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with your vote for your favorite choice in the categories listed.

Voting begins January 10, 2022 and ends February 15, 2022.

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Results will be posted on BRUNSWICK MARKETPLACE'S Facebook page and published in the March/April issue.

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One Year Ends; Another Begins

By Joanne Thompson

Most of us are pretty glad to see the end of 2021. It was a roller coaster of a year to say the least. So, with some trepidation, we open the door to 2022, peek in, with caution and hope that things will get better for us in Brunswick County.

As always things change; sometimes for better sometimes for... Here are some openings to expect, as well as some closings.

In **Boiling Spring Lakes**, **Joe Loves Lobster** closed, but in reality just changed owners. Opening February 7 is **Ria and Scout's Doggie Playland** at 281 W BSL Rd. They will have an Open House February 12. This fun fenced-in place to take your pups will feature supervised social play for your fur babies, indoor and outdoor artificial turf, toys, and pools in the summer time to keep canines cool. Soon you can book online or call 910-351-8000.

Boiling Spring Lakes community also will see their dam that was destroyed by a hurricane a few

years ago restored to the tune of \$14 million in funding.

Brunswick County's explosive growth is exemplified by **Leland**. It is bursting with activity as is the whole Route 17 corridor. Homes, condos and apartments and businesses are springing up fast. One of the latest is the much anticipated coming of Lowe's Home Improvement store sometime this spring.

The buzz in **Calabash** is the new ownership of **The Original Famous Bagel Dock Cafe** of **Calabash**. The on-going renovation of the premises with upgrades and anticipated outdoor expansion has been enhanced with a renewed dedication to improved quality. The new owners have added a costly water filtration system guaranteeing purified water matching New York City's for that "authentic" bagel taste. And believe you me "you can taste the difference." That same good water is used to make the delicious coffee too. An exceptional new baker, with more than 30 years experience at a prominent New York bagel/bakery bakes the daily supply

of bagels and famed black and white cookies.

Brian Bonsignore, one of the owners, is a retired NYC fire fighter. As a 9/11 World Trade Center survivor, who stayed on serving five more years after helping to rebuild, he wants to actively be a part of the Brunswick County community. "We will work with law enforcement, military, and fire fighters in any way we can. This is my home now and here is my community."

The Bagel Dock also sells local beef without processing or preservatives, fresh mozzarella, and uses fresh brown eggs for your breakfast. Extra large special Super Bowl bagels will be available as well as party platters.

Here's some great news for **Southport!** A new owner for the **Bagel Dock**, Jesse Driscoll is also working feverishly on opening a **Bagel Dock Express** location in the new Lowe's Plaza in Southport. **Chuck's Homemade Ice Cream** will be expanding their current space with the opening of **Chucks Candy Box** very soon.

How exciting is that!

On the Causeway at **Holden Beach** there is **Cafe Ahora**, a new place locals are saying has great coffees and pastries.

Coming this spring to the **Southport/Oak Island** area, is **The Carolina Crab Brewing Company** located on Long Beach Rd. The former **Check Six** brew master is one of the owners. It promises good beer, good fun, and good food trucks.

At 607 N Howe St., where Chuck's Old Fashion Ice Cream was, **Carolina Coastal Cafe** is working hard to open for business. The owners have painted the building an attractive blue with white trim and added user friendly ramp and rail accessory.

Rumour has it that **Southport Siam Thai Bistro** has been bought out by well known and loved Indochine of Wilmington. Indochine has recently opened locations in Pender County and Monkey Junction that offer the same quality food for which it is famous. Hopes are high for this new welcomed addition to Southport.

Southport's **Dry Street Pub** has changed things up a bit adding a bar area and expanded outdoor seating. Same good food though.

On **Oak Island**, renovations are underway in the building that was formerly home to Swain's. It will be home to **Sunset Grill & Ice Cream** and **Oak Island Coffehouse**.

Some things move slowly it seems... whether it is lack of building materials, town or county approvals, or lack of staff.

No word yet on the opening of **Solar Brewery**, **49th Street Grill** and **Paul's**, on **Oak Island**. **Jone's Seafood** is currently closed for the season. We all look forward to when they reopen in the Spring. **Shagger Jack's** is also taking a little break for the month of January, but will reopen in February.

Remember, Voting starts January 10th for the 2022 Brunswick Marketplace People's Choice Awards.

Happy New Year to all in Brunswick County for all of us at Brunswick Marketplace. Stay well!



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- Guardian of Excellence for Patient Experience in our Emergency Department
- Guardian of Excellence for Patient Experience in the Dosher Medical Practices

The Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award is a pre-eminent competitive achievement for leading healthcare organizations. Presented annually, the award applauds hospitals and health systems that consistently sustained in the top 5% of all Press Ganey clients for each reporting period during the course of one year.

