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PRICELESS

We Love a Parade!



Oak Island

hristmas is perhaps the best time of year to visit the North Carolina coast. The average air temperature is 59.4 degrees and the sun is warm. In a celebration of this wonderful weather and the holidays, the Chamber organizes the Christmas by the Sea Parade, Saturday, December 4 on Oak Island.

The parade showcases the businesses and organizations in our community. The hometown feel of the parade makes it a favorite event of locals, second homeowners and visitors.

The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Town of Oak Island have organized the Christmas By The Sea parade for over 35 years. "The parade is a cherished holiday tradition," said Jackie Pappas, Parade co-chair for the Chamber.

The parade steps off at 2:00pm beginning on East Oak Island Drive in front of Town Hall and making it's way eastward, ending at McGlamery Street. As always, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be the final float at the end of the parade waving to children and the young at heart as they drive by.

For more information contact Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce, 4433 Long Beach Road, Southport, (910) 457-6964 or visit www.christmasbytheseaparade. com.

A float decorating contest will be held. Floats will be judged on the following criteria: Spirit of the Holi-





days (no Santa's on floats), Personalization (while conforming to theme does your business/club/organization's message come through), Coastal Element (This is our community, what does it mean to you?). An Overall Judges Award will be given.

There will also be 1st and 2nd places

awarded in the following categories: Group/Club/ Non Profit, For Profit and Golf Cart Division. Judging will take place between 12:30pm-1:30pm. We will not judge commercially rented floats. Download a parade application to enter online prior to November 30th. www.christmasbytheseaparade.com.

Christmas Parade -Shallotte

The Town's Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4 and begins at 10:00am. The roads close at 8:00am. The parade starts from the intersection of Main St. & Whiteville Rd. and ends at the intersection of Main St. & Smith Ave.



rule for participates. If you would like to throw candy you must walk along side the vehicle or float. Candy will not be allowed to be thrown from any vehicle...no exceptions.

Entry Fees: Business \$100.00

\$10.00 Non-profit \$25.00 Other

Parade begins at Main St./Hwy 130



Intersection and will end at intersection of Main St./Smith Avenue. If you would like to be a participant in the Parade, applications can be downloaded at www.townofshallotte.org. Contact Megan Bishop at 910.754.4032 for more information.

Bicycle & Golf Cart Christmas Parade

The first Annual Bicycle/Golf Cart Christmas Parade is part of South port's Winterfest! Deck your bike/ golf cart (and yourself) with Christmas decorations. (Wearing lights will help you be seen!) Be ready to depart from Franklin Square on December 5 at 6 p.m. and join in for a ride around Southport ringing bells and singing carols and just bringing lots of JOY!

Southport Fire Department Presents: "Light Up The **Night" Christmas Parade**

Children will board the fire engines at the Southport Fire Station at 5:30 p.m., Friday, December 10. Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Parade route: Waterfront Park, down Howe St., back to the Southport Fire Department.



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Ushering Out 2021 with Hope for 2022 By Joanne Thompson

t has been quite an eventful year for all of us, in many different ways, but it is coming to an end. Throughout this season of holidays, let's celebrate the positives and concentrate on what brings us together. Cherish loved ones and be grateful for the community we live in and call home.

Please, remember local businesses when holiday shopping and entertaining. Gift baskets and certificates are always welcomed. Here are some suggested places to shop: Castucci's, Ports of Call, Bella Cucina, D's Italian, Joseph's Bistro, Cafe Koa, Ruby's, Kai Joe's, Burney's Bakery, All in Bloom, Grape and Ale, Mo's Pizza, Swain's, Beachy Clean, Perceptions, Southport Beauty Bar, Brunswick Little Theatre, Color Me Carolina, Mermaid Cove, San Felipe, The Inn at River Oaks, Gonzo's Animal House, The Pearl, etc.

Brunswick County continues to grow and change. New businesses are popping up to serve the residential growth as quickly as some are closing. Staffing issues, supply chain snags, the off-season time of year make it an adventure getting things you need and going out to dine. Is a restaurant open? Do I need reservations? If you are not going to a drive through or just picking up an order, wait time will probably be a little longer. It is not the restaurant's fault; restaurants want to serve you promptly and table turn over is their aim. Be patient. Think of it as a leisurely dining experience and be thankful for the wait staff's service and the part you play in keeping businesses in business.

