

## The North Carolina Fourth of July Festival - 5 Days of Celebration

The history of Southport's Fourth of July Festival celebration was first recorded in a newspaper in 1795. When ships lying at anchor in the harbor would discharge salutes from their cannons at daybreak and throughout the day, with the ships officers and town officials sharing companionship toasting the young nations independence. In 1972 we were incorporated as the N.C. 4th of July Festival.

### Here is the schedule for some of this year's festivities:

For a complete, up-to-date listing visit <https://www.nc4thofjuly.com>

### 9/11 Remembered Traveling Memorial

Nash Street, Southport

Saturday, July 1: 10am - 6pm

Sunday, July 2: 10:00 am - 4:00pm

Monday, July 3: 10am - 5pm

Tuesday, July 4: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Arts & Crafts Festival

Franklin Square Park, 130 E West Street, Southport

Sunday, July 2: 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Monday, July 3: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, July 4: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

### Friday, June 30

6:30 pm: Welcoming Ceremony, Fort Johnston Lawn, 203 E Bay St, Southport

6:45 pm: Reading of The Declaration of Independence on Fort Johnston Lawn, 203 E Bay St, Southport (Check online for other dates and times)

7:00 pm: Military Band on Fort Johnston Lawn, 203 E Bay St, Southport

### Saturday, July 1 Oak Island Beach Day

8:00 am: Beach Day Horseshoe Tournament at Middleton Park, SE 46th Street

10:00 am: Beach Day Registration for Athletic Events, 46th Street SE & Beach Drive

11:00 am: Beach Day Corn Hole, Bocce Ball & Volleyball Tournaments at 46th Street SE & Beach Drive

11:00 am - 2:00 pm: Beach Day Youth Activities & Contests, Inflatable Rides, Food and Contests at Middleton Park Extension, 46th St & Dolphin Drive

1:00 pm: Beach Day Sand Sculpture Contest, 46th Street SE & Beach Drive Oak Island

5:45 pm: Welcoming Ceremony, Middleton Park Extension, 46th St & Dolphin Dr, Oak Island

6:00 pm: Beach Day Concert - Carl Newton Review, Middleton Park Extension, 46th St & Dolphin Dr.

6:00 pm: Shag Contest, Middleton Park Extension, 46th St & Dolphin Drive

9:00 pm: Beach Day Town of Oak Island Anniversary Fireworks, Oak Island Pier, 705 Ocean Drive



### Saturday, July 1

9:00 am - 2:00 pm: American Red Cross Blood Drive (By appointment only) Southport Fire Headquarters, 1011 N. Howe St, Southport

4:00 pm: 38th Annual Fire Fighters Freedom Competition & Apparatus Expo, Nash St, Southport

### Sunday, July 2

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Children's Entertainment, Fort Johnston Lawn, 203 E Bay St, Southport

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Community Entertainment, Southport Waterfront Park

4:00 pm: Red, White & Blue Freedom Flotilla, Southport Waterfront Park

6:00 pm: A Salute to Veterans, Southport Community Building, 223 E. Bay St

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Southport Waterfront Stage Entertainment, Highway Miles

8:00 am: Children's Games, Southport Waterfront Park

### Monday, July 3

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Children's Entertainment, Fort Johnston Lawn, 203 E Bay St, Southport

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Community Entertainment, Southport Waterfront Park

3:00 pm: Flag Retirement Ceremony, Waterfront Stage, Southport

4:30 pm: Naturalization Ceremony, Fort Johnston, Garrison Lawn, 203 E Bay St, Southport

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Waterfront Stage Entertainment & Street Dance with Resoul, Southport Waterfront Park

### Tuesday, July 4

10:30 am: Flag Raising Ceremony, Moore and Howe Street, Southport

11:00 am: Fourth of July Festival Parade, Moore and Howe St, Spt.



1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Military Exhibits, Southport Waterfront Park

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: First Responders Vehicle Display, Southport Waterfront Park

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Community Entertainment, Southport Waterfront Park

2:00 pm: Celebration of the Pledge of Allegiance, Fort Johnston, Garrison Lawn, 203 E Bay St, Southport

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Live Pro Wrestling, Middleton Park, SE 46th St, Oak Island

5:00 pm: Uncle Sam Skydive, Oak Island Beachfront

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Waterfront Stage Entertainment, The Castaways, Southport Waterfront Park

9:00 pm: 4th of July Fireworks, Southport Waterfront Park

Also, throughout the festival enjoy Food Truck Row on the Southport Waterfront Park, visiting Fort Johnston Visitors Center and Museum, the NC Maritime Museum & more!

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## Get Ready It Is Tourist Time By Joanne Thompson

It is that time of year again when our population numbers swell with visitors. It is a time of patience for locals and especially businesses. Lines for traffic, grocery stores and restaurants are decidedly longer. It translates into money for our local businesses and for Brunswick County. Let's deal with it with a smile. Call ahead. Make Reservations. After all, many visitors have saved all year to come to the beach. We are lucky we live here all year round... in Paradise!

Here are a few new things happening here for all to try.

**CALABASH:** The Original Famous Bagel Dock Cafe of Calabash is a favorite and worth the drive. It is all about the attention to details that makes for a stellar experience. They make bagels from scratch with never bleached or never bromated flour and with specially treated water from their own thousands of dollars filtration system to achieve that very special taste that keeps customers coming back. Even the ice cubes and coffee are made with this water. In fact, the ice for the iced coffee is made from frozen coffee so the drink is not diluted. Breakfast

specials from 6 am until 9am, have captured the hearts of early risers. Made from scratch Danish, rugalach, Italian pastries are prepared by Billy, the in-house baker from New York with many years of experience. And here is a special to take advantage of - buy their tie-dyed T-shirt and get a free bagel every time you wear it in for a year. You can eat in or on their outdoor patio or order to go. They also cater.

**SHALLOTTE:** Smoked, on the Shallotte River, in Shallotte at 4612 Main St., has been getting some great reviews from diners. Pour House, in the old craft Red Hare brewery next to Wing and Fish Co, pay-by-the-ounce, is slated to open around Memorial Day. With a Speakeasy vibe, this self-serve tap room with have 30 beers on tap. El Coqui's at 5211 Main St. offers a taste of Puerto Rican specialties.

**OAK ISLAND:** Just over the Oak Island Barbee Bridge, Crossroads Gathering Place at 128 Country Club Dr., houses multiple vendors and a coffee shop as well as a beautiful spot to sit and sip your brew.

**SOUTHPORT:** Lowes Crossing Way, off Hwy 211 will be welcoming

Fabe's Peruvian Rotisserie chicken and a new standalone building for San Felipe. They will complement existing stores: Chuck's Homemade Ice Cream, Falcone's, Bagel Dock Express, and soon to open Los Priimos Mexican Restaurant.

