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705 OCEAN DRIVE, OAK ISLAND, NC



VOTED BEST
WATERFRONT RESTAURANT



Looking for Spring!

By Joanne Hennessy Thompson

Congratulations to the winners of the **2026 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS**.

Voting was hot and heavy. Many businesses campaigned hard and it showed in the results. If you were happy or disappointed, well, voting for 2027 again starts January 15, 2027, get busy.

It has been a long, cold winter for the whole country this year. Snow, in Brunswick County, enough to keep us all humble and thankful that it doesn't last long. We cannot wait for spring and warmer weather. It should be happening soon, and we will be out of the winter doldrums. Even during the slower time of year there are changes.

In Southport's Crossings plaza, **Alpaca Peruvian Chicken** is not reopening, but opening in its place is **Ray Ray's Chicken Shack**, a family-owned franchised business with four locations in the Piedmont area of North Carolina. No opening date as of yet, but you can check out the menu at their website <http://www.rayrayschicken.com>.

Burrito Shak has opened to rave reviews with Baha style bowls, burritos, quesadillas, and everything else Tex Mex in the plaza at 5130 Southport Supply Rd Southport. Ingredients are fresh and plentiful served up quickly.

Southport Cookies known for high quality, gluten free, vegan, cookies and baked goods, moved from the Southport Village shops to 112 N Howe St. where Margaret Rudd's office was located and has expanded with delicious new choices.

Exciting news for foodies and tea aficionados. **Southport Spices** is due to open soon on Howe St. where **The Pearl** was located. It is exciting because you will be able to buy the freshest of

spices in small quantities to suit your recipe needs as you need them. Quality teas will be found at **Southport Spices** as well. Teas and spices that have not sat in jars on shelves for who knows how long. Mid-March is the opening date is the aim.

Cape Side Brewery, on Howe St. in Southport, is almost ready to open and start pouring. The brewery promises a quarter-acre beer garden where you can enjoy a brewski and catch some great live music. They are collaborating with Blackbird Beer NC. **Cape Side Brewing** is known for its craft beers, including Belgian Tripel, Pale Ale and Belgian Blonde.

Lil and Johns **Sweetreat** family-owned ultra-premium ice cream shop makes 16 varieties of ice cream from grass fed NC cows, is moving from 324 E Oak Island Dr to the site of the Break, which is no longer.

Archibald's Deli - Salty Dog Cafe & Bark Bar is having Monday Lasagna Nights from 5pm - 8pm for \$9.95. If you want it to go, call to reserve early, because reportedly the triple batch sells out quickly. Call 910 842-688 or stop in at 2991 Holden Beach Rd SW, Supply.

Tranquil Harbour on Oak Island has a great new offer. Buy 10 lunches of \$15 each excluding drinks or appetizers and get a free lunch.

Here's a hidden gem if you are looking for really good breakfasts, brunch or dinners. **Sea Biscuit Café** a local café serving the Varnamtown/Holden Beach/Supply area, located at 3370 Stone Chimney Rd. just shines! Check out the new dinner menu and you will not be disappointed with the nightly specials to-go. Every item is made creatively from scratch. On Mondays 10%

locals discount can be enjoyed. Call ahead and get your choice to take home.

Swain's, on Oak Island, has brought back their famous lasagna as well as an Early Bird menu offered from 4pm until 6pm, Tuesday through Saturday with a \$16.95 price point. Choose from seafood platters, pasta, chicken, and even a 6 oz. steak.

Shallotte's new **Biscuitville** opened to the delight of many. Up next is Southport but no date has been announced yet.

Fixins of Oak Island, a very popular southern-inspired breakfast and lunch spot known for using North Carolina sourced ingredients, just renovated to present a refreshed atmosphere for diners. Chef Rick Dobrowski is offering themed cooking classes that have become very popular and fill up quickly.

The Kai is a new restaurant coming to Oak Island finding a home in the building where the former **Turtle Island/Shuckers** was for years. This is the latest addition to the **Island Grindz** NC family of restaurants. We are looking forward to something exciting.

Mo's Wood Fired Kitchen, 4956 Old Long Beach Rd Southport, in the River Run Shopping Center near Big Lots, has been busy brining or curing beef brisket for 30-days in time for St. Patrick's Day. Yes, owner Kevin Morrissey, does this himself, from scratch! Reserve your full meal to go March 10th - March 17th. Melt in your mouth first class corned beef dinner fit for a king for \$19.99! Better make arrangements

now before it is too late, and it is all sold out.

Winter got you down? If you are bored and suffering from exercise fatigue, maybe you should try Ariel Yoga or Bungee Bootcamp offered at **Premier Fitness Studio** on Long Beach Road, Southport. Or try the float spa to reduce stress and improve sleep. They are accepting Silver Sneakers and Silver Fit for BCWC classes.

Scott, bartender extraordinaire, at **Ports of Call** in Southport is offering Mixology classes. If you have always wanted to entertain your guests at home with the flair of a real bartender... sign up. Scott also has a wide variety of special cocktails that delight and pair well with the international food offerings found at **Ports of Call**.

If you have the itch to get away and are considering **Viking**, Katie Bates is your local **Viking** expert representing Brunswick County. Give her a call at 203-910-6149 or email her at kbates@lovethemousetravel.com.

This winter small businesses have taken a big hit. People find it too cold to go out to eat or shop, so business has been slow. This bleak wintertime, together with higher prices on goods, supply shortages, and staffing issues, has caused hardships for our small, locally-owned businesses. One thing is for sure; our shopkeepers and small businesses need our help and support to stay in business... to serve our community. Remember to Buy Local. Shop Local. Support our Brunswick Community!



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using many of the fun training tools we use with the
Parkinson's Crew, working on the specific symptoms
that affect Parkinson's.

At noon, we move to **Rusty Hooks Dockside Grill** for the
"after party" on their BIG DECK, with amazing munchies,
an awesome raffle, and auction items!