“Press Ganey is honored to recognize Dosher as one of the nation’s leaders in patient experience,” said Patrick T. Ryan, chairman and chief executive officer, Press Ganey. “This award reflects an unwavering commitment to earn the trust and loyalty of patients throughout unimaginable challenges. We are humbled by Dosher’s incredible efforts, and their ability to adapt to imperatives of COVID-19 on top of the increasing demand for consumerism in healthcare.”

Dosher’s commitment to patient experience is supported through an organization comprised 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.

Dosher CEO Dr. Brad Hilaman says, “We are extremely proud of our staff for their investment in patient experience, and their meticulous attention to every phase of patient care. These awards represent an important recognition in a staff that supports a culture of quality, safety, and overall excellence.”

Lynda Stanley, President of Dosher Hospital, says, “Great patient experience is a team based endeavor dependent upon every department in our organization, from our dietary department, environmental staff, patient access associates, and healthcare providers. We are very grateful for the shared values that our staff members hold which enable us to provide outstanding healthcare.”

About Dosher

Dosher is an independent critical access hospital located in Southport, North Carolina. Dosher 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.



Pictured L – R: Thomas Holland, MD; Catherine Mohr, RN, DNP; Leigh Vaughan, DO; Brad Hilaman, MD; Kate Inman; Alex Newsom, MD; Maritza Manrique-Kiniry; Doug Hiltz, MD.; Joan Alsbury, RN; Kendra Bean; Lynda Stanley; and Lesa Anderson RN

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Thrivent has committed to making this the first of these events in Brunswick County to benefit our organization so if you would like to join us for our next Trivia Night be sure to follow us here on our Facebook page or check our website after

the holidays to see when our next event may be. Our web address is www.cisbrunswick.org

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Keeping peak demand as low as possible also helps us avoid needing more capacity. If we can work together to reduce peak demand, we can avoid, or delay, expensive upgrades

to our infrastructure and the building of new power generating plants. Lowering peak demand can help us delay or reduce rate increases.

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

Your actions matter, and together we can keep everyone's bill as low as possible, avoid rate increases, and have a positive impact on the environment.

Brunswick Sheriff's Charitable Foundation Selects Recipients for Annual Charity Ball

The Brunswick Sheriff's Charitable Foundation Selects Matthew's Ministry, Brunswick County Computers4Kids and Power Walking Ministries as the Charity Recipients of proceeds from the 10th Annual Charity Ball to be held on Friday March 4, 2022. The Brunswick Sheriff's Charitable Foundation, Inc. contacted their charity ball recipients from the past ten years and from the returned applications they selected Matthew's Ministry, BC Computers4Kids and Power Walking Ministries to be the recipients of proceeds from their 10th annual charity ball to be held on Friday March 4, 2022. The proceeds will help these non-profit organizations with assisting children in Brunswick County. The Foundation 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. In keeping with the mission of the Foundation,

the Foundation Board chose these organizations from non-profit organizations located in Brunswick County who offer programs specifically benefiting Brunswick County residents. The Foundation is proud to endorse and support such vital programs through its 10th annual charity ball. This prestigious event, themed "Diamonds and Denim" featuring hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner, wine, beer, music by Tru Sol Band, dancing and a silent and live auction, will be held on Friday March 4, 2022 from 6pm-10pm at the St. James Community Center on Highway 211 in Southport. Sponsorship packages are available. Tickets are \$90.00 per person and will be on sale in early January. For more information, guests can visit www.sheriffscharity.com, call 910-253-0922, or email sheriffscharity@gmail.com.

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January/February Events

BOILING SPRING LAKES

February 15

5th Annual Spring Lake Shiver

12pm | Spring Lake Park | Pine Rd

Jack Helbig Memorial Foundation invites you to participate in our fifth annual polar splash event at Spring Lake Park in Boiling Spring Lakes. Individuals or teams will splash into the chilly waters of Spring Lake Park to raise funds for Jack Helbig Memorial Foundation's water safety programs and swim lesson scholarship program, the Brunswick School of Fish. Creative costumes are encouraged; there will be prizes for the best costumes! Jump in the lake on your own or build a team to raise funds (and fun!) together. Register at: <https://www.raceentry.com/spring-lake.../race-information>

LELAND

February 5th

Mug Madness

1-3pm | Leland Cultural Arts Center | 1212 Magnolia Village Way

Join the Leland Cultural Arts Center in celebrating the talented potters taking classes and working in the pottery studio! Stop by, shop for a new favorite mug, and enjoy coffee, tea, or hot chocolate

OAK ISLAND

Tuesdays-Fridays

Afternoon Knockout

3:30-5pm | Oak Island Recreation Center | 3003 E Oak Island Dr
Free | 6th-12th Grades

Coastal youth connect with friends while competing for bragging rights in the classic game of Knock Out! Led by recreation staff each week, behind Oak Island Recreation Center, this FREE opportunity is designed to provide local youth with somewhere to gather during the afternoon hours. In addition to Knock Out, corn hole boards and bags will be available for pick up play.

