

The Granddaddy of King Mackerel Tournaments – October 3-5

Forty six years ago a small group of community leaders met and decided that they needed an event to showcase the great fall fishing Southport-Oak Island area has to offer. The prizes and expenses for the first tournament were guaranteed by those community leaders signing a promissory note at a local financial institution - thus the U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament was born. The U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament now attracts over 400 boats of all sizes annually and is held in high esteem by the community and anglers.

2024 Tournament Dates

The U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament will be held October 3rd - 5th in 2024. Headquarters is planned to be at Dutchman Creek Park. We appreciate the support of Brunswick County Parks & Recreation Department, Duke Energy, American Marine Construction, Rusty Hooks Dockside Grill, Safe Harbor South Harbour Village Marina.

US Open King Mackerel Tournament Facts

- The U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament is the second oldest competitive king mackerel fishing tournament in North Carolina. It began in 1979 and has been held annually on the first weekend in October since that time. It is the largest king mackerel tournament on the East Coast. U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament celebrated its 45th Anniversary in 2023.
- Total purse for the 2021 tournament was over \$423,600 in CASH and \$412,086 in 2023.
- All Prizes in the U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament are guaranteed. We do not base payout on number of boats that participate. However, in 2023 the tournament Board of

Directors voluntarily increased the payout over \$19,000 by paying an additional 55 places largest category

- 561 boats entered the 2021 US Open breaking the 551 boats tournament held in 2001.
- In 2009, the U.S. Open captured the title of largest king mackerel tournament on the East Coast and possibly the nation with 453 boats.
- In 2021, participants came from 9 different states - including North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and West Virginia. There were 151 different cities represented from North Carolina.
- Almost 300 boats entered the 1999 U.S. Open after it was postponed from its October date to late November due to Hurricane Floyd. 305 boats entered the 2010 U.S. Open after it was postponed due to a unique rain event.
- Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce officials estimates the economic impact of the U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament is well over \$2 million dollars.
- Entry fee for the U.S. Open is \$350.00 per boat. A very low fee to attract every level of competitor.
- 5,000 brochure/registration forms bearing the names of the tournament sponsors will be delivered this year in an area reaching from Ohio to Florida.
- The U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament is governed by an eight-member board of directors comprised of volunteers from the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce and assisted by the Chamber's professional staff.
- The Southport-Oak Island area is a region of over 28,168 residents. Brunswick County, NC has 153,064 residents (2022 population esti-



mates), and is ranked 5th in the state for visitor spending in 2022 with \$1.1 billion.

- The U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament receives multi media coverage including radio, newspaper, television and social media.
- The U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament website -www.usopenkmt.com generated over 9,986 sessions in 2023.



King Mac Merch - Pre-Order

Pre-order your U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament merchandise by going to www.sptokimerchandise.com by 11:59pm on September 29th. Merchandise purchased online will be mailed. You may also purchase merchandise in person Monday thru Friday from 8:30am-5:00pm at the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce, 4433, Long Beach Road, Southport.

Choose from hats, rain jackets, etched tumbler and several styles of shirts.

Visit: <https://www.sptokimerchandise.com/home/Apparel-&Accessories-c64199026>

2024 Tournament Schedule

August 6th - October 1st:

Online registration opens until Tuesday, October 1st at 11:59pm After online registration closes you must register at tournament headquarters (Dutchman Creek Park) on Thursday, October 3rd from 10am-9pm.

Friday, September 13th:

Early bird Registration Deadline - Friday, September 13th. Two \$350 winners will be announced at the Captain's Meeting which will be held at Dutchman Creek Park, 4750 Fish Factory Road, Southport and broadcast live at www.usopenkmtlive.com (October 3, 2024) beginning at 7:00pm Those who entered the tournament before 11:59pm online, in person or postmarked by September 13th are eligible.

Tuesday, October 1st:

Online registration closes at 11:59pm on Tuesday, October 1st. After online registration closes you must register at tournament headquarters (Dutchman Creek Park) on Thursday, October 3rd from 10am-9 pm.

Thursday, October 3rd:

10:00a.m. - 9:00p.m. Registration & Packet Pickup -Dutchman Creek Park, 4750 Fish Factory Road, Southport, NC 28461 (33.55.450N 78.03.633W).

12:00pm - 7:00pm - Food - Dutch Girl Dogs (hot dogs with all the fix-ins)

4:00pm - 7:00pm Entertainment - The Doorsmen (veteran rockers keeping it Funky! - Let's Groove)

For More information visit the webpage at:

<https://www.usopenkmt.com/>



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Cool Things In Brunswick County This Fall *by Joanne Thompson*

As the weather thankfully cools down, events in Brunswick County begin to heat up. Locals are starting to get back to a quieter beach lifestyle and return to the comfort of routine.

Super exciting news finds film crews readying **Fishy Fishy** restaurant in Southport for filming *The Waterfront* for Netflix. Workers are transforming the restaurant. A casting call for locals promises that we will see hometown folks in roles in the film. Cameras will be rolling from September to December... more news to come.

Southport Police Department is moving to new location at 1669 N Howe Street out of their City Hall location to better serve the public.

Cape Fear Radio, a not-for-profit, accessed by internet streaming, debuted and is gaining listeners to its music and hosted broadcasts. Listeners are catching music and local hosts presenting programs with a local appeal. If you haven't tried it, do.

Congratulations on the success of the **Shower Campaign** fund raising held by **Streetreach Ministry** headquartered in Shallotte. Showers have been ordered. **Streetreach Ministry** will be expanding services to include 2-stall mobile showers, providing individuals experiencing homelessness with the dignity and respect they deserve. They thank all for unwavering love, support and belief in their mission to serve the homeless. Updates coming in September.

Coastal Carolina Outreach, a non-profit helping teens unplug and reconnect, is headquartered in Ash, but serves the Shallotte area youth with classes from photography to chess to crafts and even a book club. Contact them at coastalcarolinaoutreach@gmail.com.

In the Oak Island Southport area, businesses like **Moore's Hot Dogs** and **Beach Rd. Pizza**, have closed. But, **Hobby Lobby** is racing to open in time for the holidays in the old Food Lion Plaza on Long Beach Rd. and its neighbor a new **Dollar Tree** is expected to open late September.

In Sunset Beach, the **Boat Landing Restaurant** on Sunset Blvd. has

closed much to the disappointment of many. But Chef Ryan hopes to re-open; stay tuned.

Great news though, is the grand opening of the newest **San Felipe**. San Felipe has been serving wonderful Mexican dishes to the Southport community for more than 23 years. It is located in a beautiful newly built standalone building in the **Southport Crossing Way Plaza**. As always, a fantastic new Mexican food and drink menu will be served. There is a lovely outdoor patio for alfresco dining and plans for live music nights.

In the same plaza **Chuck's Homemade Ice Cream** not only makes ice cream and ice cream creations, but hand dipped candies and other confections. They are gearing up for Halloween and the holidays to follow. Stop in and treat yourself or someone you love.

Remember **Thai Peppers**, a long-time favorite in Southport? It is due to open in the winter near the **Lowe's Food** there. Many a local is excited about its return.

And speaking of **Lowe's Food**, if you haven't visited the wine and beer center there for a tasting you are missing out. Sometimes you can even find live music. Take your growler to be filled and ask for Manager Jeff, recognized **Beer Den Master**.



Coastal Blue Gift Shoppe, 717 N Howe St. Southport, is a charming shop specializing in personalized gifts for weddings, births, housewarmings, etc. and has a beautifully appointed room available for gatherings and classes. Drop in and meet the owner, she is warm, knowledgeable, and ready to help you.

