

# CITY OF WILMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION

**Winter 2025 | Spring 2026**

Discover. Play. Connect.



Winter Registration begins on December 15, 2025  
Spring Registration begins on March 9, 2025

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*Discover activities for all ages! From sports and fitness to arts, music, and special events, this guide has everything you need to stay active, engaged, and connected in Wilmington.*



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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Sign up today and join the fun! Register easily for programs, classes, and events to stay active, creative, and connected in Wilmington.

## How To Register

- If you've ever registered with us before or have a facility pass, you already have an account! Simply log in to get started. If you've forgotten your password, click '**Forgot Password**' to get started.
- Walk-in registration for recreation programs is available at **City Hall** (929 N. Front Street), **Davis Center at Maides Park** (1101 Manly Ave.), **MLK Community Center**, or **Halyburton Park** (4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.). See our website for the most up-to-date hours and visiting guidelines.
- Online registration is the BEST, most accessible location to register. Registration takes place on our website: <https://ncwilmingtonweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/>. You may also scan the QR code on this page.

## How To Pay

- We take cash, check, money order, Visa, or MasterCard (*American Express is NOT accepted*). Checks and money orders should be made out to the City of Wilmington. The full amount is due when you register - unless otherwise noted. Payments may also be made over the phone or online. ***For in-person payments, please visit one of the walk-in sites noted above.***



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## How To Cancel

- Not all programs are refundable when you cancel. However, please send us an email as soon as possible at [info@wilmingtonrecreation.com](mailto:info@wilmingtonrecreation.com) so we can open your spot up to someone else. To speak with someone in our main office, please call 910-341-7855.

## How do I receive a refund?

- You're only eligible for a refund if you send your request in writing at least **7 days** before the activity starts. Facility Supervisor & Recreation Manager hold discretion. If a refund is not issued, a credit will be applied to your account.

## Need help paying?

- You may qualify for discounted programs through our **Financial Assistance** program. This program is open for all who apply; however, families must meet certain criteria. The amount of your discount will be based on your income and household size. You may learn more and download the application at [www.wilmingtonnc.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/parks-recreation).





## Welcome to the Wilmington Parks & Recreation Program Guide!

At Wilmington Parks & Recreation, we are committed to creating opportunities that inspire active, healthy, and engaged lifestyles for residents of all ages. Guided by the City's core values of Accountability, Creativity, Inclusion, and Collaboration, we strive to deliver exceptional programs and maintain safe, welcoming parks, recreation centers, and athletic facilities.

From outdoor adventures like birding hikes, tennis, and golf to community events, classes, and after-school programs, there is something for everyone. Our city's parks, greenways, and river provide beautiful spaces to explore, while facilities such as the MLK Center, Derick G.S. Davis Center, the Fit for Fun Center, Halyburton Park Nature & Events Center (and more!) host a wide range of activities year-round for youth, adults, and older adults alike.

We are proud to serve this vibrant community and invite you to take full advantage of the programs and resources available. Your feedback is important to us — please share your ideas, questions, or suggestions anytime via [info@wilmingtonrecreation.com](mailto:info@wilmingtonrecreation.com).

We are excited to share all the ways Wilmington Parks & Recreation can help you explore, discover, and thrive!

Amy Beatty  
Director, Wilmington Parks & Recreation



# NATURE PROGRAMS

## Little Explorers

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Bring your children to the park for hands-on nature fun! Enjoy hikes, experiments, and activities exploring a new theme each month. Offered on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Ages 2 - 5 | \$3.00 per person | Registration required

Jan. 9 | Jan. 23 | Feb. 13 | Feb. 27 | Mar. 13 | Mar. 27 | Apr. 10  
Apr. 24 | May 8 | May 22

## Kids Night Out

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Enjoy a night off with your friends and family while your kids enjoy a pizza dinner, nature activities, and a themed nature hike. Select Fridays from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Ages 5 - 12 | \$5 per person | Registration required

Jan. 16 | Feb. 20 | Mar. 20 | Apr. 17 | May 15

## Animal Ambassador Feeding

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Come meet some of the ambassador animals and learn how they live both in the wild and at the center while they enjoy a reptile-ready meal! Each program will feature a snake and a box turtle.

Ages 3+ | \$2.00 per person | Registration required

Jan. 7 | Feb. 4 | Mar. 4 | Apr. 1 | May 6 from 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Free Bird Hikes

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Join park staff for a leisurely bird-watching stroll around the park on the first Friday of the month. These walks are for beginner birders, and all are welcome.

Ages 6+ | Free | Registration required | 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 9 | Feb. 6 | Mar. 6 | Apr. 10 | May 1





# NATURE PROGRAMS

## Walk & Learn Series

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Discover the park in a new way each month with Walk and Learn — monthly hikes highlighting the park's nature, culture, and wellness.

Ages 16+ | Free | Registration required | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Jan. 17 | Feb. 21 | Mar. 21 | Apr. 18 | May 16

## Birding Trips

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Explore local birding hotspots discovering the diversity of resident and migratory bird species. Participants must provide their own transportation unless otherwise specified.

Ages 18+ | \$15 or \$30 per person | Registration required

Jan. 15 | Feb. 19 | Mar. 19 | Apr. 16 | May 21 - Times vary

## Birding By Ear Workshop

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Explore Wilmington's birds: classroom lessons on song identification followed by a hands-on field hike to test your skills.