Pre-registration not required, but all participants must have to have a parent/

guardian waiver on file prior to play. This is not a childcare program. Staff are not responsible for direct supervision of participants beyond the supervision of the program as a whole with participants to be asked to sign in and out. 910-278-5518.

February 26

Mardi Gras by the Sea Festival & Parade

Festival 12-4pm | Middleton Park
Parade 1pm | Oak Island Drive
from SE 64th St - SE 46th St

The 2022 Mardi Gras By The Sea Festival will feature a traditional parade, a full farmers and craft artisan market, special Kid Zone, and live music from The Back Porch Rockers. www.oakislandnc.com to register to be a vendor or participate in the parade.

OCEAN ISLE

February 24

The Chairman's Award Gala

5:30-9pm

The Isles Restaurant

The Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce recognizes chamber member businesses who have put forth outstanding efforts in their work and in their community. Nominees must be in good standing and a Chamber member for a minimum of one year. Businesses are not eligible to receive the same award in consecutive years. A selection committee will review the nominations and select the recipients. For more information go to: <https://brunswickcountychamber.org/chairmans-awards-gala>

SOUTHPORT

February 6

This is Our Town Cleanup

9am-12pm

Meet at the Old Jail Annex at Nash and Rhett Streets

Join other volunteers the first Saturday

January 12

Painting Between the Wines with Cara Merritt

5:30-7:30pm | Uncorked by the Sea
602A N. Howe Street

A chunky snowman is waiting for you to paint him. You can check him out in the shop! Enjoy a night that includes all supplies, a glass of wine, charcuterie snacks, instruction and fun! Register via email, space is limited. Provide your Name and Phone Number. We will call you to secure your reservation with a credit card number. If you do not hear from us in 48 hours, please call us to confirm your reservation at 910-454-0633. <https://www.southport-oakisland.com/event/paint-between-the-wines-with-cara-merritt.html>

January 18

Exploring the South's Free People of Color

7-8pm | Southport Community Building 223 E. Bay St | Free

Join Dr. Warren Eugene Milteer Jr. in analyzing the intersections between hierarchies of wealth, gender, and occupation with ideas promoting white supremacy and discrimination. All Third Tuesday programs are free and open to the public; donations are appreciated.

January 28

Homeschool Friday: Fishing Fleet

2-3pm | NC Maritime Museum
204 E. Moore St. | \$7 per Child

How did this sleepy seaside town of Southport make money? January's Homeschool Friday takes a look into what made Southport economically stable. We'll discuss types of fishing vessels and what they would haul up, with a special look at menhaden fishermen. <https://ncmaritimuseumssouthport.com/event/homeschool-friday-fishing-fleet/#tribe-tickets>

February 13

Superbowl 56 Party

5pm | Tickets \$56 per person
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February 15

North Carolina: Land of Water, Land of Sky

7-8pm | Southport Community Building | 223 E. Bay St | Free

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February 19

Ekphrastic Art Workshop

1-5pm | Tickets \$40 per person
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February 5

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Carolina Crab Brewing Company Breaks Ground in Southport



The Crab is Coming! The Chamber held a groundbreaking ceremony at 4810 Long Beach Road, the future home of the Carolina Crab Brewing Company. Follow Carolina Crab Brewing Company for updates and progress reports.

Congratulations to these business partners and thank you to the chamber ambassadors who joined the celebration.

Pictured left to right: Chamber Ambassadors Ann Hollingsworth, Gary Nelson, Brina Neeley; Justin Maggard – Brewmaster; Ray Sexton, Investor; Lindsey Maggard, Marketing & Sales Manager; Mary Wilson, Taproom; Faith Sexton, Investor; Nancy Marchetti, Secretary; Brooks Wilson, Taproom; Frank Marchetti, Founder; Chamber Ambassadors Ben Frazier and Carol Magnani. Not pictured: Jon Clarke, Investor

Let's Talk Trash

Or more specifically, let's talk recycling.

Recycling should not be something we're forced to do. It should be something driven from community pride, respect for our surroundings and the future of our Island.

First and foremost we should be aware of where it all begins, not just where it ends, our recycling bin. Let's all be aware of the businesses that practice good stewardship, ones that promote the use of paper products instead of plastic and styrofoam.

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 October - Over the River and Through the Woods
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The Coastal Consumer Showcase is once again coming to the St. James Community Center Thursday, Jan. 13 from 4-7 p.m. Admission is free to the public.

This popular event provides Brunswick County residents a one-stop-shop to see products and services

that local businesses in the community offer. Over 50 businesses from retail, service, professional, health-care and home improvements will be on hand to answer questions and provide free samples, giveaways and demonstrations. One ticket to the Pick a Prize Auction will be given to

those who attend and register, with additional tickets available for sale.