The Southport Cheese Shop, partners with **Coastal Blue Gift Shoppe** and is going to partner with **The Wine Rack**, providing specialized charcuterie boards and gift basket items. New owner, Nichole, has made some wonderful changes to Southport Cheese, not just in the varieties of cheese, but high-end specialty steaks and sliced meats. You will also never be disappointed in the freshly baked breads and creative sandwiches available. Oh, and do not forget to try the scones...to die for! This cooperation and support among small businesses is what is so indicative of the Southport spirit! Love it!

Cooperation is also found among **The Shoppes of Southport** located off of Howe St. behind the **Smokehouse**. If you have not discovered these quaint small businesses that make you feel like you are part of this community, you are missing out. **Feltz General Store** emphasizes old time things from preserves to hand made toys with a wholesome family flair. **Needful Things** is a delightful book shop showcasing local authors and books set in this locale and hosts frequent author book signings. In the village, **The Hive**, a darling little shop; is a treasure trove of unique fashions to be discovered.

The Shoppes on Upper Howe cooperate too to share their wares. Whether looking for a great meal from **StrEATside Bistro** or a creative cocktail or craft beer at **Loco Jo's** or searching for hard-to-find household items at **Cat on a Whisk** or looking for that special piece of jewelry from **Renee's Fine Jewelry** or taking an art class at the **Curious Mermaid**; this friendly group of small businesses work together.

If you are a vegan or just in love with fun eclectic fare, **Cafe Koa** is THE place for you. Upcoming events at **Cafe Koa** in Southport will include their **2nd Annual Mrs. Roper Romp Brunch**. Featuring **Caftans and Cocktails** on Saturday October 12th from 10-2pm. Calling all Helen's to break out caftans and wigs and join others at Cafe Koa for a groovy good time. Cafe Koa is launching a new **Margarita Market** with a two-day street food inspired **Fiesta**. On November 1st. the menu

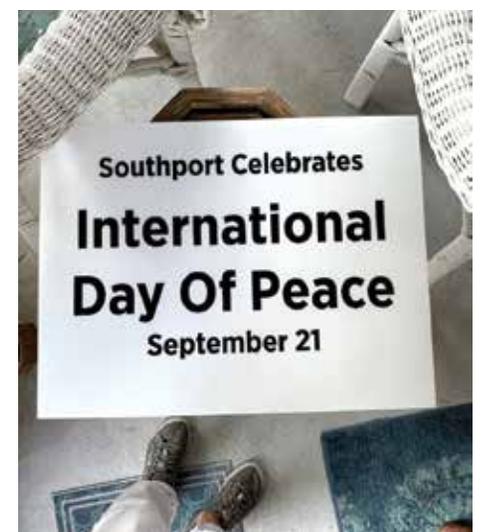
will feature a **Day of the Vegan** vibe and of course amazing vegan desserts. Saturday November 2nd the Fiesta will include pitcher margaritas, tasty bites, local art and more.

New in Shallotte, is **Pigs Up In Smoke**. They closed their Calabash location and relocated to Shallotte Station Shopping Center, across from the DMV. They collaborate with Thai and Wine Restaurant on Oak Island. They bring their BBQ smoked assortment of meats as well as real old fashioned made from scratch homemade veggies and sides. They can provide catered dishes for parties.



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Don't forget the fall festivals throughout Brunswick County, especially the **US King Mackerel Tournament** and the **NC Oyster Festival**. Join in the celebration of Halloween with the **Annual Witches Ride** on bikes on Oak Island and in Southport and catch the **Stede Bonnet Regatta**. There's lots to enjoy about every season in Brunswick County. And, as always, shop Local support your local small business owners...they support You!





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The terminal lies between the small town of Boiling Spring Lakes, North Carolina, and the Cape Fear River a few miles upstream of Fort Johnston (North Carolina) and the small city of Southport, North Carolina.

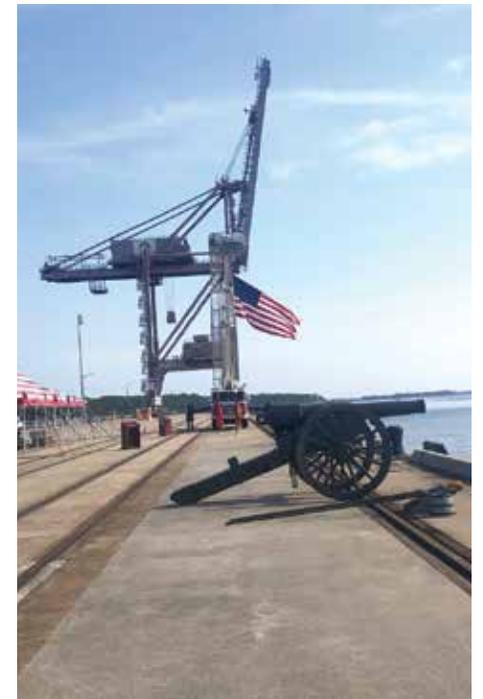
Built in 1951 and opened in 1955, the facility is situated on an Army-owned 8,500-acre (34 km²) site on the banks of the Cape Fear River in Brunswick and New Hanover

counties of North Carolina approximately 16 miles (26 km) south of Wilmington, North Carolina. An additional 2,100 acres (8.5 km²) was set aside on Pleasure Island (location of Carolina, Kure, and Fort Fisher beaches) as a buffer zone around the facility.

The terminal is not an open post

and access is restricted. The wharfs are also restricted and not accessible to the public (no landing or docking). The Cape Fear River directly

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Dosher Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

Dosher Memorial Hospital Foundation welcomes new Board of Directors Tom Jarvis, Mary Locklin, David Miller and E. Ray Raynor. They join current Foundation board members Beckie Armstrong, Barbara Boland, Libby Featherston, Jwantana Gardner-Frink, Beccy Hager, Dana Hamilton, Tish Hatem, Trisha Howarth, Gail Jackson, Randy Jones, Adam Powell, Susan Rabon, Melanie Roberts, Melody Ryan, Linda Sharkey, Maurice Smith, and Josh Winslow. New Executive Officers were voted to serve a one-year term: Chair, Trisha Howarth; Vice Chair, Linda Sharkey; Secretary, Tish Hatem; Treasurer, Libby Featherston (serving a second term); and new Past Chair, Barbara Boland. Also serving on the Foundation Board ex-officio is Lynda Stanley, CEO/President of Doshier Memorial Hospital.

The Doshier Foundation volunteer Board of Directors is made up of a broad spectrum of community members and is charged with the responsibility of managing donations and allocating Foundation funds either as directed by the donor, or to maximize the effectiveness of the contribution. Board members work alongside Antonette (Toni) McAndrews, Foundation Director, to further the mission of the Foundation.

Tom Jarvis is a retired trial attorney specializing in patent cases involving electronic products. He was raised in High Point, NC and attended college, graduate school and law school at UNC Chapel Hill. After spending his working years in New York City and Washington, DC, he retired in April 2024. He and his wife have lived in Caswell Beach since 2020. Tom has been active in supporting local charitable organizations including Brunswick Community College Foundation and the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Foundation.

Mary Locklin has been in health-care for close to 30 years in many

roles from front line, clinical staff to management, and most recently as a healthcare consultant specializing in Epidemiology. Mary and her husband, Kevin, enjoy boating and discovered Southport while boating. The waterfront and walkability of Southport is what drove them to become residents. Her experience has allowed her to appreciate what it means to have a resource like Doshier Hospital.

David Miller is a Brunswick County native and was born at Doshier Hospital. He attended South Brunswick High School. He is the Founder and Vice President of Coastal Creations, Inc., which operate three locations that include Brunswick County, New Hanover County and Onslow County. David has helped lead the way for fundraising activities for the Southport Fire Department and retired as a Lieutenant with the Southport Fire Department as well. He and his wife, Pamela Allgood Miller, reside in Southport.

