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## Congratulations to All the Winners of the 2026 Peoples Choice Awards!

More than a thousand readers voted for their favorite in each category by using Survey Monkey. For more than thirteen years businesses have been selected by individuals recognizing businesses throughout Brunswick County for their service.

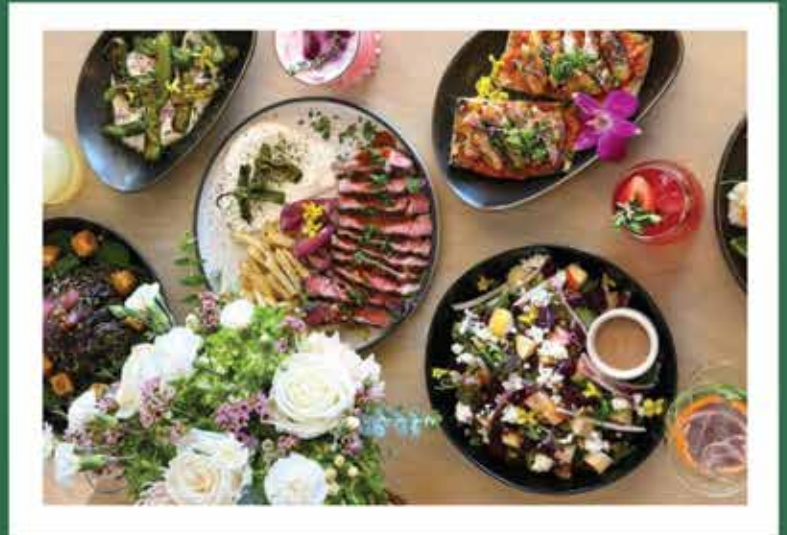
Some businesses campaigned strongly, others did not. Be that as it may, the results are in for this year.

If your favorite didn't win, well there is always next year. If there is a category we missed let us know.

## Just Some of Our Happy Winners



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# Summer Season... Here We Go!

By Joanne Hennessy Thompson

Spring, with all its flowers and pollen, has burst into summer with sultry breezes, Carolina-blue skies and tropical heat. It's the busy season for businesses of Brunswick County.

There's lots happening and lots of visitors coming to compete with, so whether it is Mother's Day or Father's Day, graduations parties or family gatherings, call ahead make arrangements and reservations early. Don't be disappointed.

Wine pairing dinners are very much the "in" thing. If you are so inclined, check out what is being scheduled and join in the fun. Some popular venues are **Salt 64** Oak Island, in Southport there is **Bella Cucina, Uncorked By the Sea, Ports of Call, Fizzy Jane's** and in Leland, **Bridgetowne Wines**, to name a few.

Speaking of **Salt 64**, Chef Jon Spencer created an evening of elegant wine pairings with the esteemed wine maker featuring an array of classic French dishes never before served here in this area ever in my memory. WOW! C'est Magnifique!!

**Bella Cucina** is hosting a series of dinners featuring Nonnas, real Italian grandmoms sharing recipes, techniques, and traditions shared around the dining table with laughter and family warmth. Contact Owners Maria and Davon to reserve your place for an Italian family feast.

In the Southport area you can stroll down Howe Street and you will find plenty of unique businesses to enjoy.

If you are a vintage shopper **Murphy's Boutique** has opened next door to **Three Sister's Consignment** store. You could spend the whole day exploring for super finds in both stores. Ask for

Paulette in **Three Sister's** and for Candy in **Murphy's** for suggestions. The stores are across from **Burney's Bakery**, famous for mouthwatering stuffed mini croissants.

**Coastal Blue** on Howe St. is bursting with energy. It has a new website, coastalbluegiftshoppe.com and hosts in classes like candle making. Its online store is coming this summer. Join in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Wednesday, June 3rd at 10am to celebrate one year of ownership. Owner Elise Markel is holding a Family Fun Night - game drive collecting new games to benefit students at the local elementary school. More than 110 new games have been donated so far with a goal of 400.

**Celtic Creamery** on E. Moore where Southport Trading was, plans to open and dish up some really sweet ice cream.

**Cape Side Brewery** on Howe opened with cold brews and live music nights with ample space to dance. Reports are customers are dancing up a storm!

Another happening place on Howe St. is **The Tiki Bar**, a long-time locals hangout just expanded once again spilling into the outdoors.

Work is underway on the building replacing the demolished Carr Insurance next door to Port City Java (rumor has it, a rooftop bar is promised).

**Southport Cookies**, on Howe St. is kicking butt with enormous vegan creations made from the very best ingredients.

**Winding River Grille**, 1643 Goley Hewitt Dr., Bolivia has stepped up their game with prime rib dinner specials becoming popular. Call or stop in for more information.

While almost next door, **The Spice**

has opened, offering a delightful array of spices and teas - enough to please the choosiest.

A new restaurant **Nour**, French/Thai, is open for customers in the former **Indochine** location off of Howe St. It is a sister restaurant to **Thai and Vine** on Oak Island. **Nour** promises traditional French dishes as an additional choice. Open for lunch.

**Loco Jo's** is sporting a new sign and serving up some very interesting drinks to accompany its always changing interesting menu choices that often have an Asian twist.

Scott, behind the bar at **Ports of Call**, is busy creating signature drinks to tempt the adventurous and eclectic insiders. They pair perfectly with the "whole world" cuisine choices found there.

Rhonda, chef at **StrEatside Cafe** is surely living up to her crown as SOUPER CHEF. Each day two different soups appear and disappear quickly... yup, they are that good. Don't be disappointed, get yours early before they sell out!

With nearly nine years of experience in an industry she truly loves, helping clients plan everything from Disney destinations to luxury Viking River, Ocean, and Expedition cruises, along with all-inclusive getaways like Beaches and Sandals Resorts, **Katie Bates** is serving Brunswick County residents with experience and professionalism.

Contact her for guidance and careful service to details in travel. She specializes in group travels and Viking in particular. Check out her ad on page 11.

A **Dunkin'** is popping up off Long Beach Rd. near the **Lowe's Food** store.

Competition for **Starbucks**. But don't forget to support small coffee shops like **Ruby's** and **Island Jo's** on Oak Island, and **Bald Head Coffee** in Boiling Spring Lakes or **Jumpin Javs**, Oak Island and Shallotte, just to name a few.

Shallotte is getting a new **Burger King** on Main St., making some fans very happy.

**Lilly Bird Creamery**, also on Main St., Shallotte, a family-owned home-made ice cream shop has opened in time for the warmer weather.

**Royal Farms**, known for their "world famous chicken" is coming to Shallotte with gas, car wash, and freshly made food available 24/7, adjacent to Hard-ee's on Main Street. It will be joined by other locations in Leland and off US 17.

**El Coqui's** in Shallotte at 5211 Main Street is serving up some really tasty Puerto Rican dishes that are authentic. If you love empanadas, madures and gandules, stop by.

**The Dairy Bar** in Boiling Spring Lakes opened for the season. Nearby, **Mama C's** reportedly has changed hands and as yet has not been consistent with hours open, so it is a bit of catch as, catch can.

On Oak Island **Lil & John's Sweet-treats** ice cream is opening an "ice cream parlor" almost across from the **Dairy Queen** in the location of a long-time breakfast/lunch spot.