The Coastal Consumer Showcase is an event of the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Doshier Memorial Hospital, The State Port Pilot, Fulford Heating & Cooling, South-

port Magazine and South Brunswick Magazine.

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The Apothecary at St. James is Now Open

By Beth A. Klahre

A new family-owned pharmacy will be the first independent business inside St. James Plantation, other than Troon-owned facilities, when it opens on December 16, 2021 at the St. James Marina for holiday gift shopping with pharmacy services to follow. In addition to filling prescriptions, The Apothecary at St. James will carry over-the-counter products, quality nutrition and vitamin lines, first aid supplies and medications, as well as trendy boutique gifts. Owners Bill and Denise Hayes will operate the pharmacy in partnership with Natasha and Ed Thomas, fourth-generation pharmacist and owners of four pharmacies including Seashore Drugs and Thomas Drugs on Oak Island. Rounding out the team are two pharmacists. Camille Moss is a graduate from The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and a registered pharmacist for over 33 years, licensed in five states. David Leach is a graduate of Ohio Northern University and a registered pharmacist for over 45 years, licensed in four states. His most recent employment was at Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center.

The Hayes owned and operated a pharmacy in New Jersey for 25 years before relocating to St. James four years ago. Denise holds degrees in pharmacy from the University of Rhode Island and has experience working in hospital and independent retail pharmacies and home care. Bill is a pharmacy tech, EMT and caretaker of four golden retrievers.

The Apothecary at St. James will source special orders by the next day if not available the same day and provide emergency after-hours service and home delivery for prescriptions. Customers will always be able to speak to a pharmacist. With the local demographic in mind, the pharmacy intends to offer shingles and pneumonia vaccines, covid vaccines and boosters, and flu vaccines. The

Apothecary at St. James will also take care of specialty compounding needs and pet medicines and offer notary public services.

The partnership between the Thomas and Hayes families will bring an advanced level of wellness



service and health education to Brunswick County. Natasha, an integrative functional wellness physician, will help deliver science-based seminars to educate the public periodically at the St. James Community Center. Topics under way include supplements and vitamins, drug-induced nutrition depletion, and diet.

The Apothecary at St. James will also sell boutique gifts like beach bags and towels, sunglasses and readers, cards, hats, holiday gifts, home décor, and housewarming gifts. The Hayes welcome everyone to stop by for last minute holiday gift shopping and to learn more about the upcoming pharmacy services.





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Boiling Spring Lakes Receives \$14-million for Dam

Boiling Spring Lakes publicly received state funding of \$14 million during the Dec. 7 Commissioners meeting for the dam restoration project. The state approved the funding Nov. 19.

"Probably the best news we had in years," City Manager David Andrews said, mindful of the destruction caused by Hurricane Florence in September 2018.

"I want to make sure that we all know how important it was and how much gratitude that we owe to Senator (Bill) Rabon as well as Rep. Charlie

Miller," Andrews said. He also noted state Rep. Frank Iler's aid.

"I have to say that meant everything to the city," Andrews said about the legislators' efforts. "We would be devastated without that."

The dam restoration is projected to cost \$43.6 million: \$14 million from the state; \$17.6 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and \$12 million to be raised by the city.

"We're going to work over the next months to see if we can find another

funding source to fill that \$12 million hole," Andrews said.

A workshop is set for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at City Hall to give the public up-to-date information.

The environmental assessment is due to be completed by June, according to Andrews' latest timeline.

Construction bids are expected to be received by December 2022 and construction is expected to be completed by February 2026, with water impoundment to follow.

The stream bed restoration project

will be awarded a construction contract Jan. 4 at the commissioners meeting. Construction is set for 90 days. The cost is \$1.7 million, funded by a USDA grant and the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

Article, written by Michael Paul, Staff Writer from The State Port Pilot reprinted in part from December 15, 2021 issue. To read the entire article, go to https://stateportpilot.com/news/article_585a2788-5ded-11ec-8b8f-2bd4909e3f21.html?fbclid=IwAR0hb7ycgwgczMeaC4MsoyEcM9ILVwa0EhnLuiRBkZ4BG3iW05xVoMZdE

Brunswick County's Real Estate Market Sees Higher Prices, Increased Sales Volume and Tight Inventory in November

Brunswick County's residential real estate market saw higher prices, higher sales volume and a tight inventory of available homes in November. The market remains ahead of 2020's record pace in terms of total sales volume for the year. While the number of units sold in November was down slightly, total sales volume increased 10.2% compared to 2020, and new listings were down 13.5%.

