

Winterfest is Back for the Holidays in Southport!

In the Spirit of the Holiday Season, Mayor Hatem will light the City of Southport's Downtown Christmas Tree at Whittler's Bench for the **Mayor's Downtown Tree Lighting Ceremony**. 'Twas the Night Before Christmas will be read and the Trinity United Methodist Church Children's Choir will serenade us with time-honored Christmas Carols. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided by the Southport Beautification Committee. Come join us on Friday, December 1, 6 pm to share in the Joy of the Season.

Southport businesses are decking the town with the **Third Annual Storefront Showcase holiday decorating contest**. From Saturday, December 2 to Saturday, December 9, visitors, guests, or residents of Southport can follow the Storefront Showcase map that will be available online to visit each store and cast votes on each participating business. There will be five categories: Most Original, Most Kid-friendly, Most Traditional, Biggest Surprise, or Best Overall. Voting participants may vote more than once per category. On Monday, December 11, 2023, winners will be announced, and a trophy given for Best Overall. Don't hesitate; sign up today!



Join us for **Southport's Winterfest Tea**, an enchanting tea with special holiday entertainment sponsored by the Sisters of Southport and the City of Southport. Saturday, December 2, at 1pm at the Southport Community Building, located at 223 East Bay Street. Tickets will be \$45 and are available at Ricky Evans Gallery or

the Ft. Johnston Visitors Center and Museum.

Pet Pictures with Santa, sponsored by the City of Southport Animal Protective Services will take place on Sunday, December 3, 2-4pm at the Indian Trail Meeting Hall/Keziah Park, 113 W. Moore Street. Bring your pets for a jolly picture with Santa. Enjoy some pet-friendly activities and treats while you wait. Donations will be accepted to receive your photo with a frame.

Shop-with-a-Cop Concert featuring the BACK PORCH ROCKERS is sponsored by the Southport Police Department. It will take place on Monday, December 4, 6-8pm, in Franklin Square Park. The Shop-with-a-Cop program is a long-standing tradition in Southport.



Walk through a winter wonderland at the **Candy Cane Garden Party**, sponsored by Southport Garden Club on Tuesday, December 5, 6-8pm at Keziah Park, 113 West Moore Street. The four-foot candy canes have been decorated by local community members for your holiday enjoyment. For information and to purchase a candy cane to decorate visit www.southportgardenclub.org, available for pickup at the Visitors Center. Purchase stands for candy canes (extra cost). Local artists painted five candy canes for auction

WINTERFEST continues with this year's **The State Port Pilot Annual Cookie Contest** (Sponsored by The State Port Pilot) on Wednesday, December 6, 3:30-5pm at the Southport Community Building. Free... Come vote for your favorite! For information on entering email cookies@stateportpilot.com.

Bring your children to enjoy **Supper with Santa's Elves** on Wednesday, December 6, from 5-6:30 p.m. Parents will be able to drop their children off, shop at local stores, or have a romantic dinner. The children will enjoy a pizza dinner and watch a movie. You must pre-register by calling 910-457-7945. The cost is \$5 per child and is located at 209 Atlantic Ave., beside Southport Gym.

The Christmas Movie "Polar Express," an annual favorite WINTERFEST event, will be shown on the Fort Johnston Garrison Lawn at dusk on Thursday, December 7. This event is sponsored by Southport Parks and Recreation. Chairs/blankets are encouraged, and hot chocolate will be provided.

Enjoy a tour, **Historic Holidays, at the NC Maritime Museum** at Southport, 204 E. Moore Street. This annual tradition, presented by the museum crew, will be from 12-4pm on Friday, December 8. Staff and volunteers will be dressed out in period attire and historic activities and take-home crafts will be available for visitors to participate in.

Children, grownups, residents, and visitors, look forward to the annual **Light Up the Night Christmas Parade**, sponsored by the Southport Fire Department. On Friday, December 8, at 5:30pm the children will begin to board the fire engines at the Southport Fire Station. The parade begins at 6:30pm Parade route: Waterfront Park, down Howe St., back to the Southport Fire Station. Following the parade, children

are invited to visit with Santa.



Homemade Arts & Crafts, home-grown winter vegetables, cut flowers, homemade baked goods, honey, jellies, and pickles are only a few items that you will find at the **Winter Craft Festival** on Saturday, December 9, 9-4 p.m. in Franklin Square Park. Visit downtownsouthport.org for vendor information.

Get your children into the holiday spirit at **Southport's Santa's Workshop** on Saturday, December 9. Children will be making ornaments, decorating cookies, and creating other fun crafts. The workshop is from 10-11am at 209 Atlantic Ave., beside the Southport Gym.

Not to be missed, is the popular **Winterfest Performing Arts program**, sponsored by the Brunswick Arts Council. Enjoy the performing arts, including instrumentals, singing, and dancing on Saturday, December 9, 11-3pm in Franklin Square Park.

We are delighted to announce the **Southport Train and Toy Show** will take place at the Indian Trail Meeting Hall on December 9th, running from 12-5pm. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Wilmington Railroad Museum for their participation, as they will be showcasing a modular train setup and Wooden Tracks for kids. Additionally, they will be conducting presentations at 1 and 3 on the same day. Our appreciation also goes out to the Grand Strand Model Railroaders, who will be sharing their Small-n-scale traveling layout with us.

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Tis The Season for Locals and Small Businesses by Joanne Thompson

It is off season for beach towns throughout Brunswick County and many small businesses are happy to welcome back locals and regulars with some specials. Remember during the holidays support your local small businesses they have always been there for us lets be there for e them when times are slow.

The **Southport Oak Island Chamber of Commerce** has a campaign **Shop Small, Dine and Enjoy Local** that includes new Local Owned & Operated decals to help you spot participating businesses. Shop Small Saturday is November 25th.

First up is **Oliver's** in Southport who began in October to offer a drink special for each night: Monday \$5 well drinks 'Tuesday Margaritas, Wednesday \$5 house wines (nice pour), Thursday \$6 House Martinis ... Cosmos, Lemon Drops, Appletinis, and traditional gin or vodka dirty or not; and on Sunday \$5 Mimosas and \$3 draft beers.... how is that to say thank you to locals. Not only is the food good, but the view is worth the trip!

Merry Christmas to us from **Mr. P's Bistro** on Howe St. in Southport. Receive \$20 Bistro Bucks for every \$100 gift certificate purchased by December 23.

Waterfront Seafood Shack Market & Eatery, in Calabash, is rolling out lunch specials Monday through Friday serving a meat and 3 sides with a glass of iced tea for \$12.50.

Bald Head Coffee has opened in Boiling Spring with an array of freshly roasted and grown coffee available in any manner that you like. It has a drive through for those on the run and a dog-friendly patio for those who want to linger over their brew. Bald Head Coffee prides itself on giving back to the community cutting back on waste and donating a portion of proceeds to Ocean Con-

servancy in Oak Island and Caswell Beach. They continue to make the world a better place, one coffee at a time! Get a gift certificate for a stocking stuffer.

The **Sea Biscuit Cafe** on Stone Chimney Rd., Varnamtown/Holden Beach/Supply area, is serving up a great selection of fresh items daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Menu choices are very reasonable and very good say locals. Favorites include smothered breakfast burrito and fried local flounder. On Mondays with proof of residence locals get a 10% discount.

