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For questions, please call Ryan at (910) 278-4747. Tickets can be purchased until Friday, March 11th, 2022.

Cost is \$20/Couple Town Residents, \$25 Couple/Non Residents, \$5 per extra ticket

Registration: www.OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS



Boiling Spring Lakes Operation Clean Sweep

Saturday, March 26th, 2022 | 9am - 1pm

Gloves, bags, vests and trash grabbers will be provided and can be picked up at the BSL Community Center at 8:30am. Light snacks will be provided by BSL P&R.

The use of face coverings is voluntary.

Pre-register for this community service event by contacting Jerry Wolf at 910-520-7230 or jerrywolfsr@yahoo.com or Myriam Conley at 910-363-0018 or mconley@cityofbsl.org.



New Educational Displays on Kings Lynn Dr. on Oak Island

In October, the Oak Island Beach Preservation Society, Inc. hosted a public lecture, "Getting to Know Your Local Estuary". That presentation is recorded at <https://beachoki.org/public-lectures-workshops>, but now you can also see some educational displays at one of Oak Island's own estuaries on Kings Lynn Dr.

Our two newest displays were set up this week by Public Works staff. Other

improvements will occur at their locations later this spring. Thanks to the Lions Club and BB&T [Truist] bank for sponsoring these displays!



Sign up for these Friends of Parks sponsored events.

April 23 | 9am-4:30pm
Oak Island Saltwater Fishing School | Oak Island Community Resource Center
 102 SE 47th St (Across from OI Police Station) | \$65/Advance | \$75/Door if Space is Available

Pay by Mail to: Capt. Jerry Dilsaver | 113 NW 8th St, Oak Island, NC 28465

or in Person at: Oak Island Recreation Center, 3003 E. Oak Island Dr. Oak Island.

May 13 | 5-7pm
Pickleball Skills Competition
 Oak Island Pickleball Courts behind City Hall & PD

The evening before the Parks Foundation's PickleBall Tournament,

you'll have an opportunity to win trophy prizes by testing skills like serving accuracy against a clock. Minimal fee – all of which goes to help our community's parks.

May 14-15 | All Day
Pickleball Competition
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The Battle at The Beach PickleBall Series continues! After drawing 100 players last fall, we're back for more action with improved tournament management. With players of all levels from up and down the coast, come test your abilities in a tournament that (we're told) is among the best people have played.

The Oak Island Parks system provides valuable, high-impact services which improve the lives of the people who live and visit here. Like many agencies, it operates under tight fiscal constraints. That's where the Friends of Parks Foundation comes in. To learn more about the organization and/or to become part of the equation to enrich our residents lives, please visit the website at okifriendsofparks.org.



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Annual Business Award Winners Announced

In the Fall of 2021, The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce accepted nominations for its annual business awards: Small Business of the Year, Small Business Customer Service of the Year and Non-Profit Organization of the Year. Once nominated, the qualifying business or non-profit was required to submit a nomination packet, which was then presented to April Scott, Director of Brunswick Community College Small Business Center for her review and recommendations.

Ervin Etheridge, 2021/2022 Chamber President and Jeffrey Stites, Senior Vice President had the honor of making the presentations to the following businesses:



Small Business of the Year

2021 Small Business of the Year is **Oak Island Accommodations**. "OIA has shown growth and economic impact year after year. They have remained focused on their concept...the customers, regardless of the situations out of their control. As they said so very well, they took lemons and made not only lemonade but lemon pound cake, lemon ice cream and lemon candy. This was all possible with dedicated, well-trained staff" said April Scott, BCC Small Business Center.



Customer Service of the Year

2021 Small Business Customer Service of the Year is **Cape Fear Fitness**. "They go over and beyond for their customers, who they define as the community and their staff who they call family. Cape Fear Fitness

has grown into a larger space and as a thank you to their customers and community they raise money for local groups and offer prizes within the community. They have a great understanding that by having happy, well-trained staff they help the business have happy returning customers." explained April Scott, BCC SBC about their selection.