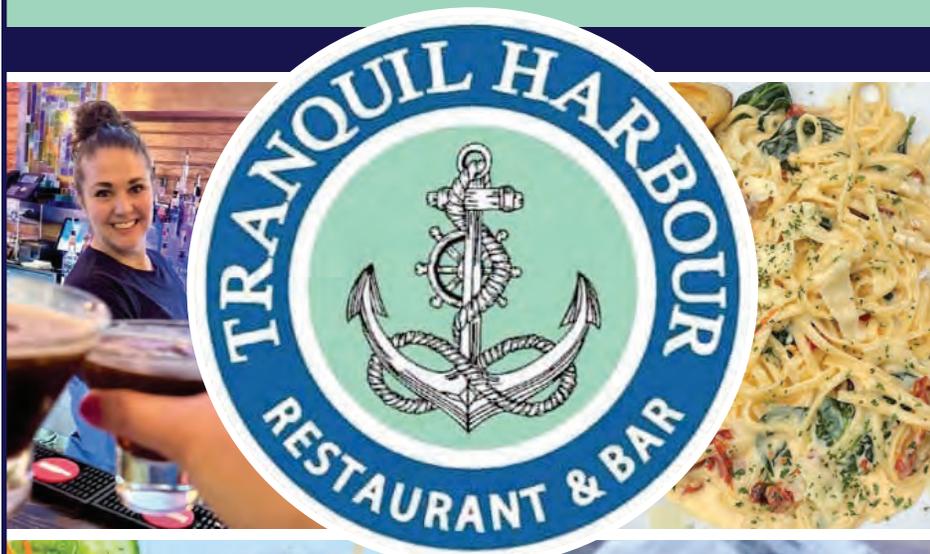
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Lynda Stanley Honored as 'Critical Access Hospital CEO to Know'

Lynda Stanley, President and CEO of Doshier Memorial Hospital, has been named in the 2025 edition of the Becker's Hospital Review "Critical access hospital presidents and CEO's to know" list. The Becker's Hospital Review editorial team accepted nominations for this list and curated it to highlight the accomplishments of these leaders, including those who are driving growth, strengthening partnerships, expanding access to care, and improving the health and well-being of their communities.



ening healthcare in their communities."

Said Lynda Stanley, Doshier President and CEO, "I am grateful for this recognition and appreciate how Becker's has highlighted the important work of rural healthcare through this list. Critical access hospitals ensure that patients in rural areas can receive high-quality care

close to home, without the burden of long travel distances or excessive costs. Everyone on the Doshier team is honored to provide life-saving care for our community, and in accepting this honor, I thank the patients who put their trust in us and our staff, who carry out our mission of providing extraordinary care to every person every day."

A media release about the list published by Becker's states, "The leaders featured on this list are innovative, strategic thinkers who continually reimagine how to elevate safety, quality, outcomes and service offerings, often while navigating recruitment and retention challenges. Guided by a deep understanding of the vital role critical access hospitals play, they remain dedicated to sustaining and strength-

The full list features individual profiles of all CEOs on the list, and can be read here: <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hospital-management-administration/103-critical-access-hospital-presidents-and-ceos-to-know-2025/>

Love in Bloom Bridal Expo



Sunday, March 15, 2026
 at 2PM - 5PM
 223 E Bay Street, Southport

The second annual Love in Bloom Bridal Expo brings together top wedding vendors, live demonstrations, exclusive giveaways, and gorgeous interactive displays – all under one roof. Designed as an intimate, boutique experience, this expo lets you have real conversations with vendors who care about your vision.

ready to book your dream team, this is your chance to explore inspiration, score show-only specials, and create meaningful connections with wedding professionals who will bring your plans to life.

Bring your fiancé, besties, or your whole bridal squad and spend the day surrounded by creativity, excitement, and all things wedding magic.

Wedding planning starts here where your dream day begins to bloom!

Whether you're gathering ideas or



New Promotions at Brunswick County Sheriff's Office!



Sergeant Smith



First Sergeant Nowell



Lieutenant Allen



Sergeant Williams

Sheriff Chism is proud to announce the recent promotions of several dedicated team members. These individuals have shown outstanding commitment, leadership, and service to our community. Please join us in congratulating them!

- Ashley Williams - Promoted to SRO Sergeant
- Rebecca Allen - Promoted to

IMPACT Lieutenant

- Preston Nowell - Promoted to Court First Sergeant
- Johnathan Smith - Promoted to Patrol Sergeant

We appreciate your hard work and dedication and look forward to your continued success in these new roles. Brunswick County is safer and stronger because of leaders like you!



Register here!

Oak Island Youth Sailing Camp 30th Anniversary

This summer, come and join us for the Oak Island Sailing Camp, brought to you by Cape Fear Yacht Club. This camp is all about learning the intricacies of sailing for our youthful explorers and navigators in the area. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in signing up, you can register at OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS. If you have any issues or questions, please contact Jacob Hyle at jhyle@oakislandnc.gov!

Dates:

- June 8-12, 2026
- June 15-19, 2026
- June 22-26, 2026
- July 6-10, 2026
- July 13-17, 2026
- July 20-24, 2026

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Oak Island Beach Preservation Society 24th Annual Silent Auction & Wine Tasting

For more than two decades, one event has brought Oak Island together in support of our beach.

The Oak Island Beach Preservation Society invites you to Waves & Wine, our 24th Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction Fundraiser. Long-time supporters know this event well, and for those new to the area, it's a wonderful introduction to the community spirit behind preserving Oak Island's shoreline.

Held April 11 from 2:00-5:00 PM at the 801 Ocean Event Center, the afternoon features:

- Wines from Grape & Ale
- Hors d'oeuvres by Diamond



Catering

- Auction items generously donated by local shops, restaurants, businesses, and artists

Proceeds support OKI BPSI's mission of education and community engagement to enhance the Oak Island beach experience—and to leave the beach better for everyone, now and in the future.