Fixins OKI on Oak Island Dr. offers a Blue-Plate Special that is all inclusive for a very reasonable price on Wednesday and Thursday 10 am until 2 pm. Fixins OKI has a decided Southern flair with a farm to table menu that uses North Carolina products. Down home cooking at its best.

Southport's **Ports of Call** on Howe St. will celebrate Customer Appreciation Week November 7 - 12. Every guest who orders a dinner entree can have their name entered in a drawing held on Nov. 14 and the winner gets a free entree on the next visit. Runner up receives a free dessert. On Nov. 8 you can enjoy specially crafted cocktails and a select tapas menu all while listening to a band. Check out their international wine paring dinners as well.

Loco Jo's Bar & Grill in Southport has long been a secret sport for locals. The food is very reasonable, unique with an Asian twist and bursting with freshness, complemented with daily and nightly drink specials that keep locals coming back again and again.

Toasted in Calabash on Beach Dr. offers a buy one get one for half off on burgers on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 am until 3 pm. Frequently

they have a BOGO on dinner specials too so check them out on Facebook!

Lucca's Italian Chop House in Shallotte has 50% off bottles of wine on Wednesdays. If you want freshly made pasta and ravioli, try Lucca's.

Paul's OKI not only has huge TV screens for football and hockey games but has a daily menu special that changes weekly. They have an everchanging Set of the Week They have a full menu available 11am-midnight, seven days a week. Skee ball league, live music, and sports specials mark Paul's OKI a true sports bar.

Hot news **The Joyce** in Leland is now an upscale Mexican restaurant brought to you by the same people who own the **San Felipe** grouping. Look for top quality fresh fare. Ole! Work is coming along at a fast paced on the new San Felipe, serving Southport for 23 years, and **Alpaca Peruvian Charcoal Chicken** stand-alone buildings in the Southport Crossing Way Plaza.

Also, Oak Island-Southport area hot news; **Biscuitville** is springing up where the former Atlantic Seafood/Western Sizzler/ Golden Corral was, and **Hobby Lobby** is due to go in where the Lowes Food in the Live Oak Plaza used to be. It joins a new **Cook Out** fast food near the McDonald's in the River Run Plaza on Long Beach Rd. Yes, these are chains, but let's not forget our mom-and-pop local businesses. They have been there for us for quite a while. They have been our staples so do not give up on them. Remember to shop local small businesses.

It is official, the very popular, **Grape & Ale** on Oak Island has now purchased The Wine Rack in Southport. Hooray for the owners Joe and Des Yeager. This means the same fun events, wine club, and live music

experiences will reign supreme.

New owners of **Dry Street Pub and Pizza**, in Southport, Brian and Stacy Smith, promise the same great quality food and drinks and a whole lot more for locals and visitors to savor.

It's soup season. If you want the very best go to **StrEAT SideCafe** in Southport, not only is the menu killer fresh and imaginative, but the roasted tomato crab jalapeno bisque is literally to die for good! Chef Rhonda well known and held in high esteem is also catering with the same style that she has always shown. Why cook to entertain during the holidays call StrEAT Side Cafe.

Fizzy Jane's, 614 W St. Southport near the Southport Marina, is offering special tapas style small plates from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Specialty beverages and desserts offered all day. No reservations needed. The bar and lounge are always open. The Sunday Brunch usually features live kool music!

Tink Boutique, 5101 Southport Supply Rd., offers women's clothing and accessories for the holidays.

Yummy House, associated with Southport Gourmet and Sushi, in Southport where the old Hardee's was located is due to open with an emphasis on dim sum, Pho and other Asian delights. There will be a drive through to make pick up easier.

Great news from **Swain's Seafood and Cut** restaurant on Oak Island. They will now be open for lunch Thursday through Saturday from 11:30 to 2:00 pm. The promise of the freshest fish and fabulous desserts will surely bring in the customers!

If you love brunch, **Amelia's Grille**, Market Place Blvd. Ocean Isle Beach, offers a daily brunch from 8am-2 pm. Wednesday is a mid-week escape with 1/2 priced bottles of wine and jazz.



Dosher Receives Accolades

In a recent report compiled by Becker's Hospital Review, Doshier Memorial Hospital was listed as one of the hospitals nationwide and one of 15 in the state of North Carolina that received five (5) stars for patient recommendation. The report was compiled using data collected from Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), a US federal agency that works with state governments to manage Medicare and Medicaid benefits in addition to providing many other healthcare related resources.

According to the article published

in Becker's, the report is based on the recommended hospital star rating, which asks patients in a survey after they have received care, "Would you recommend this hospital to your friends and family?" The report was retrieved from survey data collected from hospital patients from October 2021 through September 2022.

Said Doshier President and CEO Lynda Stanley, "We are grateful for the community trusting Doshier with their care and for taking the time to complete their patient surveys. We are also highly appreciative of our dedicated team who have made it their mission to provide extraordinary care to every patient, every day."



Staff at Doshier Memorial Hospital celebrate their 5-star rating for patient recommendation.

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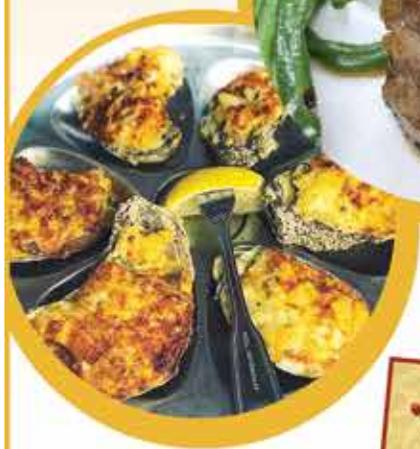
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Southport Historical Society's Annual Holiday Tour of Homes is scheduled for 12-5pm on Saturday, December 9. Tickets are needed to join this tour and can be purchased for \$25 through the Southport Historical Society's website starting on November 28th as well as in person at Ft. Johnston Visitors Center and Museum beginning at 10 am. Limit of 4 tickets per person.

The Old Brunswick County Jail Tours sponsored by Southport Historical Society will take place on Saturday, December 9, from 12-5pm at the Old Jail, decorated for the season. The jail was built in 1904 when Southport was the county seat, located on the corner of Nash & Rhett Streets. This is a perfect time to come learn a piece of Southport's history.

For the 29th year, the Southport Winterfest Flotilla, sponsored by Cape Fear Yacht Club, Downtown Southport, Inc., and the City of Southport will illuminate the waterfront. Bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the beauty of Christmas lights



bouncing off the water on Saturday, December 9, at 6pm at the Southport Waterfront. The flotilla route will showcase vessels from Old American Fish to Marker 19 near the Southport River Hotel, then return to Old American Fish and the Yacht Basin. Students from the Southport Elementary School Art Program will be judging the sail, power, and paddle boats of the flotilla. Come on down to the waterfront support all the flotilla participants and enjoy the celebration.

For more information, please call 910-457-7927.

Starting December 1, More People can Get Health Coverage through Medicaid.

NC Medicaid will soon cover people ages 19 through 64 years with higher incomes. You may be able to get health care coverage through Medicaid even if you didn't qualify before. Medicaid pays for doctor visits, yearly checkups, emergency care, mental health and more - at little or no cost to you.

