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The North Carolina Fourth of July Celebration is Back in All It's Glory! July 1 & July 3-July 4, 2021



For over 220 years Southport has celebrated our nation's independence in full fare. The history of North Carolina's Fourth of July Festival celebration was first recorded in a newspaper in 1795. Now the event has grown to attract over 60,000 visitors each year. Through the years it's the efforts of civic groups and citizens that has allowed the festival to evolve to encompass a wide variety of American celebration traditions.

Last year's official NC 4th of July Festival events were completely virtual due to the need for instituting public health mitigation measures with guidelines for gathering, public events and social distancing set by the CDC, the state of North Carolina and local government. Virtual events may still be viewed online at the festival's website and provide a great deal of depth and history.



Oak Island Beach Day - July 1

The festivities kick-off with the traditional Oak Island Beach Day on July 1st. A day full of games, entertainment and food hosted by the

Town of Oak Island and administered by the Oak Island Recreation Department Staff begins at 8 am You won't want to miss this fun filled day in the sun. This year's entertainment following the **annual Shag Contest** is the sought-after band, **Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot**.

8am: Horseshoe Tournament

10am: Registration for Games

11am-4pm: Inflatable Rides

Middleton Park Pavilion Area

11am: Bocce Ball Tournament

11am: Cornhole Tournament

11am: Beach Volleyball

Tournament

4pm: Sandcastle Competition

4-8pm: Food Truck Rodeo

Beachfront at Cabana (46th/Beach Drive)

6-9pm: Beach Day Concert

Middleton Park Pavilion Area

Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot

6pm: Beach Day Shag Contest

6-6:45pm - Registration

7pm. Shag Contest Begins

when band breaks | Middleton Park Pavilion

9pm: Beach Day & Oak Island

Anniversary Fireworks

Oak Island Pier (can be seen for miles along the beach)

9:30am-2:30pm: American Red

Cross Blood Drive

Indian Trail Meeting Hall, 113 W.

Moore Street, SPT

Saturday, July 3 & Sunday, July 4 Festivities

Here are some highlights. Check the festival website for full schedule and details.

www.nc4thofjuly.com/gallery

Rockin' & Rollin' to the Red, White and Blue Car Show -

Saturday, July 3 - 10:30am-2pm:

Cape Fear Cruisers will host a car show bigger and better than ever this year. The exciting day event will be held at **Bill Smith Park, 4446**

Fish

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Estimated 100 vintage

and automobiles will be on

display. Enjoy food and

music by the **Back**

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There will be 60 + trophies and

dash plaques to the first 100 entries

including a trophy for the most pa-

triotically decorated vehicle will be

awarded. A registration form can be

found on the festival's website.

Reading of the Declaration of

Independence - Saturday, July 3 -

10am: Moore Street Market,

130 E. Moore St., Southport

12pm: Southport Market, 104 S.

Howe St., Southport

2pm: Coldwell Banker Sea Coast

Advantage, 108 S. Davis St., Southport

Sign the Declaration of

Independence - Saturday, July 3 -

10am-2pm: Cattail Cottage, 122 N.

Howe Street, Southport

Arts & Crafts Market - Saturday,

July 3 & July 4 - 10am-5pm:

Middleton Park Pavilion area, 4610

Dolphin Drive, Oak Island, for two

days of shopping fun. Arts & Crafts

will be available Saturday, July 3,

and Sunday, July 4 from 10 am-5pm



Museum & Visitor's Center, 203 E.

Bay Street, Southport

10am-4pm: NC Maritime Museum,

204 N. Howe Street, Southport

Live Music - Saturday, July 3:

Middleton Park Pavilion Stage,

4610 E. Dolphin Drive, OKI

12pm-1pm: Radio Rehab

1pm-4pm: The Christine Martinez

Band

American Fish Co., 150 Yacht Basin

Drive, SPT

12-2pm: Dirk Mercer and Parlay

2-4pm: Nowcat

Southport Tap and Cellar, 827 N.

Howe Street, SPT

1-3pm: Little Big House Band

3-5pm: The Reflections Band

Live Music - Sunday, July 4:

Moore Street Market, 130 E.

Moore Street, SPT

12-4pm: John Rogers and Friends

(Austin Sapp & Lori Spencer. Jamie

Dooley)

Tiki Tavern, 104 E 8th St, SPT

12-4pm: Open Jam with Wendy

Love

Freedom Flotilla - Sunday, July

4-2pm: Enjoy views of boats of all

shapes and sizes adorned with pa-

triotic attire as they parade past the

Southport Waterfront past King-

sley Park, down the Intracoastal

Waterway, and ending at the

St. James Marina.



Children's Entertainment &

Music - Saturday, July 3:

10am-4pm: Fort Johnston-Southport

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The Mullet Bar opened recently on the Southport waterfront at 112 Yacht Basin Dr. It's a fun spot to get a drink overlooking the Yacht Basin in Southport.

On the street side, you can register to take a water tour at the Southport Water Tours booth. Just a short hop through the hallway takes you out the deck area complete with bar where you get a cold beverage while you wait. There's also an upper deck for even better views of scenery and sunsets.

Not taking a tour? You can still enjoy The Mullet's fun atmosphere and enjoy live music offered there!

Open Monday-Friday:
2:00 - 11:00pm

Saturday-Sunday:
12:00-11:00pm

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- School Calendars
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- Anonymous Tip Line
- Board Policies
- District News
- Bus Routes
- Online Enrollment
- Employment Opportunities
- Student Services
- Breakfast/Lunch Menus

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Sun, Sand, Surf, Hooray!