Ray Raynor, and his wife Gale Bess, are the owners of Bess Realty, LLC in Southport. Prior to real estate, he was a Regional Operations Manager/General Manager-Atlantic Region for G4S Secure Solutions and an Assistant Superintendent of Operations for the Department of Corrections in Butner, NC. He has also served as an Auditor for Fortune 500 companies. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a BA in Criminal Justice and an Associate of Applied Sciences in Criminal Justice.

The Doshier Memorial Hospital Foundation was established and began operating in March of 2010. The Foundation's primary responsibility is to encourage a steady flow of funds to the hospital from individuals and organization within the hospitals' service area. These funds enable Doshier Hospital to continue providing its patients with the finest health-care equipment, programs and services possible, as well as provide the

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In addition, speech therapist Jaime Staron has achieved certification in LSVT LOUD voice therapy. This helps patients learn to speak with more volume and better articulation. Both LSVT therapies can greatly improve a patient's quality of life.

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Scott Passingham
Physical Therapist

Amy Millett
Physical Therapist Assistant

Jaime Staron
Speech Therapist

resources necessary for construction expansion and remodeling projects. Lynda Stanley, Doshier Memorial Hospital President and CEO said, "We welcome our new Foundation Board members and are grateful for the time and consideration they give to how to best allocate donated funds. Financial support to the Doshier Foundation enables us to ensure the best equipment and programs for our community, and the Board plays an important role in deciding on the most effective ways to utilize these generous gifts."

Antonette (Toni) McAndrews added, "It's a pleasure to welcome the new board members. I look forward to working alongside all of the board members and appreciate their dedication and volunteerism as we move the Doshier Foundation forward."

For more information about Doshier Memorial Hospital Foundation, please call Antonette (Toni) McAndrews, Foundation Director, (910) 457-3936 or visit www.dosher.org/foundation.

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For more information contact Hank at madsouthportpres@gmail.com.

September/October Events

BOLIVIA

September 20-21

NC State EMGvs of Brunswick County Fall Plant Sale

9am-12pm | Brunswick County Complex | 25 Referendum Drive

Lots of native plants, well-priced Japanese maples and hard-to-find plants; and an extra day to shop. We have EMGv's in the Botanical Gardens for tours, also. Consider stopping by on Saturday en route to the Native Plant Sale at Shelton Herb Farm!

LELAND

September 21

Under the Lights Car Show

3-8pm | Brunswick Forest | Emerge Ortho/Wilmington Eye Parking Lots

Paved parking, open to all vehicles, clubs wishing to park together must pre-register and arrive together

Vendors, Food, Entertainment and trophies for Best In Show, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Motor, Powder Puff, Kids Choice Award, Best Ford, Chevy, Mopar, GM, Import, Top 25, Best in Class (Class 1: 1985 & Older and Class 2: 1986 & Newer), Most Unique, Club Participation Award

For information please call the Chamber Office (910) 383-0553 or email: northbrunswickchamber@gmail.com

October 5

Self Branding: How to Sell Art at a Market Workshop

10am-1pm | Leland Cultural Center | 1212 Magnolia Village Way

This workshop will walk participants through the considerations and processes of selling their art at area markets. Topics will include setting up a business, taking photos for marketing and social media, market applications, and booth setup.

OAK ISLAND

September 17

Movie Night - Inside Out

5pm | Oak Island Recreation Center | 3003 E. Oak Island Drive

Free movie shown in the Sea Oats Room. Bring your own chair or blanket. You are welcome to bring your own drinks. Popcorn will be offered for sale. Register at www.OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS

September 22

Witches Hat Workshop

12pm | Solar Brewing
400 Sherrill St

Get ready to cast some spells with our Witch Hat Workshop! Join fellow witches as you create your unique hat using a classic nylon or modern woven knitted style. All supplies are provided, so you can let your creativity run wild. Perfect for ages 12 and up. Grab your brooms and let's get crafting!

Each ticket includes your hat of choice, a donation to the OKI witches ride, and a beer or wine from Solar Brewing or a craft soda for a non-alcoholic option. (Must be 21yrs or older)

Solar Brewing will also have brunch available for purchase separately

October 18-19

Surf Fishing Seminars with Ian Sands

Ocean Education Building | 4700 E. Oak Island Dr.

You'll learn everything you need to take a fish from the surf sand to the frying pan. In this class, specifically designed for Oak Island anglers, we'll discuss the different fish in our surf and talk about the right rig and bait for the fish you want to catch. For more information, call Recreation Programs Supervisor at (910) 278-4747 or email rgordon@oakislandnc.gov

OCEAN ISLE

October 26

Run Ocean Isle Beach

7am | Ocean Isle Beach

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SHALLOTTE

Starting September 18

Senior Health Series

11am-12pm | Rourk Branch Library
5068 Main St.

Patricia Warren from the NC Geriatric/Adult Mental Health Specialty Team will be presenting a four part series on Senior Health.

Sept. 18: Healthy Aging

October 2: Stress Management
November 6: Introduction to Dementia
December 4: Being a Caregiver of Seniors

Register at <https://brunscolibcal.com/> for any or all of the sessions.

September 23

Annual ARC Blood Drive

11:30am-5:30pm | Mulberry Community Center | 149 Mulberry St

Schedule your appointment at www.redcrossblood.org

October 1-6

Fall Rally Event

9am-5pm | Beach House Harley Davidson | 100 Harley Davidson Dr.

Fall Bike Week is right around the corner! Join Beach House Harley-Davidson's annual Fall Rally event. This rally event consists of live music entertainment, food vendors, shopping vendors, the annual end of season factory Motorclothes® factory sale, and more!

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October 5

Annual Charity Run

9am | Shallotte Masonic Lodge
727 | 5072 Main St.

Are you ready to ride for the Children at the North Carolina Masonic Home for Children in Oxford North Carolina? Come and join in the fun, food & fellowship.

SOUTHPORT

September 16-28

24th Annual Visual Arts Show

10am-5pm | Franklin Square Gallery | 130 E West St

This annual event began in 2000 and each year we rotate the show to a different venue. New to the area or been here forever? Share what inspires you to create with your fellow Brunswick artists & residents - we encourage you to enter your work! Open to Adults and Teens with a variety of 2D & 3D categories with over \$3,000 in awards. This year's Judge is William H Miller of Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact: Shawn Braswell, shawn@dwbonline.com or 704-737-5852

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of 2D & 3D Categories. Entry deadline is September 7, 2024. For more information, visit <https://www.brunswickartscouncil.org>

September 28

Oktoberfest at Southport Tap & Cellar

1pm | 827 N Howe St

Harbour Towne Fest Band will be there as well as 3 different foodtrucks. Plus Dave Boyce from TheEventGuide.com will be hosting the games and competitions. More details to come.

October 5

Skippers Crew: Spooky Sharks

10am-3pm | North Carolina Maritime Museum | 108 S. Davis St

Designed for all ages, but specifically geared towards our young patrons, these hands-on activities and crafts focus on combining arts and history, and you get to go home with something you created yourself! Don't be afraid - we have spooky (but friendly) sharks for you decorate!

During the first two hours lights will be dimmed and interactives muted to provide a calmer environment for our patrons with sensitivities. These programs are FREE but donations are accepted and appreciated.