"Our market has been amazingly resilient throughout 2021," said BCAR CEO Cynthia Walsh. "We continue to see strong demand and a tight inventory, which results in homes selling quickly and at higher prices. In addition, a strong luxury home market continues to fuel our higher average sale price. The bottom line is that our market is in good shape as 2021 comes to a close."

Brunswick County saw \$205,540,000 in total sales volume in November 2021, a 10.2% increase from last November's \$186,450,000. New listings dropped 13.5%, from

547 to 473, and the number of units sold decreased 5.6%, from 533 to 503. The market saw a net increase of 30 new listings, which reflects the difference between units sold and new listings. The average sales price increased 16.8%, from \$349,811 to \$408,628, and was fueled in part by luxury home sales. November saw 19 sales in excess of \$1 million, with the highest being a \$2.4 million transaction. The average number of days on the market is down slightly at 27 days, with a median of nine days.

Overall, Brunswick County's year-to-date numbers are still ahead of 2020's pace. Total sales volume is up 27.5% compared to the same point in 2020, increasing from \$1,930,013,000 to \$2,461,099,429. Average sales prices for the year are up 19.4%, from \$330,840 in 2020 to \$395,059 in 2021. The number of units sold through November is up 9.1%, from 5,708 to 6,226. The number of new listings for the year saw a slight 2.8% increase, from 6,607 to 6,789.

Brunswick County New Listings

November 2021: 473

November 2020: 547

Increase/Decrease: -13.5%

Units Sold

November 2021: 503

November 2020: 533

Increase/Decrease: -5.6%

Average Sales Price

November 2021: \$408,628

November 2020: \$349,811

Increase/Decrease: +16.8%

Median Sales Price

November 2021: \$330,000

November 2020: \$280,000

Increase/Decrease: +17.9%

Total Sales Volume

November 2021: \$205,540,000

November 2020: \$186,450,000

Increase/Decrease: +10.2%



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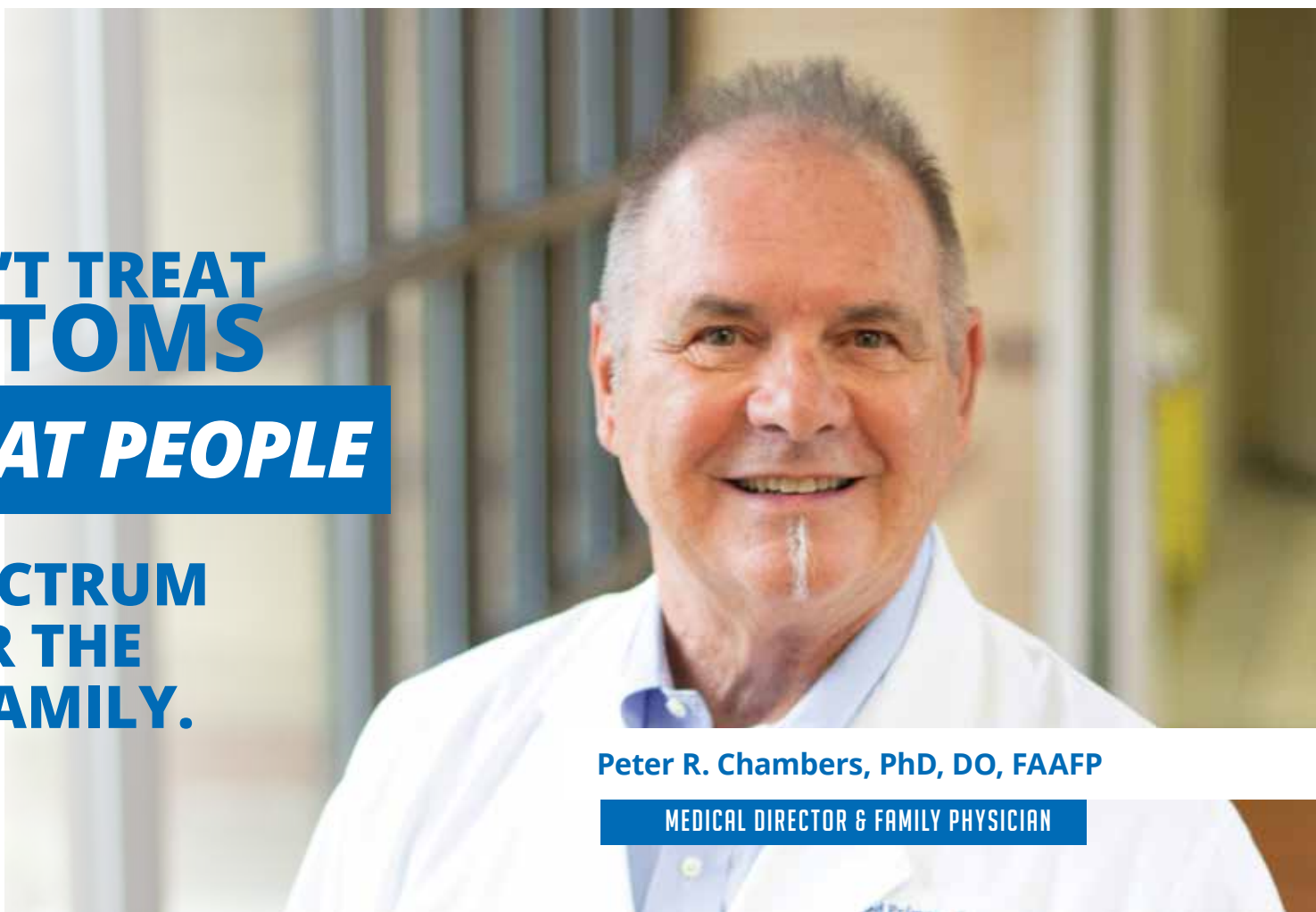
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current law enforcement issues, patrol procedures, criminal investigations and crime prevention. Participants meet every Tuesday afternoon for eleven weeks at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office training room in Bolivia from 1-4pm. They learn about virtually every aspect of a deputy's job including administration, patrol operations, traffic enforcement and communications, criminal law, SWAT and hostage negotiations, crime scene investigations, corrections and many other areas. The academy is open to all persons over the age of eighteen. Anyone interested in becoming part of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy should print out the form found on our website at <https://www.brunswicksheriff.com/communityprograms/>