By Joanne Thompson

There is no denying that it is summer and we are all itching to enjoy every moment of it.

What is new? Well Oak Island has a few new places hurrying to open up: **Solar Brewery**, **49th Street Grill and Bar**, and a **Noodle House** that also has ice cream (no name yet), located in the recently vacated Domino's. **Paul's** is still under construction...

Sadly after 30 years, **Russell's Place Restaurant**, a popular eatery on Oak Island has closed its doors forever. **Beana's** restaurant is now **Long Beach Diner** and has pretty much the same menu. **The Pirate's Deck** still remains closed after a fire.

If you enjoy outdoor live music, a cold beverage, and a fabulous sunset, head over to **Ocean Crest Pier's Seahorse Eats & Drinks**, an outdoor venue of fun and live music on weekends. Call or drop by to see who is playing.

A handy new local and family owned business **Pelican Pack and Ship**, an approved UPS, USPS, DHL, and Fedex access point, is making sending packages and doing business easier.

Located at 5008 E. Oak Island Dr., Unit 2, across the street from **Publix**, **Pelican Pack and Ship** is a one stop shop for all packaging and shipping needs, as well as business center services. There is no need to leave the island. No waits; no hassle. Fast, easy, affordable service includes: shipping; postage stamps; copying and faxing; notary public; document shredding and mailbox rental. Open every day from 9am to 5:30pm except Saturday when the close at noon and Sunday they are closed.

Enjoy **KoKo Cabana** for dinner overlooking the beach and **Ruby's** for coffees, teas, and baked goods, at the Oak Island pier are hopping with

beach goers.

Sunspace by **Eastern Shores Sunrooms** opened on Long Beach Rd. to provide new and reconstruction for sunrooms, porches, and patio enclosures. With years of experience, they can restore and repair expertly any damage.

A trip to the Oak Island-Southport area means a visit to **Rusty Hooks Dockside Grill** located on the **Intercoastal Waterway** at **Safe Harbor Marina** at **South Harbor Village**. Rusty Hooks Dockside Grill is known for freshly made Maryland style crab cakes and crab chowder. Every item on the menu is made fresh to order daily. With 24 craft and local North Carolina beers on tap and bottled favorites it is favorite place to sip and watch the boats go by. Oh, and now they have **Tito's** on tap for all the aficionados of this beloved vodka. You can **Dock and Dine**.

Something exclusive to **Rusty Hooks Dockside Grill** is **Hook and Cook!!** Just what is that?? Book a charter fishing trip with **Capt. Robert Capps** on the **Reelin' Pelican**. Bring your catch back and the chefs at the Rusty Hooks cook your catch. No muss, no fuss! Capt. Capps can do this because he is a charter captain with a commercial license and permits to catch certain species of fish. With a clear view of the water, excellent food and drink, and a friendly, professional staff, Rusty Hooks is busy - no reservations; so plan ahead.

Oh by the way, the fuel pumps at **South Harbor Marina** are all up and running!

Renting at the beach? **Sharon's Linen's and Beach Rentals** 4574 Long Beach Rd., 910-363-4839 can provide all you need. This is the number one choice for quality prod-

ucts at the lowest price. They have more than linens. You can get bikes, chairs and tables, grills, baby buggies and playpens, and all manner of beach needs from tents to beach chairs. In-season demand is high. Do not wait reserve now.

Craving a hot dog? Well... **Moore Dogs & More**, 4346 Long Beach Rd. SE, is open Mon-Fri 10 am-5pm and on Sat 10am-4pm up on long beach Road with chalk board specials. This dog house is getting rave reviews from visitors and locals alike.

Mo's Wood Fired Kitchen, located near the newly opening **Big Lots**, is now open Tues. - Friday 11am-8pm and Sat 4-8pm The dining room is open as well as take out for pizzas, burgers and wings. Best news of all... you can get a Friday night fish fry just like upstate New York.

Southport sees the reopening of **Loco Jo's Bar & Grill**, an Asian fusion gastropub, at 602 N. Howe St. It is under new ownership, but has kept many of the same old favorites like special egg rolls, curries and duck dishes. Limited outdoor dining, but to-go is available.

For an old fashioned ice cream parlor experience, try the ice cream at **Chuck's Homemade Ice Cream** located in the new Lowe's Plaza in Southport. Treat yourself or the little ones to an ice cream soda, cone, malt, sundae, or even some hand dipped chocolate and experience sheer joy.

Burney's Bakery of Southport on Howe St. can make you the pie, cake, or cupcakes you desire, but what everyone really craves is the glazed filled croissants. They are surely the stuff that dreams are made of for all.

If you are in Leland, you might want to try a relatively new place to eat, **Eternal Sunshine Cafe**, sister to the original restaurant in Wilmington. Breakfasts and lunches are tasty

and creative, just the thing to pique your appetite. The cafe is located at 117-G Village Rd. NE, 910-399-3299. They are open Monday-Friday 8am-1pm; Saturday and Sunday 8am-2pm. Closed Wednesday.

Brier Patch Floral and Gifts in Calabash, 10050 Beach Dr. SW, 910-579-8030, is busy with weddings and events planners. They specialize in Calabash destination weddings.

A shout out of congratulations is certainly in order. Happy 10th Anniversary wishes to **Ports of Call Bistro** in Southport. **Jake and Ray** have presented a consistently global dining experience for customers, delivering "the whole world on a plate!" The menu changes seasonally and is eclectic. Wine and drink selections are cosmopolitan and compliment the entrées. Service is professional and friendly. **Ports of Call** often hosts special themed evenings that focus on dishes and wines of a particular country. They are quite popular and sell out fast. Tapas and a cocktail at the bar is a highlight not to be missed.