Ages 18+ | \$30 per person | Registration required

May 12 (3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.); May 13 (6:00 a.m. - 11:00 am)

## Big Day of Birding in Wilmington

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Join a Big Day winter birding adventure in Wilmington. Explore diverse habitats, spot and identify birds. Transportation provided.

Ages 18+ | \$30 per person | Registration required

January 23 from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



# NATURE PROGRAMS

## **Yoga at Halyburton - Mondays at 9 a.m.**

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Beginner yoga (10-week course) focusing on foundational poses, alignment, and breathwork in a calm, supportive setting.

Ages 16+ | \$75 per person | Registration required

**Session 1:** Jan. 5 - Mar. 23, 2026 (No class on Jan. 19 or Feb. 23)

**Session 2:** Mar. 30 - Jun. 8, 2026 (No class on May 25)

## **Yoga at Halyburton - Wednesdays at 9 a.m.**

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Beginner yoga (10-week course) focusing on foundational poses, alignment, and breathwork in a calm, supportive setting.

Ages 16+ | \$75 per person | Registration required

**Session 1:** Jan. 7 - Mar. 25, 2026 (No class on Feb. 25 or Mar. 4)

**Session 2:** Apr. 1 - Jun. 10, 2026 (No class offered on May 27)

## **Yoga at Halyburton - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.**

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Beginner yoga (10-week course) focusing on foundational poses, alignment, and breathwork in a calm, supportive setting.

Ages 16+ | \$75 per person | Registration required

**Session 1:** Jan. 7 - Mar. 25, 2026 (No class on Feb. 25 or Mar. 4)

**Session 2:** Apr. 1 - Jun. 10, 2026 (No class offered on May 27)





# NATURE PROGRAMS

## Spring EggVenture at Halyburton Park

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

Join us at Halyburton Park for Easter fun, egg hunts, activities, and more!

Ages 2 - 9 | \$5 per person | Registration required

Age Groups: 2 - 3 (9:00 a.m.); 4 - 5 (10:00 a.m.); 6 - 9 (11:00 a.m.)

Thursday, April 2, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Halyburton Park** is a 60-acre nature preserve featuring rolling sandhills, rare habitats, and a 1.3-mile paved walking & biking trail through undeveloped coastal terrain.



Halyburton Park | 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, NC | 910-341-0075



# PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

*\*Preschool Programs with an asterisk require a different registration link.*

## STEM & Stories\*

Fit For Fun Center - 302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Join Mr. Zachary for 15 minutes of creative play, including sensory activities, storytelling, movement, and fine motor fun. Registration not required. Walk-ins welcome.

Ages 6 mo. - 5 years | Free with general admission | 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 13 | Jan. 27 | Feb. 17 | Feb. 24 | Mar. 17 | Mar. 24

Apr. 14 | Apr. 28

## Preschool Park Pop-Ups

Rotating Locations - listed below

Explore your local parks! Enjoy FREE activities for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with the Fit For Fun Center and partners. Registration not required. Walk-ups Welcome.

Ages 6 mo. - 5 years | Free | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

April 22 - Olsen Park (5510 Olsen Park Ln.)

May 20 - Kennedy Park (2108 Plaza Dr.)

June 17 - Greenfield Park (1739 Burnett Blvd.)

## Sensory-Friendly Hour\*

Fit For Fun Center - 302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Join us for Sensory-Friendly Hour featuring calm play, reduced noise, visual supports, and extended playtime (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) at no extra cost for those who register.

Ages 6 mo. - 5 years | Free with general admission

Jan. 10 | Mar. 14 | May 9 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

## Little Leaps: Creative Movement & Music

Fit For Fun Center - 302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Join Ms. Carrie in the art room for a joyful and engaging 30-minute caregiver and child movement class specially designed for little movers, walking to 3 years old. Walk-ins welcome.

Ages 6 mo. - 5 years | Free with general admission

Jan. 5 | Feb. 6 | Mar. 2 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.





# PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

## Hearts & Hugs Valentine's Day Party\*

Fit For Fun Center (302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street)

Join Fit for Fun Staff for a fun, heart-filled day of Valentine's-themed activities, crafts, and sweet treats!

Ages 6 mo. - 5 years | \$6 per child | Registration required

February 13, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm

## Bunny Trails: A Preschool Egg Hunt

Fit For Fun Center (302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street)

Pre-register for Fit For Fun's Spring Egg Hunt! Follow the bunny trails, meet the special bunny, and enjoy bags and prizes for each child. Limited spots — attend only during your group's time.

Ages 6 mo. - 5 years | \$6 per child | Registration required

March 20, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm

## Kickoff to Kinder: School Expo Event

302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St. (Fit for Fun Center) Please call 910.341-4630

This Kickoff to Kinder: School Expo is a free open-house for families of rising kindergarteners to explore school options, learn registration steps, and connect with local schools — all in one place.

Available to those entering Kindergarten | Free | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.





# ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

## Youth T-Ball League

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Robert Strange Park)

Introductory baseball program teaching hitting, throwing, catching, and teamwork in a fun, supportive environment for young beginners. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Ages 4 - 6 | \$35 per child | Registration required

Season: April 1 - June 3, 2026 | M T W T H | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

## Youth Coach Pitch League

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Robert Strange Park)

Transition league where players hit coach-pitched balls while improving fielding, confidence, and teamwork.