Tickets: \$55 (on sale February 5)
Available from Grape & Ale or by contacting board members Andy or Cheryl

Whether this is your 24th year attending or your very first—come raise a glass, support our beach, and be part of what makes Oak Island special.

Project Lifesaver



A Big Thank You to the Calabash Elks Club! We are incredibly grateful to the Calabash Elks Club for their generous donation to Project Lifesaver, a program that truly makes a difference in the lives of families throughout our community. Your support helps strengthen the partnership between our community members and the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, allowing us to better protect and serve those who are most vulnerable.

What is Project Lifesaver?

Project Lifesaver is a free service offered by the Brunswick County

Sheriff's Office that uses specialized radio frequency technology to assist in locating individuals who are at risk of wandering due to conditions like Alzheimer's, autism, dementia, Down syndrome, or similar cognitive disorders. Participants wear a lightweight transmitter bracelet, and if they go missing, trained deputies can quickly track and locate them, helping bring loved ones home safely.

Thanks to organizations like the Calabash Elks Club, we can continue supporting this life-saving initiative with the tools and resources needed to keep our community safe.



Partner in Command

Are you a crew member or passenger who has no idea what's going on during a boat trip? Learn the essential skills you will need to help the skipper safely operate a recreational boat, including how to respond in an emergency. You'll become an asset on board with Partner in Command.



- Signaling equipment
- Safety and safety equipment
- First aid
- Starting and running the engine
- Tool kits

The location will be held Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cape Fear Regional Airport, 4015 Airport Road, Southport, NC. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM and the course will begin at 9:00 AM, concluding at approximately 1:30 PM. Cost will be \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members. Cash or Checks can be made to SSPS (Southport Sail and Power Squadron). Reservations will be necessary. You can make reservations or get further information by contacting John Hall at hall17768@gmail.com.

The Partner in Command seminar includes an introduction to boating, understanding anchoring, docking, and navigation, preparing for bad weather, first aid and on-board emergencies, and more.

What's Included?

- Communications, including VHF marine radio
- Calling for help

Discover Your Best Self at the Coastal Health, Fitness & Beauty Showcase

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showcase

Tuesday, March 10
Homer E. Wright Event Center
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

If living a healthy, active and beautiful life is on your radar this spring, make plans to attend the Coastal Health, Fitness & Beauty Showcase on Tuesday, March 10 from 4:00-7:00pm at the Homer E. Wright Event Center, 4136 Southport-Supply Road. Hosted by the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce, this free community event brings together local health and wellness professionals for an evening focused on helping you look good, feel great and

live well.

Guests can enjoy door prizes, free health screenings, Novant Health's mobile mammography unit and Doshier Memorial Hospital's Mobile Kitchen with Chef Joe. The showcase is proudly sponsored by Doshier Memorial Hospital, Cape Fear Fitness, Live Oak Medspa and Novant Health. Bring a friend and discover the many local resources ready to support your wellness journey.

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March/April Events

BELVILLE

March 28

Easter Egg Hunt

9am - Noon

Belville Riverwalk Park

BOILING SPRING LAKES

April 14

BSL Fire Rescue Department's

Annual Fundraiser BBQ Sale

Starts at 11am | BSL Fire Rescue, 3059

George II Hwy, Southport

Just \$12 a plate. Include BBQ pork, coleslaw and baked beans. Desserts on sale too!

March 21

Eggstravaganza Easter egg hunt

10am | Spring Lake Park

Two Egg Hunts: 0-5 yrs & 6-10 yrs, find a golden egg for a special prize, free face painting, take pictures with the Easter Bunny, enjoy fun crafts, D&J Sweet Treats Ice Cream Truck. Don't forget to bring a basket to carry your eggs!

HOLDEN BEACH

April 25-26

Days at the Dock Festival

10am | Bill Smith Park

4410 Fish Factory Road

Jump start your Holden Beach spring and summer vacation with this annual festival that provides plenty of good times along the shoreline. The Days at the Dock Festival is an unofficial kick-off to the prime visitor season, and features a wealth of arts and crafts, live music and entertainment, and fun and games for all ages that will make everyone in the family fall in love with the lively and engaging atmosphere of Holden Beach.

OAK ISLAND

March 28

Easter Egg Hunt

10am | Bill Smith Park

4410 Fish Factory Road

The bunny is coming! Hop on over to Bill Smith Park and find an assortment of colored easter eggs our furry friend has hidden for you! Great photo opportunities. For more information please visit: <https://www.oakislandnc.gov/events>

March 28

Doggie Egg-Stravaganza

Starts at 1:30am | Bill Smith Park

4410 Fish Factory Road

Join Oak Island for the 9th annual Doggie Egg-stravaganza at the salty dog park inside Bill Smith Park. There will be many special

prizes and yummy treats hidden inside eggs around the dog park, with separate hunts provided for dogs over and under 20 lbs. Pets must be up-to-date on vaccinations to participate! For more information please visit: <https://www.oakislandnc.gov/events>

OCEAN ISLE

March 3-August 11

Sculpt Flow

8am-8:45am | Town Center Park

11 E Second Street

There's BIG ENERGY coming to Ocean Isle Beach! We're kicking off a brand-new week of Sculpt Flow classes at Town Center Park and the vibe is ALL fun, ALL movement, ALL week long! Say hello to our AWESOME new instructor Aspen! She's bringing the heat, the hype, and the kind of energy that makes you forget you're working out.

March 28

Bunny Hop!

10am-11:30am | Town Center Park

| 11 E. Second Street

Free admission. Games, treats and face painting by Vicki Paints. Take pictures with the Easter Bunny and enter to win an Ultimate Easter Basket. Questions? Email Ruthie McHugh, Recreation Director at ruthie@oibgov.com.

April 18

Taste of Spring 2026 - Food Truck Festival

11am-3pm | Town Center Park

11 E Second Street

Admission to this family-friendly event is FREE! Live music at the Amphitheater from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm featuring Ford Project Band! Make sure to bring your lawn chairs and dancing shoes! Vicki Paints will be set up for face painting throughout the event! Join us for a fun day of great food, live music, and more!