SUPPLY

September 21

1st Annual Art Festival

10am-3pm | Event by Wild Horse Ranch Sanctuary | 1050 Wild Horse Trail

Art festival featuring local artists, music and horses! Please come and support while having a great time with our rescues

WINNABOW

September 28

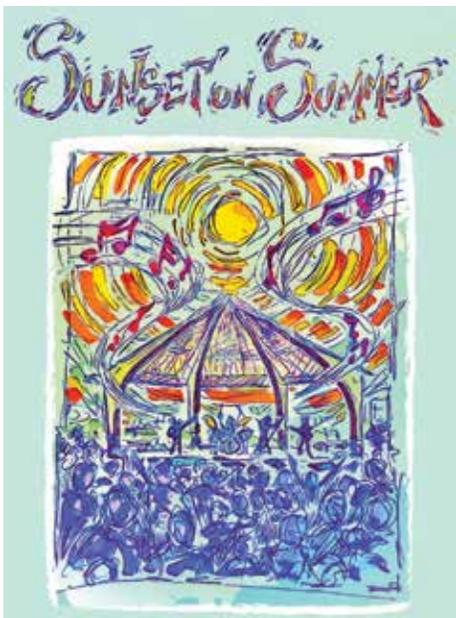
Carolina Blues: Indigo on the Cape Fear

3pm | Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson | 8884 Saint Philips Rd SE

Don't be blue - we have lots of indigo for you! This subtropical plant was an incredibly important commodity in the Carolinas of the 18th century. In conjunction with the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport, we will be exploring the process used by skilled enslaved African labor to extract this valuable dye from the indigo plants - and delve into the science behind dye production. Visitors will have a chance to view and work an active fermentation vat, and dyeing demonstrations will occur throughout the course of the program. T-shirts will also be available for purchase for visitors to try their hand at resist dyeing.

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

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2024 Sunset on Summer Music Festival

Celebrate the end of summer Saturday, September 7, at Middleton Park, 4610 E. Dolphin Drive, Oak Island.

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For more information, visit www.OakIslandNC.gov/SOS



The 17th annual Sunset at Sunset Festival is on October 5, 2024 from 10am-5pm in the Sunset Beach Park, 200 Sunset Blvd N. Sunset at Sunset is the ultimate celebration of our community's talent, creativity, and spirit! Join us for a day of music, shopping with local artisans, delicious food, and family-friendly fun.

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Fall Festival Fun!

The weather is changing and fall festivals abound! Make plans to get out and enjoy!



The St. James Artisans' Association Autumn Market will be held on September 7th from 11am-3pm at the St. James Community Center, 4136 Southport-Supply Road.

Website: <https://artisansgalleryonhowe.com/>

September Artisans Festival

Come out and enjoy a day of shopping in the Southport Village Shoppes, 1102 N Howe St, Southport Saturday, September 7 from 10am-4pm. Local crafters and artisans will be set up in our lawn with so many unique things! Fun for the whole family!

2024 Fall Food Truck Festival

The Town of Ocean Isle Beach is excited to announce the date for our second annual Fall Food Truck Festival at Ocean Isle Beach!

The event will take place on Saturday, September 28, from 11am-3pm at Town Center Park. (Rain date is Sunday, September 29).

Admission to this family-friendly event is FREE!

Join us for a variety of food trucks, live music and more!

2024 Belville Fall Festival

A fun event for the entire family! Held at Belville Riverwalk Park, 580 River Road, on Saturday, October 5 from 10am-3pm.

Enjoy Vendors, games, food trucks, and activities

Boiling Spring Lakes Fall Festival

Event takes place on Saturday, October 19 from 4-8pm at the Boiling Spring Lakes Community Center, 1 Leeds Road. Check on <https://www.cityofbsl.org> for details.

2024 Brunswick County Fall Festival

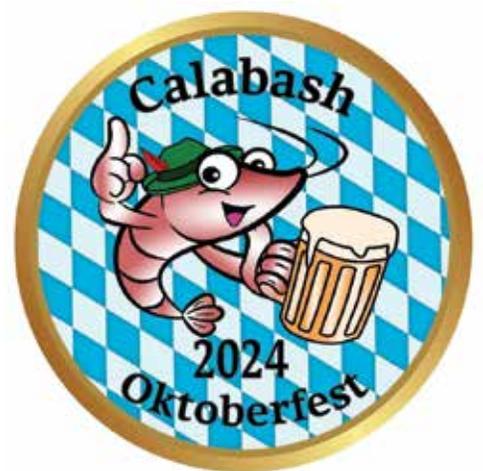
Make plans for the Brunswick County Fall Festival Thursday, October 24, from 6pm-9pm at the Brunswick County Government Complex, Bolivia.

There will be hayrides, games, a haunted trail, costume contests, hot dogs, drinks, popcorn and MORE! And of course there will be lots of candy!

This is a free event. Hope to see everyone there!



This annual event features award-winning BBQ, local craft beers, music and a beautiful view at the Belville Riverwalk. The event includes a BBQ Cook-Off in which both professionals and amateurs compete - and which attendees get to enjoy. Vendor spots are available.



11th Annual Calabash Oktoberfest

Make plans for Saturday, October 26, 11am-5pm at 947 Carter Drive SW, Calabash for Beer, brats, pretzels, Harbour Towne Fest band, contests, arts and crafts vendors, arm wrestling, beer stein holding competition, corn hole and more! Net Proceeds benefit local charities!

Curious About the Curious Mermaid?



A new art gallery has opened in Southport- Lisa Giordano opened The Curious Mermaid Gallery in May, following her move to Southport after Hurricane Ian hit Fort Myers, Florida. Falling in love with the town, she decided to showcase local artists alongside talents from afar. The gallery's focus on celebrating nature is evident through its realistic flower and sea life art, as well as captivating mixed media pieces. In addition to exhibitions, Curious Mermaid offers a diverse range of classes and workshops, inviting the community to engage with art in a hands-on and immersive way. Lisa's passion for art and the beauty of nature shines through every aspect of this vibrant gallery. They also have live music every first Friday! Located at 600 N Howe St, #E . Also visit their website for upcoming classes . <https://www.curiousmermaidartgallery-nc.com/>



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Caregiver Workshop Being Offered by the Bridge Church

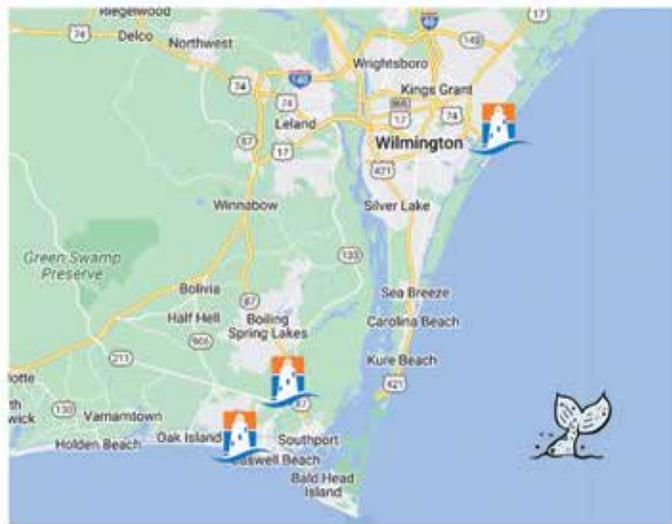
The upcoming event is a free community wide Caregiver Workshop presented by the CareGiver Academy which is a collaboration by the Alzheimer's Association, the Area Agency On Aging, and the LifeCare Memory Partners. It will take place from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on November 9th at the bridge Presbyterian Church at 1444 Lanvale Road in Leland.

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Brunswick County Fall Festival

We are thrilled to announce the return of our annual Brunswick County Fall Festival!

Join us on Thursday, October 24, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Brunswick County Government Complex in Bolivia for an evening of fun and festivities.

The Brunswick County Fall Festival offers a safe and enjoyable alternative to Halloween, featuring

hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, games, a haunted trail, costume contests, hayrides, Sheriff Brian Chism and plenty of candy!

Mark your calendars and bring the whole family to this cherished Brunswick County tradition.

We look forward to seeing you there!



FOLSOI Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event!

Join the Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island at their Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event: Appalachian Food & Fiction! This event explores the mountain region through stories and recipes. Join celebrity host Deborah Holt Noel, star of the popular PBS show NC Weekend, as she talks with panelists Sheri Castle; food writer and star of PBS's The Key Ingredient; Chef Jason Talbot, author of the cookbook Modern Appalachian Cuisine; and award-winning novelist Teri M. Brown, author of Daughters of Green Mountain Gap.