Hooray for the **Old Bridge Diner**, on Country Club Dr, Oak Island, for the great article in the June issue of **Our State Magazine**. Congrats to owners **Mike and Brianna Jones**, two of the nicest and hardest working folks around. The menu is down home...nothing fancy, just plain good. Well, all except the clam chowder which is to die for and worth the trip there.

Brunswick Marketplace wishes all a Happy 4th of July and a safe and memorable summer time enjoying our beaches and businesses!

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Dosher Drug Drop Reports Record Turnout

This semi-annual medication collection event, which was on pause last year due to COVID-19, saw participation from over 700 households.

Local households discarded more than 30,000 expired or unwanted narcotic pills and nearly 3,700 millilitres of narcotic liquids at Doshier Memorial Hospital's semi-annual Operation Medicine Cabinet, held Thursday, April 22nd. Vehicles and pedestrians drove or walked by the front entrance to drop off the medications from 730 households, which accounts for the largest community turnout for this semi-annual event, which was temporarily paused in 2020 due to COVID-19.

"We've had people drop off two bottles of medication and we've seen people bring us several bags," said Lynda Stanley, President of Doshier Memorial Hospital and Foundation. "We are glad to take anything they want to bring us, since that means they are not flushing it into our water supplies or allowing it to get into the wrong hands."

"The large turnout for this event

speaks to our community's desire to dispose of their medications safely and responsibly," said Dr. Brad Hilaman, Doshier CEO and CMO. "Proper drug disposal saves lives and protects the environment, and we want to thank local residents for being conscientious about how they discard their medications."

In addition to Doshier employees, Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and Southport Police were on-site to assist and to provide law enforcement. Medications collected were sorted and then transported from the hospital grounds for safe incineration.

This was the 22nd semi-annual drug drop held by Doshier Memorial Hospital and has become a much anticipated community event. After a brief hiatus in 2020 due to COVID-19 safety, the hospital plans to reinstate Operation Medicine Cabinet on its traditional April/October schedule, with the next collection of unwanted prescription medications taking place on Thursday October 7, 2021, at the hospital front entrance.

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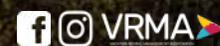
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Second Helping OIB is a non-profit organization that collects non-perishable and perishable items from tourists as they leave the island.

Volunteers will be on-hand to collect unused/unopened items every Saturday morning beginning 7:30-



10:30am thru Labor Day weekend.

Drop off locations:

- Museum of Coastal Carolina for visitors at the East end.
- Ocean Isle Beach Pier for visitors at the West end.
- East First Street.

Thank You for donating!

Dosher Memorial Awards Academic Scholarships

The Dosher Volunteers Organization has awarded a total of three (3) scholarships to two area high school graduates and one Dosher staff member who are pursuing studies in the healthcare field. The value of each scholarship is \$4,000.

- The Jean Fairley Volunteer Scholarship winner was awarded to Dosher Lead MRI Technologist, **Adrienne Rauccio**.

The additional two education grants were awarded to:

- **Luci Garcia Flores**, South Brunswick High School
- **Alexandra Rupkalvis**, South Brunswick High School

Nhu Huynh, North Brunswick High School, was selected as an alternate winner, who would receive

grant funds if any of the others become ineligible

The Scholarship Committee selected from 18 applications submitted by students across Brunswick County. The next application process will begin in early 2022.

The Dosher Volunteers Organization is an independent group of women and men formed in 1972, whose goal is to make the hospital experience as pleasant as possible for patients and their families. The Dosher Volunteers have been funding educational grants for health care industry students for many years. The Volunteers are proud to be able to help further the education of these worthy students.

BEMC 2021 Scholarship Highway Recipients



BEMC is pleased to award \$5,000 college scholarships to Austin Booth from West Columbus High School, and Helen Rippy Roehner from North Brunswick High School. We received 20 applications from talented students across our service territory and these two stood out to the judges during the review process.
Congratulations Austin and Helen!

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Keeping peak demand as low as possible also helps us avoid needing more capacity. If we can work together to reduce peak demand, we can avoid, or delay, expensive upgrades to our infrastructure and the building of new power generating plants.

Members who participate during Beat the Peak alerts do things like adjusting their thermostats a few degrees, and avoiding doing dishes, laundry, showering and cooking. But even turning off just one light bulb can help. If you're not receiving Beat the Peak alerts and would like to, please call (800) 842-5871. If you've been participating and would like to share what you do during alerts to make a difference, please email brookes.versaggi@bemc.org. We want to hear from you.

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Summer Concert Series & Other Events

Music!

HOLDEN BEACH

Sundays | 6:30-8pm
The Pavilion Under the Holden Beach Bridge | FREE!

The music ranges from beach music to jazz to oldies and some good old rock n'roll. We Hope To See You There!

June 27 - The Main Event Band
July 4 - The Extraordinaires
July 11 - The Tim Clark Band
July 18 - The Tams
July 25 - Chairman of the Board
August 1 - Carolina Breakers
August 8 - Jim Quick & Coastline
August 15 - The Embers feat. Craig Woolard
August 22 - Too Much Sylvia
August 29 - The Entertainers
September 5 - The Imitations

OAK ISLAND

Fridays | 6:30-8:30pm
Middleton Park (SE 46th St.)
FREE!