Starting December 1, most people will be able to get health care coverage through NC Medicaid if:

- You live in North Carolina
- You are 19-64 years old
- You are a citizen. (Some non-US citizens can also get health care coverage through Medicaid.)
- And if your household income falls within the chart below:

Household size	Total income, before taxes
Single Adults	\$1,676/month or less (\$20,120/year)
Family of 2	\$2,267/month or less
Family of 3	\$2,859/month or less (\$34,307/year)
Family of 4	\$3,450/month or less (\$41,400/year)
Each additional	(add \$7,094/year)

If someone is pregnant, they may be eligible for other Medicaid programs to get full health benefits. And if you were eligible before, you still are. Nothing changes for you.

NC Medicaid covers most health services. It includes doctor visits, checkups, emergency care, hospital services, maternity and postpartum care, vision and hearing services, prescription drugs, behavioral health, preventative and wellness services, devices, and more. There's no monthly fee and copays are never more than \$4.

Go to medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/expansion to learn more. To apply, create an EPass account and complete your application at epass.nc.gov

CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA



Annual Parade & Festival

Town of Oak Island, NC

While the Town's annual Tree Lighting ceremony and Holiday Craft Market are two favorite yuletide traditions, by far the biggest holiday draw is the Christmas By The Sea Parade.

The Christmas By The Sea Parade will be held on Saturday, December 2, at 2pm.

Traditionally held on the first Saturday in December, this event runs right through the heart of Town down E Oak Island Drive, and hosts some of the largest crowds outside of Beach Day itself. In years past, the Parade was organized by the Southport-Oak Island Chambers of Commerce, in partnership with the Town.

New for 2023, the Town has graciously accepted full-organizer status from the Chamber, and will be the sole sponsor and organizer of the Parade.

Parade Entry Registration

The only thing more exciting than watching the Christmas By The Sea Parade, is being a part of it! 2022 saw the largest parade in Town History ... so far! There's no reason to not make future years even bigger and better!

If you or an organization you represent would like to participate in the parade, the registration form and information can

be downloaded at the link provided: <https://www.oakislandnc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/1860/638271064011000000>

Other Parades to Enjoy!

Bolivia Christmas Parade: The Bolivia Fire Department is ramping up for its annual Christmas parade!

The Parade is set for Saturday December 9th at 11am traveling down Old Ocean Hwy!

Interesting in joining the parade? Send us an email so we can plan to see you @ Boliviaparade7@gmail.com

Boiling Spring Lakes: Boiling Spring Lakes Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade of Fire Trucks will be held Fri, Dec 1 2023.

The Town of Shallotte is now accepting applications for their Christmas Parade, to be held on December 2.

Parade begins at Main St./Hwy 130 Intersection and will end at intersection of Main St./Smith Avenue.

Applications are posted on their website or you can find a copy printed at Town Hall (106 Cheers St.). Please note- all applications have to be submitted in person at Shallotte Town Hall with payment.

<https://www.townofshallotte.org>



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November/December Events

BELVILLE

November 11

Veteran's Day

9am-12pm | Belville Riverwalk Park
580 River Rd SE

Celebrate Veteran's Day at Belville Riverwalk Park

December 2

Holiday Lights by the River Christmas Tree Lighting

10am-9pm | Belville Riverwalk Park
580 River Rd SE

Check facebook for updated details.

BOILING SPRING LAKES

December 2

Pancake Breakfast and Santa's Workshop

8-11am | Community Center
1 Leeds Road

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Cost is \$2.00 for kids under 14 (residents of BSL), \$5.00 for adult residents. Non-residents would be \$3.50 for kids and \$7.50 for adults. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, November 1st. They can be purchased at the CC or on bsl.recdesk.com.

BOLIVIA

November 11 & 25

December 2 & 16

January 6

Bolivia Volunteer Fire Department Turkey Shoot

6-10pm | 180 Green Lewis Rd SE

All proceeds will support the Bolivia Volunteer Fire Department. Guns allowed: 12-gauge, 20-gauge and 410. Shells furnished.

CALABASH

November 23

Calabash Turkey Trot

7am | Calabash

The biggest & best turkey trot at the beach is in Calabash NC! We have a 10K in the morning, followed by a 5K and a 1 Mile - you can also enter in the 3 race challenge and earn 4 medals all on thanksgiving morning! Participants receive a nice long sleeve tech shirt and HUGE finisher medals in the race. Pumpkin pie, age group trophies and a really fun course through the heart of Calabash make way to a great start for your Thanksgiving day. For more information and to register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=16902>

HOLDEN BEACH

November

Turkey Trot

8am

The town will hold its annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. Pre-register by emailing Christy @ christy.ferguson@hbtownhall.com. Please bring a canned food item to donate to local food pantry. The course is slightly over 2 miles.

November 6

Veterans Appreciation Event

11:30am | Town Hall

Veterans are invited to bring a guest and to register by emailing Christy @ christy.ferguson@hbtownhall.com with the number in your party.

LELAND

November 3, 10, 17, 24

Afternoon Movies

3:30-5:30pm | Leland Public Library | 487 Village Rd NE

Looking for some weekend fun? Come by the Leland Library at 3:30 every Friday for a free movie showing! Call the library or stop by for a flyer with each week's movie selection. No registration required.

November 4

APPLEARCHY Cider Festival

12-5pm | Brunswick Beer and Cider
1313 South Dickinson Drive

A fun experience of sipping on some of the Carolinas favorite ciders and fruit forward beers. With each age verified ticket, you will be provided a 5oz event branded tasting glass. The glass allows you to taste each curated cider from the participating breweries and cideries. 12pm-1pm will be reserved for a VIP hour. There will also be providing live music, apple pressing, kettle corn and BB&C food for purchase.

December 2

Leland in Lights

6-8pm | 102 Town Hall Drive

Mayor Brenda Bozeman will welcome guests to the Town Hall Plaza at 6 PM, followed by Santa flipping the switch to light the tree and illuminate Town Hall. Food trucks will be serving food. Santa will be greeting visitors between 6:15 - 8 PM on the Town Hall Plaza. Bring your wish list and a camera to capture the moment! On the other side of Town Hall, we'll have Leland Express train rides, also from 6:15 - 8 PM. Town Hall Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic between Village Road and

Old Fayetteville Road to allow event-goers to walk through the event. Free parking will be available at First Baptist Church of Leland at 517 Village Rd NE, with a free shuttle to and from the event beginning at 5:30 PM. *Please no pets or alcohol.

December 21

Stitchin' Meet up

7-8:30pm | Leland Cultural Arts Center | 1212 Magnolia Village Way

All are welcome at this monthly fibers get together! Whether you crochet, sew, knit, embroider, or anything else, come stitch with us.

OCEAN ISLE

November 15

Women of Impact Brunch

9:30-11:30am | The Isles Restaurant
417 W 2nd St | \$50 Advance

The Women of Impact Brunch has been developed by the Brunswick County Chamber Women in Business Committee in an effort to champion women from diverse backgrounds and industries to ensure their achievements become part of the fabric of our community. Space is limited and tickets will not be available at the door. If you require a vegetarian or gluten free meal, please indicate in the comments when you register. Professional Business Attire recommended. <https://brunswickcountychamber.chambermaster.com>

December 31

Noon Year's Eve at Ocean Isle Beach

11am-12:15pm | Ocean Isle Beach
town Center Park | 11 E 2nd St.