Here's some info on Oak Island: Russell's Place closed and is up for sale; Oak Island Restaurant closed, but is expected to re-open under new owners; Pirates Deck is closed for repairs and will reopen; a new shop, Noodles and Ice Cream, is closed for kitchen renovations and due to reopen for take out; the Seahorse Eats & Drinks at Ocean Crest Pier is open, but they don't have a permit for food sales vet, only alcohol, but you can enjoy live music on the deck: Wildlife Grill is not open for breakfast, due to staffing issues, KoKo Cabana on Oak Island Pier, closes for the winter Nov 1 thru mid-Feb; and Clem's Seafood, Long Beach Rd., closes for the winter mid-Nov thru mid-Mar. The Fish House Restaurant closes Nov.5.

In Southport, the Provision Company will be open until mid-Dec. Southport's newest restaurant, Edgewater 122 is prepared to stay open all year round. It has a toasty warm outdoor deck area, complete with heated flooring and clear enclosures. The view of the Intercoastal Waterway from there at sunset is pure joy!

Also due to open soon on Oak Island: Solar Brewery Co.; Paul's Oak Island; 49th Street Grill; and ground was broken for Carolina Crab Brewery on Long Beach Rd.

Candace and Jamie Hobbs are no longer at the helm of the Grape and Ale on Oak Island. New owners, Des and Joe Yeager, who are from California with a knowledge of wines, are making many changes, not just cosmetic. Live music is gracing weekend wine tasting and football special gatherings are becoming popular as well. Thursday night beer tastings have become a popular gathering

Development along Hwy. 211 and the Leland Rte. 17 corridor is encouraging new businesses in support of the residential growth. A Cook Out, 7 Eleven, and Take 5 Oil Change are a few of new businesses coming to Leland, as well as a furniture store and car wash. Two new Breweries are underway as well. Brunswick Beer and Cider Co. is expected to open in 2022.

Since it is the season of giving, I Support the Girls - Southeastern North Carolina is worth mentioning. They collect feminine hygiene products, as well as gently used and laundered, or new bras. They need to find out how to get product where it is needed. The names of organizations who can distribute the above mentioned products are needed. With a recent donation from three local Walgreens there is a surplus of feminine hygiene products waiting to get to local people in need. To donate in Brunswick County: ISTG, PO Box 374, Leland, NC, 28451.

Have you heard of AS-PIRE WITH ATTIRE? Have some professional clothing you no longer wear or need? Blazers, Blouses, Shirts, Dress Pants, Skirts, Shoes, Suits, Ties, accessories? If you have profession-

al attire that's in good condition, it could help our Brunswick County students dress for success for an upcoming job interview!

The Center of Applied Sciences and Technology will host a mock interview event in November for all students interested in getting some tips/practice in looking professional with outfits that they can use in future real interviews. You can help make it happen!

Have questions? Email Ms. Mills at smills@bcswan.net or drop off your dress clothes donation at the COAST, 1109 Old Ocean Hwy in Bolivia.

We welcome Douglas Terhune Center for Culinary Arts at College. Brunswick Community







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It is opening with a look to the future needs of our community and restaurants.

In Shallotte, the much anticipated Chick-fil-A is now open and doing a booming business.

The pandemic gave us an understanding of how important supporting small businesses is to our community. During this upcoming holiday season, please, shop and buy local. You will be supporting not only the small businesses, but the workers and their families, your neighbors, who are a part of our community.

From all of us at Brunswick Marketplace, we wish you peace and joy throughout this holiday season while you celebrate each and every individual holiday!



Dosher Foundation Golf Tourney Raises Over \$50,000

hank you to our sponsors, golfers, prize donors and volunteers for making the 12th Annual Dosher Foundation Golf Classic a success! On Oct. 15th the Dosher Classic raised more than \$50,000 for programs and services at the hospital. The Foundation thanked premier sponsor Griffin Estep Benefit Group and 46 other sponsors for supporting the 12th annual golf tournament. Along with the sponsors, over 40 donations were made by local businesses to support gifts, prizes and items for an online auction that were valued at over \$8,000. This event would not have been possible without the support of the community and the help of dedicated volunteers who make



Men's First Flight – Terry Vereen (left) and Bill James (right)

this event a success.