Non-Profit of the Year

2021 Non-Profit of the Year is Brunswick Community College Foundation. Jeffrey Stites, Vice President Business Development and Ashley Park, Chair of the Awards Committee made this selection based upon a criterion which included "excelling the needs of those they serve and economic impact of the organization. BCC has a long tradition of providing quality educational opportunities for its students which allow their students to contribute to the growth and development of Brunswick County. Scholarships available through The BCC Foundation enable the College to meet a number of diverse needs to bridge the financial gap that makes college an affordable option for their students. Scholarship recipient, Matthew, who writes, "...Nobody in my family went to college, nor did they believe that a degree would help anybody evolve all that much in their lives....I have found stability and direction in my life again because of this institution, and I wouldn't even be here right now if it weren't for the support of people like you."

Beginning in July 2022, you may nominate a business or non-profit by visiting the Chamber's website at chambersmallbusinessawards.com.

For more information about the Chamber's Annual Awards please contact the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce at 910.457-6964, email at Info@southport-oakisland.com or visit the website at www.chambersmallbusinessawards.com

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The Cary Cart Company Team

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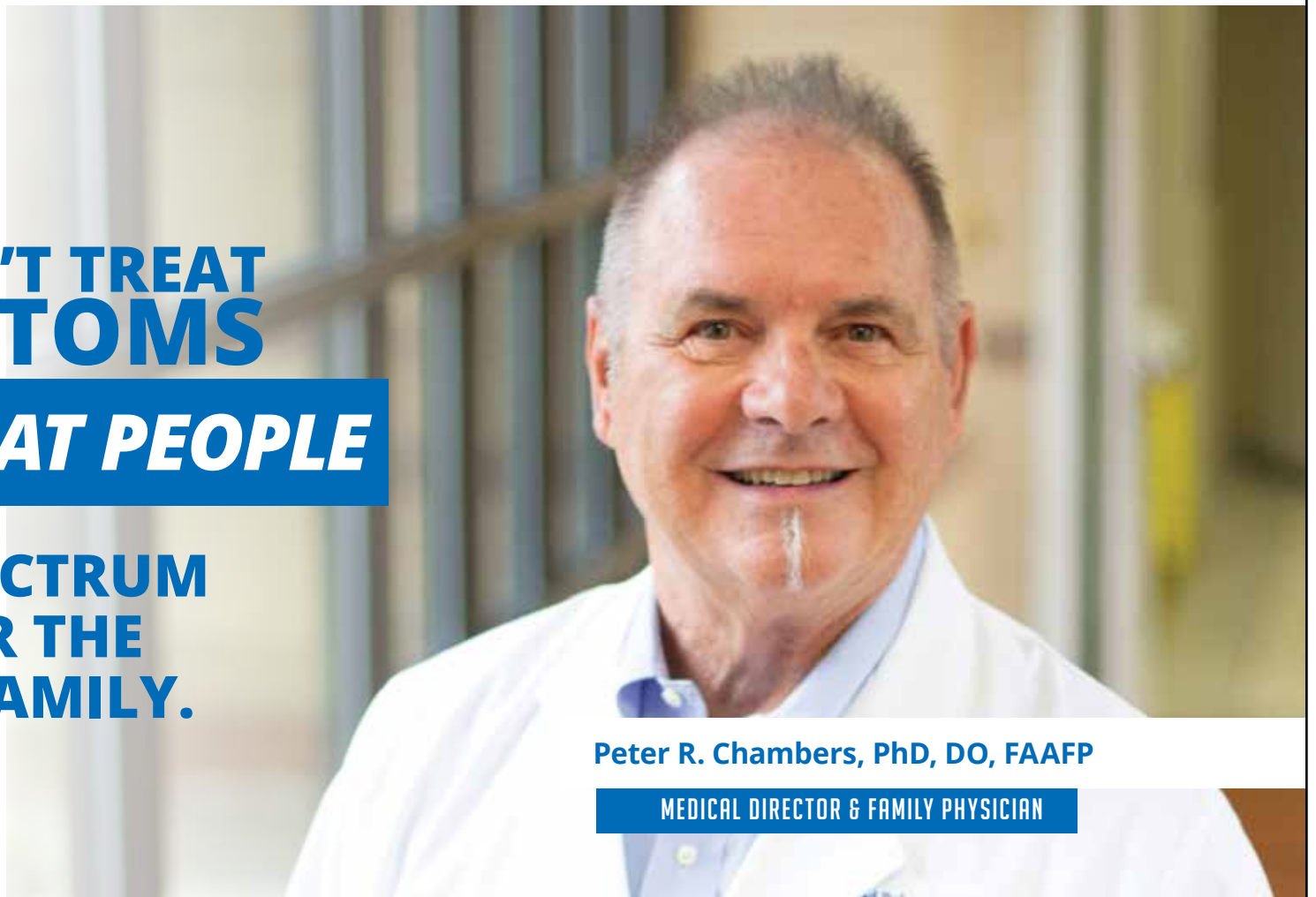
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Saturday, April 9

