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PRICELESS

2022 People's Choice Awards... and the Winners Are!

For more than 15 years readers have voted for their favorites to win the BRUNSWICK MARKETPLACE People's Choice Award. This year was no exception. Thank you to voters and readers! Voting was close. Plenty of new businesses got votes. Votes were spread out in categories like best pizza, burger, pub, live music, seafood, etc. Next year will be even tougher with more new businesses opening.

If your pick didn't win don't give up. Vote next year and campaign for your favorite! From Calabash to Leland and all spots in between vote for your local favorite.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 WINNERS

BEST BAKERY

Burney's of Southport

BEST BREAKFAST

The Original Famous Bagel Dock

Cafe of Calabash

BEST LUNCH

Cafe Koa

BEST BURGER

Rusty Hook's

BEST BBQ

Oak Island BBQ House

BEST RIBS

Southport Smokehouse

BEST WINGS

Chaser's Sports Bar & Grill

BEST PIZZA (Tie)

Dry St. Pizza & Pub- Southport

Pizetta Pizzeria - Leland

BEST ICE CREAM

Chuck's Homemade

BEST SEAFOOD

Swain's

BEST FAMILY RESTAURANT

Old Bridge Diner

BEST BISTRO

Ports of Call

BEST ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Castucci's, An Italian Joint

BEST MEXICAN

San Felipe's

BEST CREATIVE CHEF

Mose Guardascione, Castucci's

MOST ROMANTIC RESTAURANT

Joseph's Italian Bistro

BEST WATERFRONT RESTAURANT

KoKo Cabana

BEST WAIT STAFF

Joseph's Italian Bistro

BEST SEAFOOD MARKET

Haag & Sons

BEST PUB/BAR

Moore St. Oyster Bar

BEST WINE SHOP

The Grape & Ale

BEST LIVE MUSIC VENUE

American Fish

Honorable Mentions:

Oak Island-Middleton Park

Southport-Franklin Park

BEST CHIROPRACTOR

Family Chiropractic Plus

BEST HOSPITAL

Dosher Memorial Hospital

BEST MOVERS

Premium Movers

BEST BEACH RENTALS

Oak Island Accommodations

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Label Shopper

BEST GIFT SHOP (Tie)

Color Me Carolina

The Pearl

BEST WOMEN'S APPAREL

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Wanted: A head chef who is ready to change the understanding of great cuisine.

Paul's restaurant is currently looking for someone to spearhead a culinary adventure in a state-of-the-art kitchen opening soon on Oak Island.

If that's you, then read on.

We're looking for that person who relishes the opportunity to try new things in the kitchen. If you've ever had someone cock their head incredulously at a recipe that you were confident would have them asking for seconds, then we want you working with us. We don't shy away from elevated cuisine and unique takes — as long as it tastes good.

Still interested? Let us tell you a bit about where you may be working.

Paul's is centrally located in Oak Island, NC on East Oak Island Drive, at 55th Street. Our kitchen will be open at least 12 hours a day with 2 different menus. The lunch/late-night menu will offer unique pub fare including smash burgers in the sports bar. The dinner menu will feature notable dining dishes that takes regional fare to a new level.

You'll be working with a profitable NYC bar owner and restaurateur and a craft beer expert with years of industry experience. We have already made a splash in our past and want to keep that momentum going when our doors open on Oak Island.

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A competitive salary depending on experience | Goal and sales-oriented bonus structure | Paid vacation
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So, are you ready to put your spatula where your mouth is?
Shoot us a line at info@paulsoki.com and let's set up an interview.



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Business and Housing is in Bloom

By Joanne Thompson

As we shift out of Covid and Omicron mode, more people are moving to Brunswick County. Housing sales and housing of all types are at an all-time high with low inventory. So, new businesses are springing up to serve the population growth.

In Leland in the area where the new **Lowe's Food** is, **The Joyce**, a grand old Irish pub, is offering daily specials including Wednesday Night Trivia and Saturday Brunch with Bloody Marys and Mimosas for \$3. Thursday night is \$20 Prime Rib Night. What a deal.