Bring your favorite chair or blanket, and let the cool tunes take you to a relaxed state of mind by the beach!

Thursday, July 1 - Beach Day!
Gary Lowder & Smokin Hot | 6-9pm
@ Middleton Park
McGuire Band | 6-9pm | OKI Pier
July 9 - Chocolate Chip & Company Band
July 16 - Amani Smith
July 23 - Too Much Sylvia
July 30 - Jim Quick & Coastline Band
August 6 - The Sand Band
August 13 - Carolina Line Bluegrass Band
August 20 - Rivermist
August 27 - Old Man Mafia Band
September 2 - Lockwood River Band

OCEAN ISLE

Fridays | 6:30-8pm
Town Center Park | 11 E. 2nd St.
FREE!

Bring your favorite chair and enjoy the music!

July 2 - CAT 5 Band

July 9 - Jim Quick & Coastline Band
July 16 - Tim Clark Band
July 23 - Gary Lowder & Smokin Hot
July 30 - The Imitations
August 6 - The Tams
August 20 - Too Much Sylvia
August 27 - Carolina Breakers
September 3 - The Extraordinaires
September 10 - The Holiday Band
September 17 - Blackwater Band

SHALLOTTE

SummerFest 2021

9am - 1pm | FREE
Mulberry Park Amphitheater
123 Mulberry St

Grab your chair, blanket & family and come enjoy some wonderful music

All events are subject to change based on CDC guidelines for COVID-19.

July 1 - No concert due to Holiday
July 8 - The Entertainers
July 15 - Chocolate Chip & Company
July 22 - Darrell Harwood
July 29 - The British Invaders
August 5 - Too Much Sylvia
August 12 - Band of Oz
August 19 - Blackwater Band
August 26 - Chairmen of the Board
September 2 - Tim Clark Band

SOUTHPORT

Thursdays 6 - 8pm
Franklin Square Park | FREE!

Bring your blanket or chair and enjoy an evening of music at this lovely historic location. No alcoholic beverages are allowed at this event, please.

June 3 - Parlay
June 10 - Charlene and the Charlatans
June 17 - Island Fever Band
June 24 - Lockwood Folly Band
July 1 - No Concert
July 8 - Carolina Line Bluegrass Band
July 15 - Christine Martinez Band
July 22 - Perfect Blend
July 29 - Luna Sea
August 5 - Salty Dawgs
August 12 - L-Shape Lot Duo
August 19 - Chance Union

August 26 - Blues Kings
September 2 - Back Porch Rockers

SUNSET BEACH

Sunset Sound Waves
6pm - 8pm | Village Park
1791 Queen Anne Street | FREE!

Join friends and family each Wednesday evening this summer for music, dancing and fun. Bring your beach chair or blanket and relax to some of the areas top beach music, country, alternative and classic rock artists.

June 30 - Jan Michael Fields Band
July 7 - Chocolate Chip & Company Band
July 14 - Blackwater Band
July 21 - The Pink Slips
July 28 - The Imitations
August 4 - Big Time Party Band
August 11 - Gary Lowder & Smokin Hot
August 18 - Chocolate Chip & Company Band

Other Events!

BOILING SPRING LAKES

July 10 & August 7
BSL Neighbors Market
9am - 2pm | Next to The Office Coffee and Wine Bar
3280 George II Hwy SE | Southport
Market showcasing local talent, and fresh produce. Please adhere to COVID guidelines.

OAK ISLAND

August 9-13
Adult Day Camp: The Oak Island Experience
8:30am-12pm
Fees: \$100 Town of Oak Island Residents | \$150 Visitors & Non Residents

Thought day camp is just for kids? Join Oak Island Recreation Department as we experience the best recreational activities on Oak Island. The week will be full of activities such as: Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP), Kayaking, Learning the History of Oak Island and Southport,

Visit Sea Biscuit Wild Life Rescue, Fishing, and even playing a round of Pickleball. Spaces are limited so reserve your spot by registering online at <http://bit.ly/TheOakIslandExperience2021>. Must be 21 years or older. Covid Precautions will be in place.

Mondays - Thru September 6 **Oak Island Farmers and Artisans Market**

Middleton Park | 4610 E Dolphin Drive | 8am - 1pm | Free admission
The Oak Island Farmers and Artisans' Market is held Mondays during the season from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Middleton Park behind Town Hall. Vendors offer local fresh produce, homemade jams, cakes, and a variety of homemade goods including jewelry, furniture, rugs and potholders and many more items. There is plenty of parking in the cabana parking lot, directly across the street from the market. Come on out and shop!

OCEAN ISLE

Tuesdays
Art in the Park
10-11am | FREE
Town Center Park | 11 E 2nd St.
Let the kids explore their creative side!

June 30, July 14, 21, 28 **August 4, 11**

Scavenger Hunt
Register 10-10:30am | FREE
Town Center Park | 11 E 2nd St.

Thursdays

Learn a Line Dance
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We are also seeking donations of old record albums. You can bring them to our used book sale on Saturday, June 26 between 1:30-4 pm. We'll also be happy to pick up your records (OKI and SPT addresses only). To arrange pickup, email friendsoflibrary910@yahoo.com. Be sure to include your name, pickup address and phone number.

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Yesterday, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit was recognized by the US Coast Guard Station Oak Island for "years of support towards Ports Waterways and Coastal Security National Defense, Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement efforts in the Cape Fear Region."

