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## A Time for Thanks and Giving

Sheriff Chism and our team from BCSO assisted with the relief

that Brunswick County has felt from the Tropical Cyclone and Hurricane Helene, as well as the devastation in Western North Carolina.

Southport and Boiling Spring Lakes suffered bridges and road wash outs leaving many stranded, homeless, and literally powerless.

Traffic became a nightmare. Get-

e all know the impact ting in and out of Southport and and reached out to one another help-Boiling Spring was for a time impossible and impassible. Roads like Rte 17, Hwy. 211, 87, and 133 were flooded and washed away in many spots. Driving to Wilmington not possible.

> Truckloads of gas, food and supplies for stores were delayed. Business owners and staff could not get to work to open.

ing in so many ways. All levels of government and churches and charities showed up with aid that is still going on. The help continues to get those in need back on their feet.

Many small businesses, the backbone of our communities, need our continued support

Shop and dine locally. Many busi-But, the community came together nesses have suffered due to traffic

and road closings. It is simple. No people; no business.

So, business owners and their staff, who are often your neighbors, are hurting. They need our continued support. Shop Southport and other areas impacted.

It is in this time, as we approach this holiday season, to say THANKS...For The GIVING. THANK YOU ALL.



Craig Blanks from Frying Pan in Southport helped feed thousands of Helene victims over the weekend in western North Carolina. Blanks took a team of about 10 people to cook out of his personal food trailer, serving up close to 7,000

On September 18, NC Task Force 11 comprised of firefighters from NHC-FR and Wilmington, NC Fire Department were deployed to Southport to assist with the evacuation of a nursing home.









Operation Air Drop Groups of pilots in Southport and other towns in NC gathered supplies to fly to the mountain areas of NC.





Jeff Moss, the owner of College Hunks Hauling Junk and Moving, is a ROCK STAR! He collected 2 trailers with a total of 27,600 pounds of relief supplies to Hickory, NC for sorting and transport into the impacted areas of Western NC. Way to go Eastern NC!

Thank You Toys for Tots - Calabash Campaign - Brunswick and Columbus Co for donating boxes of toys to the children affected by the hurricane and flooding in WNC.



THANK YOU - Coldwell Banker Sea Coast Advantage. We appreciate you recognizing and supporting us, as you always do. What a blessing. - Chief Coring



THANK YOU once again to D's Italian Restaurant who once again, fed our staff and volunteers working at the collection location on Midway Rd!

So many wonderful people who deserve recognition and so little space.

You all have our eternal thanks for your continued thoughts, prayers, donations and hard work to help those in need.





#### Celebrate A Season of Thanks and Cheer!! by Joanne Thomps

t has been a roller coaster year for many. Brunswick County has experienced an explosion in housing growth accompanied by extensive roads and bridges construction. In our final months a coastal cyclone and hurricane knocked us for a loop, but still, we stay strong, support each other and continue on with life along the beach. Traffic cut off Southport and Boiling Spring Lakes. Businesses suffered and still are. So, this column will focus on this area of Brunswick County. Please, SHOP LOCAL AND SUPPORT LOCAL.

Not only do we continue to support those deeply effected in our Brunswick County community, but we reach out to our family in Western North Carolina communities decimated by flooding. We are no stranger to disaster.

Misty Sedlock, from Label Shopper off Long Beach Rd. let us know about one of the many instances people helping people of which we can be proud. She reported an overwhelming generosity of people who came into the store and bought quite a bit of new clothing...like socks slippers, sweaters sweatshirts, pants etc. to give to collections going to Western North Carolina communities to help as the weather turns cold in the mountains. "The expression of kindness and caring has been breathtaking," she said. Kudos to and blessings on to those who give and deliver these offerings to those in need.

Let's not forget Brunswick County Streetreach, a 100% volunteer organization with no paid staff that cares for the homeless with dignity and kindness helping those in need survive, get on their feet, and become part of our community with work and homes. How about donating for the holidays? Warm clothing and bedding is needed. Drop off location is in Supply; contact 910-842-2711 or visit www.bcstreetreach.org.

Stories about the kind, giving spirit of the people living in Brunswick County to those in need here and beyond are numerous and more than we could ever recount. Thank You. Just Thank you... To all who give.

By The Beach, located at 6016 E. Oak Island Dr., on Oak Island is hav-

ing a fundraiser for Waves 4 K.I.D.S. on Saturday, November 9th from 5-8 pm, that helps support children in Brunswick County Social Services system. Last year enough funds were raised to purchase \$25 gift cards for each of the 150 children in foster care in Brunswick County as a little extra something for Christmas. It is an evening of fun, food, and fundraising. To learn more, stop by the store or call Waves 4K.I.D.S. 910-471-0718.

Hobby Lobby opened in the Southport Oak Island area, with a new Dollar Tree alongside, on Long Beach Rd. in time for holiday shopping. OK crafters get busy!

San Felipe, serving Brunswick County for more than 25 years, opened its doors to all with a brandnew location in the Lowes Shopping Center, Southport Crossing Way, complete with, as always, a new menu, and an outdoor dining area that will host live local bands in the summer. Check out the decor and delish food. Remember gift certificates, take out, and catering are all available.



A new restaurant is scheduled to open in time for Thanksgiving on the corner of Fish Factory and Long Beach Rd. Called (drum roll) The Fish Factory Restaurant and Bar, it will offer casual lunches and a more upscale dinner menu. The emphasis is on seafood and the freshest locally sourced ingredients. Ryan Duffey and his wife Morgan, who recently owned The Boat Landing Restaurant in Sunset Beach are the owners.

Fixin's OKI, Southern inspired breakfast lunch spot, is offering cooking classes featuring Chef Rick. Sign up in advance online for Nov 7 - Our 7 Continents, Nov 14 - Thanksgiving, Dec - BFD. Classes fill up fast. Fixin's is serving Thanksgiving dinner with four seatings. Again, book ahead online.

Kim Caggiano, Coastal Blue Shoppe in Southport on Howe St., has some of the most beautiful giftware that is perfect for personalizing. Whether it is an apron, charcuterie board, guest towels or something more creative, you can find a unique choice at her store. Realtors take note unique home sales gift choices abound here.

There is a new brewery in the works for Southport. Construction has begun on **Cape Side Brewery** on Howe Street with a late spring opening date as its target. Work on the new building where Carr Insurance stood si slated to begin. A rooftop bar is rumored to be the crowning point.



The Fresh Cottage opened in the space formerly occupied by Sedona South. Cool, Calm, and Eclectic...

that describes the shopping experience here. Owner Ashley Lalier, hand picks each item with an unbeatable eye toward classic style. Her choice of a unique, pure, skin care prod-

uct line is impeccable. Ashley can help you find the product to fit your needs and scent your life. Visit the shop. Experience The Fresh Cottage vibe.

A Southport favorite, Ports of Call, is celebrating 14 years of presenting the "whole world on your plate" cuisine creatively served to all its diners. Capturing the sophistication of Manhattan, Jake and Ray have taken bistro dining to a striking level. Jazz and tapas nights and special wine paring dinners themed from countries around the world, make for a literal taste of the world! The recent renovations are classy and eye catching. Treat yourself to an evening beyond the beach. Sunday brunch is tops!

Mose, chef and owner of Castucci's, is always creating new dishes rifting on the Italian classics that aim to please



and tease the palate. You always feel like family here. Make your reservations in advance or be disappointed. Give a gift certificate. If you are hankering for a good pizza stop in next door to Sebby's eat in or takeaway.

Here's something to tickle your taste buds. Mo's Wood Fired Kitchen, 4956 Old Long Beach Rd., serves fantastic pizzas, haddock fish fries, burgers, etc. Now, chef Kevin, is making sourdough bread that is crisp, delicious and healthy. Haven't dined there or gotten takeout? Do! Buy a loaf of bread hot out of the oven; it sells out fast. everyday.

