

The North Carolina Fourth of July Celebration Boasts Activities, Events, an Arts & Crafts Market, and Entertainment.

Families looking for a unique Fourth of July destination need look no further than Southport, North Carolina, which boasts a celebration first recorded in a newspaper in 1795. Now the official State of North Carolina's celebration, the event attracts more than 50,000 visitors each year and has expanded to encompass activities at nearby Oak Island. Through the years, the efforts of civic groups and citizens have evolved and now encompass a wide variety of American celebration traditions. The celebration includes activities and events for the young and the more seasoned young at heart.



Event highlights include arts and crafts on the Southport waterfront, a parade, fireworks, firefighters' competition, children's games, live entertainment, great food, and lots of red, white, and blue.

The welcoming ceremony in Southport will be held on the Fort Johnston lawn in Southport on June 28 at 6:30pm. This will be followed by a reading of the Declaration of Independence, a nod to the Festival's mission of patriotism. The Welcoming Ceremony on Oak Island will be Saturday, June 29 at 5:45pm. at Middleton Park Extension. It will be followed by a Beach Day Concert featuring 20 Ride.

Patriotism is woven into the celebration via events such as the Salute to Veterans, a 9/11 Remembered

Traveling Memorial, a Naturalization Ceremony, Flag Retirement Ceremony, Flag Raising Ceremony and a military and first responder equipment exhibition.

For the more energetic, activities include a beach day full of activities - including corn hole, bocce ball and volleyball tournaments and children's activities - in Oak Island. There will be live pro wrestling and an Uncle Sam skydive on Oak Island, as well. Southport will also host games and entertainment.

This year's Fourth of July Festival is online now. The website is also your source for entry forms for events such as the Freedom Run, the Red, White, and Blue Flotilla, and the parade. You may also sign up to become a sponsor. Sponsors allow the festival to keep all events free to the public. Family and corporate sponsorships are available, so there is a giving level for everyone.

Red, White and Blue Flotilla

This annual event continues to draw spectators along the waterfront, up and down the Intracoastal Waterway and river. Come watch or participate in this year's Red, White, and Blue Freedom Flotilla, scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2nd. Spectators will enjoy patriotically be dazzled vessels of all shapes and sizes. A longer route in 2024 means more opportunities for the public to enjoy the event. The parade route will begin from the Old Yacht Basin, pass along the Southport Waterfront to just past Kingsley Park to marker 19, return past the Old Yacht Basin, and continue to the St James Plantation Marina.

Salute to Veterans

The 2024 Salute Veterans, featuring a main stage performance by Letters From Home. The performance

will be on Tuesday, July 2nd, at 5:30 pm at Waterfront Stage in Southport, N.C. The public is invited to enjoy this special evening to honor our veterans.

We invite all veterans to the wharf where special seating will be available. Veterans will have access to the facilities at the North Carolina 4th of July Festival's Hospitality House, which is The Southport Community Building, and will be provided light refreshments under the shade of the reserved seating at the waterfront.

Veterans who need transportation from Moore Street to the waterfront stage will be taken by golf cart from the corner of Moore Street and Davis Street. Parking is available in the surrounding area or for veterans at the Brunswick Community College at 701 N. Lord Street. General parking is available at the Southport Elementary School at 701 W. 9th Street, Southport, NC. Shuttle services will be provided from both locations.



Naturalization Ceremony

The 25th annual Naturalization Ceremony on July 3rd on the Ft. Johnston Garrison Lawn beginning at 2:30pm. This annual Festival feature will be preceded by a band concert with music from the 440th Army Band. The concert will be fol-



lowed by Amuzu Theatre Singers.

The ceremony is a significant part of the annual North Carolina 4th of July Festival in Southport. It is anticipated that 125 new citizens will be administered the oath of citizenship by Honorable Richard E. Myers II, Chief U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of North Carolina.

Firefighter's Freedom Competition

The Southport Fire Department will present the 39th Annual Firefighter's Freedom Competition on Saturday, June 29th, at 3pm at the Southport Fire Substation at 115 E. Nash Street Southport.

The competitive events include Tanker Tug, Command Post, Bucket Brigade, Benjamin Franklin Impersonator, Extrication Demonstration, Firefighter Relay Challenge Event, Fire Extinguisher Demonstration, and Barrel Push, as well as this year's newest activity, a pie-eating contest. Appearances by Sparky, Smokey and Marshal from Paw Patrol®; A helicopter landing will take place at 2 pm.

The Southport Fire Department is also sponsoring the return of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation presentation of the 9/11 Never Forget Memorial Mobile Exhibit to the Fourth of July Festival. The exhibit will be displayed at 115 E. Nash Street on Saturday, June 29th, 10am-6pm; Tuesday, July 2nd & Wednesday, July 3rd, 10am-4pm; and Thursday, July 4th 10am-2pm.

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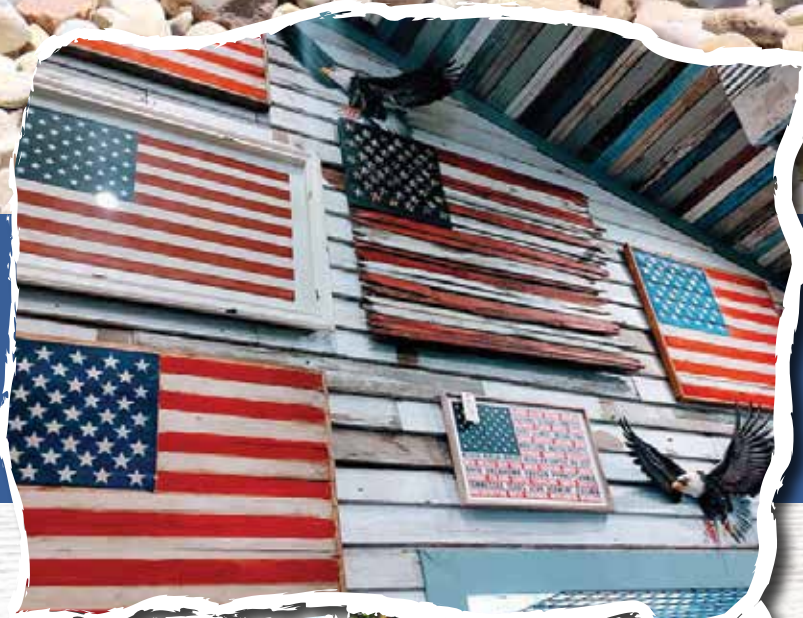
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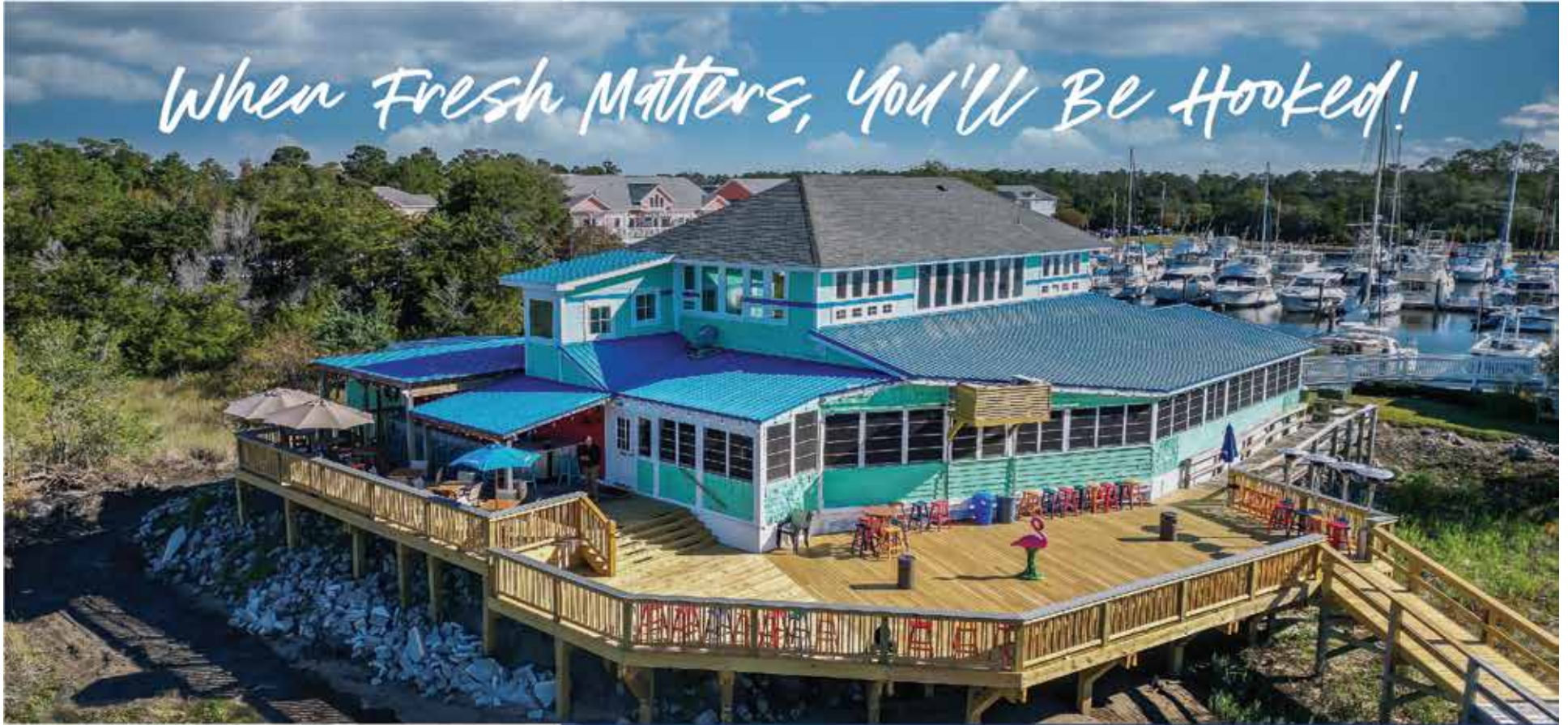
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Hot Summer Days Mean Hot Things to Do by Joanne Thompson

Brunswick County is heating up this summer with plenty of fun things to do. There is something for everyone to enjoy. From water splash pads to beaches, to literally hundreds of live music venues, to craft and classic art classes, to axe throwing, to mining for gems, to lazing in a float tank, to fishing charters, to trolley rides, to helicopter rides. to ... on and on the list goes. If you are bored here this summer, you have only yourself to blame! Just get out there and discover the riches of our county.

