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Congratulations to all the 2024 Winners in the People's Choice Awards Voting.

More than a thousand votes were cast on Survey Monkey by readers all over Brunswick County. Many businesses seriously campaigned and asked their customers to vote for them...and vote they did! If your favorite business did not win this year...well, there is always next year.

For more than 18 years Brunswick Marketplace has worked to support small businesses throughout the county by getting them noticed and helping them to build a loyal clientele of locals and visitors. Their success is our success.

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Dosher Receives Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award®

Dosher is recognized as a leader in patient experience within the healthcare industry.

Dosher Memorial Hospital announced today that their Surgical Services department has been named a 2023 Human Experience (HX) Guardian of Excellence Award® winner by Press Ganey, the global leader in healthcare experience solutions and services.

This award is part of Press Ganey’s annual ranking of top hospitals and health systems in the country, according to performance in patient experience.

As a winner of the Press Ganey HX Guardian of Excellence Award®, Dosher is in the top 5% of healthcare providers for patient experience in surgical care in the last year.

“We recognize Dosher as a top performing leader in healthcare for their commitment to patient experience,” said Patrick T. Ryan, chairman and CEO at Press Ganey. “They understand the importance of placing patients, healthcare professionals, and industry partners at the core of their work. Dosher turns words into action by fostering a future where exceptional healthcare experiences are not just goals but tangible achievements.”

Dosher’s commitment to patient experience is supported through an organization comprised of dedicated individuals who have made it their

mission to deliver extraordinary care through every phase of a patient encounter and to seek ways to create continual improvement.

Dosher President and CEO Lynda Stanley says, “This award represents an important recognition in a staff that supports a culture of quality, safety, and overall excellence. We are grateful for the shared values that our staff members hold which enable us to provide the high level of care that our community can count on.”

About Dosher

Dosher is an independently owned critical access hospital in Southport, North Carolina.

Dosher operates a network of medical and surgical services in their service area, including five primary care clinics, a walk-in clinic, a general surgery practice, and a women’s health clinic, a nationally recognized Wound Care Center, cardiac rehab, joint replacement, and a full spectrum of therapy services, including physical, occupational, and speech. Hospital services include a 24-hour Emergency Department and a 25-bed inpatient care unit. Dosher has 350 employees, 100 medical staff members and 150 volunteers. For more detailed information on service lines, visit Dosher.org.



Dosher Surgical Services Team, who received the Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award

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Is it Summer Yet?

by Joanne Thompson

Well, even though the weather this spring has been a tad chaotic, going from hot to cold to blustery to pollen laden... we are transitioning into summer.

Memorial Day is in our sight as is Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, weddings, and beach vacations.

Here is what is happening around Brunswick County.

Pelican Seafood and **Clem's** have closed, leaving Haag and Sons the only place to buy your local fresh catch on Oak Island. If visitors want to take Seafood home reserve early.

Potters Seafood at the Yacht Basin on the Southport Waterfront, long a family tradition, is going strong with local catch for sale.

ALERT: Ok all you lobster roll aficionados... check **StrEATside** on Howe Street in Southport for reportedly THE Best lobster roll...not available all the time, but when it is oh boy it sells out fast.

Long time favorite **Frosty's** on Oak Island Drive has new owners dishing up some sweet ice cream that reports say is yummy.

On Oak Island, **Swain's Seafood**, in addition to being open for dinner Tues-Sat 4-8pm, is open for lunch Thur-Sat 11:40-2pm. Hot news is Swain's will open a patio with a light menu and live music in the area between the restaurant and the adjoining building. It will open as a bakery/market called Stuffed. Long

known as Home of the Key Lime Pie Stuffed Coconut Cake, at Swain's new options you will be able to buy marketplace cakes, pies, crab cakes salads to take home.

Watch for the opening of newest **San Felipe** location at Southport Crossings Way. It is a stand-alone, welcoming hacienda style restaurant complete with an outdoor patio where live local music will be featured. A new food and drinks menu of the same high quality will be featured. Rumor has it that the location in the plaza near Hobby Lobby, which is due to open during the summer, will remain, but will undergo some surprising changes sure to please. Stay tuned.

Chuck's Homemade at 5021 Southport Crossings Way has a new traveling ice cream party trailer suitable for parties and events. Call Chuck for a sweet time!

If you are hankering for smokey BBQ, brisket, chicken or pork and sides like Mac and cheese and cowboy beans, **Mo's Wood Fired Kitchen**, off Long Beach Road, between Oak Island and Southport, is smoking up a storm. Get what you want to go or eat in. If you are having an event or family gathering book chef Kevin's smoker food truck to cater. Why cook when you can be catered to?

If you know bikes and are serious about your equipment, **Island Bicycles** on Long Beach Road is an authorized TREK retailer. You can

shop in store or online for Cruisers, Fat-Tire, Comfort, Electric-assisted, Road, Hybrid, and Catrike biked.

Pizzetta's in Leland, Brunswick Forest, is serving selection of pizzas, dinner specials, and homemade desserts that locals and visitors alike are crazy about whether eat in or take out. Always made-to-order with the freshest ingredients, the choices are just plain Great!

Amelia's Grille, 1564 Market Place Blvd., Ocean Isle Beach has some nightly specials and a soft shell crab sandwich that is delish!

Happy one-year Anniversary to **Haven** in Southport... not just THE place for real fresh made gelato, but known for good Italian wines, live music and kool fun.

Happy one-year Anniversary to **Southport Suzie's** located in the Big Lots Plaza off Long Beach Road. Frozen yogurt, wines, craft beers, charcuterie, outdoor seating, groups welcome and live music.. what's not to love!

Need a charcuterie board for a party, outdoor music party, graduation, or just fun? Check out the **Southport Cheese Shoppe**. It's more than cheese. Freshly made each day soups, sandwiches, breads and bagels as well as all things complementing cheese can be found here.

Shopping for inspired floral arrangements? **Wild By Nature** on Howe Street in Southport creates inspired arrangements by owner Robin Weir. No event is complete without a touch

of her floral genius..a real touch of class!

Needful Things, an independent book store has opened in The Old Village Shoppes of Southport behind the Smokehouse. It hosts book signings by local authors and sells their books. Stop in and browse for a new read or gardening items or unique gifts.

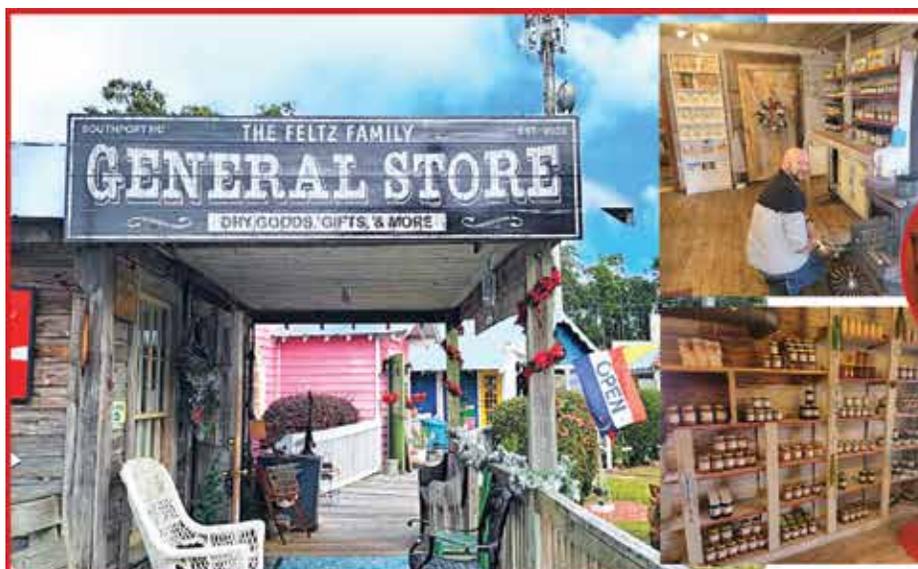
While you are exploring the Shoppes, visit **Feltz Family General Store**, next door to Needful Things, for "step back in time" goodies...children's toys and puzzles and games, and jams and preserves to name a few items. There is always fun things happening for children to enjoy.

Every Wednesday starting in May you can roam the **Farmer's Market** from 9am-2pm at **The Olde Village Shoppes** at Southport.

New in Calabash at 10140 Beach Dr. SW, **My Favorite Styles** is a sports specialty store for active people. Shop for equipment, sport specific shoes, and clothing in person at the store or on line with free shipping. Whether your jam is cycling, running, fitness, swimming, tennis or pickleball, you can find your style here.

If you know something going on with businesses in Brunswick County that you would like to share, please contact us. We welcome your suggestions, comments and input!

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If you've been considering an energy efficiency project, whether it's DIY or one that requires a licensed professional, a Weatherization Loan can help. BEMC Members can apply for a loan up to \$10,000 for residential and commercial projects. Terms can be as long as 60 months, and payments are included with your monthly electric bill. Often the amount of the loan payment is offset by energy savings.

Togetherwesave.com has a list of energy efficiency ideas for you to consider. Eligible projects include new heat pumps with a minimum 15 SEER rating, new electric or solar water heaters, ENERGY STAR replacement windows and doors, insulation of all types, and duct repair or replacement.

If you own your home served by the cooperative, receive a monthly electric bill and have two years of service with a good payment history,



the loan process is simple.

- 1) Choose a contractor (must be licensed for heat pump installation)
- 2) Obtain cost estimates
- 3) Complete an application at any BEMC office or at bemc.org/weatherization-loans

You will be notified of the status of your application within 24 hours. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to be as energy efficient as possible. As always, call (800) 842-5871 to speak with one of our energy experts about any questions you may have.

