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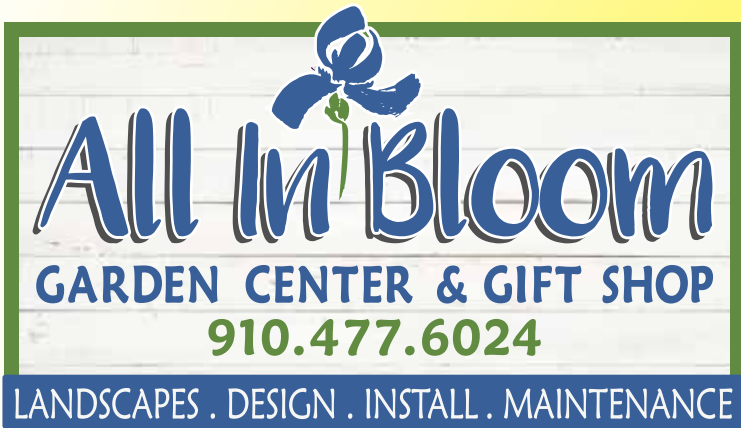
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Doshier Receives 2020 Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award® for Achieving and Sustaining Excellence in Clinical Quality, Patient Experience

Doshier Memorial Hospital and Medical Clinics have been named 2020 Guardian of Excellence Award® winners by Press Ganey, in three separate areas.

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- Guardian of Excellence for Patient Experience in the Doshier Medical Practices
- Guardian of Excellence for Quality for hospital services

The Guardian of Excellence Award recognizes top-performing health care organizations that have achieved the 95th percentile or above for performance in the area in which they have been recognized.

The Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award is a nationally-recognized symbol of achievement in health care. Presented annually, the award honors clients who consistently sustained performance in the top 5% for each reporting period during the course of one year.

“The caregivers and staff of Doshier Memorial Hospital and Medical Clinics touch the lives of patients

and their families in profound ways,” said Patrick T. Ryan, Chairman and CEO of Press Ganey. “Press Ganey is proud to partner with them in this noble work, and we congratulate them on this tremendous achievement.”

Doshier’s commitment to quality and patient experience is supported through a number of dedicated individuals who have made it their mission to deliver excellent care through every phase of a patient encounter and to seek ways to create continual improvement.

According to Doshier CEO Dr. Brad Hilaman, the awards represent an important recognition from the industry’s leader in measuring, understanding, and improving the delivery of care. “These awards are reflective of a team that fully supports a culture of quality, safety, and overall excellence,” says Hilaman. “During a year where both health-care and our patients have met unprecedented challenges, we are extremely proud of how every member of our staff has delivered care with the same diligence, dignity, and compassion that they would provide to a



From L – R: Kate Inman, Doshier Practice Network Administrator, Joan Alsbury, Doshier Emergency Department Manager, Lesa Anderson, Doshier Chief Nursing Officer, Director of Quality, Risk, & Patient Safety

member of their own family.”

About Doshier

Doshier is an independent critical access hospital located in Southport, North Carolina. Doshier operates six primary care clinics in southern Brunswick County, as well as a medical clinic on Bald Head Island open seasonally, a Convenient Care, a general surgery practice and a women’s

health clinic.

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Good Riddance 2020, Hello 2021

By Joanne Thompson

To say 2020 has been a dreadful year is an understatement. We are all anticipating 2021 to begin to return to a more healthy time for individuals and small, local businesses alike. Brunswick County's citizens have cooperated to keep each other well and safe. Continue to wear masks and wash hands often as well as maintain social distancing for a bit longer. We are turning the page and looking forward.

Sorry to say, some businesses have closed. Some of the most recent closings are: long beloved **Beana's** on Oak Island; **Zeetlegoo's Pet Store** in Southport, has closed physical shop, but will offer on-line shopping; **The Confectionary** on Long Beach Rd., just to name a few.

But, the good news is shops have opened and more are on the way to open in the new year. A plaza with new stores such as **Burke's**, and **Ulta** opened in Shallotte near Big Lots.