There are some changes to note locally.

Here's some good news. The **License Plate Agency** in Shallotte has reopened. The Southport LPA expects to reopen in late summer.

A new way to listen to music is the new **Cape Fear Radio**, state-of-the-art streaming that is accessed wherever Bluetooth and internet connections are available. It is operating now, 24/7, not over the air waves, but over the internet. Music, news, and sports with a local flair by locals is featured. Local musicians and a variety of artists of varying fields will be showcased spotlighting the richness of culture to be found in Brunswick County. Check it out <http://www.capefearradio.com>.

The very much anticipated **Alpaca Peruvian Charcoal Chicken** is on schedule to open soon after the 4th of July. It specializes in "pollo a la brasa" rotisserie style roasted chicken. We are all waiting with mouths watering.

Want to float your stress, anxiety, depression, PTSD symptoms away? Stop in and explore the options at **Premier Fitness Studio**, on Long Beach Rd. and make an appointment at **Coastal Float Spa** to free yourself from all these and more in a float tank that is 1000 lbs. of Epsom salts that creates reduced environmental stimulus therapy. Premier Fitness Studio also facilitates **Brunswick County Wellness Center**. The Center offers citizens of Brunswick County who live with conditions that

affect movement of the body including Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, Neuropathy, Strokes, and post-Polio Syndrome, exercise programs to help find respite for a nominal fee. Silver Sneakers and Silver & Fit exercise, healthy aging programs are offered. Ask for a tour and catch a class in action. Contact 910-477 6003.

On **Oak Island: Swain's Seafood and Steaks** has opened a beautiful outdoor patio area that is dog friendly with a live music stage featuring their full dinner menu. **Stuffed by Swain's** a bakery bistro market opens in the adjoining building showcasing Towhee and Tierra Swain's cake creations that are to die for. Not only can you buy a whole cake, but you can buy just a slice if you are dieting. Towhee's signature coconut cake stuffed with key lime pie is always a sure thing to please, but there will be lots more from which to choose. You will be able to buy salads, made-in-house dressings, like their finger-lickin' remoulade and the very delish blackberry jalapeno jelly that pairs so well with hush puppies and cream cheese. Take a seat and enjoy the delish!

Happy two-year anniversary to **Fixins** on Oak Island. Super chef creating and delivering fresh Southern twist treats.

The Tippy Tuna is open for business where Chaser's, a longtime watering hole, was at 850 E. OI Dr., to the relief of locals.

In **Southport:**

Sadly, **Sedona South** is no longer. We are waiting to see what comes in to take over the space.

New in time for summer, **Carolina Kite House**, located at 5021 Crossing Way in Southport, has plenty of kites and a whole lot more in the way of kool things for kids and adults. Crazy socks, toys and puzzles, golf and garden and pickle ball themed gifts, as well as wind themed chimes and



spinners, make for a fun shopping experience.

The **Southport Cheese Shoppe** has a new owner, Nicole. Stop in to check out the new shop arrangement. You can still get the same freshly created great soups and sandwiches and customized charcuterie boards and unique hostess gifts. Want to be the hostess with the mostest? Entertain offering top quality cheeses not found in grocery stores, olives, and crackers and freshly baked breads with olive oils and condiments and hosting gifts can be found here.

Coastal Blue Gift Shoppe, located at 717 N Howe St., is a place to shop, gather and pray. The store specializes in customizing gifts for all events from weddings, birthdays, anniversaries to realtors' new home welcome gifts. Hostess aprons, charcuterie boards and much, much more can be tastefully personalized making for a unique gift. The shop is just darling and peaceful, as is the owner Kim Caggiano, whose smile and helpfulness makes for a wonderful shopping experience. You must stop in to feel the peace.

The Shoppes of Southport Village ... always has something new to discover.

The Feltz General Store is bringing in a sluice for fossil and gem mining. Kids are loving this fun activity. Children are certainly welcome here. You can find plenty of things something that will appeal to them in this decidedly family-oriented store.

Are you a book lover and avid reader? You must visit **Needful Things** in the Village. Owner Amanda has carefully selected unique books and gifts that are sure to delight and has created a peaceful place to read her selections. She often hosts North Carolina authors for book signing. Many are available for skype or zoom calls with book clubs. (selfish plug my book club most recently zoomed with Cameron Kent who wrote Oak Island Book Club great fun!) If you want to escape the mundane and love the serene ... stop in and enjoy!

The Hive Coastal Chic Lifestyle Boutique offers shopping online or in person for apparel, home decor, housewares, gifts, toys, and more. Buzz in for a honey of a deal!

The Village hosts a summer farmers market every Wednesday through August, from 9am until 2pm.

Southport's **Royal Coach Auto** is no more. **Ward Auto** is the new owner. It promises the same top quality auto care. Try it and see.

The Curious Mermaid Gallery at 600 N Howe opened. Wed. through Sunday, stop in and discover national and local artists' creations or sign up for an art class.

Here's a tip: on the 4th of July get your once-a-year special breakfast burritos early from **StrEAT Side Cafe** 524 N Howe St. They sell out every year!

Royal James Rum and Tequila Bar on Moore St. has found its niche with libations and casual food. Soon to come is an out back outdoor area to hang and enjoy.

Sonia's El Grill located on Rte. 17 is fast becoming a destination spot for good cooking for travelers and trades people in the area. Give it a try.

The Sea Biscuit Cafe on Stone Chimney Rd. in Supply, has used their Friday and Saturday dinner menu to include quality steaks and seafood. You can still get a great fish fry dinner

If you know and love beef on weck (a Buffalo fav), you can get it here!

In the Southport/Oak Island area: the **Carolina Crab Brewery**, on Long Beach Rd., while still for sale, is open on weekends and features live music and food trucks until someone buys it.

If want to increase your mobility and decrease your pain, you might want to try the introductory \$25 first time consultation session with **The Stretch and Mobility Coach**, at 5521 Rob Gandy Blvd. Unit E. His one-on-one hands-on personalized sessions are directed at getting you more limber and more steady.

Drive-Through Food Donation Collection Event Set for July 10th



Dosher Memorial Hospital, in partnership with the Brunswick Wellness Coalition (BWC), will host a drive through food donation event to benefit identified high need areas within Brunswick County. Donors may drive up to the hospital front entrance on Wednesday July 10th between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm to drop off healthy, non-perishable food items to members of hospital and BWC staff, who will coordinate distribution to local food pantries through South Brunswick PORCH and other non-profit organizations that promote access in nutritious foods. Items of particular need are:

- 1 lb. boxes of whole grain pasta
- Canned fruits no sugar/packed in water
- Fruit & vegetable juices, no added sugar
- Low sugar granola bars and fruit snacks
- Low sodium canned beans or soups
- Canned tuna and chicken

- packed in water/low sodium
- Natural applesauce
- Oatmeal
- Rice (Brown or whole grain)
- Gatorade (low/no sugar)
- Pudding (Sugar Free)
- Bottled water
- Cereals (whole grain/low sugar)
- BOOST drinks
- Jelly (low/no sugar)
- Nut butters/no added sugar & low salt (no glass jars, please)
- Healthy snacks for children (low sodium chips, veggie chips, fruit cups)

BWC Executive Director, Dr. Leigh Lane, said, “There is a high need for food pantry supplies during the summer due to pantries compensating for meals children receive at school. Not only will the donation drive at Doshier fill a need in food insecure communities, but it will also promote access to healthy foods, including the daily recommendation of 5 servings of fruits and vegetables.”

Over 2,000 pounds of food were collected at last year’s event.

Lasagna Love

Lasagna Love, and along with a group of amazing people, we are making and delivering home-cooked lasagnas for anyone who needs a helping hand. Go to www.lasagnalove.org/request to submit a request for yourself or nominate a friend!

All meals are absolutely free. No strings attached. All deliveries are contactless. You can request every once a month.

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Fourth of July Flag Raising Ceremony

On Thursday, July 4th at 10:30 am, the Friends of Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson, dressed in period costumes, and the Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart Catholic Church will proceed down Moore and Howe Streets to the flagpole at Waterfront Park to raise an American flag that previously flew over our Nation's Capital.

Preceding the Flag Raising Ceremony, there will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence beginning at 10:15am at the Moore and Howe Streets intersection.

The North Carolina Fourth of July Festival Flag Raising is organized by the Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site in Winnabow, N.C. and has been a mainstay of the Festival for over twenty-five years.

The **Festival Parade** will follow the flag raising, beginning at 11am.



Musical Entertainment

June 28 - 6:30pm, July 2 - 9am-10am & July 3 - 1:30pm - 440th Army Band at Fort Johnson Garrison Lawn
June 29 - 6:30pm & June 30 - 3pm - Patriotic Concert - The Sea Notes

Choral Society at Odell Williamson Auditorium Brunswick Community College

June 30 - 4-6pm - Gospel Sing at Fort Johnson Garrison Lawn

July 2 - 3-4pm - Brunswick Summer Wind Ensemble at Johnson Garrison Lawn

July 2 - 7-10pm - Waterfront Stage Entertainment with LunaSea at Southport Waterfront Park

July 3 @ 4-6:30pm - Waterfront Stage Entertainment -Salty Dawgs at Southport Waterfront Park

July 3 @ 7-10pm -The Waterfront Mainstage Entertainment & Street Dance with The Embers at Southport Waterfront Park

July 4 - 3-6:00pm - Waterfront Stage Entertainment with The Doorsmen at Southport Waterfront Park

July 4 @ 7-10pm -Waterfront Stage Entertainment with Liquid Pleasure at Southport Waterfront Park

4th of July Fireworks

9pm - Southport Waterfront Park

We invite you to join us from June 28 - July 4, 2024, celebrating our 229th year. View the entire Festival schedule at www.nc4thofjuly.com.