The BCSO Marine Patrol has assisted in security escorts for 29 vessels, amongst other operations by the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security. Officer in Charge J.R. Meyer went on to say the teamwork between the Sheriff's Office and the Oak Island Station was noteworthy and that he was grateful for our hard work and efforts over the last four years.



Sgt. Jake Zaludek and Deputy Sullivan with the BCSO Marine Patrol Unit were honored to be part of

these operations and were both individually recognized as well by the crew at Station Oak Island.

Each year Stepping Up for Arts (SUFA) awards scholarships to deserving high school graduates who plan to pursue the Arts in college. SUFA is proud to present its two awesome 2021 Scholarship winners! Both of these amazing young women are graduating from South Brunswick High School.

Louisa Wren Whalen received a SUFA Fine Arts scholarship and will be attending UNC Greensboro. She will major in Music Education.

Ruby Clemmons received the Barbara Brewer Award and will be attending UNC Charlotte. She will major in Graphic Design.

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Each year Beach Preservation identifies an individual or group that has done outstanding service on behalf of Oak Island's beach. We are very proud to announce the Beach Preservationists of the Year: Scott Thornall and the Public Works Department! Read about all the functions of Public Works at <https://www.oakislandnc.com/government/public-works>, and imagine the kind of person who can manage those tasks and people and critical functions, then come online at 6pm for a Zoom meeting with BPSI and help us with special weekend projects. Scott Thornall seems to live and inspire others according



to a quote he likes: Great leaders do not set out to be a leader. They set out to make a difference. It's never about the ROLE, always about the GOAL!

Congratulations, Scott and the Public Works Department!

Introducing, the new Brunswick County Sheriff's Office I.M.P.A.C.T. team! Meet Deputy James (Bo) Geiger and Deputy Willie McRae!

The BCSO I.M.P.A.C.T. (Improving Public Awareness and Community Training) Unit is a vital part of the Sheriff's Office. They perform a wide range of duties specifically geared towards community, education, crime prevention and safety. They coordinate and facilitate numerous programs such as Citizens' Academy, Project Lifesaver, community watch, Eddie Eagle, Lock Up Litter and Are U Ok?. The I.M.P.A.C.T. team looks for opportunities to engage with the public and provide education - for both children and adults - on preventing crime, personal safety and program opportunities at the Sheriff's Office. They also assist with re-

cruiting efforts.

Deputies Geiger and McRae would like the community to know they are very excited about getting out, interacting with the people of Brunswick County and learning how they can better serve and make the citizens feel more a part of their Sheriff's Office. They would also encourage anyone who has an idea about a program they would like to see established at the Sheriff's Office, to contact them at 910-253-2788.



Congratulations to Rita and Randy Wheeler at Post Fabrics and Interiors celebrating their

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A ray of sunshine comes to the area with a new business. New to Brunswick County, SUNSPACE, by Eastern Shore Sunrooms, has opened a showroom at 4434 Long Beach Rd. in Southport and is ready to work.

SUNSPACE is dedicated to being a contributing part of the Brunswick County beach communities. As an exclusive SUNSPACE Sunrooms Dealer, they offer new construction of sunrooms, porches, patios, and enclosures, as well as repairs and replacements to existing structures. The SUNSPACE staff aim to professionally restore, repair and renew as needed. They work closely with customers to create made to order structures.

Owner Bill Santora has more than 38 years of experience and expertise in the construction industry with the last 13 years as a SUNSPACE Sunrooms authorized dealer on the Jersey Shore. He is starting his 3rd year of servicing 7 counties in North Carolina - Brunswick, Pender, New Hanover, Columbus, Bladen, Duplin & Onslow.

"We are extremely excited to open SUNSPACE by Eastern Shore Sunrooms, our newest location in Southport, NC. The showroom is now open and we have ordered our displays for the exterior of the building with two large sunrooms on the side of the building and a covered rear



porch to show all of our product line with a full design center inside. Stay tuned for the news on our grand opening, coming this fall".

Bill has first-hand experience with severe storm and hurricane damage and recognizes the destruction, suffering and losses to towns, cities and people. "This area is now my home and it's important to us that our customers understand our commitment to becoming part of the community."

If you have a sunroom or porch enclosure that is damaged or just in need of repair, the SUNSPACES' team of experienced professionals are here to help you rebuild and give you back that special place in your home where the outdoors can be brought in without compromising comfort

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The Sheriff's Office continues to receive reports from members of our community who have received calls, emails, or messages from various places that appear to be scam. Unfortunately, there are so many scams making their way around our area and beyond, it can be hard to keep up with what latest scams are out there and even old scams that rear their ugly heads.

Because so many scams originate in other areas of the world, they can be very difficult to investigate from a local level. We encourage people to certainly let the Sheriff's Office know when they believe they have been victimized by a scam so that we can put a warning out to the community. But, the best way to report scam is through the Federal Trade Commission. Their website has all the information needed based on what platform the scam occurred, ie. by phone, email, social media, etc. When scam is reported, the FTC can use the information to build cases against scammers, spot trends, educate the public, and share data about what is happening in our com-

munities.

We have established a new resource on our website where the community can go and read about the latest scams out there. We thought it would be helpful to have descriptions of these scams all in one place. We will do our best to keep the information updated as we hear about new scams, or different spins on old ones. The website includes links to the FTC website that describes what to do when you are scammed and how to report it.

You can find the information on our website under the "Resources" tab. We encourage

everyone to share this information with family, friends and neighbors, especially the elderly.

Sadly, our seniors are frequently targeted.