The Museum of Coastal Carolina and The Town of Ocean Isle Beach Recreation Department will be hosting this fun, FREE kid-friendly event on Sunday, December 31, 2023. FREE crafts, refreshments and a dance party at Town Center Park leading to a countdown to "Noon Year" at 12:00 pm sharp!

SHALLOTTE

November 4

Touch a Truck @ Mulberry Park

1-4pm | Mulberry Park
123 Mulberry St | FREE

Join us for our first annual Touch A Truck Event at Mulberry Park. Kids will be able to SEE, TOUCH, EXPLORE & HONK on garbage trucks, police cars, military vehicles, fire trucks & more!

November 14, & 21

Photos with Santa

5:30-8:30pm | Old Sunnyside Schoolhouse | 221 Village Road
FREE Entry

Bring your own camera or phone for photos with families, individuals and furbabies! Due to interest, time may be limited per family and/or person.

SOUTHPORT

November

2023 Holiday Book Club

1pm | Harper Library
109 W Moore St | \$20 Per Child
Donation

Honor a special child in your life this season. <http://www.library.brunscoco.net/>

November 1

Art Mingle

4:30-8pm | Fizzy Janes and Cafe Koa | Downtown Southport
Tickets Online \$25 | Door \$30

There will be live music by Brisa Del Mar, local art, wide variety of small food plates & cocktails! cash bar available! Buy tickets at www.eventbrite.com by searching Southport Walk of Art with Live Music, Food & Beverages.

November 4

Jack's Boat Pull

1pm | Morningstar Marinas
606 W West St

You and five of your friends on one end of the rope and the Sea Tow rescue boat, trailer and cred cab pickup on the other.

- 7.5 tons, 75 feet, one chance to pull as fast as you can
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- Show you are the best

All participants get a super cool shirt. Fast puller wins a major award. Cost is \$400/per team (20-team limit) <https://www.strideevents.com/jacks-boat-pull/event-information>

November 11

Veteran's Day Concert to

Benefit: Stop Soldier Suicide

12-4pm | Woodlands Park | St James Plantation | \$20 Donation

Bands Ashes & Arrows and Trilogy will entertain for the event, hosted by Blue Star Mothers. There will a 50.50 raffle, basket raffles, a FREE Veterans raffle and food trucks. Tickets can be purchased online at www.capefearbluestarmothers.com or email: cfbsmoa@gmail.com.

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

www.oakislandnc.com/ | www.oakislandnc.com/government/parks-recreation | www.townofshallotte.org
www.hbtownhall.com | www.sunsetbeachnc.gov/ | www.ncbrunswick.com/events | www.southport-oakisland.com
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 Also check events on your facebook page

911 Telecommunicators Present to COAST Students

Students at the Center of Applied Sciences and Technology (COAST) got to hear from two experienced Telecommunicators from the Brunswick County 911 Communications Center this afternoon. Jonathan Talley and Julie DePriest presented information to the students about what it takes to be a 911 Telecommunicator. They got to hear actual 911 calls from dif-

ferent types of incidents to demonstrate the composure and multi-tasking skills a person must possess in order to serve as a Telecommunicator. The students had a lot of great questions for Julie and Jonathan; several expressed interest in pursuing a career in public safety.

Great job Julie and Jonathan and thanks to Mr. Jordan from the COAST for inviting us to speak.



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Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Grants Wish

On Sunday, October, 1, Lower Cape Fear LifeCare fulfilled hospice patient Tosha Jacobs' bucket list wish to skydive. By her side was her care team social worker, Wendy Reavis.

Tosha, 38, was born in Kentucky but moved to North Carolina three years ago with her mother. She has always enjoyed an adrenaline rush and is a bit of a thrill seeker. She was the mount for her cheerleading squads from grade school through high school, where she was tossed in the air, performed flips, and posed atop human pyramids.

Seven years ago, Tosha was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, a fast-growing and aggressive brain tumor. She had surgery to remove two tumors and chemotherapy and radiation as part of her treatment. She suffers from a slight facial droop from the tumor, making speaking difficult. Once very social, Tosha now feels isolated and withdrawn.

Her illness returned, and she now receives care from Lower Cape Fear LifeCare.

Tosha told Wendy she wished for one more rush of adrenaline. She wanted to go skydiving - to be tossed in the air and float away from her stresses.



It was a perfect afternoon for a jump with blue skies and light winds. Tosha jumped from the plane two and a half miles above the earth and soared - thinking for a few minutes about nothing but how wonderful it felt to fly.

Thanks to everyone who helped make Tosha's bucket list wish come true, her amazing social worker willing to take this leap with her, and to Skydive Coastal Carolinas for a fabulous ride and incredible footage used to help create this video and capture this moment.

If you'd like to help us provide wishes, please donate at <https://lifecare.org/donate/>. In the comment section, designate "Bucket List Wishes."

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This workshop provides participants with our free advance care

planning workbook, legal documents needed to get a plan in place, and the opportunity to learn more about ensuring your healthcare wishes are known. There is no cost to attend.

The next two dates are November 17, and December 15, at 10-11am.

Lower Cape Fear LifeCare is located at 1414 Physicians Drive in Wilmington.



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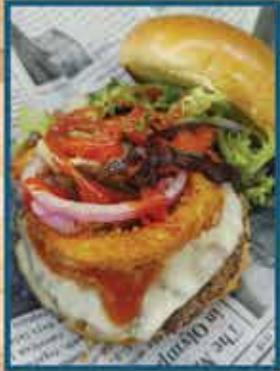


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Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson to Host Two Christmas Holiday Events

Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson will be offering visitors the chance to experience a peaceful evening amongst the ruins of St. Philips Church as it is decorated in its holiday finest, with candlelight and greenery.

A **Light in the Darkest Night** will be held Friday, December 8th from 4pm-7pm, and allows for self-guided exploration and meditation. Our visitor center and gift shop will remain open during the course of the evening to also allow a chance for a little holiday shopping.

Enjoy a second evening at **An 18th Century Christmas**, which will explore how the American colonists celebrated Christmas.

During the program, you can enjoy 18th century inspired refreshments in the Visitor Center, participate in traditional games, or try your hand at Moravian paper stars and other 18th century crafts. The highlight

of the evening will be an authentic period candlelit service in the ruins of St. Philips Anglican Church. The service will begin at 5:00pm and will conclude by 5:30pm. Adult admission per person is \$5 and kids 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance online through our Square website.



Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site is located at 8884 Saint Phillips Rd SE, Winnabow.

Visit their website for more information on these and other events:

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ALERT: Rental Listing Scam

We've had some reports of a Rental Listing Scam making its way around our county.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), scammers take over legitimate rental listings and make them their own. Scammers copy the pictures and descriptions of online rental listings, replace the agent's contact information with their own, and post the phony ads on a new site. If you call or email about the rental you'll reach a scammer, who may take your money for an application fee, deposit, first month's rent, or vacation rental charge. Then, the scammer disappears, and you're left with no place to move in to. Many times this money is taken via mobile payment services such as Venmo, or Apple Pay.