Welcomed news... the lasagna special returns to **Swain's** on Oak Island. It is available Tuesday through Thursday. Even better news...

their bakery, Stuffed, next door is open serving Towhee's sumptuous creations like the cheesecake-stuffed



cakes that are a mile high. If you want to nag one you should order ahead since they go quickly, especially for the holidays. Gift certificates are also a perfect pick.

StrEATside Bistro, in Southport, to the delight of customers is promoting freshly made daily soup and sandwich special that is soul warming for the fall and winter. The roasted tomato crab jalapeno is a knockout! Chef Rhonda also caters. Having a small gathering in your home? Too busy or don't want to cook? She can sort you out and prepare it for you. Pick it up. Serve it and wow your guests. Plan early to enjoy the holidays.

If you haven't visited **The Southport Village Sho**ps located behind the Smokehouse in Southport, there

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## **Start Your Holiday Season in Historic Southport**

his year, Seventeen actionpacked events of WINTER-FEST 2024 include many events that will entertain adults and children of all ages.

In the Spirit of the Holiday Season, Mayor Alt will light the City of Southport's Downtown Christmas Tree at Whittler's Bench for the Southport's **Downtown Tree Lighting Ceremony**. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided by the Southport Beautification Committee. Come join us on Friday, December 6, at 6pm to share in the Joy of the Season.

Southport businesses are decking the town with the Fourth Annual Storefront Showcase holiday decorating contest. From Friday, December 6 to Saturday, December 14, visitors, guests, or residents of Southport can follow the Storefront Showcase map that will be available online to visit each store and cast votes on each participating business. There will be five categories: Most Original, Most Kid-friendly, Most Traditional, Biggest Surprise, or Best Overall. Voting participants may vote more than once per category. On Monday, December 16, 2024, winners will be announced, and a trophy given for Best Overall. Don't hesitate; sign up today!

Join us for Southport's Winterfest Tea, an enchanting tea with special holiday entertainment sponsored by the City of Southport Community Relations Department and the Southport Beautification Committee. Saturday, December 7, at 1:00 p.m. at the Southport Community Building, located at 223 East Bay Street. Tickets will be \$50 and are available at the Ft. Johnston Visitors Center and Museum. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit following local organizations: Providence Home, Carousel Center, and Southport Elementary School.

Pet Party with Santa Sponsored by the City of Southport Animal Protective Services, the Pet Party with Santa will take place on Sunday, December 8, from 2-4pm at Taylor Field Dog Park. Bring your pets for a jolly picture with Santa. Enjoy some pet-friendly activities and treats while you wait. Donations will be accepted to receive your photo with a frame.



Shop-with-a-Cop Concert featuring the BACK PORCH ROCKERS is sponsored by Southport Police Department. It will take place on Monday, December 9, 6-8 p.m., on Fort Johnston Lawn. The Shop-with-a-Cop program is a long-standing tradition in Southport.

Southport's Garden Club is looking forward to hosting its Fourth Annual Candy Cane Garden Party at Keziah Park on Tuesday, December 10 from 6-8pm. The Park is transformed into a winter wonderland with lighting, artisan decorations, hot chocolate and holiday music. Santa and The Grinch will be there for our visitors. Items will be available for auction and purchase.



A family-friendly evening that's fun for all ages, this event has quickly become a Southport tradition. For information and to purchase a candy cane to decorate visit www.southportgardenclub.org, available for pickup at Visitors Center. Purchase stands for candy canes (extra cost).

WINTERFEST continues with this year's **The State Port Pilot Annual Cookie Contest** (Sponsored by The State Port Pilot) on Wednesday, December 11, 3:30-5pm at the Southport Community Building. Free... Come vote for your favorite! For information on entering email cookies@stateportpilot.com. Watch for more details in your copy of the State Port Pilot, the Holiday edition of Coast magazine, on our Facebook page, and at stateportpilot.com.



Bring your children to enjoy Supper with Santa's Elves on Wednesday, December 11, from 5-6:30pm. Parents will be able to drop their children off, shop at local stores, or have a romantic dinner. The children will enjoy a pizza dinner and watch a movie. This fun event is sponsored by the Southport Parks & Recreation. You must pre-register by calling 910-457-7945. The cost is \$5 per child and is located at 209 Atlantic Ave., beside Southport Gym.

The Christmas Movie "Polar Express", an annual favorite WIN-TERFEST event, will be shown on the Fort Johnston Garrison Lawn at dusk on Thursday, December 12. This event is sponsored by Southport Parks and Recreation. Chairs/blankets are encouraged, and hot chocolate and snacks will be provided.

Step into the warmth of the season at Once More Bookstore's Holiday Open House on Friday, December 13th, from 10am-4pm. At 727 N Howe St behind Southport Realty. Browse through a treasure trove of holiday delights, from adult and children's books to puzzles, DVDs, and

CDs, all offered at irresistibly low prices. As you explore, let the cheerful notes of holiday music envelop you, and indulge in complimentary cookies, a sweet treat for valued shoppers. This event is proudly hosted by Friends of the Library Southport Oak Island, adding a touch of literary joy to your holiday festivities.

Enjoy a tour, **Historic Holidays**, at the NC Maritime Museum at Southport, 204 E. Moore Street. This annual tradition, presented by the museum crew, will be from 12-4pm. on Friday, December 13. Staff and volunteers will be dressed out in period attire and historic activities and take-home crafts will be available for visitors to participate in.

Children, grownups, residents, and visitors, look forward to the annual Light Up the Night Christmas Parade, sponsored by Southport Fire Department. On Friday, December 13, at 5:30 p.m. the children will begin to board the fire engines at the Southport Fire Station. The parade begins at 6:30pm. Parade route: follows along Moore and Howe back to the Southport Fire Station. Following the parade, children are invited to visit with Santa.

Homemade Arts & Crafts, homegrown winter vegetables, cut flowers, homemade baked goods, honey, jellies, and pickles are only a few items that you will find at the **Winter Craft Festival** on Saturday, December 14, 9am-5pm. on Bay Street, in Downtown Southport.

Get your children into the holiday spirit at Southport's Santa's Workshop on Saturday, December 14. Children will be making ornaments, decorating cookies, and creating other fun crafts. The workshop is from 10-11am. at 209 Atlantic Ave., beside the Southport Gym.

Not to be missed, is the popular Winterfest Performing Arts program, sponsored by Up Your Arts. Enjoy the performing arts, including instrumentals, singing, and dancing on Saturday, December 14, 10am-3pm on Fort Johnston Lawn.

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Wishes You Season's Greetings!



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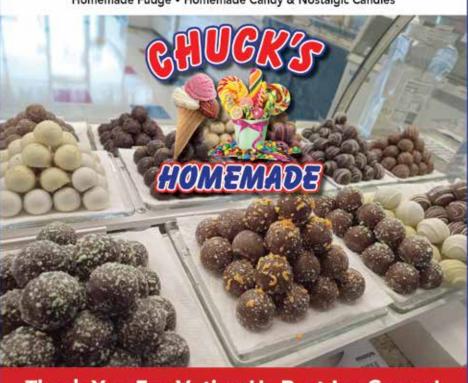
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is much to discover. Park your car and wander. Check out the books and specialty items at Needful Things. Southport Sass sports clothing with a flair you do not find everywhere. Vegan or gluten free? Southport Cookies is the bakery for you. Looking for a massage to treat yourself or give in a gift certificate? Stop into Handcrafted Massage. The Moody Bean serves up delicious coffee choices and treats to enjoy as you stroll the shops. Coming soon, Olde Smithville Exchange, is a step back in time with down home gifts, hunting/fishing/camping gear, dry goods and household items.

How about some pampering? After or during the holidays you might want to pay a little attention to yourself or give a gift certificate to a loved one. Here are some suggestions:

The Stretch and Mobility Coach, 21 Rob Gandy Blvd. Southport can help you regain some of your lost mobility and agility. First visit is \$25 introductory.

Take advantage of Premier Fitness and Wellness Studio's services: personal and medical training, group fitness, Infrared Sauna, Salt Water Float Spa, massage, and mani-pedi's. on Long Beach Rd. Gift certificates available.