The Oak Island Lighthouse Run & Walk began 20 years ago when Clarence Willie, a Chamber Board member, avid runner and retired U.S. Marine suggested the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce organize a 10k run/walk. The Chamber Board appointed Clarence Willie the Chair and with great enthusiasm the first run was held on April 10, 1999.

We strive to make this event safe, fun, and enjoyable for all fitness levels. We hope you agree, the Oak Island Lighthouse 1/2 marathon, 10 K and 5 K courses showcase the best scenery on the North Carolina Coast.

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For more information: visit <http://www.oakislandlighthouse-run.com>, email run@oakislandlighthouse-run.com or call 800.457.6964 or 910.457.5787

Hippity Hop - It's Bunny Time!!

Bring the kids out for these fun-filled Easter events!

Saturday, April 2nd

Annual Easter Event

9am | Mulberry Park
123 Mulberry St. | Shallotte

Easter Egg Hunt, Snack for kids and then Pictures with the Easter Bunny! For more information contact mbellamy@townofshallotte.org

April 5, 6 & 7

Drive By Bunny

4-6pm | Various Locations in Oak Island | Free

Experience the thrill of searching for the Easter Bunny; no matter your age! Sign up your house, street, or friends to have the Easter Bunny and Friends party their way through your neighborhood. The Easter Bunny and friends will slowly drive down your road as they wave and spread seasonal cheer throughout Oak Island to family and friends.

****Safety Protocols-Please do not approach the moving vehicles, and remain out of the road as the Easter Bunny and Friends drive down your street. The Easter Bunny will NOT**



have any physical contact with participants. Anyone who is feeling ill, or is experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms are asked to remain inside their home until they are well. For more info: <https://oakisland.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

Saturday, April 16

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00am
1937 Andrew Jackson Hwy | Leland

This holiday event features egg hunts for children ages 0 to 10 years of age. Hunts will be divided into 6 age groups (0 - 12 months, 13 - 23 months, 2 - 3 years, 4 - 5 years, 6 - 7 years, and 8 - 10 years) with prizes and more! Bring a basket and prepare for a visit from Mr. E.B. himself, who will arrive after the hunts have finished.

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The Mission of the Brunswick Arts Council is to support, sustain, enhance and cultivate the arts in Brunswick County making cultural events, arts education and appreciation of the arts available to the diverse range of county residents. See for more info <https://brunswick-artsCouncil.org/programs/>

2022 Spring Art Show Winners Announced

The Franklin Square Gallery in Southport announces the award winners for its 2022 Spring Art Show which opened February 14 and will run until March 12. There were 76 entries from all over Brunswick County, New Hanover County, and Myrtle Beach.

Awards: **Mark Banneman** for "Gaffing a Blue Bluefish," **Stephen Sullivan** for "Colorful Buoys," and **Anthony Fotia** for "Great Blue Heron Pair".