The event will take place Tuesday,

September 10, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, at the Southport Community Building, at 233 E. Bay St., Southport. All are welcome and attendance is free! To reserve your seat, click the link below or call 910-457-6237.

Visit our website at folsoi.org for library schedules and registration information. Enjoy visiting our Once More Bookstore at Southport Realty, 727 N. Howe St. in Southport Monday through Friday from 10:00am - 4:00pm and on Saturdays from 10:00am - 12noon. Donations are accepted at the side door on 8th Street on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00am - 12noon.

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Leland Residents Invited to Lend a Hand with Community-Wide Day of Service October 5

The Town of Leland is excited to engage residents in its second community-wide day of service called Lend a Hand in Leland. This event, aimed at fostering community pride and ownership, will bring together residents of all ages and backgrounds to participate in a variety of volunteer activities that address local needs and promote community well-being.

This year, Lend a Hand in Leland will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and feature five meaningful volunteer opportunities in partnership with local organizations.

Stream Cleanup: Join Cape Fear River Watch to clean a Leland area watershed.

Home Build: Assist Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity in building its first community in Leland, with tasks varying by stage of construction.

Trash Pickup: Volunteers will join We Live Here to pick up roadside trash in the Westgate District.

Tree Planting: Help We Live Here plant trees in the Westgate District to beautify the neighborhood.

Walk Audit: Lace up your walking shoes and join We Live Here and AARP on a Walk Audit to explore and improve neighborhood walkability.

All residents are invited to Lend a Hand on this impactful day of service. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to community service, there's a project for everyone. Join us in making a positive difference and celebrating the spirit of volunteerism in Leland. Participants must register in advance.

For more information on each project and to register, visit the Town website: <https://www.townofleland.com/lendahand>



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Ribbon Cutting to Celebrate Arrival of Doshier Courtesy Shuttle September 16

Doshier Memorial Hospital will hold a ribbon cutting to commemorate the arrival of their new courtesy shuttle on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 3:30pm. The shuttle, which is operated by the Doshier Volunteers, transports patients and visitors from parking lots to the hospital entrance and back to their vehicles. Said Lynda Stanley, Doshier President and CEO, "For many, the ride on the Doshier Courtesy Shuttle to the entrance of our hospital marks the beginning of the extraordinary care we aim to provide every patient. We are grateful to have a friendly and committed group of

volunteers who provide this important service to our community."

The Doshier Volunteer 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. Driving the courtesy shuttle is one of many areas where Doshier Volunteers donate their time to enhance patient care.

The location of the ribbon cutting is the hospital front entrance, at 924 N. Howe St., Southport. All are welcome.

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Oak Island Recreation Center

Parking Lot Picasso: Show off your chalk art skills with this Halloween/Fall themed chalk art contest. Who is ready for fall!

This free event will be on October 12 from 10:30am-12:30pm at the Oak Island Recreation Center, 3003 East Oak Island Drive.

Judges will award ribbons to the winners.

Kids Spooky Color Run: Make plans to cheer on the kids, Saturday, October 19 at the Oak Island Recreation Center, 3003 E Oak Island Drive, for a Spooky Color Run.

The kids can dress in Halloween costumes, Halloween shirts or white shirts. The race will start at 2pm. Please arrive early to check in. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Haunted Gingerbread House: Bring your Haunted Gingerbread House to the Oak Island Recreation Center to be displayed and judged. Judging will take place on October 24, 2024. Drop Off day is Monday, October 21, 2024 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Houses will need to be picked up Tuesday, October 29, 2024 by 2:00 PM. The winners will be given an award. They will be displayed for a week so the community can come check out the wonderful masterpieces.

Pumpkin Painting Contest: Paint your own pumpkin and bring it to the Recreation Center to be judged for a prize! The Oak Island Recreation Department will award First, Second, and Third Place prizes for the best painted pumpkins. Drop off day is Monday, October 21, between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Pumpkins will stay on display through Tuesday, October 29, when they will need to be picked up by 2:00 PM.

For more information or register for these events visit www.OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS

Glow Golf

Get in the spirit of the season with a round of golf in the dark! Held at Brunswick Plantation & Golf Resort, 380 Brunswick Drive, in Calabash, NC on Friday, October 18 at 7pm.

Play 6 holes of golf in the dark with a 7:00pm shotgun start. Teams of 4 with a maximum of 40 players.

Entry fee includes glow golf supplies and two drinks tickets.

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Trunk or Treats

- **Sunset Beach Town Park** - Wednesday, October 23, 5pm, 102 Sunset Blvd N The Witches of Sea Trail will be performing!

- **Ocean Isle Town Center Park** - Friday, October 25, 5-6:30pm, 3 E 2nd Street. Bring your buckets to fill with sweets... at our annual "Trunk-or-Treat". OIB Town Staff and Residents will be on-site to pass out treats on this Spook-tacular night! Open to the public! Don't forget your costume!

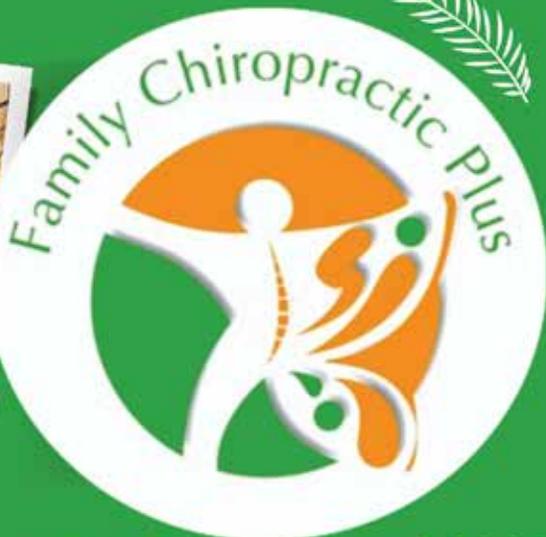
- **Belville Riverwalk Park** - Saturday, October 26, 4-9pm, 580 River Road SE. Belville Parks and Recreation will host Trunk of Treat and Movie Night for a convenient, family-friendly Halloween event! Trunk or Treat will take place from 4 - 6 pm with a screening of Monsters, Inc. beginning at 7 pm!

- **Oak Island Recreation Center** - Thursday, October 31, 7-9pm, 3003 East Oak Island Drive. Decorate your car and pass out candy! First, Second, and Third place winner for the best decorated car. will be awarded. To register to be a Trunk or Treat Vendor visit www.OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS. If you have and question contact Emily Kincer at 910-278-5518 or ekincer@oakisland-nc.gov

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The race will begin and end near Safe Harbor Marina promising a gentle start down the ICW before it meets the confluence of the Cape Fear River and sailors turn toward Old Baldy on Bald Head Island. Sailors choosing to hug the coast will pass another lighthouse and two piers before making it through the narrow Lockwood Folly Inlet. The backside of the island provides a relaxing sail under two bridges and back to the yacht club for cold beverages and awards.

Friday "Pre-Game"

5:30 - 8:30 Check In at Cape Fear Yacht Club - receive T-shirt, laminated chart, sailing instructions. Enjoy cold beverages, heavy appetizers and

let the trash talking begin!

Saturday "Race Day"

7:30-8:00 Late Check-In at Cape Fear Yacht Club

8:00 Skipper's Meeting at Beach/Dutchman's Creek Park

9:00 Warning Signal - The warning signal will sound at roughly 9 am. The start and finish line will be in the vicinity of Safe Harbor Marina. A laminated navigation chart will be provided at registration.

4:00 - Afterparty and awards at Cape Fear Yacht Club, 4791 Fish Factory Road, Oak Island.

To register: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28422>



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Brunswick Arts Council to host Brunswick County Intercultural Festival to celebrate the diverse cultures in our community through entertaining, enriching, enlightening, & educational experiences, including live dance & music performances, an International Village, Parade of Nationals, & International food.