Mo's Fire Oven Pizza and a music store offering lessons, as well as **Big Lots**, are all due to open this spring in the old Food Lion Plaza off of Long beach Road between Oak Island and Southport. **The Bin**

Store has already opened there to the delight of bargain shoppers.

Much anticipated **Paul's of Oak Island**, beach/sports bar restaurant is due to open this spring as well.

In the new Southport Crossings off Hwy. 211, **Chuck's Homemade Ice Cream** has opened offering old time sundaes and shakes as well as a variety of flavors of fudge. Also new in this plaza is **Falcone's** originally found in Leland.

Shop on line at stores such as at **Mermaid Cove**, with six locations and live specials and fashion shows on Facebook.

Don't forget our thrift stores like **Habitat for Humanity**, **Community in Schools Providence House**, and **Sheltered Treasures**.

Privately owned consignment stores need our support too. **Bella's Consignment Boutique** in Leland just closed permanently. Shops like **Klassy Konsignment**, owned by Heather Dye, who it must be noted ALWAYS gives back to our community with Race For the Cure and fashion shows to raise money to fight breast cancer, deserve our support now. This is just one of many local

consignment shops that have long been a part of our community.

Call to order pick up or delivery if available, from local restaurants such as: **Mr. P's** or **Ports of Call** in Southport and **Joseph's Italian Bistro**, **Gourmet to Go** in Southport, **Joe Loves Lobster** and **Pepperoni Grill** in Boiling Spring Lakes and Oak Island; **D's Italian Restaurant** in the Midway Plaza off Hwy 211 in Bolivia, (has a well-appointed private room suitable for small groups and meetings); **Angelo's Italian Pizzeria and Bistro** in Shallotte; or **Maria's Pizzeria** at Ocean Isle Beach; **Castucci's** on Long Beach Rd. between Southport and Oak Island; **Swain's Seafood**, (great take home family style dinners on Oak Island).

For all the early diners, 3:30 til 5 pm, **Castucci's** offers a 20% discount on dine in only. Call ahead and make a reservation

Order groceries for pick up. Get your beer and wine from local shops like the **Grape & Ale** on Oak Island or **Southport Tap and Cellar** or **Makai Brewing Company** on Rte. 17 in Ocean Isle.

Bars like **The Pub of Southport**

Thank you to our military for their service to our country. This group enjoyed a meal at D's Italian Restaurant before their deployment.



and **Chasers** on Oak Island and even golf course pub/restaurants like **Duffers** on Oak Island and **Seabreeze Bar and Restaurant** at Brick Landing in Ocean Isle Beach, need your support.

Let's stay Brunswick County Strong and Safe in 2021! We are all in this together and WE WILL get by with a little help from each other.

Stop by on February 7 to celebrate Napa's Birthday and participate in an instant drawing for door prizes!

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OUR OAK ISLAND OFFICE HAS MOVED!

OKI, We have moved to a more convenient location at 5904 Oak Island Drive, across from Food Lion. Still limiting walk-in due to Covid-19, but we hope to see you all soon!

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WHEN WE SHOP, YOU WIN!

Communities Coming Together

Kudos to These Local Heros

Shop with a Cop 2020 Program Huge Success

Thanks to gracious givers, over \$15,000 was collected, allowing the Southport Police Department to help 130+ kids, and adopt 15 (kids) tags from the County's D.S.S. Angel Tree. 20 gift bags were also assembled for seniors as part of the

"We Care" Program.

So on behalf on the many lives you impacted this year, Thanks For Giving so generously!



Volunteers Step Up to Replace Bike Racks Damaged by Isaias



Oak Island Beach Preservation volunteers have been busy building bike racks and doggie-bag boxes to replace those destroyed or washed away by Hurricane Isaias. They have most of them completed! We are so

grateful for those people who have stepped up with their time, tools and generous spirits to help restore the beach access amenities that enhance the beach experience for all. Thank you, Beach Preservation Volunteers!