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- Free Parking and Trolley Pick-Up/Drop Off Southport Elementary School 701 W 9th St. Southport
- Vendor and VIP Parking at Brunswick Community College-Southport 701 N Lord St.
- Trolley Drop Off/Pick-Up at the corner of Moore & Davis Streets.



Be Shark Smart

Sharks are making their way north as our waters warm during the summer months!

Remember that when you enter the water, you enter the food chain. But there are things to do that can help you AVOID a shark encounter.

People often ask what they can wear to avoid sharks. Here are some helpful tips ...

- Avoid wearing shiny jewelry or bright clothing: Sharks are attracted to shiny objects, so avoid wearing jewelry or clothing that reflects light, particularly in murky waters such as ours. A shark may confuse shiny jewelry as the reflection of fish scales.

- Don't wear high-contrast clothing. This also can be mistaken for fish scales or prey. Divers and snorkelers should lean towards dark dive gear such as fins, suits, tanks and goggles. Color is not a factor for sharks as previously thought. Sharks don't see in color, but they can see contrast very well..

- Stay in a group as opposed to swimming alone. A shark is an opportunistic hunter and will "fish

out" injured or eat prey.

- Don't swim at dusk or dawn. Sharks use the sun to hunt during these times the most. When you look at the water facing the direction of the sun, you'll notice that you can't really see anything in the water. Look in the opposite direction and you can see it much better.

- Avoid excessive splashing and movement in the water. Sharks can hear far away and splashing mimicks a fish in distress which makes for an easy meal.

- If you see schools of fish jumping in and out of the water, that means there's something chasing them. Stay away from this scenario as well.

Visit the Oak Island Ocean Education Center on the corner of East Oak Island Drive and NE 47th Street, across from Town Hall. You will find lots of information about these amazing apex predators and why they are so important to the balance of our marine environment.

Enjoy your day or vacation at the beach, but be SHARK SMART!



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Brunswick Electric has been providing grants for up to \$2,000 since 1994 for innovative classroom projects that would otherwise go unfunded. This past year 29 local teachers received a total of \$34,145 in grants, and since its founding the program has contributed more than \$800,000 to area teachers. We salute all teachers and are grateful for your creative problem solving, resourcefulness and dedication to your students.

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July/August Events

BALD HEAD ISLAND

August 4

Run for the Light

6pm | Bald Head Island | \$50 fee

Run for the Light is a scenic run near coastal dunes and through the maritime forest on Bald Head Island, NC. Enjoy the sweeping views while running at dusk toward the light of The Old Baldy Lighthouse.

Make your participation in this race an entire day trip your whole family can enjoy by taking part in an afternoon festival celebrating National Lighthouse Day featuring games, crafts, music, bbq, beer and more! The festival will be taking place on the lighthouse grounds, the start and finishing site for The Run for the Light.

All proceeds from The Run for Light go towards the mission of The Old Baldy Foundation.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Southport/OldBaldyRunfortheLight>

BOILING SPRING LAKES

July 12 & 29, August 9

Movies in the Park

7:30pm | BSL Community Center
1 Leeds Rd

\$2 Donation Suggested

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs.

July 12: Top Gun

July 26: Pikachu

August 9: Raiders of the Lost Ark

CALABASH

July 17

Ladies Fun League

2pm | Brunswick Plantation & Golf Resort | 308 Brunswick Drive

Wednesday Fun League for Ladies with a Clinic at 2pm and a 9-hole play with cart at 2:30pm. \$20 per golfer includes instruction, range balls, and cart.

Great for beginners, no scores to keep. Sign up in the Pro Shop.

HOLDEN BEACH

Sundays

Holden Beach Farmers Market

9am-3pm | 3247 Holden Beach Rd

Contact 1942blessingsinc@gmail.com,
919-369-3882

Tuesdays thru August 13

Tied Dye Tuesdays

1-2:30pm | Bridgeview Park

Participants must be in line by 2:00pm to participate because the process takes ap-

proximately 30 minutes to complete. Fee is \$7 per shirt for youth sizes through Adult XL and \$10 per shirt for 2XL. Payment via cash or check only.

Wednesdays thru August 7

Children's Turtle Time

4-4:45pm | Holden Beach Chapel
107 Rothschild St

Hosted by Holden Beach Turtle Watch Program. Fun and exciting activities for children 3-6 years old. We invite your children to learn more about the sea turtles that nest on our beach.

LELAND

Fridays July-August

Friday Night Movies

3:30-5:30pm | Leland Branch

Library | 487 Village Rd NE

Join us at the Leland Branch Library for a movie! Get comfortable and feel free to bring snacks. If you need to come late or leave early, that is fine!

Please visit brunswickcountync.gov/library and click Library Events to see the movie choices each week!

OAK ISLAND

July 21

Oak Island 2nd Annual Tide Sit-In

5:30pm | Middleton Park

"Contestants" sit in their beach chair at water's edge as the tide comes in and the waves take you out, last one sitting upright wins! What to bring? Your own beach chair (standard size. Beach and camping chairs are accepted but only standards regulation size:) and a donation of your choosing (we will also have venmo available for donating) ALL donations will be given directly to the Oak Island & Caswell Beach Turtle programs.

July 24

Ladies Night at the Beach - Christmas in July

6:30pm | 46th St Beach Access

Christmas in July Ladies Night at the beach! Feel free to wear something holiday themed. You can bring a small gift to exchange (\$15 or under) but this is not required. Event by Laura FitzHugh, Broker Keller Williams

OCEAN ISLE

July 9 & August 13

Wildlife Cell Phone Photography

Techniques with Ellen Sheehan

9-10:30am | Museum of Coastal Carolina | \$50 per person

Coastal living = endless photo ops! But... do you ever wish your photos had a more professional-looking finish? If yes, these classes are for you!

Photographer and Brunswick County resident Ellen Sheehan, whose work is on display in the Museum Art Gallery through mid-September, will share 20 tips and tricks for taking better cell phone photos, including advice on safely photographing wildlife.

There are only 8 spots available per class, so register TODAY by calling the Museum at 910-579-1016.

Wednesdays, July 10-

August 7

Scavenger Hunt

10am-12pm | 111 Causeway Drive

Come join the fun with the Town of Ocean Isle Beach's Scavenger Hunt!

Our Scavenger Hunt Series takes place on Wednesdays from June 5th - June 26th and July 10th - August 7th at the Amphitheater at Town Center Park (11 E 2nd St).

Registration is from 10:00 - 10:30 am. Kids will be given a bag and clue sheet to search for prizes around the island. All children must have a responsible party to accompany them. This event is FREE!

August 14

Popsicles in the Park!

10-11am | Town Center Park

11 E Second St

Help us say good-bye to summer with a delicious, cool treat and activities at Town Center Park! The Town of Ocean Isle Beach will provide the treats, music and activities. This event is FREE and open to everyone!

SHALLOTTE

July 9

Shalotte Lion's Club Blood Drive

11am-4pm | Calvary Baptist

Church | 623 Village Road SW

For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

July 11

Shark Teeth & Seashells with Dr. Ashley Oliphant

3pm | Rourk Library

5068 Main Street

Learn about shark teeth, seashells, and fossils with a dig activity included! Registration required for participating children.

To register: <https://brunscob.libcal.com/event/11905494>

SOUTHPORT

July 8

Vacation Bible School

9am- | Saint Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church | 4843 Southport-Supply Rd SE

This year we're bringing the ocean inside with a SCUBA-themed Vacation Bible School program! Children will enjoy arts and activities all day, with a mid-morning snack and lunch at noon. At our closing ceremony they'll celebrate the day and practice the new songs they learned. See <https://stpeterlutheran-nc.org/vbs> to learn more!

July 18

St. James One-Stop Home Show

1-5pm | St. James Community Center

Join us for a free neighborhood home show at the St. James Plantation Community Center where over 30 locally-owned home improvement businesses will be available to present products, set appointments and discuss your home improvement needs.

August 31

Southport Lions Labor Day Car Show

9am-3pm | Southport Waterfront Park

Come celebrate the last days of summer in beautiful Downtown Southport. Vehicles will be displayed along Howe and Bay Streets. Music by DJ Dave. Proceeds of this fundraiser benefit Southport Lions vision programs, community programs, and youth programs. Admission is FREE to the public, with a \$25 registration fee for judged entries. Early registration for \$20 is available. Register at <https://southportlions.org/activities#car-show>.

SUNSET BEACH

August 5

Sunset Beach Drum Circle

6:30-8pm | 101 W Main St

Join us on left side of pier on the sand, between the Pier and the Gazebo boardwalk access. It's FREE, weekly, loaner drums on-hand for most weeks, no experience needed. Or, bring your own instruments! Pros also welcome, and walk-ups, drop-ins, any kids, friendly doggies, guests and General Public are WELCOME! <https://www.meetup.com/sunset-beach-drum-circle/>

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Also check events on your facebook page

3rd Annual Brunasco Classic to Be Held Friday, September 6

Get your 4-player team together and register for the 3rd Annual Brunasco Classic Golf Tournament hosted by The Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce. This year's event will be held at Brunswick Plantation & Golf Resort. This year brings sounds of the College Hunks, door prizes, raffles and great giveaways! The rate is \$400 per 4-person team, and includes green fees, cart rental, gift, hot breakfast, catered lunch, and more!