The festival will be held October 12, from 11am-4pm at Brunswick Riverwalk at Belville, 580 River Rd SE, Belville

The Brunswick County Intercultural Festival is an annual FREE event that brings together families, individuals, adults, children of all ages, students, schools, churches, local businesses, service providers, public officials, residents of Brunswick County and surrounding areas on a journey to learn, understand, celebrate the diverse culture represented in area communities.

CONTACT: Shawn Braswell, shawn@dwbonline.com or 704-737-5852

Admission is Free

For more information, visit <https://www.bcifestival.org>

About Brunswick Arts Council

The Mission of the Brunswick Arts Council is to support, sustain, enhance and cultivate the arts in



Brunswick County making cultural events, arts education and appreciation of the arts available to the diverse range of county residents. For more information, visit BrunswickArtsCouncil.org.

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- Shotgun Start: 9am
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Oak Island Par 3/9/11 Memorial Scramble

Join us for a special day of golf as we come together to honor and remember. Grab your clubs and your red, white, and blue attire for this patriotic-themed scramble!

The tournament will be held Wednesday, September 11 from 8am-6pm at Oak Island Par 3, 4188 Vanessa Drive, Southport.

Event Details:

4-person scramble format

Wear your best red, white, and blue outfit

Bring your friends, your competitive spirit, and your patriotic pride. Let's make this a memorable day both on and off the course.

Other details to be announced.

Cross Country Scramble

Make plans to join in the fun at Brunswick Plantation & Golf Resort, 380 Brunswick Drive, Calabash, NC on Wednesday, September 25, at 12:36pm.

Format is Four player scramble with tee times. Play 12 holes normal but 6 will be in an "indirect" way. For example, tee of on Dogwood #8 but finish on Dogwood #9 green.

Sign Up in the Pro Shop, lunch before play. Open to members and guests. 800-332-8576.

15th Annual Doshier Golf Classic

Tee off October 11 with a 9am shotgun start at Oak Island Golf Club. The \$125 per golfer fee includes awards, lunch, and complimentary beverages while on the course.

There will also be a raffle and on-line auction.

Registration and sponsorships

are open! [www.doshier.org/foundation/2024 Golf](http://www.doshier.org/foundation/2024%20Golf).

Cape Fear Yacht Club Golf Tournament for Youth Sailing

This annual golf tournament is the primary funding source for the Cape Fear Yacht Club's non-profit summer Youth Sailing program. Famous for the prime rib dinner and yacht club hospitality, this annual event is not to be missed by area golfers. Always held on Columbus Day, October 14th, the area provides beautiful weather and the Oak Island Country Club (928 Caswell Beach Rd, Oak Island) the perfect golf course by the sea.

Check-in begins at 11, shotgun start at noon with festivities to follow at the Cape Fear Yacht Club.

Tickets at givebutter.com/2024CFYCGOLF

Oak Island Water Rescue Team 3rd Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Help the Oak Island Water Rescue Team by participating on Saturday, November 16. Registration and putting contest starts at 8am. Tournament begins at 9:30am with a shotgun start.

Tourney is 18 holes, with a scramble start, lunch, awards and prizes.

This is one of our major fund raiser initiatives that keeps our boats and volunteers ready to respond for any water emergency that may come our way.

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Sleep Out Brunswick

Brunswick Partnership for Housing Inaugural Fundraising Event

Sleep Out Brunswick is Brunswick Partnership for Housing's inaugural fundraising event that asks, "Where did you sleep last night?"

Between September 25 and the main event on October 25, participants will come together to help out homeless, unsheltered individuals and families in our county on a path to attain affordable, permanent housing. Individuals, families and small groups will come together to sleep out - in a tent, cardboard box or car - for a life-changing experience that will create awareness for what it means to be in poverty and homeless.

Plan to join as a participant, volunteer or sponsor. The main event will be held at Cape Fear Regional Jetport from October 25, 4pm to October 26, 10am. You may choose to



do your own off-site event between September 25 and October 25.

Online registration opened August 5. To find out more contact Sally Learned at 910-946-1501, admin@brunswickpartnership.org; Susan Crabtree at 267-235-6132, susan-crabtree@hotmail.com, or Barry Fulton at 949-533-5537, barryfulton@gmail.com

Ballet Classes Offered at LCAC

Have your kiddos ever wanted to try dance? We have new 6-week dance programs for all levels at the Leland Cultural Arts Center!

Our new instructor Leah Versola-Kallam comes to us with a ton of amazing experience teaching youth dance ages 8-18! Leah studied dance at The Alvin Ailey School in NYC and participated in a number of large productions, but found that her passion for dance lies in teaching.

This ballet program will be fun and flowy while teaching the funda-



mentals of ballet!

Register Wednesday, September 4 at 3:15pm for Teen classes at 1212 Magnolia Village Way in Leland.

VENDORS WANTED!

Bolivia PTA is offering Vendor tables for their FALL FESTIVAL to be held

Friday, November 1 from 5:30-7:30pm

Cost is \$30 per table.

Contact bolpta@bcswan.net or

Jessica at 910-448-1306 for booking.

Penny Wars to Benefit Local Oak Island Non-Profit Organizations



The next Penny War opportunity is just around the corner! "Penny Wars" is a friendly competition where community members and visitors contribute coins to jars representing different local nonprofits. This engaging event not only raises funds but also increases awareness about the impactful work these organizations do for Oak Island.

As part of the Calendar of Events celebrating the Oak Island's 25th Anniversary, the Town Council has each selected a nonprofit to champion during this event.

Benefitting Organizations:

Sea Turtle Protection Program

Oak Island Angels

Beach Preservation Society

Matthew's Ministry

Seabiscuit Wildlife Shelter

The next Penny War event will be held at the Medallion Hunt September 9-19. Staff will be setup and set up to take pennies!

Pennies and points will continue to be collected until December 7 at the following events:

Medallion Hunt: September 9 - 19 (see adjacent info)

Fire Truck Pull: October 12 | 5:00pm | Middleton Park

Disc Golf Tournament: November 2 | 11:00am | Bill Smith park

Christmas By The Sea Parade: December 7 | 2:00pm

Thank you for your continued support in making these events a success. To view the full 25th Anniversary Calendar of Event, just visit the 25th Anniversary page at OakIslandNC.gov/25YEARS



How the Hunt Works

1. Daily Puzzle Release: Every morning of the event, a new puzzle will be posted on this page and the Town of Oak Island Facebook page. The answer to the puzzle will be the name of a business in the Town of Oak Island.

2. Find the Clue: Once you solve the puzzle and identify the business, head over to that location. At the business, you will find a clue that will lead you closer to the medallion's hiding spot. Keep an eye out - this clue is vital to your success in the hunt!

3. Search for the Medallion: Using the daily clues, search for the medallion hidden somewhere in the Town of Oak Island. The first person to find it wins a special prize and the glory of being the champion of the hunt!

4. The Hunt Continues: The hunt will continue daily until someone successfully finds the medallion. Each day, new puzzles and clues will bring you closer to the final location, so be sure to participate every day to maximize your chances.

The medallion hunt is open to all individuals of all ages. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during participation. Participation is free, and no purchase is necessary.