Remember to **SHOP LOCAL** for all the spring and summer events like Mother's and Father's days, graduations, weddings, family gatherings. Plan early. Make Reservations. Be patient please. Businesses are trying their best to give you a great experience.



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## Committee Kicks-off NC 4th of July Planning for 2026!



**S**outhport, NC - The North Carolina 4th of July Festival Board held its first meetings in 2026 on January 20. Dozens of dedicated board and committee members were there to start fine-tuning plans that have been underway since late last summer. There is an added focus on the 2026 festival since this is the 250th Anniversary of the United States' Declaration of Independence.

This year's Festival will kick off on Friday, June 26 and run through Saturday, July 4 with numerous events and highlights planned in Southport and Oak Island. Cherished traditional events along with newly created events will be featured throughout the week-long celebration. There are even a couple events from the past being brought back to life. Past festivals draw both visitors and residents and have consistently welcomed around 50,000 people a year.

Some favorite Southport events include the fireman's competition, the naturalization ceremony, arts & crafts on Bay Street, a kids' zone at Taylor Field & other children's events, a heartfelt recognition of veterans, a horse show, exciting musical groups on the main stage, diverse food vendors, 5K-1 mile run, regional art show, military exhibits, petting zoo and even pro wrestling matches. The Festival will once again feature a celebratory flotilla on the Southport waterfront as well as spectacular fireworks in both Southport and Oak Island. Southport's dedicated Fire Department will host the second annual World's Largest Ice Cream Sundae and organizers are proudly announcing the return of a coveted scholarship pageant.

Southport's 'Waterfront Stage' will be re-located to its traditional longstanding spot behind Whittler's Bench (at the

end of Howe Street). Other special performances by groups such as the 440th Army Band, will be hosted on the Fort Johnston Garrison Lawn. All dates, times and locations will be announced and promoted well in advance with regular updates on the Festival's website at [www.nc4thofjuly.com](http://www.nc4thofjuly.com).

This year's Festival Chairman, Hugh Fosbury said the amount of enthusiasm and energy going into this year's celebration is remarkable. He commented, "We have dozens of people putting countless hours into making this year a vibrant and amazing celebration of America's 250th. We've been strategizing and planning since late last summer!" Fosbury said the enthusiasm is not only "off the charts" due to the 250th celebration of America's Declaration of Independence, but it is the 231st year since the City recorded its first celebration in 1795.

Funding for the Festival comes from generous supporters and sponsors. Fosbury stressed, "The Festival is possible due to generous financial support from our sponsors and supporters, the talents and time of numerous volunteer board/committee members, non-profit and philanthropic organizations, event volunteers, City & County directors, officials and employees and the entire community which shows year after year what the 4th of July is all about."

Information on the Festival's events and schedule will be posted on the event's website and social media sites as details are confirmed and released. Visit [www.nc4thofjuly.com](http://www.nc4thofjuly.com) for continuous updates and releases. Information on sponsorships and fundraisers such as the popular 'Shrimperoo' being held on April 12 at American Fish Company is also featured there.



## Partner Family Wall Blessing Ceremony in Leland this Thursday

**B**runswick County Habitat for Humanity invites the community to participate in a wall blessing ceremony for their partner family's future home on Thursday, April 2 at 10 a.m. at 9083 Highland Hills Drive in Leland.

"Wall blessings are a meaningful moment in the homebuilding journey, where our community comes together to surround a future homeowner with encouragement and support," said Theresa Murphy, Director of Development for Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity. "Each message written on these walls is a reminder that this home is being built with care, compassion, and a shared commitment to helping local families achieve homeownership."

Community members, volunteers, and supporters will have the opportunity to write heartfelt messages, prayers, and words of encouragement on the walls of the home before construction continues. The event is open to the public.

The home is being built through Habitat's affordable homeownership program, which provides partner fam-

ilies with a stable and secure place to live.

### About Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity

Founded in 1993, Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Dedicated to ending substandard housing, the organization has built more than 100 homes in Brunswick County.

Habitat homeowners come from diverse backgrounds, including young families, single parents, individuals with disabilities, military veterans, and first responders. Homes are built by Brunswick County Habitat's dedicated construction staff with help from volunteers, tax-deductible donations, and proceeds from Habitat's three ReStore retail locations in Brunswick County. Homeowners invest significant amounts of time and sweat equity in building their own homes, ensuring a strong foundation for the future.

For more information on Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity and how to get involved, visit <https://brunswick-countyhabitat.org/>.

**2ND ANNUAL OAK ISLAND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**  
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**O**ak Island Seafood Festival is coming back this year on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Middleton Park Complex from noon - 5:00 p.m.

Peel - & - Eat Shrimp Contest, Cooking Demonstrations, Education Events, Craft & Artisan Mar-

ket, Food Trucks and Live Music by: Lockwood River Band.

Don't miss out on this fun filled event. Bring your family and friends down to the park for one amazing afternoon!

For more information visit [www.OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS](http://www.OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS)

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## Southport Alligator Safety Tips



**Y**es, we have alligators in Southport. This is a friendly reminder to stay alert, keep a safe distance, and NEVER feed or approach alligators, which are most active at dawn and dusk. Keep pets on leashes away from water edges, supervise children, and report to 9-1-1 any concerns or nuisance gators.

### Key Alligator Safety Tips

- **Keep Distance:** Maintain a safe distance (at least 60 feet) if you see an alligator, as they are fast on land.

- **Never Feed:** Feeding alligators is illegal, dangerous, and causes them to lose their fear of humans.

- **Pet Safety:** Keep pets on a leash and away from the water's edge, as they can resemble natural prey.

- **Swim Safely:** Only swim during daylight hours and in designated areas.

- **Nuisance Alligators:** If an alligator is in a threatening position, or in an unusual spot, call the 9-1-1, or our APS Office, (910) 477-1486.

## Oak Island Beach Safety Season



**S**tarting April 1, the US National Weather Service Wilmington NC resumed its Surf Zone Forecasts for the 2026 Season!

As a "Seasonal Reminder" this also means:

BEACH WARNING FLAGS will resume being flown on all Town facility flagpoles, including the Fire Stations and Town Hall, as well as being mounted to ALL Fire Department and Beach Safety vehicles. Flags will also be flown by several community partners. Conditions can also be seen online at [OakIslandNC.gov/BEACH](https://OakIslandNC.gov/BEACH) or by scanning the QR code on Rescue Tube Station signage.

BEACH WARNING LIGHTS which display the current flag condition will also be reactivated on their locations at Barbee Boulevard, the

Oak Island Cabana, 3rd Place East, and The Point.

RESCUE TUBES will be returned to active service and reattached to the Rescue Tube Stations posted on the beach side of every Beach Access Location.

Remember, "Beach Safety starts with YOU!" Whether you're a first-time visitor or a "long-time, Long-Beacher"... EVERYONE should make it a habit to check the the conditions BEFORE heading out into the water!

The Beach Safety Division has been hard at work building the tools and training for the season ahead. Check out their progress in the "Safety Brief" section of this week's edition of The CURRENT at [OakIslandNC.gov/CURRENT](https://OakIslandNC.gov/CURRENT)

## Brunswick County Sheriff's Department

Scammers are busy... so let's save them some time and call out the usual suspects.



If you've recently gotten a text, call, email, or official-looking notice claiming to be from the court, DMV, toll authority, IRS, or even law enforcement, asking for money right now, it's almost certainly a scam.