<https://www.brunswicksheriff.com/resources/latest-scams>



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Spring Golf Challenge at South Harbour a Success



May 15th marked the first golf competition of the season as Oak Island Recreation Department hosted the Oak Island Par 3 at South Harbour "Spring Golf Challenge 2021" Congratulations to first place winners, Jillian Fatkin & Cassidy Lytca shooting @ 52. They each received a \$50 Gift certificate to Castucci's Italian Restaurant. Second Place went to Jeff Patchen & John Swanko shooting @ 53, who each received a \$25 clubhouse gift certificate. It was a wonderful, sunny day and players were happy to come out and enjoyed the Challenge.

We are looking forward to hosting the "2nd Annual Fall Neighborhood Challenge" in September. www.OakIslandparthreesouthharbour.com

Oak Island Beach Preservation Offering Educational Events

Sea Turtles 911

July 15, 2pm at the Oak Island Recreation Center, 3003 E. Oak Island Dr.

Sea turtles need our help! If you were a turtle veterinarian, what would you look for to see what has harmed these "model" turtles? How can we protect them from these issues in the sea and on land? No live sea turtles, but some relatives that demonstrate characteristics. This a program offered in partnership with Fort Fish Aquarium. Free family program.

Habitat Fixer-Uppers

August 12, 2pm at the Oak Island Recreation Center, 3003 E. Oak Island Dr.

North Carolina's wetland habitats provide food, shelter, nurseries and play space for native wildlife. What happens when a wetland becomes unhealthy? Participants become habitat fixer-uppers by taking action to diagnose problems and clean up wetland habitats while meeting some animal species that call the wetlands home. This a program offered in

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Oak Island Dune Repair Workshop

August 3, 9-11:30am at the 801 Ocean Event Center

What's the dune situation at your property now? Is it sustainable, ready to grow into a structure that will buffer coming storms and protect your place? What has Oak Island provided, and how can you work with the resources you have? Using a copy of The Dune Book, (the workshop text, provided), Spencer Rogers will share examples of coastal processes that build dunes and how changes we make can enhance or degrade them. Listen, look outside and learn at this public workshop, for the health of our protective dunes.

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Number of Homes Sold in Brunswick County Skyrockets in May

Brunswick County's residential real estate market once again saw record numbers in May, with the number of units sold year-to-date 50% ahead of last year's record pace. Additionally, the number of units sold in May is higher than any May in the past 20 years. The inventory of available homes is at a record low level, homes are selling faster than the market has seen in the past 20 years and sellers are receiving more than their listed price.

"Our market's performance continues to amaze me, and we are seeing numbers we haven't seen in a long time, if ever," said BCAR CEO Cynthia Walsh. "The number of pending listings is high, and homes are selling quickly without price drops. Brunswick County remains red-hot, and I see no indications of a slowdown in the near future."

Brunswick County saw \$246,960,000 in total sales in May 2021, a 133.2% increase over last May's \$105,900,000. The number of units sold jumped 77.7%, from 349 to 620. The average sale price increased 31.3%, from \$303,439 to \$398,323. The number of active listings is at an all-time low of 655, while the number of active listings in the entire N.C. Regional MLS is lower than Brunswick County's active

listings in May 2011 and May 2016. The absorption rate dropped to one month compared to 4.5 months in 2020, and the average day on the market is 38 days.

Total year-to-date sales are up 81.7% compared to the same point in 2020, increasing from \$572,670,000 to \$1,040,609,429. Average sale prices are up 21.3% compared to last year, increasing from \$303,133 to \$367,641, and the number of units sold is up from 1,880 to 2,819, a 49.9% increase.

Brunswick County New Listings

May 2021: 656
May 2020: 566
Increase/Decrease: +15.9%

Units Sold

May 2021: 620
May 2020: 349
Increase/Decrease: +77.7%

Average Sale Price

May 2021: \$398,323
May 2020: \$303,439
Increase/Decrease: +31.3%

Total Sales Volume

May 2021: \$246,960,000
May 2020: \$105,900,000
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Unfortunately, the building and nearly all the contents are a complete loss due to either fire, smoke or water damage. This is a loss to not just the school but our community.

SCS has touched the lives of so many families in our area from pre-school through high school. They have been the source of Christian education for 25 years in Southport and an important part of our community. They are committed to coming back stronger and bigger than before but they will need help.

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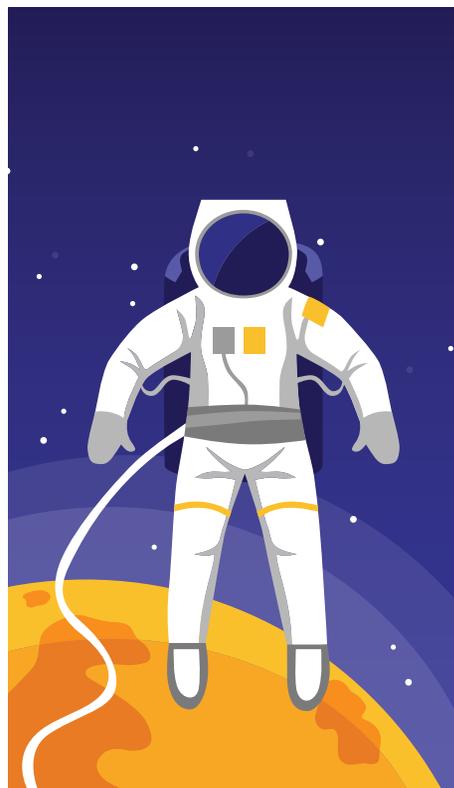
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Brunswick County's Northwest Water Treatment Plant Reverse Osmosis Project Receives National Recognition in *American Water Works Association* Publication

Brunswick County's ongoing work to remove per- and poly-flouroalkyl (PFAS) substances from our drinking water was recently featured as the cover story in the *American Water Works Association's* Journal AWWA.