Dosher to Hold Community Cookout & Birthday Party Saturday, June 8. All are Welcome

Dosher Memorial Hospital announced today that its third annual Community Cookout is set for Saturday June 8th, at the front entrance of Dosher Hospital, at 924 N. Howe St. from 11:30am - 1:30pm. All are welcome to join Dosher staff, Trustees, Volunteers, and hospital leaders for the celebration, which will include a cookout lunch, dessert, and music.

Dosher President and CEO Lynda Stanley said, "The cookout has become a much-anticipated event in our community. It celebrates the birthday of Dosher Hospital, which opened its doors 94 years ago on June 2, and is a time to honor patients and staff, as well as the past, present, and future of local healthcare. We look forward to en-

joying this happy occasion with all who support our hospital."

There is no charge to attend this event. Pre-registration is not required but is appreciated. Go to Dosher.org/birthday, or call 910-457-3900 for more information or to RSVP.



Guests at the 2023 Community Cookout.

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Planning Underway for the 229th North Carolina Fourth of July Festival

The official state of North Carolina Fourth of July festival is gearing up for another successful year of celebrating America's Independence Day. With nearly 50,000 visitors coming to the region each year to partake in the festivities, event organizers are seeking sponsors to help fund this annual event.

This year, the festival boasts a full schedule of events and a variety of changes to the festival's calendar.

The 2024 festival will feature a firefighter's competition, nightly live entertainment, children's games, arts and crafts, Freedom Flotilla, parade, a Naturalization Ceremony, great food, and so much more.

Additionally, Oak Island, N.C. will host Beach Day, which will feature a corn hole tournament, bocce ball, volleyball and skate competitions, shag dance contest, and an evening concert featuring a live band and dancing. The festival will conclude with a fireworks display overlooking the Cape Fear River on the Southport waterfront.

Sponsorship packages range from Eagle Sponsor to a Sparkler, designed so that everyone can participate in helping the festival continue to provide a fantastic Independence Day celebration. For participating merchants, the exposure is well

worth the sponsorship investment. In addition to publicity before, during, and after the festival, some of the packages include VIP package(s), signage on the festival grounds, and print ad(s) recognition. Our sponsorship goal of \$85,000 will contribute to covering the costs of the Festival.

The North Carolina Fourth of July Festival is a non-profit entity that depends entirely on the support of its sponsors. Incorporated in 1972, the festival's mission is to promote patriotism to the United States of America, the State of North Carolina, the County of Brunswick, and the City of Southport, as first evidenced by the celebration of the nation's independence by the military personnel at Fort Johnston and the local townspeople. The 2024 festival is already shaping up to be a fun-filled event that promises to bring thousands of visitors to the area. Sponsors are vital to the ongoing success of the Festival.

To become a sponsor or advertise to the 50,000+ visitors, visit the Festival's website or email the Festival at nc4thofjulyfestival@gmail.com or contact the Sponsorship Chairperson, Sarah Hunter at 336-971-9294.

For more information on the North Carolina Fourth of July Festival, visit www.nc4thofjuly.com.

Vendors Sought for September Fundraiser

Vendors are needed for the first annual Blue Teal Market on the campus of Brunswick Community College. The vendor fees from this market directly benefit BCC's baseball and softball teams. Junior College athletics rely heavily on fundraising to ensure they have an adequate budget for their season.

The event will take place September 21st from 9am - 5pm. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or have a food truck that you would like to bring to the event, please comment below or email us at blueteamarket@gmail.com and I will be in touch with an application.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

SOUTHPORT DOG



Training & Dog Parks

We are so excited to announce Southport Dog will be opening Saturday, June 1 from 12pm-7pm.

We will start booking group classes in early May. Classes will consist of training for puppies and basic obedience classes as well as private sessions.

We will also have dog parks for dog socialization and fun for dogs. To be a part of Dog Park fun your canine must be current on vaccinations and spayed or neutered.

Southport Dog is located at 1222 North Howe Street in Southport.



Unserviceable U.S. Flag collection!

Rescheduled



From this Saturday, March 23rd to **Saturday, MAY 18th**

The John E Jacobs American Legion Post 68, Leland

will be hosting an unserviceable U.S. Flag collection!

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The Brunswick Beer and Cider.

Saturday May 18th, 2024, 8:00am to 4:00pm

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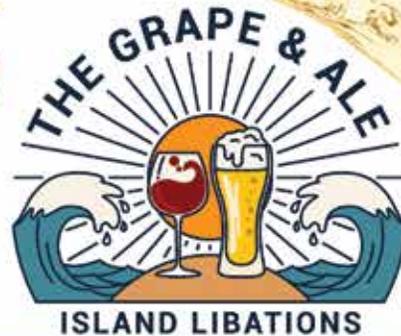
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May/June Events

BELVILLE

May 4

Kids Expo

10am-1pm | Belville Riverwalk Park

The Kids Expo is geared toward the next generation of entrepreneurs and business owners. The event is not only a showcase for the children, but an opportunity to understand the elements of owning one's own business. The kid vendors will learn and use real life skills such as math, communication and creative thinking. Development and marketing of their product or service will have an impact on their sales. Kids create a product or service, develop a brand, build marketing strategy and then open for customers on this one-day marketplace. The children are responsible for the setup, sales and interacting with customers.

BOLIVIA

May 17

Dentistry from the Heart

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

Residents of Brunswick County are invited to visit our Hwy 211 office for either: a teeth cleaning, OR one filling, OR one tooth extraction FREE of charge. There will be a patient registration (English or Spanish) to complete prior to being seen. First-come, first served. Arrive early. We hope to treat as many local residents as is safely possible. All ages are welcome.

The doctors at Coastal Cosmetic Family Dentistry are committed to providing the finest patient care, including giving back to our community.

CALABASH

June 9

Family Golf Day

12-4pm | Brunswick Plantation & Golf Resort
308 Brunswick Drive

Juniors age 16 and Under play FREE with any adult for 9 holes. Special rate of \$10 for adults, members free.

Range Balls included for all juniors and adults. Sunset Slush will be on site to sell sweet treats. Tee times start at 12pm, book 7 days in advance.

LELAND

May 16, June 20

Stitchin' Meet Up

10am | Leland Cultural Arts

Center | 1212 Magnolia Village Way

All are welcome at this monthly fibers get together! Whether you crochet, sew, knit, embroider, or anything else, come stitch with us.

May 17

Game Show Night

7-9pm | Leland Cultural Arts Center | 1212 Magnolia Village Way | \$15 per person

Get ready to test your knowledge, compete with friends, and win exciting prizes!

Experience the thrill of being a contestant in our interactive game show. From trivia to challenges, it's all about having a blast with fellow participants.

June 17-20

Leland Sports Camp

8am-4pm | Leland Middle School
927 Old Fayetteville Rd NE

The camp offers an unplugged experience for children to take a break from technology and reconnect with each other while being introduced to a variety of sports including basketball, soccer, football, volleyball, archery and baseball/softball among other games and activities. For more information <https://lelandsports-camp.com>

OAK ISLAND

May 17-18

Oak Island Senior Center & Gift Shop Yard and Bake Sale

8am-2pm | 5918 E. Oak Island Dr.

The Ruth T Bingham, Oak Island, Senior Center Annual Yard & Bake Sale Fundraiser is scheduled for May 17th & 18th from 8am-2pm. Accepting donated items May 1st - 15th; but please no clothing, books or medical items.

OCEAN ISLE

May 3

Teen Fossil Excursion & Night at the Museum

5-8pm | Museum of Coastal Carolina

Coastal Carolina Outreach is proud to be partnering with Museum of Coastal Carolina in Ocean Isle Beach to host a fossil excursion, dinner, and night at the museum for teens! This event is reserved for any teen in 6th-12th grade.

For additional information contact: Carrie Higgins, Director of Coastal

Carolina Outreach, 910-617-7219 or email: coastalcarolinaoutreach@gmail.com

May 22

Movies in the Park - Tangled

Dusk | Town Center Park | 11 E 2nd St.

Admission for this family-friendly event is FREE! Food vendors will be on site! Bring your lawn chair (or blanket) and come enjoy the movie! Weather permitting.

May 29 - Ratatouille (2007)

June 5 - The Little Mermaid (1989) -

World Oceans Day Celebration

June 12 - Mary Poppins (1964)

June 19 - Despicable Me (2010)

June 26 - The Parent Trap (1998)

Wednesdays in June & July 10-August 7

Scavenger Hunt

10am-12pm | Town Center Park | 11 E 2nd St.

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

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

SHALLOTTE

May 11

Free Hearing & Vision Screenings

10am-4pm | Vision Square Eye Care (Parking Lot) | 208 Smith Ave

Sponsored by the Shallotte Lions Club

SOUTHPORT

May 8

Dosher Memorial Hospital Tour

1pm | Doshier Memorial Hospital
924 N Howe Street

Doshier Memorial Hospital invites community members to take an in-person tour of the hospital. Tour group will meet in the front lobby of the main hospital building at 924 N. Howe St., Southport. Space is limited therefore an RSVP is requested. Call 910-457-3900, or email marketing@doshier.org to reserve your spot

May 9

Referral Fest

4-7pm | Oak Island Moose Lodge
4239 Long Beach Road

Are you looking for a way to build referral relationships with our tourism industry professionals? The inaugural SPT-OKI Referral Fest is an opportunity to reach and potentially increase your referrals from

these professionals. Attendance at the expo is limited to those in the tourism industry and only 300 tickets will be sold.