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Golden Pineapple Award Recipients Announced for Spring Quarter



The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce awarded 34 local businesses a Golden Pineapple Award at a ceremony held at the Chamber. Spring 2024 Golden Pineapple Award Winners are:

Accommodations: Better Beach Rentals and Sales, LaPolena Bed & Breakfast, Southport's Canary Cottage; **Activities & Attractions:** Southport Jazzercise, Throw Baxe Axe House and Board Game Lounge; **Food & Beverage:** Bald Head Coffee & Tea House, Cafe Ahora; **Retail:** The Apothecary at St. James, The Pearl; **Professional:** Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Carolina Premier Properties, Coastline Insurance Associates of NC, Inc., Hamilton Realty Group, Live Oak Med Spa; **Services:** Cape Fear Fitness, @Coastal-Painting-&Im-

provements, Cruise Planners-Lina DiCola, First Due Services, K Starr Coaching, Pelican Prowash, and @River-Run-Pack-&Ship.

Golden Pineapple Awards are given quarterly to those businesses nominated by their customers for providing consistent and exceptional customer service. The pineapple is the international symbol of hospitality which is the reason the Chamber chose it for the award.

Nominations for the next quarter will be taken until July 31st. If you would like to nominate a Chamber member business who has provided you with exceptional customer service visit the Chamber's website at www.ChamberSmallBusinessAwards.com to complete a brief nomination form.

Oak Island Police to Host Annual Dutchman Dinghy Dash

Let the fun commence! The Dutchman Dinghy Dash (D3) challenges builders to travel approximately 400 feet in homemade cardboard boats...without sinking. Form your team and join the multiple first responder agencies, Town departments and local businesses who participate in this exciting event.



Registration is available on the day of the event, or through pre-registration at www.OakIslandNC.gov/D3

There is a entry fee of at least \$10 in non-perishable goods (canned food, utensils, etc.) for in future donation events.

The event will be held on Saturday, August 17, at 10am at Dutchman Creek Park, 4750 Fish Factory Rd. in Southport.

This event is coordinated by the Oak Island Community Resource Officer. To learn more, visit www.OakIslandNC.gov/PD

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Cape Fear Radio is Now on the Airwaves

Exciting news! On Friday, June 21, the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce the pleasure of holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Cape Fear Radio.

Cape Fear Radio is an exciting new streaming local radio station focused exclusively on the communities of Southport, Oak Island, Caswell Beach, St. James, Boiling Spring Lakes and Bald Head Island, NC.

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As we all know, scams are a huge problem in today's world. We are not immune to that in Brunswick County.

The Sheriff's Office utilizes the BCSO Mobile App and Facebook to alert the community of any scams that we know are making their way through our community. The "jury scam" is one that has been especially problematic lately. With this scam, someone will contact you by phone claiming you have missed jury duty, and if you don't pay (usually via gift card or cash apps), you will be served with warrants and arrested. These scammers are even using real Brunswick County Sheriff's Office employee names and the number appears to come from the Sheriff's Office. We want our community to know, we will never call a citizen and demand money of any kind. We will not ask for any banking or personal finance information. If you receive a call like this, it is a scam. If you are at all worried you have missed jury duty, call the Brunswick County Courthouse. They will be able to

tell you. Similar scams state you have a warrant for your arrest and if you don't pay, you will be arrested. Again, Sheriff Brian Chism the scammers will use legitimate names and the number may appear to come from the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office does not call citizens to alert them of an active warrant. These are served in person. If you get a call like this, it is a scam.

Remember, with any scam, if something feels off, go with your gut. Hang up and call someone and never click on any links sent via email or text that you do not recognize. More information about the various scams we've seen can be found on our website at www.brunswicksheriff.com under the resources tab, or on the BCSO mobile app You can download the app using the QR code.



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A unique 3-band fundraiser titled "Banding Together 4 New Hope Clinic" is scheduled for September 28, 2024 at the Woodlands Park in St. James from 3:00pm-7:00pm. This fun event will include a raffle and we'll also have several great food trucks and a beer vendor. Tickets cost \$20. There will be no rain date. More details will be online soon here.

We're planning for roughly 500-600 St. James residents in attendance at this 4th annual live entertainment event with Salty Dawgs, Back Porch Rockers & Mike's Garage Band, this year with New Hope Clinic as the beneficiary.

If reaching this audience is attractive to you and you want to help New Hope Clinic continue to support the

healthcare and wellness needs of Brunswick County residents, this is a great marketing opportunity!

To become a sponsor, please click on the link below or contact Sheila Roberts at info@newhopeclinicfree.org with questions.

<https://newhopeclinicfree.org/resources/calendar/>

About New Hope Clinic

New Hope Clinic was established over 25 years ago to provide free healthcare services to adults in Brunswick County who lack health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.

We serve approximately 500 adults in our community annually. We offer quality medical, dental, health education, and pharmacy services in a patient-centered setting.

TIPS FOR A SAFE SUMMER SEASON
SOUTHPORT POLICE

- Maintain awareness of your surroundings, be courteous and respectful of other boaters, and travel at a safe speed.
- Hot cars can be deadly. Never leave children or pets in your vehicle.
- Call 911 if you think someone is drowning. Don't try to rescue someone from the water unless you are trained in water rescue.
- Do not drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors. Keep them away from the house, deck and railings.

Sixteen Graduate from Leadership Brunswick County



Leadership Brunswick County organizers celebrated the graduation of sixteen individuals from the nine-month program. Velva Jenkins, Chief Executive Officer, YWCA of the Lower Cape Fear gave an inspiring keynote address during the 2023-2024 Leadership Brunswick County Graduation Ceremony. In 1997, during her time as Director of Brunswick Community College Small Business Center, she established the Leadership Brunswick County Program with the chambers. Her message focused on the significance of finding a mentor and the value of leaning on their mentor as the graduate grows into their leadership role. She also emphasized the importance of giving back to the community through volunteerism. She concluded her remarks with a quote from Nelson Mandela “Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.”

Leadership Brunswick County is a program sponsored by the Brunswick County, North Brunswick and Southport-Oak Island Area Chambers of Commerce to develop corps of informed, committed and qualified individuals capable of providing dynamic leadership for Brunswick County. It is designed to identify highly motivated, emerging leaders and educate them about the needs of our community, as well as the dynamics of social and economic changes.

The 2023-24 Leadership Brunswick County graduates are:

William A. Alford, ILH Group; Jennifer Beck, Comfort Keepers;

Tori Deviney, City of Southport; Carrie Dunlap, Lower Cape Fear LifeCare; Latania Edge-McGee, Brunswick County Parks and Recreation; Kate Grinstead, Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity; Stan Gurganus, Sunset Beach Police Department; Sue M. Hodgin, NC State Board of Optician; Tim Holloman, Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority; Hope John-French, Bald Head Island Club; ChyAnn M. Ketchum, City of Southport; Linda “Lin” Kovack, Coastal Conflict Resolutions; Shari Leone, Corning Credit Union; David Patterson, Freedom Boat Club; Brian Ross, Brunswick county Sheriff’s Office; and Ronell Thompson, Everwell Financial Group.

To graduate from Leadership Brunswick County, participants were required to attend an orientation retreat, a minimum of 6 sessions from the eight sessions held between October-April, attend one regular municipal or county meeting, attend three enrichment activities provided by a chamber of BCC, attend the All County Chamber Business Networking After Hours Hosted by Brunswick Community College, and volunteer a minimum of 10 hours for a non-profit organization in our community.

Applications to participate in the 2024-25 Leadership Brunswick County program will be available in late July. To receive an application, or for more information, Brunswick County Chamber @ 910.754-6644, North Brunswick Chamber @ 910.383-0553 or Southport Oak Island Area Chamber @ 910.457-6964.

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Develop an evacuation plan

If you are at risk from hurricane impacts, you need an evacuation plan. Now is the time to begin planning where you would go and how you would get there. You do not need to travel hundreds of miles. Your destination could be a friend or relative who lives in a well built home outside flood prone areas. Plan several routes. Be sure to account for your pets.

If you don't have a vehicle, check with local officials to see what transportation options they may have available.

Assemble disaster supplies

Whether you're evacuating or sheltering-in-place, you're going to need supplies not just to get through the storm but for the potentially lengthy and unpleasant aftermath. Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family a minimum of 3 days (store a longer than 3-day supply of water, if possible). Electricity and water could be out for weeks. You'll need extra cash, a battery-powered radio and flashlights. You may need a portable crank or solar-powered USB charger for your cell phones. And lastly, don't forget your pets!

Get an insurance checkup & document your possessions

Call your insurance company or

agent and ask for an insurance checkup to make sure you have enough insurance to repair or even replace your home and/or belongings. Remember, home and renters insurance doesn't cover flooding, so you'll need a separate policy for it. Flood insurance is available through your company, agent, or the National Flood Insurance Program at floodsmart.gov. Act now, as flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period.

Take the time before hurricane season begins to document your possessions: photos, serial numbers, or anything else that you may need to provide your insurance company when filing a claim.

Create a communication plan

Take the time now to write down your hurricane plan, and share it with your family. Determine family meeting places, and make sure to include an out-of-town location in case of evacuation. Write down on paper a list of emergency contacts, and make sure to include utilities and other critical services – remember, the internet may not be accessible during or after a storm.

Strengthen your home

Now is the time to improve your home's ability to withstand hurricane impacts. Trim trees. Install storm shutters, accordion shutters, and/or impact glass. Seal outside wall openings. Remember, the garage door is the most vulnerable part of the home, so it must be able to withstand hurricane-force winds. Many retrofits are not as costly or time consuming as you may think. If you're a renter, work with your landlord now to prepare for a storm.

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Pets and Fireworks Don't Mix

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Whether or not you're planning your own Independence Day celebration, it's important to take precautions to keep your pets safe both during and after Fourth of July festivities.

Preparing in Advance

Make sure your pets – cats and dogs alike – have identification tags or are micro-chipped with up-to-date information. If you have horses, you might consider marking a safety (breakaway) halter with your contact information and leaving it on your horse during this stressful time.

Take a current photo of all of your cats, dogs and horses – just in case.