SHALLOTTE

April 18

26th Annual Bash at the Beach

Registration 8am-1030am

Home Depot

150-1 Shallotte Crossing Pkwy

If you own an Antique, Vintage, Classic, Contemporary, or Modern vehicle, the Bash at the Beach Car Show is where it belongs this spring. Now in its 26th year, Bash at the Beach has earned its reputation as one of southeastern North Carolina's most respected and well-run car shows. Hosted by the Tri-Beach Cruisers

Car Club, this event brings together passionate car owners from across the region for a full day of great vehicles, friendly competition, and a strong charitable cause.

March 7

Founders Day Fest

9am-2pm | Riverwalk

158 Wall Street

Artisans and crafters, face painting, historic display of Sunnyside School, and live music featuring Terry with 60s, 70s and country hits. For more information visit <https://www.townofshallotte.org/>

March 28

Easter Egg Hunt

9am | Mulberry Park

123 Mulberry Street

Spring is in the air and we are egg-cited for one of our favorite events of the year in Shallotte! We'll have 6,000 eggs ready to be found, divided into 3 different age groups to make sure everyone has a fair and fun hunt! Pictures with the Easter Bunny, tons of candy-filled eggs and a fun morning for the whole family. Bring your baskets, invite your friends, and come celebrate with us at Mulberry Park. We can't wait to see everyone there for a hopping good time!

SOUTHPORT

March 1-30

Samara's Village Journey of Hope A Magical Wonderland Gala

5-8pm | Home E Wright

Event Center

4136 Southport-Supply Rd SE

Join us for as we celebrate 10 years of Samara's Village and the lives changed through love, support, and community. Enjoy themed dining, immersive entertainment, and a silent auction—all benefiting pregnant and parenting adolescents. Tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/.../hearts-in-bloom-wonderland-gala>

March 7

Diamond's & Denim Charity Ball

6-10pm | St. James

Community Center

4136 Southport-Supply Rd SE

Gear up for an unforgettable evening of glamour, glitz, and giving back! Music by Tru Sol. Event to benefit New Hope Clinic and Power Walking Ministries.

Tickets: \$100/per person: <https://www.sheriffscharity.com/charity-ball-ticket-purchase/>

March 14

Spring into Health 5K/1M

9:10am | Doshier Memorial

Hospital (Back of Hospital)

924 N Howe St, Southport

Join the Brunswick Wellness Coalition on for a fun, family-friendly morning supporting community health! We also need AMAZING volunteers to help make this event a success. Register or sign up to volunteer here: <https://brunswickwellness.org/springintohealth>

March 28

Spring Paws Festival

11am-3pm | Taylor's Field Park |

409 E Nash Street

A new event sponsored by Southport Animal Protective Services. Local craft vendors, food vendors, pet adoptions, raffle & prizes, pet & family booth.

April 11

Wings & Wheels -

EAA Chapter 939

Registration 8:30-11am |

Cape Fear Regional Jetport

4015 Airport Rd

Aircraft Static Displays, "Learn to Fly" Booth, Awards for visiting aircraft. \$15 Entry fee. Dash plaques to first 75, Top 40 Cash awards, Specialty Awards. Pancake Breakfast and Lunch available. Call Rich at 301-801-3725 for me info.

April 18

Southport Springfest

10am-4pm | Bay Street

Incredible local organizations and businesses that are supporting this year's Southport Springfest! Be sure to stop by their booths during to say hello, learn more about what they do, and show your support. We encourage everyone to take a few moments throughout the day to chat with our sponsors, ask questions, and thank them for supporting events that bring the community together. We can't wait to see you at Springfest!

SUNSET BEACH

April 26

Strawberry & Wine Fest

12noon-5pm | Sunset Beach Town

Park | 206 Sunset Blvd N

A world of great taste is waiting at the Strawberry & Wine Fest - an annual event that is held in the town of Sunset Beach, and which is quickly becoming known as a dream for food lovers everywhere. With a focus on fresh strawberries in all forms - from chocolate covered, to a star ingredient in shortcake - this event is a great way to explore the flavors of coastal North Carolina while indulging in a tempting array of local fare.

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

www.townofleland.com/ | www.oibgov.com/ | www.southportnc.org/ | www.townofcalabash.net/ | www.cityofbsl.org/

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2026 Holden Beach Turtle Patrol Merchandise is Now Available



Every year since 1994, the Holden Beach Turtle Patrol has offered for sale a new T-shirt with a fresh sea turtle design. They recently conducted a contest where they accepted entries with design ideas for their 2026 T-shirt. Congratulations to the 2026 contest winners, Addison Hedin, a freshman at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Terrie Buchner who is an active member of the Holden Beach Turtle Patrol. Their collaborative design, Every Turtle Counts,,Every Action Matters, reflects the shared commitment to sea turtle conservation, education and environmental stewardship that defines our Turtle Patrol mission. The design is more than artwork, it tells a conservation story, and it represents the teamwork and dedication required to protect sea turtles today and inspire conservation-minded leaders for the future.

Sea turtles face increasing threats from habitat loss, artificial lighting, human disturbance, and climate-related challenges. The Holden Beach Turtle Patrol works diligently each nesting season to monitor nests,

protect hatchlings, and educate the public on how simple actions, such as filling holds, light pollution, and respecting marked nests can make a difference. Selling their merchandise supports these ongoing conservation efforts.

Purchase their Turtle Patrol merchandise (t-shirts, hats, and bags) at www.hbturtlewatch.org. Use the "Shop & Donate Here!" pull-down menu or use their online shopping link on their homepage to view their catalog and make a purchase by credit card or check. You may also purchase their merchandise at The Lighthouse Gift store which is located on the causeway to Holden Beach, at 3434 Holden Beach Road.

The Holden Beach Turtle Patrol is an all-volunteer non-profit conservation organization that was founded in 1989 to monitor and protect the sea turtle population on Holden Beach. Their organization operates under the authority of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. For more information about the Holden Beach Turtle Patrol, visit their website or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.