In Southport across from **Local Jo's** on Howe St., **Coastal Carolina Cafe** is due to open the end of April or beginning of May. Cute, newly painted blue and renovated, **Coastal Carolina Cafe** will start off serving breakfast and lunch and specialty milkshakes. Word is that the blueberry muffins are to die for so let's hope they are on the menu.

Work is underway on an **Indochine** location in the place where Southport **Siam Thai** was. It promises the same quality dishes that are offered at the original restaurant in Wilmington with an emphasis on take out though.

Cattail Cottage moved into a new location where Rebecca's was on Howe St.

Check out Southport **Lowe's Food Plaza**, at Hwy 133 and 211. It is filling up. **Chuck's Homemade Ice Cream**, known for old fashion ice cream parlor family atmosphere, is expanding next door with a fresh made hand dipped candy sweet enough to please. Located at the endcap is **Bagel Dock Express** that is soon to open with the same great

bagels as the **Original Bagel Dock** in Calabash. **San Felipe** will be building a new stand-alone restaurant in the plaza, but that is a good while off, so continue to get your Mexican fix in the original location near where Peeples was.

The Tiki Tavern at 104 E 8th St. in Southport, open 3 pm til 11 pm, is a blue collar watering hole with an indoor and outdoor area for patrons. Known for live music, it has Tuesday \$2 tacos and half price margaritas followed by Trivia at 8pm. It has Whiskey Wednesday and open mike.

American Fish Co. in the heart of Southport's Yacht Basin is open and was voted Best Place to Listen to Live Music. Stop by to enjoy the music, a drink, and the sunset. It is open Wednesday through Friday 2 - 9pm and Sat and Sun 12 noon.

Southport Tap and Cellar at 827 N Howe St. is a craft beer and bottle shop with outdoor seating and frequent visits from food trucks. It is open daily 3 - 9pm, Sat noon to 10pm and Sun noon to 7pm, closed Monday. They claim 22 taps and over 150 bottles and cans.

In March, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and in Southport locals celebrate the opening of **Provision Co.** at the Yacht Basin on that day. It signifies the kick-off to the summer season.

Grab a beer from the fridge and order your burger or shrimp!

Halfway between Oak Island and Southport on Long Beach Rd., **The Carolina Crab Brewery** is quickly under phase one construction in a race to be open late spring early summer. This is only the beginning

of fun things that are planned to include food trucks and an outdoor live music venue. Oh, and some good brews!

Keep an eye out for a new spot to enjoy breakfast and lunch. Located next door to **Castucci's** work continues on a restaurant that is sure to be a winner. Details to come.

In the building that formerly housed **Advanced Auto** that moved to the **Lowe's Food Plaza**, plans are underway for **Unburied Treasures**, a business much like Rebecca's of Southport that recently closed. It will feature consignment goods focusing on quality furniture and home accessories; everything from collectibles to unique art to golf equipment. Look for the store to open mid to late April.

On Oak Island at 8610 E Oak Island Dr., Oak Island, **Noodles and Ice Cream** has reopened after solving a slight equipment problem. It is just what it says it is. Noodles, fresh and deconstructed so the ingredients stay perfect for take home. A few dishes include: Pho with hearty broth fresh bean sprouts and cilantro; spicy Udon noodles; spaghetti noodles with salmon chili and basil sauce; and BB pork and rice. Ice cream flavors include dairy free coconut, green tea, and mango to name a few. Call 910 933 4011 to order ahead. Opens at 5pm.

The former Russell's on Oak Island Dr. is now **The Break** serving breakfast and lunch opening toward the end of April. Word is good thing on the menu!

A **breakfast/ lunch grille** is poised to open in the building where **Swain's** resided next to Publix.

Wild Life Restaurant on Fish Factory Rd. will reopen under new management. Thanks to Mary Price who ran this restaurant for many years. A popular backdrop for many movies filmed in the area, Wild Life lives again!

In Shallotte, **Angelos Pizzeria and Bistro** in the plaza that houses Belk, is becoming well known for freshly made daily specials as well as wood-fired oven pizzas. Check for daily specials on Facebook or the website.