### Here's the short version:

Courts do not call and demand payment because you "missed jury duty."

The DMV does not text you threats from random links or email addresses.

NC Quick Pass does not ask for toll payments by text.

The IRS does not demand gift cards, crypto, wire transfers, or immediate payment over the phone.

And no legitimate agency is waiting on you to scan a QR code before they "take legal action."

### If someone says:

"Pay now or you'll be arrested"

"Click this link immediately"

## Avoid Distracted Driving

Your attention is one of the most important safety features your vehicle has. Drivers who are distracted react slower, miss hazards more often, and have less time to make the quick decisions needed to avoid a crash. A few seconds of inattention can change everything.

### How to Avoid distractions:

- Put the phone away, texting while driving is illegal in North Carolina, and drivers under 18 cannot use a cell phone while driving.
- Finish meals before you leave, not behind the wheel.
- Set your music, navigation, and climate controls before driving.
- Keep volume low enough to hear sirens, horns, and other warning

"Reply Y to avoid penalties"

"Give me your Social Security number to verify your case"

...that's your cue to hang up, delete it, and move on.

Scammers count on panic. Slow down, verify everything through official websites or publicly listed phone numbers, and never trust the contact information provided in the message itself.

Because let's be honest, if a message sounds dramatic enough to deserve its own movie trailer, it probably deserves the delete button too.

If you're unsure whether something is legitimate, call the agency directly or contact us before responding. We would much rather answer a quick question than help clean up a scam later.

Report fraud: Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov)

Toll scam complaints: Federal Bureau of Investigation IC3 at [ic3.gov](http://ic3.gov)

Stay skeptical. Stay sharp. And please help warn family members who may not realize how convincing these scams have become.

sounds.

- If you have passengers, let them help with directions or controls.
- Handle grooming at home.
- Teach children safe car behaviour and secure pets properly.

### Focus outside the vehicle too:

- Don't fixate on roadside activity or signs for too long.
- Avoid conversations with people outside your vehicle while in traffic.
- Only pick up passengers when safely parked.

The safest drive is one where your eyes stay up, your hands stay ready, and your mind stays on the road.

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# May/June Events

## BELVILLE

### May 2

Founders Day

10am-3pm | Belville Riverwalk Park, 580 River Rd SE

This annual celebration commemorates the town's birthday and features live music, family fun and local history.

### June 13

Youth fishing day

7am-12noon | Belville Riverwalk Park, 580 River Rd SE

## BOLIVIA

### May 15

Dentistry from the Heart

7:30am-2:30pm | Coastal Cosmetic Dentistry | 3071 Southport-Supply Road SE, Hwy 211

Residents of Brunswick County are invited to visit our Hwy 211 office for either: a teeth cleaning, OR one filling, OR one tooth extraction FREE of charge. There will be a patient registration (English or Spanish) to complete prior to being seen. First-come, first served. Arrive early. We hope to treat as many local residents as is safely possible. All ages are welcome. The doctors at Coastal Cosmetic Family Dentistry are committed to providing the finest patient care, including giving back to our community.

## BOLIVIA

### May 15

Water Safety Day

5pm-7:30pm | Odell Williamson Auditorium Parking Lot at Brunswick Community College  
150 College Rd NE, Bolivia, NC 28422

Event is FREE & open to the public  
JOIN US FOR: Water Safety Education, Hands on Aquatic Stations, Water Rescue Crafts & Vehicles, Food Trucks, Music & More, Prizes & Giveaways

## LELAND

### May 28-30

It's All Art Show & Sale

10am-6pm | 10am-4pm

Leland Cultural Arts Center | 1212 Magnolia Way

Juried Art Show & Sale Free admission and parking.

## OAK ISLAND

### May 6

May Craft Class 2026

1pm-3pm | Oak Island Recreation Center, 3003 East Oak Island Drive

Register to come make a "happy lady" flower pot. 6 inch pot and embellishments including scarf, eyes, nose, and glasses included. Make sure you register for this class. COST: \$25 for all

To register, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS](http://OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS).

For questions, email [ekincer@oakislandnc.gov](mailto:ekincer@oakislandnc.gov).

### June 8-August 28

Pickleball Academy

Session 1: 5pm-6pm

Session 2: 6pm-7pm

Session 3: 7pm-8pm

Middleton Park Complex Racquet Courts, 102 SE 47th St

The Oak Island Pickleball Academy is a weekly program, with lessons lasting one hour per day throughout the week. The minimum age for each session is 12 years old, with all ages older than that accepted. Each session must have a minimum of 2 participants to be completed. We look forward to seeing you on the courts! Cost is \$100 program fee.

## OCEAN ISLE BEACH

### May 24-June 26

Peggy Hughes Summer

Concert Series

6:30pm-8pm | Town Center Park, 11 E. 2nd Street

May 24 The Entertainers

June 5 Shine

June 12 Continental Divide

June 19 North Tower

June 26 Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot

## SHALLOTTE

### May 23

Hot Rods & Hamburgers

10am-3pm | Coastal Church of Shalotte, 5200 Bridgers Rd.

Mark your calendars for the 17th Annual Hot Rods & Hamburgers. Great parking and access to Hwy 17 both directions. This is NOT A Show but a Cruise in to Thank all of you! It's free to vehicle 25 years old or older. So, 2001 and earlier is Free. If you have a newer vehicle you can still come and show it off as we will also be selling to those outside that range.

We will be doing a 50/50 and the Coastal Church will have their Coffee shop going to raise money for the church as well. Come out and meet everyone and enjoy a cruise-in with Hwy 55 Burgers Shakes & Fries serving hamburgers and hot dogs.

## SOUTHPORT

### May 1

First Fridays Gallery Walk  
5-7pm | Downtown Southport

Stroll downtown art galleries, enjoy their hospitality and enjoy the featured artists at each gallery. First Friday of each month all year except January, February & July.

Wednesdays, May 6 - Aug 26  
Southport Summer Market  
9am-2pm | Waterfront Park

The Southport Summer Market is a place for local growers and crafters to sell their goods directly to consumers, fostering community engagement and interaction.

The Southport Summer Market will run every Wednesday from the first Wednesday in May until the last Wednesday in August, excluding the week of the Fourth of July. The

market operates rain or shine unless determined otherwise by the Market Committee due to hazardous weather conditions.

Go to [cityofsouthport.com/southport-summer-market/](http://cityofsouthport.com/southport-summer-market/) to learn more or register to become a vendor!

### May 7-May 9

Southport Plein Air festival  
All over Southport

You will see artists painting outside all over Southport May 7th, 8th & 9th in Downtown Southport/Franklin Square Park. Wet Paint Sale 5/9.

The Southport Plein Air Festival is a truly unique experience! An annual event jointly hosted by Up Your Arts and the City of Southport. This festival brings local and regional talent (and interested visitors) to our scenic coastlines in celebration of capturing the true essence and beauty of the city.

We continue Saturday's festivities with a variety of artist demonstrations, free kids' Plein Air projects, and showcase music and creative performance artists. The event culminates in our favorite wet paint sale where residents and visitors clamor to buy unique artworks created during the event by participating artists.

## WINNABOW

### May 2

Home Run Derby

9am | Town Creek Park, 6420 Ocean Highway E

Open to ages 6-14. A fun and competitive event open to players across the area. Participants will compete within their age divisions for prizes and bragging rights. Spectators are encouraged to come out and enjoy an day of baseball, community, and excitement. Come out, swing for the fences, and enjoy a great day with us! This event is presented by Smithfield's Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q!