Haven is a gem of a new shop with authentic Italian gelato (gelato machines from Italy), craft beers and a good selection of wines, that will soon be joined by freshly made sandwiches. If that wasn't enough to make you happy live local musical talent gives you a chance to enjoy even more while you eat and drink.

Fizzy Jane's, at 614 W West St. near the Southport Marina, opened with plenty of flair. You can find unique daily and brunch cocktails as well as ever changing brunch and dinner choices. Check out the menu on Facebook or their website. Reservations preferred.

Southport Suzie's a FRO YO frozen yoghurt and wine shop is a new place for kids and adults to have some fun. It is located in the Big Lots Shopping Center

Southern, A Gathering Place, at 105 Brown St., next to Dry St., serves

up farm to fork creative Southern cuisine. It is a kitchen and bar with a laid-back attitude.

At 1517 Howe St., Nonnie's Baking Co. has opened its doors with remarkable cake creations. Special things are planned for a May 6, Kentucky Derby Day celebration.

Cafe Koa will be celebrating every Tuesday evening with a themed Tacos, Tequila, and Tambourines (music) celebration that sounds like so much fun!

Discover Midtown Southport located on upper Howe St. Nestled together within walking distance are: The Inn at Southport, StrEAT Side Cafe and Catering, Cat On A Whisk, Renee's Fine Jewelry, Sedona South, Loco Jo's, Wild By Nature, Side Street Side Bakery, Coastal Carolina Cafe, and Uncorked By The Sea. Park and wander around. You are bound to enjoy.

Remember, Shop Local. Support our local businesses. Enjoy Mother and Father's Days, Memorial Day, and the many, graduations, showers and weddings in May and June.







## Dosher Receives American Hospital Association's 75-year Milestone Award

**D**osher Memorial Hospital was recently presented with the American Hospital Association's Milestone Award to recognize the hospital's 75 years of membership with the organization.

Matthew Wright, the AHA's regional executive for North Carolina, presented the organization's 75-year milestone award plaque to Doshier CEO Lynda Stanley, Chief Nursing Officer, Catherine Mohr, and Chief Financial Officer Susan Daniels.

Wright said, "Doshier Memorial Hospital has a vital role in providing the people of Southeastern Brunswick County with high-quality health care services close to home. We are grateful for Doshier's dedication to the community and partnership with us."

Said Lynda Stanley, Doshier CEO, "With the landscape of healthcare evolving so rapidly, we are fortunate to have the American Hospital Association as a resource for education and information on healthcare related issues and trends. We value this

*Pictured above L – R: Susan Daniels Doshier Chief Financial Officer, Kate Mohr, Chief Nursing Officer, Lynda Stanley, Doshier President and CEO, Matthew Wright, AHA Regional Executive*

relationship and the AHA's role in supporting their members in providing high quality healthcare nationwide."

The American Hospital Association is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. It advocates on behalf of nearly 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, its clinician partners – including more than 270,000 affiliated physicians, 2 million nurses and other caregivers – and the 43,000 health care leaders who belong to its professional membership groups.

Founded in 1898, the AHA provides insight and education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

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**Tuesday, May 9th**  
**1-3 PM**  
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An event of the Southport-Dak Island Area Chamber of Commerce

**You're Invited!**

**2nd Annual Doshier Memorial Hospital Community Cookout & Birthday Celebration**

**Saturday, June 10, 2023**  
**11:30 am - 1:30 pm**  
**Doshier Hospital back entrance**  
**9th St. and N. Atlantic Ave.**

**This event is free to the public**  
**Lunch will be served**

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## Be a Turtle Lover

**F**ollow these guidelines to protect our sea turtles and give them the best chance at survival.

### During Nesting Season

Minimize beachfront lighting during the sea turtle nesting season by turning off, shielding, or redirecting lights away from the beach.

Close blinds and draperies in oceanfront rooms at night to keep indoor lighting from reaching the beach.

Fill in holes, moats or any crevice that could trap a nesting female or hatchling.

Remove recreational equipment, such as lounge chairs, umbrellas, kayaks, surfboards and boats, from the beach at night. These items can deter nesting attempts and prevent hatchlings from reaching the ocean.

Do not construct beach campfires during the nesting season. Nesting sea turtles and hatchlings are attracted to the light and may crawl into fires and death can occur.

Use your natural vision and moonlight when walking on the beach at night.

If you encounter a turtle on the beach at night, remain quiet, still, and at a distance. Please do not disturb. Lights, flash photography, and human disturbances may prevent her from nesting successfully. Please contact your local Turtle Protection group immediately.

Leave the tracks left by turtles undisturbed. The Patrol Team use the tracks to identify the species of turtle that nested and to find and mark the nests for protection.

### All Year Long

Properly dispose of your garbage.

Turtles may mistake plastic bags, styrofoam, and trash floating in the water as a food source and death can occur when this trash blocks their intestines.

Celebrate events without the use of helium balloon releases. Balloons end up in the ocean, especially when released near the coast. Sea turtles can mistake the balloons as a food source which can harm them or even cause death.

Avoid trampling beach vegetation. Use beach accesses and please stay off of the dunes. Natural vegetation stabilizes sand and reduces beach erosion.

When boating, stay alert and avoid sea turtles. Propeller and collision impacts from boats and ships can result in injury and death of sea turtles. Also, stay in channels and avoid running in seagrass beds to protect this important habitat from prop scarring and damage.

Avoid anchoring boats in seagrass beds and coral reefs which serve as important feeding and resting habitats for sea turtles.

### Local Turtle Watch Contacts:

*Oak Island:* 910-945-8888  
<https://okiseaturtle.org>

*Ocean Isle Beach:* 910-880-8715 -  
Deb Allen  
<http://oibseaturtles.org/> oibseaturtles@gmail.com

*Holden Beach:* 910-880-1132 or  
910-842-2030

*Sunset Beach:* Sunset Beach Turtle Watch - 910-209-1079 or Sunset Beach Police Department - 910-579-6297

*Caswell Beach:* Turtle Watch  
Emergency Phone 910-368-6323



# Spring Beach Sweep

Saturday, May 13, 2023 | 8-11 am  
OKI Cabana at 46th St

**H**ey Oak Island Beach Lovers!! It's that time again!! Are you ready for our Spring Beach Sweep!!! Well, we are!

Looking forward to seeing old friends and new faces!