First place winning teams were Men's First Flight, Terry Vereen and Bill James; Men's Second Flight, Bart Elam and Fred Williams; Men's Third Flight Eugene Helbig and Ken Hutton; Women's flight, Jane Morhard and Holly Williams.



Men's Second Flight – Bart Elam (far left) and Fred Williams (far right)



Men's Third Flight – Eugene Helbig (left) and Ken Hutton (right)

Dosher Opens Interventional Pain Management Clinic

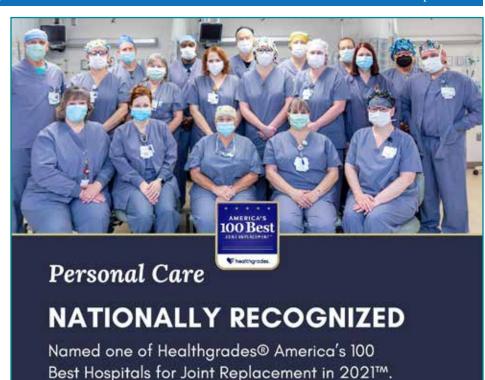
osher Memorial Hospital has announced the opening of a pain management clinic, which will specialize in comprehensive patient-centered pain intervention for acute and chronic pain. Dosher is partnering in the program with Premier Pain Solutions, an interdisciplinary group of interventional pain professionals who focus on long term wellness and lasting pain relief tailored for an individual's specific needs.

A team of pain management specialists, led by Christopher Mallard, MD, will treat a wide range of conditions at Dosher's Long Beach Road location, including arthritis, back pain, cancer pain, migraines, Fibromyalgia, Sciatica, and spinal steno-

sis. Treatments are designed with a whole-body focus and include coordination of care with other medical professionals to achieve the most effective pain relief.

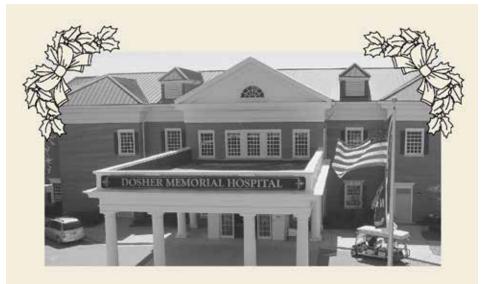
Dr. Brad Hilaman, Dosher CEO and Chief Medical Officer, says, "Dosher is excited to team up with Premier Pain to offer pain intervention locally. This program does more than manage the symptoms of pain, but encourages the patient to become a proactive, educated member of the treatment team."

Dosher's Premier Pain clinic will operate out of Dosher Plaza, at 4222 Long Beach Road in Southport. Individuals can call 910-457-7683 or go to Dosher.org/pain for more information.



924 N. Howe St. | Southport | 910-457-3800 | Dosher.org





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FOR ALLOWING US TO SERVE YOU

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season







43rd Annual U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament Awards Over \$400,000 in Prizes

he record-setting 43rd Annual U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament was held Oct. 1-2 at Dutchman Creek Park. It attracted the highest number of participants in the tournament's history with 561 boats from more than nine states and awarded more than \$400,000 in cash prizes.

With their single-engine vessel, Bare Necessities, Captain Cameron Yow and his crew, Mitchell Pigg and Bradley Flowe of Kannapolis, N.C. took first place in the tournament with a 45.00 lb., king mackerel. They won a total of \$58,830 for their efforts.

"It's anybody's game out there," said Yow when he accepted the prize. "You can tell by the small boat we were on."

The second place team, Lil Crazy, led by Captain Seth Williams of Murrells Inlet, S.C., brought in a king mackerel weighing 44.10 lbs., which won them a combined total of \$133,913. Their prize was the largest cash prize ever awarded to a single team in the tournament's history.

In third place was Team Fountain, led by Captain Everett Cameron of Atlantic Beach, N.C. Their winning fish weighed in at 40.35 lbs., which won them \$80,157.

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

"Overall, the tournament was a great success and will go down in the record books as the biggest one we've had to date in terms of participants and prizes," said Karen Sphar, executive vice president of the Southport Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce. "We appreciate everyone who participated in the tournament, from the anglers who fished it, to the sponsors, vendors and volunteers who helped make it happen, and of course our tournament planning committee and Board of Directors, led by Tim Tippett."