Some scammers have even told victims the key to the rental house is in the mail and to use a screwdriver to get into the home!

BCSO detectives are asking folks to meet with the property owner or rental agent before sending money. A scammer will never agree to a meeting which is an indication the listing is fake.

Tips on how to spot and avoid this type of scam can be found at <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/rental-listing-scams>.

Please pass this information along to help keep others from being victimized!



Sheriff Brian Chism

Kiwanis Club Hosts 2023 Big Toy Day

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office had a GREAT time this Saturday, October 14 at the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club Big Toy Day! So many wonderful people stopped by to say hello and got a chance to check out some of the resources Brunswick Coun-

ty Sheriff's Office uses to keep our community safe. We loved seeing the big smiles and looks of awe on the faces of all the kiddos! It made our day!

Thanks to all those who came out for what turned out to be a beautiful day! We can't wait until next year's event!



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Grape & Ale Buys the Wine Rack in Southport

After five and a half years, it is time to pass the baton. KJ and Amy, the current owners of the Wine Rack, in downtown Southport have decided to sell. The great news is that veteran wine shop owners Des and Joe Yeager from the Grape and Ale on Oak Island are the new owners, as of Saturday, October 14.

Amy and KJ want to thank you from the bottom of their hearts for your support. They said, "We met many wonderful people and developed lasting friendships. We have weathered 3 hurricanes, major road construction on Howe St, and a pandemic. You have been with us through it all!"

If you are a wine club member please look for an email detailing their plan moving forward for membership. The Grape and Ale has a thriving wine club with many club membership benefits

Des and Joe look forward to joining you at the Wine Rack from the other side of the bar!

They are honored to take over the reigns from Amy and KJ after 5 and half years of serving the Southport

community. The Wine Rack has a long history of being a wine shop for 25 years, the oldest wine store in Brunswick County. They are excited to bring The Grape and Ale to Southport and continue the legacy.

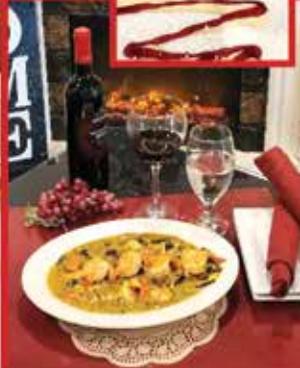
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- Family services
- Civic and community programs
- Cultural and arts programs
- Emergency services

- Economic Development
- Applications are accepted December 1 through February 15. Grants are awarded in the spring.

Funding for this program comes from the equipment auction held during BEMC's Annual Meeting. Since its inception, nearly \$600,000 has been given back to the community through these grants. For more information and to apply, visit bemc.org/community-grants.



TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH



With crisp, cool temperatures upon us, you may be thinking about a cozy firepit in your backyard. The Sunset Beach Police & Fire Department would like to remind you of the following Town Ordinances regarding open flames and/or firepits.

ON THE BEACH STRAND - § 95.10 - OPEN BURNING ON THE BEACH STRAND IS PROHIBITED. It is unlawful for any person to start, kindle, operate or maintain any open fire or flame, including barbecue, charcoal, gas, or other similar type device or grill, fire pit, ski lantern, fireworks, or sparklers on the beach strand.

ON THE ISLAND & MAINLAND - § 92.41 - OPEN FLAMES. Outdoor firepits or fireplaces are PERMITTED if the fire unit opening is 3-feet in diameter or less with a flame height less than 2-feet. Must be positioned at least 10-feet from any structure, dwelling or vehicle footprint within the Town of Sunset Beach corporate limits. Shall be closely monitored at all times during operation by an adult person until completely extinguished.



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14th Annual Toys for Tots Ride



Join Beach House Harley-Davidson®, The Marine Corps Reserve & Toys For Tots on Sunday, November 26 to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter this year! Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or cash donation and be ready to leave by noon for an escorted ride through town and meet back at Beach House H-D® for lunch! All riders and bikes are welcome!

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The route will be an escorted ride by the Brunswick County Sheriffs Office through the town of Shallotte, through Ocean Isle Beach, Calabash area, and back to Beach House Harley-Davidson®.

Coastal Catering (Jeromes Steakhouse) will be serving a free lunch to all who participate!

The event will be at Beach House Harley-Davidson, 100 Harley Davidson Dr, in Shallotte.

Don't miss out on an awesome cause and one of our largest rides of the year! It's an experience like no other. See you there! Happy Holidays!

Registration is from 9-11:30am, with kickstands up at 12pm. Regis-

Oak Island Toys for Tots Drop-Off Locations Announced

Throughout the month of November, and into the second full week of December, these iconic collection boxes will be placed in visible areas to raise donations for the Toys for Tots program. This includes the Town facilities of:



- Town Hall, 4601 E Oak Island Dr.
- Police Department, 4621 E Oak Island Dr.
- Recreation Center, 3003 E Oak Island Dr.
- Oak Island Pier, 705 Ocean Dr.

Although there is no official "wish list" provided for the campaign, Toys for Tots reminds donors to please bring new, un-wrapped toys that are preferably around the \$10 or above price range. Homemade toys are also accepted, and books are also needed. Children receive 2 toys each, and 3 books count as ONE gift! Please avoid donating realistic looking weapons or gifts with food.

ALL three (3) Fire Stations:

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- Station 2, 8510 E Oak Island Dr.
- Station 3, 4151 Vanessa Dr SE

For more information on the Town of Oak Island's participation in this year's Toys for Tots campaign, contact the Oak Island Fire Department at 910-278-1000 or use Contact Form on their page of the Town Website at www.OakIslandNC.gov/FD.

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New Hope Clinic Open House



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The Open House will include live music from Dirk Mercer & Jamie Dooley, street tacos by Live Oak Catering, beverages, and games. Tours of the facility will also be offered to showcase the clinic and the care offered to our patients. To show our appreciation to our generous community members, we will also have

giveaways to include restaurant certificates and New Hope Clinic swag.

Meet staff, volunteers & patients to learn about the history of the facility, how the organization has grown over the last 25 years and what our future holds. Learn about how to become a patient, a volunteer, and other ways to support the Clinic's work.

We look forward to seeing you there for a fun afternoon of celebrating all that New Hope Clinic offers to our neighbors in Brunswick County.

The Clinic is located at 201 W Boiling Spring Rd, Boiling Spring Lakes, NC. For more information about the event or the Clinic, visit www.newhopeclinicfree.org or call 910-845-5333.

Ladies Night Out! An evening of Health and Fashion

Join Heather Kinlaw and Tracy Middleton, Thursday, November 9 from 5:30-8:30pm, Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 4433 Long Beach Road, as they highlight their businesses in this all woman event. Heather Kinlaw, a Green Compass Global Advocate has been providing Hope in Hemp since 2019. As a retired Nurse, Clinical Research Coordinator and Breast Cancer Survivor, Heather is on a mission to educate others on the benefits of CBD and how it works within our bodies to create balance. Learn some CBD 101, enjoy samples of teas and go home with a \$10 off Friendshare Code to use on your first order. Tracy

Middleton is a personal stylist who enjoys bringing women together to encourage one another through fashion. She styles women in the Cabi line of clothing. Cabi is a boutique clothing line started 22 years ago by designer, Carol Anderson, who wanted to bring fashion to women through invitational events. After Tracy's presentation, you will have the opportunity to shop in the company of other women and get styling advice from Tracy. Refreshments will be served at 5:30pm and presentations will begin at 6pm. Please RSVP to Tracy at 760-271-2856 or Heather at 910-616-1305. Feel free to bring a friend!