Feeding Some Folks on Christmas Eve

We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Southport police, Mike Garcia at Lowes Foods, Midway Road, William Billy Smart, Provisions, Locals, Jerry Ashley, Karen Pigg, Lizzy, Grace and the birthday girl Marissa, for all their help in sending out Feeding Some Folks a Christmas Eve dinner. The program is a ministry of The Point Church in Southport, 910-200-9919. Since March of 2020, Feeding Some Folks have served about 2,500 meals to local residents. The program was born when Haag Seafood donated some seafood to prepare some meals during the early stages of COVID-19 and it took off from there.



Some of the folks feeding folks. Thank you for your service to our community.

Just another story of how people step up to the plate during a crisis and prove there is still good in the world.



Oak Island Angels Meet 2020 Goals

Clarissa Cope and the Oak Island Angels "Operation Christmas Blessings" have met their goals for 2020!! Their goal was to prepare care packages for Elmcroft of Southport (15 men & 29 women) and Southport Health & Rehabilitation Center (10 men & 45 women) to be gifted on Christmas morning!! Thank you to everyone who has ever donated items or cash to make this possible.

went to families that needed one and numerous Christmas dinners were supplied to families in need.

Oak Island Angels is a community support group for helping those who have fallen on hard times or just need a helping hand. So thankful for our volunteers and for those that give because we could not provide without their kindness and generosity. Volunteers pick up and deliver donations, they assisted in sorting gifts, organizing the gift bags, and filling stockings. Oak Island Angels operates nonstop year-round.

Also, they assist less fortunate local families with non-perishable foods & unwrapped toys. They had 12 families, 19 children, and Secret Santa for a few children recently put in DSS shelters. Seven Christmas trees with lights and decorations

Clarissa Cope and Oak Island Angels can be reached through Facebook.

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Exciting News From Up Your Arts!

On November 22, 2019, the board of directors for Up Your Arts entered into an agreement with the City of Southport to conduct a six-month feasibility study for the adaptive reuse of the old city hall building located at 201 East Moore Street, in downtown Southport.

This initial study period was intended to give Up Your Arts an exclusive opportunity to study whether a project to convert the structure into a community-based performing and creative arts center was feasible. After reviewing the studies conducted during this phase one feasibility study, the UYA board of directors found that a sufficient basis existed to begin shaping a phase two agreement with the City of Southport.

We are very pleased to announce that on Thursday, December 10, 2020 the Southport Board of Alderman unanimously voted to enter into a 12-month, phase two agreement with Up Your Arts. This agreement launches the Design Development phase of the Arts Center Project.

Program Development: Continue a variety of grassroots outreach efforts to further refine the vision and usage of the building. These will include community-wide presentation and feedback events, social media presentations, smaller focus and discussion groups (held throughout the area in a variety of venues and formats), and ongoing conversations with municipal leaders.

Design Development: Professional architectural services will be engaged and funded by UYA. The selected firm will assist with defining and prioritizing all aspects of program development and assist in evaluating the requirements for engineering



Original Artwork by Preen Halladay

and hazardous material remediation services. The firm will then prepare a series of architectural drawings, specifications, and construction budgets.

Organizational Development: An executive committee has been established by UYA to oversee the initial phases of the project. Subject to the oversight of the UYA board of directors, this executive committee will be responsible for directing all phase two activities. A separate non-profit board of trustees will also be identified during phase two to become the legal agency to oversee and direct funding for the reconstruction and be the agency with which the City of Southport will enter long-term leasing agreements.

Phase three activities will largely focus on raising the necessary funds to proceed into the actual reconstruction process. Phase four will encompass the actual construction work, including hazard mitigation, demolition, reconstruction, and the selection and installation of all necessary furnishings. Once all four phases of the project have been successfully completed a robust series of opening events and programs will be established and promoted.

For more information on the Arts Center Project, and to take a really cool virtual 3-D of the existing structure, visit our newly redesigned website, UpYourArts.org.

Southport Chief Coring Named Law Officer of the Year

Southport Chief of Police Todd Coring has been named law enforcement officer of the year by the The American Legion of North Carolina.

The state Legion organization selected Coring from nominees submitted by more than 300 Legion posts across

the state.

"Todd is the consummate professional in all situations," Freeman said in his letter nominating Coring. "And no matter how demanding the task, he consistently yields exceptional results, both for himself and those he leads. Freeman said that Coring, as the Le-

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gion's state honoree, will now be in the running for law enforcement officer of the year in the Legion's national competition.