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Although we've had our fair share of chilly days lately, spring is right around the corner. And in Brunswick County, that means one thing - more boaters on our beautiful waterways.

From the Intracoastal Waterway to the Cape Fear River and our countless creeks and inlets, our coastal community comes alive in the spring and summer. Families head out to fish, explore, and enjoy time together on the water. With that seasonal increase in activity, many residents often ask about the role of our Marine Patrol Unit and what they do.



The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit is a specialized division within our Special Operations Bureau. These deputies are highly trained and equipped to operate in a marine environment, where conditions can change rapidly and response times matter.

Our Marine Patrol deputies are responsible for:

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In addition to our deputies, dedicated Sheriff's Office volunteers also serve alongside our Marine Patrol Unit, assisting on vessels and supporting operations. Their commitment of time and service plays an important role in

helping us extend our reach across Brunswick County's vast waterways.

Boating under the influence, reckless operation, improper safety equipment, and navigation violations are issues we address regularly during peak season. Our goal is not simply enforcement, it is prevention and education. A visible presence on the water helps ensure that everyone can enjoy Brunswick County safely.

Spring is also a good time to review basic boating safety:

- Always wear or have accessible, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets
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- Designate a sober operator
- File a float plan with someone on shore
- Monitor weather conditions before departing
- Ensure your vessel has required safety equipment onboard

Brunswick County's waterways are one of our greatest assets. They support recreation, tourism, and our way of life. As activity increases this spring and summer, our Marine Patrol Unit will continue to serve with professionalism and vigilance, ensuring that our community remains both welcoming and safe.

If you see our deputies on the water, don't hesitate to wave. We're proud to serve you on land and on the water. Stay safe, and we'll see you this spring.



Sheriff Brian Chism

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Southport Plein Air Festival to be Held May 7-9



The Southport Plein Air Festival, hosted by Up Your Arts and the City of Southport, is set to bring a vibrant celebration of creativity to downtown Southport from May 7th to May 9th, 2026. Registration is open for artist who want to paint en plein air, capturing the town's scenic beauty on canvas.

Beginning Thursday, May 7th, visitors can watch artists set up their easels throughout Southport, transforming the city into an open-air gallery. The festival culminates in an exciting day of activities on Saturday, May 9th, featuring live entertainment, art demonstrations, children's activities, and the much-anticipated Wet Paint Sale.

Artist Registration

\$50 for Two Days of Painting or
\$75 for Three Days

The 2026 Southport Plein Air 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 2027 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.

Register online 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, <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/southport-plein-air>

All canvases to be entered in the Wet Paint Sale must be stamped at check-in/registration time.

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Registration is now open for a local, multi-sport, athletic and arts competition for adults ages 50 and better. Designed to promote healthy lifestyles and creative expression, the games encourage seniors to stay active and engaged in the community.

The 2026 Brunswick County Gator Senior Games & SilverArts will run from April 8 to May 15, 2026. This program invites residents to compete in over 70 events including athletics (individual, partner and team events) and SilverArts. There is something for everyone! Athletic events include disc and mini-golf, bowling, swimming, bocce, table tennis, basketball, cornhole, and pickleball. SilverArts events have subcategories in Visual Arts, Heritage Arts, Literary Arts, Performing Arts and Cheerleading. Events are held at various venues across Brunswick County including Leland, Southport, and Shallotte.

The Brunswick County Gator Senior Games and SilverArts are designed to challenge individuals at all skill levels promoting a lifestyle of wellness and creativity. All eligible residents are



encouraged to register now through March 18th (online) to showcase their talents in sports and the arts. All qualifiers are invited to compete each Fall in the North Carolina State Finals. State qualifying athletes may move on to compete in Nationals. This is a qualifying year for the National Senior Games.

• Registration at <https://bcparks.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pageId=7961>

- Brunswick County Gator Senior Games has had the highest participation in the entire state of North Carolina.
- For more information regarding participant eligibility (Brunswick County residents and nearby neighbors), interviews and photo opportunities, contact Khrystye Haselden.
- Brunswick County is one of 54 Local Games sanctioned by North Carolina Senior Games. For more info visit www.ncseniorgames.org.
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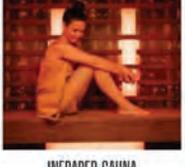
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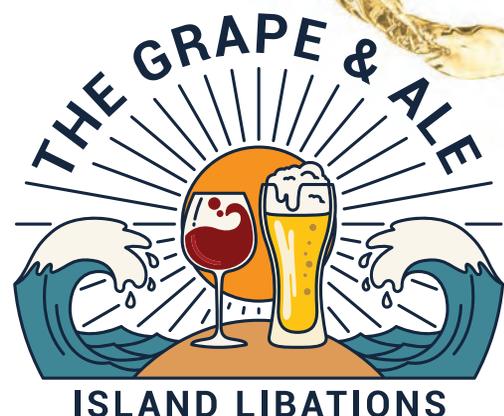
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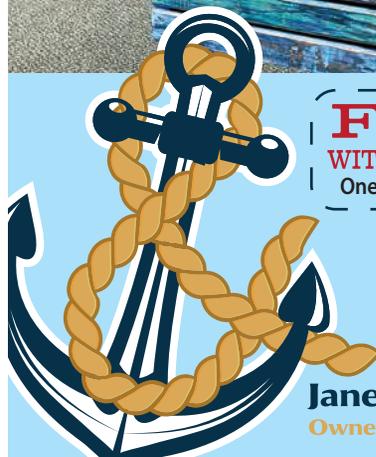
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All proceeds from the Shrimparoo will benefit the 2026 N.C. Fourth of July Festival, scheduled for June 26 through July 4 in Southport and Oak Island. As a non-profit organization, the Festival relies on the generosity of sponsors, donors, and the community to keep events free and accessible for everyone.