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45th Annual U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament Awards Almost \$400,000 in Prizes

The record-setting 45rd Annual U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament was held Oct. 5-7 at Dutchman Creek Park. It attracted 558 boats, missing the highest number of participants in the tournament's history by three boats set in 2021. Total purse was over \$390,000.

With their single-engine vessel, Tripple J, Captain Joe Matthews and his crew, Deanne Matthews and Joey Matthews of Winnabow, N.C. took first place in the tournament with a 43.45 lb., king mackerel. They won a total of \$92,320 for their efforts.

The second-place team, Blew By U!, led by Captain Corey Durako of Wilmington, N.C., brought in a king mackerel weighing 41.50 lbs., which won them a combined total of \$117,680.

In third place was Strictly Business, led by Captain Jeff Crouch of Oak Island, NC. Their winning fish weighed in at 38.95 lbs., which won them \$71,555.

The winners are determined by the weight of the fish, however, the total prize money is determined by the number of additional categories the anglers choose to enter in the tournament.

“Overall, the tournament was a great success and will go down in the record books as one of the biggest one we’ve had to date in terms of participants and prizes,” said

Karen Sphar, executive vice president of the Southport Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce. “We appreciate everyone who participated in the tournament, from the anglers who fished it, to the sponsors, vendors and volunteers who helped make it happen, and of course our tournament planning committee and Board of Directors, led by Carol Magnani.”

This was the fourth time the tournament was held at Dutchman Creek Park. Brunswick County Parks & Recreation officials worked with Tournament officials to ensure a family friendly and fun event was held. Rusty Hooks Dockside Grill provided a location for anglers to re-board their boats after weighing in and the Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office and Oak Island Water Rescue provided marine traffic control on the water.

The U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament is the largest king mackerel tournaments on the East Coast and has a \$2 million economic impact on the region. It is held annually the first week of October and is an event of the Southport Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce.

Full tournament results are available at www.usopenkmt.com, video of the weigh-ins can be found at www.usopenkmtlive.com and photos from the weekend are available at the U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament Facebook page.



The team, Tripple j, of Winnabow, N.C., is the winner of the 45rd Annual U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament. Pictured left to right, crew member Captain Joe Matthews, Deanne Matthews, Joey Matthews, Tournament Chairman Carol Magnani, and immediate past chairman Tim Tippet

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BCSO Welcomes New Deputy

Welcome Martin Vaughn to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office family! He will be serving as a Patrol Deputy.

Deputy Vaughn was sworn in earlier today at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office in Bolivia.



Charlie's Kids Fishing Tournament a Success

Community is important to us, interacting with this we protect and serve. Sgt. Moore and Officer Garrido had a great time seeing all the smiling faces of kids and family at this morning's Capt. Charlie's Kids fishing tournament. The Southport Parks and Recreation department hosts this event each year in conjunction with the US Open King Mackerel Tournament. The tournament saw a successful day of fishing. Great job Parks & Rec!



BCSO Participates in Operation Medicine Cabinet

On October 5th, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office took part in Operation Medicine Cabinet held at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport. Thanks to all those who came out and safely disposed of unused, unwanted or expired medication. A huge thank you to the awesome volunteers who worked the event! The folks who dropped off medications were greeted with friendliness and smiling faces. The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office and our county are better because of these folks!



Shalotte Police Department Welcomes New Officer

Welcome to the newest member of the Shalotte Police department, Officer Rain Nolden.

Officer Nolden will be assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division.

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Support Local on Small Business Saturday, November 25

Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses and communities across the country and is part of the larger Shop Small Movement. Founded by American Express in 2010, this day is celebrated each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in the U.S. Since it started in 2010, consumers have reported spending an estimated \$163 billion at small

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Oak Island's Twelve Days of Christmas

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Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Spend an free evening with friends and family as OKI Parks and Recreation ushers in the magic of the holiday season. Enjoy FREE entertainment with local music, crafts, Santa mailing station, and more! Be sure to stick around as islanders welcome the arrival of good ole' Saint Nick.

The festivities will be held Friday, December 1, at the Middleton Park Complex, 4610 E. Dolphin Dr. Entertainment begins at 5pm, with the tree lighting at 6pm.



Breakfast with Santa

Hang out with Santa and friends December 2, 2023 from 8-10am, while enjoying a breakfast buffet, holiday crafts, and reading of "The Night Before Christmas". The event will be held at the Community Resource Center, 102 SE. 47th St., Oak Island

The perfect photo opportunity, be sure to come in your favorite holiday attire. Cost is \$8 Town of Oak Island Residents, \$10 Non-residents and island visitors. For ages 10 and under.

Registration is required: www.oakislandnc.gov/RecDesk.

9th Annual Holiday Craft Market

Oak Island's Holiday Craft Mar-

ket returns to Middleton Park December 3 from 10am-2pm. Discover a unique assortment of craft and homemade items from close to 100 vendors, that are sure for wow worthy gifts this holiday season. Enjoy holiday music while you shop until you drop. For more information, or to inquire about becoming a vendor, please email Heather O'Brien, at hobrien@oakislandnc.gov.

Ornament Making at Oak Island Nature Center

Give the gift of creativity this holiday season as coastal residents and guests spend time making seasonal crafts that can be enjoyed for years to come! The event will be held Monday, December 4, 10-noon at the Oak Island Nature Center, 5202 E Yacht Dr.

Cost is \$5 Town of Oak Island residents; \$7 Non-residents and island visitors. For ages 18 years and older. Registration is required: www.oakislandnc.gov/RecDesk

For questions email, Heather O'Brien, at hobrien@oakislandnc.gov.

Santa Paws

The holiday season is going to the dogs! Bring your furry friends to Middleton Park Complex Tuesday, December 5 from 4-6pm, so they can share their holiday wish list and get a photo with Santa Paws. FREE to attend, this unique opportunity has become an Oak Island holiday tradition. All pets are welcome. For questions reach out to Ryan Gordon, at rgordon@oakislandnc.gov.

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Snow Many Crafts at Oak Island Ocean Education Center

Spend an evening as a family, Wednesday, December 6, 5-6pm, making holiday themed crafts at the Ocean Education Center, 4700 E Oak Island Dr, Oak Island. Whether your little ones are making personalized gifts, or decorations for your own home, this brand-new event is sure to become a holiday tradition! For more information email Heath-

er O'Brien, at hobrien@oakislandnc.gov.

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Oak Island Holiday Olympics: Let the Reindeer Games Begin!

Compete in a team of at least 4, in a variety on holiday themed games. Teams work together to complete a series of challenges as they compete to win much coveted golden Santa hats! The event will be Thursday, December 7 from 5:30-7:30pm, at the Oak Island Recreation Center, 3003 E. Oak Island Dr., Oak Island.

Teams must have at least one member under the age of 18. Cost: \$30 Town of Oak Island residents and \$40 Non-residents and island visitors. Registration is required: www.oakislandnc.gov/RecDesk.