"When I received the news of this honor, I was certainly humbled, and a little shocked," Coring said. "I love my job and I love serving our community."

Prior to taking the position of chief of the Southport Police Department in 2018, Coring spent 20 years with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office. A lifelong Southport resident, he also serves with the Southport Fire Department and was a Southport Alderman.

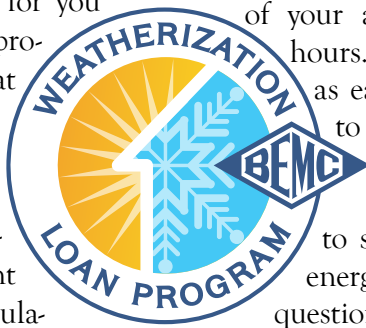
Congratulations Chief Coring!



Is a Weatherization Loan Right for You?

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 with funding. BEMC Members can apply for a loan up to \$6,000 for residential projects and up to \$10,000 for commercial projects. The Weatherization Loan Program is administered by the Rural Consumer Services Corporation (RCSC). Terms can be as long as 60 months, and payments are included with your monthly electric bill.

Togetherwesome.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, insula-



tion 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.

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Allen Kinney Electric Wins 2020 Southport-Oak Island Golf Classic



Golfers turned out to support the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce at the Carolina National Golf Club on December 4th. The Southport-Oak Island Golf Classic is a fundraising event for the Southport Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit membership-based organization focused on creating business opportunities.

The December tournament was postponed from its usual May date due to COVID-19 restrictions. Outdoor activities like golf have social distancing naturally built into the sport and can be enjoyed, even in groups, without any close physical interaction among players. However, working with the professionals at Carolina National Golf Club, changes were made to make the event safer including pre-loading box lunches and drinks in the carts and eliminating the awards ceremony. On the course, employees from First National Bank in Southport distributed hand sanitizer.

This year the tournament added a chipping game prior to the start and during the event. The “Chip a Shot Into the Pot” was both challenging and entertaining as individuals attempted to chip into a toilet donated by Moffitt Builders, LLC. The winner Cody Kratzer a member of Frank Institute team was the only one who was able to keep the ball in the bowl. Mr. Kratzer won an Electric Grill from BEMC and a case of toilet paper. Each player who attempted received a Moon Pie for their efforts.

1st Place in the Championship Flight went to the Allen Kinney Elec-

trical Team: Allen Kinney, Timmy Robinette, Pat Cullifer and Gerald Harrington.

First Flight: Farm Bureau Insurance Team: Ken White, Joe Yalch, Adam Byrd, Jamie Perritt.

Mixed Flight: Margaret Rudd & Associates, Inc., REALTORS Team: Margaret & Al Bishop, Mike Reaves, Pat Goodman.

Ladies Flight: Rivermist Creekers Team: Michelle Taylor, Deb Sullivan, Annette Prout and Debbie Bjorkman

Winners for the Closest to the Pin prizes were: Timmy Dean, Pat Goodman, Brian Frank, Gene Duckworth, Susan Morrison and Cori Booth.

The organizing Committee for the event was Co-Chairs Adam Powell, AAMS, Edward Jones & Ben Frazier, The State Port Pilot and Committee Members Randy Moffitt, Moffitt Builders and Joe Biernat, Joe's Golf Simulator. The Committee expressed its appreciation to all its sponsors and volunteers including Platinum Sponsors: Frank Institute, BEMC, and Rudd Sold - Brooke Rudd-Gaglie of Margaret Rudd & Associates, Inc., REALTORS. A special thanks to Jeff Phieffer and Carolina National Golf Club Staff for their support.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Mitzi Swing at the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce 910-457-6964 or email at events@southport-oakisland.com or visit the website at www.southport-oakisland.com.

January/February Events & Activities in Brunswick County

COVID-19 continues to affect events into 2021. We searched high and low, far and wide and did not find any planned events to report on.

If you know of anything fun, informative or a benefit event to lift our spirits during the Winter season, please let us know and we will report them on our facebook page!