<https://www.sptokimerchandise.com/home/Referral-Fest-Southport-&-Oak-Island-Vendors-p630867905>

May 19

Maritime Museum Spring Fundraising Concert

4-7pm | Garrison Lawn

One of the nicest locations in Southport. Along the Cape Fear River under magnificent trees! Spring Fundraiser for our wonderful Museum! Multiple Raffles! Bring a chair, blanket, food and beverage. Music by the Back Porch Rockers begins around 4pm. Come join us for this wonderful cause!

May 21

Fundraiser for Brunswick Partnership for Housing

6-8pm | American Fish | Yacht Basin | Tickets \$50

Music by the Salty Dawgs, 50/50 Drawing, Cash Bar, Dinner included with ticket price. Doors open at 5pm. For tickets contact Susan Crabtree: susan-crabtree@hotmail.com or 267-235-6132

SUNSET BEACH

June 2

Bandfest 2024 with Paws-Ability

12-5pm | Sunset Beach Park

Join us and support animal welfare in our area! Enjoy an afternoon with live music by Sea and Sand Band followed by Julio and the Saltines! Animals will be available to adopt. Your \$5 donation is appreciated.

WINNABOW

May 18

Women of the Port

10am-4pm | Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site
8884 Saint Philips Rd SE

Get a chance to see what their life was like and dive into a new perspective of Port Brunswick. This is a free event for all ages.

May 18

Yard Sale and Grill Out

12pm | The Gator Hole Country Store and Tackle LLC
2801 River Rd SE

Join us for a yard sale and grill out! \$10 donation to set up. Bring your own tables and tents. Message or call 910-399-7458 to reserve your spot.

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

www.oakislandnc.com/ | www.oakislandnc.com/government/parks-recreation | www.townofshallotte.org
www.hbtownhall.com | www.sunsetbeachnc.gov/ | www.ncbrunswick.com/events | www.southport-oakisland.com
www.townofleland.com/ | www.oibgov.com/ | www.southportnc.org/ | www.townofcalabash.net/ | www.cityofbsl.org/
Also check events on your facebook page

Spring/Summer Markets



Wednesdays May 1- August 28

Southport Summer Market

9am-2pm | 209 N. Atlantic Ave
Behind the Southport City Gym

A place for local growers and crafters to sell their goods directly to consumers, fostering community engagement and interaction.

Note there will not be a market the week of the Fourth of July. The market operates rain or shine unless determined otherwise by the Market Committee due to hazardous weather conditions.

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BARN & BEACH ARTISAN & FARMERS MARKET

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May 8-Sept 25
9-2

4874 Old Long Beach Rd.
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fresh produce, baked goods, arts and crafts

Thursdays May-September Market in the Park

9am-1pm | 206 Sunset Blvd N
Sunset Beach

Organized to provide a place for local growers and artisans to sell their home-grown produce and handcrafted goods directly to residents, visitors and tourists.

Contact Amy Goodrich, Events Coordinator at 910-579-6297 Ext. 1015 or agoodrich@sunsetbeachnc.gov.

Thursdays May 9-Sept. 26

Sunset Beach Summer Market
9am-2pm | Silver Coast Winery
6680 Barbeque Rd NW | Ocean Isle Beach

Come visit us at our new location with plenty of parking! The market you've loved for 8 years!

Market on Mulberry

May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22

9am-12pm | Mulberry Park
123 Mulberry Street | Shallotte

Vendor fee is \$10.00 with Application. If you have any questions please call Megan Bellamy or Sheila Roberson at 910-754-4032 at Town Hall.

May 18

Kid Entrepreneur Market

10am-2pm | Olde Southport Village Shoppes | 1102 N Howe St Southport

If you or someone you know has a child with a passion such as, but not limited to crafting, jewelry, baking, gardening, etc., that they'd love to share with others, this is for them! Each child will be designated an area to set up, display and sell their craft. For those interested in signing up please message Themoodysbean.24@gmail.com for details or to reserve your spots!

Mondays June 3-August 26

Farmers' and Artisans' Market

8am-1pm | Middleton Park
Oak Island

Farmers and artisans alike can be found in this great showcase of baked goods, produce, handmade crafts, and artistic goods. Vendor application can be found at <https://www.oakislandnc.gov/>

Tuesdays June 4-August 27

OIB Summer Market

9am-1pm | Town Center Park
11 E. Second St. | Ocean Isle Beach
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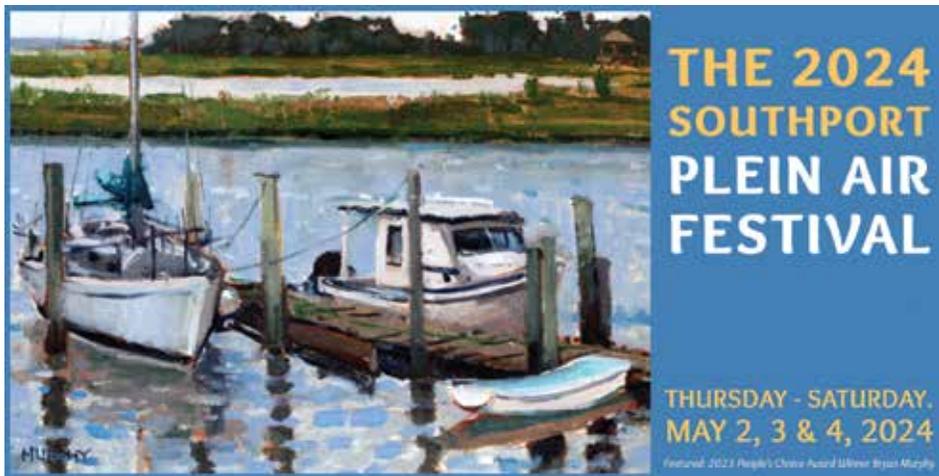
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The 2024 Southport Plein Air festival is almost upon us! You will see artists painting outside all over Southport beginning Thursday, May 2. Over 70 artists have registered this year already! The event culminates in a full day of fun events for the whole family and the highly anticipated Wet Paint Sale on Saturday, May 4.

For the Children

Up Your Arts has big plans for the activities scheduled in Keziah Memorial Park on Saturday, May 4th. Beginning at 10am, award winning storyteller and author Joan Leotta will engage with children of all ages, telling a variety of tales throughout the day. Back by popular demand, local educator Ginger Hedblom will lead children through a variety of creative art projects.

Arts Demonstrations

Grants from the North Carolina Arts Council via Brunswick Arts Council are underwriting a brand-new event taking place in Keziah Park simultaneously on Saturday. Local artisan craftspeople will be on hand to demonstrate their specialties - from fiber arts, to mosaics, to resin pouring - and instruct audience members in DIY art projects.

Music

A variety of local musicians will be performing throughout the day to entertain locals and visitors alike! Bring a chair and relax under the shade of Keziah Park's beautiful live oaks.

Food & Fun

Food trucks will be on hand throughout the day for lunch, drinks, and snacks to help you keep your energy up!

Wet Paint Sale

The highlight of the day is the Wet Paint Sale. It begins with closure of Keziah Park for one hour, from 3-4pm, to allow the registered artists to display the works they have created over the previous two or three days throughout the park.

At 4pm, the park will reopen to all. Stroll through the park and enjoy the amazing images of the beautiful town of Southport. Each painting is unique. Watercolor, acrylic, oil, and maybe even some mixed media pieces! Pick the style and medium you appreciate the most! Be sure to place your vote for your favorite artist so you can be counted for the People's Choice Award. Completed artwork will be offered for sale by the artists.



Awards Ceremony

The judges presiding over the Award Ceremony will have a hard time choosing their favorites. Judges this year are owners of five of our local small businesses. The most prestigious award though is awarded by you! The People's Choice Award goes to the artist with the most votes cast by the guests attending the festival. Don't miss out!

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Dungeons & Dragons

Join us at the Harper Meeting-Room Mondays from 4-6pm for an epic role playing game where you will be immersed in a fantasy world and your choices will decide your fate. This event is open to anyone aged 12+ (youth and adults welcome to join in), all experience levels are welcome! Register online or call 910-457-6237.



Puppy Dog Tales

Improve your child's confidence and literacy skills by reading to a therapy dog. Register for a 15-minute timeslot on Fridays, May 11-July 26. Children must be able to read independently. Click here to schedule your appointment or call Barbee Library at 910-278-4283 to register. For children ages 6-11.

Home School Hangout

Join your fellow home school buddies for an exciting game day May 9, from 2-3pm at the Barbee Library. Offering an extensive selection of games to pick from, or feel free to bring your own favorites along for the fun! Register online or by calling Barbee Library at 910-278-4283. For ages 6-11.



Teen Chess Club

Learn how to play Chess-Teens only! Held at the Rourk Library Meeting Room from 4-5pm. Dates offered on May 6, 13, 20 for ages 12-18. Registration is required. There are 15 seats available.

Lego Mania

Join us in the Kid Zone at the Harper Library, Thursdays, 4-5pm May 16-Sept 5 for fun Lego building! All ages welcome! No registration required.

Jr Art Cart Society

Come create your masterpiece! Southwest Branch Library hosts a nifty art cart for kids in the center pit of the library all day on Saturdays in May - 9am-5pm. You can come at whatever time works. For ages 6-11.

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Best practice is to never leave anything of value in a vehicle. If something must be left, it should be in a locked glove box or trunk. Keep vehicles locked whether in a parking

lot at a store, or at home.

The majority of vehicle breaking and or entering cases have involved unlocked cars. In very few cases was the vehicle damaged by the perpetrator in an effort to gain access.

Most vehicle break-ins can be avoided by a simple touch of a button. We want our citizens and their property to remain safe. Please be sure to lock those cars!