Planet Fun and Starz Grille amusement center located at 349 Whiteville Rd, NW Shallotte, has fun for the whole family in the form of bowling, laser tag, arcade game, and American classic food. If you are interested in joining a bowling league or just want to bowl with friends and family stop in or call

Chance's Steak House on Rte. 17, Shallotte is reported to have a great Angus Prime Rib. It also has facilities for meetings and gatherings too.

Free Spirit Conservatory of the Arts has opened at 8840 Old Georgetown Rd. SW in Sunset Beach providing a new learning opportunity. Find out more at www.freespiritmusicnc.com.

The Original Famous Bagel Dock of Calabash, is also under new ownership and is even better than it originally was. A special water filtration system makes the bagels and coffee super delicious!

Know something new coming to our area? Text or email us so we can share with others. Be a real part of our community.

Enjoy the spring. It will turn to summer in a moment.





 Your healthiest year begins here.

DOSHER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, March 19, 2022, 8am - 11am
Dosher Hospital Front Entrance

Dosher Memorial Hospital will hold a community health fair on Saturday March 19th, from 8:00 am - 11:00 am directly outside the hospital's front entrance. The service offerings at this event have been curated to provide education, awareness, and access to health services tailored for local residents, with a focus on prevention, physical and behavioral health, nutrition, and fitness.

This event will be held in conjunction with the Brunswick Wellness Coalition Spring into Health 5K/1M color run/walk, which starts at the back entrance of the hospital at 8:30 am the same morning.

Services, screenings, and educational opportunities provided at the health fair will include:

- Diabetes A1C screenings
- Blood pressure checks
- Depression screenings
- Physical Therapy table - fall screenings
- Walk-in self-request mammogram (certain restrictions apply)


- COVID-19 boosters (Moderna only, ages 18 years or older)
- Nutrition tips and food sampling
- "Ask a doctor" table hosted by a Dosher primary care provider
- Fitness information and "Move and Groove fitness demo at 10:00 am

Lynda Stanley, President and CEO of Dosher Memorial Hospital, said, "We can't be living our best lives if we're not in our best health. This Health Fair is a way for us to give our community members the opportunity to connect with screenings, education, and access to services that will enable them to take ownership of preventing disease, making healthier choices, and feeling their best. As the community's hospital, we welcome the opportunity to be a conduit for increased awareness and improved health and wellbeing in our local area."

Call or email Dosher Community Relations with any questions about this event at 910-457-3900 or marketing@dosher.org

”
A good physician treats the disease, a great physician treats the patient who has the disease.
– **Sir William Osler**

Dosher Memorial Hospital offers our deepest gratitude for the talent, leadership, and commitment of physicians locally and world wide. Happy National Doctor's Day, March 30, 2022.

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11:30-1PM, 5-6PM

APRIL 17TH - EASTER SERVICES:
RIVERWALK SUNRISE AT 6:45AM
SANCTUARY AT 10AM

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Brunswick County Intercultural Festival 2021 Poster Art Contest Winners

The Brunswick County Intercultural Festival (BCIF) Poster Art Contest winners from North Brunswick High School and Leland Middle School were presented their awards at their respective schools.

The Multicultural Poster Arts Contest has always been a part of the Brunswick County Intercultural Festival.

Due to Covid postponement of the festival, the awards were presented at their school.

The Brunswick Arts Council provided for the winners prizes.

North Brunswick High School Winners:

1st prize 12th grade Josh Preuss, 2nd prize 11th grade Miranda Hill, and 3rd prize Neo Miranda

Leland Middle School Winners:

1st 7th grade Bailey Patrick, 2nd 7th grade Katie Cruz, and 3rd 8th grade Cameron Bladgett

The grand prize BEST of Show went to 11th grade Olivia Hobbs from North Brunswick High School; titled: **Everyone has their own colors.**

“Everyone has their own colors. Sort of Like a bag of gummies.

If we all head the same direction putting our differences aside, we can achieve anything.” Olivia Hobbs

Acknowledgement and thanks goes to all our volunteers who have worked hard to make this event possible: Art teacher Shane Miller, BCIF Poster Art coordinator Lee Selbe assisted by JoAnn Staat, Dick Staat for recruiting judging artist, framing and matting winning entries, and to all our teachers who have encourage students to express their feeling through art.