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We hope in the coming months, things will start to return to normal and we can all get out and enjoy the events we miss so much.

In the meantime, keep an eye on these area websites for any events as they come up in your community:

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



The History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, also called St. Valentine's Day, holiday (February 14) when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. The holiday has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I replaced Lupercalia with St. Valentine's Day. It came to be celebrated as a day of romance from about the 14th century.

Although there were several Christian martyrs named Valentine, the day may have taken its name from a priest who was martyred about 270 CE by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus. According to legend, the priest signed a letter “from your Valentine” to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and, by some accounts, healed from blindness. Other accounts hold that it was St. Valentine

of Terni, a bishop, for whom the holiday was named, though it is possible the two saints were actually one person. Another common legend states that St. Valentine defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. It is for this reason that his feast day is associated with love.

Formal messages, or valentines, appeared in the 1500s, and by the late 1700s commercially printed cards were being used. The first commercial valentines in the United States were printed in the mid-1800s. Valentines commonly depict Cupid, the Roman god of love, along with hearts, traditionally the seat of emotion. Because it was thought that the avian mating season begins in mid-February, birds also became a symbol of the day. Traditional gifts include candy and flowers, particularly red roses, a symbol of beauty and love.

Brunswick County Association of REALTORS® Raises Nearly \$60,000 in Annual Holiday Giving Fundraiser



The Brunswick County Association of REALTORS®' 2020 Holiday Giving fundraiser, previously known as Bucks 4 Bikes, reeled in \$59,252, nearly \$15,000 more than 2019. The fundraiser, which is held in partnership with Brunswick Family Assistance, collects donations from BCAR members and other Brunswick County residents and businesses to provide bicycles, tricycles and scooters to less fortunate children in Brunswick County.

"This year's Holiday Giving fundraiser surpassed all expectations," said Cynthia Walsh, BCAR CEO, "2020 has been a whirlwind, and there is no better way to end the year than by putting smiles on the faces of 500 Brunswick County children. It's safe to say that COVID-19 has not hampered our members' desire to give back to the community in which they work, and we are grateful to everyone who supported this effort."

Key volunteers included George Zimmerman, Rick Mazur, Jim Goodman, Stephanie Bowen, Charles Jackson, Shannon Jackson, and Katie Simmons.

Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA) is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization now in its 35th year of operation. Brunswick Family Assistance is dedicated to improving the lives of families and individuals in crisis in Brunswick County who are willing to help themselves by providing emergency and educational assistance as well as skills development programs. For more information, please visit: <http://brunswick-family.org>.

Photo (left to right, top to bottom): Rick Mazur, Bucks for Bikes co-chair, Charles Jackson, Director of Operations for Brunswick Family Assistance, BCAR Past President Margaret Rudd Bishop, Bucks for Bikes co-chair and BCAR Past President Jim Goodman

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Dosher Volunteers Receive Governor's Service Award

The NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service has announced the 2020 Governor's Service Award recipients, with both the Doshier Memorial Hospital Volunteers and Ann Hollingsworth, the Vice President of the Doshier Volunteers, being among the honorees.

Over 170 members of the Doshier Volunteers provide service and support in multiple areas which include the Emergency Department, Surgical Services and Physical Therapy along with answering the phones in the Patient Care Unit, Patient Registration, and Doshier Clinics. Through raising funds in both the Doshier Flea Market and the hospital

gift store, the Doshier Volunteers have given over \$2,000,000 as

an organization to Doshier Hospital used for programs and equipment which enhance patient care.

Ann Hollingsworth, the Vice President of the Doshier Volunteers received a stand alone award, selected not only for her service to Doshier but also for her participation in volunteer initiatives within the community of Boiling Spring Lakes.

To find out more about the work of the Doshier Volunteers, go to Doshier.org/volunteer



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The new year is a great time to assess the safety of your home. Many people are talking about the "9pm Routine." This is a safety measure that citizens can take to help prevent being victimized by crime. The purpose of the "9pm Routine" is to create a habit of making sure things are safe and secure around your home.