Ages 7 - 9 | \$35 per child | Registration required

Season: April 14 - June 11, 2026 | M T W T H | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

## 18U Basketball League

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (MLK Community Center)

Competitive teen league focusing on advanced skills, teamwork, and high-energy weekly games.

Ages 18 and under | \$15 per person | Registration required

Season: June 17 - July 22, 2026 | Wednesday | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

## Homeschool Sports Program

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Sports for homeschooled youth, building skills, fitness, teamwork, and fun in a supportive, inclusive environment.

Ages 7 - 15 | \$35 per child | 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 10 | Feb. 17 | Feb. 24 | Mar. 3 | Mar. 10 | Mar. 17 | Mar. 24  
Mar. 31





# ATHLETIC RENTALS

## Overview

The athletics program at the City of Wilmington provides opportunities for participation in team and individual sports including leagues, classes, special events and tournaments for youth and adults.

## Field Rental

To reserve a field, please complete and return the Field Rental Application located on our website:

***<https://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/Parks-Recreation/Recreation-Programs/Athletics>***

## Gymnasium Rental

To reserve a gymnasium, please complete and return the Gymnasium Rental Application located on our website:

***<https://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/Parks-Recreation/Recreation-Programs/Athletics>***





# TENNIS PROGRAMS

## Hot Shot Jr. Tennis Clinics

3405 Park Ave. (Empie Park, Althea Gibson Tennis Complex)

Hot Shot Tennis Clinics introduce tennis fundamentals through engaging drills and fun, game-based activities.

Ages 5 - 7 | \$72 per child | Registration required | Tues./Thurs.

Session 1: March 10 - March 26, 2026 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Session 2: April 7 - April 23, 2026 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Session 3: May 5 - May 21, 2026 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Super Aces Tennis Clinics

3405 Park Ave. (Empie Park, Althea Gibson Tennis Complex)

Super Aces Tennis Clinics focus on tennis fundamentals, proper technique, consistency, and point play, ideal for beginner to intermediate players.

Ages 11 - 13 | \$72 per child | Registration required | Tues./Thurs.

Session 1: March 10 - March 26, 2026 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Session 2: April 7 - April 23, 2026 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Session 3: May 5 - May 21, 2026 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## Adult Beginner Tennis Clinics

3405 Park Ave. (Empie Park, Althea Gibson Tennis Complex)

Adult Beginner Tennis Clinics introduce all tennis strokes through fun, skill-building drills, perfect for those new to the game.

Ages 18+ | \$72 per person | Registration required | Tuesdays

Session 1: March 10 - March 31, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Session 2: April 7 - April 28, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Session 3: May 5 - May 26, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

## 3.0 - 3.5 Doubles Strategy Tennis Clinics

3405 Park Ave. (Empie Park, Althea Gibson Tennis Complex)

These doubles clinics focus on positioning, strategy, and point play to improve overall doubles performance.

Ages 18+ | \$72 per person | Registration required | Thursdays

Session 1: March 12 - April 2, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Session 2: April 9 - April 30, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Session 3: May 7 - May 28, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.





# CULTURAL PROGRAMS

## Creating Art in Community

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Join us in this open studio art class in a safe, welcoming, and warm space. We promise you will come for the art and stay for the laughs! Acrylic painting supplies provided.

All ages | Free | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 6 | Jan. 13 | Jan. 20 | Jan. 27 | Feb. 3 | Feb. 10 | Feb. 17 Feb.  
24 | Mar. 3 | Mar. 10 | Mar. 17 | Mar. 24 | Mar. 31 | Apr. 7  
Apr. 14 | Apr. 21 | Apr. 28

## Cultural Footprints

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (MLK Community Center)

Walking tours around town focusing on different historical or cultural subjects are offered periodically. Learn about our beautiful city and enjoy the outdoors with us!

Ages 5+ | Free | Registration required | Times vary

March 24, 2026 - Black Urban History | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

April 17, 2026 - Bellamy Mansion Tour | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Family Art Nights

Rotating Locations

Explore the joy of creating with your loved ones and with Parks and Recreation! Once a month, explore different art styles and themes. Materials provided!

Ages 5+ | Free | Registration required | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## City Murals

Cultural Programs staff regularly partner with local artists to create public murals. Community painting dates bring community members together to help create beautiful public works of art!



# CULTURAL PROGRAMS

## **Nature Mosaics with Arial Fitzner**

4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> st. (Halyburton Park)

In the relaxing and beautiful Halyburton Park, we will create mosaics inspired by nature. Introductory level; anyone can do it! All supplies provided.

Ages 18+ | Free | Registration required | 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Feb. 5 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 19 | Feb. 26

## **Song Writing with CB Johnson**

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

For anyone looking to write original songs! Expect discussion, musical and lyrical exercises, and opportunities to demo new songs. Led by songwriter and guitarist CB Johnson

Ages 18+ | Free | Registration required | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Feb. 26 | Mar. 5 | Mar. 12 | Mar. 19 | Mar. 26

## **Sound Baths with Arial Fitzner**

4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St. (Halyburton Park)

An immersive, meditative experience using soothing sound vibrations to promote deep relaxation, stress relief, and mindful awareness.