Two Non-Profits Benefit from Diamonds & Denim Charity Ball

The Brunswick Sheriff's Charitable Foundation, Inc. held their 12th Annual "Diamonds and Denim" Charity Ball on March 1, 2024 at the St. James Community Center in Southport, NC. This prestigious event featured dinner, music, dancing, and a live & silent auction.

Proceeds from this event were to benefit At Liberty Connections, Inc. and Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. Checks in the total amount of \$28,000.00 were presented to these two non-profit organizations on April 11, 2024.

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

The Foundation expresses its gratitude to all the sponsors, donors and guests that made this event memorable and successful. The next Diamonds & Denim Charity Ball is scheduled to be held on Friday March 7, 2025.

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If you are interested in learning more about the program or want to enroll in Are You OK?, please call Brunswick County Sheriff's Office (910) 253-2777.



Brunswick County Fishing Club to Host Several Tournaments



2024 Little Whack-A-Mack Spanish Mackerel Fishing Tournament

The tournament will be held from 6:00am May 3 - 5:00pm May 5 at The Brunswick County Fishing Club (Beside the wildlife ramp in Sunset Harbor.)

The total Aggregate Weight of 5 Spanish Mackerel (12" FL) (only 5 fish per registration can be weighed over the course of the tournament)

Registration Cost - \$75 per boat (entry) (fish with as many people as you wish in accordance with safety regulations.) Participants registration will be open online via the website at www.mybcfc.org until the captain's meeting at 7 pm Thursday May 2, 2024.

Additional TWT Prizes/Fees and tournament details can be found on the website.

Spring Surf Slam Fishing Tournament

Held May 17, 11:59pm - May 19th 12:00pm, participants may Fish at any public beach in Brunswick County. Weigh in at BCFC Beside the wildlife ramp in Sunset Harbor.

Registration Cost - \$75 per person. Participants registration will be open online via our website at www.mybcfc.org until the captain's meeting at 7 pm Friday May 17.

- TWT (optional): Heaviest single fish \$25 entry (Winner takes all)
- TWT (optional): High Roller \$50 (payouts: 1st-55%, 2nd-30%, 3rd-15%)

The target species are trout (gray or speckled), bluefish, Spanish mackerel, black drum, pompano, sea mullet, red drum, northern puffer, and croaker. Aggregate weight of 3 different Species.

Club Crab Crusher Slam Fishing Tournament

- May 25, 2024, 6:00am-3:00pm
- Registration Cost- \$75 per boat (fish with as many people as you wish in accordance with safety regulations.) **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, May 24, 2024.

• TWT (optional): Heaviest single fish \$25 entry (Winner takes all)

• TWT (optional): High Roller \$50 (payouts: 1st-55%, 2nd-30%, 3rd-15%)

• 3 Fish aggregate weight. Red Drum (18"-27"), Black Drum (14"-25"), and Sheepshead (10"+)

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- 2 Black Drum, 1 Sheepshead
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Oak Island Receives \$579,500 for Project to Reduce Flooding Issues on Ocean Drive

On Tuesday, April 9, 2024 during the regular meeting of the Oak Island Town Council, Town Manager David Kelly reported that the Golden LEAF Foundation had awarded a \$579,500 grant to the Town for engineering and construction in the Dune Infiltration System Project. This grant is part of \$8 million in funding announced during the April meeting of the Golden LEAF Foundation Board of Directors on April 4. The funding was awarded for scholarships for rural students to attend North Carolina community colleges, the Food Distribution Assistance Program, and the Flood Mitigation Grant Program; through which Oak Island was awarded the \$579,500.

Started in August 2023, the soon completed project saw the installation of a “dune infiltration” style drainage system in the area of Ocean Drive. This system is already working to reduce ponding and decrease occurrences of standing water along Ocean Drive, following significant rain events. This is similar to a system which has proven very successful in neighboring Caswell Beach. Additionally, due to its installation under the dunes themselves, the system has increased the width of the area’s secondary dunes, providing additional protection to infrastructure.

The State of North Carolina ap-

propriated \$25 million to the Golden LEAF Foundation to establish the Flood Mitigation Grant Program. The Flood Mitigation Grant Program provides up to \$2,000,000 per project from Golden LEAF to local governments for use on projects that address frequent flooding that impacts residents and businesses in a community. At their April 4 meeting, the Golden LEAF Board awarded \$5,531,456 in funding through the program to eight projects in Ashe, Avery, Brunswick, Craven, Dare, Duplin, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties.

“The Golden LEAF Foundation was entrusted by the N.C. General Assembly to implement a program for local governments seeking to mitigate flooding in their community,” said Golden LEAF President, Chief Executive Officer Scott T. Hamilton. “We are pleased to support the Town of Oak Island’s engineering and construction to install a dune infiltration system along with a small pump station and reinforced concrete pipe to reduce flooding in the affected area.”

The Town of Oak Island is excited to share this announcement of funding from Golden LEAF, which will help greatly offset the cost of a project so vital to the residents, property owners, and businesses along Ocean Drive.



Southport Yacht Club is Hosting the Annual Marine Flea Market

On Saturday, May 11th, 2024 from 9:00am-3:00pm Southport Yacht Club is hosting the Annual Marine Flea Market at Morningstar Marina in Southport.

The event provides a great opportunity to sell unused and “gently” used boat and nautical items. All items must be marine related such

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46th Anniversary U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament Seeks Sponsors

The 46th Annual U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament will be held October 3rd - 5th at Brunswick County's Dutchman Creek Park. The U.S. Open is one of the largest king mackerel tournaments on the East Coast of the United States and part of the SKA (Southern Kingfish Association) Tournament Trail. In 2023, the tournament attracted 558 boats and paid out over \$413,000. The Tournament has an all cash guaranteed prize structure that is not based on participation numbers. It pays 55 places in its primary prize category including \$25,000 for the largest king mackerel.

The tournament is seeking businesses who are interested in sponsoring this granddaddy of all king mackerel tournaments. Tournament

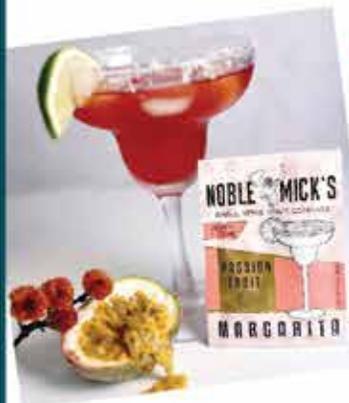


sponsorship packages range from \$200 to \$2,500. The deadline for inclusion in the tournament's brochure is June 15th.

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Brunswick County Real Estate Market Sees Jump In New Listings, Strong Luxury Market During March

Brunswick County's real estate market began its typical seasonal warm-up in March, with new listings increasing by more than a quarter compared to last March and a strong luxury market pushing the average sales price to almost \$500,000.

“Our market typically starts heating up in March, but last month was one for the books,” said Cynthia Walsh, CEO of the Brunswick County Association of REALTORS® (BCAR). “March brought higher prices, driven in part by an extremely strong luxury market, and more homes coming onto the market. Homes are spending slightly fewer days on the market than last year, which indicates that demand remains strong. Overall, our market is strong as ever, and I see no indications of a slowdown in the coming months.”

New listings increased 27.9% this March, from 610 to 780. Total sales volume increased 5% compared to March 2023, from \$240,610,000 to \$252,670,000. The number of homes sold decreased 3.8%, from 527 to 507. Homes spent an average of 70 days on the market, decreasing by five days compared to last year. The absorption rate is hovering around 3 months; below five months is generally considered a seller's market.

The average sales price increased 9.2%, from \$456,567 to \$498,365, while the median sales price increased 2.2%, from \$365,000 to \$372,990. These increases were likely fueled by last month's strong luxury market, with a total of 38 sales

over \$1 million. Of the 38 luxury sales, there were 12 in Ocean Isle Beach, 10 in Oak Island, 10 in Holden Beach, five in Bald Head Island and one in Southport. The two highest sales include a \$6 million sale on Bald Head Island and a \$4.5 million sale on Holden Beach.

Year-to-date sales volume through March totaled \$561,530,000, up 10% from \$510,460,000 at the same point in 2023. The average year-to-date sales price increased 10.7% compared to the same point in 2023, from \$430,939 to \$477,169, while the median sales price increased 2.4%, from \$363,527 to \$372,316. The number of units sold through March is up 2.1% compared to last year, from 1,145 to 1,169 and the number of new listings increased 26%, from 1,625 to 2,048.

Brunswick County

New Listings:
 March 2024: 780
 March 2023: 610
 Increase/Decrease: +27.9%

Units Sold:
 March 2024: 507
 March 2023: 527
 Increase/Decrease: -3.8%

Average Sales Price:
 March 2024: \$498,365
 March 2023: \$456,476
 Increase/Decrease: +9.2%

Median Sales Price:
 March 2024: \$372,990
 March 2023: \$365,000
 Increase/Decrease: +2.2%

Total Sales Volume:
 March 2024: \$252,670,000
 March 2023: \$240,610,000
 Increase/Decrease: +5%

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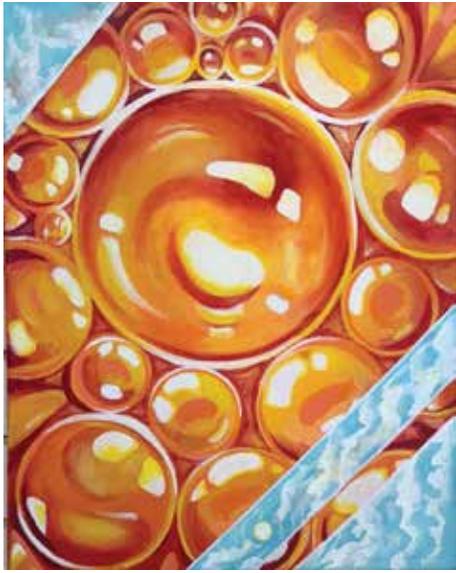
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Franklin Square Gallery Announces Winners Brunswick County High School Art Show

Franklin Square Gallery proudly announces the winners of this year's Brunswick County High School Art Show, recently on display at the Gallery in downtown Southport.