Las Olas Skin and Body, near Joseph's restaurant, in the South Harbor Village Marina off Fish Factory Rd. between Oak Island and Southport offers premium skin care services. From peels to filers to botox to brows and lashes, owner Ashley, has something for you to go AHHHH. A menu of services and prices are available for booking online.

Lynn Hege, LE, CLT, PBT, for-

merly of Watertown, has opened her own med spa and laser clinic, Impressions Aesthetics & Laser, in Leland, 1107 New Pointe Blvd. Ste.20B. Experience expert skin care treatments at the hands of a proven medically experienced professional. Call today for a complimentary consultation.

Save gas and time. Park your car. Walk around and visit the Shops at Midtown Southport on Howe St. They offer something for everyone. Eight shops one stop: Try the soup at StrEATside. Have a craft beer and an Asian Fusion creation at Loco **Io's**. Sample wine at **Uncorke**d. Take classes at The Curious Mermaid. Select specialty cheeses and charcuterie at Southport Cheese Shoppe. Treat yourself or send a loved one an exquisite floral arrangement from Wild by Nature. Did someone say baubles, diamonds and jewels? Visit Renee's Fine Jewelry. Looking for unique home and cooking items? Cat on a Whisk has whatever you seek, for hosting or gifting.

This column showcases only some of the many opportunities available in Southport. Regular traffic has resumed. Let's help the businesses get back on their feet financially. They need it and you will enjoy helping them.

Happy Holidays! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Hanukah! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Happy Kwanza! Whatever you celebrate... Best wishes to All for a safe and serene 2025!

REMEMBER...Voting for the 2025 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS STARTS JANUARY I, 2025. CAMPAIGN FOR YOUR FAVORITE. Help your favorite win.



Voting Runs January 1st - February 15th.

Be sure to pick up the January issue for the categories ballot, which you can mail in or vote online thru the QR Code provided.







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The Old Brunswick County Jail Tours sponsored by Southport Historical Society will take place on Saturday, December 14, from 12-5pm at the Old Jail, decorated for the season. The jail was built in 1904 when Southport was the county seat, located on the corner of Nash & Rhett Streets. This is a perfect time to come learn a piece of Southport's history.



Southport Historical Society's Annual Holiday Tour of Homes is scheduled for 12-5pm on Saturday, December 14. Tickets are needed to join this tour and can be purchased for \$25 through the Southport Historical Society's website starting on November 28th as well as in person at Ft. Johnston Visitors Center and Museum beginning at 10am. Limit

of 4 tickets per person.

Southport Train and Toy Show which will take place at the Indian Trail Meeting Hall on December 14th, running from 12-5pm. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Wilmington Railroad Museum for their participation, as they will be showcasing a modular train setup and Wooden Tracks for kids. Our appreciation also goes out to the Grand Strand Model Railroaders and Intercoastal Model Railroad Club who will be sharing their traveling layouts with us.

Get ready to enjoy family fun at the Charlie Brown Christmas Concert & Party on Saturday, December 14, from 3-5pm at the Southport Community Building. Join us for a party with a concert by the Charlene Brown Trio & the Treble Makers, Santa, and more come together full of music & fun! For kids of all ages, including entertainment, snacks, drinks, an Ugly sweater contest, and more surprises! This event is hosted by the Brunswick Arts Council. In the spirit of giving, we invite you to bring along a donation—whether it's

Support Local on Small Business Saturday, November 30

mall Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses and communities across the country and is part of the larger Shop Small Movement. Founded by American Express in 2010, this day is celebrated each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in the U.S. Since it started in 2010, consumers have reported spending an estimated \$163 billion at small businesses across all 12 Small Business Saturdays combined.



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Charlene Brown Trio



The Treblemakers

For the 30th year, the Southport Winterfest Flotilla, sponsored by Cape Fear Yacht Club, Downtown Southport, Inc., and the City of Southport will illuminate the waterfront. Bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the beauty of Christmas lights bouncing off the water on Saturday, December 14, 6pm at the Southport Waterfront. The flotilla



route will showcase vessels from Old American Fish to Marker 19 near the Southport River Hotel, then return to Old American Fish and the Yacht Basin. Students from the Southport Elementary School Art Program will be judging the sail, power, and paddle boats of the flotilla. Come on down to the waterfront and support all the flotilla participants and enjoy the celebration.

Tis the season for fun, family, and community. So, join Southport for the week-long 2024 Christmas Season celebration. More information about Southport's WINTERFEST 2024 activities is available online at <a href="http://cityofsouthport.com/winterfest">http://cityofsouthport.com/winterfest</a> or by calling the Southport Visitors' Center at 910-457-7927.

#### **Dosher Welcomes New Chief Nursing Officer**

proud to welcome Jill Ward, RN, MSN, CCRN as its new Chief Nursing Officer. Ms. Ward, who initially joined the hospital as the interim CNO in June, brings over 25 years of distinguished nursing leadership experience to her new role

Ms. Ward joins Dosher from Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center, where she served as Chief Nursing Officer for eight years. Prior to her time at Novant, she held leadership roles with Tenet Healthcare as the Director of Critical Care Services at Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, SC, and as an Intensive Care Nurse Manager for Atrium Health in Charlotte.

Ms. Ward earned her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and her Master of Science in Nursing from Regis University in Denver, CO. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington.

Lynda Stanley, President and CEO

osher Memorial Hospital is of Dosher said, "In the short time that she has been with us, Jill has acclimated seamlessly with our culture and environment of care. We are confident that Jill will continue to embody the leadership style that enables Dosher to thrive while contributing to a positive, high quality experience for our patients. We are excited to have Jill join our team"



Dosher Memorial Hospital Chief Nursing Officer Jill Ward, RN, MSN, **CCRNs** 

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#### November 8 - 10 at The Brunswick Little Theatre

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Don't miss! Tickets on sale (online only) now! www.brunswicklittlethea-

#### **Ocean Isle to Hold Public Input Forum on Paid Parking**

A "paid parking" public input forum will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled open forum on November 7th, 2024 at 6pm at OIB Town Hall, All are welcome!

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#### **BOILING SPRING LAKES**

#### **December 6**

Christmas Parade/Christmas Tree Lighting 5-7pm

#### **CALABASH**

#### **November 28**

#### Calabash Turkey Trot

6:30am | 9876 Oak St. SW

The largest turkey trot in the Grand Strand Area is in Calabash North Carolina with Coastal Race Productions on Thanksgiving morning. Over 2,000 walkers and runners will start & finish down by the waterfront in Calabash. The morning starts out with a 10K followed by a 5K and 1 Mile. 100's of participants will run all 3 races for a total of 10.3 miles in the 3-race challenge earning some HUGE medals.

You must pre-register online as the races typically sell-out prior to Thanksgiving.

#### **HOLDEN BEACH**

#### **November 8**

#### Veterans Appreciation Luncheon 11:30am | 110 Rothschild Street

The event will be held at in the Town Hall Board Room. Please RSVP by emailing Christy at christy.ferguson@hbtownhall. com prior to Friday, November 1st with your name and the name of your guest.

#### **November 28**

#### **Turkey Trot**

8-9am

The Town of Holden Beach will hold its annual Turkey Trot Thanksgiving morning at 8:00 a.m. All individuals interested in participating should email Christy at christy.ferguson@hbtownhall.com to pre-register. Price of admission is canned food to donate to the local food pantry.

#### **LELAND**

#### **November 9**

#### Social Dance Nights: Contra, Latin & Swing

7-10pm | 1212 Magnolia Village Way

Everyone is invited to fun evenings of dancing with Cape Fear Contra Dancers, Wilmington Latin Dance, and Cape Fear Swing Dance Society! Come at 7 PM for a group beginner lesson, followed by open dancing. No partner or experience is necessary!

November 9: Contra (\$15 adults, \$1 students)

January 11: Latin (\$12)

January 24: Swing (\$12 adults, \$1 students)

## **November/December Events**

When available, \$1 student tickets may be purchased at the door. College students, please bring valid student ID.