11 sections OKI East (approx 1/2 mile sections)

McGlamery St Access to Barbee Blvd Access

Barbee Blvd Access to SE 74th St -RESERVED

SE 74th St Access to SE 67th St Access

SE 67th St Access to SE 58th St Access

SE 58th St Access to SE 49th St -RESERVED

SE 49th Street Access to SE 40th St -RESERVED

SE 40th St Access to 35th Pl E Access

35th Pl E Access to 25th Pl E -RESERVED

25th Pl E Access to 16th Pl E -RESERVED

16th Pl E Access to 9th Pl E -RESERVED

9th Pl E Access to Middleton Ave -RESERVED

10 sections OKI West (approx 1/2 mile sections)

Middleton Ave Access to 7th Pl W Access

7th Pl W Access to 17th Pl W Access



17th Pl W Access to 23rd Pl W Access

23rd Place W Access to 30th Pl W Access

30th Pl W Access to 39th Pl W Access

39th Pl W Access to 48th Pl W -RESERVED

48th Pl W Access to 57th Pl W -RESERVED

57th Pl W Access to 6301 West Beach

W Beach Dr (parking lot at end, heading west) to 6301 West Beach

W Beach Dr (parking lot at end) to The Point

These are BEACH FRONT sand areas. Parking accesses will be assigned in person on clean-up day.

Send an email to:

eileenk.oki.beachpreservation@gmail.com and reserve your section today! Please choose 3 sections in order of preference, as these are 1st come, 1st served. THANK YOU!!

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# May/June Events

## CALABASH

**May 8-13**

**Catch the 50th**

Town Hall & The Waterfront

Event planning for the celebration of the Town's 50TH is in the works. Plans include a week long heritage display at Town Hall, a Tree Planting and Monument unveiling, a grand finale celebration with street dance on the Waterfront on Saturday, May 13. Look for further details to be available soon!

## HOLDEN BEACH

**May-September**

**Summer Concert Series**

6:30-8pm | Pavilion Under the Bridge

May 28th: The Extraordinaires

June 4th: Continental Divide

June 11th: The Main Event Band

June 18th: Cat 5

June 25th: The Embers featuring

Craig Woolard

July 2nd: The Tams

July 9th: Chairman of the Board

July 16th: The Entertainers

July 23rd: Band of Oz

July 30th: Blackwater Band

August 6th: Jim Quick and Coastline

August 13th: Too Much Sylvia

August 20th: Gary Lowder & Smokin Hot

August 27th: Carolina Kool

September 3rd: North Tower

**June 28-August 2**

**Children's Turtle Time**

Wednesdays, 4pm | Leland Cultural Arts Center | 1212 Magnolia Village Way | FREE

This program is designed for ages 3 - 6. There will be age appropriate crafts, stories and activities about sea turtles. This program is free of charge.

## LELAND

**May 6**

**Spring Art Market**

10am-3pm | Leland Cultural Arts Center | 1212 Magnolia Village Way

This juried art market will feature unique, handmade creations from incredible local artists and makers. Stop by to shop for pottery, home goods, fine art, and more!

**May - August**

**Matinee Series**

12:30-2:30pm | Leland Cultural Arts Center | 1212 Magnolia Village Way | Free

March 11: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG)

May 13: Minions: Rise of Gru (PG)

June 24: Cars (G)

July 8: Shrek (PG)

July 22: The Lion King (1994) (G)

August 12: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG)

## OAK ISLAND

**May 6**

**Oak Island Beautification Club**

**Plant Sale**

8am | Greenhouse | 56th Street SE

The clubs annual plant sale will be held at the greenhouse under the water tower. Flowers, vegetables and many other plants that grow well in our coastal area will be for sale. Master Gardeners will be on site to provide growing tips and Mother's Day suggestions.

**June 3**

**Ride The Tide: Community Kayak Float**

9:15am | Recreation Center  
3003 E. Oak Island Dr. to Blue Water Point Marina | Ages 13 & Up

The Oak Island Recreation Department and Adventure Kayak Company will be sponsoring the annual Ride the Tide Community Float! This years event will consist of a 5.2 mile float from the recreation center kayak launch to Blue Water Point Marina. The Davis Canal is a calm and scenic paddle trail with the float taking place as the tide is flowing with paddlers.

**May-September**

**Summer Concert Series**

6:30-8:30pm | Middleton Park

The sun is out, the fun is back, and the "Bands by the Beach" are once again ready to rock, groove, swing and swoon their way through the soundtrack of your perfect summer! For 15 weeks, from May to September, we turn the amps up to "11" and come together for the annual Town of Oak Island Summer Concert Series.

May 26: Blackwater Band

June 2: Christine Martinez Band

June 9: Autumn Tyde

June 16: Old Man Mafia Band

June 23: The Entertainers

July 1: Carl Newton's Review

July 7: Chocolate Chip & Co.

July 14: Rivermist

July 21: Too Much Sylvia

July 28: The Sand Band

August 4: The Powell Brothers

August 11: The Embers feat:

Craig Woolard

August 18: Carolina Line Bluegrass Band

August 25: Back Porch Rockers

September 2: The Main Event Band

## OCEAN ISLE

**May-September**

**Summer Concert Series**

Fridays 6:30-8pm | Town Center Park

May 26: The Tonez

June 2: Uptown Easy Band

June 9: The Magnificents

June 16: Special Occasion Band

June 23: Band of Oz

June 30: Blackwater Band

July 7: The Main Event Band

July 14: The Entertainers

July 21: Chocolate Chip & Company

July 28: Too Much Sylvia

August 4: North Tower Band

August 11: Gary Lowder & Smokin Hot

August 18: Continental Divide

August 5: Cat 5 Band

September 1: The Extraordinaires

**May-August**

**Scavenger Hunt**

10am | Town Center Park

11 E 2nd St | FREE

Come join the fun with the Town of Ocean Isle Beach's Scavenger Hunt! Our Scavenger Hunt Series continues on Wednesday, June 14th at the Amphitheater at Town Center Park (11 E 2nd St). Registration is from 10:00 - 10:30 am. Kids will be given a bag and clue sheet to search for prizes around the island. All children must have a responsible party to accompany them.

**June 14**

**Movies in the Park**

Dusk | Town Center Park | 11 E 2nd St

Join us for Movies In The Park at Town Center Park (11 E 2nd St)! All movies begin at dusk (between 8:00 pm and 8:30 pm). Admission for this family-friendly event is FREE! Food vendors will be on site! Bring your lawn chair (or blanket) and come enjoy the movie! Weather permitting.

For more information, contact Hayley Burgess 910-579-2166, hayley@oibgov.com

May 24: Onward

May 31: Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

June 7: Moana

June 14: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish

June 21: Matilda (1996)

June 28: Big Hero 6

July 5: Vivo

July 12: Muppet Treasure Island

July 19: Minions: The Rise of Gru

July 26: Lilo & Stitch

August 2: Sonic the Hedgehog 2

August 9: DC: League of Super Pets

August 16: Jumanji (1993)

## SOUTHPORT

**May-August**

**Southport Summer Market**

Wednesdays 9am-2pm | Franklin Square Park | Corner of Howe and E. West Streets

Local farm fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, flowers and herbs, local arts and crafts.