Ages 18+ | Free | Registration required | 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Mar. 5 | Mar. 12 | Mar. 19 | Mar. 26

## **Caricatures with Zerick Jones**

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

A fun, hands-on class exploring caricature techniques to exaggerate features, capture personality, and create expressive, playful portraits.

Ages 18+ | Free | Registration required | 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Apr. 15 | Apr. 22 | Apr. 29 | May 6





# CULTURAL PROGRAMS

## Teen Open Studio Art Class

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Join us for this FREE open studio art class. We provide the supplies, you bring the inspiration! Every other Thursday.

Free | Registration required | 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 5 | Feb. 19 | Mar. 5 | Mar. 19 | Apr. 2 | Apr. 16

Apr. 30 | May 14

## Cultural Programs Contact

Andrea Talley

[Andrea.Talley@wilmingtonnc.gov](mailto:Andrea.Talley@wilmingtonnc.gov)

Physical mail: 929 N. Front Street, P.O Box 1810

City of Wilmington Parks & Recreation | ATTN: Andrea Talley





# SPECIAL EVENTS

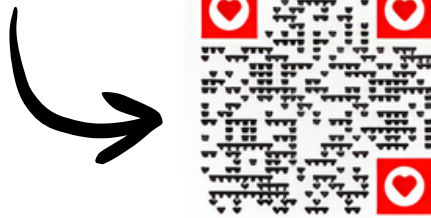
## Hearts & Hugs Valentine's Day Party

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Ages 6 mo. - 5 years | \$6 per child | Registration required

February 13, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm



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March 20, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm

## Spring EggVenture at Halyburton Park

Halyburton Park - 4099 S. 17 St.

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Ages 2 - 9 | \$15 per person | Registration required

Thursday, April 2, 2026 | 9:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

## MLK Fun Day at the MLK Center

MLK Community Center - 401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Celebrate a visionary leader's legacy of civil rights, justice, and equality on January 17, 2026, at the MLK Center!

All ages | Free | RSVP encouraged

Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.





# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Kickoff to Kindergarten Event

302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St. (Fit for Fun Center) Please call 910.341-4630

Kickoff to Kindergarten at Fit For Fun Center, Feb. 7, 2026, 10 – 1:00 p.m., helping families prepare for school milestones.

Available to those entering kindergarten | Free | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## Egg Hunt for Adults with Disabilities

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center)

Egg Hunt for adults with disabilities: outdoor fun, socializing, and seasonal celebration. Registration required. April 1, 2026.

All ages welcome | Free | Please call 910.341-7866 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Registration opens Mar. 2, 2026.

## Healthy Kids Day

3405 Park Ave. (Empie Park)

YMCA and Wilmington Parks host the 13th Healthy Kids Day with a Fun Run, promoting active, healthy lifestyles.

Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

All ages welcome | Free | Please call 910.341-4631





# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Crafting at Maides

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Join the Davis Center at Maides Park for a FREE Arts & Crafts class every 1st and 3rd Monday.

Ages 18+ | Free | Registration Required | Times vary

Jan. 5 | Feb. 2 | Feb. 16 | Mar. 2 | Mar. 16 | Apr. 6 | Apr. 20  
May 4 | May 18

## Crafty Mondays at the MLK Center

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center)

Join the MLK Community Center for a FREE Arts & Crafts class every 2nd and 4th Monday.

Ages 18+ | Free | Refreshments provided | Times vary

Dec. 22 | Jan. 12 | Jan. 26 | Feb. 9 | Feb. 23 | Mar. 9 | Mar. 23  
Apr. 13 | Apr. 27 | May 11 | May 25

## Bingo Bliss at Maides Park

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Celebrate the seasons with themed Bingo at Maides Park! Fun, prizes, and socializing for ages 50+.

Ages 50+ | Free | Registration required

Jan. 23 - Frosty Fun Bingo (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)  
Apr. 24 - Bingo in Bloom (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

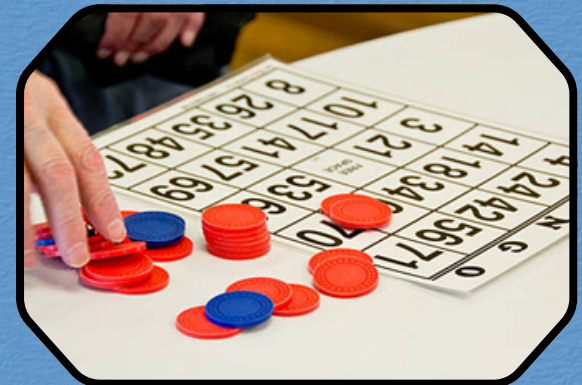
## Adult (18+) & Active Adult (55+) Open Gym

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (MLK Community Center) &  
1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Open Gym for Active Adults (55+). Gym available for shooting and practicing various basketball skills. Basketballs are provided.

Ages 18 & 55+ | Free | Schedules available

Monday - Saturdays | Closed Sundays & Holidays





# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Circle of Friends

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center)

Join the MLK Center's Circle of Friends — a free active adult program offering socially engaging activities and connections.