#### November 13-14

#### 2024 Womenpreneur **Empowerment Summit**

9am-3pm | Brunswick Community College Leland Center | 2045 Enterprise Dr NE | \$25 Fee

Two days filled with inspiration, networking, and empowerment. Connect with like-minded women entrepreneurs, learn from industry leaders, and gain valuable insights to help you succeed in your business ventures. The summit will include keynote speakers, panel discussions, breakout sessions, and hands on activities to help you focus on balancing business & self-care.

For questions, please contact April Scott, Director Small Business Center at (910) 755-7306 or scotta@brunswickcc.edu. To register, visit the link below. See you there!

#### **OAK ISLAND**

#### November 15, December 6 Master Gardeners Plant Clinic

9am-12pm | Barbee Library | 8200 E. Oak Island Drive

Have questions about gardening, plant identification, plant diseases, soil samples, or turf? Drop in with samples, and/or photos and meet with Brunswick County's NC Sate Cooperative Extension Staff and Master Gardener SM Volunteers.

#### December 6

#### Tree Lighting & Holiday Market

5-7pm | Middleton Park

Have questions about gardening, plant

#### **OCEAN ISLE**

#### November 10, December 8

Bingo & Dinner

5:30-8:30pm | 7025 Beach Drive

Monthly Bingo! Join us for dinner, bingo, and tons of prizes and fun! The second Sunday of each month! Open to the community, invite friends and neighbors! Dinner includes one free bingo card, + all Learning Center students registered for this year will receive one additional free Bingo card!

#### **Holidays at Ocean Isle!** Friday, November 29, 2024:

HoliDAY at the Museum (Museum of Coastal Carolina, 10am-4pm)

**Black Friday Market** (Town Center Park, 10am-3pm)

Letters to Santa (Town Center Park, 6pm-8pm)

#### Saturday, November 30, 2024: **POA's Annual Christmas Parade**

(E Second Street, line-up begins at 1:15pm and parade begins at 2pm)

#### Ocean Isle Beach Holiday Flotilla

(Inlet View to OIFC, Sharky's, and 59 Causeway, 6 pm)

#### **SHALLOTTE**

#### **November 16**

Holiday Market

9am-2pm | Riverwalk | 158 Wall St

Live music, vendors, and more!

#### November 23-24

St. Brendan Catholic Church Holiday Craft Show

Sat 10am-6pm | Sun 8:30am-1pm

Over 60 Vendors! Crafts, Soup, baked goods, coffee and tea.

#### **December 8**

**Christmas Tree Lighting** 

5:30pm | Mulberry Park 123 Mulberry St.

#### **December 14**

**Christmas Market** 

9am-2pm | Riverwalk | 158 Wall St.

Live music, vendors, and more!

#### **SOUTHPORT**



#### November 2 Grand Night for Singing

7pm | Southport Presbyterian Church | 1025 E Moore St

A fundraiser for Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity featuring The 4K Quartet. Broadway, Jazz, Opera and a little but more in 4-part harmony! Tickets are

\$20 Adults, \$5 Kids. https://bit.ly/PCCo-

#### November 8, 22 & **December 9**

Movies on the Lawn Dusk | Garrison Lawn

Grab your chair or blanket and join us for a FREE monthly movie on the Garrison Lawn at Ft. Johnston! These family-friendly movies are brought to you by the Southport Parks & Recreation and Community

November 8: Safe Haven November 22: The Grinch December 9: Polar Express

Relations departments.

#### November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 26

#### Harper Library presents: One-On-One Tech Support

1pm-3pm | 109 W Moore St

Have trouble with your computer, tablet, or phone? Schedule a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with volunteer technology coach John McDonald. For adults age 17+. Register online: https://brunsco.libcal. com/appointments/harper#s-lc-public-pt

#### **December 7**

#### Skippers Crew: Let it Snow!

10am-3pm | North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport 108 S Davis Street

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! Join us to make your very own snow globe to take home with you. 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.

#### **WINNABOW**

#### **December 6**

#### A Light in the Darkest Night

4-7pm | Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson | 8884 Saint Philips Rd SE

Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson will be offering visitors the chance to experience a peaceful evening amongst the ruins of St. Philips Church as it is decorated in its holiday finest, with candlelight and greenery.

This FREE program allows for self guided exploration and meditation. Our visitor center and gift shop will remain open during the course of the evening to also allow a chance for a little holiday shopping.

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

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# Tis the Season! Enjoy these Holiday Events!





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Cassie at 484-951-7158.





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#### **Property Building Applications Transfer to Brunswick County**

s of August 28, 2024, all Development webpage. inspection, permit, and application requests for new building, planning, and/or zoning projects within the former Southport Extraterritorial Planning Jurisdiction (ETJ), should be submitted to Brunswick County.

The City of Southport is currently transferring all existing open permits to Brunswick County for completion. Permit holders will be notified once the transfer is finalized. Afterward, they will need to contact Brunswick County Code Administration for further details on the permit and inspection process to complete their project.

Brunswick County Code Administration primarily schedules in-person and virtual inspections through the Brunswick County Permit Portal. This includes any inspection necessary for a building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical/HVAC, or fire permit.

All contractors or individuals who need to schedule an inspection for a building permit must create a free account to submit future inspection requests to Code Administration.

Create your account and schedule an inspection through the Permit Portal at <a href="https://bcpp.brunswick-">https://bcpp.brunswick-</a> countync.gov/portal/#/login.

Find links to resources like the Permit Portal and information on how to submit projects, schedule inspections online, and make payments on the Brunswick County Permits &

For questions, contact the applicable Brunswick County department listed below:

Brunswick County Code Administration (Inspections and Building Permits): 910.253.2021

(Option 2)

Brunswick County Planning (Plan Applications and Zoning): 910.253.2025

Southport ETJ Relinquishment

The NC General Assembly relinquished Southport's Exterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) effective July 1, 2024. The statute gave Brunswick County 60 days to apply County zoning to the ETI area.

The entire area encompasses 615 Tax Parcels and approx.1911.16 acres and covers properties located to the North, East, and West between the City of Southport Limits and the Duke Energy Canal. The parcels within the former Southport ETI went to the Brunswick County

Planning Board as Rezoning Case #Z-898 on August 12, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers at the Brunswick County Government Center. The Planning Board tabled three parcels (221OA037, 221LA01501, & 221MC00702) and approved the other 612 parcels.

The Planning Board approved staff's recommended zoning for the three parcels during the September 9, 2024 Planning Board Meeting.

#### **Water Fountains Now Open at Taylor Field Dog Park**

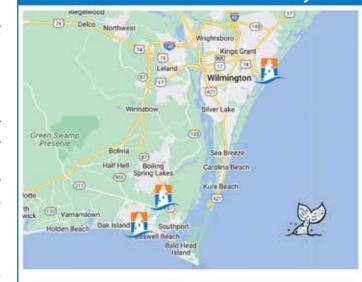
he City of Southport is excited to announce the completion of a community-funded project to install new dog water fountains throughout the city. Funded by the "Sisters of Southport/Winterfest Tea Committee" through their 2022 initiative, these fountains will

provide fresh, clean water for Southport's furry friends. This thoughtful addition to our public spaces reflects the city's ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life for both residents and visitors.

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- Civic and community programs
- Cultural and arts programs
- Emergency services
- Economic Development
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ber 1 through February 15. Grants are awarded in the spring.

Funding for this program comes from the equipment auction held during BEMC's Annual Meeting. Since its inception, more than \$750,000 has been given back to the community through these grants. For more information and to apply, visit bemc.org/community-grants.



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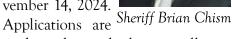
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#### **Now Accepting Charitable/ Non-Profit Organization Applications**

he Brunswick Sheriff's Charitable Foundation, Inc. has begun accepting applications from non-profit organizations located in Brunswick County, NC. One or more organizations will be chosen to receive a donation from proceeds of the 13th Annual Sheriff's Charity Ball. Donations will vary from year to year based on the success of the Charity Ball. The next Charity ball is scheduled for Friday March 7,

In keeping with the mission of the Foundation, applications are open to any non-profit organizations located in Brunswick County which offers programs specifically benefitting only Brunswick County residents. If the organization is a chapter of a national organization, the donation must be used exclusively in Brunswick County. Interested non-profit organizations should submit their

applications no later than November 14, 2024.