Some safety routines that we recommend would be:

- Turn on outside lights. Criminals like dark places where they cannot be seen. Exterior lights on a home can be a deterrent.
- Secure all valuables. Bring any items such as bicycles, lawn equipment, sports equipment, etc. into a locked garage or building.
- Close overhead garage doors. It can be easy to forget closing that garage door - especially with an armful of groceries or managing children. Get into the habit of making sure that door is closed.
- Remove valuables from vehicles. Keys, wallets, purses, phones, weapons

money, etc., should be removed from the vehicle or stored away in a locked box or trunk.

- Ensure all windows are closed and locked. Desperate criminals will look for any opportunity to enter a home, whether it be through a window or door.
- Close and lock doors on all vehicles and buildings. Don't forget about the outside door on the garage and the inside door between the garage and house.

These are just few things we recommend to help keep families safe. Have conversations with family members to determine if there are any other areas in which your home may be vulnerable, and incorporate that into your routine as well. Getting into the habit of making sure things are safe and secure at your home will not only offer peace of mind, but again, may keep your family from falling victim to crime.

I hope everyone enjoys a very safe and happy 2021!

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

Eligible households can now apply for the LIEAP- Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, a one-time annual vendor payment to help offset winter heating expenses, through Brunswick County Public Utilities. The household's total countable income for the base period must be equal to or less than 130% of the current poverty level and the household's total resources must be \$2,250 or less. To apply go to the ePass portal at epass.nc.gov. Applications accepted now - March 31, 2021, or until funds are exhausted. For more information call 910.253.2422 or email: dss@brunswickcountync.gov.

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Brunswick Arts Council Announces \$31,401.00 In Grassroots Grant Awards

The Brunswick Arts Council has awarded \$31,401.00 to Brunswick County arts organizations and businesses through the North Carolina Arts Council's Grassroots grants. A total of twelve (12) arts and cultural organizations, and arts groups are receiving grant awards from this program in partnership with North Carolina Arts Council. The following are the recipients and their arts activities:

Associated Artists of Southport: Kids Day in the Park 2021 & Spring Art Show at Franklin Square

Brunswick Bands, Inc.: Ongoing musical outreach and performances in 2021

Brunswick Little Theatre: Support of theatrical youth production in 2021

Countywide Community Development Corp: Creative Arts projects in six communities across Brunswick County

NC Rice Festival: 2021 film support in creation of Gullah Geechee lifeways & food series

Oak Island Parks & Recreation Department: 2021 arts youth camp and performances

Teen Scene/Cape Fear View: For ongoing production of this literary monthly publication featuring original works of print and art by local residents, including a Teen insert

Town of Leland-Leland Cultural Arts Center: Spring 2021 Scrap Assemblage Art Workshop & Exhibit Program

Turning the Wheel: 2021 Caravan and Movement Programs in Brunswick County

Up Your Arts: Gullah Geechee Heritage Performance during the Plein Art Festival 2021

Waterway Arts Association: 2021 Spring Visual Art Show at Sunset River Marketplace Calabash

We are grateful to the support of our legislators and governing representatives who assisted in helping these funds become available. We are especially grateful to all our Brunswick residents and visitors who despite this Pandemic have found ways to support their local arts communities. For questions or more information, contact Mary Beth at Brunswick Arts Council at 910.899.8407 or 910.448.1016 or email brunswickartscouncil@gmail.com.

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**2020 Women of Impact Awards
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The Women of Impact awards were presented at the annual brunch on November 18th. The event was sponsored by Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, Novant Health, Arbor Landing at Ocean Isle and Redbox+. Congratulations to all the deserving recipients!



Hidden Gem: Sponsored by Arbor Landing at Ocean Isle

Tammy Munns - Brunswick County Schools

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Chamber Announces “Small Business, Customer Service & Non-Profit Of The Year” Annual Awards

In the Spring of 2020, The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce accepted nominations for its annual business awards: Small Business of the Year, Small Business Customer Service of the Year and Non-Profit Organization of the Year. Once nominated, the qualifying business or non-profit was required to submit a nomination packet, which was then presented to April Scott, Director of Brunswick Community College Small Business Center for her review and recommendations.