Ages 55+ | Free | On-site registration required | 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays (Year-Round) from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Crochet with Love

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center)

Crochet with Love is a welcoming program where participants create handmade pieces and share creativity in a social setting.

Ages 55+ | Free | Light refreshments provided | 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays (Year-Round) from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Art From the Heart

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (MLK Community Center)

Enjoy a hands-on craft activity at the MLK Community Center!

Registration available in-person. Offered on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages 18+ | \$2 per person | Please call 910.341-7866

Jan. 20 | Jan. 27 | Feb. 3 | Feb. 10 | Feb. 17 | Feb. 24 | Mar. 3  
Mar. 10 | Mar. 17 | Mar. 24 | Mar. 31 | Apr. 7 | Apr. 14 | Apr. 21  
Apr. 28 | May 5 | May 12 | May 19 | May 26

## W.I.S.E. Fridays at Maides

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

W.I.S.E. Fridays: Connect, learn, and grow with guest speakers on health, wellness, and community topics.

Ages 18+ | Free | Refreshments provided | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Jan. 2 | Jan. 16 | Feb. 6 | Feb. 20 | Mar. 6 | Mar. 20 | Apr. 17  
May 1 | May 15



# CULINARY PROGRAMS

## Heart Healthy Nutrition Series

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center)

Join local dietitians from NOVANT Health for a free four-week cooking series featuring heart-healthy recipes, demonstrations, nutrition education, and engaging discussions.

Ages 55+ | Free | To register: [morgan.adkisson@novanthealth.org](mailto:morgan.adkisson@novanthealth.org)

Feb. 3 | Feb. 10 | Feb. 17 | Feb. 24 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## Bite Club: Bite Club: A Cooking Series

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center)

Interactive cooking demonstrations featuring seasonal recipes, nutrition education, and hands-on learning for seniors, youth, and families in a fun, welcoming setting.

All ages | Free | Registration details coming soon!

Session 1: Feb 5 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 19 | Feb. 26

Session 2: Mar. 5 | Mar. 12 | Mar. 19 | Mar. 26

Session 3: Apr. 2 | Apr. 9 | Apr. 16 | Apr. 23

Session 4: May 7 | May 14 | May 21 | May 28

## MLK Fun Day - Cooking Demo

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center)

Join local dietitians from NOVANT Health for a free cooking demonstration (with samples) during the MLK Center's MLK Fun Day on January 17, 2026.

All ages | Free | January 17, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



**Inquire about the MLK Community  
Center's Commercial Kitchen!**





# FITNESS PROGRAMS

## Fit Camp

Sherriedale Morgan Fitness Center (302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.)

This boot camp style class mixes traditional callisthenic and body weight exercises with interval training and strength training.

All ages welcome | Free | Please call 910.341-7872

Offered on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

## Sunrise Yoga

Sherriedale Morgan Fitness Center (302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.)

An hour-long yoga class to gently wake the body, reset the mind, and prepare for the day ahead.

All ages welcome | Free | Please call 910.341-7872

Offered on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

## Fit In 6

Sherriedale Morgan Fitness Center (302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.)

Six-week rotating programs featuring formats like circuit training, cardio kickboxing, weight training, and mobility to keep workouts challenging, fun, and engaging.

All ages welcome | Free | Please call 910.341-7872

Offered on Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

## Group Fit

Sherriedale Morgan Fitness Center (302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.)

A high-intensity interval class combining bodyweight, cardio, and strength exercises to challenge participants and keep workouts varied and effective.

All ages welcome | Free | Please call 910.341-7872

Offered on Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.



# FITNESS PROGRAMS

## Step-By-Step Body Jam

Sherriedale Morgan Fitness Center (302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.)

An upbeat, aerobic line dance and hip-hop fusion class with John Hollywood that challenges coordination and footwork.

All ages welcome | Free | Please call 910.341-7872

Offered on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. & Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Adult Fit Program

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

This class provides light exercise, incorporating yoga, light weights, and body weight exercises, for those 55 and above.

Ages 55+ | Free | No Registration required

Wednesdays (Year-Round) from 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

## Geri-Fit Program

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Seated dumbbell class for adults 60+. Rebuild strength safely. Offered by New Hanover Senior Resource Center on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Ages 60+ | Free | To register, please call 910.798.6400.

Jan. 7 | Jan. 14 | Jan. 21 | Jan. 28 | Feb. 4 | Feb. 11 | Feb. 18  
Feb. 25 | Mar. 4 | Mar. 11 | Mar. 18 | Mar. 25 | Apr. 1 | Apr. 8 |  
Apr. 15 | Apr. 22 | Apr. 29

## Zumba

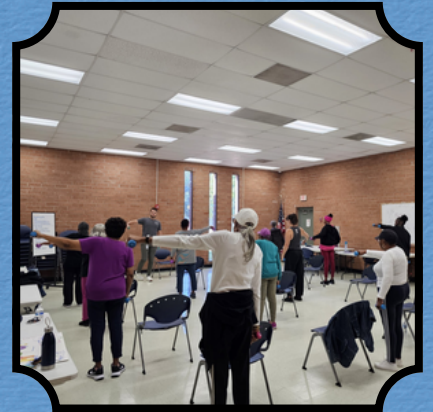
1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Get ready to move, groove, and have fun. Join us at Maides Park for a high-energy Zumba program designed to get you moving!