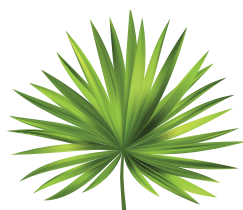
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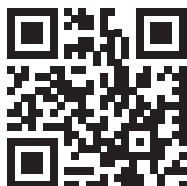
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**Brunswick County Chamber Welcomes Barnes, New Executive Director**

**B**ig News for Brunswick County! The Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce Susan Barnes as its new Executive Director! With 25+ years of experience and a strong track record in community engagement and program leadership, Susan is stepping into this role ready to support local



businesses and drive continued growth across our region.

Having already made a meaningful impact within the Chamber, Susan brings passion, collaboration, and a deep commitment to our members and community.

Please join us in congratulating Susan on this exciting new chapter!

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- Location: 9083 Highland Hills Drive, Leland, NC

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We would be honored to have you with us as we celebrate this exciting next step for the Casanova family. Let's come together to make this a day they will always remember.

Questions? Contact us anytime. Email us at [michaelf@bchabitat.org](mailto:michaelf@bchabitat.org) or call 910-846-3357.

**Event Details**

- Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026

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many of our roadways are shared with cyclists, motorcyclists, and pedestrians, especially in coastal areas.

Please also remember that impaired driving remains one of the greatest dangers during summer weekends and holidays. If your plans include alcohol, designate a sober driver or make arrangements before you leave home.

Summer traffic in Brunswick County often means heavier congestion on major corridors, increased golf cart and bicycle traffic, more pedestrians near beach communities, and drivers who may be unfamiliar with local roads. That combination can create situations where one distracted moment leads to a serious crash.

Our deputies will continue working throughout the summer to help keep traffic moving safely, respond to crashes, and enforce laws designed to protect everyone on the road. Safety is always our goal, and a little patience goes a long way during our busiest season.

We encourage everyone, residents and visitors alike, to slow down, allow extra travel time, and avoid

We want everyone to enjoy everything Brunswick County has to offer, and arrive home safely at the end of the day.

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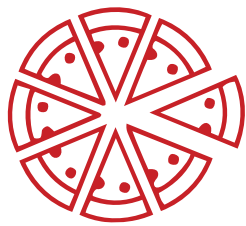
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## Southport Plein Air Festival to be Held May 7-9



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Hosted by Up Your Arts and the City of Southport, this non-juried festival is open to artists of all paint mediums and offers the flexibility to paint for two days or three.

**\$50 for 2 days**  
**\$75 for 3 days**

Local judges will confer merit and People's Choice awards, and festival

winners will receive free entry into the 2027 Southport Plein Air Festival.

Artists may display and sell work created during the festival at the Wet Paint Sale, and they keep all proceeds from their sales.

Read more here: <https://lifein-brunswickcounty.com/2026-plein-air-festival/>

Ready to register? <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/southport-plein-air>

## Oak Island Storytime by the Sea

Summer is going to be here before you know it. The Oak Island Parks and Recreation Department is bringing back Story Time by the Sea, this year at the 801 Event Center.

This is a FREE program with pre-registration. Make sure to get your kiddos signed up for a fun time!

Any questions contact [rgordon@oakislandnc.gov](mailto:rgordon@oakislandnc.gov) To register visit [www.OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS](http://www.OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS)



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Community members and visitors are invited to join Brunswick County for the annual Ready-Brunswick Preparedness Expo. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, 2026, on the Lisa M. Thompson Walking Trail at the Brunswick County Government Center. Parking is available in front of the David R. Sandifer Administration Building, located at 30 Government Center Drive in Bolivia.

This family-friendly event is free to attend and will feature over 50 local businesses and organizations that are ready to show you and your loved ones how to achieve a healthy and resilient life-

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strations, health screenings, and other activities. Free demonstrations include nutrition planning, cross-fit, and yoga.

Food can be purchased from the various food trucks that will be on-site.

For any questions or vendor opportunities, contact our Emergency Management team at 910.253.1923 or via email.

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# Spring/Summer Markets



## Southport Summer Market May 6- August 26 Waterfront Park

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Southport encourages all residents and visitors to join us in supporting local vendors and savoring the unique charm that the Summer Markets bring to the heart of the city.

**Town of Oak Island Parks & Recreation**

## 2026 FARMERS' & ARTISANS' MARKET

**WHEN:**  
Every Monday, June 1 – August 31, 2026  
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**WHERE:**  
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## Shallotte Upcoming Events

Enjoy a full season of community Market-Fest events at the Shallotte Riverwalk! These family-friendly markets feature local vendors, handmade goods, live music, a kids craft corner, and special themed activities throughout the year. From spring celebrations to summer fun and festival holiday markets, each Market-Fest offers a unique way to shop local, connect with the community, and enjoy the charm of downtown Shallotte.

### May Days on the Riverwalk May 16 from 9a.m.-2p.m.

### Home Town Summer Fest June 13 from 9a.m.-2p.m.



## Leland May 16, 10am-2pm Founders Park, 113 Town Hall Drive

Leland's newest festival, In Bloom, brings together the perfect mix of nature, art, and community for a day full of creativity and connection.

Enjoy everything the festival has to offer:

- Environmental educators and local nonprofits
- Eco-friendly, handcrafted goods from local artists
- Hands-on activities like sun printing, tie-dyeing, and reuse art
- Native plants from local farms to take home
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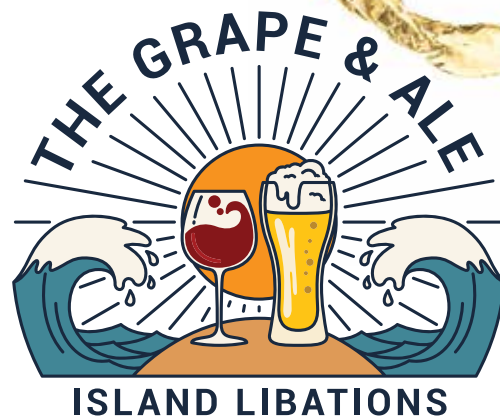
**J**ohnson and Whales offers a great program for food service by having successful alumni return to campus calling them the Wildcats return. Alumni working in the field come back to encourage and

support students preparing them the real world of restaurants.

As a past graduate, Oak Island Fixins' Chef Rick Dobrowski returned and recreated his signature Chicken Coop Sandwich for their

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Rick talked about his transition from a JWU student to a 22-year career and showcased the wonderful food Fixins he prepares on Oak Island.



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## Dosher Promotes the Mission of Organ and Tissue Donation at Hospital Event

**D**osher Memorial Hospital was among dozens of hospitals that simultaneously held a statewide Donate Life flag raising ceremony and moment of silence on Wednesday April 1st. This event promoted the mission of organ, eye, and tissue donation while honoring donors, donor families, recipients, and those waiting for a life-saving transplant in North Carolina.

The Pause to Give Life event began with raising the Donate Life flag at 10:08 am to symbolize that one donor can save eight lives. The ceremony was followed with a moment of silence to recognize that over 4,000 patients are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant in North Carolina. Speakers



Dosher CEO Lynda Stanley, far right, leads the Pause to Give Life flag raising ceremony on April 1.

included Mayor Joseph Hatem, Dosher OR Patient Transporter Jeannie Brown-Busch, whose son was an organ donor, and additional comments from attendees whose lives or lives of their loved ones were impacted by organ and tissue donation.

