls every week from residents asking where to go to sell cans and scrap metal. Up until recently we have not had many choices locally so I was thrilled to hear about OKI Recycling Center. I went to pay them a visit this week and found two very busy men. Owner, Kenny Pierce from Denton, NC and Jimmy Cranford from Lexington, NC were hard at work collecting metal in all shapes and sizes from residents and paying a fair price for the loads. Local resident Johnny Wilson brought in about 300 pounds of aluminum cans! Mr. Wilson said that it did take him about a month or so to collect that many but it was worth the effort. I won't tell just how much he made but he seemed happy with the additional income.



OKI Recycling Center opened for business in March of this Year. Owner Kenny Pierce said that he came up with the idea after building a house on Oak Island and found out that there wasn't any local place to sell off the scrap wire.

Once the metal is collected it is then hauled to either Wilmington or Ashboro depending on the different types of metal.

OKI Recycling Center is open to the public on Monday from noon - 5 pm, Tuesday from 8 am - 5 pm and Wednesday from 8 am - noon. Mr. Pierce said that the hours of operation will be adjusted to meet the demands of the public. OKI Recycling Center may be reached by calling 910-477-0370.



Owner Kenny Pierce, right & Jimmy Cranford, left



*Remember you CAN recycle . . . (and make a little money doing it.)*



Located at the Brunswick County Landfill in Bolivia (right off of 17) is this great little building called a Swap Shop/Paint Exchange. This is a place where the public may place used items that they no longer want but are still in usable conditions. Residents of Brunswick County may place items in this building free of charge and you may also remove items left by others at no charge. This is a great way to extend the life of household items that otherwise would end up in a landfill. Below is a neat example of a couple of items that were left in the Swap Shop. Both items needed some work but after a little TLC they looked great . . . One mans trash is another's treasure!



*Before:*  
*Faded white rattan chair left at the Brunswick County Swap Shop*



*Foot Stool left at the Brunswick County Swap Shop*

*After:*



*All it needed was a some paint (taken from the Swap Shop), scrap fabric and some imagination!*

I would like to encourage all residents to rethink items that you may be getting ready to discard. It may not suit your needs any more but with a little work it may be just what someone else is looking for.



Whether you bring it to the Brunswick County Landfill and place it in the Swap Shop, take it to Goodwill or donate it to one of the local charity resale stores you are extending the life of a product and saving valuable landfill space.

Plans are underway to expand the Swap Shop program. Currently the program is only at the landfill. This summer we will be expanding the program to all four of the County convenience sites. The buildings at the convenience sites will be a much small scale. We will not accept paint at the convenience sites. The buildings will be used for the collection and exchange of books, magazines and small household items. We will also have a rain barrel display and compost bin display located at the building. These displays will explain how and why these programs should be implemented at your home.

I will be looking for garden sponsors for each site. A garden sponsor will be responsible for the small flowerbed area around the building. The rain barrel and compost bin will be a functioning demonstration and may be used to maintain the garden area. We will acknowledge each sponsor by placing a plaque on the building with the sponsors information. If you or a group you know is interested in sponsoring a site please contact the Brunswick County Solid Waste Department at 910-253-2524.



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