**May-June**

**The Southport Fire Department Citizen's Academy**

Thursdays 6-9pm | Fire Department Headquarters | 1011 N. Howe Street

Beginning May 04, classes will meet every Thursday (6 pm-9 pm), culminating with a graduation ceremony on June 8th.

Week 1-May 4: Introduction to the Fire Service

Week 2-May 11: A day in the Life of a Firefighter/EMT

Week 3-May 18: Fire Prevention & Life Safety - Fire Marshal's Office - Education, Enforcement, & Investigation

Week 4-May 25: Emergency Medical Services, Technical Rescue & Extrication

Week 5-June 1: Disasters & High-Risk Emergencies

Week 6-June 8: Fire Academy Review & Graduation Ceremony

<https://cityofsouthport.com/the-southport-fire-department-citizens-academy/>  
If you have further questions about the Citizens Fire Academy, email cdrew@cityofsouthport.com

## SUNSET BEACH

**June-August**

**Summer Concert Series**

Wednesdays 6-8pm | Town Center Park | 206 Sunset Boulevard North

June 7: The Entertainers

June 14: North Tower Band

June 21: Jukebox Rehab

June 28: Blackwater Band

July 5: Too Much Sylvia

July 12: Julio & the Saltines

July 26: Southern Trouble

August 2: Cat 5 Band

August 9: Jan Michael Fields

August 16: JB & the Get Down Brown

August 23: The Tonez

August 30: The Extraordinaires

**For Up-to-Date Information on the Above Events and to Find More Fun Things to Do:**

[www.oakislandnc.com/](http://www.oakislandnc.com/) | [www.oakislandnc.com/government/parks-recreation](http://www.oakislandnc.com/government/parks-recreation) | [www.townofshallotte.org](http://www.townofshallotte.org)

[www.hbtownhall.com](http://www.hbtownhall.com) | [www.sunsetbeachnc.gov/](http://www.sunsetbeachnc.gov/) | [www.ncbrunswick.com/events](http://www.ncbrunswick.com/events) | [www.southport-oakisland.com](http://www.southport-oakisland.com)

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Also check events on your facebook page



## Classic Memories at the Cape Fear Regional Jetport



**E**AA Chapter 939 will host the Classic Memories Show at the Cape Fear Regional Jetport on Saturday, May 27 from 8:30am - 2pm.

During this time you can take a flight, weather permitting, in a 1928 Ford Tri-Motor Airliner. Flights will be scheduled from 9:30am - 5pm. Reservations must be made prior to the event at flytheford.org

Also at the event will be a Pancake Breakfast for \$6.00 from 8:30-11am and hot dogs and hamburgers from 11:30am-1:30pm.

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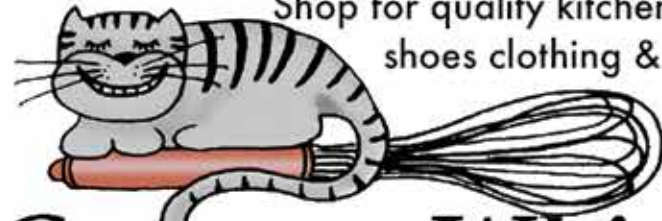
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## Brunswick Sheriff's Charitable Foundation Benefits Brunswick County Literacy Council And Samara's Village

The Brunswick Sheriff's Charitable Foundation, Inc. held their eleventh annual "Diamonds and Denim" Ball on March 3, 2023 at the St. James Community Center in Southport, NC. This prestigious event featured dinner by Frying Pan, music & dancing by TRU SOL band and a live & silent auction.

The proceeds from this year's event will benefit two Brunswick County non-profit organizations: Brunswick County Literacy Council and Samara's Village, helping the citizens of Brunswick County. Checks in a total amount of \$28,000 were presented to these organizations on March 27, 2023. Over the past eleven years the Foundation has donated

\$219,000 of proceeds to the Literacy Council & Samara's Village. Sheriff John Ingram presented a check for \$28,000 to the Brunswick County Literacy Council and Samara's Village representatives at the event.

BSCF was established in 2012 and is dedicated to serve the people of Brunswick County by building permanent charitable capital to support programs and provide services that enhance the quality of life for all its citizens. The Charitable Foundation expresses its gratitude to all the sponsors, donors and guests that made this event memorable and successful. The next Diamonds & Denim Charity Ball is scheduled on Friday March 1, 2024.



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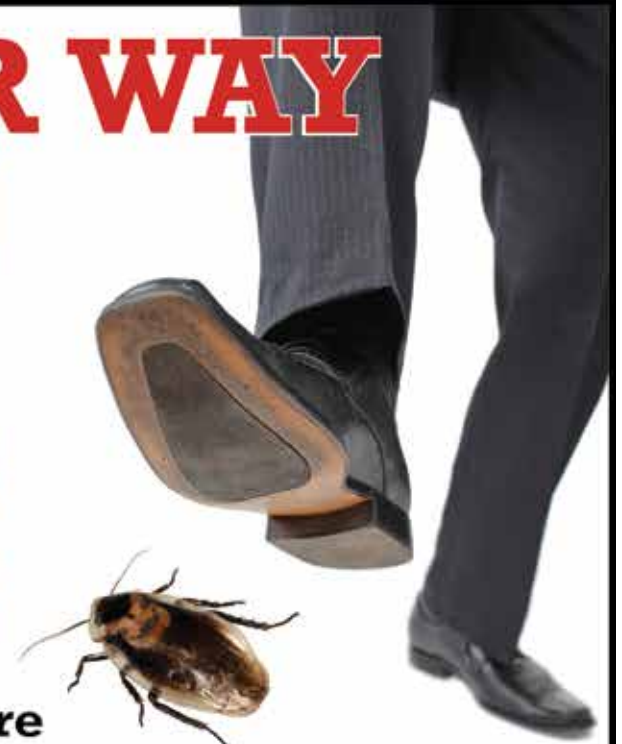
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Town of Oak Island began enforcement on April 1 for the first season of the Town's new Paid Parking program. Full details on the program, including payment options, permit descriptions, citation fines, parking maps, and frequently asked questions (FAQ) are available on the Parking Information page of the Town Website at [www.OakIsland-NC.gov/PARKING](http://www.OakIsland-NC.gov/PARKING).



spaces marked with "Town Parking" signage (for more information, click on the "Town Parking Permit" tab at [www.OakIslandNC.gov/PARKING](http://www.OakIslandNC.gov/PARKING))

Restricts parking in any spaces not marked by a parking bumper or any Right-Of-Way areas in the Paid Parking Zone during the enforcement times (REMEMBER: NO BUMPER = NO PARKING)

### When & Where Parking will Not be Charged:

During any time not specifically listed in the enforcement season of April 1 - September 30, between 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

For any vehicles parked in handicap spaces, which have an appropriate license plate, placard, or hangtag (NOTE: vehicles in marked Paid or Town parking spaces will still require a Paid or Town Parking Permit)

In the immediate area surrounding Town sponsored or approved events, for the duration of the event, such as the Farmers' & Artisans' Market in the Middleton Park Complex

For residents and property owners whose vehicles have been registered with a Town Parking Permit (for more information, click on the "Town Parking Permit" tab at [www.OakIslandNC.gov/PARKING](http://www.OakIslandNC.gov/PARKING))

For all questions related to purchasing a Paid Permit, including use of the SurfCAST app and SurfCAST website, contact the parking vendor Otto Connect at 910-200-1497 or by email at [www.surfcast.us/contact-us](mailto:www.surfcast.us/contact-us).