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to be submitted electronically on the Brunswick Sheriff's Charitable Foundation website at www.sheriffscharity.com

The application should include a brief history of the organization, its mission and how it benefits the residents of Brunswick County. If the organization plans to use the donated money for a specific project, it should be noted in the application. For application guidelines and submission, please go to the Foundation's website at: www.sheriffscharity.com For additional questions you can email us at sheriffscharity@ gmail.com or leave a message on the Foundation phone 910-253-0922.

#### **Project Lifesaver Bringing Loved Ones Home**

iff's Office offers a FREE service called Project Lifesaver Brunswick County residents who are caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease, autism or other conditions that make them likely to wander away from caregivers, or who have difficulties communicating with rescuers. Project Lifesaver bracelets can help rescuers find a loved one who has wandered away.

#### **About The Program**

Each participant's transmitter is assigned a radio frequency that is unique both to them and to their geographical area of the county. The bracelets may be worn on the client's wrist or ankle.

If the client goes missing the caregiver should call 911 immediately. The Brunswick County Sheriff's office will respond with a trained team

the Brunswick County Shert to start a search along with other emergency resources.

#### **Requirements**

In order to participate in the Project Lifesaver Program, the prospective client must meet all of the following requirements:

- Live within Brunswick County.
- Be diagnosed by a certified physician as having Alzheimer's disease, other dementia disorders, autism, Down's syndrome or similar disor-
- Be known to wander away from caregiver.

#### **Additional Information**

If you would like to be signed up for Project Lifesaver, you may complete the form below or contact the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office at (910) 253-2777 and ask to be transferred to the I.M.P.A.C.T. Unit.

#### **Brunswick Marketplace**

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runswick County Sheriff's Office is hosting their 4th Annual Special Olympics Ride right here at Beach House Harley-Davidson® on November 23. This is an escorted ride through southern Brunswick County and meet back at Beach House Harley-Davidson® for lunch. All proceeds are to benefit The Special Olympics. There will be a 50/50 raffle and giveaways!

#### **REGISTRATION INFO:**

• Location: Beach House Harley-Davidson, 100 Harley-Davidson® Dr.

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- Time: 9:30am-10:45am (KSU at 11:00am)
- Rider Fees: \$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger.

All riders are welcome to attend. Riding or not, come out and support an awesome cause! Donations are accepted.

For more information regarding this event, please contact one of the following: Sgt. Rebecca Allen 910-880-4832 (BCSO), -Somer Milliken 910-575-9997 (BHHD)





he Ingram Planetarium's holiday Dome Theater and Laser Show schedule, including Santa's Magic Telescope, provides virtual space exploration, educational films that inspire curiosity, and spectacular laser music shows that will make out-of-this-world holiday memories for visitors of all ages. Please call the Planetarium at (910) 575-0033 for all day-of-show reservations.

#### **Holiday Dome Theater Shows**

Every Thursday – Saturday, explore remote areas, journey to the farthest reaches of space, or discover the stars you'll see in your own backyard in our immersive theater - doors open at 10:30 am:

- 11:00 am Earth, Moon, & Sun Join Coyote, an amusing character adapted from Native American oral traditions, in a fast-paced and fun show that explores our home planet, its neighbors, lunar phases and more.
- 12:00 pm Mystery of the Christmas Star (New!) Journey back over 2,000 years to Bethlehem as we seek to discover a scientific explanation for the star the wise men followed to find the baby Jesus. This modern retelling of the Christmas story is sure to charm and captivate audiences of all ages.
- 1:00 pm Ancient Skies, Ancient Mysteries Stars have always been a source of mystery and wonder for people around the world. Experience the night sky through the lens of ancient cultures that lacked our current scientific understanding. Together, we'll explore how some cultures relied on stars to develop calendars, predict future events, and influence other facets of daily living.
- 2:00 pm A Place Like No Other Alaska is a place like no other and there are places so remote and wild that few Alaskans have ever explored. The Planetarium will take

you to the wilderness to see iconic animals and landscapes that define this last frontier.

• 3:00 pm – The Sky Tonight! – Tour the planets, constellations, and other celestial events happening in the night sky above our community. Then, next time you walk along the beach on a clear night, you'll be able to identify the celestial sights you see.

#### **Holiday Laser Music Shows**

Every Friday and Saturday evening, enjoy a unique and memorable sensory experience with laser effects accompanied by popular music heard through the area's best sound system – doors open at 5:30 pm:

- 6:00 pm Classic Holiday Relax in the Planetarium's Sky Theater and enjoy colorful laser images displayed on the domed ceiling accompanied by beloved holiday music including Sleigh Ride, Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, Winter Wonderland, and Jingle Bell Rock
- 7:00 pm Trans-Siberian Orchestra With more than 10 million albums sold, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO) is a progressive rock band that pushes musical boundaries, inspiring generations of fans to rediscover the multi-dimensional art form of the rock opera. Enjoy TSO's popular holiday concert setlist with laser light effects.

## Special Event - Santa's Magic Telescope

December 8 and 22 at 5:00 pm, join three curious cousins on a cosmic Christmas Eve adventure! In their grandparents' attic, they find a magic telescope that can show the wonders of the universe. Upon looking through it, they're transported to Santa's sleigh and Santa takes them on a journey through the cosmos. Santa's Magic Telescope is a heartwarming tale of holiday magic and celestial exploration.





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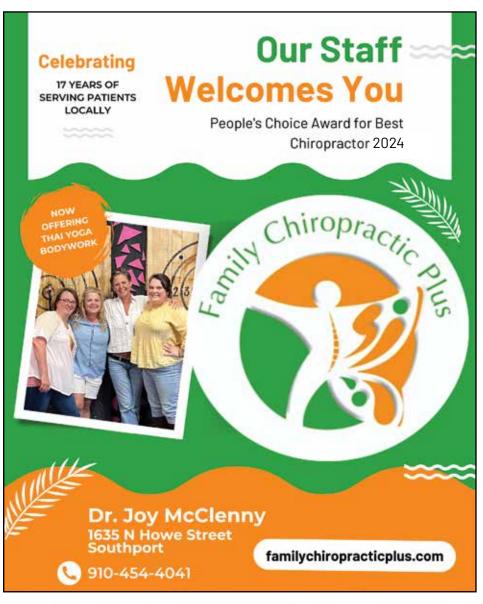


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#### **Women of Impact Brunch**

omen in Business has developed the Women of Impact Brunch in an effort to champion women from diverse backgrounds and industries to ensure their achievements become part of the fabric of our community.

This year's event will be held Wednesday, November 13, from 9:30am-11:30am at The Isle's Restaurant, 417 W 2nd Street, Ocean Isle Beach.

## **Keynote Women of Impact Speaker**

Stefanie Adams - Founder and Chief Empowerment Officer, is a facilitator, keynote speaker, educator, former elected official, adjunct university instructor entrepreneur, wife, and mother; for those who know her best, she is "Cheerleader Stef", which personifies her personality and leadership style. She has over 20 years experience leading and training in corporate, non-profit, and government settings. She earned an M.Ed. in Multicultural Education in 2008, and her professional affiliations include the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the Lower Cape Fear HR Association (LCFHRA), and she is a certified Forte Communication Coach.

Advanced tickets only: \$50 includes Brunch and Drink ticket

To register: <a href="https://brunswickcountychamber.chambermaster.com/">https://brunswickcountychamber.chambermaster.com/</a> events/details/2024-women-of-impact-brunch-42021







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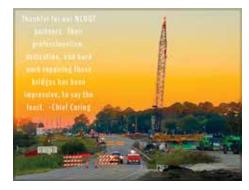


#### Oak Island Masonic Lodge Donates to Four Local Organizations

The Oak Island Masonic Lodge recently donated the proceeds from their 2024 Fall Boston Butt Sale to the Oak Island Beautification Club, the Southport Christian Recovery Center, Oak Island Sea Turtles and Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter.