Dozens of talented Brunswick County high school students entered their artwork in the show, which included paintings, drawings, mixed media work and sculpture. At a ceremony on April 14, 2024, the following awards were given:

- **Best in Show:** Madelynn German of South Brunswick High School for her pen and ink drawing, "Portrait of Me."
- **First Place winners for 2D work:** Liv Radovinac of North Brunswick High School for her painting, "Still Life Composition;" Isabella Di Lembo of North Brunswick High School for her photograph, "Cyanotype;" and Braelyn Anderson of South Brunswick High School for

her graphite drawing, "Bones."



- **First Place winner for 3D work:** Emilee Lake of South Brunswick High School for her polymer clay sculpture, "Bookcase."



These young artists received cash awards through a grant from the Brunswick Arts Council ARPA Program, a Designated County Partner of the North Carolina Arts Council.

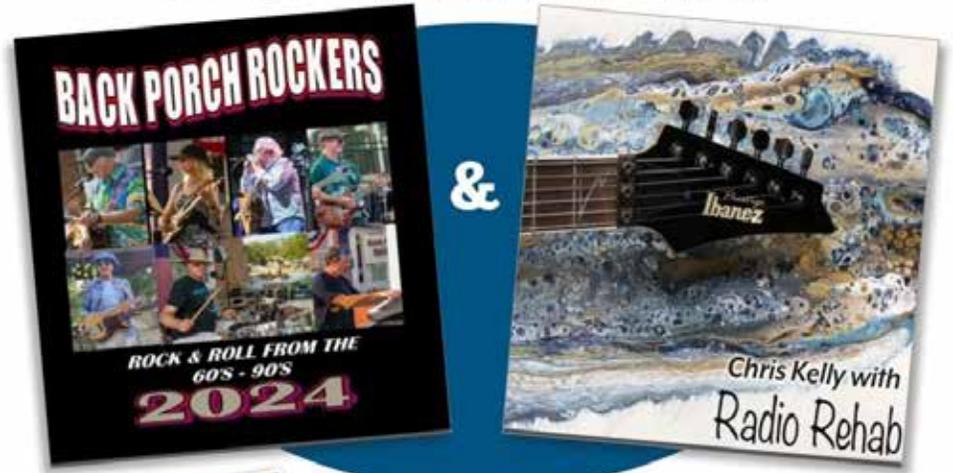
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Brunswick County Association of REALTORS® Supports Samara's Village's Work to Help Young Parents Succeed

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"Pregnancy and early parenting can be a difficult journey for anyone, let alone someone who is not already financially stable," said Cynthia Walsh, BCAR CEO. "Samara's Village is a fantastic organization dedicated to providing stable households for children in Brunswick County, and we're proud to support them as they lay down new roots in Shallotte."

BCAR members donated diapers, wipes, bottles, bibs and other baby items for parents supported by Samara's Village. Samara's Village provides an emphasis on supporting the families immediate needs to reduce financial strain. Learn more: <https://samarasvillage.org/>.

Thank you to the BCAR members for making a donation, including:

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About Samara's Village

Samara's Village is a nonprofit dedicated to helping pregnant and parenting Brunswick County adolescents and their families raise healthy babies. Founded in 2015 in Southport, Samara's Village empowers the families around the adolescent parents to raise the baby via the village method. Samara's Village has recently expanded into Shallotte, North Carolina. For more information, please visit <https://samarasvillage.org/about-us/>.

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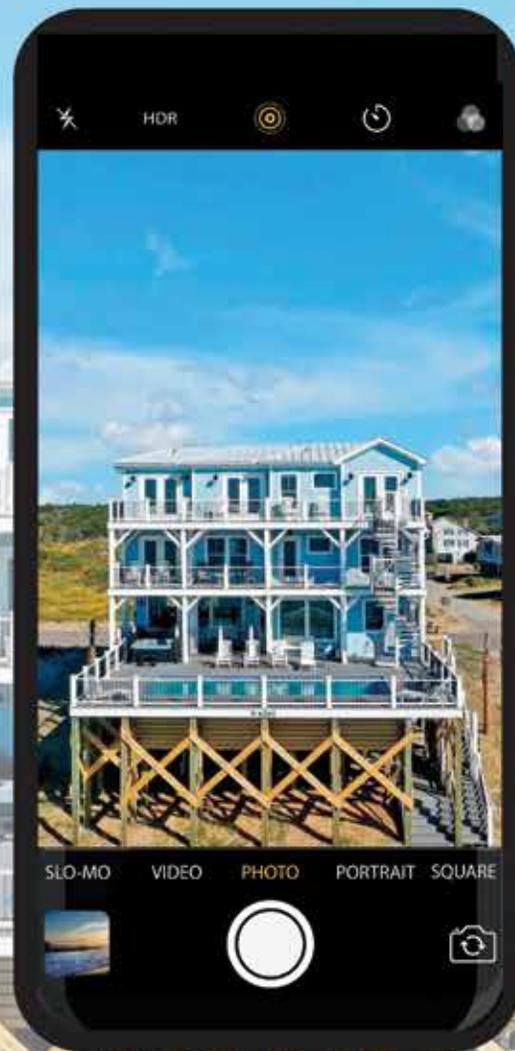


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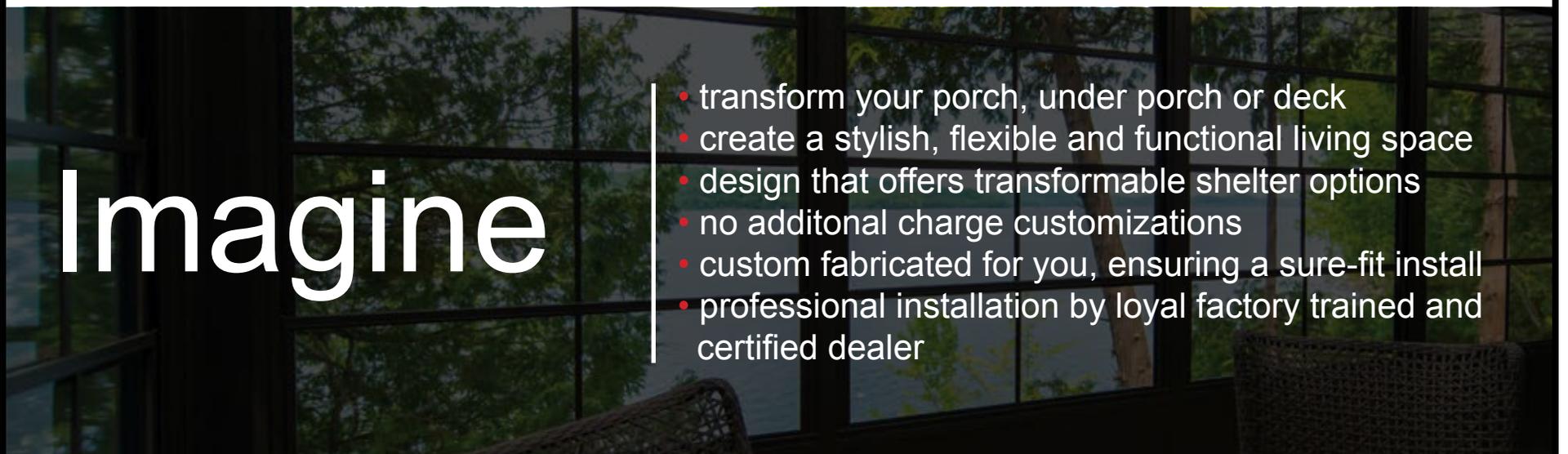


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Did You Know?

Were you aware that hardwood trees above 15" DBH are protected on Oak Island effective March 15, 2024?

If not, it is probably because Town Staff has done nothing to publicize it. Tree Peace OKI is offering this information as a Public Service Announcement. We support the ordinance changes for the protection of our tree canopy. We want to save trees, we do not want a single homeowner to pay a fine for lack of knowledge of the ordinance.

A recent survey shows that Oak Island lost 197 acres of tree canopy

from 2014 to 2022.

Trees slow and redirect the wind and save our roofs. One mature oak tree can wick away 100 gallons of stormwater in a day - on an island without storm drains. Tree roots retain the sandy soil from wind and water driven erosion. Trees are a habitat for the birds that eat mosquitoes and flies. Trees reduce air conditioning loads. The very existence of this barrier island is dependent on preserving and restoring the tree canopy.

Trees improve property values.