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**T**he Coastal Home and Lifestyle Showcase will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 10am-1pm in Middleton Park Extension.

The Coastal Home and Lifestyle Showcase is held annually at Middleton Park Extension, 4610 E. Dolphin Drive, Oak Island. The Showcase is a public event organized by the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce to showcase our

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## Chamber Announces Award Winners for Small Business, Customer Service and Non-Profit of the Year

**S**outhport-Oak Island, NC - In 2022, The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce accepted nominations for its annual business awards: Small Business of the Year and Non-Profit Organization of the Year. Businesses who received a Golden Pineapple, a quarterly customer service recognition award, in the previous four quarters were eligible to compete for the Small Business Customer Service 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.

Jeffrey Stites, 2022/2023 Chamber President, Jackie Del Prete, Vice President of Business Development, Bradley Narron, Chairman of the Awards Committee, and April Scott, had the honor of making the presentations to the following businesses:

**2022 Small Business of the Year is Salt Air Inc.** (DBA Salt Air Heating, Cooling & Electrical). They specialize in residential and commercial HVAC installation and service from their two offices -Wilmington & Southport. "Salt Air, Inc. is a great example of entrepreneurship. From their home, they started with a dream, a phone, a truck and began knocking on doors offering to assist with HVAC needs. Today you can't drive down many streets without seeing a truck or a billboard, they've expanded to two offices and 35 employees while providing over \$1.6 million through payroll in 2022. Salt Air, you are truly part of the backbone of Brunswick County", said Bradley Narron.

**2022 Non-Profit of the Year is WARM NC.** They provide urgent, safety related home repairs to low-income homeowners. Serving low-income homeowners in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New

Hanover, Onslow, and Pender counties, many of whom are elderly, disabled, and/or veterans. WARM helps people age in place safely by preventing home accidents and illnesses - preserving their dignity and independence.

"Today WARM has 30 employees and two satellite offices. For over a decade WARM has grown by an average of 14% per year, serving over 1,800 families to date. They will keep going until every homeowner in our service area is able to live safely and independently in the home, they worked so hard to pay for" said Bradley Narron.

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"Margaret Rudd & Associates, Inc., REALTORS® has longevity in the community, the company's ratings speak volumes to the customer service and training invested into their employees. They have gone over and beyond to say thank you to their employees throughout the year," stated Del Prete.

Beginning in July 2023, you may nominate a business or non-profit by visiting the Chamber's website at [www.chambersmallbusinessawards.com](http://www.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](mailto:Info@southport-oakisland.com) or visit the website at [www.chambersmallbusinessawards.com](http://www.chambersmallbusinessawards.com)



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## Dosher Hospital Foundation Receives \$35,000 from The Noren Foundation

The Dosher Memorial Hospital Foundation has been awarded \$35,000 in grant funding from the Noren Foundation, which is a private foundation. The funds are designated for a Cardiology Department upgrade. Included in the upgrade will be the purchase of an Electrocardiograph (EKG) machine and a RAPIDpoint Blood Gas System machine. Through the generosity of the Noren Foundation, Dosher Memorial Hospital Foundation has received \$310,000 in grant funding over the past nine years.

The purchase of a new wireless EKG machine will replace the current machine, which is 10 years old. The Cardiology Department does an average of 290 EKG's per month and with the new machine they will have wireless module capability which means there is no need to take the EKG machine in the room with the wireless module. Staff can connect the patient and run the tracing from the module. EKG's are an important tool diagnosing heart attacks or life-threatening heart rhythms.

The purchase of the RAPIDpoint Blood Gas System will allow for quick turn-around for patient results for the critical patient and allow more time to focus on patient care and less time acquiring results. The patients who need blood gas testing are patients who have shortness of breath, chronic lung disease, congestive heart failure, covid pneumonia, trauma, diabetics in a critical state and many other illnesses. The quicker the results, the quicker decisions can be made to treat the patients.

Lynda Stanley, President and CEO of Dosher, said, "The generous grant funding from the Noren Foundation has had a positive impact on our ability to respond to the needs of our patients using the most advanced equipment and technology. We are extremely grateful for their support."

Antonette (Toni) McAndrews added, "The Dosher Foundation

deeply appreciates the Noren Foundation's support over the past nine years. Through their continued support, Dosher Memorial Hospital can continue providing the very best in healthcare to the patients in our service area."

The Dosher Memorial Hospital Foundation was established and began operating in March of 2010. The Foundation's primary responsibility is to encourage a steady flow of funds to the hospital from individuals and organization within the hospitals' service area. These funds enable Dosher Hospital to continue providing its patients with the finest healthcare equipment, programs and services possible, as well as provide the resources necessary for construction expansion and remodeling projects.

For more information, call the Dosher Foundation at (910) 457-3936 or visit [www.Dosher.org/Foundation](http://www.Dosher.org/Foundation).



Back Row L-R: Lynda Stanley, President/CEO, Dosher Memorial Hospital; Tamera Campbell, Registered Respiratory Therapist/Respiratory Care Practitioner (RRT RCP), Dosher Memorial Hospital; Patrick Bland, RRT RCP, Dosher Memorial Hospital. Front Row L-R: Diane Dembo, Certified Respiratory Therapist/Respiratory Care Practitioner (CRT RCP), Dosher Memorial Hospital; Melody Ryan, Past Chair, Dosher Memorial Hospital Foundation; Barbara Boland, Chair, Dosher Memorial Hospital Foundation; Antonette (Toni) McAndrews, Foundation Development, Dosher Memorial Hospital Foundation.