If your pet has historically been anxious on this holiday, or if you have reason to expect potentially harmful reactions, consider behavioral therapy to desensitize your pet and reduce the risk of problems. Some pets may need medication. Consult your veterinarian or a veterinary behaviorist.

Make sure the environment is safe and secure. If your neighbors set off fireworks at an unexpected time,

is your yard secure enough to keep your pet contained? Are pasture fences secure enough to keep horses or other livestock confined? Evaluate your options, and choose the safest area for your animals; and make improvements if needed to make the area more secure.

Safety During July 4th Celebrations

Leave your pets indoors at home when you go to parties, fireworks displays, parades and other gatherings. Loud fireworks, unfamiliar places and crowds can all be very frightening to pets, and there's great risk of pets becoming spooked and running away.



Consider putting your pets in a safe, escape-proof room or crate during parties and fireworks.

Keep horses and livestock in safely fenced areas and as far from the excitement and noise as possible.

If you're hosting guests, ask them to help keep an eye on your pets to make sure they don't escape. Placing notes on exit doors and gates can help both you and your guests remain vigilant.

Keep sparklers, glow sticks, fireworks, charcoal and kabob skewers away from curious pets.

Don't let pets get near your barbecue grill while it is in use or still hot.

Avoid the urge to feed your pets table scraps or other foods intended for people. Be especially careful to keep them away from these common foods that are actually toxic.

Remember that too much sun and heat (and humidity!) can be dangerous to pets. Keep them inside when it's extremely hot/humid; make sure they have access to shady spots and plenty of water when outdoors; don't leave them outside for extended pe-

riods in hot weather; and know the signs that a pet may be overheating.

Never leave your pet in your car when it's warm outside. Vehicle interiors heat up much faster than the air around them, and even a short time in a locked car can be dangerous to pets.

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Coastal Charm

Kim Caggiano, is the owner and visionary behind Coastal Blue Gift Shoppe, the newest addition to shopping in Southport. Coastal Blue Gift Shoppe stands out as a gem among gems. The shoppe's allure is undeniable, drawing in visitors with its carefully curated selection of gifts and coastal treasures.

Kim is a dynamic entrepreneur whose passion and vision have made Coastal Blue Gift Shoppe a beloved destination.

She created Coastal Blue Gift Shoppe with a deep-seated love for the sea and a dream to share its beauty with others. Her design background and her entrepreneurial spirit converged to create a shoppe that is as aesthetically pleasing as it is unique.

From the moment you step inside, it is evident that Coastal Blue is a labor of love, meticulously designed to evoke the serene, welcoming essence of coastal living.

Located at 717 N. Howe Street, in Southport, across from the ABC Store, it features diverse and thoughtfully curated inventory. Handcrafted candles, soaps, chocolates, anchor wreaths, charcuterie boards and coastal decor can be found on display. Custom gift baskets are created with items such as locally sourced coffee, chocolates, Southport tea towels and aprons. Each piece telling

a story of craftsmanship and creativity. Every visit to the shoppe feels like a new adventure.

What truly sets Coastal Blue Gift Shoppe apart is the personal touch that Kim brings to the shopping experience. Her warmth and genuine interest in her customers create an atmosphere of familiarity and trust. Regular patrons often find themselves chatting with Kim as she helps them find the perfect gift or shares the Central to the Shoppe's identity is the prayer wall, a space where visitors can leave their thoughts, hopes, and prayers; a testament to Kim's commitment to creating a place of spiritual connection and reflection.

The shoppe has a range of prayerful gifts, including prayer beads, comfort crosses, inspirational books, and faith-based art.

There is a plan to open "Gathering Place", a space dedicated to bringing the community together to shop, gather and pray. The room will host a variety of classes, local events and community gatherings... a welcoming environment where people can connect, support one another and have fun.

Coastal Blue Gift Shoppe stands out as a testament to the power of passion, community, and craftsmanship. In a word it is more than a shopping experience.

Brunswick County Wellness Center

The Brunswick County Wellness Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to the physical training of County citizens who live with chronic conditions that affect body movement.

Those conditions include: Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, neuropathy, strokes, Post Polio Syndrome, and similar injuries. It aims to help citizens who fit the demographic, but are unable to afford the cost of private instruction offered at Premier Fitness Studio, which is home to classes and instruction.

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For more information contact Brunswick County Wellness Center, 5580 Long Beach Rd. Southport, 910-477-6003, or at BrunsCoWellnessNC.org.

Brunswick County Association of Realtors® Donates \$3,000 to the Brunswick Family Assistance Summer Food Program

The Brunswick County Association of REALTORS® “BCAR Cares” Task Force recently donated \$3,000 to the Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA) Summer Food Program, supporting BFA’s mission to ensure Brunswick County youth have access to breakfast and lunch seven days a week during the 12-week summer break.

“Summertime can be difficult for the many children who rely on school-provided breakfast and lunches during the school year,” said Cynthia Walsh, BCAR CEO. “Brunswick Family Assistance is dedicated to ensuring food security for children and adolescents in our community, and we are proud to support them.”

Brunswick Family Assistance is a private non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Brunswick County families and individuals in crisis by providing food, shelter, emergency assistance, and educational and skills development programs. For more information, please visit <https://brunswickfamily.org/>.

The BCAR Cares Task Force is a group of BCAR members working to

create programs that all BCAR members can participate in to giveback to our community. If you know of an organization that the BCAR Cares Task Force should consider supporting as a part of its Cares Program, please complete the application on BCAR’s website, <https://bcarnc.com/home/bcar-cares/>.

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ently serving its members, which are comprised of REALTORS®, Appraisers and Affiliate Members. Chartered in 1959 by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), BCAR represents the interests of its members in southeastern North Carolina and northeastern South Carolina. For more information, please visit <http://www.bcarnc.com>.



Tee Up for the Caridad Classic Fundraiser Monday, August 12

Calling all golfers! Please join us for this charity golf tournament hosted by Caridad. Caridad is a non-profit organization that helps enable single mothers and their children attain self sufficiency.

If you are not a golfer but would be interested in supporting us by sponsoring a hole please private message me! Sponsorship opportunities range from \$100 to \$1000.

Tournament Details:

8:15am Registration & Breakfast

10am Shotgun Start

- \$500 per Foursome
- One Player - \$125
- Two Players - \$250
- Three Players - \$375
- 4-person Team Best Ball Scramble
- Includes 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Practice Facilities, Breakfast & Lunch, and Prizes
- Mulligan Fun Package - \$25 to in-

clude: one string, one toss, and one Mulligan (4 maximum per foursome)

• A la Carte Mulligans are \$10 each (Two maximum per player, one for each 9-hole course) purchase on site day-of

- Cash Bar
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- Silent Auction
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• Putting Contest Sponsored by Farm Bureau (tickets purchased on site)

Register on-line at <https://caridad-incnc.org/golf-registration/>

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Other July 4th Events



Ocean Isle

The Town of Ocean Isle Beach Recreation Department and the Museum of Coastal Carolina are partnering up to host a Beach Bash in the Park on Wednesday, July 3! The event will run from 10 am-12pm at Town Center Park. This event is FREE and will include activities, crafts, music, photo booths and tons of fun!

The July 4th Parade will be held from 10-11am on the 4th.

Oak Island Beach is Turning 25! Celebrate with Beach Day July 1

Beach Day commemorates the July 1, 1999 merger of the Towns of Yaupon Beach & Long Beach into what is today known as the Town of Oak Island. It is held each year on July 1, unless that falls on a Sunday, in which case it is observed on the Saturday before.

The day's festivities always end in an amazing fireworks display, performed from the Oak Island Pier.

For more information on parking, etc., visit <https://www.oakislandnc.gov/residents-visitors/beach-information/beach-day>



11am-2:30pm - Open Play Boccee
12:30-1:15pm - Sandcastle Contest
9pm - Fireworks

Middleton Park:

9am-2:30pm - Horseshoes Tourney
10am-Noon - Conrnhole Tourney
11am-2pm - Food Vendors
11am-2pm - Information Tent
11am-2:30pm - Inflatables Kids Zone
6-9pm - Food Vendors
6-9pm - Beach Day Concert with Twenty Ride

Stage:

8am - Registration until filled for Doggie Costume Contest, Baby Bathing Suit Contest, Water Balloon Toss
9am - Beached Out
Doggie Costume Contest
10am - Baby Bathing Suit Contest (Ages 3 and Under)
11am-2pm - Beachin' Golf Cart Contest (Pre-registration required)
11am-11:45am - Water Balloon Toss Competition (Categories: Pre-K - 5th Grade)
Noon: Registration until filled for Jimmy Buffett Karaoke (Rising 6th grade and older)
1-2pm - Jimmy Buffett Karaoke
6-9pm - Beach Day Concert with Twenty Ride

Come out and enjoy the day!