Oak Island Uniform Development Ordinance Changes / Heritage Tree Protections

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- A permit is required to remove a Heritage Tree from ANY property effective March 15, 2024
- A Heritage Tree is defined as a hardwood tree with 15" DBH or a softwood tree with a 30" DBH
- DBH is Diameter at Breast Height [4 ½ feet above the ground] calculated as the tree circumference divided by pi [3.14]. A Hardwood Tree with a circumference 47" or greater measured 4 ½ feet above the ground is a Heritage Tree. A Softwood Tree with a diameter 94" or greater is a Heritage Tree
- Violators are subject to a fine of \$500
- Contact the Town of Oak Island Department of Stormwater Management for a permit

Sea Turtle Nesting Season

HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN

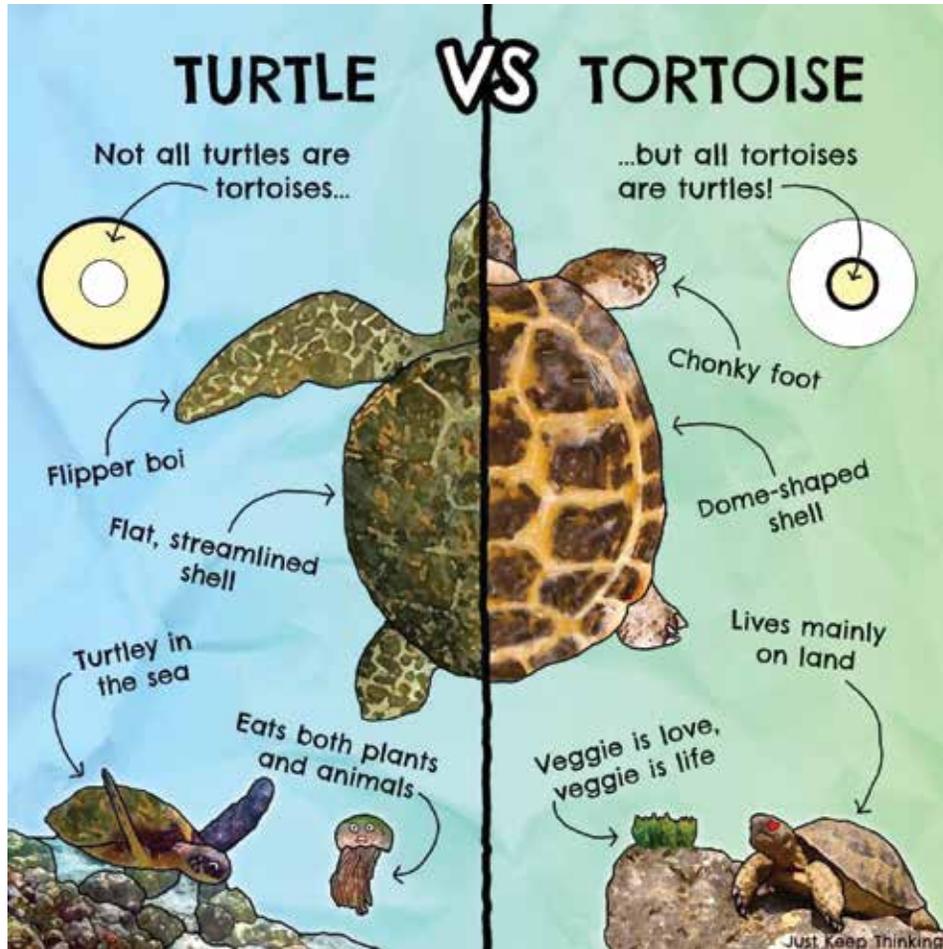
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- WAYS YOU CAN HELP -

- no flashlights
- keep ocean-facing windows covered
- knock over sandcastles & fill in holes
- leave only footprints





Although there are over 350 species of turtles, we are trying to address the turtles/terrapins that we have received calls about (on the beach). Please, if you find a turtle on the beach, call us first so we can help determine what needs to be done! Thank You!**

We have been receiving lots of phone calls lately about turtle sightings! Thank you so much for calling us and for caring! Please call 910-945-8888. Pictures and locations are so helpful and can be texted to our number. We appreciate everyone who takes the time to help! Below is some information we googled that might help you distinguish a few species! Our sea turtle season begins May 1 and we are so excited!!!

Diamondback terrapins live in the

brackish water of salt marshes, estuaries, and tidal creeks. They feed on fish, marine snails, crabs, marine and tidal mollusks, carrion, clams, and worms. Life History: Adult terrapins nest on sandy borders of coastal salt marshes or in dunes.

Yellow Bellied Sliders are native to southeastern United States, specifically from Florida and parts of Virginia. HABITAT -They live in freshwater or brackish (a mix of fresh and salt water) water. DIET -As adults, they are omnivorous, and eat more plants. Juveniles will eat invertebrates.

Sea turtles live in almost every ocean basin throughout the world, nesting on tropical and subtropical beaches. They migrate long distances to feed, often crossing entire oceans.

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Kudos and Congratulations!



Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals, Inc. Donates Pet Food to BCSO APS

Thank you to Heidi's Hope for their very generous pet food donation to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Animal Protective Services!

The non-profit organization was founded by Trish Arnold. Heidi's Hope For Homeless Animals Pet Food Bank has created a coalition of community partnerships to provide pet food and supplies for families facing economic hardship in our community."

Sheriff Chism and APS Director FSgt. Smith got to meet with Ms. Arnold this morning while the huge pallet of food was loaded. We are so grateful to Ms. Arnold and the folks at her organization for the donation and for all they do for the welfare of animals. We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with them.

More information about the organization can be found on their website at <https://www.heidishopeforhomelessanimals.com>.



BCSO Helps Open Special Olympic Games

Representatives from the Sheriff's Office carried the flame from Rice Creek Parkway, down HWY 17 and into Town Creek District Park where the games took place. Sheriff Chism handed off the torch to one of the Special Olympic athletes who joined the run and carried the torch around the field.

Special thanks to Sheriff Chism for continuing support for this program and to Sgt. Allen for her unwavering passion and dedication for Special Olympics Brunswick County.

This is an event we look forward to every year! Thank you to Special Olympics Brunswick County for allowing us to be part of this very special day!



Recently, Pat Koch, liaison for Blankets with Love of Oak Island, stopped by our SECU Hospice House of Brunswick with a donation of blankets and handmade quilts for veterans. We know that our veteran patients will love and appreciate these amazing quilts that are made and donated with love. Thanks to the members of Blankets with Love for their thoughtfulness and continued support.



Knight of Columbus Donate to Anchor Initiative

We'd like to thank the Knights of Columbus at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Shallotte for their generous donation to the BCSO Anchor Initiative Program.

Sheriff Chism and Sgt. Oliver accepted the donation last evening at St. Brendan's.

Since 2018, the Anchor Initiative Program has helped hundreds of individuals who suffer from addiction start their journey to recovery.

Prior to 2018, we studied multiple organizations and programs across the country, evaluated our own problems and put together the best program for our county and citizens.

We found the three biggest obstacles for addicts seeking IMMEDIATE treatment assistance were lack of knowledge, money and transportation.

For information on the Anchor Initiative program, visit our website at: <https://www.brunswicksheriff.com/commun.../anchor-initiative>

Thanks again to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation!



South Brunswick Islands Women's Club Donates to Project Lifesaver

Thanks to Whitney Jackson and the South Brunswick Islands Women's Club for their generous donation to our Project Lifesaver Program!

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office offers a FREE service called Project Lifesaver for 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.

More information can be found on our website at <https://www.brunswicksheriff.com/commun.../project-lifesaver>.

Thank you again to the South Brunswick Islands Women's Club for this donation.



Veteran's Honored

Lower Cape Fear Life Care recently recognized and honored Vietnam Veterans for National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Veterans and a guest gathered at Odell Williamson Auditorium for dinner, comradery, and a healthy dose of appreciation for their service to our country. Thank you, Vietnam Vets!



Leland Police Department Commends Officers for Exemplary Service

The Leland Police Department is recognizing multiple officers for their hard work and dedication to foster a safe community for all Leland residents.

Detective Robert Britton The Chief's Award due to his hard work in criminal investigations over the past five years, specifically his work in internet crimes against children. Detective Britton has been with the Town for more than six years, starting as a Patrol Officer and transferring to Criminal Investigations in 2020.

Detective Benjamin Majors received the 2023 Officer of the Year Award for expanding the department's community outreach efforts over the past year and a half. Detective Majors served as an Officer with the Town for more than two years before transferring to Community Outreach in 2022. He became a Detective earlier this year.

Detective Andrew Gaston and Master Officer Terry received their Advanced Law Enforcement Certification, Sergeant Jonathan Berry completed the Criminal Investigation Certificate Program, and Sergeant Chris Winder received the Traffic Crash Investigation and Reconstruction Certificate.



Nurses Honored

Congratulations to our amazing Sandra O'Donnell scholarship recipients, Caroline Dove and Lori Beth Hall! These incredible nurses are working hard to further their education and advance in their careers. Caroline, a skilled LPN in regulatory and compliance, is pursuing her associate degree in nursing. Meanwhile, Lori, a dedicated RN for weekend and holiday on-call duties, is on her way to earning her BSN degree. This award was established at Lower Cape Fear LifeCare (LCFL) by the generous Sandra O'Donnell, former LCFL Board of Directors member, who understands the financial struggles faced by healthcare professionals while pursuing their dreams. Cheers to these deserving winners and their bright future!

Beach Rules for Our 4-Legged Friends



Our canine friends love to romp and play on the beach. Each beach community has its own policy for dogs on the beach. Please remember to clean up behind your pet and fill in any holes they may dig.

Caswell Beach

Every dog within the town shall be leashed when not inside of the owner's residence or property or a closed vehicle. Dogs not leashed, but under control of its owner, are permitted on the beach strand between the hours of dawn and 9:00am; additionally from October 15 through March 15, dogs not leashed, but under control of its owner, are permitted on the beach strand.

Holden Beach

Pets are not allowed on the beach from May 20 to September 10, except between 5:00pm and 9:00am daily. Pets must be on a leash at all times on the island.

Oak Island

Properly leashed dogs are allowed on the beach at any time, and are allowed off their leashes on the beach seasonally from October 15 - March 15, and under certain conditions. Owners must pick up after their dogs, and properly dispose of all droppings.