#### The Bridges are Open!

Thank you for getting the Bridges on 211 repaired and opened back up in record time!



#### **Special Donor Spotlight!**

Come and see the new pergola swing at the Harper Library Reading Garden. Thanks to our "friends" for purchasing the swing and the materials, and a BIG thanks to Randy Meekins who kindly donated his time and wood-working expertise to build it so that library patrons can enjoy this wonderful enhancement to the garden. We are so grateful.



#### Lions Club Members Making a Difference

District 31N Lions (including local Lions and Lions from across the district) spent time in Boiling Springs Lakes September 21 with the Disaster Relief Trailer. Lions provided food and fellowship to the communities in Brunswick County North Carolina impacted by local storm that impacted Brunswick County in September.





#### **Southport Lowes Fire Safety Day!**

On Saturday, October 12, The Lowes Southport held a Fire Safety Day where kids were able to tour the fire trucks, build their own block kits and have fun with the firefighters while learning the safety of what to do if a fire breaks out!





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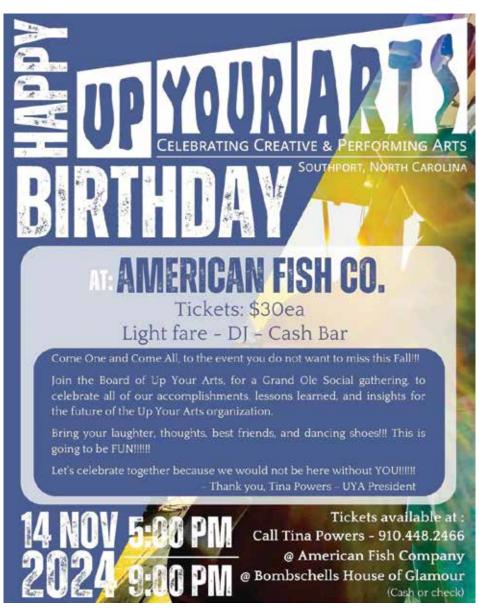
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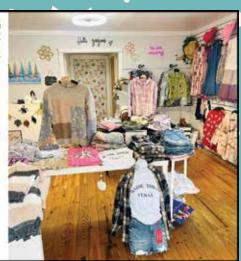






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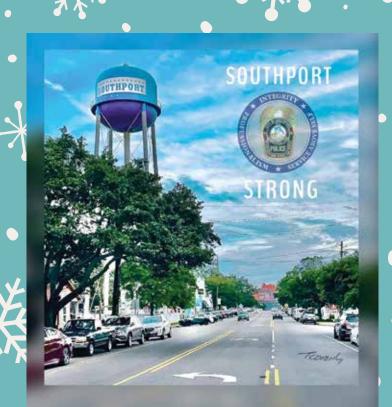


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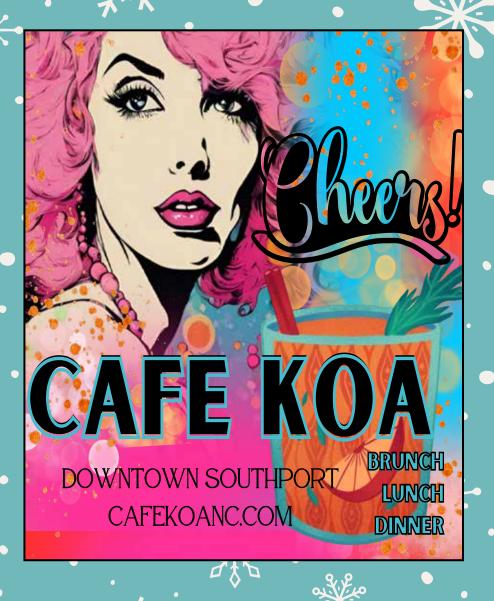


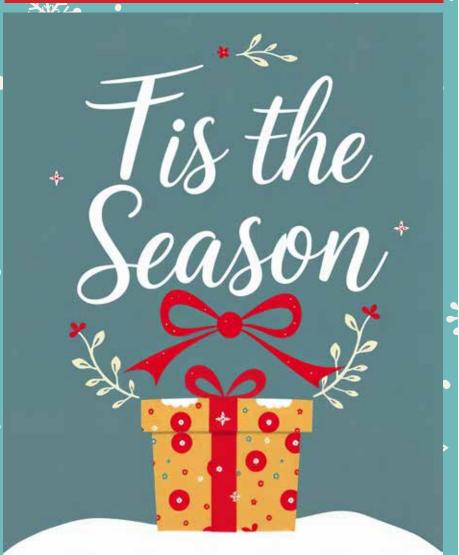


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#### 46th Annual U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament Awards Over \$425,000 in Prizes

he record-setting 46th Annual U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament was held Oct. 3-5 at Dutchman Creek Park. It attracted 568 boats, beating the highest number of participants in the tournament's history by seven boats set in 2021. Total purse was over \$425,000.

First place honors were awarded to Captain William Zeron and his crew Terry Eason II aboard FinZ from Southport, NC with their 41.85 lb., king mackerel beating the 2nd place team by .45 ounces. They won a total of \$44,678.00 for their efforts.



Left to Right: Terry Eason, II; Captain William Zeron and Carol Magnani (Chair of the US Open King Mackerel Tournament)

The second-place team, Scale Bound, led by Captain Trask Cunningham of Little River, SC, brought in a king mackerel weighing 41.40 lbs., which won them a combined total of \$21,807.00.

In third place, Reel Trashy, led by Captain Hunter Harrington of Sanford, NC weighed in a 38.45 pound king, winning \$60,939 including first place Single Engine and first place High Roller prizes.

Fourth place received the biggest winnings with \$114,222 going to Captain Brant McMullan and crew aboard OIFC boat out of Ocean Isle Beach, NC who weighed in a 37.25 pound king. Included in their prize money were winnings from the first place Lady and Super High Roller prizes.

Fifth place honors and \$27,589 in winnings went to Captain Ben Coleman and crew Trey Mansfield & Katie Coleman aboard Ben Fish'n out of Southport, NC for their 35.80 pound king.

The winners are determined by the weight of the fish; however, the total prize money is determined by the number of additional categories the anglers choose to enter in the tournament.

"We appreciate all of the captains and crews who fish with us year after year, and we welcome the new teams who joined us for their first US Open tournament. The extraordinary 568 boats registered this year allowed us not only to extend the awards field from 55 to 80 places, but also made it possible for us to pledge a \$12,000 donation to Western NC storm relief in honor of all our anglers. We also appreciate the people in the Southport and Oak Island communities, the sponsors, and the many volunteers who help make this the biggest, and best, king tournament on the east coast. We could not do this without all of their support!" said 2024 Tournament Board of Directors Chair, Carol Magnani.

This was the fifth time the tournament was held at Dutchman Creek Park. Brunswick County Parks & Recreation officials worked with Tournament officials to ensure a family friendly and fun event was held. A popular change in this year's tournament was moving the awards ceremony to Rusty Hooks Dockside Grill and the crew pickup to Safe Harbor South Harbour Village Marina. The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office provided marine traffic control on the water and the US Coast Guard provided rescue services.

The U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament is the largest king mackerel tournament on the East Coast and has a \$2 million economic impact on the region. It is held annually the first week of October and is an event of the Southport Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce.

Full tournament results are available at www.usopenkmt.com, video of the weigh-ins can be found at www.usopenkmtlive.com and photos are available at the U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament Facebook page.



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• Registration Cost: \$75 per boat (fish with as many people as you wish in accordance with safety regulations.)

Boats will be scored on the aggregate weight of 4 Speckled Seatrout (14"+). One entry per boat.

- *TWT* (*optional*): \$25 entry Big Fish (Winner takes all)
- *TWT* (*optional*): High Roller \$50 (payouts: 1st-55%, 2nd-30%, 3rd-15%)
- Artificial and live bait allowed.
- Launch at any public ramp in Brunswick County. Weigh in at BCFC Beside the wildlife ramp in Sunset Harbor.

