



ELIZABETH CITY AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

400 South Water Street, Suite 101 • PO Box 573 • Elizabeth City, NC 27907  
Toll-Free: 866-ECITY-4U (866-324-8948) • Phone: 252-335-5330  
[www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com](http://www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:  
Elizabeth Evans  
Cahoon & Cross  
Phone: (757) 705-7153  
[eevans@cahoonandcross.com](mailto:eevans@cahoonandcross.com)

### **Nothing Sweeter Than Summer in Elizabeth City, N.C. *Waterfront breezes and cool summer happenings hit the spot for travelers!***

(Elizabeth City, N.C., June 14, 2011) – A stroll along Mariners’ Wharf to see the boats arrive, lunches that linger over glasses of sweet tea and a homegrown line-up of weekly events all set the stage for a summer stop in Elizabeth City, N.C. Whether you are en route to North Carolina’s Outer Banks or in search of a relaxing weekend away, the “Harbor of Hospitality®”, just halfway between Norfolk and Nag’s Head, has oodles of reasons to stop—and stay!

1. **Catch an outdoor flick.** With the Pasquotank River as backdrop, enjoy classic American films on a large outdoor screen. **The Mariners’ Wharf Film Festival** presents movies Tuesday nights at 8:30 p.m. on **June 7, 14, 21, 28** and **July 5, 12, 19, 26**. Bring a blanket or low beach chair and enjoy the show. This summer’s line-up includes *Shall We Dance*, *High Noon*, *Notorious* and more! [www.marinerswharffilmfestival.com](http://www.marinerswharffilmfestival.com)
2. **Walk the walk.** Time your visit during the first Friday of the month, and celebrate with the **First Friday Art Walk** series. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. with a featured artist’s exhibition at The Center, then stroll to neighboring galleries, studios, retail shops and restaurants for a progressive good time. Upcoming dates are **July 1, Aug. 5** and **Sept. 2**. Visit [www.artsaoa.com](http://www.artsaoa.com) for details. If you can’t come for the Art Walk,

check [www.ecncart.com](http://www.ecncart.com) for a self-guided map of all the artsy spots in Elizabeth City!

3. **Bring the kids.** If you're going to the First Friday Art Walk (see above) and have kids, here's a little tip. Parents may register children, ages 4 and up, for a special "Kids Night In" program at Port Discover Hands-on Science Center. For just a \$5 fee, youngsters can participate in kid-friendly science activities, while parents enjoy strolling and exploring the art of downtown Elizabeth City. Space is limited, and reservations are encouraged. Visit [www.portdiscover.org](http://www.portdiscover.org) for details as well as info on their 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Science Programs and other kid-friendly events.
4. **Swirl and sip.** What's more relaxing than watching the sun set with friends over a glass of good wine? Weeksville Vineyards & Cellars, just outside of Elizabeth City, hosts monthly "**Wine Down in the Country**" tasting events, showcasing wines from around the world. Tasting tickets are \$10 per person and include light hors d'oeuvres. Summer tastings are set for **July 1, Aug. 5 and Sept. 2**. Info at [WeeksvilleVineyards.com](http://WeeksvilleVineyards.com).
5. **Go Local.** Saturday is market day in Elizabeth City, so head to the **Downtown Waterfront Market** where you'll find a bounty of fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses and eggs, originating from local farms! You'll also find organic foods, herbs, plants, pet foods and handcrafted ware, plus arts and crafts. Check the weekly vendor schedule at [www.downtownwaterfrontmarket.com](http://www.downtownwaterfrontmarket.com). Open Saturdays through October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the green at Mariners' Wharf.
6. **Catch the music scene.** Elizabeth City has a wealth of excellent local bands—along with two great music series for showcasing their talent! **Harbor Nights**, hosted by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, plays **July 1, Aug. 5 and Sept. 2** from 6-9 p.m. at Mariners' Wharf. And

the **Music on the Green at Mariners' Wharf** series is set for **July 26, Aug. 2, and Sept. 6** from 6-8 p.m. (same location). Bring a lawn chair or blanket, sit back and savor the scene! Check the event calendar at [www.discoverelizabethcity.com](http://www.discoverelizabethcity.com)

7. **Make it a Fabulous Fourth.** Elizabeth City's downtown waterfront sparkles with live music, children's activities, concessions and a great big fireworks display at its **Fourth of July Celebration**, from 6-9 p.m. Admission is free. Presented by Elizabeth City Parks and Recreation.
  
8. **Fire it up!** The Museum of the Albemarle hosts *Formed, Fired and Finished*, an exhibition of North Carolina art pottery, through April 2012. The exhibition features a collection of more than 90 pottery pieces on loan from Dr. Everett James and Dr. Nancy Farmer, of Chapel Hill. Showcasing unusual works by talented potters, it will be the first and largest showing of North Carolina pottery in Eastern North Carolina. The exhibition will be up for a year, and admission is free. Visit [www.museumofthealbemarle.com](http://www.museumofthealbemarle.com)

### **Elizabeth City**

Elizabeth City is located in Northeastern North Carolina on the Intracoastal Waterway, halfway between Virginia Beach and the Outer Banks. Known as the "Harbor of Hospitality®," the city has six National Register Historic Districts and is home to the Museum of the Albemarle, The Center at Arts of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City State University Planetarium, Port Discover Hands-on Science Center and the nation's largest U.S. Coast Guard base. Nature-based travelers are drawn to the area's proximity to Dismal Swamp and the abundance of outdoor recreational offerings. For additional information, call Elizabeth City Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-866-ECity-4U (1-866-324-8948) or (252)

335-5330 or visit [www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com](http://www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com). For up-to-date info on area happenings and events, visit [www.ElizabethCityHASit.com](http://www.ElizabethCityHASit.com)

# # #



*For up-to-the-minute info on Elizabeth City happenings and events visit [www.ElizabethCityHASit.com](http://www.ElizabethCityHASit.com)*