Contact: Economic Development Manager, Hallie Willis at hwillis@oakislandnc.gov or 910.933.6344








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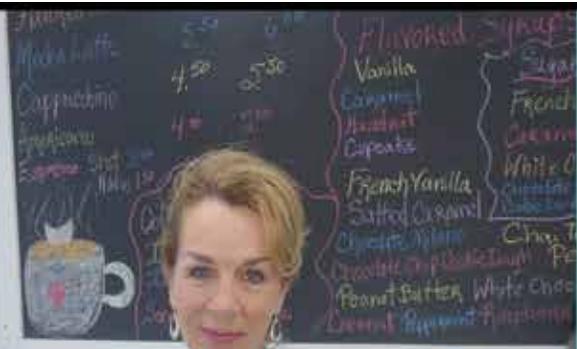
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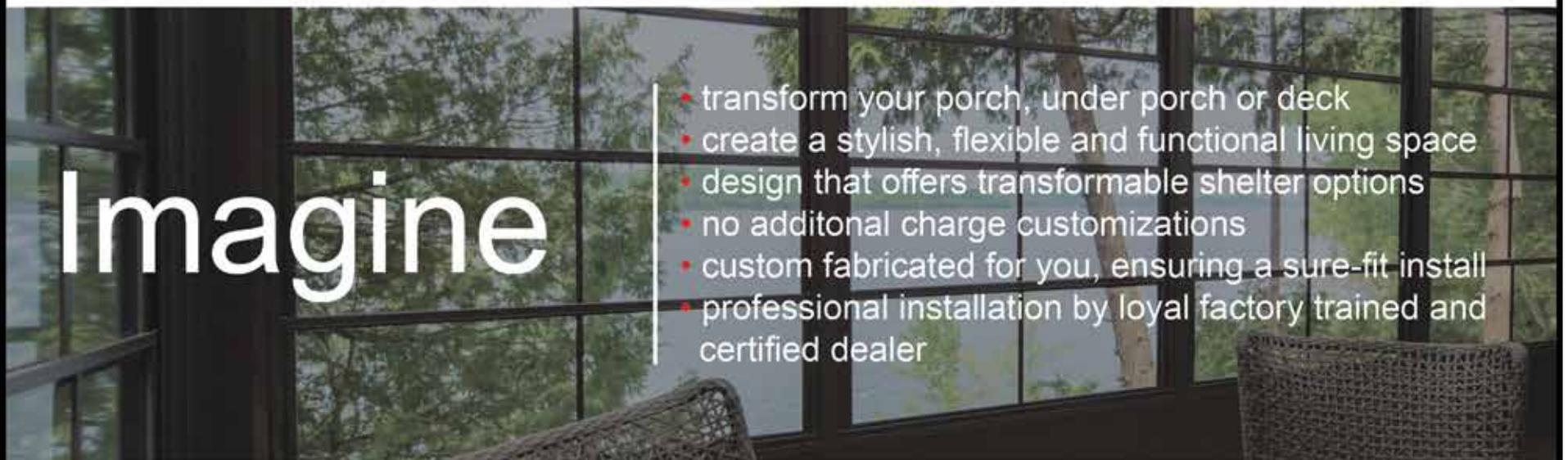


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Things kick off with a bang on October 18th with our Community Night - and guess what? It's absolutely FREE for everyone in the community! Join us for an evening filled with excitement, including a flag raising ceremony, the big reveal of our commemorative t-shirts and oyster pendant, words from our esteemed town officials and festival facilitators, and to top it all off, a concert featuring the sensational Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot!

But hold onto your hats, because that's just the beginning! Our 2-day festival extravaganza starts on October 19th & 20th at 9:00am, and you won't want to miss a minute of it.

Are you an oyster aficionado? Then our competitions are just for you! Dive into our Oyster Shucking, Oyster Eating, and Stew Contest. Whether you're showing off your shucking prowess, gobbling oysters faster than anyone else, or cooking up a storm, there's a spot for you. And for those who prefer to watch, come cheer on the competitors and soak in the fun!



But that's not all - we've got Arts, Crafts, and Amazing Food that will have you coming back for seconds, so make sure to bring your appetite!

Join us at the Town Center in Ocean Isle Beach for a festival filled with fun, food, and Admission is \$5 per Adult (CASH only, please) and FREE for children 12 years and under!

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Oak Island Beach Preservation Society to Hold Fall '24 Beach Sweep

Hey Beach Lovers!! It's that time again!! Are you ready for our 9-mile Fall Beach Sweep?!? Well, we are!!



Many of you have asked for an option without parking fees, so we are going to try an evening cleanup. The cleanup will be held Sunday, September 8 from 4-7pm in order to be done before sunset (around 7:30). Participants will meet at the OKI Cabana at 46th Street Parking is only enforced through 5pm, so this is the best option. We hope this allows more of you who are interested, to participate. Looking forward to seeing old friends and new faces!

We will provide trash bags, gloves and tally sheets for you to fill out. Each section listed below is approximately 1/2 mile. When you are done, simply return to the starting point WITH your bagged trash and tally sheet for us to weigh-in and record your trash count.

Send an email to eileenk.oki.beach-preservation@gmail.com to reserve your section. Please send 3 choices, as they are assigned 1st come, 1st served. We will update the post as sections are reserved. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: When all sections are reserved, we will happily take walk-ins on event day, and assign 3-4 parking accesses per person to "sweep" clean!

- 35th Pl E Access to 25th Pl E Access
- RESERVED-25th Pl E to 16th Pl E
- RESERVED-16th Pl E to 9th Pl E
- RESERVED-9th Pl E to Middleton

10 sections OKI West

- Middleton Ave to 7th Pl W Access
- RESERVED-7th Pl W to 17th Pl W
- 17th Pl W Access to 23rd Pl W Access
- 23rd Pl W Access to 30th Pl W Access
- 30th Pl W Access to 39th Pl W Access
- 39th Pl W Access to 48th Pl W Access
- 48th Pl W Access to 57th Pl W Access
- RESERVED-57th Pl W to 6301 West Beach
- RESERVED-W Beach Dr (parking lot at end, heading east) to 6301 West Beach
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11 sections OKI East

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- RESERVED-Barbee Blvd to SE 74th St
- RESERVED-SE 74th St to SE 67th St
- RESERVED-SE 67th St to SE 58th St
- RESERVED-SE 58th St to SE 49th St
- RESERVED-SE 49th St to SE 40th St
- RESERVED-SE 40th St to 35th Pl E

About Oak Island Beach Preservation Society

The Oak Island Beach Preservation Society, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established under the laws of the State of North Carolina. Their mission is *Education and Community Engagement to Enhance The Beach Experience now and in the future.*

beachoki.org
okibpsi@gmail.com



Everyday Hero Award & Luncheon to Be Held October 9

Carousel Child Advocacy Center is hosting its inaugural Everyday Heroes Awards and Luncheon at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 9th, at the Odell Williamson Auditorium, 160 College Rd NE in Bolivia.

We will shine a light on Brunswick County individuals and businesses who are the everyday heroes of our community and who are leading the way to make a difference in the lives of child survivors of abuse.

You are invited to register for this heartwarming and inspirational event to raise much-needed funds to battle abuse, protect children, and

restore lives. Every year, Carousel serves about 500 children survivors of abuse in the Cape Fear Region and over 165 children in just Brunswick County alone.

You support Carousel Child Advocacy Center, the region's only nationally accredited, child-friendly Child Advocacy Center. You are helping to meet the needs of abused and neglected children and to support child abuse prevention efforts in Southeastern North Carolina. By sponsoring this event, you are helping change how our community responds to child abuse.