Festivities Schedule

Cabana:

7am - Registration until filled for Horseshoes, Conrnhole, Beach Volleyball, Sandcastle Contest

Beach:

8am - Beach Volleyball Tourney
8am-2:30pm - Information Tent

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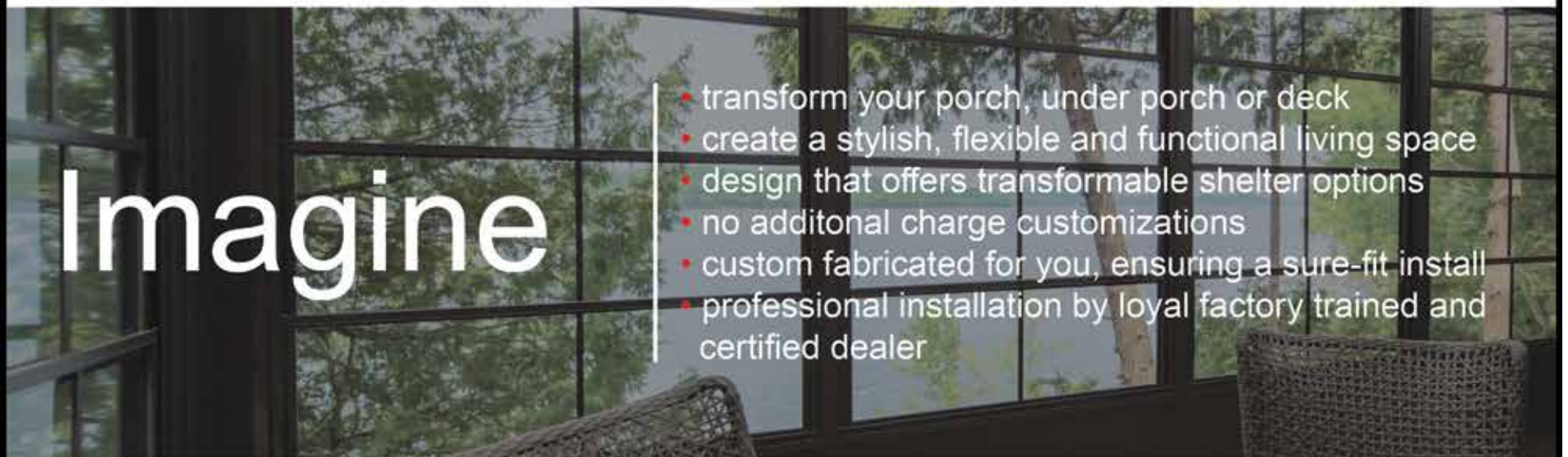


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Getting to Know Rip Currents

Rip currents are channelized currents of water flowing away from shore at surf beaches.

Rip currents typically form at breaks in sandbars, and also near structures such as jetties and piers.

Rip currents are commonly found on all surf beaches, including Great Lakes beaches.

Why are rip currents dangerous?

Rip currents pull people away from shore.

Rip current speeds can vary from moment to moment and can quickly increase to become dangerous to anyone entering the surf.

Rip currents can sweep even the strongest swimmer away from shore.

What are clues that rip currents may be present?

A narrow gap of darker, seemingly calmer water between areas of breaking waves and whitewater.

A channel of churning, choppy water.

A difference in water color.

A line of foam, seaweed or debris moving seaward.

How can I protect myself and my family from rip currents?

Always swim in an area protected by lifeguards

Consult lifeguards before entering the water.

Assume that rip currents are always present at surf beaches.

Learn to swim in the surf and make sure your children can swim in the surf. Pool swimming is not the same as swimming at a surf beach.

Learn to identify rip currents and take the time to evaluate the water before you enter the water.

What if I'm caught in a rip current?

Relax, rip currents don't pull you under.

Don't swim against the current.

You may be able to escape by



swimming out of the current in a direction following the shoreline, or toward breaking waves, then at an angle toward the beach.

You may be able to escape by floating or treading water if the current circulates back toward shore.

If you feel you will be unable to reach shore, draw attention to yourself. If you need help, yell and wave for assistance.

How do I help someone else?

Don't become a victim while trying to help someone else! Many people have died trying to rescue rip current victims.

Get help from a lifeguard.

If a lifeguard is not present, call 9-1-1, then try to direct the victim to swim following the shoreline to escape.

If possible, throw the rip current victim something that floats.

Never enter the water without a flotation device.

Facts about rip currents

Rip currents do not pull people under the water—they pull people away from shore.

Rip current speeds vary. Average speeds are 1-2 feet per second, but they have been measured as fast as 8 feet per second—faster than an Olympic swimmer!

Rip currents can be very narrow or more than 50 yards wide.

Sometimes a rip current ends just beyond the line of breaking waves; however, others may continue to flow hundreds of yards offshore.

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Stark Enterprises Breaks Ground on Oak Harbor Village, a Build-To-Rent Community in Bolivia.



Stark Enterprises, in collaboration with its affiliated companies Stark Living and Arbor Construction, recently broke ground on Oak Harbor Village, a build-to-rent residential community in Bolivia.

The units, ranging from one to three bedrooms with an average size of 1,232 square feet, will feature private patios, spacious walk-in closets, private driveways, a two-car attached garage and more.

Spanning approximately 23 acres, this new build-to-rent community will contain 130 ranch-style and townhome rental units, offering the lifestyle of apartment living with the look and feel of a single-family home.

The development will also include an array of amenities including a clubhouse, a dog park, a state-of-the-art fitness center, a playground, a lap lane pool, a sundeck, pergolas, grilling stations and entertainment areas.

“We are creating a resort-style living lifestyle for the middle class of America and making it accessible,” says Stark Enterprises Chief Execu-

tive Officer Ezra Stark. “We’re not merchant developers. Once we put our foot into a specific market and make it our own, we build roots. We stay and we collaborate and partner with the neighbors and with the communities that we are in.

Stark Living, the residential property management arm of Stark Enterprises, will oversee the community’s operations with on-site management and maintenance teams. With a proven track record of building and managing a diverse portfolio across multiple states, Stark Living is expanding its build-to-rent concept beyond its successful West Shire Village in Ocala, Florida.

Construction of Oak Harbor Village is slated for completion in the summer of 2025, with pre-leasing scheduled to begin several months beforehand.

For updates and further information, visit oakharborvillage.com or follow Oak Harbor Village on Facebook and Instagram @oakharborvillage.

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Families who have pets need to know that they can continue to feed them well, even when times get tough. To ensure that all families have a consistent source of pet food, Paws Pantry supplies food pantries in Brunswick County with dog and cat food.

Currently, the following food distribution centers are supplied with pet food through Paws Pantry:

- Southport Oak Island Inter-Church Fellowship (SOICF), Southport**
- Brunswick Family Assistance, Bolivia**
- Brunswick Family Assistance, Leland**

Donations CAN NOT be taken directly to the food distribution centers.

We also provide pet food to some Brunswick County Meals on Wheels programs.

**For those who obtain pet food through one of the food pantries, please understand that the food you receive is not meant to provide all of your pet's nutritional needs, rather it is to supplement their diet during times of financial hardship. You will not receive large quantities of pet food from these distribution centers.

How can you help?

Find information on the organization and ways to donate and/or volunteer at <https://www.paws-ability.org>.

100% of your donation goes to animals in Brunswick County who need help. We couldn't do what we do without your generosity. Once you have made your donation, you will be directed to a page where you can personalize your donation and have a card sent to celebrate a person or pet.

What can your donation do?

- \$35 - Spay or neuter a community cat
- \$50 - Spay or neuter a shelter or rescue dog
- \$75 - Provide a month's worth of formula and supplies for motherless kittens being raised in a foster home
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Kudos and Congratulations!

The Doshier Memorial Hospital Foundation recently allotted \$5,000 in funds to Doshier Memorial Hospital's Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The EAP provides emergency assistance to Doshier employees who are met with unforeseen financial challenges.

Said Doshier President and CEO Lynda Stanley, "I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for Doshier to support our staff, the people who take care of our community, through challenging times. They

give 100% of themselves every day, and I am extremely grateful that the Foundation allotted these funds to help them through unexpected circumstances.

Antonette (Toni) McAndrews added that "The purpose of the Foundation is to support the hospital. On behalf of the Foundation, we are very pleased to support the EAP which provides resources to Doshier staff members through challenging times."



Oak Island Beach Preservation Society, Inc Announces 2024 Scholarship Award Winners

Each year, the Oak Island Beach Preservation Society awards scholarships to outstanding, college bound, Brunswick County students. Those students are required to have a minimum GPA, and a preference is given to students following a degree program that aligns with beach and/or ocean life preservation. The winners are determined by this criteria and their written essay submission.



David Utz
Brunswick County
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Reynolds Pearce
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Addison Justus
Brunswick County
Early College

at North Carolina universities.

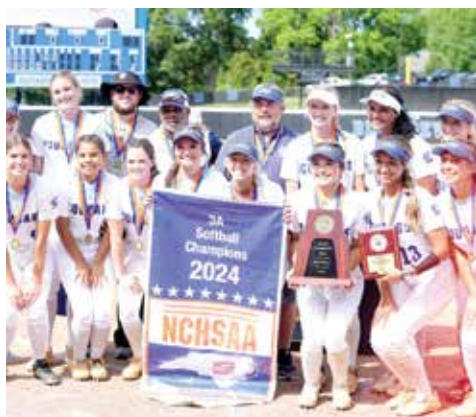
Congratulations to: David Utz, Reynolds Pearce and Addison Justus.

We wish you all the best over the next four years, and we look forward to the accomplishments you will make in your chosen field of study!!

Congratulations to the South Brunswick High School Softball Team on Winning the 3A State Championship