BEST of SHOW winner 2021-2022, Olivia Hobbs 11th grade, North Brunswick High School, “Everyone has their own colors”. Pictured receiving her awards from Mari-Lou Wong-Chong, BCIF Chair



Leland Middle School
L to R: Mr. Lee Selbe, Contest coordinator, 1st Bailey Patrick, Mari-Lou Wong-Chong, Chair Brunswick County Intercultural Festival, 2nd Katie Cruz, 3rd Cameron Bladgett, Art teacher Stiofan Luieter



North Brunswick High School
L to R: Mr. Shane Miller, Art Teacher Visual Arts Lead, Best of Show, Olivia Hobbs, Brunswick County, Festival Chair, Mari-Lou Wong-Chong, 1st Josh Preuss, 2nd Miranda Hill, 3rs Neo Martinez, Mr. Lee Selbe, Brunswick County Intercultural festival Poster Art Coordinator and artist.

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You're Invited to a Cool & Fancy Gala

Tickets for Up Your Arts' March 27 benefit gala featuring the doors at the heart of their year-long project, "Southport, Open Your Doors!" are on sale now. The Doors Final Reunion Tour will be the last time these vividly imagined artworks will be seen in public, after having been on parade in various locations throughout the Southport area since October.



Created by local artists, the eleven doors will be auctioned during the gala to support UYA projects, including the campaign to create a community-based art center in downtown Southport. Payment for architectural services to design the renovation of the Old Brunswick County Courthouse and former city hall building on Moore Street is the next step in their "Save the Hall, Y'all" campaign.

The event features live entertainment by the award winning Cat5 Band, hors d'oeuvres and desserts by Middle of the Island caterers, an open beer and wine bar with Mr. Bartender, and a live auction of the doors with Ray Wycoff. A silent auction featuring arts-related and area-centric delights promises no one will go home empty handed.

The gala will be held from 4-7pm on at the Lord Street campus of

Brunswick Community College. Early Bird tickets are \$100 per person through March 5; full-price tickets are \$150 from March 6 - March 20.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-doors-final-reunion-tour-gala-tickets-262772037237>. Paper tickets can be purchased using cash or check at Southport: Ricky Evans Gallery, Franklin Square Gallery, the Artisans Gallery on Howe, Uncorked by the Sea, and the Wine Rack. More information is available at <https://www.upyourarts.org/southport-art-spaces/open-doors/open-doors-gala/>

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March/April Events

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March & April

Live in Concert

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Odell Williamson Auditorium
150 College Rd NE | 910-755-7416
<https://listenupbrunswickcounty.com/ticket-sales>

March 19 - Matt Nakoia in Concert
April 7 - The Kennedys in Concert

April 26 & 27

Sea Notes Choral Society Sing! Sing! Sing! Spring Concert

3pm | Odell Williamson Auditorium at Brunswick Community
50 College Road

At long last, the Sea Notes Choral Society will present their spring 2022 concert.

LELAND

March 19

Healthy Living Festivals Presents: SPRINGFEST '22

9:30am-4:30pm | Riverwalk Park |
580 River Road SE | FREE

Yoga, fitness pros, MMA, line dancing, parkour, community-based local vendors, supplements, food vendors, and more. We'll listen to a People's Choice Singer Songwriter Showcase. We'll taste AND judge the offerings of many professional chefs in a cook-off benefiting a local charity. We'll have SO much fun for the kids: face-painting, bouncy houses, exotic animals, fairy hair, and more!

March 25

Down to Earth Aerials

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

Take in the remarkable strength, extreme flexibility, and creativity of Down to Earth Aerials. This breath-taking cirque performance is sure to be an event you don't want to miss! Basic Skills Master class to follow on Saturday, March 26 during Youth Arts Day.

March 26

Youth Arts Day

9:30am-12:30pm | Leland Cultural Arts Center | 1212 Magnolia Village Way | Free

Bring the entire family to our annual Youth Arts Day! This event features art activities for children of all ages, and live entertainment. The gallery will feature art

by the youth of Brunswick County.