All ages welcome | Free | To register, please call 910.341.7867

Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Jan. 3 | Jan. 10 | Jan. 17 | Jan. 24 | Feb. 7 | Feb. 14 | Feb. 21 |  
Mar. 7 | Mar. 14 | Mar. 21 | Apr. 11 | Apr. 18 | Apr. 25





# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Kids Night Out at Maides Park

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Join the Davis Center in fun games, activities, and social time for children in a safe, engaging environment. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Ages 6 - 12 | \$5 per child | Registration required

Jan. 30 | Mar. 13 | May 8

## Teen Movie Nights

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center)

Teen movie nights featuring fun films, snacks, and social time in a safe, engaging environment. Offered every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday.

Ages 13 - 17 | Free | Refreshments provided | 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 8 | Feb. 12 | Mar. 12 | May 14

## Youth Movie Nights

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center)

Youth movie nights featuring fun films, snacks, and social time in a safe, engaging environment. Offered every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday.

Ages 5 - 11 | Free | Refreshments provided | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 6 | Mar 6 | May 1

## Youth Open Gym

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center) &  
1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Open Gym for Youth (17 and under). Gym available for shooting and practicing various basketball skills. Basketballs are provided.

Ages 17 and under | Free | Schedules available

Monday - Saturdays | Closed Sundays & Holidays

*Dates and Times vary depending on the season. Please view the monthly gym schedule on our webpage.*



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Afterschool Program at Maides Park

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Full-term program with homework help, arts, sports, healthy snacks, and more. Transportation from College Park and Rachel Freeman Schools provided. M - F (2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

Grade K - 5 | \$30 per month | Please call 910.341-7867  
Registration for 2026/2027 Academic Term begins: TBD

## Afterschool Program at the MLK Center

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> S. (MLK Community Center)

Full-term program with homework help, arts, sports, healthy snacks, and more. Transportation from Forest Hills Elementary School and Int'l School at Gregory provided. M - F (2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

Grade K - 5 | \$30 per month | Please call 910.341-7867  
Registration for 2026/2027 Academic Term begins: TBD

## Girls Mentorship Program

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> S. (MLK Community Center)

A structured program filled with laughter, guidance, and tutoring. Don't miss the chance to join and network every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Grade K - 5 | \$30 per month | Please call 910.341-7867  
Jan. 5 | Jan. 19 | Feb. 2 | Feb. 16 | Mar. 2 | Mar. 16 | Mar. 30  
Apr. 6

## Boys Mentorship Program

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> S. (MLK Community Center)

A structured program that strives to empower young men to reach their fullest potential. Offered 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Grade K - 5 | \$30 per month | Please call 910.341-7867  
Jan. 12 | Jan. 26 | Feb. 9 | Feb. 23 | Mar. 9 | Mar. 23 | Apr. 13  
Apr. 27





# SEASONAL PROGRAMS

## Summer Camp at Maides Park

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Six-week half-day summer camp at Davis Center, June–August (excluding Juneteenth & July 4 week). In-person registration only.

Ages 6 - 12 | \$20 per week | Please call 910.341-7867

Registration begins: April 1, 2026 (In-person only.)

Camp Duration: June 15 - August 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## Summer Camp at the MLK Center

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> S. (MLK Community Center)

Seven-week half-day summer camp at MLK Center, June–August (excluding Juneteenth & July 4 week). In-person registration only.

Ages 7 - 11; 12 - 14 | \$30 per week | Please call 910.341-7866

Registration begins: April 1, 2026 (In-person only.)

Camp Duration: June 15 - August 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Spring Break Camp at Maides Park

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Spring Break Camp at the Davis Center: games, activities, and creative fun. On-site registration begins Mar. 16, 2026.

Ages 6 - 12 | \$30 per child | Please call 910.341-7867

Monday, April 6 - Thursday, April 9, 2026 | 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

## Spring Break Camp at the MLK Center

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> S. (MLK Community Center)

Spring Break Camp at the MLK Center: games, activities, and creative fun. On-site registration begins Feb. 1, 2026.

Ages 5 - 12 | \$30 per child | Please call 910.341-7866

Monday, April 6 - Thursday, April 9, 2026 | 9:00 - 5:30 p.m.





# SEASONAL PROGRAMS

## Mother's Day Rose Giveaway at Maides

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Celebrate Mother's Day at Maides Park with a rose giveaway and light refreshments on May 8, 2026, 10:30 -12:00 p.m.

All ages welcome | Free| Please call 910.341-7867

## Dads & Donuts: A Father's Day Program

1101 Manly Ave. (Davis Center at Maides Park)

Celebrate Father's Day at Maides Park on June 12, 2026, with donuts, family time, and a free, fun morning honoring dads.

All ages welcome | Free| Please call 910.341-7867

## Egg Hunt for Adults with Disabilities

401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (MLK Community Center)

Egg Hunt for adults with disabilities: outdoor fun, socializing, and seasonal celebration. Registration required; opens Mar. 2, 2026.

All ages welcome | Free| Please call 910.341-7866

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.