In the 3-D category, potter **Linda Drye** won first Place Award for "Jose Cuervo"; second Place went to **Joellen Dodge** for "The Aquarium", and Third Place to **Gina Poppe** for "Shimmering Sea".

The Shelley Leshner Memorial Award went to **Kimberly Smittle Caroon** for "Beautiful Bowl," and the Dinah Snead Memorial Award was given to **Penny Omerod** for "The Raven".

Artists vied for \$1500 in prizes and awards. These will be presented in person at the gallery's First Friday events on March 4 from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to meet many of the artists and view their new and original artwork, enjoy refreshments, and listen to live music.

An Honorable Mention Award was presented to **Mary Beth Johnson** for "Untitled" and a Merit Award was given to **Pamela Ingram** for "Turtle Run".

In the 2-D Awards, First Place went to **Rachel Sunnell** for her painting "Christmas Cove"; second went to Tim Walus for "Untitled"; and third to Janice Castiglione for "Nature's Lace I".

All work featured in the Spring Show is for sale, and the public is invited to attend the Opening Reception/Award Presentation/First Friday Gallery Walk on March 4 from 5-7.

Memorial Awards for 2-D artwork went to the following painters: The Dinah Snead Memorial Award to **Karen Masterson** for "Llama Chic", and the Flash Ludwig Memorial Award to **Donna Ferrandino** for "Winter Sunrise II".

The Spring Show can be viewed until March 12. Franklin Square Gallery is open from 10 a.m to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and is located at 130 E. West Street in Southport. For more information visit the gallery's website at www.franklinsquaregallery.com.

Honorable Mention Awards were given to **Nancy Schulte** for "Mr. John", to **Johnny Robertson** for "Ready for Laundry," and to **Robert Harris** for "Lockwood Folly River - Near Green Swamp Preserve".

Three painters also earned Merit

Talking Trash

Did you know that the contaminant rate in Recycle Bins on Oak Island often reaches 20% or greater? Contamination adds cost and sorting time. Heavily contaminated loads may need to be taken to landfills instead of the MRF (Material Reclamation Facility). Below are important tips to create an efficient and less costly recycling practice on Oak Island and in Brunswick County.

1) Metal and aluminum cans – Empty and Rinse

Fact: Using recycled scraps to remake cans uses 95% less energy than making cans from raw materials. Aluminum can be recycled indefinitely.

2) Paper, cartons, and cardboard – Flatten cardboard. We need to conserve space in our bins! Unfortunately, pizza boxes stained with grease or food articles need to go into the garbage dumpsters.

Fact: Cardboard is used to make new paper products in mills right here in North Carolina. That recycled paper is used to produce toilet paper, paper towels, and packaging materials.

Fact: Covid medical needs, increased at home time with more paper usage as well as the long timeline for new tree growth have resulted in a paper shortage. Grocery shelves locally have been impacted by this paper shortage.

Fact: Shredded paper cannot go into blue recycling bins. The loose paper blows out of trucks and off conveyor belts. Shredded paper will need to be bagged and placed in mainstream trash dumpster. Or look for a local Shred Event.

3) Glass bottles and jars – Empty and rinse, replace lids

Fact: Products from recycled glass produce 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution compared to making a new bottle from raw materials. A modern glass bottle can take 4000 years or more to decompose in a landfill.

4) Recyclable Plastics – Empty and rinse, replace caps. Only bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars. See Recycle Right! illustration below.

No plastic vegetable bags, baggies, drink cups, bubble or pillow shipping materials, plastic takeout containers, plastic coated wraps. Even if these items indicate they are recyclable, they are not currently recyclable in Brunswick County.

Fact: Plastic bagged items and plastic grocery bags are the most frequently found contaminant in recycling. Plastic bags are called “tangles” in recycling language. They get tangled up in the gears of the machinery at the MRF (Material Reclamation Facility) and can stop the line for hours while they are cleared.

Fact: Plastic grocery bags are collected in bins outside your grocery store, please return them there, or get ahead of the game and take reusable grocery bags with you when you shop.