For questions, email Carrie Winkler, at reccenter@OakIslandNC.gov or call 910-278-5518. This program is not eligible for refunds, transfers, or credits. Max of 10 teams.

Annual Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt

Get out your trusty flashlight, and head over to Bill Smith Park, 4446 Fish Factory Rd. SE, Oak Island on December 8, starting at 6pm. There, youth will be delighted as they hunt for candy canes as well as green & red eggs that have been filled with holiday treats. This free event is designed for ages 12 years and under.

For questions, please reach out to Program Supervisor, Ryan Gordon, at rgordon@oakislandnc.gov.



Build Your Own Gingerbread House: Making Memories Especially Sweet

Stop in Saturday, December 9, from 9am-2pm to create your very own Gingerbread House at the Oak Island Community Resource Center, 3003 E. Oak Island Dr.

Pre-registration is required www.oakislandnc.gov/RecDesk, and fees are per participant per gingerbread house. For questions contact Recreation Center Supervisor, Carrie Winkler, at cwinkler@OakIslandNC.gov or by calling (910) 278-5518. This program is not eligible for refunds, transfers, or credits. Max of 60 kits.

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Christmas At The Cotton Exchange: Featuring over 30 shops & restaurants

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Brimming with unique shops and boutiques, travelers can find an array of items just in time for the holidays. For those not looking for gifts, the Cotton Exchange boasts a coffee shop, salon and more- perfect for a selfcare day before the holiday madness. Lunch is not included in registration fees but will be held at the Marina Grill.

For questions, email Carrie Winkler, at reccenter@OakIslandNC.gov or by calling 910-278-5518. Online Registration: www.oakislandnc.gov/RecDesk. This program is not eligible for refunds, transfers, or credits. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

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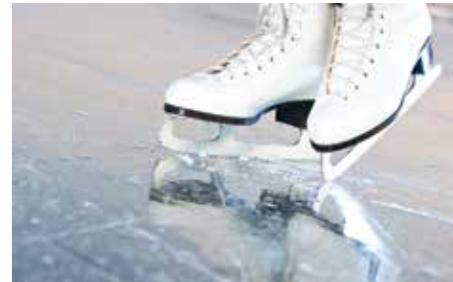

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Skating At The Ice House: An Enticing Ice Skating Adventure

Try something new this holiday season as Oak Island's Twelve Days of

Christmas travels to The Ice House in Wilmington, NC on Wednesday, December 13, 12:30-4:30pm for an afternoon of ice skating. The trip eaves From Oak Island Recreation Center (3003 E. Oak Island Dr.).

Whether rekindling a favorite pastime, or making new memories, this community adventure is perfect for your next winter outing. A little unsteady? The Ice House even has skating walkers available for rent! For questions, reach out to Recreation Center Supervisor, Carrie Winkler, at reccenter@OakIslandNC.gov or by calling 910-278-5518. This program is not eligible for refunds, transfers, or credits. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Cost is \$20 Town of Oak Island residents and \$30 island visitors & Non-residents.

Online Registration: www.oakislandnc.gov/RecDesk.

Pledge the Pink Comes to Oak Island



Thursday, October 19, kicked off Pledge the Pink in Oak Island. The "Flocks of Love" was set up in Middleton Park and it was a site to behold. Through fundraising, each of the 5,500 flamingos in the flock represented a potentially life saving mammogram that can now be provided to someone whose insurance does not cover this necessary test or someone who cannot afford one, among many other services to assist those impacted by Breast Cancer.

The weekend was filled with lots of fun events, food and fundraising for breast cancer. Pledge the Pink, headquartered in Hilton Head, South Carolina, was held outside its home state for the first time in its 13-year history, bringing 2,000 guests to Oak Island.

A fun time was had by all and all for a very worthy cause.

For more information on Pledge the Pink visit: pledgethepink.com.



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In addition, over 40 donations were made by local businesses and individuals to support the raffle and online auction.

This event would not have been possible without the support of the community and the help of dedicated Foundation board members and volunteers who make this event a success.

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Save the Hall Y'all Board Established



Up Your Arts has announced the establishment of a board of directors to manage its Save the Hall, Y'all project to create an arts center in downtown Southport.

The Center for the Arts in Southport would be located in the historic county courthouse and former city hall building, located at 201 E. Moore Street. Up Your Arts has been working with city officials since 2019 to transform the existing structure into a center for the creative and performing arts, and the center's newly created board will continue that work after its legal and regulatory organization is complete.

Meeting for the first time as a group this week, the 17 directors were selected from a qualified field of 24 applicants interviewed this summer by an Up Your Arts panel. They are all area residents whose background and experience make them suited to take the project forward.

The board members are: Jessica Abbott, Manufacturing engineer; Mark Bashara, Attorney; Tom Bise, Marketing strategist; Norm Brown; Business development manager; Denis Desloge; Pamela Garvey;

Telecommunications manager; Pamela Garvey; Financial manager;

Pamela Garvey, Realtor; Morgan Harper, Publishing Editor; Dennis Hetzel, Trade association director; Edward Iglesias, Commercial construction manager; Kenneth Lauziere, Fire protection engineer; Vicki Lauziere, Federal grant manager; Julie Mercer, Healthcare services account manager; Kay Ross, Hospital administrator; Brad Sevaldson, Musical theatre trustee; Tina Smith, Performance art producer; and Steven Tabankin, National sales director.

"We could not be more enthusiastic about the strength of this dynamic team," said John Keiffer, who heads the arts center project for Up Your Arts. "They are exactly what is needed to realize our goal of bringing the old courthouse back to life by bringing art to the heart of downtown Southport."

Up Your Arts is a non-profit organization founded six years ago to support and enhance the creative and performing arts throughout the greater Southport area. The architectural drawings and other information about the project can be viewed currently on the Up Your Arts website, along with a 3-D virtual tour of the structure in its current state.

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Free tickets will be available from at the following locations:

- Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce 910-457-6964
- Ricky Evans Gallery, Southport 910-457-1129
- The Shoe Center Leland, Villages at Brunswick Forest 910-371-9881
- Port City Java, Olde Waterford Way, Leland 910-383-2429
- Scott's Farm and Family, Main St., Shallotte 910-755-6055
- Odell Williamson Auditorium, BCC

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Babies in cold weather

Dressing for outdoors

Dress your baby in the same number of layers you're wearing, plus an extra layer. Accessories can keep them pleasantly warm.

To avoid overheating, remove any extra layers as soon as you return indoors or enter a warm vehicle.



Dressing for bedtime

- Dress your baby in enough clothes to keep them warm without blankets (they can kick them off).
- Use a safe infant sleeping bag with a fitted neck and armholes, but no hood.
- For blankets (instead of a sleeping bag), use lightweight layers that can be easily added or removed.
- Make sure your baby's face and head remain uncovered during sleep.



4 Key tips

- Your baby's chest, back and tummy should feel warm – not hot or cold.
- Don't worry if your baby's hands and feet feel cold – this is normal.



- Don't let them sleep near any heaters, fireplaces or in direct sunlight.
- Never use electric blankets, wheat bags or hot water bottles for babies.