The winning gallery artist will be announced at the end of the day's festivities.



Shuckin' Shack | 1175 Turlington Avenue | Suite 101

Come join us at The Shuckin' Shack in Leland for our first ever "Spring has Sprung" Art Market!

Over 20 local vendors will be on hand with their handmade items. Paintings, pottery, resin art, candles, body products, plants, furniture, photography, jewelry, home decor, and more! We'll even have a local dessert vendor with yummy treats to enjoy after dinner!

Mystic River will be playing their best in rock, beach, boogie, and dance-with a little country thrown in!

Bring your appetite, bring your dancing shoes, and bring plenty of friends and family to help you carry all your shopping bags! See you there!

April 28

Live at the Park

6:30 - 8:30pm | Founders Park
Free

Are you ready for those warm summer nights? Live at the Park is back for 2022 in Founders Park! The Phantom Boys kick off the season!

Bring your own blanket or chair and food and drink. Coolers are welcome! Smoking is strictly prohibited on all Town property.

Future Dates:

L Shape Lot - May 5
Port City Shakedown - May 26
The Tonez - June 2

OAK ISLAND

March 14

Holiday Bingo

5-7pm | Oak Island Recreation Dept. | 3003 E. Oak Island Drive

Celebrate your favorite holidays with friends, family, and your social circle while competing for seasonal goodies at OKI Recreation Center. Featuring prizes for

both youth and adult categories, it's the perfect way to make memories with your loved ones this holiday season. Spaces are limited, so secure seats in advance by visiting www.OakIslandNC.com/EVENTS. Dotters will not be provided. For questions simply reach out to OKI Recreation Center Supervisor, Carrie Winkler at cwinkler@oakislandnc.com

April 5, 6 & 7

Drive By Bunny

4-6pm | Various Locations | Free

Experience the thrill of searching for the Easter Bunny; no matter your age! Sign up your house, street, or friends to have the Easter Bunny and Friends party their way through your neighborhood. The Easter Bunny and friends will slowly drive down your road as they wave and spread seasonal cheer throughout Oak Island to family and friends. For more info: <https://oakisland.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

April 10

Oak Island Shell & Fossil Show

11am-1pm | 801 Ocean Event Center | 801 Ocean Dr. | \$3
Vendor Fee \$15 | Exhibitor Fee: Free

Share your love of shells at Oak Island's first ever Shell & Fossil Show at 801 Event Center this spring! Along with the center's breathtaking ocean views, coastal residents and guests are invited to present creative displays of some of their favorite findings of sea shells and fossils from both the Oak Island coast line and beyond. This year's program will welcome both exhibitors as well as shell vendors of all ages.

For more information, email Ryan Gordon, at rgordon@oakislandnc.com.

SOUTHPORT

April 2

1922 Model T Centennial Car Show

8am-3pm | Southport Waterfront Park at Howe and Bay Sts.

The Cape Fear Cruisers will be sponsoring a special Car Show to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Model T Fire Truck at the Southport Fire Dept.

An opening ceremony will take place at the Whittlers' Bench at 10 am. Car show with trophies and awards, t shirts, challenge coins, live music by The Back Porch Rockers, bouncy houses, raffles, food, and fun. There will be a parade of all participants at 4 pm back to Fire Headquarters with free cake and punch. <http://www.capefearcruisers.com>

April 10

Maritime Museum Spring Fundraiser

5-7pm | Garrison Lawn

Spring Fundraiser for our Southport Gem, The Maritime Museum. Raffles, Music performed by the Back Porch Rock Band! Bring a chair, blanket, food and drink and help us raise funds for this wonderful cause while dancing and enjoying tunes with BPR along the beautiful Cape Fear River

April 30

PHRF Races

11am | Southport Waterfront

Event by Southport Yacht Club. First of the 2022 Summer PHRF Race series. Fun competition.... All welcome!
<https://syncnc.org>

SUNSET BEACH

March 10

Brunswick County Birdie Golf Fundraiser

8am-2pm | Thistle Golf Club
1815 Olde Thistle Club Rd

Join us for our annual golf fundraiser. We expect nearly 200 golfers to be in attendance. Eat, laugh, and enjoy a game of golf while benefiting your community. We are also looking for sponsors for our event as well. To register or sponsor our event go to the link below.