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We'd like to congratulate three individuals for their recent promotions!

Detective Keith Mabe has been promoted to Sergeant over the BCSO Criminal Investigations Unit.

Detention Officers Christopher Simmons and Stephen Skerlick have each been promoted to Sergeant over the Brunswick County Detention Facility.

Each of these promotions are well deserved and are the result of hard work, working as a team, and a genuine heart for serving.

Sheriff John W. Ingram recently had the privilege of presenting multiple awards to some members of our Brunswick County Detention Facility staff.

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"The success of this year's Holiday Giving Program is yet another example of our members' commitment to making the community in which they live and work a better place," said BCAR CEO Cynthia Walsh. "Thank you to our members, affiliates, and all others who contributed to this effort to help Brunswick Family Assistance provide holiday gifts to our county's less fortunate children."

All donations received during the Holiday Giving Program benefit Brunswick Family Assistance, BCAR's community partner. The donations will be used to purchase bikes, tricycles, scooters, skateboards, or a meal for less fortunate children

in Brunswick County. For more information about Brunswick Family Assistance, visit <https://brunswick-family.org>.

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Pictured left to right: Jim Goodman, Holiday Giving Program Coordinator, Margaret Bishop, Holiday Giving Program Coordinator, Stephanie Bowen, Brunswick Family Assistance staff, Cynthia Walsh, BCAR CEO



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Hollywood's Love Affair with Brunswick County

If NC's Brunswick Islands look familiar, it may be because we've appeared on the big and small screen. Southport has appeared in A-list flicks including "Safe Haven," "Crimes of the Heart," "A Walk to Remember," "I Know What You Did Last Summer," and TV shows including "Under the Dome" and "Sleepy Hollow."

Numerous films and television shows have called on NC's Brunswick Islands for magnificent backdrops and key scenes.

You may recall how major celebrities including Julia Roberts, Diane Keaton, Jessica Lange, Halle Berry, Andy Griffith, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Mariel Hemingway, Brian Dennehy, Sissy Spacek, and more appear in particular scenes.

Most recently actor Mel Gibson has been spotted around Southport and Oak Island, while shooting scenes for supernatural thriller, *The Boys of Summer*.

Limited TV series, *Echoes*, has also been filming in Southport.

Major Motion Pictures

"Firestarter" (1984) - Downtown Southport, Orton Plantation

"Crimes of the Heart" (1986) - Northrup House on 229 N. Caswell Avenue, Doshier Memorial Hospital, William Ezzell law office, Fort Caswell, Harrelson's grocery store, N.C. 133 toward Southport, Masonic Lodge, Old Brunswick County Jail, Old Smithville Burying Ground, Amuzu Theater, Orton Plantation

"Lovejoy" (1986) - Bay Street, Old Smithville Burying Ground, Yacht Basin, Orton Plantation

"Weekend at Bernie's" (1989) - Bald Head Island, American Fish Company, Cape Fear River

"Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991) - Bald Head Island

"The Butcher's Wife" (1991) - Bald Head Island

"Spies" (1992) - Doshier Memorial Hospital, 8th Street and Caswell Avenue, Howe Street, Moore Street, Old Brunswick Inn, "Spies House" on Bay Street, waterfront off Bay Street

"Amos and Andrew" (1993) - Bald Head Island ferry landing (Southport side), Doshier Flea Market, Moore Street

"The Inkwell" (1994) - Caswell Beach, Fort Johnston, Franklin Square, Southport Community Building