The article published in May focuses on Brunswick County's efforts with consultants at CDM Smith to research and test several advanced water treatment technologies such as low-pressure reverse osmosis, granular activated carbon and ion exchange following the discovery of PFAS compounds like GenX in the Cape Fear River in 2017.

Following a desktop analysis, low-pressure reverse osmosis was

identified as the most effective option to remove a wide variety of PFAS compounds and other possible contaminants of concern. It is also considered the most resilient in the event of contaminant spikes from upstream dischargers.

A pilot study using low-pressure reverse osmosis treatment at the plant further confirmed the treatment system's effectiveness at removing these compounds from water, most of which are currently unregulated at the federal and state level. The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the selection of low-pressure reverse osmosis treatment in 2018.

Find a link to the article at brun-

swickcountync.gov/journalawwa-may2021

Construction began in June 2020 to both expand the plant's capacity to support the county's growth and install the reverse osmosis treatment system. The project is now 20% complete and the first set of reverse osmosis treatment systems are expected to become operational in June 2023.

Find the latest updates and details about the Northwest Water Treat-



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comfortable walking in off the beach or golf course for a sea turtle necklace or get a spectacular diamond ring for that special occasion," says Adams.

With the new owners comes a new inventory, a new attitude and a completely new look and feel. "We are a comfortable, casual environment with something for all budgets and price points. We want folks to feel

They have an assortment of options including Larimar from the Dominican Republic and Boulder Opal from Australia. They also have a wide variety of nautical and beach themed pieces at very reasonable prices and can special order most types of jewelry you might desire. Locally owned and operated, you will enjoy meeting Kathryn and Chad Wednesdays through Saturdays and Tuesdays by appointment by calling them at 910-933-4100.

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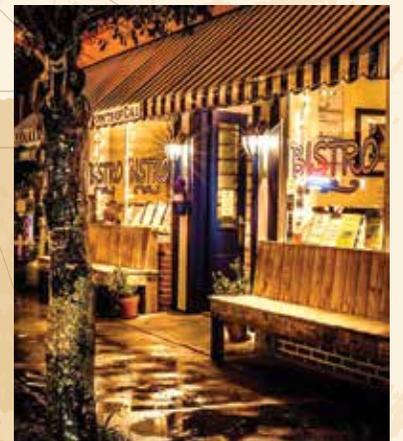
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You may access an entry form on the website, gain additional information and read the complete prospectus. Delivery of art work to the gallery will be due on July 23, 2021. The show will run from July 26 through August 21, 2021.

About the Gallery

The Franklin Square Gallery is in the heart of the art scene in historic Southport, North Carolina, a rewarding and wonderful place to

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The member artists come from throughout southeastern North Carolina, from Wilmington to Pinehurst, and even to Myrtle Beach, bringing with them many different styles and techniques.

All the artists work together to run the gallery. The man who greets you at the door probably has his paintings on display in the next room. The woman at the cash register may have just finished setting up the most recent pottery show.

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At the May 11, 2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting, Mayor Smith, Fire Chief Born and Town Administrator, Daisy Ivey recognized the following personnel for their actions during the tornado event occurring during the early morning of February 16, 2021, at Ocean Ridge Plantation.

Life-Saving Award - For aiding in the successful rescue of Jeanne Glick: Engineer Josh Lilly, Firefighter Jeff Thom, and Volunteer Firefighter Brian Erickson

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Inaugural Coastal Home & Lifestyle Showcase Successful

“Connecting Residents with Businesses that Support Your Home and Active Lifestyle”



Photo credit: Zeb Starnes

The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce held its Inaugural Coastal Home & Lifestyle Showcase on Saturday, May 8th in Middleton Park Extension on Oak Island. The free event attracted over 400 people looking to connect with local businesses who specialize in maintaining their homes, outdoor living, and supporting a healthy and active lifestyle.

Ms. Margaret Mauney of Oak Island won the \$200 drawing. The “Perfect Blend Trio” provided the perfect mix of music, Southport Jazzercise at Inspirations Dance Centre demo was highly energized, and Carol Magnani, The State Port Pilot had a fascinating demonstration about how to use of old newspapers as seedling pots.

“Our business community appreciated the many residents and visitors who came out to learn more about their products and services”, said Teresa Carroll, event Co-Chair. “Middleton Park was the perfect location for this event since it provided us more space to showcase a larger number of local businesses. We

are already looking forward to next year”, said Brenda Bowling, event Co-Chair.

The Coastal Home & Lifestyle Showcase is an event of the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by The State Port Pilot, Salt Air Heating & Cooling, and Southport Magazine with over 50 local businesses partici-

pating. The next business expo style event will be the Coastal Consumer Showcase on January 13, 2022 in the St. James Community Center.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Mitiz Swing or Karen Sphar at 910.457.6964 or email at Info@southport-oakisland.com or visit the website at www.coastalhomeandlifestyle.com



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Major changes have occurred in the oceans because sea turtles have been virtually eliminated from many areas of the globe. Commercial fishing, loss of nesting habitat and climate change are among the human-caused threats pushing sea turtles towards extinction. As sea turtle populations decline, so does their ability to fulfill vital functions in ocean ecosystems.