# RECREATION CENTERS

## **Derick G.S. Davis Center at Maides Park**

Yosha Martinez, Recreation Supervisor  
910-341-7867 | 910-341-0053 (Español)

## **MLK Center at Robert Strange Park**

Mary Jones, Recreation Supervisor  
910-341-7866 | 910-341-0056

## **Halyburton Nature & Events Center**

Andy Fairbanks, Recreation Supervisor  
910-341-0075

## **Fit for Fun Center**

Victoria Carrai, Recreation Supervisor  
910-341-4630

## **Sherriedale Morgan Fitness Center**

Steven Schmitter, Recreation Supervisor  
910-341-7872

## **Althea Gibson Tennis Complex**

Tari Ann Toro-Steinmetz, Recreation Supervisor  
910-341-4659

## **Community Arts Center**

*at the Hannah Block Historic USO Building*

Managed by the Thalian Association  
910-251-1788



# PLAYGROUNDS

Many parks within our system have an on-site playground. Explore options below!

1. **Archie Blue Park** - 1306 Stanley St.
2. **Beaumont Park** - 101 Wayne Drive
3. **Bicentennial Park** - 206 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St.
4. **Cameron Park** - 245 Southern Blvd.
5. **Church & Nun St. Park** - 1922 Nun St.
6. **Empie Park** - 3405 Park Ave.
7. **Greenfield Park** - 1739 Burnett Blvd.
8. **Halyburton Park** - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.
9. **Hanover Heights Park** - 801 Adelaide Dr.
10. **James E.L. Wade Park** - 3500 Bethel Rd.
11. **Kennedy Park** - 2108 Plaza Dr.
12. **Maides Park** - 1101 Manly Ave.
13. **Portia Mills Hines Park** - 400 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St.
14. **Robert Strange Park** - 302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.
15. **Wallace Park** - 2710 Market St.



Inclusive playground at Maides Park

Need to report a maintenance issue? Click [here](#).





# PICNIC SHELTERS

Many parks within our system have shelters and/or picnic tables. Explore options below!

1. **Ann McCrary Park** - 4000 Randall Pkwy
  2. **Archie Blue Park** - 1306 Stanley St.
  3. **Beaumont Park** - 101 Wayne Drive
  4. **Cameron Park** - 245 Southern Blvd.
  5. **Church & Nun St. Park** - 1922 Nun St.
  6. **Empie Park** - 3405 Park Ave.
  7. **Greenfield Park** - 1739 Burnett Blvd.
  8. **Halyburton Park** - 4099 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St.
  9. **Hanover Heights Park** - 801 Adelaide Dr.
  10. **James E.L. Wade Park** - 3500 Bethel Rd.
  11. **Kennedy Park** - 2108 Plaza Dr.
  12. **Maides Park** - 1101 Manly Ave.
  13. **Portia Mills Hines Park** - 400 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St.
  14. **Robert Strange Park** - 302 S. 10th St.
  15. **Wallace Park** - 2710 Market St.
- Need to report a maintenance issue? Click [here](#).



Northside Park Shelter

Register for programs  
or reserve a shelter!



# GREENFIELD LAKE RENTALS

## Greenfield Lake Paddleboats, Kayaks, & Canoes

All boathouse rentals are managed by Cape Fear Riverwatch. Hours and rates are listed below. Last boat rental is 4:00 PM (one-hour).

1. **Regular Season Hours:** March 1 - November 1; Wednesday through Monday from 11 AM to 5 PM.
2. **Off-Season Hours:** November 1 - November 30; Thursday through Sunday from 11 AM - 5 PM. Closed Thanksgiving Day & Friday immediately following Thanksgiving.
3. **Closed for the Season:** December - February

**Please note:** Boat rentals do not occur during storming events. Boathouse is closed if daytime temperature is below 50 degrees; or if winds exceed 20 MPH. Rentals are first-come, first-serve.

Reservations are not accepted. \*Must be 18 or older to rent a paddle boat.

## Boathouse Rates

1. **4 Person Paddleboat:** \$17.00 per hour
2. **2 Person Paddleboat:** \$12.00 per hour
3. **Single Kayaks:** \$12.00 per hour
4. **Tandem Kayaks:** \$17.00 per hour
5. **Canoes:** \$12.00 per hour

**Contact Cape Fear Riverwatch today!**

Phone: 910-762-5606  
Email: [capefearriverwatch.org](mailto:capefearriverwatch.org)



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# PICKLEBALL | TENNIS

## Tennis Facilities & Court Locations

**Althea Gibson Tennis Complex (3405 Park Ave.):** This premier facility features 24 lighted hard courts and a 1,500 sq. ft. clubhouse with a lounge, meeting room, and snack counter.