"Morning Glory, SC" (1996) - Crow's Nest Grill, Franklin Square, Moore Street, Old Brunswick Inn, Old Smithville Burying Ground, Orton Plantation

"A Mother's Instinct" (1996) - Masonic Lodge, Nash Street

"The Perfect Daughter" (1996) - Bay Street, Doshier Memorial Hospital

"A Step Toward Tomorrow" (1996) - Old Smithville Burying Ground

"The Stepford Husbands" (1996) - Brunswick County Government Center, Masonic Lodge

"This World, Then the Fireworks" (1997) - Old Smithville Burying Ground, Yacht Basin, Trinity United Methodist Church

"Twilight Man" (1996) - Doshier Memorial Hospital

"Any Place But Home" (1997) - Boiling Spring Lakes, Fort Johnston, Yacht Basin, waterfront off Bay Street, Orton Plantation

"I Know What You Did Last Summer" (1997) - American Fish Company, Cape Fear River, ILA Hall, Yacht Basin, Ollie's Oyster Bar, Port Charlie's Restaurant, River Road, Short Street, Southport Fish Company, Southport-Fort Fisher ferry, Amuzu Theater

"The Jackal" (1997) - Southport-Fort Fisher ferry

"The Night Flier" (1997) - Brunswick County Airport, Winnabow Airport

"The Three Lives of Karen" (1997) - American Fish Company, N.C. 133 toward Southport, Howe Street, Moore Street, Nash Street, Northrop Antique Mall, The Pharmacy, River Oak Motel, Southport Baptist Church, city gym on Atlantic Avenue, Trinity United Methodist Church, Orton Plantation

"Domestic Disturbance" (2001) - Howe Street, River Oaks Motel

“**Summer Catch**” (2001) - Howe Street, Taylor Field off Nash Street, Brunswick Inn, Cool Dogs & Crazy Cats

“**A Walk to Remember**” (2002) - Cape Fear Restaurant, Trinity United Methodist Church, Old Smithville Burying Ground, Riverwalk gazebo, Orton Plantation

“**The Lost Cause**” (2004) - Boiling Spring Lakes

“**Pirate Kids: Blackbeard’s Lost Treasure**” (2004) - Caswell Beach, Southport

“**Pirate Kids II: The Search for the Silver Skull**” (2006) - Bald Head Island, Caswell Beach, Southport

“**The Water is Wide**” (2006) - Yacht Basin Provision Company, Orton Plantation

“**Nights in Rodanthe**” (2008) - Clarendon Avenue house

“**The Secret Life of Bees**” (2008) - Amuzu Theater, Moore Street house

“**Arthur Newman**” (2012) - Brunswick Community Hospital

“**Iron Man 3**” (2013) - Oak Island

“**Safe Haven**” (2013) - Southport Marina, West Moore and Bay Streets, Southport Fort-Fisher Ferry, Old American Fish Company, Southport Community Building, Ports of Call Bistro, Wildlife Restaurant & Grill

“**We’re the Millers**” (2013) - Brunswick Forest

“**Tammy**” (2013) - Boiling Spring Lakes, The Grille Restaurant on Main Street in Shallotte

“**The Longest Ride**” (2015) - Caswell Beach

Television Productions

“**Matlock**” (ABC, 1993-1995) - Brown Street, Brunswick Cove nursing home, Cape Fear River, Caswell Avenue, Doshier Flea Market, Masonic Lodge, “Matlock’s house” on Lord Street, Moore Street, Nash Street, Old Smithville Burying Ground, Sea Captain Restaurant, Southport Marina, waterfront off Bay Street, Orton Plantation

“**The Birds II: Land’s End**” (Showtime, 1994) - Cape Fear River, Yacht Basin

“**Sweet Justice**” (NBC, 1994) - Franklin Square

“**American Gothic**” (CBS, 1995) -

Franklin Square

“**The Crying Child**” (USA, 1996) - Franklin Square, Howe Street, Old Smithville Burying Ground, Yacht Basin, Port Charlie’s Restaurant, Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry, Orton Plantation

“**Buried Alive**” (USA, 1997) - Old Smithville Burying Ground

“**Dawson’s Creek**” (The WB, 1998-2003) - Bay Street, Boiling Spring Lakes, Carousel Consignment Shop, Franklin Square, ILA Hall, Moore Street, Yacht Basin, the current Fishy Fishy Cafe, City Pier, Southport-Fort Fisher ferry, Southport Video, Orton Plantation

“**Oprah Winfrey Presents...The Wedding**” (ABC, 1998) - Bay Street, East Bay Street and Atlantic Avenue, Keziah Park, Old Brunswick Inn, City Pier