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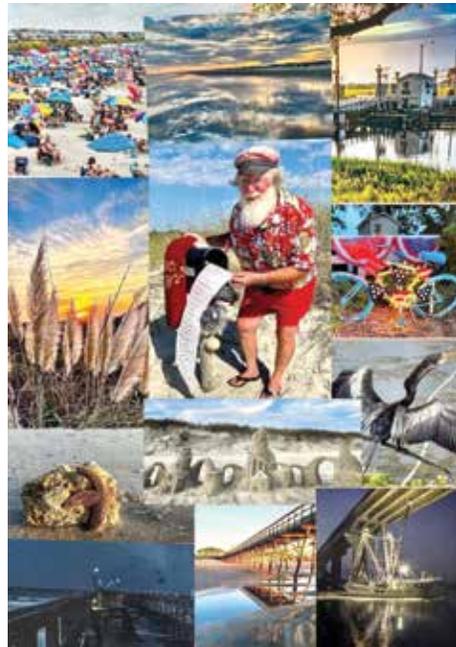
Coastline Insurance & Associates of NC is teaming up with Brunswick Family Assistance this holiday season to help local families in need. Both their Southport and Oak Island offices will have drop boxes for anyone willing to donate. They are helping kids ages 0-16 and the boxes will remain out from now until Dec 12th.

Coastline Insurance Associates: 5201 Southport-Supply Road, Southport and 5904 E. Oak Island Drive, Oak Island, 910-454-0707.

Website: <https://brunswickfamily.org/>

Sunset Beach 2024 Calendars Have Arrived!

The 2024 Calendars feature local amateur photographers who submitted to our Towns 60th Anniversary Celebration photo contest. The calendars are available at Town Hall, located at 700 Sunset Blvd N. Sunset Beach, M-F 8:30am - 5pm daily.



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14th Annual Southport Wooden Boat Show to be Held Saturday, November 4

The 14th Annual Southport Wooden Boat Show will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, in and around the historic Old Yacht Basin in Southport, from 10am until 4pm.

The tradition continues with boats on display On-Land and In-Water, with visitors being able to meet and talk with wooden boat makers and owners, and to vote for their favorite boat entrant for the People's Choice Award. Additionally a team of judges will also award six other prizes.

There is a change in the awards this year in that the President will present them to the individual category winners beginning around 2pm so they may be displayed on their boats. The People's Choice (Best in Show) will be tallied and handed out to the winner at approximately 3:30 pm, with the Raffle Prize winner's names drawn immediately afterwards. This change allows the photographer to get pictures of all winners at their vessels as you can see in the 2022 winners tab under Events.

Children Activities will return to this year's show under the tutelage of the NC Maritime Museum of Southport's Nauti-Kids program. The little sailors will be able to build (with or without help) their own boats and test their sea-worthiness, to learn rope making, learn to sail in a static display and learn from exhibits by the North Carolina Aquarium and The Fort Fisher Underwater Archeology Branch as part of the day's activities.

More boats, both in and out of the water, and more nautical/maritime vendors are expected at this year's show, which has been growing every year. Nautical & maritime demonstrations are planned along the waterfront, and the model boat exhibit will return.

As usual a new collectors' quality poster will be designed, as well as the special edition T-shirt for this year's show. Both will be available at the show from the Ship's Store tent. Once again, there will be many exciting items to be raffled. A Taste of Cape Fear, featuring a Seafood Chowder,

a Shrimp Boil, and Shrimp & Grits made by award winning Frying Pan Restaurant Chef Craig Blanks.



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Strolling through Southport you might be surprised to find a true taste of Italy at HAVEN, a lovely eclectic wine bar and bottle shop, but also a whole lot more. HAVEN is located at 307 N. Howe St. in Southport. It is fast becoming a place to meet up and chat.

You can find a good selection of Italian wines, that are only sold here. If you like you can enjoy frequent wine and beer tastings. They have freshly made flat breads, sandwiches, and desserts.

What really will blow you away is the most authentic gelato this side of Florence can be found here. Yup, it is the real deal! The gelato equipment and recipes are straight from Italia, and they do not disappoint. Flavors like Tiramisu, Mascarpone, Pistachio, Cherries and Cream, Hazelnut, are drool worthy. Order a single, double, or triple dip in a cup or special cone with the typical Italian cookie topping it. You can enjoy gelato in milk shakes, spiked or not. If you are adventurous, you might try a Prosecco or Margarita float. How delish does that sound?

Open seven days a week HAVEN has become a cozy meeting place to sit, sip, and have a conversation. You can frequently see customers nibbling on charcuterie and sipping a Prosecco in the half old Fiat/table right in front of the shop. In fact, it has become a favorite place to have your photo snapped. Stop by and check it out.

Craft beers and wines are available on tap by the glass, and you can try before you buy. You can also enjoy a mimosa, maybe a mango mimosa, of your choice. If the wine, beer, gelato, in-house freshly made flat breads and charcuterie were not enough, there is music to fill out the experience.

Co-owners, Bev Hammond and

David Truglio, have created a community haven with the creation of HAVEN. They are always there, welcoming all who enter their "home." "We haven't even been open a year and we feel very much a part of the Southport community who have supported us. We in turn do what we can to return the favor."

They host live music in the heated and lit outdoor patio a few nights a week. Bocce and cornhole attract players too. Locals and visitors alike have discovered the comfortable atmosphere. Free Wi Fi is a bonus.

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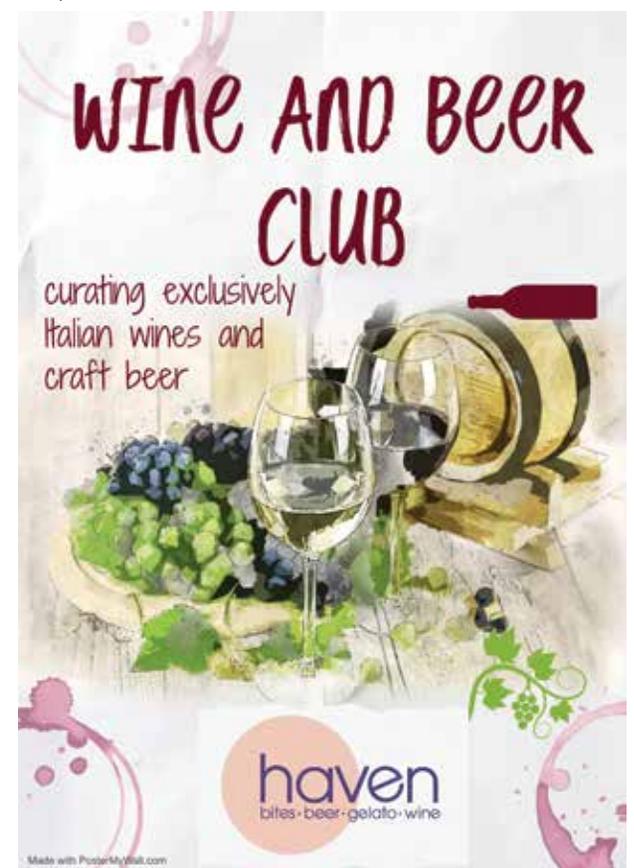


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If you have not discovered HAVEN the holiday season is the time for a visit. Buy some fine Italian wine. Savor some gelato. Join the wine/beer club. Buy a gift certificate for the hard to please on your list. Check them out on Facebook or better yet check HAVEN out in person. Bon Appetito!



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