Said Dosher President and CEO Lynda Stanley, “We thank those who shared their stories, personalizing the critical importance of organ and

tissue donation.”

Also at the ceremony was a representative from Precision Ocular Network, Dosher’s procurement partner for eye donations. “We are very grateful for the relationships we have with our organ, tissue, and eye donation partners, who help save lives through their behind the scenes efforts to match, recover, and transport organs, quickly and safely,” said Stanley.

This was the fifth year that Dosher has participated in the Pause to Give Life flag raising ceremony and awareness event. For a full list of upcoming events hosted by Dosher, go to the Dosher community calendar at [Dosher.org](http://Dosher.org).

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## Oak Island Parks & Recreation Splashpad Splashdown



Come celebrate the Oak Island Splashpad's Opening Day for the 2026 Season on Friday, May 22.

Join us at 10:00 AM, when Parks & Recreation welcomes the Oak Island Fire Department as a special guest

for the annual Splashpad Splashdown! They'll help to turn on the taps and fire up the water cannons to help us give a watery welcome to Summer!

View & Share this event at [www.OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS](http://www.OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS)

## Southport Fire Department Poker Run

Please plan to attend this fundraiser for the EMS AUXILIARY! They raise money to buy or help purchase much needed equipment! The Southport Fire Department poker run will be held on June 13th, 2026! Registration starts at 9 a.m., KSU at 10a.m.

### The route....

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Winnabow to Bolivia FD,  
Bolivia to Sunset Harbor FD,  
Sunset to Oak Island Station II,  
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## Oak Island Education Programs



The Oak Island Nature Center and Oak Island Ocean Education Center will be offering some fun and exciting programs this Summer!

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Pictured Left to Right: BSCF Vice-Chair Felicia Woodard, Sheriff Brian Chism, Samoane Ikard (Lower Cape Fear LifeCare), Sharonda Davis (His Chosen Outreach Ministries), Joe Saton (Brunswick County Homeless Coalition), BSCF Chair Monique Stenquist, and BCSF Board Member Chris Kain.

The Brunswick Sheriff's Charitable Foundation, Inc. held their 14th Annual "Diamonds and Denim" Charity Ball on March 6, 2026 at the Homer E Wright Event Center in St. James, NC. This prestigious event featured dinner, music, dancing, and a live & silent auction.

Proceeds from this event were to benefit Lower Cape Fear LifeCare, His Chosen Outreach Ministries and Brunswick County Homeless Coalition. Checks in the total amount of \$22,000.00 were presented to these two non-profit organiza-

tions on April 13, 2026.

BSCF was established in 2012 and is dedicated to serve the people of Brunswick County by building permanent charitable capital to support programs and provide services that enhance the quality of life for all its citizens.

The Foundation expresses its gratitude to all the sponsors, donors and guests that made this event memorable and successful. The next Diamonds & Denim Charity Ball is scheduled to be held on Friday March 7, 2027.

## We the People Gospel Fest

Celebrate the return of a beloved tradition during the NC 4th of July Festival on June 28, 2026 at 5pm in Franklin Square Park in Southport!

Gospel Fest is back this year, bringing an uplifting evening of music and community to the festival lineup. This free event, hosted by Madison Drew, will feature inspiring performances from the renowned

gospel group The Singing Kellys and acclaimed vocalist Angela Primm

Bring your friends, family, and a love for great music as we celebrate faith, community, and the spirit of Independence Day weekend with powerful gospel performances.

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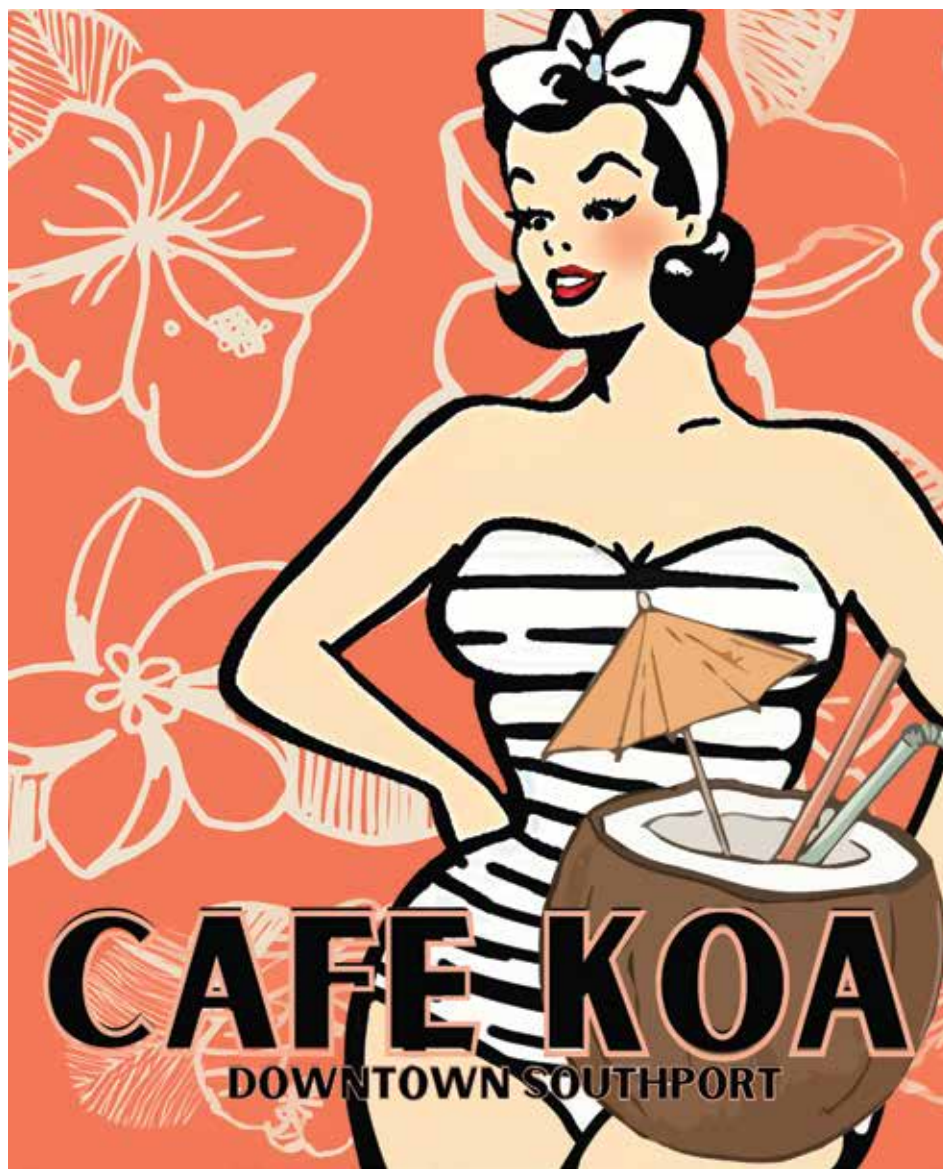
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# Brunswick County real estate market blooms in March

**B**runswick County's residential real estate market saw increased activity in March compared to the same time last year. New listings, the number of homes sold, and prices were up. Notably, March saw the most new listings in a single month in over three years.