Sponsored by Frying Pan and American Fish Company, the Shrimparoo will feature shrimp pre-

pared in various ways, chicken, barbecue pork and all the trimmings. There will be a cash bar and live performance by Salty Dawgs. Tickets are \$55 per person in advance or \$450 for a bulk purchase of ten tickets. Doors open at 4 p.m.

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Record-breaking \$3B in Brunswick County Residential Real Estate Sales in 2025

Brunswick County's residential real estate market closed out 2025 with record-breaking performance, surpassing \$3 billion in total sales and setting new highs in overall residential activity.

"2025 was a truly historic year for Brunswick County real estate, with more than \$3 billion in residential sales for the first time ever," said Cynthia Walsh, CEO of the Brunswick County Association of REALTORS®. "The consistency we saw in 2025, especially from spring through summer, shows just how strong demand is for homes in our area. It also shows the hard work of over 1,100 BCAR members who represented buyers and sellers throughout the year, selling more than 6,300 homes."

2025 Year-End Stats

Total sales volume increased from \$2,775,363,415 in 2024 to \$3,061,280,408 in 2025. Average sales prices for the year were up 2.3% compared to 2024, from \$477,581 to \$488,557. Median sales prices increased slightly by 1.6%, from \$371,909 to \$377,850. New listings increased 11.2%, from 7,816 to 8,692. There were 6,311 homes sold by REALTORS® in 2025, up 7.8% from last year. Of those homes, 2,608 were new construction and 3,703 were resales.

The luxury market accounted for 425 sales of \$1 million or more, including two of \$6 million or more on Bald Head Island, one of \$5 million or more, and four of \$4 million or more. Homes spent an average of 70-85 days on the market, and the absorption rate, which is a measure of the amount of time it would take to sell off all current

inventory, hovered between four and five months.

December 2025 Compared to December 2024

Residential sales, which typically slow in December, finished 12.2% higher than December 2024, rising from 468 to 525 sales. New listings slightly increased by 2.8%, from 398 to 409. Even with 409 new listings, Brunswick County recorded the lowest number of available listings in seven months, bringing the absorption rate down to just over four months. Pending sales fell below 500, reflecting a typical postholiday seasonal slowdown.

Total sales volume increased 19.4% compared to December 2024, from \$226,560,696 to \$270,456,561. The average sales price rose 6.4%, from \$484,104 to \$515,155, while the median sales price increased 4.1%, from \$370,000 to \$385,000. Luxury sales remained strong in December, with 45 homes selling for \$1 million or more, including a sale of \$4 million or more in Ocean Isle Beach that ranked among the top 10 largest sales of the year.

Brunswick County

NEW LISTINGS

December 2025: 409
December 2024: 398
Increase/Decrease: +2.8%

UNITS SOLD

December 2025: 525
December 2024: 468
Increase/Decrease: +12.2%

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

December 2025: \$515,155
December 2024: \$484,104
Increase/Decrease: +6.4%

MEDIAN SALES PRICE

December 2025: \$385,000
December 2024: \$370,000
Increase/Decrease: +4.1%

TOTAL SALES VOLUME

December 2025: \$270,456,561
December 2024: \$226,560,696
Increase/Decrease: +19.4%

Bladen County

NEW LISTINGS

December 2025: 17
December 2024: 10
Increase/Decrease: +70%

UNITS SOLD

December 2025: 8
December 2024: 11
Increase/Decrease: -27.3%

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

December 2025: \$495,250
December 2024: \$330,173
Increase/Decrease: +50%

TOTAL SALES VOLUME

December 2025: \$3,962,000
December 2024: \$3,631,900
Increase/Decrease: +9.1%

Columbus County

NEW LISTINGS

December 2025: 30
December 2024: 20
Increase/Decrease: +50%

UNITS SOLD

December 2025: 29
December 2024: 26
Increase/Decrease: +11.5%

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

December 2025: \$218,233
December 2024: \$219,092
Increase/Decrease: -0.4%

TOTAL SALES VOLUME

December 2025: \$6,328,764
December 2024: \$5,969,400
Increase/Decrease: +11.1%

Robeson County

NEW LISTINGS

December 2025: 5
December 2024: 9
Increase/Decrease: -44.4%

UNITS SOLD

December 2025: 7
December 2024: 6
Increase/Decrease: +16.7%

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

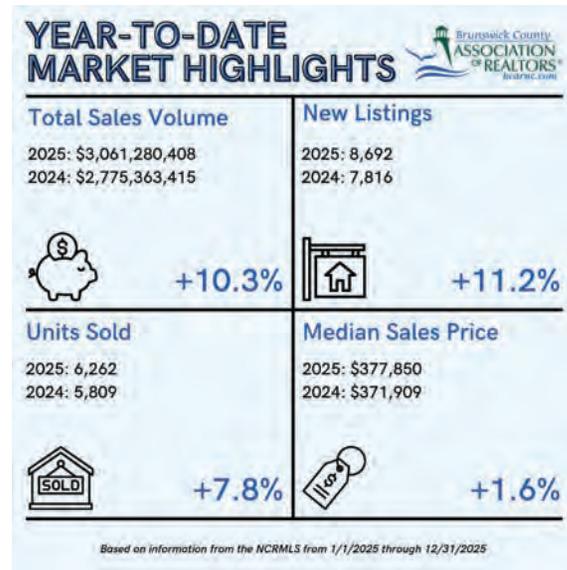
December 2025: \$217,057
December 2024: \$257,417

Increase/Decrease: -15.7%

TOTAL SALES VOLUME

December 2025: \$1,519,400
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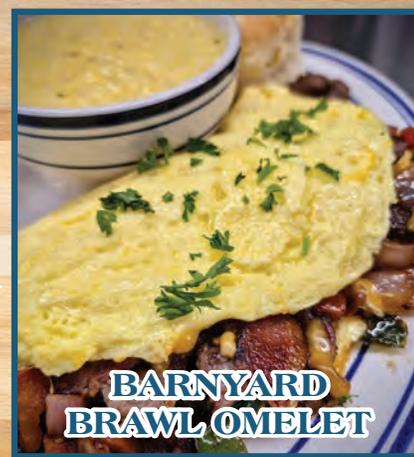
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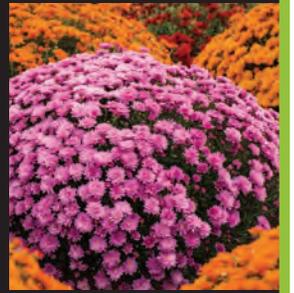