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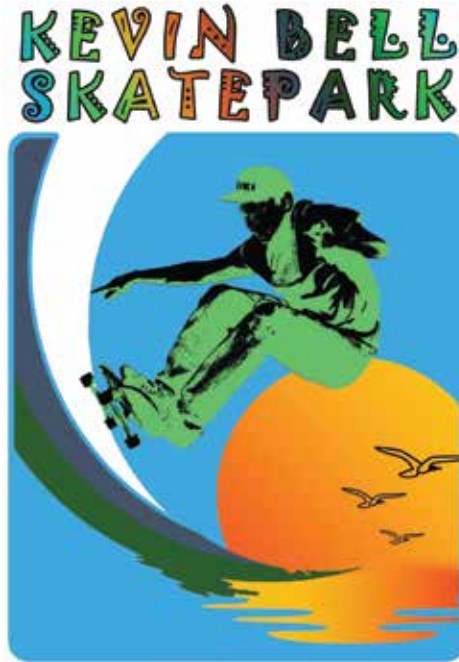




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## Kevin Bell Skatepark on Oak Island Celebrates Grand Opening

After two long years of demolition, planning, development and design ... the Kevin Bell Skatepark is officially BACK!!

The Grand Reopening on Sunday, March 19, 2023 was a huge success. With free food, live music, t-shirt,

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## Up Your Arts Announces Pole Banner Artists

**W**e have some news! Two months ago, UYA sent out a call for artists to participate in “Raise Up Your Arts,” our new pole banner project jointly sponsored by the City of Southport and Downtown Southport, Inc.

The response was overwhelming. Over 60 local artists sent in submissions – proving, once again, lest anyone doubt, the amazing concentration of talent that flourishes here in our hometown. Simply, wonderfully, unbelievably.

Working alone and anonymously, the peer review panel of judges had a herculean task before them: critique photographs of the entries, which represented the broadest scope of mediums and styles, and choose only 12 images to be displayed on banners hung from utility poles in downtown Southport from May to November. Impossible.

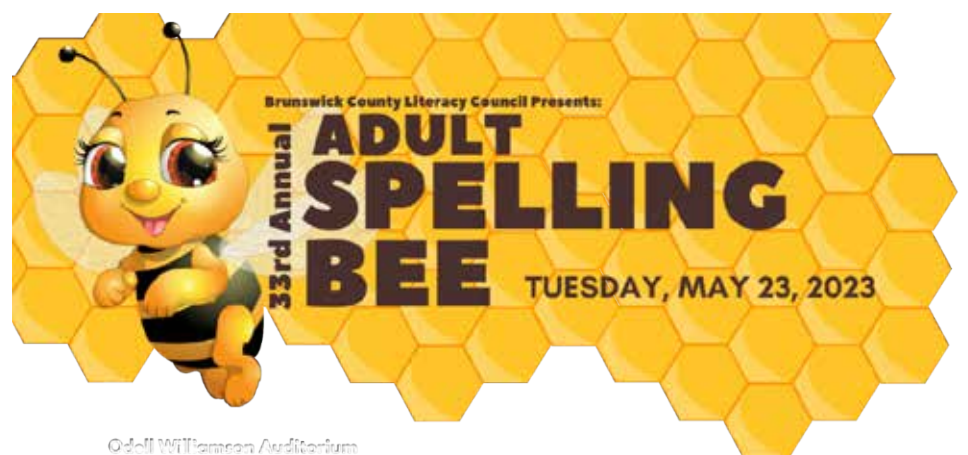
Well, it was impossible, actually. The rankings of their last three choices for the top 12 winners had

the exact same score, with no way to break the tie. So, rather than second guess the judges’ wisdom, we resolved the matter by increasing the total number of winners from 12 to 14. Simple.

And so rewarding. Without further ado, with many thanks to and appreciation for all the artists who participated this year, in alphabetical order the winners are:

Harry Burrell, Susan Chandler, Katie Dorsett-Dye, Sidney Godwin, Christie Jacks, Anne McElroy, Pam Manders, Gary Mlynek, Rich O’Donnell, Linda Platt, Gay Rosenberg, Barbara Sammons, Gail Simon, and Kate Walters – bravo!

We are very proud to bring the work of these artists to the streets of Southport this year. And, if all goes well, we will do it all again next year, raising up the work of as many artists on as many banners as poles will allow. We can’t wait to show them all off – the artists in our community ROCK!



## BC Literacy Council Adult Spelling Bee to be Held May 23rd

**A**nnual BCLC Adult Spelling Bee and Silent Auction produce needed revenues for the Council’s work in the community. The Spelling Bee will be held May 23 from 7pm-9pm at the Brunswick Community College Odell Williamson Auditorium. Silent Auction. Heavy Hors D’oeuvres. Live Music. Call the Literacy Council Office if you are interested in entering a team

in the Spelling Bee or becoming an event sponsor, including silent auction donations.

If you have questions about Brunswick Council Literacy Council programs or events, ways you can help support the Council’s mission, or how to take advantage of Literacy Council offerings, visit [www.bcliteracy.org](http://www.bcliteracy.org) or call (910) 754-7323.





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**Jr Golf Lessons at Oak Island Par 3 Golf:** Jr. Golf Lessons Every Wednesday Starting April 5th @ 4:30pm. Ages 9-17 years of age. \$10 per child for a session. \$30 per child monthly. Oak Island PAR3 golf course at South Harbour would like to introduce Mr. James English who will teach Junior's to learn the fun game of golf. Learn chipping, putting, full swing, club selection, and golf etiquette. Course play is included. Players are encouraged to bring their clubs but is not required. Mr. English is a 36 year California Law Enforcement veteran, much of that time as a juvenile detective/child abuse investigator. After retirement, he began a second career in the golf industry as golf has been a passion of his since childhood. He was head Golf Professional (PGA Apprentice) at two par three golf courses from 2010 to 2021. During this time, he taught the game to dozens of children through a Junior Golf Program. He also coordinated regular junior tournaments, including Junior-Adult partner events and annual Junior Club Championships.

**Spring Golf Clinic:** Oak Island Par 3 at South Harbour presents Spring Golf Clinic. Dates: May 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. Time: 9:00am - 10:00am. Cost: \$80.00 per person, 5 sessions. Minimum 4-6. Please Sign up at the Club House or for further details: Call (910)-454-0905. Par 3 is located at 4188 Vanessa Dr SE. Oak Island.