**Robert Strange Park (401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St.):** Additional public tennis courts available (2) with pickleball lines

**Maides Park (1101 Manly Ave.):** Additional tennis courts available (2) with pickleball lines

**Legion Stadium (2149 Carolina Beach Rd.):** Four public courts; four with pickleball lines; with lights

## Pickleball Court Locations

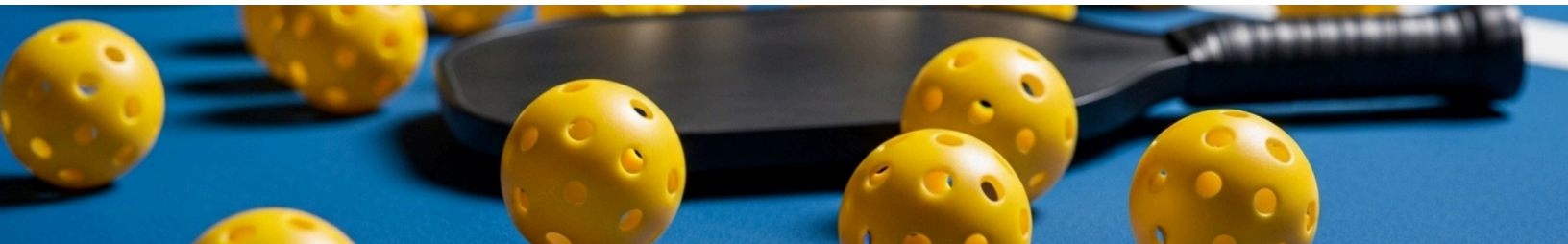
**Greenfield Lake Park (1739 Burnett Blvd.):** Six dedicated outdoor pickleball courts available; No lights

**Robert Strange Park (401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St.):** Six public courts; three with pickleball lines; with lights

**Davis Center at Maides Park (1101 Manly Ave.):** Two public courts; one with pickleball lines; no lights

**Legion Stadium (2149 Carolina Beach Road):** Four public courts; four with pickleball lines; with lights

**Olsen Park (5510 Olsen Park Lane):** Four dedicated outdoor courts; No lights (**opening Spring 2026**)





# GOLF

## Golf Course Facilities & Locations

### Inland Greens Golf Course

A friendly, quick-play option located at 5945 Inland Greens Dr, this 9-hole par-3 course totals 952 yards and is ideal for golfers of all levels. Pull-cart rentals are available, and tee times (no reservation required) can be booked up to a week in advance by calling (910) 765-7459. Walk-ins accepted.

### Wilmington Municipal Golf Course

Designed by legendary Donald Ross in 1926, this championship 18-hole, par-71 course (6,784 yards from back tees) offers a quality, affordable golf experience year-round. Tee times open one week in advance and can be reserved online or in person. Managed by a passionate pro shop and supported by the “Friends of Muni,” it’s a true local favorite. Located at 311 Donald Ross Dr.





# OPEN GYM FOR ALL

Did you know the MLK Community Center and Davis Center at Maides Park offer free, drop-in open gym for all ages—no registration needed? Enjoy basketball, indoor pickleball, fitness activities, and more. Children 7–10 must be accompanied by an adult or youth 14+.

**Cost:** Free

**Age Guidelines:** 7–10 with adult or youth 14+

**Activities:** Basketball, pickleball, fitness, more

**Schedule:** Click [here](#).



# SHERRIEDALE MORGAN FITNESS CENTER

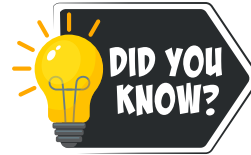
## Sherriedale Morgan Fitness Center (302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.)

The Sherriedale Morgan Fitness Center (SMFC) offers adults of all fitness levels a clean, supportive environment with professional-grade strength, cardio, and boxing equipment, locker rooms, and personal training to support overall health and fitness goals. All classes are included with membership. Stop by to grab a FREE day pass!

### Membership Pricing

City Residents: \$65 per year or \$40 for 6 months

Non-City Residents: \$100 per year or \$60 for 6 months



The Sherriedale Morgan Fitness Center empowers active, healthy lifestyles. View [6-week programs](#).

**For programming information, go to the page 19.**





# POOLS | SPLASHPADS

## Community Pools (Memorial Day–Labor Day)

- **Legion Stadium Pool (2131 Carolina Beach Rd):** Outdoor pool managed by the YMCA of Southeastern NC. Family swim times daily in summer. Call us at 910-899-7348.
- **William Murphy Pool (410 S 10th St):** Another YMCA-operated pool with family swim and a kiddie slide. Call us at 910-899-7332.
- **Earl Jackson Pool (Northside Pool, 750 Bess St):** Year-round heated pool under dome (winter) and outdoor in summer, run by NSEA Swim. Daily swim hours, lap lanes available. Call us at 910-251-8196, ext. 224.

### Public Swimming Hours

Monday through Sunday  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Splash Pads & Fountains (Free, daily summer hours)

- **Northside Splash Pad (with Earl Jackson Pool, 750 Bess St):** Open from 8 AM - 8 PM.
- **Riverfront Park Water Feature (10 Cowan St, Downtown):** Urban splash area next to play space and gardens.



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## **Voyage of Wilmington**

*at the Hemenway Center*

507 McRae Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

Genna Wirth, Executive Director

910-341-4633

<https://www.voyagewilmington.org/>

## **DREAMS of Wilmington**

901 Fanning ST Wilmington NC 28401

Maggie Jeffrey, Director of Program Operations

(910) 772-1501

<https://givetodreams.org/>

## **First Tee of Greater Wilmington**

310 Donald Ross Dr, Wilmington, NC 28409

Brittany Zachrich, PGA, Executive Director

(910) 200-8240

<https://firstteegreaterwilmington.org/>

## **Community in Schools (CIS) Program**

1209, Unit A, Market Street

Wilmington, NC 28401

Louise Hicks, Executive Director

(910) 343-1901

<https://www.ciscapefear.org/>





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