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Sheriff's Office Warns of Ankle Monitor Phone Scam Targeting



The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office is alerting residents to an ongoing phone scam targeting families of incarcerated individuals. According to officials, scammers are calling relatives and falsely claiming that payment is required for an ankle monitor before a loved one can be released from jail. In some cases, callers are demanding large sums of money and using real information from jail records – even the names of actual Sheriff's Office employees – to make the call appear legitimate.

Authorities stress that this is a scam.

The Sheriff's Office does not call and demand payment over the phone for ankle monitors, bonds or release fees. Conditions of release are set by a magistrate or judge, not by someone requesting money over the phone.

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Southport Golf Cart Inspections Due by the End of March

The City of Southport will hold golf cart inspections on February 25 and March 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 10am to 1pm at 111 N. Rhett Street. If you operate a golf cart within city limits, this inspection is required by

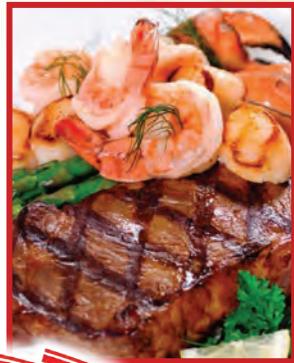


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Beach Pickles Spring Classic Held on Oak Island April 11-12



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Hosted at Middleton Park Racquet Courts, 4601 East Oak Dr., the tournament features 12 dedicated courts and plenty of coastal breeze – a perfect setting for a weekend of competitive outdoor play.

Saturday's action includes Men's and Women's Doubles, while Sunday is reserved for Mixed Doubles. Play may begin as early as 8:00 AM each day. Specific start times and court assignments will be emailed to participants and posted approximately one

week prior to the event.

Registration is \$60 and includes one event, with additional events available for \$15. The last day to register – and guarantee a free tournament shirt – is March 29 at 11:55 PM. Final registration closes April 5.

The tournament offers divisions for skill levels 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5+, with age groups 15+, 35+, 50+, 60+ and 70+.

Proceeds from this year's Spring Classic will benefit the Oak Island Friends of Parks.

For more information or to register, visit: <https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/oak-island-beach-pickles-spring-classic-1>



Trusses Installed on Third Home in Subdivision Community



Brunswick County's Habitat for Humanity is excited to share a major milestone with their 3rd home in the Leland community – the trusses are officially up!

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Oak Island to Celebrate Spring with Spring Fling March 21



Now that Mardi Gras has wrapped up, it's time to turn our sights toward warmer days and longer evenings. The Town of Oak Island is inviting the community to do just that at the 2026 Spring Fling Market & Music on Saturday, March 21.

The free community event will be held from noon to 4:00 PM at the Middleton Park Complex, 4610 E. Dolphin Drive. Designed as a festive kick-off to the season, Spring Fling brings together local artisans, food vendors, family-friendly activities and live entertainment – all in one lively afternoon.

Visitors can browse a full artisan mar-

ket, enjoy a variety of food vendors and let the kids burn off energy in the Kids Zone. Providing the soundtrack for the day will be Deep Creek Soul Band, delivering live music to keep the celebration going.

The annual event offers a chance to say goodbye to winter and officially welcome spring with neighbors, friends and visitors alike. With free admission and something for all ages, Spring Fling has become a popular seasonal tradition on Oak Island.

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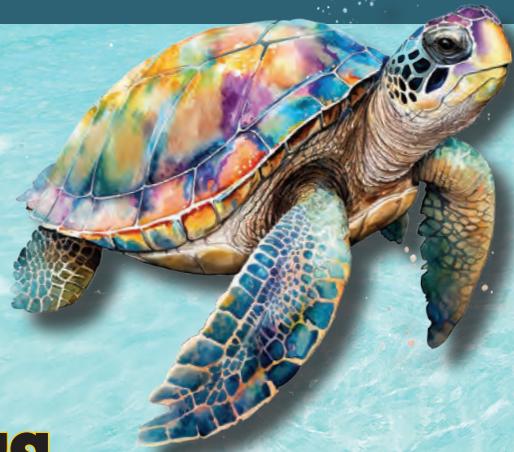
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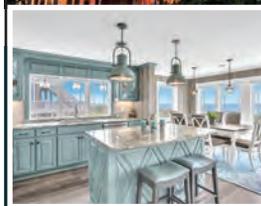
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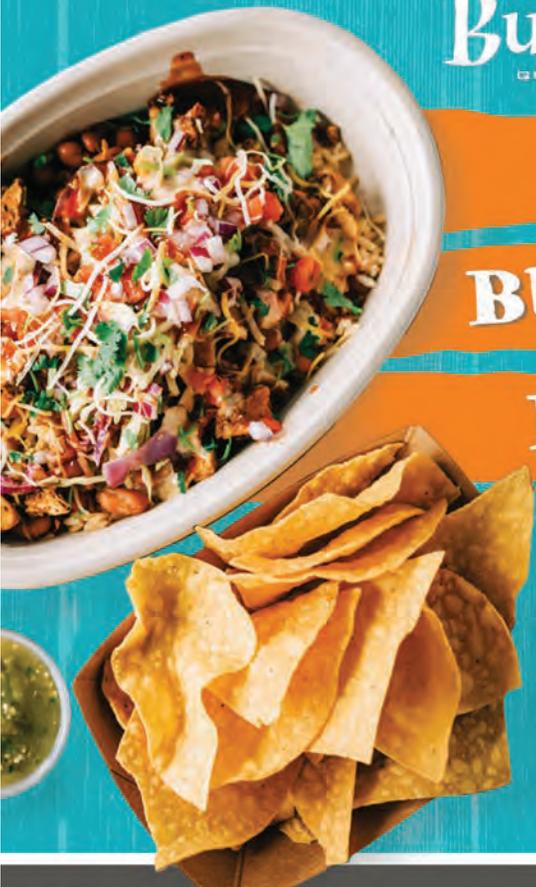
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Southport-Oak Island Restaurant Week Needs a Few More Seats at the Table

The count-down is on – but a few more restaurants are needed to make it official.