Fact: Plastic caps that are not reattached to the rinsed plastic container but placed in the bins loose, settle to the bottom of the bins and/or fall off the conveyor belts at the MRF. It is then necessary to collect the caps from underneath the equipment which adds to the recycling costs and time.

Fact: Styrofoam cannot go into Blue Recycling Bins. A small Styrofoam collection is found in front of most grocery stores. Better yet avoid Styrofoam cups and other Styrofoam goods as much as possible.

Haven't had time to visit the Wilmington Sonoco where our recycling goes? Take a virtual trip to a facility similar to ours. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2L4n8ydsRNA>



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The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce Announces Winter 2022 Golden Pineapple Awards.

The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce announces the winners of the Winter 2022 Golden Pineapple Awards.

The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce awarded 16 local businesses a Golden Pineapple Award at a ceremony held at the Chamber. Winter 2022 Golden Pineapple Award Winners are: Accommodations: Better Beach Rentals and Sales; Activities & Attractions: The Adventure Kayak Company; Dining: Joseph's Italian Bistro, Rusty Hooks Dockside Grill, Southport Cheese Shoppe; Professionals: Coastline Insurance Associates of NC, Family Chiropractic Plus, Hamilton Realty Group, Lynda Haraway Group; Retail: Island Treasure Hunt, The Christmas House, The Pearl; Services: Coastal Painting & Improvements, Cooper Electric, Cruise Planners, JBG Services

Golden Pineapple Awards are given quarterly to those businesses

nominated by their customers for providing consistent and exceptional customer service. The pineapple is the international symbol of hospitality which is the reason the Chamber chose it for the award.

"Customer service is not a department, it's everyone's job". These companies not only believe the philosophy behind this anonymous quote they put it into action. "So much so that their customers have made the effort to let others know about their great customer service", said Karen Sphar, Executive Vice President of the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce.

Just a few comments from the nomination forms: "I really appreciate their attention to detail, and their goodie bags!", "They take excellent care of customer's needs.", "A pleasure to work with", "hire them, you won't regret it!", "it's a must visit place even if passing through."

Nominations for the next quarter will be taken until April 30th. If



you would like to nominate a Chamber member business who has provided you with exceptional customer service visit the Chamber's website at www.ChamberSmallBusinessAwards.com to complete a brief nomination form.

Golden Pineapple Recipients Pictured, Left to Right:

Julie Eastman and Carmen Hewett, Better Beach Rentals and Sales; Brina Neeley and Lori Turturici, Coastline Insurance Associates; Jeremy Gunn and

Billie Gunn, JBG Services; Julie Popichak, Lynda Haraway Group; Emma Thomas, Adventure Kayak Company; Sylvia Ognan, The Pearl; Dana Hamilton and Jack Hamilton, Hamilton Realty Group.

Not pictured: The Christmas House, Cooper Electric, Joseph's Italian Bistro, Coastal Painting & Improvements, Cruise Planners, Island Treasure Hunt, Rusty Hooks Dockside Grill, Family Chiropractic Plus, Southport Cheese Shoppe.

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www.facebook.com/Lockwood-RiverBand

Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser - featuring **The Back Porch Rockers** will occur Friday, April 15, from 5-8pm at the Woodlands Park Amphitheatre in St. James Plantation.

Join us as we raise funds for this important cause. Bring a chair, your favorite food and beverage as we dance and party to the tunes of The Back Porch Rockers. Maybe some audience participation, We'll have a great time.

www.facebook.com/BPRrockband



Prom Closet

Any student in Brunswick County in search of a prom or 8th grade formal dress, shoes, and accessories....mark March 15th, 2022 on your calendar!

South Brunswick High School is hosting their annual Prom Closet and as always, there is NO CHARGE for any item. Event is in the SBHS Choir Room, 4-8pm, March 15th.

Donations also being accepted at the SBHS Front Office during school hours.

Questions? Email Mrs. Thomas at LeThomas@bcswan.net.

Congratulations to These Deserving Public Servants!