<https://chipping-in-for-affordable-housing.perfectgolfevent.com/registration>

SUPPLY

March 26

Brunswick County NC Homeschool Junior Prom (13-15)

4-6pm - Ages 13-15 | 7-9pm - Ages 16-18 | Ballroom at Brunswick Senior Center | 101 Stone Chimney Road SE | Tickets \$25

A portion of each ticket will be donated to support Brunswick Family Assistance. Only 190 tickets are available, get yours before they are all gone! Come by yourself, with friends, or ask someone to attend with you. Formal Attire. Get a corsage. Go to dinner. Dance the night away with a DJ. Get some pics in the photo booth. Win some door prizes. This is your chance for all the glitz, glam, flowers, and photo opps that are the High school Prom! Unforgettable memories are guaranteed.

For more info: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-brunswick-county-homeschool-junior-prom-tickets>

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 Into Festival Season!

COME OUT TO ENJOY DRINKS, TREATS, AND STEALS OF THE SEASON!

Shop the Block & Spring Kick-Off

3-Sisters Consignment Art Shack
Barn & Beach Designs
The Painted Mermaid

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH
-HOURS BASED ON BUSINESS-
8TH & 9TH ST. BLOCK ON HOWE ST.

Burney's Bakery
Southport Tap & Cellar
Tiki Tavern

March 26 Spring Fling Craft Market & Music Festival

11am-4pm | Middleton Park
Oak Island

It's the best way to celebrate Spring in Oak Island!
The 2022 Spring Fling includes live music from 2-4pm and full farmers and craft artisan market.

Town of **Oak Island** Recreation

Presents the...
1st Annual Oak Island Seafood Festival & Car Show

Saturday, May 7, 2022
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Middleton Park, SE 46th Street

Cruise in for a spring day filled with fun for everyone!

- Seafood!
- Car Show!
- Artisan Market!
- Live Music!

Sponsorship opportunities still available! To learn more, call the Recreation Department at 910-278-7475, or email: efalkenhagen@oakislandnc.com.



FREE EVENT



Franklin Square Park
Southport
11am-5pm

CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL
MARCH 19, 2022

BRUNSWICK ARTS COUNCIL
Celebrating Culture. Community. Creativity.



Southport
Spring Festival
Franklin Square Park
Southport, North Carolina

Spring Festival 2022
Friday, April 15: 10am-5pm
Saturday, April 16: 10am-4pm

Over 160 Craft Vendors
Live entertainment
Plant and Flower Sale
Food Vendors

Children's Activities
Trackless Train
First Tee
Ramps & Pathways

FREE Admission!



Mark Your Calendars for These and Other Fun Spring Events Listed in Our Calendar!

March 19, April 2 & 16 | BSL Neighbors Market

9am-2pm | The Office Coffee and Wine Bar

Local market featuring produce, flowers, baked goods, and artwork/crafts by artisans. The market is sponsored by the BSL Neighbors Market organization and hosted by The Office Coffee and Wine Bar.

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- The Oak Island Ocean Education Center

For more information, call 910-278-7475 or email: efalkenhagen@oakislandnc.com




Response to Recent Chemours Advertising Campaign

Like many of you, I have started to see the barrage of advertisements from Chemours, the company responsible—along with DuPont—for putting unknown amounts of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into our drinking water for decades.

Their newest public relations campaign touts Chemours' efforts to protect quality of life and the environment by reducing their pollutants—all because they are “good neighbors” and “North Carolina is their home.”

Let's get a couple of things clear: Chemours is not a friend to North Carolinians. Chemours is not a friend to the residents of Brunswick County.

Did Chemours invest in new technologies to reduce the amount of PFAS contaminants they are putting into the Cape Fear River and the environment? Yes, but only after the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality forced them to do so almost three years ago.