"As expected, our residential market bloomed as spring rolled in," said Cynthia Walsh, CEO of the Brunswick County Association of REALTORS®. "Overall activity was up, and homes spent less time on the market. In fact, 17 of the new listings actually sold within the same month, and most of those were at or above list price. All of this goes to show there are no signs of demand slowing down in Brunswick County."

## March 2026 Compared to March 2025

New listings increased 14.1% in March, from 858 to 979. The number of homes sold was up 2.8%, from 529 to 544. Average sale prices increased 5.6%, from \$451,516 to \$476,813 and median sales price increased 5.9%, from \$361,190 to \$382,478. Total sales volume increased 8.6%, from \$238,851,928 to \$259,386,145.

Of the 544 homes sold in March 2026, 310 were resales and 234 were new construction. On average, homes sold for 95% of the original list price, with 37 homes selling above list price and 154 at list price. In the luxury market, 32 homes sold for \$1 million or more. The four largest sales were for \$3 million on Bald Head Island, \$2.6 million on Ocean Isle Beach, \$1.9 million on Bald Head Island and \$1.8 million in Shallotte.

## Year-to-Date

Year-to-date, new listings increased 9.6% compared to 2025, from 2,231 to 2,445. The number of units sold was up 3.6%, from 1,260 to 1,305. Average sale prices increased 2.6%, from \$471,939 to \$484,069, and median sale prices rose 4%, from \$365,773 to \$380,499. Total sales volume increased 6.6%, from \$591,221,963 to \$630,366,707.

## Brunswick County

**NEW LISTINGS**  
 March 2026: 979  
 March 2025: 858  
 Increase/Decrease: +14.1%

**UNITS SOLD**  
 March 2026: 544  
 March 2025: 529  
 Increase/Decrease: +2.8%

**AVERAGE SALES PRICE**  
 March 2026: \$476,813  
 March 2025: \$451,516  
 Increase/Decrease: +5.6%

**MEDIAN SALES PRICE**  
 March 2026: \$382,478

March 2025: \$361,190  
 Increase/Decrease: +5.9%

**TOTAL SALES VOLUME**  
 March 2026: \$259,386,145  
 March 2025: \$238,851,928  
 Increase/Decrease: +8.6%

## Bladen County

**NEW LISTINGS**  
 March 2026: 20  
 March 2025: 15  
 Increase/Decrease: +33.3%

**UNITS SOLD**  
 March 2026: 9  
 March 2025: 11  
 Increase/Decrease: -18.2%

**AVERAGE SALES PRICE**  
 March 2026: \$246,822  
 March 2025: \$190,936  
 Increase/Decrease: +29.3%

**TOTAL SALES VOLUME**  
 March 2026: \$2,221,400  
 March 2025: \$2,100,300  
 Increase/Decrease: +5.8%

## Columbus County

**NEW LISTINGS**  
 March 2026: 32  
 March 2025: 42  
 Increase/Decrease: -23.8%

**UNITS SOLD**  
 March 2026: 24  
 March 2025: 23  
 Increase/Decrease: +4.3%

**AVERAGE SALES PRICE**  
 March 2026: \$213,219  
 March 2025: \$199,965  
 Increase/Decrease: +6.6%

**TOTAL SALES VOLUME**  
 March 2026: \$5,117,246  
 March 2025: \$4,599,190  
 Increase/Decrease: +11.3%

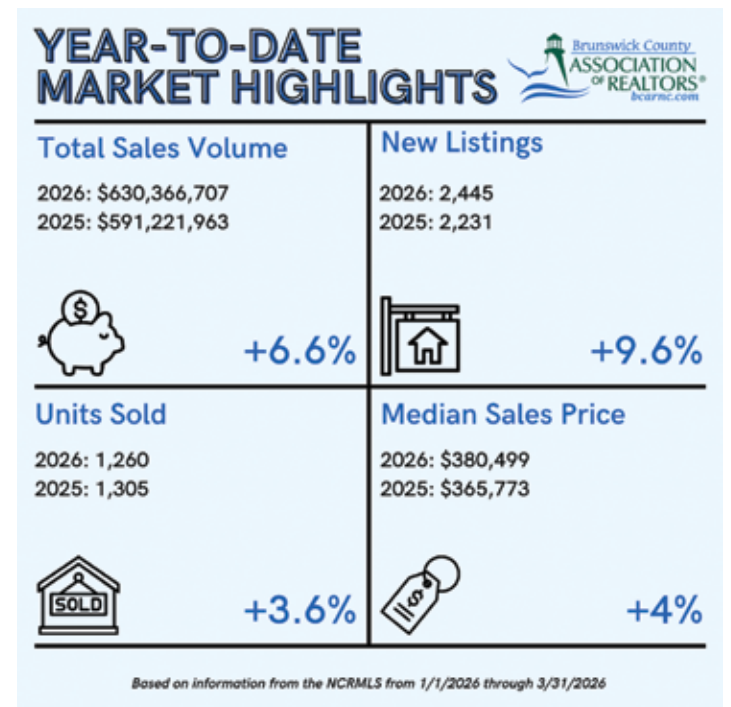
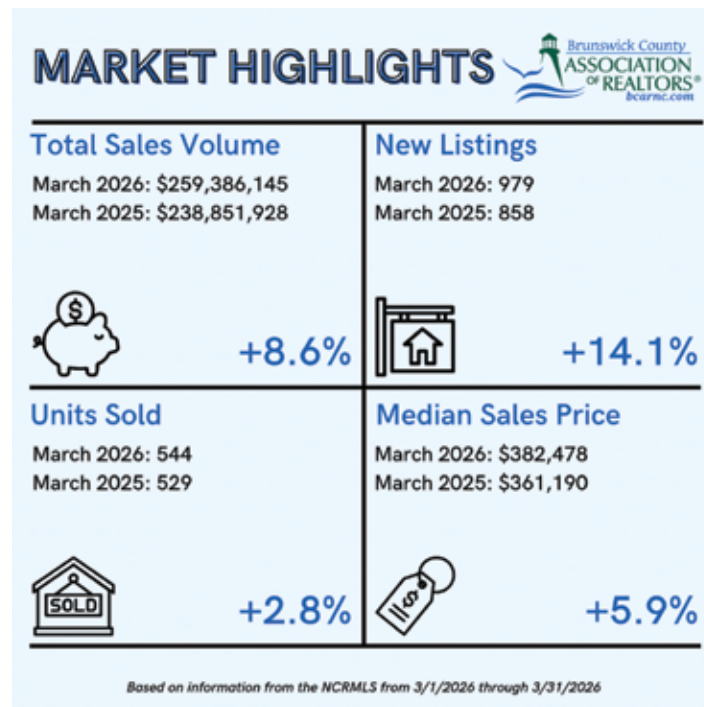
## Robeson County

**NEW LISTINGS**  
 March 2026: 12  
 March 2025: 14  
 Increase/Decrease: -14.3%

**UNITS SOLD**  
 March 2026: 5  
 March 2025: 7  
 Increase/Decrease: -28.6%

**AVERAGE SALES PRICE**  
 March 2026: \$152,900  
 March 2025: \$218,871  
 Increase/Decrease: -30.1%

**TOTAL SALES VOLUME**  
 March 2026: \$764,500  
 March 2025: \$1,532,095  
 Increase/Decrease: -50.1%



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**B**oiling Spring Lakes Parks and Recreation is inviting the community to come out and celebrate one of the area's most fascinating native plants at the first-ever BSL Spring Fling: Venus Flytrap Festival. The free, family-friendly event will take place Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Boiling Spring Lakes Community Center, 1 Leeds Road.