The winners were scheduled to be unveiled at the Chamber's Annual Meeting in June but with COVID-19 safety restrictions the Chamber postponed the announcement with hopes of gathering at a later date. This week Kim Felts, 2020/2021 Chamber President took to Facebook Live to present the awards to the winners.



Small Business of the Year was presented to **Island Spas and Pools** on Oak Island. “Island Spas and Pools, LLC demonstrates what it means to give credit to their team and customers for helping them grow their business by almost 500%. While providing great supplies and service to their customers for over five years they make a point of showing their appreciation to their team by providing extensive training, providing BBQ dinners to the team and their families and sponsoring charitable events. Congratulations Island Spas and Pools for showing your team and customers they matter!” April Scott, BCC Small Business Center.

Small Business Customer Service of the Year was presented to **Moore Street Market** in Southport. April Scott, BCC SBC said “Moore Street Market, is a shining example of a locally owned and operated small busi-

ness that cares about their customers and community. Taking over a business can sometimes be tricky but Andrew & Bridget took over Moore Street Market, embarrassed it for the things that were going well like the small town feel and adjusted the things that needed improvements. They have shown their customer service support by the many kind gestures of giving back to the community in times of disaster. Moore Street Market is a true shining light!”



Non-Profit of the Year was presented to **Associated Artists of Southport at the Franklin Square Gallery**. “Associated Artists of Southport is a great example of a community of artist coming together and creating works of beauty for Brunswick County and beyond to enjoy. This group provides powerful and positive experiences that enhances the quality of life for those involved. Congratulations to The Associated Artist of Southport for the beautiful work you have created, the young lives you have touched and putting artist of Southport on the map!” wrote April Scott, BCC SBC about their selection.

Beginning in February 2021, you may nominate a business or non-profit by visiting the Chamber's website at www.chambersmallbusinessawards.com.

For more information about the Chamber's Annual Awards please contact the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce at 910.457-6964, or visit the website at www.chambersmallbusinessawards.com

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The 20 Most-Overlooked Tax Breaks

Getting an early start on those dreaded taxes? You have to claim all the write-offs you're entitled to if you really want to cut your income tax bill to the bone. Unfortunately, though, people often miss great tax-saving opportunities because they don't know that certain tax breaks exist.

- 1) Don't Unnecessarily Report a State Income Tax Refund
- 2) Out-of-Pocket Charitable Deductions
- 3) State Sales Taxes
- 4) Gambling Losses
- 5) State Tax Paid Last Spring
- 6) Jury Pay Given to Employer
- 7) Childcare Credit
- 8) Credit for Dependents
- 9) Those Blasted Baggage Fees

- 10) Reinvested Dividends
- 11) Social Security Taxes You Pay
- 12) Refinancing Points
- 13) Private School Tuition (K-12)
- 14) American Opportunity Credit
- 15) A College Credit for Those Long Out of College
- 16) Student-Loan Interest Paid by Mom and Dad
- 17) Deduction of Medicare Premiums for the Self-Employed
- 18) Waiver of Penalty for the Newly Retired
- 19) Military Reservists' Travel Expenses
- 20) Amortizing Bond Premiums

Visit irs.gov for more in-depth information on these tax breaks to see if you qualify and maximize your tax refund or reduce what you owe.



COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Phases

It's the news we've all been waiting for—the approval of a vaccine to help protect individuals from getting COVID-19. But when will the vaccine arrive in Brunswick County? And when will you get your vaccine?

There are some questions that we will be better able to answer as more information becomes available from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Here are the facts about COVID-19 vaccines:

The vaccine will be available to everyone, but it will be administered in phases. State and federal public health officials advise that the phases will start first with vaccinations for those most at risk. Vaccine supply is expected to increase from January to June.

The vaccines were developed based on vaccines for viruses similar to COVID-19. It has been tested in clinical trials with more than 70,000 participants to make sure they meet the safety standards and protect adults of different ages, races, and ethnicities. No serious safety concerns were reported during the trials. Both the CDC and FDA have approved the vaccine.