During seasonal periods where leashes are required, dogs **MUST** remain on their leash in ALL public beach areas. They may not be taken off-leash to enter the surf / water.

Ocean Isle

All dogs must be on a leash, contained or fenced at all times. No dogs allowed on the beach strand from 9:00am to 6:00pm from Memorial Day through Labor Day. No dogs allowed at any time in Public Access/Parking Areas. Pooper Scooper Ordinance is in effect island-wide.



Sunset Beach

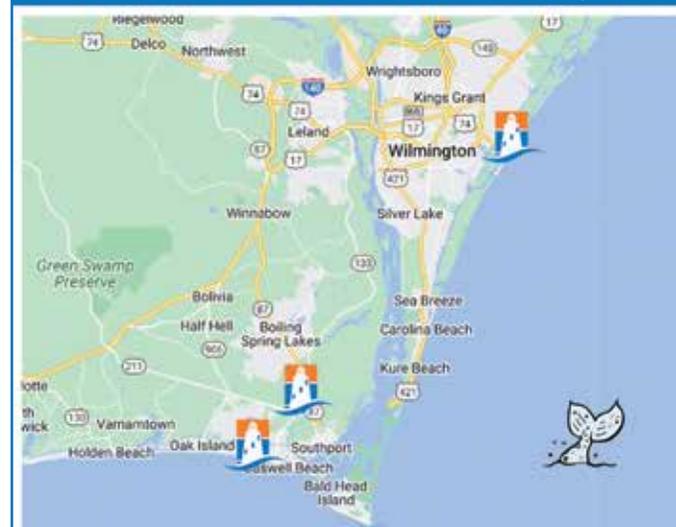
It shall be unlawful for an owner or another person to permit his/her dog to be on the beach strand between the hours of 9am and 6 pm from the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day through Labor Day, whether or not the dog is leashed and under the control of the owner or some other person.

After 6:00pm and before 9:00am from the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day through Labor Day, dogs are permitted on the strand if leashed and under the control of the owner or some other person assuming responsibility for the owner.

After Labor Day and before the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day, dogs are permitted on the strand if leashed and under the control of the owner or some other person assuming responsibility for the owner.

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The fourth annual Coastal Home & Lifestyle Showcase will be Saturday, May 4 from 10am-1pm at Middleton Park Pavilion area, 4610 E. Dolphin Drive, Oak Island. This outdoor show will highlight businesses that specialize in home maintenance and repair, outdoor living and supporting a healthy and active lifestyle. Admission and parking is free and open to the public.

The Coastal Home & Lifestyle Showcase is an event of the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by East Coast Moving, MOcean Contracting, Salt Air Heating & Cooling, Southport Magazine, The State Port Pilot and SPT-OKI Magazine. For more information about the showcase please call 910-457-6964 or email info@southport-oakisland.com.

Young Entrepreneurs Showcased at Southport-Oak Island Area Youth Business Fair

The Southport-Oak Island Youth Business Fair inspires children to discover their inner entrepreneur. The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Acton Academy and NCIDEA to bring our area, this one-day market which gives children the opportunity to showcase their very own businesses.

The young entrepreneurs have created a product or service, developed the brand, and on Saturday, May 4th they will market and sell it at the Youth Business Fair. The public is encouraged to attend the Fair and "Shop Small" while supporting area youth. It is free to attend but bring your cash to purchase the products.

Ages of the participants range

from 9-17 years of age. The products and services will vary widely. Past expos products included dog treats & accessories, lip gloss, wood art, honey, face painting, cupcakes, jewelry, paintings, apparel, and slime.

These bright entrepreneurs will run the booths without adult assistance ensuring they practice skills necessary for professional and personal growth such as creative and critical thinking, math and communication skills. To ensure success, the participants were required to attend two workshops led by Jay Schach, Sea Grass Consulting and organized by the Chamber.

This year, the Youth Business Fair will be held in conjunction with the Coastal Home & Lifestyle Show on Saturday, May 4th from 10:00 am - 1:00pm in the Middleton Park Pavilion area, 4610 E. Dolphin Drive, Southport. The Coastal Home & Lifestyle Show will highlight nearly 50 businesses that specialize in home maintenance and repair, outdoor living and supporting an active lifestyle.

The Youth Business Fair participants will be judged, and awards given for Most Original, Highest Business Potential, Best Presentation & Overall.



Participants l to r: Lily Eklund, Emma Robinson, Elena Nichols, Desiree Thompson, Jack Gregory with Youth Business Fair Chair & Trainer Jay Schach, SeaGrass Consulting.

Not Pictured: Julianna Herold and Brandon Watkins.

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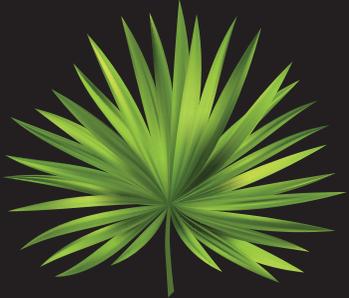
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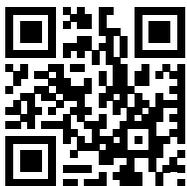
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Brunswick Islands Birding



Eight sites along the North Carolina Birding Trail are located in the Brunswick Islands. The Brunswick Islands' location along the coast of Southeastern North Carolina and its varied ecosystems make it a natural haven for hundreds of species of birds. 350 bird species have been spotted in Brunswick County. Listed below are the NC Birding Trail sites located in the county and the species of special interest specific to each one.

Please note that many shore birds nest in the sand on the beach. They tend to blend in so they can be hard to see, especially the babies. Nesting season runs from April through August, so when visiting the beach be sure to use only designated beach accesses through the dunes and avoid marked nesting areas.

Ev-Henwood Nature Preserve - Prothonotary Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting

Brunswick Town-Fort Anderson State Historic Site - Bald Eagle, Prothonotary Warbler, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Seaside Sparrow, Painted Bunting

Boiling Spring Lakes Preserve - Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, winter sparrows

Southport Riverwalk & Pier - White Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Seaside Sparrow, Painted Bunting, raptors, terns

Bald Head Island Conservancy - Wilson's Plover, Piping Plover, Sandwich Tern, Least Tern, Painted Bunting, wintering waterfowl



Sandwich Terns

Green Swamp Preserve - Chuckwill's-widow, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Swainson's Warbler, Bachman's Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow

Brunswick Community College - Location 50 College Road, Bolivia, NC aquaculture ponds behind building H - Bald Eagle, Anhinga, Red-headed Woodpecker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Prothonotary Warbler

Sunset Beach - Horned Grebe, Wood Stork, American Oystercatcher, Black Skimmer, Painted Bunting, winter sparrows



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This can't-miss event, for ages 21 and up, features beach music with entertainment from The Blackwa-

ter Band. Each attendee will be able to sample and vote for the Cocktail Choice Award at The Margarita Bartender Competition, highlighting some of the most talented bartenders in Brunswick County.

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Show Mom Some Love this Mother's Day!

Wondering what to do for Mom on her special day? Go beyond the usual flowers and candy - take mom out for a day of enjoyment!

Mother's Day Market

Brunswick Beer and Cider at 1313 S. Dickinson Drive in Leland will be the location of the Mother's Day Market on Saturday, May 11 from 11am-4pm. This event is hosted by The Wave Market.

Enjoy local vendors, live music, and delicious food and drink! Make sure to visit Rooted Pedal to create your very own custom bouquet.

Don't miss out on this event - bring your loved ones and make it a Saturday to remember!

Mother's Day Brunch-Ocean Isle

Get Ready to Celebrate Mom in Style at Seabreeze Restaurant, at 1882 Goose Creek Rd SW in Ocean Isle!

Join us this Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th, for a brunch that will make her day as special as she

is! With seating times from 9:30am-1:00pm, indulge in a lavish spread for just \$28.95 per person.

And that's not all! Enjoy live music and a cash bar featuring Mimosas & Bloody Marys to toast to the amazing women in our lives.

Reservations are required. Please contact Seabreeze Restaurant at (910) 754-5540. Don't wait, spots are filling up fast!

Mother's Day Brunch-Sunset Beach

The Sea Trail Golf Resort, 75 Clubhouse Road in Sunset Beach will host a Grand lunch buffet on Sunday, May 12, with two seatings at 10:30am and 12:30pm.

Cost is \$44.95 + tax & gratuity per adult, Children 5-12 years old-\$14.95, kids under 5 eat free!

RSVP only & limited seating available! You can find the event at <https://www.facebook.com/seatrail>

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Sea Notes Choral Society Presents the 2024 Patriotic Concerts, Let Freedom Ring!

Sea Notes Choral Society will present their Patriotic Concerts entitled Let Freedom Ring! at Odell Williamson Auditorium on the campus of Brunswick Community College, Saturday, June 29 at 3:00pm and Sunday, June 30 at 3:00pm. Bob Marks will direct the rousing and moving patriotic salute to our great country.



Lynette Nobles will be the principal accompanist.

It's hard to believe that this concert marks Sea Notes' 50th anniversary. Our singing group was asked to perform for the first time in 1974 at the Southport NC Fourth of July Festival, so we're celebrating all year! You'll recognize many of our patriotic selections such as God Bless America, Let There Be Peace

on Earth, The Folded Flag, and of course, Salute to the Armed Forces. We will also have a few energetic pieces such as Strike Up the Band, Battle of New Orleans, and Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree.

All concerts are free. Tickets are not required. Donations are welcomed as Sea Notes is a non-profit organization. For more information, go to www.sea-notes.com.