“**Spies**” (Disney Channel, 1992) - Bay Street

“**Holy Joe**” (CBS, 1999) - Franklin Square, Moore Street, Old Smithville Burying Ground, Prince of Brunswick on Moore Street, Southport Fire Department

“**Hart of Dixie**” (2011) - Franklin Square, Moore Street

“**Revenge**” (2011) - Pebble Shore Lane, Fishy Fishy Cafe, Oak Island

“**Mary and Martha**” (HBO 2013) - East Bay Street and Trinity United Methodist Church in Downtown Southport

“**Under the Dome**” (CBS 2013) - Trinity United Methodist Church, Pilot’s Tower, 100 Block East Bay Street, Atlantic Avenue, Old Smithville Burying Ground Rhett Street, US Post Office Nash Street

“**Sleepy Hollow**” (FOX 2013) - Brunswick Town, Doshier Hospital

“**Secrets and Lies**” (ABC 2015) - Trinity United Methodist Church, Southport

“**Good Behavior**” (TNT 2016) - Boiling Spring Lakes Mini Mart

“**One Summer**” (Hallmark 2021) - Oak Island; Nash Street, Moore Street, 203 East Bay Street in Southport; Bald Head Island Lighthouse in Bald Head Island

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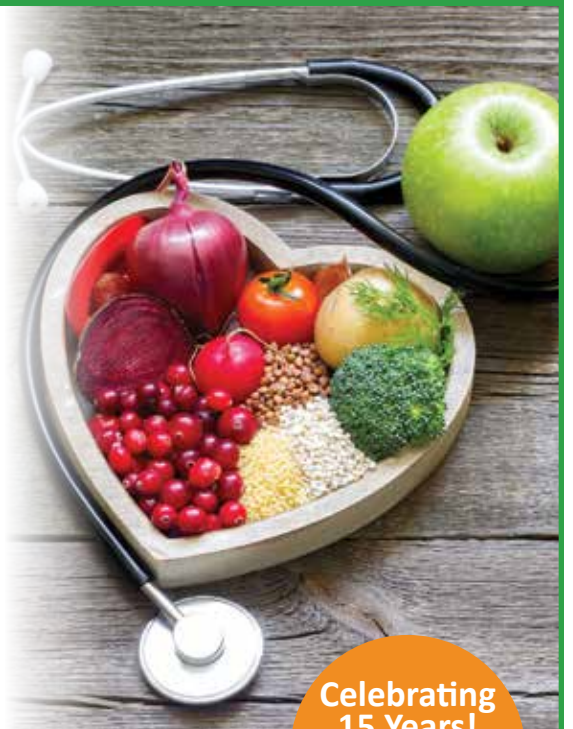


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Dosher Hospital Foundation Receives \$16,000 Orton Foundation Grant

Dosher Memorial Hospital Foundation today announced that it is the recipient of a \$16,000 grant from the Orton Foundation, the North Carolina affiliate of The Moore Charitable Foundation. The funds will be allocated to Doshers Hospital's Emergency Department, which treats more than 13,000 patients per year and which has earned two national awards for providing high patient satisfaction.

Dosher Hospital will use these funds to purchase a LUCAS Chest Compression System for its Emergency Room. The most important intervention for patients experiencing cardiac arrest is high quality chest compressions. The LUCAS device will allow members of the Doshers Emergency Department to deliver best-in-class cardiac care, including consistent compressions with minimal interruptions.

Lynda Stanley, President of Doshers Memorial Hospital said, "We are extremely grateful to The Orton Foundation for its loyal and generous support of the Doshers Emergency Department. With emergency department care, every second counts toward patient outcome. The nearly \$200,000 in funds which have been awarded to us by the Orton Foundation over the last several years have made significant enhancements to the equipment we use during these critical moments."

"Doshers Hospital plays a critical role in ensuring the overall health

and wellness of the community. We are proud to support the Doshers Foundation's efforts to ensure the Emergency Room has the equipment needed to deliver good patient outcomes," said Louis Bacon, Founder and Chairman of The Moore Charitable Foundation and its affiliates.

The Doshers Memorial Hospital Foundation was established and began operating in March of 2010. The Foundation's primary responsibility is to encourage a steady flow of funds to the hospital from individuals and organization within the hospitals' service area. These funds enable

Doshers Hospital to continue providing its patients with the finest healthcare equipment, programs and services possible, as well as provide the resources necessary for construction expansion and remodeling projects.

For more information about the Doshers Memorial Hospital Foundation, please call Antonette McAndrews, Foundation Development Specialist, (910) 457-3936 or visit www.dosher.org.

About the Orton Foundation Orton Foundation, the North Carolina affiliate of Louis Bacon's Moore Charitable Foundation, focuses on protecting the Cape Fear River Basin's unique waterways, wetlands, forests, and wildlife habitats. Orton Foundation's community program supports educational, cultural, and social and environmental justice programs in the region.




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