The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce is preparing for Southport-Oak Island Restaurant Week, set for Monday, April 27 through Saturday, May 2, and organizers are encouraging additional restaurants to sign on before the deadline.

Restaurant Week is designed to spotlight the area's diverse culinary scene, drawing visitors while inspiring locals to try something new. Participating restaurants create special offers – from multi-course meals to limited-time menu items – giving chefs a chance to showcase their creativity and giving diners a reason to explore.

Confirmed Participants So Far:

- Back Home Butcher
- Bald Head Coffee & Tea House (BSL)
- Bella Cucina Seafood, Pasta & Pizza
- Burney's Bakery of Southport
- Burrito Shak Southport
- Outer Banks Boil Company
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The event needs a few more participants to ensure a strong, buzz-worthy week.

Deadline to register: Friday at noon.

Restaurants interested in joining can sign up at: <https://www.sptokimerchandise.com/.../RestaurantWeek>

Participation includes promotion through social media, local media coverage, direct email outreach to more than 2,700 contacts, and a featured listing on the official website, www.SPTOKIRestaurantWeek.com

Each restaurant also receives a yard sign, poster, and ready-to-use marketing materials.

Guests will be able to download a Restaurant Week Passport, collect stamps from participating businesses, and enter to win gift certificates – an added incentive to dine around town.

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Navassa: A little local history

Why it's Cold Outside History & Culture

Nestled on the west bank at the junction of the Brunswick and Northeast Cape Fear rivers lies the Town of Navassa. Located in Brunswick County, the Town of Navassa is approximately 5 miles west of the metropolitan City of Wilmington. Named after one of the area's fertilizer factories, the Town of Navassa was incorporated in 1977. Navassa's formation was influenced by the town's location and the economics of the 19th century.

Prior to the emergence of automobiles, the major modes of transportation were boats and trains. The fast-growing seaport in Wilmington in the pre-Civil War era was isolated from the inland farmers in western North Carolina. Trains were limited to travel only as far as Belville where the tracks stopped; therefore, freight had to be manually transported across the Brunswick and Cape Fear rivers.

Due to the “high bluffs” that came right to the edge of the Cape Fear River from the west and a land mass between Navassa and Wilmington, railroad tracks were constructed across Eagle's Island. In 1867, two years after the Civil War, the Railroad Company decided to build a bridge across the Cape Fear River from Navassa. Constructing the bridge allowed two railroad companies (Atlantic Coast Line and The Seaboard Airline) to connect Wilmington with Charlotte and the interior counties of South Carolina.

Led by Donald McRae, some prudent businessmen realized the distinct advantages of locating a fertilizer factory at this location. The turpentine industry had been exporting their products to the West Indies for years, but no product was imported from the region. In 1856, large guano (the accumulated excrement of seabirds and bats) deposits were discovered on Navassa Island, a small barren island about 15 miles off the coast of Jamaica. McRae and his business partners decided to have the returning ships loaded with guano to

produce fertilizer. This led to the construction of the Navassa Guano Factory in 1869, named after Navassa Island. With this effort, fertilizer was able to be shipped to the interior of the state via railroad transport. Three additional fertilizer plants would be constructed within the town's municipal boundaries: Armour Fertilizer (1919), Royster Fertilizer (1927), and Smith-Douglas Fertilizer (1946). These four now-defunct fertilizer plants employed over 4,000 people.

Since the Town of Navassa's incorporation on March 18, 1977, the town has been under the leadership of two mayors and an elected five-member town council. Louis A. Brown, Navassa's first mayor, served from 1977-1999. Eulis A. Willis, Brown's mayoral successor, has served since 1999. Prior to his mayoral tenure, Mayor Willis served on Navassa's Town Council for 21 years. Mayor Willis is the author of “Navassa the Town and its People”, which provides additional in-depth history about the Town of Navassa.

Navassa's growth continues to prosper while striving to maintain its heritage, culture, and integrity. The town is seeing many residential and commercial undertakings. With the completion of the I-140 interchange, a large waste treatment plant, access to city water, installed sewer collection lines, and other amenities, the Town of Navassa has begun to see an influx of development.

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The concert will feature a variety of familiar and beloved songs from the past, showcasing popular American music from the twentieth century in styles audiences know and love. From upbeat classics to nostalgic favorites, the program promises an afternoon of recognizable tunes and harmonious performances.



Cindy Sellers will direct the choir, with Lynette Nobles serving as accompanist.

In keeping with a new policy, tickets are no longer required for these FREE concerts. Seating will be available on a first come, first seated basis for the general public. As always, Friends of Sea Notes will enjoy reserved seating.

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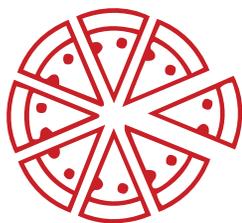
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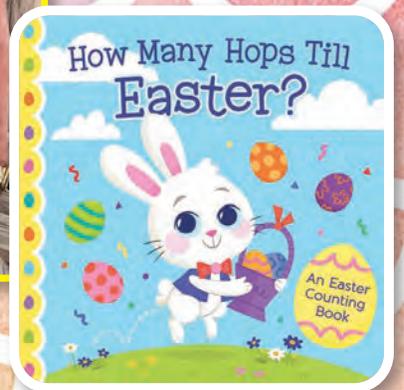
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