Signs of Mommy Burnout @momdocpsychology

Burnout from parenting is a real thing! If you ever feel burned out, remember that it's okay to ask for help and it's okay to set boundaries for yourself. Take deep breaths and try to build a strong support system, or even one

parent buddy you can talk to will help. Also, getting enough sleep, hydrating, and exercising can help you get out of a funk. Remember that you are always a good parent no matter how overwhelmed you may feel.



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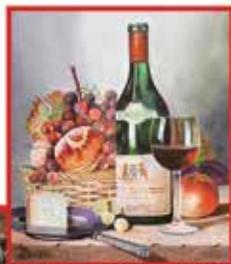
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The History of Memorial Day

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in US history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Waterloo – which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 – was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Decoration Day

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.

Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor the dead on separate days until after World War I.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Memorial Day itself—unofficially marks the beginning of summer.



Music is in the Air! *(Keep this page!)*



CALABASH

2024 Summer Concert Series

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a great night of Free entertainment. Tuesdays 6-8:30pm. Calabash Town Park, 868 Persimmon Rd.

- June 4: the Embers featuring Craig Woolard
- June 18: Thomas Road Band
- June 25: Too Much Sylvia
- July 2: The Extraordinaires
- July 16: The Tonez
- July 23: Band of Oz
- July 30: Southside Saints
- August 6: Chocolate Chip & Company

HOLDEN BEACH

2024 Summer Concert Series

Sunday evenings from 6:30-8pm for live entertainment. Concert location TBD. Call 910-842-6488 for more information.

- May 26: The Main Event Band
- June 2: Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot
- June 9: Carolina Kool
- June 16: Cat 5
- June 23r: Blackwater Band
- June 30: The Tams
- July 7: The Extraordinaires
- July 14: Continental Divide
- July 21: Chairman of the Board
- July 28: the Embers featuring Craig Woolard
- August 4: Band of Oz
- August 11: Jim Quick and Coastline
- August 18: The Entertainers
- August 25: Too Much Sylvia
- September 1: North Tower

OAK ISLAND

Summer Concert Series

Come and bring a chair/blanket and enjoy great Free entertainment all summer long. There will also be food trucks onsite in case you get a little hungry. Concerts each week start at 6:30pm from the Middleton Park Complex Amphitheater located at 4610 East Dolphin Drive, Oak Island, NC.

- Friday, May 24: Blackwater Band
- Friday, May 31: Christine Martinez Band
- Friday, June 7: Ntranze
- Friday, June 14: Too Much Sylvia
- Friday, June 21: The Entertainers
- Friday, June 28: The Sand Band
- Monday, July 1 (Beach Day): 20 Ride
- Friday, July 12: Chocolate Chip & Co.
- Friday, July 19: The Tonez
- Friday, July 26: Rivermist
- Friday, August 2: Autumn Tyde
- Friday, August 9: The Tams
- Friday, August 16: The Salty Dawgs
- Friday, August 23: LunaSea
- Saturday, August 31: The Main Event Band



OCEAN ISLE

2024 Peggy Hughes Summer Concert Series

Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready to boogie at the 2024 Peggy Hughes Summer Concert Series at Town Center Park (11 E Second St)! Grab a chair and tell your friends! It's time to dance the night away at Ocean Isle Beach! All concerts are FREE and begin at 6:30pm.

- May 24: Band of Oz
- May 31: Bailout
- June 7: Special Occasion Band
- June 14: LunaSea
- June 21: Too Much Sylvia
- June 28: Blackwater Band
- July 5: The Extraordinaires
- July 12: The Entertainers
- July 19: Chocolate Chip & Company
- July 26: The Catalinas
- August 2: Jim Quick & Coastline
- August 9: The Main Event Band
- August 16: Continental Divide
- August 23: The Magnificents
- August 30: Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot

SHALLOTTE

Summer Concerts

Thursday Nights for our Shallotte Concerts in Mulberry Park, 123 Mulberry St. Shallotte, from 7-9pm Free & Family Friendly.

- July 25: Main Event Band
- August 1: Blackwater
- August 8: The Extraordinaires
- August 15: Chocolate Chip & Company
- August 22: Jim Quick & Coastline Band
- August 29: Randy Atwood & The Renegades

- September 5: The Tonez
- September 12: Too Much Sylvia
- September 19: Darrell Harwood

SOUTHPORT

Concert Series - Sundays on the Lawn

Sunday afternoons this Spring and Fall from 2-4pm at Garrison Lawn, weather permitting. The concerts will be open to the public, welcoming attendees of all ages. Guests are encouraged to bring picnic blankets, chairs, and dancing shoes.

- May 5: Charlene and the Bluegrass Charlatans
- May 12: A Class Act
- May 19: Kenny Reeves and Trainwreck
- May 26: The Sea and Sand Band
- June 2: Carolina Band
- June 9: The 52nd Street Band
- June 16 & 23: Rain Dates
- September 1: Lockwood River Band
- September 8: Whiplash
- September 15: Rev and the Flying Flamingos
- September 22: The Ford Project
- September 29: Chance Union
- October 6: The Stone Cold Blues Band
- October 13 & 20: Rain Dates

SUNSET BEACH

Sunset Sound Waves

Plan to join us each Wednesday beginning May 29 to celebrate the 2024 Summer Concert season. The Concerts will be held at 206 Sunset Blvd. North in the Town Park from 6-8pm. *Schedule subject to change. Not responsible for inclement weather and cancellations.*

- May 29: The Extraordinaires
- June 5: Chocolate Chip & Company
- June 12: Cat 5 Band
- June 19: 100 Grand Band
- June 26: JB & the Get Down Browns
- July 3: Tuesday's Gone
- July 10: The Switch
- July 17: Julio & the Saltines
- July 24: The Entertainers
- July 31, 2024- North Tower Band
- August 7: -Band on Fire
- August 14: Blackwater Band
- August 21: Too Much Sylvia



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North Carolina Fourth of July Celebration Freedom Run/Walk Call for Entries

Families looking for a unique July 4th destination need look no further than Southport, NC. The town's annual Independence Day celebration is the official celebration of the state of North Carolina, and this year's festivities promise to be better than ever.

Highlights of the celebration include picnics, arts and crafts, a car show, parade, fireworks, firemen's competition, children's games, live entertainment nightly, great food, and, of course, lots of red, white, and blue. This year's festival promises to be an unforgettable experience for the whole family.

One of the festival's most popular events has returned after an eight-year hiatus, the Freedom Run and Walk. Sponsored by Novant Health, the run will be held on Saturday, June 29th. The race begins at 8am, and participants are guaranteed a Freedom Run t-shirt if entering by June 14th. This year's fee is \$35 for early registration and \$45 for registrations after June 14th for the 5K. There is no charge for the 1-mile run/walk.

Interested participants can visit the festival's website, www.nc4thofjuly.com, for details and an entry form. Fleet Feet of Wilmington, NC, will be contributing to winner prizes.

For over thirty years, the NC 4th of July Festival Freedom Run has been racing through the streets of Southport, NC. The 5k and 1-mile fun run begins and ends at the Waterfront Park in Southport, NC.

"For over 200 years, Southport, North Carolina, has celebrated the nation's independence. More than 50,000 people visit during the festival each year, and we're excited to welcome even more visitors this year," said a festival spokesperson. "We're proud to offer such a unique and memorable experience for families celebrating this important holiday."

The festival's Independence Day celebration is a must-see event for anyone looking for a fun and patriotic way to celebrate July 4th. For more information on the festival, please visit www.nc4thofjuly.com.



Sharing Our Beach Roads with Golf Carts

By North Carolina law it is required for LSEV's:

- to be driven on public streets (no sidewalks)
- all operators must possess a valid driver's license

The vehicle must be registered with the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and have a:

- valid license tag
- vehicle inspection
- and valid vehicle insurance

LSEV's fall under the following Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard, No. 500 (49 CFR 571.500) which states:

- they must have the ability to travel between 20-25 mph

- be equipped with headlamps
- be equipped stop lamps
- be equipped turn signal lamps
- be equipped tail lamps
- be equipped reflex reflectors
- be equipped parking brakes
- be equipped rearview mirrors
- be equipped windshields
- be equipped seat belts
- be equipped vehicle identification numbers (VIN)

If you are bringing a Low Speed Electric Vehicle (Golf Cart) from out of state your LSEV must be registered with your state of residence Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), have a license tag (hard tag just like your car) issued by your DMV and must have valid insurance

Franklin Square Park Needs Assessment Survey

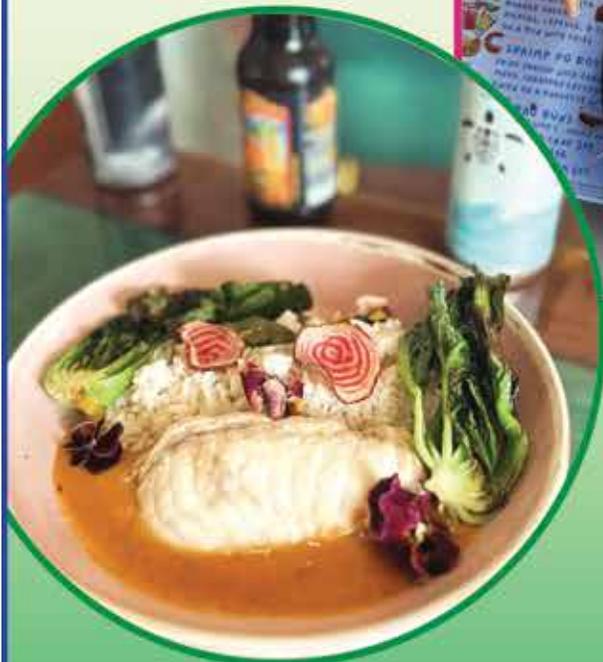
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The survey closes on May 30, 2024.





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