Our oceans are unhealthy and under significant threat from overfishing, pollution and climate change. It is time for us to protect sea turtles and rebuild their populations to healthy levels as a vital step in ensuring healthy and resilient oceans for the future.

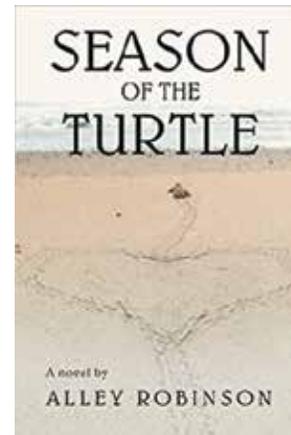
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The Oak Island Senior Center is pleased to host a book signing by Author Alley Robinson entitled *Season of the Turtle*. Saturday, July 4 from 10am - 2pm.



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Southport Rotary Clubs Celebrate Together in an In-Person Social



Celebrating being back together, the Southport and Southport Evening Rotary Clubs and their guests enjoyed an evening of fellowship at Southport Gourmet and Sushi Bar last Wednesday, June 2nd.

If you are thinking about volunteering or being part of something greater of yourself, rotary offers that to you. We service not only our local community but we are a worldwide organization meeting the needs of many. We would love to have you be a part of our organization. The Southport Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30pm at

Trinity UMC and the Southport Evening Club meets on Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm at various locations in Downtown Southport.

About Southport Rotary Club:

Chartered in 1986, the Southport Rotary Club is comprised of neighbors, friends, and community leaders in Southeastern Brunswick County. Our members share the common goal of creating positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. Contact Southport Rotary Club, Shawn Braswell at 704-737-5852.

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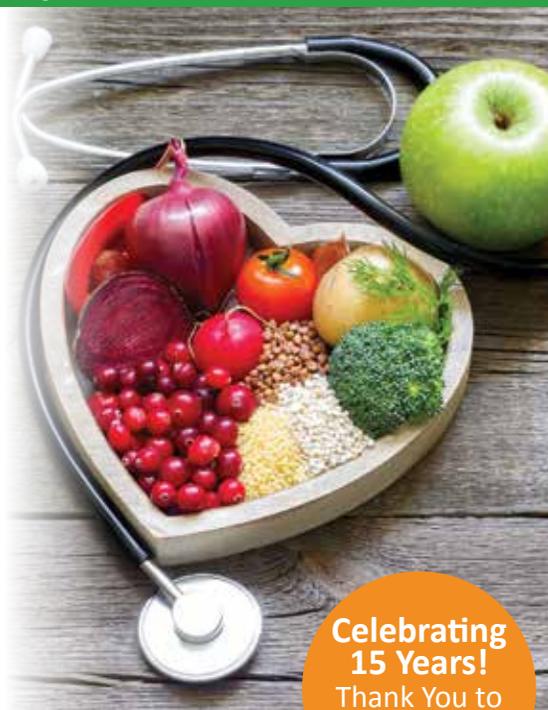
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The 2021 Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1, 2021, and will end on November 30, 2021.

Don't wait until it's too late to be prepared in the event of a hurricane. Here are some tips to keep you and your family safe.

Identify trusted sources for evacuation orders

- Have multiple options of where to go and how to get there
- Have a "go bag" of supplies
- Plan for your pets and kids
- Be prepared to leave immediately

If you are in an area ordered to evacuate, your destination could be a friend or family member's house – it doesn't have to be hundreds of miles away. If you live in a well-built home outside the evacuation zone, your safest option might be to stay home. Know your options and have a few of them.

Assemble hurricane emergency kit

It's important to have enough supplies before disaster strikes, but also enough supplies for the aftermath. Electricity and water could be out for at least three days, so prepare accordingly.

- Food and water
- A full tank of gas
- Cash
- Medicine and prescriptions
- Batteries, phone chargers, radio
- Don't forget to plan for pets and kids as well.

Get an insurance checkup

Before disaster strikes, check in with your insurance agent to make sure your policies are up to date.

- Make sure you have enough homeowners insurance for repairs or replacement if needed
- Check coverage for your car and boat, too
- Keep documents with you
- Remember, standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding. It's a separate policy.

Strengthen your home

If you're riding out the storm in your house, here's how you can make sure it's in good shape if a storm passes through:

- Cover windows - Have proper plywood or metal panels to board up the windows
- Trim trees
- Secure all doors
- Secure loose outdoor items, patio furniture
- Move your car to a safe location

Complete a Written Plan

Write down your hurricane preparedness plan now, before it's too late:

- Have a contact list (family, friends, doctors, utilities, vet, etc.)
- Have at least one contact outside the storm impact area
- Keep your important documents together
- Know your evacuation zone
- Determine where you'll go if evacuated
- Have your supplies ready




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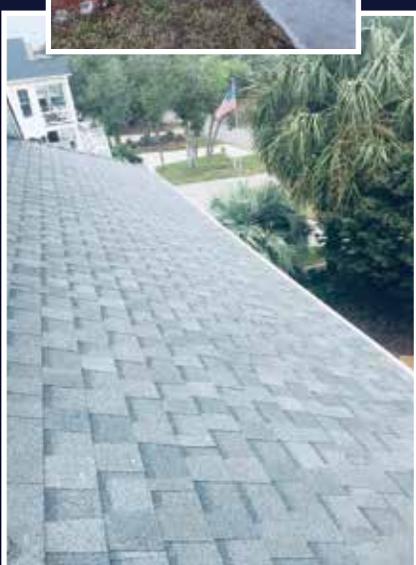
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