**Spring Golf 2 Person Scramble:** Oak Island Par 3 at South Harbour, 2023 Spring Golf 2-Person Scramble on Saturday, May 20th 9:00

am-12:00 pm. **SPRING IS HERE!** Sign up your twosome today and have some fun! The scramble format involves 2-person teams where each player on the team hits a tee shot, then the players decide which shot they like better. The two players then play from that spot. The person whose shot was not taken picks up their ball and moves it to within a club length of the selected spot. Once the spot is selected, both players then play a shot from there, and again pick which one they like better. This continues until they hole out. **\*\* Mixed League Event!** Co-ed teams available to play! Cost: Member: \$20.00 per team, Non-Member \$40.00 per team. Registration ends. May 17th AT NOON \$5.00 per-person late fee May 18, 19 Price includes 2-person, 18-hole golf scramble, lunch 1st Prize 2nd Prize \$1.00 Closest to the Pin Contest wins the Pot 50/50 \$2.00 for 2 Mulligans

## Kiwanis Golf Outing Saturday, June 24, 2023 Tee It Up for the Kids!

This year's annual Kiwanis Golf Outing will take place Saturday, June 24, at the Lockwood Folly Country Club in Shallotte. Lunch is provided and prizes will be awarded. Guarantee your spot by signing up today!

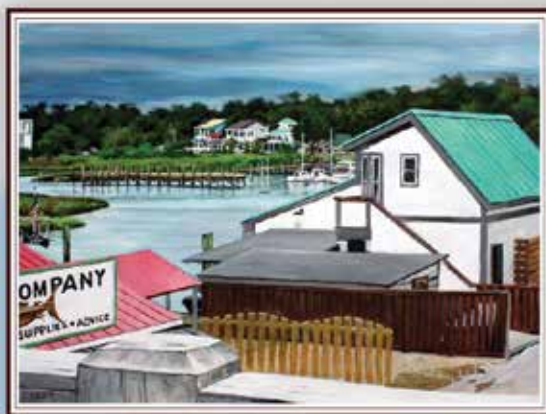
The awards will be distributed at the luncheon, which will be served in the club's banquet hall. You'll also have the opportunity at that time to bid on many great prizes donated by area businesses by way of a silent auction.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support the many Kiwanis programs serving the youth of Brunswick County.

The cost is \$120 per player, which includes a mulligan.







## The 2023 Southport PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL

May 18-20, 2023

Up Your Arts and the City of Southport are looking forward to hosting the 2023 Southport Plein Air Festival again in beautiful downtown Southport, May 18-20, 2023.

We had so much fun last time, we are adding another day to the format this year and leaving it up to individual artists to decide: two days of painting or three? Friday - Saturday for \$50 or Thursday - Saturday for \$75 (no charge for the gorgeous Thursday night sunset).

The Festival is open to all paint artists. It is a non-juried event, with merit and People's Choice awards

conferred by local judges. Winners will be registered in the 2024 Southport Plein Air Festival free of charge.

There is no limit on medium, quantity or size. Painters retain all proceeds from the sale of their work during the Wet Paint Sale, which is moving to a bigger park this year, so there is also no limit on capacity.

Register online at <https://www.upyourarts.org/.../southport-plein-air-festival/> or mail the registration form with a check for \$50 or \$75, depending on the number of painting days, to: Up Your Arts, P.O. Box 11326, Southport, NC 28461

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## City Manager visits Southport Rotary Club

On Wednesday, April 12th, we had a fantastic meeting with Southport City Manager, Bonnie Therrien. During her presentation, she explained the structure of government in the City of Southport NC and the purpose of the City Manager. She gave us the pros and cons of that position as perceived by citizens. We came away with an enlightened perspective!

Did you know that there is a program called "Southport Symposium" that meets once a month from 2-4pm at the Community Building? These symposiums consist of presentations and Q&A sessions from the scheduled department. Go to the City of Southport's website to register. These meetings are also live streamed on the City's website as well.

Southport Rotary Club extends a warm Thank You to Bonnie Therrien for taking time to meet with us and giving such a wonderful presentation!

About Southport Rotary Club: The Southport Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30pm at Falcone's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria in Southport. Chartered in 1986, the Southport Rotary Club is comprised of neighbors, friends, and community leaders in Southeastern Brunswick County. Our members share the common goal of creating positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.



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### Children's Programs at the Barbee Library

**SMART Kids Club @ Barbee**  
Thursday, May 18 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Barbee Library | 8200 E Oak Island Dr | Oak Island

Come out to Barbee Library every third Thursday at 4:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 19th for SMART Kids Club featuring various STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)-based activities. Call 910-278-4283 to register. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

**Lego League @ Barbee**  
Tuesday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
4:30 - 5:30 pm

Stop in and enjoy the new "Lego League" at Barbee Library on Oak Island Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. starting January 24th!

**Storytime @ Barbee**  
Tuesday, May 2, 9, 16, 23  
10 - 11 am

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We look forward to using this great new tool to keep everyone as up to date as possible!

Drop by Town Center Park to check out our brand new signs featuring a QR code. These signs have been installed on the fence beside each gate leading into the park.


All you have to do is open your camera on your phone and point it at the QR code. Click the link that pops up on your screen!

The link takes you to Linktree, an online tool that allows users to click on an event and be linked right back to the Town of Ocean Isle Beach's website for information specific to that event. This allows users access to the most current and accurate information on all upcoming events and activities.

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<p><b>Capeside Animal Hospital</b> 58 Waterford Business Center Way Belville, NC 910-383-2100 8am - 6pm *Cats will receive a Purevax Vaccine \$55 for 3 year / \$25 for 1 year</p>	<p><b>Leland Veterinary Hospital</b> 508 Village Rd Leland, NC 910-371-3440 8am - 12pm</p>



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## Brunswick County Sees First Increase in Homes Sold in 2023 Market Characterized by Strong Demand, Low Supply

**D**emand remained strong in Brunswick County's residential real estate market during March, with total sales volume and the number of homes sold increasing for the first time this year. Meanwhile, new listings were down and the market netted almost no new inventory.

"Home sales are picking up again as we shake off the winter cobwebs," said Cynthia Walsh, BCAR CEO. "Demand for new homes typically increases as we move into Spring, and our market saw 3% more homes sold in March compared to 2022. This increase may seem small compared to 2021's record-breaking numbers, but the number of homes sold in March 2023 was 21% higher than 2020, 20% higher than 2019, and 16% higher than 2018. With strong demand remaining and low inventory, our market is positioned to remain highly competitive as we move into Summer."

Brunswick County saw \$237,490,000 in total sales volume in March, an 8% increase from last year's \$219,840,000. The average sales price increased 2.8%, from \$432,764 to \$445,038. New listings were down 2.6%, from 615 to 599, while the number of units sold increased 3%, from 508 to 523. Homes spent an average of 55 days on the market. The absorption rate, which is the amount of time it would take to sell all available inventory, held steady at 2.5 months, which is still in seller's market territory. Sellers received 97% of the original list price on average. Brunswick County's luxury market remains strong with 25 sales in excess of \$1 million, the largest coming in at \$2.6 million on Holden Beach.