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- Doshier Memorial Hospital
- First Citizens Bank of Southport
- Laurie Insurance Group
- Margaret Rudd & Associates, Inc., REALTORS
- Pinnacle Mortgage Corp.
- River Road Animal Hospital
- Southern Realty Advantage, LLC

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- Leland ReStore construction is on schedule. Currently working with Brunswick Arts Council to finalize

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- Scheduled to close on Johnson family home next week. This is another family in Brunswick County that will experience home ownership
- Currently interviewing for the following Career Opportunities: Construction Site Lead, ReStore Manager at Ocean Isle Beach, and Development Manager. For immediate review, APPLY on Indeed.com.
- Volunteers are needed for on-site for construction home builds. Examples of primary tasks are framing, flooring, and vinyl siding.
- Jason Gaver confirmed as permanent Executive Director

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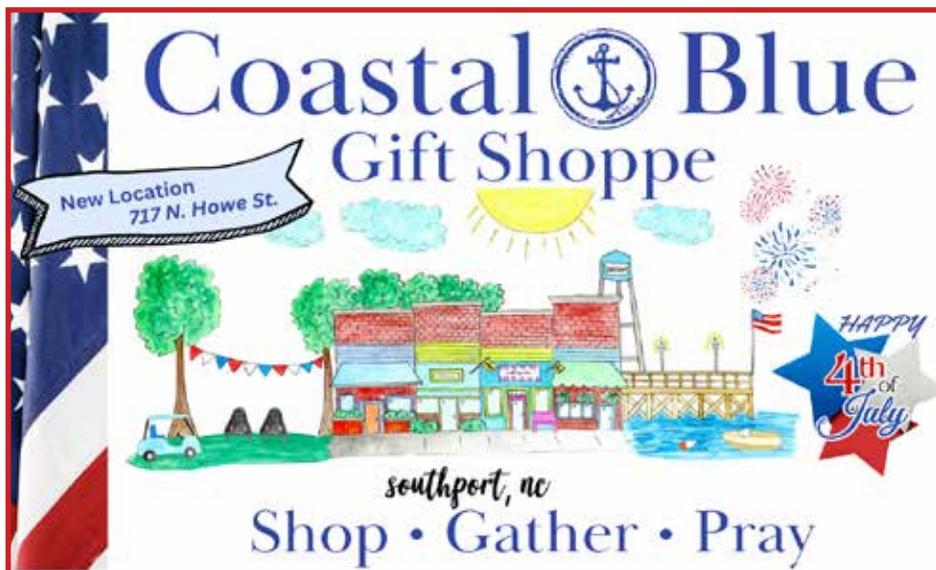
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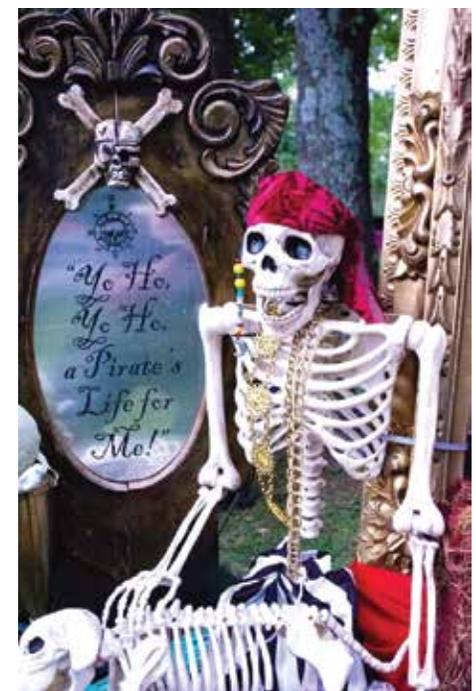
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4th Annual Oak Island Witches Ride

The Witches Ride is a great way to support our businesses, while raising money and meeting new friends! There will be over 10 stops, but you don't have to go to every place, just visit locations near you and have fun! Get a snack, have a drink, laugh and take pics!!

Details

- Saturday, October 26 | 12-5pm
- There is no start and stop for this event.

- Dress up Required! Warlocks welcome! No kids, 21+ please. No dogs unless you are only going to dog friendly venues.
- Bikes, LSVs, Walkers...we don't care how you get there, just be smart and safe!!!
- The Southport Trolley will be running our "main" route for \$10pp. (More details to come on pre-sale bands to secure you a seat.
- More venues added, final list will be posted at a later date.

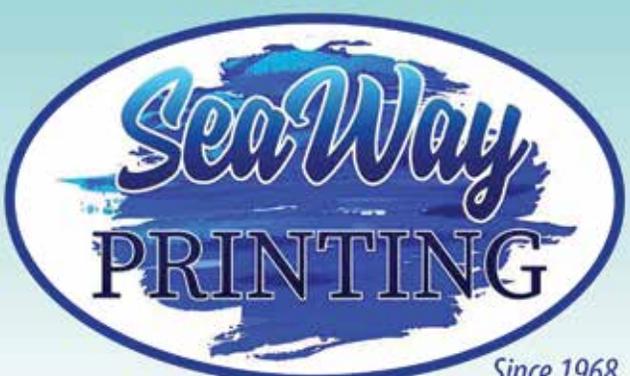
<https://www.facebook.com/events/678078974310475>

Southport Witches Ride

The Southport Witches Ride will begin at the Southport Waterfront on a date in late October, to be determined. Get those witchy costumes ready and keep an eye out on facebook for details on this annual event.

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For more information and to book your flight at: <https://www.eaa.org/flight-experiences/fly-the-ford-eaa-ford-tri-motor-airplane-tour>



In addition to the daily flights:

Friday, 9/20: Kids Movie Night - 7pm \$1

Saturday, 9/21: Pancake Breakfast 8:30am-11am - \$8

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Visitor Spending in Brunswick County Increases by 7.5 Percent to \$1.17 Billion

Domestic and international visitors in Brunswick County spent \$1.17 billion in 2023, an increase of 7.5 percent from 2022. Brunswick County ranked No. 6 among the North Carolina's 100 counties in visitor spending in 2023. This data comes from an annual study commissioned by Visit North Carolina, a unit of the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina.

"We're pleased to announce the continued growth in the economic impact of visitor spending in Brunswick County. The data released by Visit North Carolina highlights just how important tourism is to the county's economy," stated Whitney Sauls, chairperson of the Brunswick County Tourism Development Authority. "The money visitors spend in our county helps to support small businesses, creates jobs, and generates funds for beach renourishment."

Brunswick County tourism impact highlights for 2023:

- The travel and tourism industry directly employed more than 5,595 people in Brunswick County, up 6 percent from 2022.
- Total payroll directly generated by the tourism industry in Brunswick County was \$230.5 million, up 8 percent from 2022.
- State tax revenue generated in Brunswick County totaled \$35.5 through state sales and excise taxes, and taxes on personal and corporate income. About \$48.4 in local taxes were generated from occupancy, sales and property tax revenue from travel-generated and travel-supported businesses.
- Each Brunswick County resident saved \$524.97 in state and local taxes as a result of visitor spending in the county.

These statistics come from the "Economic Impact of Travel on North Carolina Counties 2023," which can be accessed at partners.visitnc.com/economic-impact-studies. The study was prepared for Visit North Carolina by Tourism Eco-

nomics.

Statewide, visitor spending in 2023 rose 6.9 percent to reach a record \$35.6 billion. Direct tourism employment increased 4.8 percent to 227,224.

"The new study underscores the importance of tourism to every county in North Carolina," said Wit Tuttell, executive director of Visit NC. "There's a lot of competition for travelers' time and money, and we owe our success to everything from the state's scenic beauty and outdoor adventure to our mix of tradition and innovation and our welcoming spirit. Those qualities might be hard to measure, but we can follow the trail to a measurable impact on our workforce, our businesses and our tax base. We look forward to continued success."

NC tourism facts:

- Total spending by domestic and international visitors in North Carolina reached \$35.6 billion in 2023. That sum represents a 6.9 percent increase over 2022 expenditures.
- Visitors to North Carolina generated nearly \$4.5 billion in federal, state and local taxes in 2023. The total represents a 5.8 percent increase from 2022.
- State tax receipts from visitor spending rose 5.6 percent to \$1.3 billion in 2023.
- Local tax receipts grew 5.4 percent to \$1.2 billion.
- Direct tourism employment in North Carolina increased 4.8 percent to 227,224.
- Direct tourism payroll increased 6.6 percent to nearly \$9.3 billion.
- Each North Carolina household saved \$518 on average in state and local taxes as a direct result of visitor spending in the state. Savings per capita averaged \$239.

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