This is not a live vaccine, but some may experience temporary side effects. Side effects could include a sore arm, headache, fever, or body aches. Experiencing side effects similar to COVID-19 symptoms does not mean that you have the disease. Side effects can be your body's response to building immunity.

The vaccine will be free for anyone who wants it, regardless of whether you have health insurance. The federal government is purchasing the vaccines.

It is essential that we all continue practicing the Three Ws—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—for the next several months as we work toward vaccinating the general public. These are still the best tools we have to combat the virus as we await our respective phase for vaccination.

Brunswick County Health Services will work closely with the municipalities, hospitals, senior centers, faith-based organizations, and the media to communicate with residents when the vaccine is available.

Health Services will also update our website with the latest information on vaccines including answers to frequently asked questions at <https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/vaccines/>

Vaccine Distribution Phases

When the phases begin, the vaccination schedule will be staggered in prioritized settings, such as hospitals and long-term care facilities, at intervals of 24-48 hours. This allows multiple people to be vaccinated at once without impacting staffing at those settings.

Phase 1a: Every health care worker at high risk for exposure to COVID-19—includes doctors, nurses, and all who interact and care for patients with COVID-19, including those who clean areas used by patients, and those giving vaccines to these workers.

Long-Term Care staff and residents—includes people in skilled nursing facilities and in adult, family and group homes.

Phase 1b: Adults with two or more chronic conditions that put them at risk of severe illness as defined by the CDC, including conditions like cancer, COPD, serious heart conditions, sickle cell disease and Type 2 diabetes, among others.

Adults at high risk of exposure, including essential frontline workers (police, food processing, teachers), health care workers, and those living in prisons, homeless shelters, migrant and fishery housing with two or more chronic conditions.

Those working in prisons, jails and homeless shelters (no chronic conditions requirement).

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Phase 4: Everyone who wants a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination.

Visit our webpage for the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 vaccines in Brunswick County at <https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/vaccines/>

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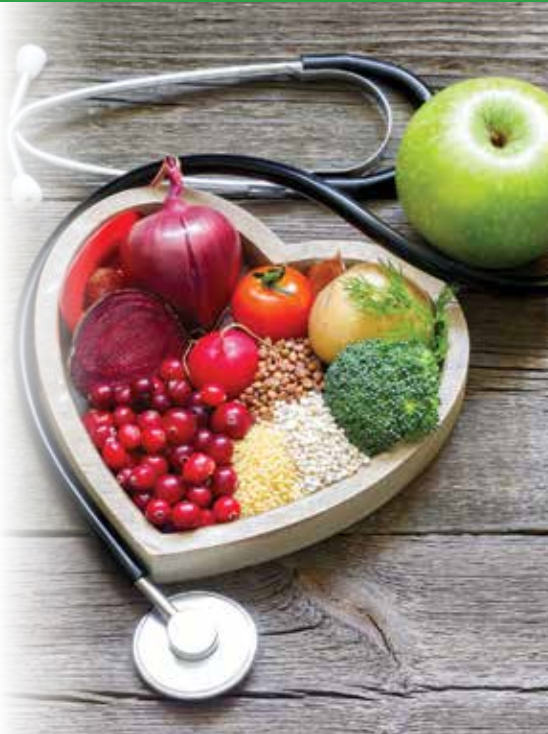
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www.facebook.com/pages/Sheltered-Treasures-Thrift-Shop

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We Say Goodbye to a Great Lady

Virginia Williamson, a Brunswick County philanthropist who is the namesake of Virginia Williamson Elementary School in Bolivia, has died. She was 98 years old.

According to an obituary provided by her family, Williamson died on Christmas Eve at her home in Ocean Isle Beach, the Brunswick County town she helped name and where she served as mayor from 1969 to 1973.

Her husband was the late Brunswick County real estate developer and politician Odell Williamson, who died at the age of 90 in 2010, just weeks shy of the couple's 70th



wedding anniversary. Theirs was a true partnership, said the Williamsons' youngest grandson, Jonathan Odell Williamson.

"As hard as he worked, she worked twice as hard behind the scenes," Williamson said. "My grandfather would've never been able to save a dime if it wasn't for my grandmother."

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