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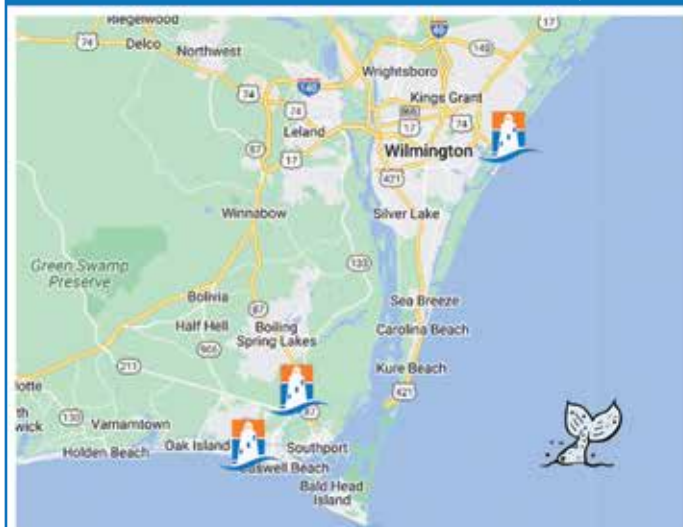
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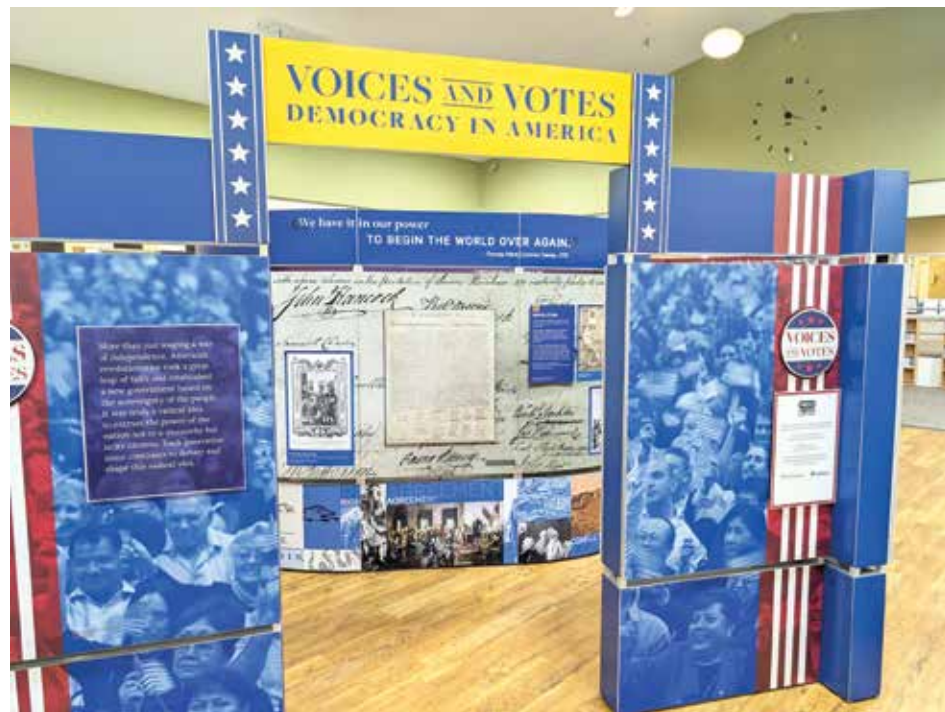
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Ocean Isle Beach Sea Turtle Protection Organization Amber Light Project

The Town of OIB has approved 20 amber streetlights. In order to get this approved, the OIBSTPO agreed to pay \$2,100 per streetlights and \$328.80 per streetlight to cover the difference in cost of operating the fixtures. The cost is higher to make sure the streetlight is also safe for people. We raised enough money for the first 10 streetlights \$21,000 and \$3,288 for the first year of operating costs.

If you are interested in supporting our conservation efforts to protect sea turtles from the negative impacts of artificial lights, please consider making a donation to our Lights Out Sea Turtles Dig the Dark fund. Our mailing address is OIBSTPO PO Box 6524, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469.

By donating to this fund, you can help contribute to the protection and preservation of these important marine species. Your support can make a difference in ensuring a brighter future for sea turtles and their ecosystems.

Sea turtles are highly affected by artificial lights, particularly during their nesting season. Female sea turtles come ashore to lay their eggs on beaches, and they rely on natural light to guide them back to the ocean after they have finished nesting. Artificial lights from buildings, streetlights, and beachfront properties can



disorient them and lead them away from the ocean, causing them to become exhausted and vulnerable to predators.

In addition, hatchlings are also affected by artificial lights when they emerge from their nests and instinctively head towards the brightest light, which should be the reflection of the moon on the ocean. However, artificial lights can lead them in the wrong direction, towards roads, buildings, or other dangerous areas.

To mitigate the impact of artificial lights on sea turtles, conservation efforts often involve implementing lighting ordinances that regulate the use of lights near nesting beaches. This can include using turtle-friendly lighting fixtures that emit a specific wavelength of light that is less disruptive to sea turtles, as well as installing shields or barriers to direct light away from the beach.

Reducing the impact of artificial lights on sea turtles is crucial for their survival and plays a significant role in conservation efforts to protect these endangered species.

Day Camps Offered by The Town of Holden Beach

The Town of Holden Beach will hold summer day camps on the following dates:

Thursday, July 18th - Putterin Around - Join us for putt-putt and ice cream at Fantasy Isle. \$12 resident/\$17 non-resident; ages 6-12; 10:30am-noon. Drop off and pick up at Fantasy Isle.



Thursday, July 25th - Sliding through Summer @ Magic Mountain Waterslide - \$25 residents; \$30 non-residents; ages 6-12; 10:00am-noon. Drop off and pick up at waterslide.

Thursday, August 1st - Fun in Color Art Camp - \$10 resident/\$15 non-resident; ages 6-12; 9:00am-noon Town Hall.

Thursday, August 15th - Schools Almost Back Bash at the Splash Pad and Holiday A Polloza - We will briefly revisit holidays celebrated throughout the year with some fun games and end the day with a party at the splash pad. \$10 resident/\$15 non-resident; ages 6-12; 9:00am-noon Town Hall.

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Oak Island Installs 'Beach Warning Light' Signs

On Tuesday, June 11, 2024 crews with the Town of Oak Island Public Works Department installed four (4) NEW Beach Warning Lights signs. These new signs feature a fully automated wireless control system, which retrieves updates from the National Weather Service, and then displays the current Beach Warning condition on the built-in signal light. This new notification system will greatly enhance the safety and visibility provided by the robust Beach Warning Flag system already in place.

With this installation, Oak Island has become the first town in the Carolinas to utilize this system.

Lighted Beach Warning Signs

The signage was developed by SwimSmart Warning Systems out of Marquette, Michigan who has designed and installed similar systems in numerous states throughout the East Coast, the West Coast, and the Great Lakes regions. The signs are completely self-contained, utilizing solar options for power and onboard data receivers for information.

Outgoing Town Manager, David Kelly began discussions with SwimSmart in mid-2023, immediately starting work to design a system for Oak Island. The Town's signs are unique, as they are the also first of their kind to incorporate a PURPLE light, to indicate the risk of "stinging marine life" such as jellyfish or Man O' War.

The four units have been installed near the more heavily populated



- Barbee Boulevard (near the Oak Island Pier)
- Oak Island Cabana (Middleton Park Complex)
- 3rd Place East (near S Middleton Ave.)
- The Point (end of W Oak Island Dr.)

Their effectiveness and durability will be evaluated during the 2024 Summer Season, to determine any possible expansion or adapting of the program in the future. While the lighted signs provide beachgoers with conditions at a quick glance, it is still recommended to check the Beach Safety page of the Town Website for full forecast and safety information.

This page also contains important information on Rip Current Safety, "what to do" in an emergency, and how to use the Rescue Tubes.

To view the Beach Safety page, simply scan the QR code found on any of the Water Safety Stations or visit OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY.

Community Blood Drive

Dosher is proud to partner with the American Red Cross to host blood drives, our next one taking place on Friday, August 9, from 8:30am-1:30pm at the Jaycee Building at 309 N. Fodale Ave., down the street from the main hospital campus.

Community members who would like to donate blood are encouraged to sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter in zip code 28461 in the "Find a Blood Drive" search tool. Look for the Jaycee

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Southport Named One of the Cutest Towns in North Carolina

Southport, which has already been named one of the state's friendliest, has something else to brag about.

Southport made the World Atlas list of seven cutest small towns in North Carolina to visit in 2024.

World Atlas cited Southport as a filming location for several movies and TV shows. Cinema buffs can go on a golf cart tour which stops by filming locations of more than 40 productions, including "Dawson's Creek" and "A Walk to Remember,"

which shot scenes in Old Smithville Burying Ground in spring of 2001. "I Know What You Did Last Summer" was also set in Southport with some scenes at Southport Marina and Franklin Square Park.

The town also offer many waterfront dining options, such as Fishy Fishy Cafe and Provision Company, both offering stunning seaside views and deliciously fresh seafood.

If you're adventurous, you can explore the plenty of nearby beaches, such as Oak Island and Caswell

Beach, which features the Oak Island Lighthouse, a 153-foot-tall lighthouse built in 1958.

The World Atlas describes Southport as being filled with historic homes that visitors can admire, some even offering lodging, such as Robert Ruark Inn, a quaint bed and breakfast in a Victorian-style.

The other cities are:

Banner Elk, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, offers a relaxing escape and connection with nature.

New Bern is perched along the

Neuse River and is the birthplace of Pepsi-Cola.

Sylva is a scenic town at the base of the Smoky Mountains.

Blowing Rock, nestled in the North Carolina mountains, makes for a romantic getaway, girls' trip or family vacation.

Saluda is a small historic mountain town surrounded by waterfalls.

Edenton, a waterfront town, sits along the Albemarle Sound and boasts many historic buildings dating back to the 18th century.



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We are "Helpers of Our Farm" not only because these animals depend on humans to help them, but also because these animals help us by teaching us how to love, care, and learn from them. They perform an important task of educating visitors during our tours, petting farm, and farm classes. The goal has always been to integrate education into the lives of our community through the lives of

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- Animal Cuddling
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- Homestead Farm Tours
- Mobile Educational Farm
- Mobile Petting Farm Party
- Hoof Party On The Farm
- Llama Family Portraits
- Cultivating A Caring Culture Videos
- Special Events with Animals



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Oak Island Beach Amenities Locations

The Town of Oak Island offers 65 public Beach Access Locations, more than any other coastal community in North Carolina! Many of these areas have available parking, with several offering reserved handicap parking as well, along with other amenities such as restrooms, water fountains, and shower stations.

has nine (9) designated Handicap Assist Locations, which include Mobi-mats provided through a combination of funding from the Town and community partners.

Town staff work hard to maintain these features; however, due to tides and erosion, please check the suitability of each access before use. In the event that repair or maintenance is needed, please contact the Public Works Department at 910-201-8008, or through the contact form.