#### **Pay Outs**

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• 1st Place: \$1650

• 2nd Place: \$900

• 3rd Place: \$450

Registration and Captain's Meeting-Participants registration will be open online via our website at www. mybcfc.org until the captain's meeting at 7 pm Friday December 6th, 2024. In-person registration will happen on Friday December 6th, 2024, from 5pm-7pm and on Saturday December 7th, 2024, from 5:30am-6am at the Brunswick County Fishing Club located at 3911 Hickory View Drive Sunset Harbor, NC. The captains meeting will be live streamed on Facebook for those who cannot make the captains meeting in person. Attendance at the live or online captain's meeting is mandatory for each participant unless authorized by tournament director.

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- Registration Time: 9-11:30am
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# **Dosher to Host Ribbon Cutting and Lunch at Oak Island Medical Clinic**

osher Memorial Hospital will host a ribbon cutting on November 18, 2024, at 12:00pm at their Oak Island Medical Clinic at 4700 E. Oak Island Drive, Oak Island. Lunch will be available directly after the ribbon cutting until 1:30pm. The ribbon cutting is to commemorate the completion of renovations to the clinic space as outlined in Phase 1 of Dosher's 7-year Master Facility Plan. The redesigned clinic added additional provider spaces, which will enable Dosher to

expand access to primary care services for the local community.

Staffed by Lorraine Gauthier, MD, Laura Strickland, DO, and Deborah Cobb, FNP-BC, the Oak Island clinic operates Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The ribbon cutting and luncheon on November 18 th is open to the public, and all are welcome. Call the Office of Community Relations at Dosher at 910-457-3900 with questions or for more information.

# Kick off the Christmas Season with a Parade!



#### Town of Oak Island, NC

#### Oak Island

The Oak Island Parade will take place Saturday, December 7 at 2pm.

To participate in the 2024 Christmas by The Sea Parade, send the completed application and payment to Rose Braam (rbraam@oakislandnc.gov), Town of Oak Island, 4601 E. Oak Island Dr., Oak Island, NC 28465. The Parade application deadline is Wednesday, November 20.

https://www.oakislandnc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/1860/638639041062068457

#### Calahash

Kick off the holiday season Friday, December 6, at 6:00pm in downtown Calabash at Callahan's of Calabash as we celebrate 29 years of small-town holiday charm with our annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade. This event is a community tradition, featuring festive music, caroling, hot cocoa, and a visit from Santa Claus!

Children can send their Christmas wishes straight to Santa at our "Official North Pole Mail" station, and each letter will be delivered to him as he prepares for Christmas!

We're also gathering donations for local children and seniors, supporting schools and charities that make



a difference here in our community.

#### **Shallotte**

The Shallotte Parade will be held on December 7 at 10am. Parade begins at Main St./Hwy 130 Intersection and will end at intersection of Main St./Smith Avenue.

All applications must be dropped off in person at Town hall with payment. There will be an additional consent form to be completed at drop off.

#### **Bolivia**

The Bolivia fire department Christmas parade will be December 14th at 11:00am from the Government Complex and ending at Bolivia Elementary!

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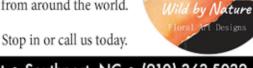


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FREE tickets will be required for this concert to ensure a seat! Do not delay. Tickets will go fast. You may pick up your FREE tickets at the following locations beginning October 15th:

- Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce 910-457-6964
- Ricky Evans Gallery, Southport 910-457-1129
- The Shoe Center Leland, Villages at Brunswick Forest 910-371-9881
- Port City Java, Olde Waterford Way, Leland 910-383-2429
- Scott's Farm and Family, Main St., Shallotte 910-755-6055
- Odell Williamson Auditorium,

755-8513

Donations are always welcomed as Sea Notes is a non-profit organization. For more information, visit us at www.sea-notes.com.

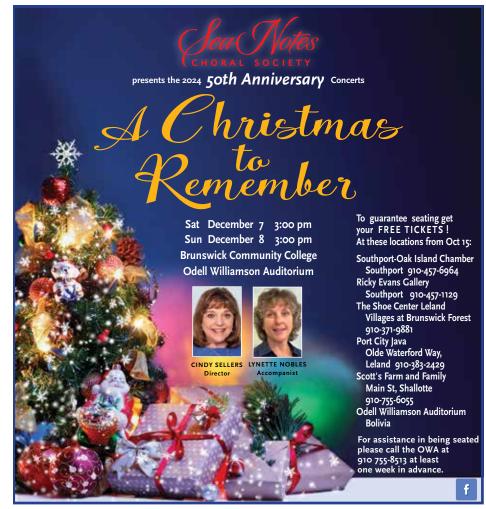
#### **Celebrating 50 Years**

2024 is the 50th year of the Sea Notes Choral Society bringing the joy of music to the people of Brunswick County, and we are celebrating! So how did we get our start? It was about May of 1974 that the chair of the brand-new Southport Bicentennial Committee, Mr Bill Crowe, asked Mrs Connie Ledgett to pull some singers together to provide Patriotic music for a big Bicentennial committee event in the fall. Connie then called several friends who sang in local church choirs, as was the Southport custom when one needed special music. We started rehearsing Patriotic songs. Connie thought it sounded pretty good, so she arranged for us to sing at the NC Fourth of July Festival. After performing on a float in the July 4th parade, we appeared on the waterfront that evening.

After the Fourth, people were telling us that we were pretty good, we ought to keep it going, start a community chorus, have weekly rehearsals and planned performances. We all agreed, and Connie appointed Cindy to be the director. There was no choral music in Southport for this purpose, so in August, Cindy went to New Hanover High School in Wilmington and borrowed several pieces for Christmas from the music teacher, Jane Price. By this time, a City. There was a wonderful article wonderful pianist, Randy Page, had moved to town, and Connie recruited him to play. Rehearsals officially began around the first of September, held on Monday nights at Trinity United Methodist Church. Officers were elected, and members started paying dues so that music and choir robes could be purchased (thankfully, the choir robes are long gone!).

On October 17th on the lawn at City Hall, where Franklin Square Gallery is today, the big event for which we were organized took place, a ceremony for the presentation of a Bicentennial Flag as Southport was designated a National Bicentennial

with a picture in the State Port Pilot. Still unnamed, members were asked to submit ideas for naming, and it was Alneta Crowe (Mrs Bill Crowe) who suggested "Sea Notes." borrowed Christmas music, titles of which were listed in a news article, was prepared for presentation at the Woman's Club's annual Holiday House at the Community Building, where various choirs would entertain during the two-day event. And so it was that on Sunday, December 17, 1974 the new chorus performed in concert for the first time as the Sea Notes Choral Society. And the rest is history!







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#### **Christmas Craft**

December 4 | 6-7:30pm \$10.00 per person

Register to make a fun Snowman Hot Chocolate craft with Recreation Department. You can keep it for yourself or it makes a wonderful Christmas gift.

#### **Christmas Movie Night**

December 11 | 5pm

This is a FREE event but you must register. Bring a chair or blanket to get cozy and watch Home Alone.

#### **Gingerbread Decorating**

December 9 | 6-7:30pm | \$5

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#### **Ugly Sweater Contest**

December 12 | 8am-3pm

Wear your best Ugly Christmas Sweater to the Oak Island Recreation Center, and get your picture taken in front of the mural on the wall. The winner will be given a prize of a free month gym membership!

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#### **Ports of Call Celebrating 14 Years**

by Jacob Pfohl

n the middle of its 14th year of Service, Ports of Call Bistro's vision and purpose as a local community restaurant remains an important part of the Southport and greater Brunswick Country community. Based on our logs of guest visits, about 350,000 have had meals with us since we opened our doors in 2011.



Ports of Call warmly welcomes friends, family, and strangers alike, whose paths lead them to our door. We delight in celebrating the unique days and seasons of our local customers' lives, as well as visitors and friends from every corner of the world.

Central to our mission goes beyond providing a fine dining experience complemented by exceptional beverages. We are passionate about fostering a spirit of friendship and unity. We celebrate the vibrant tapestry of cultures that make up our local community and extend across our planet. Our aim is to bring people together through food, enriching their lives with flavors and culinary traditions from around the globe.