Designed for all ages, the festival will feature a variety of activities that highlight both fun and education. Visitors can explore an educational Venus flytrap trail, take part in a 1-mile family fun run, and enjoy classic festival favorites like a bounce house, face painting, games, and hands-on activities.

Food trucks and local craft vendors will also be on site, offering plenty of options for lunch, snacks, and shopping.

Organizers hope the event will bring together residents from Boiling Spring Lakes and surrounding communities for a day of connection, learning, and outdoor enjoyment. Proceeds and donations from the festival will support the BSL Venus Flytrap Boardwalk Project, an initiative aimed at creating a dedicated space for visitors to experience and learn about this unique plant in its natural environment.

Admission is free, and everyone is encouraged to attend, bring friends, and be part of a growing community tradition.

## Library Group Seeks Vice President Volunteer



**T**he Friends of the Library Southport Oak Island (FOLSOI) is currently seeking a volunteer to serve as vice president of its board. The position offers a leadership opportunity for someone interested in supporting local libraries while strengthening community connections.

The vice president will assist with board projects, work closely with library staff, and help build relationships with community leaders to promote library programs and advocacy efforts.

The role also includes representing the board at public events and stepping in for the president when needed.

FOLSOI is looking for a community-minded individual who is passionate about libraries and making a lasting local impact. Those interested in volunteering or learning more about the position are encouraged to reach out.

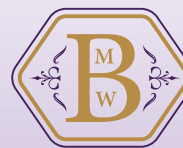
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### Why your rates are going up:

- Aging infrastructure needs ongoing repair and replacement to prevent service disruptions.
- Fuel, electricity and equipment now cost significantly more due to inflation.
- Insurance premiums for public utilities have risen across the board.
- Stricter state and federal regulations require upgraded monitoring, sampling, testing, and reporting.
- Labor and supply chain challenges have raised the cost of skilled staff and essential parts.



Visit our website to see the full rate and fee schedule [www.H2GONC.GOV](http://www.H2GONC.GOV)

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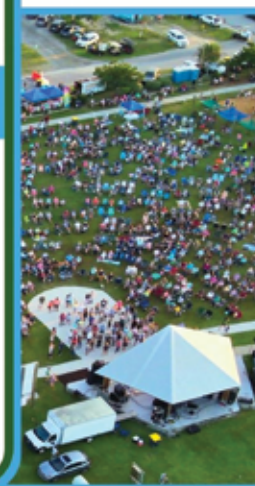


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  - June 26 • Too Much Sylvia
  - July 1 (Wed.) BEACH DAY • 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
  - The Extraordinaires
  - July 10 • The Entertainers
  - July 17 • Chocolate Chip & Company Band
  - July 24 • Rivermist
  - July 31 • Crystal & Aria
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## 2026 Bald Head Island Yacht Club Concert Series

Last year's first-ever BHIYC concert series was a huge success, thanks to generous sponsors and vendors like you. Hundreds of people attended each free show, and the community is

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For that reason, the Yacht Club is pleased to announce an even bigger 2026 season with 8 fantastic bands, including The Catalinas, The Tonez,

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### The Bald Head Island Yacht Club

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The Membership Extravaganza is back for 2026, and we're excited to host our third annual afternoon focused on celebrating and connecting with our Chamber community.

### Event Details

June 16 at 12:00-3:00 PM

Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, 112 Pine Street in Shallotte.

Ribbon Cuttings: 12:00-1:00 PM

Member Drop-In & Networking:

1:00-3:00 PM

Interested in attending this free event or having a ribbon cutting? Sign up to participate or get involved here: <https://form.jotform.com/260765221071046>

Sponsorship opportunities are also available, including DJ, Refreshment, and Cool Down sponsors. To learn more, email [plippard@brunswickcountycommerce.org](mailto:plippard@brunswickcountycommerce.org).

Make plans to stop by, connect, and be part of one of our favorite Chamber events of the year.

## 5th Annual Fallen Heroes Ceremony



Join us in honoring those who have served and sacrificed. The 5th Annual Fallen Heroes Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m. at the Fort Johnston Museum and Visitor Center.

This meaningful event brings together veterans, first responders, and

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## Brunswick Partnership for Housing

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Grab your tickets at [brunswickpartnership.org/events/americanfish](http://brunswickpartnership.org/events/americanfish)

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## Ms NC 4th Of July Scholarship Pageant Returns

The Ms. NC 4th of July Festival Pageant returns to the festival in 2026, just in time for America's 250th birthday. This milestone anniversary celebrates our nation's founding and offers a moment to reflect on the people and events that have shaped our country. Embracing legacy and tradition, the Festival is reviving cherished customs — including the beloved pageant, last held thirty years ago — to inspire the next generation and honor our community's rich heritage.



1989 NC 4th of July Queen Hannah Daniel, image courtesy Ellie DeYoung, Southport Historical Society.

an honor to lead the Ms. NC 4th of July Festival Scholarship Pageant," she says. "Being able to revive this historic tradition and give back to my community means everything to me. I want every contestant to walk away feeling proud of who they are and excited about what they can accomplish. My hope is to inspire the next generation of young women to believe in themselves,

embrace leadership, and take pride in their communities."

The Scholarship Pageant will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the CMC Building, 200 Nash Street. Public admission is \$25, and tickets can be purchased in advance at [nc4thofjuly.com](http://nc4thofjuly.com) or, if available, at the door. Guests will enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, and the excitement of the pageant. The Southport Fire Department will offer barbecue plates for purchase at the Nash Street station prior to the pageant. No food or drink will be allowed inside the CMC Building.

Contestants will compete in seven age divisions: Baby Miss (0-3), Tiny Miss (4-6), Little Miss (7-9), Junior Miss (10-12), Young Miss (13-15), Teen Miss (16-18), and Miss (19-24). Participants will showcase talents and spirit in categories including patriotic wear, evening gown, talent, most photogenic, and more.

This year's pageant director is Jalyssa Lacy McRae, a North Carolina native from Southport who now lives in Castle Hayne with her husband, Jeremiah McRae, and their two children, Draco and Ahlivia. At 32, Jalyssa brings extensive experience in directing, contestant consulting, photography, and professional hair and makeup artistry. Her work has empowered countless contestants to feel confident, prepared, and inspired on stage.

Jalyssa is known for helping contestants present the best version of themselves while creating positive, memorable experiences for families. "It's truly

This year will crown the 28th Miss North Carolina Fourth of July Festival Court, celebrating both the pageant's return and America's 250th anniversary. Scholarships will be awarded to contestants who embody responsibility, dedication, and community spirit—the qualities essential to representing the largest festival in North Carolina. Reviving the pageant connects young people with the festival's legacy and our nation's history.

Special thanks to Wade's Jewelers, creator of the one-of-a-kind Miss NC 4th of July crown. Wade's Jewelers is located at 701 N. Howe Street, Southport, NC.