Sheriff John W. Ingram and Chief Deputy Charles Miller were proud to present annual awards to some very deserving individuals at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, NC.

Congratulations to:

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Deputy Adam Locklair - Sheriff John Carr Davis Deputy of the Year

Deputy Tim McGinn - William D. Miller Reserve Deputy of the Year

Detention Officer Joshua Godbold - Chief Jailer Lynwood Gray Detention Officer of the Year

Telecommunicator Jonathan Talley - Telecommunicator of the Year

Deputy George West IV - APS Officer of the Year

John Bronneck - Volunteer of the Year

Sgt. Tammy Branson - Received Advanced Certification

Deputy Ashley Stout - Received Law Enforcement Certification

Special awards from outside BCSO:

Detention Officer Letha Hollins - Above and Beyond Award from Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development

Kristian from *Giving Back to the Blue* presented the family of Deputy Brandon Gore with a wooden, thin blue line flag keepsake box and gifts.

31st Annual Small Fry Fishing Tournament

Saturday, April 23, 2022 | 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

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The Small Fry Fishing Tournament is a day for families and their children ages 3 to 12 to fish along with local police officers.

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March 8th: Wine, Women, and Chocolate!

Over 100 tickets sold already, 20 vendors, catered food, DJ Fray, entertainment, and amazing raffle baskets! \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door if not sold out.

April 2nd: BrunscoHasIt Business Expo!

Accepting vendor applications now (limited to chamber members only). 2 premier sponsorship opportunities available. Attendance is FREE to the public.

September 9th: Brunsco Classic Golf Tournament & After Par-Tee!

We are already filling sponsorship spots for this highly anticipated event! Entry fee of \$100/player includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, swag bag, catered

lunch, beverages, and a fantastic after par-tee with live music and exciting giveaways! Signup for teams coming soon! Stay tuned for more information.

Visit our website for tickets for Wine, Women, and Chocolate and vendor app for the Expo. Email elisajeffg@yahoo.com for sponsorship inquiries.

https://brunswickcounty-chamber.org/

Samara's Village Needs Your Donated Items

Samara's Village, a community-based nonprofit (501(c)3) organization, the first and only of its kind in Brunswick County; targeting the problematic teen pregnancy rates in Brunswick County, is collecting furniture and home decor. If you have any gently used items you'd like to donate please contact Judy Van at 336-516-2499 or judy@samaravillage.org

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SPRING INTO HEALTH

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SATURDAY, MARCH 19 | 8:30AM

Brunswick Wellness Coalition (BWC) is preparing for its annual Spring Into Health 5K/1m Color Run, on Saturday, March 19th, 8:30 am, in Southport. Participants can run, walk, stroll, or roll along the route to raise awareness about living healthy lifestyles. The run will also have a “virtual” option for those who want to participate but are not in the area. All ages, skill levels, and abilities are encouraged to participate. In addition to age category medals, a Spunky Team Award will be presented to the team that harnesses creativity and energy. If an individual or organization cannot participate but wants to contribute, the run has donation options that will be used with proceeds to offer chronic disease health screenings throughout the county and health efforts of the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club.

conjunction with 2022 Spring Into Health 5k/1m Color Run to share services with the community, provide screenings, and offer interactive health opportunities. The hospital will serve as the starting and finishing line for the run. Leigh Lane, the Coalition’s Executive Director, said “Doshier has not only been a committed member of BWC since its inception but has been a health champion for the community.”

To be a Spring Into Health supporter, donor, or participant visit ‘Events’ on the Coalition’s website, brunswickwellness.org.

The Brunswick Wellness Coalition is a united group of individuals and health-minded leaders with the mission to improve the health of the Brunswick community, and the vision of becoming the healthiest county in North Carolina. BWC is funded through Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas, an initiative of The Duke Endowment. To learn more, visit the website: brunswickwellness.org or Facebook: @BrunswickWellness

As a founding member of BWC and a supporter of community health initiatives, Doshier Memorial Hospital will host a health expo in





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