#### At the Start, and What's Next?

As we continue to evolve we have learned a great deal from our community and guests that have shared the last 14 years with us.

As we built out the restaurant in early 2011, The challenge was to transform a grey, rectangular wall-board space into a welcoming dining area that evokes the warmth and charm of faraway places. With

elements drawn from a Spanish Villa, a Moroccan bazaar, and an Indian temple, the space is adorned with elegant chandeliers. Warm and textured lighting in hues of yellow, brown, and red further enhances the experience, cascading across the walls and highlighting Moorish-style arches

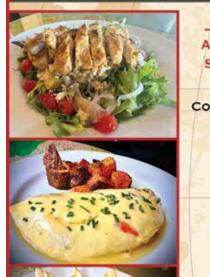
New Service Schedules: We are excited as a restaurant to have completed half of our 14 year in business. But every business seeks to further evolve and grow building on its previous experience. We have sought insights from our customers as to what they would like to experience next at Ports of Call. Our values and mission have not changed, but we This dining area is not just a space-it's a journey. It is designed to welcome you home while simultaneously transporting you to the enticing, far-off corners of life and culture. We just now recently renovated both the Exterior of the Restaurant and some of the interior areas, such as our Lounge and Bathroom areas, and some of the flooring. This project was undertaken by our Property Owners, James and Betsy Carroll. The exterior of the building has undergone a major renovation, and invites you with our lovely new Front of the Building and Entrance. As a business, we are taking some new directions as part of a process of continuous improvement of our Food, Services and Ambience. We have taken stock of the evolution of our food services since our opening in 2011. We are also altering our Schedule, with a greater emphasis on our Dinner Services. Given current market conditions and demand, we are offering lunch Friday and Saturdays only, and will cater additional lunches earlier in the week on a group event basis, for groups of 15 or more. Our dinner service remains each Tuesday through Saturday night, but will start earlier a 4 pm each day, and continue through our regular hours until closing, about 9 pm, or 9:30 pm on weekends. Our Sunday Brunch schedule remains the same, from 10 am until 2 pm every Sunday. 116 N Howe Street, Southport, NC 910.457.4544

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The City of Southport is currently transferring all existing open permits to Brunswick County for completion. Permit holders will be notified once the transfer is finalized. Afterward, they will need to contact Brunswick County Code Administration for further details on the permit and inspection process to complete their project.

Brunswick County Code Administration primarily schedules in-person and virtual inspections through the Brunswick County Permit Portal. This includes any inspection necessary for a building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical/HVAC, or fire permit.

All contractors or individuals who need to schedule an inspection for a building permit must create a free account to submit future inspection requests to Code Administration.

Create your account and schedule an inspection through the Permit Portal at <a href="https://bcpp.brunswick-">https://bcpp.brunswick-</a> countync.gov/portal/#/login.

Find links to resources like the Permit Portal and information on how to submit projects, schedule inspections online, and make payments on the Brunswick County Permits &

For questions, contact the applicable Brunswick County department listed below:

Brunswick County Code Administration (Inspections and Building Permits): 910.253.2021

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Brunswick County Planning (Plan Applications and Zoning): 910.253.2025

Southport ETJ Relinquishment

The NC General Assembly relinquished Southport's Exterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) effective July 1, 2024. The statute gave Brunswick County 60 days to apply County zoning to the ETJ area.

The entire area encompasses 615 Tax Parcels and approx.1911.16 acres and covers properties located to the North, East, and West between the City of Southport Limits and the Duke Energy Canal. The parcels within the former Southport ETJ went to the Brunswick County

Planning Board as Rezoning Case #Z-898 on August 12, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers at the Brunswick County Government Center. The Planning Board tabled three parcels (221OA037, 221LA01501, & 221MC00702) and approved the other 612 parcels.

The Planning Board approved staff's recommended zoning for the three parcels during the September 9, 2024 Planning Board Meeting.

#### **Water Fountains Now Open at Taylor Field Dog Park**

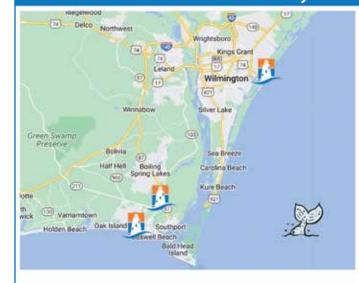
he City of Southport is excited to announce the completion of a community-funded project to install new dog water fountains throughout the city. Funded by the "Sisters of Southport/Winterfest Tea Committee" through their 2022 initiative, these fountains will

provide fresh, clean water for Southport's furry friends. This thoughtful addition to our public spaces reflects the city's ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life for both residents and visitors.

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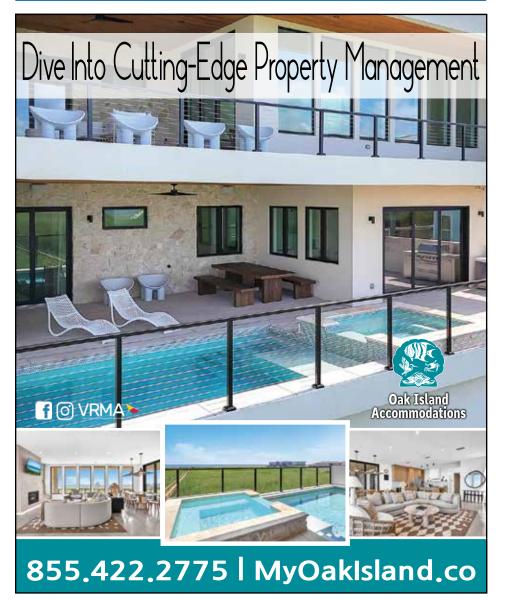
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Franklin Square Gallery to Host Empty Bowls Event

ranklin Square Gallery, Associated Artists of Southport has begun its year long effort for Empty Bowls 2025!

Our Artists are busy creating one of a kind bowls to support the Empty Bowls mission to "eliminate hunger in our communities ONE BOWL at a time".

#### What is Empty Bowls...

The "Empty Bowls Project" is an international grassroots effort to raise both money and awareness in the fight to end hunger.

An empty bowl is a reminder of individuals who go hungry everyday. This simple gesture and act of kindness allows you to be a difference. A meal of donated soup and bread is served. Participants take home a hand crafted ceramic bowl as a reminder of those facing food insecurity in Brunswick County.

Your purchase of a sponsorship or ticket helps fill a neighbors' Empty Bowl.

All proceeds support Mathew's Ministry, Brunswick Assistance and Southport, Oak Island Food Pantry.

Silent auction and raffle on day of event.

#### **Become a Sponsor**

#### \$250 Level:

- 2 Tickets
- Your Name or Business Name on digital advertisements, social media blitz

#### \$500 Level:

- 4 tickets
- Name or Logo on print and

digital advertisements

**EMPTY** 

**BOWLS** 

- Social media blitz
- Name mentioned as Silver during event
- Print inclusion sponsor commitment is necessary by June 1, 2025

#### \$1000 Level:

- 6 tickets
- Empty Bowls Apron
- Name or Logo on print and digital advertisements
- Social media blitz
- Name mentioned as GOLD sponsor during event several times
- Banner with logo placed in event area
- Print inclusion sponsor commitment is necessary by June 1, 2025\*

Contact Charleea Yarbrough 2025 Chair charleeabarrett39@ gmail.com 336-588-3974 for additional information on sponsorship.

#### **Buy Tickets**

https://form.jotfor.com/ 242255233055146

Visit the Franklin Square Gallery website at: <a href="http://www.franklinsquaregallery.com">http://www.franklinsquaregallery.com</a>



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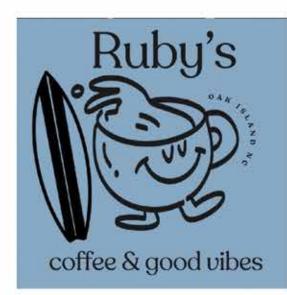
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