Year-to-date sales volume through March totaled \$500,790,000, down 10.1% from last year's \$556,820,000. The average sales price for the year is up 0.2% from 2022, increasing from \$436,083 to \$436,794. The number

of units sold through March is down 12.1%, from 1278 to 1123, and the number of new listings is up 8.3%, from 1450 to 1570.

### Brunswick County

#### New Listings

March 2023: 599  
March 2022: 615  
Increase/Decrease: -2.6%

#### Units Sold

March 2023: 523  
March 2022: 508  
Increase/Decrease: +3%

#### Average Sales Price

March 2023: \$445,083  
March 2022: \$432,764  
Increase/Decrease: +2.8%

#### Median Sales Price

March 2023: \$364,995  
March 2022: \$351,068  
Increase/Decrease: +4%

#### Total Sales Volume

March 2023: \$237,490,000  
March 2022: \$219,840,000  
Increase/Decrease: +8%

## Inflation Coming Down, but Slowly

By: Curtis Dubay

Chief Economist, U.S. Chamber

**T**he Consumer Price Index, the broadest measure of consumer prices, rose 6% annually in February. That is down from the peak of 9.1% in June 2022, but still very high. Inflation rose 0.4% from January to February.

*Why it matters:* This is a strong signal that we are not through with inflation yet.

*By the numbers:* Monthly data had been falling rapidly before the last few months.

Housing was the biggest driver in February. Prices for recreation, household furnishings and operations, and airline fares also rose.

Prices for used cars and trucks and for medical care decreased.

Core prices (all items less food and energy) rose 0.5% and are up 5.5% annually, which is high.

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The doors open at 5:00 PM. Presentation to begin at 5:30 PM and will last about an hour. Reservations will be necessary. Contact Max Sykes at [hmsykes@atmc.net](mailto:hmsykes@atmc.net) for reservations.

The cost for the seminar is \$15 per person and includes full copy of presentation material.

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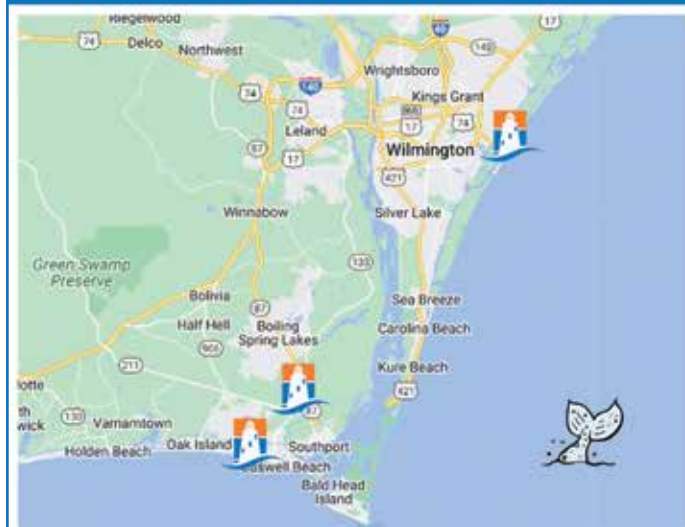


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## Fundraiser for the Brunswick Partnership for Housing

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**G**et your tickets for this annual event to provide transitional housing for families in need.

Tickets are \$50/per person and include admission and food provided by the Frying Pan. There will be a cash bar and a 50/50 drawing as well.

Live music by the Salty Dawgs, a local variety band - [www.saltydawgsnc.com](http://www.saltydawgsnc.com)

For tickets contact: Susan Crabtree, [susan-crabtree@hotmail.com](mailto:susan-crabtree@hotmail.com) or 267-235-6132; or Steve Moore, [stevenan70@gmail.com](mailto:stevenan70@gmail.com) or 919-601-2765.

### About Brunswick Partnership for Housing

Homelessness is not a choice. It is often triggered by events such as natural disasters, like hurricanes or floods, medical emergencies, or job loss. When housing costs become

too much, families can lose their homes.

They are the only agency in Brunswick County to provide transitional housing to help families get back on their feet when they find themselves homeless, often through no fault of their own.

For more information on the Brunswick Partnership for Housing, visit [www.brunswickpartnership.org](http://www.brunswickpartnership.org).



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### Senior Tar Heel Legislature 30th Anniversary Party

**Friday May 12th, 2023 2PM to 4PM**  
**BSRI Senior Center in Supply**  
**101 Stone Chimney Rd, Supply NC**

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2. The number of people 60+ in Brunswick County is expected to double in the next 20 years
3. Brunswick County ranks #7 in North Carolina for population age 65 and over
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### 3rd Annual Caridad, Inc. Fundraiser Festival

Saturday, May 6, 2023 | 1 pm  
Shuckin' Shack

The Villages at Brunswick Forest  
1175 Turlington Ave., Leland

Mystic River will be supporting the 3rd Annual Caridad, Inc Fundraiser Festival on Sat. May 6th 2023 1-5pm at Shuckin' Shack in Leland, N.C. 10% of all sales will go to Caridad, Inc. to support single mothers in Brunswick County. [caridadincnc.org](http://caridadincnc.org)  
Find information on Mystic River on facebook.

### Banding Together 4 the Service Club

Saturday, May 13, 2023  
2 - 8 pm

Woodlands Park in St. James

Come out Saturday, May 13 at three of St. James favorite bands come out to rock and roll all afternoon. Tickets are just \$20 and all proceeds support non-profits throughout Brunswick County. Bring your chairs; bring your friends. The Salty Dawgs, Back Porch Rockers and Mike's Garage Band are ready to entertain you! It's gonna be a good time!

Buy your tickets on line or in person. For more information go to: <https://sjserviceclub.org/banding-together>

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### Annual Maritime Museum Fundraising Event

Thursday, May 25, 2023  
6 - 8 pm

Ft. Johnson | Garrison Lawn,  
Southport

Come rock with the Back Porch Rockers. Concert runs from 5pm - 7pm. This is a free event but we certainly appreciate donations to the cause. Bring a picnic meal or purchase from local establishments. Large baskets of wine and other goodies will be raffled. So come on out to the beautiful setting of the Ft. Johnston Garrison Lawn under the large live oaks along the Cape Fear River. Every dollar raised will support new exhibits at the North Carolina Maritime Museum.

### Paws-Ability Bandfest 2023 - Live Music with Sea and Sand Band!

Sunday, June 4, 2023 | 1 pm  
Sunset Beach Park  
206 Sunset Blvd. N

This year's annual Paws-Ability Bandfest will be an awesome event you won't want to miss! The Sea and Sand Band will be playing a huge variety of music with the whole team (guitars, drums, piano, harmonica, horns - the works!) to entertain you! This is Paws-Ability's largest fundraiser for the year, so let's all show up and show out having a great time listening to live music, eating delicious foods and drinks, adopting animals and having a good time for a great cause. We hope to see you all there!

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