Current Mobi-Mat / Handicap assist locations

- Keziah Street
- 705 Ocean Drive (Pier Complex)
- SE 74th Street
- SE 55th Street
- SE 40th Street
- 19th Place East
- 10th Place West
- 27th Place West
- 57th Place West



Shower towers are located at the following areas:

- McGlamery Access
- Yaupon/Oak Island Pier
- Barbee Access
- 46th Street Cabana
- Splash Pad
- 29th Place East
- Middleton Access
- 30th Place West (pictured)
- Kings Lynn
- The Point

Portable or permanent restroom facilities

- The Point (end of W Beach Drive)
- Kings Lynn Drive
- Cabana (SE 46th street)
- 14th Place East
- Oak Island Pier Complex (705 Ocean Drive)
- Barbee Blvd.
- Middleton Park Complex (4610 E Dolphin Drive)

Mobi-Mat & handicap parking locations

The Town of Oak Island currently



PLEASE NOTE: During the Paid Parking enforcement season, parking is NOT charged for vehicles in a designated handicap space and displaying a handicap license plate, placard, or hangtag. Parking in any other space will require the use of a Town Parking Permit or Paid Parking.

For information on other beach access amenities please visit: <https://www.oakislandnc.gov/residents-visitors/beach-information/beach-access-information>

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Mallory Creek - a New 55+ Community Underway in Leland

At Mallory Creek, a community for ages 55 and older in Leland, model homes are under construction and home sales will begin this summer.

Del Webb, the leading U.S. builder of active adult communities, is pleased to announce that sales will begin in late summer at Mallory Creek in Leland. Nestled in North Brunswick County just outside Wilmington, Leland is one of the fastest-growing towns in the state. Mallory Creek will be part of the master-planned Leland community near shopping, dining, medical facilities and inviting beaches, promising an exceptional lifestyle.

Offering modern ranch new construction homes with personalization options, flex space and room for entertaining, Mallory Creek will continue the Del Webb tradition of providing residents with an impressive collection of experiences that help them live the lives they have always wanted.

A 20,000-square-foot clubhouse will feature a kitchen, event/gathering spaces, an onsite lifestyle director, an abundance of clubs and activities, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a poolside café, a fitness center and pickleball courts. Walking trails, a community garden and a dog park will be located within the neighborhood.

The thoughtfully designed single-family homes of 1,223 to 3467 square feet will be priced from the upper \$300s.

Explore the Davis Canal on Oak Island

Enjoy Oak Island's beauty from the water! Guided trips are available through the Oak Island Recreation Department. Trips last approximately 2 hours and include kayak rentals, paddle, PFD and experienced guides. Paddle difficulty is easy.

Tours are offered July 9, July 23, August 6 and August 22. Space is limited so register early.

Cost is \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents.

Launch is at the Tidalwaves Kayak & Canoe Launch, SE 31st St, on Oak Island.

For more information, call Recreation Programs Supervisor, Ryan Gordon at (910) 278-4747 or email rgordon@oakislandnc.gov.



Oak Island Labor Day Surf Off

Celebrate with Oak Island Recreation Department this Labor Day Weekend for the 2024 Labor Day Surf Off on Saturday, August 31! Categories are available for: youth girls and boys, teens, as well as adult men and women. Beginners and more seasoned surfers are encouraged to participate. For questions reach out to Program Supervisor, Ryan Gordon, at rgordon@OakIslandNC.gov or by calling 910-278-4747

The In's and Out's of Paid Parking

To pay or not to pay - that is the question. Here is information on parking in our Brunswick area beach towns.

Ocean Isle Beach

Currently, parking is free at beach accesses at Ocean Isle, including more than 200 spaces. Though overnight parking is not allowed in the town-owned spaces.

Parking is paid at the Ocean Isle Pier for \$10 daily, \$45 weekly and \$175 seasonally. It's free after 6 p.m.

There is also a private-owned lot that charges fees, but is not operated by the town.

Sunset Beach

Sunset Beach is one of the remaining beaches to offer parking for free in Brunswick County. However, parking at the pier is \$10 per day with seasonal passes available through a lottery.

Holden Beach & Oak Island

Holden Beach and Oak Island utilize the Otto app for their paid

parking. To purchase a permit, click the SurfCast logo above, or use the following options:

- APP: www.surfcast.us
- WEB: surfcast.ottoconnect.us
- CALL: 910-200-1497

QUICK FAQ:

Parking Permits can only be purchased through the options listed above. The program DOES NOT use physical Decals or Stickers; permits are linked to a vehicle's license plate number; which staff use onsite to confirm permit status.

Holden Beach: Per ordinance, there is no parking on the streets or rights-of-way except in designated parking spaces identified by Pay-to-Park signs. <https://hbtownhall.com/paid-parking>

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- Daily: \$20 for duration longer than four hours
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Paid Parking and Resident-Only parking are enforced in all areas within the Paid Parking Zone, unless otherwise noted. This zone consists of the beachfront areas south of the Davis Canal (up to SE 40th St) and E Oak Island Drive (for areas EAST of SE 40th St).

Parking is NOT CHARGED during special events at the Middleton Park Complex (from SE 46th Street to SE 49th Street), such as the Farm-

ers' & Artisans' Market.

Parking is also NOT CHARGED in the Oak Island Pier parking lot at 705 Ocean Drive, where parking is limited to 2 hours.

- Hourly: \$5 up to three hours
- Daily: \$20 per day or any duration greater than four hours
- Weekly: \$80 per week for seven consecutive days
- Annually: \$175, with a limit of 500 passes sold

For more info on Oak Island parking: <https://www.oakislandnc.gov/residents-visitors/parking-information>

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Town Earns NC Department of Labor Safety Awards for Second Consecutive Year

The Town of Leland has received five awards from the North Carolina Department of Labor (NCDOL) Safety Awards Program. This is the second time the Town's Safety & Wellness Committee has applied to this program and received awards.

The Town received gold awards for Town Hall, the Leland Cultural Arts Center, Fire Station 51, and Fire Station 53. The Town also received the silver award for the Municipal Operations Center.

According to the NCDOL, the Safety Awards Program recognizes private firms and public agencies throughout the state that achieve and maintain outstanding safety records. The program is designed to stimulate interest in accident prevention and to promote safety in the workplace by providing an incentive to employers and employees to maintain a safe and healthy workplace.

NCDOL representatives presented Town staff with the awards during a ceremony on May 21.

To qualify for an annual safety award, NCDOL states that an agency must have had no fatalities at the site during the calendar year for which the award is given and must have maintained either a perfect safety record for that year or an incidence rate at least 50 percent below the average for its particular industry group. There are two levels under the annual safety awards program: gold and silver. The gold award is based on the days away, restricted, transferred (DART) rate, which includes cases of days away from work, restricted activity, or job transfer. The silver award is based only on cases with days away from work. They are recorded when the worker misses at least one full day of work, not including the day of the injury.

Prescription Drop Boxes Available

It is estimated that thousands of youths abuse or sell medications that they obtain from the family medicine cabinet. Also, people often dispose of unwanted medications in an unsecured or improper manner.

The Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department offers a safe and convenient way to dispose of unused medications.

A permanent drop box has been placed in the lobby of the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department, and the box is available to the public Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm. Residents may simply bring their unwanted medications to the police department lobby, follow the instructions located on the drop box, and discard their medications.

While most prescription medications may be discarded in the drop box, residents should not use this service for the following:

- Needles, Syringes, or Lancets
- Intravenous (IV) Bags or Liquid
- Thermometers
- Personal Care Items
- Used Gauze or Bandages
- Bloody or Infections Waste
- Over the Counter Medications

If you have questions regarding our Prescription Drop Off Box Service contact the police department at 910-363-0011.

Other Permanent Medication Disposal Locations in Brunswick County:

Brunswick County Sheriff's Offices:

- Bolivia - (910) 253-2777
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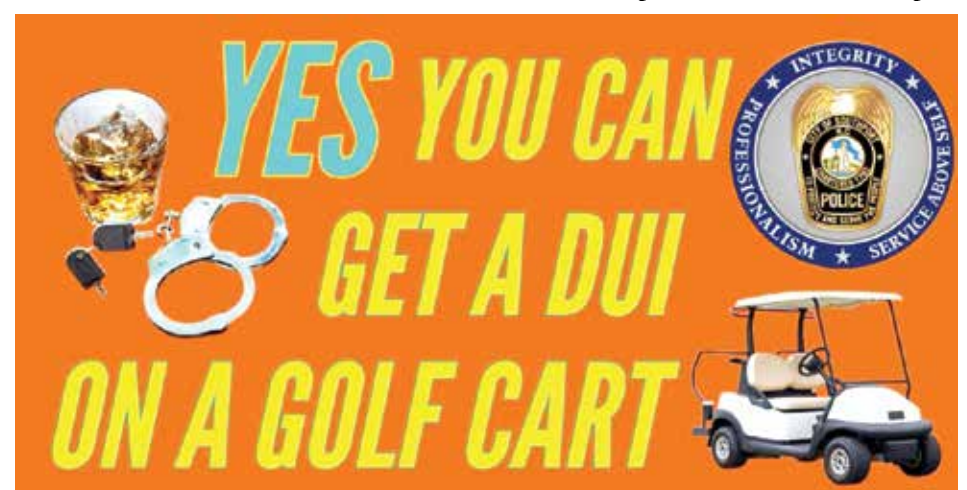
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- Leland (1132 Cutler Crossing) - (910) 371-1464
- Ocean Isle Beach - (910) 579-0970
- Shallotte - (910) 754-9351

Police Departments:

- Leland Police Department - (910) 371-1100
- Oak Island Police Department - (910) 278-5595
- Ocean Isle Police Department - (910) 579-4221
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- Shallotte Police Department - (910) 754-6008
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Following is a link for the medication disposal locator tool: <https://www.ncosfm.gov/community-risk-reduction/operation-medicine-drop>



We have seen an increase in violations. Please remember these tips and rules.

- Designate a responsible driver, keeping safe by not getting behind the wheel if you have been drinking!
- Golf Carts must be registered with the City, displaying a City sticker or a DMV License Plate

- Carts should yield to the right of the travel lane allowing vehicles to safely pass
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