Publicly patting yourself on the back for doing something only because you're in trouble with the State would be comical if it wasn't so serious for those of us who live downstream from them. That's because the new technologies Chemours had to install only prevent more PFAS from escaping their Fayetteville Works Plant. They do nothing to remediate the decades-worth of contaminants that remain in the Cape Fear River—our County's main source of water.

PFAS compounds like GenX are called “forever chemicals” for a reason. Once put into the environment, they are extremely costly and near impossible to remove. Brunswick County is currently financing and constructing an advanced treatment system to remove them from our drinking water to the tune of more than \$160 million.

Chemours is providing no compensation or support for this necessary project, which is why the County filed a lawsuit against them

in 2017 to hold them responsible for the millions of dollars we are spending to install this new treatment system. This lawsuit remains active and ongoing.

If Chemours cared so much about being a good neighbor to North Carolinians, they would not have spent decades knowingly putting contaminants into our environment that next to no one knew existed nor how to test for.

If Chemours cared, they would have put safeguards in place decades ago to protect people and the environment from their plant's contaminants before they came under scrutiny through media-driven exposés and state-mandated consent orders.

And if Chemours really cared, they would voluntarily pay for the expensive water treatment upgrades that utilities like Brunswick County need to remove their contaminants from our drinking water. That is what a good neighbor would do.

But, rather than spending their money on something that would



*Brunswick County Chairman
Randy Thompson*

help North Carolinians, Chemours is spending their money on a frivolous, deceiving advertising campaign to make it seem like they are doing something to fix the problems they've created and perpetuated.

Chemours might be located in North Carolina, but they are not treating her like a home. And they certainly are not the good neighbors they claim to be.

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Spring Fling Market: March 26
Seafood Festival & Car Show: May 7th

Farmers & Artisans Markets: Mondays May 23-September 5

For pricing, or more information, reach out to Program Supervisor, Ryan Gordon, at rgordon@oakislandnc.com or by calling (910) 278-4747

Small Business Owners of Brunswick County

Join the new group, Small Business Owners Local Networking - Brunswick County NC.

This group dedicated to connecting with your fellow small businesses owners in the area.

You must be a small business owner in Brunswick County to join! We want to build valuable connections here, support one another, collab-

orate with each other, organize events, meet up, express concerns, and ask questions about being a small business owner in Brunswick County.

When we build each other up, we all win. Looking forward to connecting with you all!

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I wanted to take this time to remind our community to please keep vehicle doors locked. We had over thirty reports of vehicle break-ins within a two week period at the beginning of February. None of those cars were locked.

Time and time again, we hear the argument that if you leave your car unlocked, the thieves will not damage it by breaking the glass to gain access to the inside of the vehicle. Very rarely do we see cars damaged as a result of a breaking and entering. And in those rare cases, most every time, something of value was in clear view.

A locked car is a deterrent for criminals. They are looking for quick and easy access. They go from vehicle to vehicle, checking handles and if they find it locked, they move on to the next. They are looking for loose change, cash, electronics, purses, computer bags, wallets, weapons,

medications, etc. All items most of us have left in our vehicles at one time or another.

These incidents are occurring in various communities of all kinds. There is no "typical" area for thieves to hit. They are simply looking for easy access.

Keep those vehicles locked. Remove any and all valuables. If you must leave items of value in a vehicle, please keep them in a locked glove box or trunk and out of sight.

We will do our best to protect the property of the citizens of Brunswick County. But we need the community's help. Keeping vehicle doors locked is a great way to do that.



Sheriff John Ingram

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Help Our Brunswick County Students by Shopping at these Locations:

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- Southport CIS Thrift Shop - 1635 N. Howe Street, Southport

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Brunswick County Courthouse Renamed to Honor Judge Ola M. Lewis



Sheriff John W. Ingram was honored to be part of the Dedication Ceremony to Rename the Brunswick County Courthouse the Judge Ola M. Lewis Brunswick County Courthouse.

Judge Lewis was a dear friend of the Sheriff and his wife Michelle. Her influence and contributions to the Brunswick County community and beyond is immeasurable. We are so delighted Judge Lewis was honored in such a special way.