Applications and tickets are available at [nc4thofjuly.com](http://nc4thofjuly.com). Sponsorship opportunities are open to businesses and individuals who wish to support this historic event. For sponsorship information, contact Sarah Hunter at [shunter@intracoastalrealty.com](mailto:shunter@intracoastalrealty.com) or 336-971-9294. For pageant details, contact Pageant Director Jalyssa Lacy McRae at [j.mcrae.photography@gmail.com](mailto:j.mcrae.photography@gmail.com) or 910-431-8909. <https://nc4thofjuly.com/nc4th-of-july-scholarship-pageant/>

Celebrate America's 250th with us by supporting the return of the Ms. NC 4th of July Festival Pageant — a night of inspiration, tradition, and community pride. Visit [nc4thofjuly.com](http://nc4thofjuly.com) for entry forms, ticket purchases, and more information.

For more on the NC 4th of July Festival events and more, visit <https://nc4thofjuly.com/>.

## Inaugural Fundraising Putting Tournament Set for May 3 at Oak Island Golf Club

The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce invites the community to participate in its Inaugural Fundraising Putting Tournament on Sunday, May 3, from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the beautiful Oak Island Golf Club in Caswell Beach.



\$500 Scoreboard Sponsor Includes scoreboard signage, a DJ announcement during the event, and table space for company materials.

### Raffle Donations Welcome

This fun and casual event offers participants the chance to enjoy an afternoon with friends while supporting the Chamber's efforts to serve and strengthen the local business community. Attendees will enjoy music, scenic ocean views, a cash bar, and food available for purchase while competing in a friendly putting tournament.

The event is limited to 72 participants, and players will compete for a chance to win part of \$800 in total cash prizes, with awards for both male and female competitors based on a full field. The entry fee is \$25 per person.

### Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Local businesses are invited to support the event through sponsorship opportunities:

\$150 Putting Green Sponsor

Includes a yard sign with company logo displayed at a putting green.

Businesses and individuals who would like to support the event but are unable to sponsor are encouraged to contribute raffle items, which will be featured during the tournament.

Proceeds from the event will support the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce, a nonprofit, membership-based organization dedicated to creating opportunities and advocating for the local business community.

Grab your friends, practice your putting, and join us for a fun afternoon of friendly competition for a great cause.

For more information, to register, or to become a sponsor, contact the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce at (910) 457-6964 or <https://www.southport-oakisland.com/article/putting-tournament.html>

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## Town Of Oak Island Athletics

**A**re your kids or you into Athletics? If so, you're are in luck! Oak Island Parks & Recreation has several Youth Sports Clinics coming up each month (registration already started)! As well as Tennis and Pickleball Academy!

Don't forget about Field Hockey!  
**Who is excited?? We sure are!!**

For more information about these athletic opportunities, contact Jacob Hyle at [jhyle@oakislandnc.gov](mailto:jhyle@oakislandnc.gov) or register at [OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS](http://OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS)

## FIELD HOCKEY CLINICS

This Summer, join Oak Island Parks & Recreation and Foundation Sports Clinics for Field Hockey Clinics at the Middleton Park Complex!

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**Dates and Times:**

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- Residents: \$25
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## OAK ISLAND TENNIS ACADEMY



- **WHEN:** Weekly from June 1 - 26
- **WHERE:** Middleton Park Complex Racquet Courts
- **WHO:** Ages 7-11 years old
- **COST:** \$75 Program Fee
- **REGISTRATION:** [OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS](http://OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS)

The **Oak Island Tennis Academy** is a weekly tennis program, with lessons lasting one hour per day throughout the week, held in the Middleton Park Complex Racquet Courts at 102 SE 47th St.

Times for each session are posted on the program descriptions on the registration page.

## OAK ISLAND PICKLEBALL ACADEMY



- **WHEN:** Weekly from June 1 - 26 & August 3 - 21
- **WHERE:** Middleton Park Complex Racquet Courts
- **WHO:** Ages 12+
- **COST:** \$100 Program Fee
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The **Oak Island Pickleball Academy** is a weekly program, with lessons lasting one hour per day throughout the week, held in the Middleton Park Complex Racquet Courts at 102 SE 47th St.

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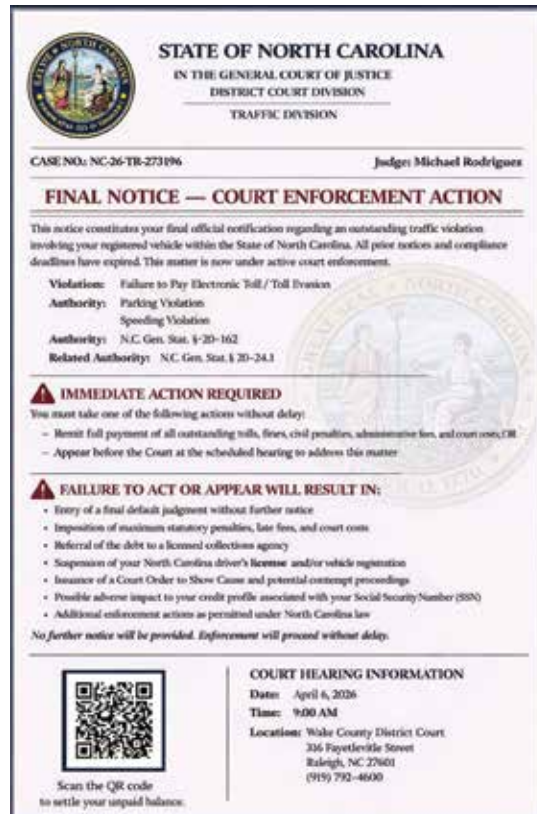
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## Brunswick County Wellness Center receives BEMC grant



Yesterday we were privileged to be a recipient of a BEMC Community Grant! Being recognized as an impactful organization and an important contributor to our community is quite an honor! The grant will go towards starting a strength training class for our Parkinson's participants... we could not continue this mission without the assistance of incredible organizations like Brunswick Electric!!!

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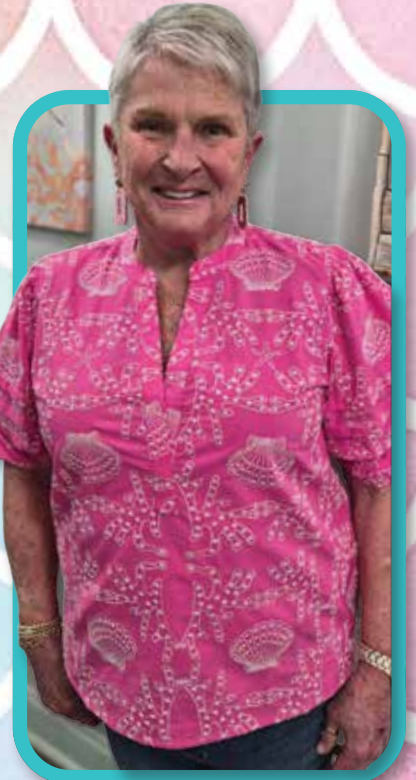
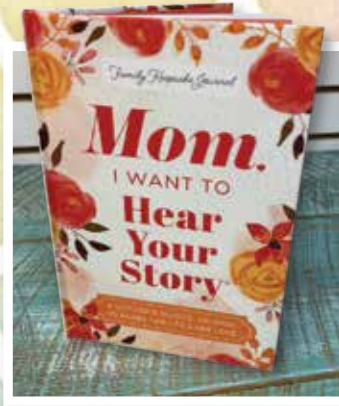
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