Oak Island Beach Preservation Society, Inc to Award Scholarships

The Beach Preservation Society announces the availability of scholarships for two seniors in public or private high schools of Brunswick County. Students should be planning to study science or education related to the coast or ocean, fields which support the BPSI mission. Requirements and application forms are available from school counselors in the county. Applica-

tion deadline is May 1; awards announced May 21.

The Oak Island Beach Preservation Society, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to education and community engagement to enhance the Oak Island beach experience and leave the beach better for everyone now and in the future.

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Southport Cares is made up of Police, Fire and EMS first responders from Southport working together with our Community to help those in need. This week, Southport Cares helped build a ramp for a resident we came across during one of our recent calls. Over the past few weeks, we have also assisted a family burned out of their home on a mutual aid call we re-

sponded to and an individual who was in a car accident that one of our police officers felt needed our support during some challenging times. We are thankful to be part of this community. A special thanks to Fire Captain Alan Davies who led the efforts to build the ramp. #SouthportCares #NeighborsHelpingNeighbors #CommunityMatters



Thank you to Project ChildSafe for providing gun locks that are no cost to the public and available at the Sheriff's Office in Bolivia. These gun locks are another great way to keep little ones safe if you have guns in the home. Please stop by and get yours today!



Ocean Isle Mayor Smith and Chief Born present OIBFD's Benjamin Wisner with the LIFE-SAVING AWARD for his heroic actions on December 4, 2021 while responding to a structure fire at 53 Richmond Street. Wisner found the owner's canine and started life-saving measures before turning the dog over to EMS. The dog survived!!

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- ♦ Join us for Our March Chef's Tasting and Wine Dinner – Bulgaria, March 31st! And Our Chef's Tasting and Wine Dinner on April 28th!
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- ♦ Join us for Our Annual Special Easter Sunday Brunch April 17th
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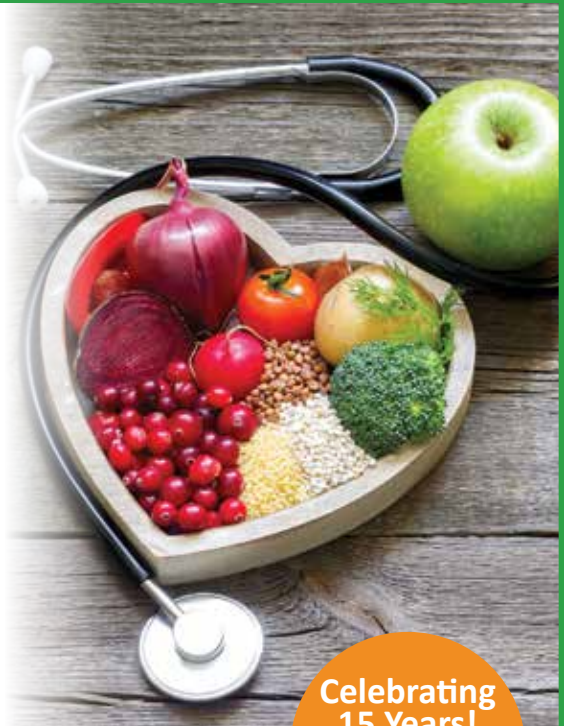
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March 12 | 10 am - Turning the Wheel at Founders Park

March 19 | 10 am - Sketching in the Park at Westgate Nature Park

March 19 | 1 pm - Clay in the Park at Westgate Nature Park

Apr 2 | 1 pm - Clay with Lauren at the LCAC

April 9 | 6 pm - Art in the Park

at Founders Park (movie and food truck to follow)

April 23 | 10 am - Barre in the Park at Founders Park

April 23 | 1 pm - Art in the Park at Founders Park

April 30 | 10 am - Sketching in the Park at Westgate Nature Park

April 30 | 1 pm - Clay in the Park at Westgate Nature Park

May 14 | 4 pm - Zumba in the Park at Founders Park (food truck to follow)

May 14 | 6 pm - Art in the Park at Founders Park (movie to follow)

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You do not need a boat to participate. Visit our website for more information and to register as a volunteer.

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

MARCH 19, 2022 8-11 AM

Carolinass Coastal Adventure Tours has organized a Waterway Cleanup Day, by land and by sea! Visit their website for more

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