This was the second time the tournament was held at Dutchman Creek Park. Tournament officials worked with Brunswick County Parks & Recreation, Duke Energy and Safe Harbor South Harbour officials to secure permits to allow temporary dockage at the park. American Marine Construction provided the barge for offloading, Rusty Hooks



The team, Bare Necessities, of Kannapolis, N.C., is the winner of the 43rd Annual U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament. Pictured left to right, crew member Mitchell Pigg, Tournament Chairman Tim Tippett, Captain Cameron Yow, and crew member Bradley Flowe.

Dockside Grill provided a location for anglers to re-board their boats after weighing in and the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office provided traffic control on the water.

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

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





Community Grants Applications Due February 15

since 2003, Brunswick Electric has been providing grants to community groups and non-profit organizations who make a difference in the lives of our members through the Community Grants program. Eligible groups may apply for grants up to \$2,500 each year for projects that fall into these five key areas:

- Family services
- Civic and community programs
- Cultural and arts programs
- Emergency services
- Economic Development

Applications will be accepted December 1 through February 15.

Grants are awarded in the spring.

Funding for this program comes from the equipment auction during the BEMC Annual Meeting. Since inception, nearly \$600,000 has been given back to the community through this program. For more information and to apply, visit bemc.



Winter Break Camp

o you have somewhere for your child to go when they are out of school! Our OSAD Program is offered to our surrounding community when Brunswick County Schools are out due to Teacher Workdays or Holidays.

Our OSAD days will consists of field trips, arts and crafts, sports, games, movies, etc. We pride our selves on making it the best out of school day as possible for our kids. Our trip schedules for each OSAD day and camp are still getting finalized and will be out shortly.

Dates: December 20th, 21st, 28th, 29th, 30th and January 3rd. Registration opens November 29. Must be

o you have somewhere for done in person at the BSL Commuyour child to go when they nity Center.

> Cost: 1 resident child daily - \$35.00 1 non-resident child daily - \$40.00 1 resident child - all 6 days - \$190.00 1 non-resident child - all 6 days - \$220.00

> If you have any questions regarding our OSAD Day program and Camps please contact Recreation Manager Ian McLeod at imcleod@cityofbsl.org or 910-363-0018.



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Supporting each other has never been more important. If you can, please consider making a donation to the Warm Homes Warm Hearts year-round utility assistance program. BEMC will match your donation, doubling the impact of your generosity.

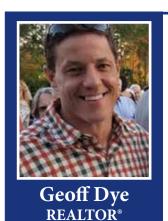


Donations can be made by mail to: Warm Homes, Warm Hearts, PO Box 826, Shallotte, NC 28459.

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Town of St. James Partners with UNCW for Endowment

he Town of St. James has given \$25,000 to UNC Wilmington to establish the Town of St. James' Living Shoreline Student Support Fund Endowment.

The university says the fund will support students engaged in faculty-mentored research, outreach and applied learning activities to develop knowledge and resources for maintaining, improving and studying St. James' Living Shoreline.

This fund will continue supporting existing student work within the UNCW Department of Biology and Marine Biology such as oyster reef establishment, living shoreline research and coastal science educa-

tion. These areas directly impact the region by helping to control erosion, create habitats for marine animals and improve water quality by filtering particles and sediment. Through this fund and research, the Town of St. James will benefit from deeper understanding and implementation of mechanisms for protecting coastal shorelines and ecosystems.

"Since 2005, the Town of St. James (TOSJ) has been honored to partner with UNCW in our Living Shoreline Conservation Program," said Jean R. Toner, the Town of St. James Mayor. "We have worked with many UNCW students over the past 16 years and have been very impressed

by their knowledge, ability and passion for their chosen field. The TOSJ is pleased to assist UNCW students in continuing their studies by establishing the Living Shoreline Student Support Fund Endowment. We look forward to growing our relationship with UNCW and partnering to create innovative educational, conservation and research programs."

UNCW says the Town of St. James has supported the university for over a decade, giving more than \$200,000 in support of the UNCW Benthic Ecology Laboratory, which is located at the Center for Marine Science and studies coastal habitats.

"The gift provided by the Town of

St. James is an incredible down payment on future sustainability efforts through exploration of natural environments and the function of living shorelines in sensitive estuarine environments," said Troy Alphin, senior research associate at UNC Wilmington. "This endowment will support research, education and outreach in and around the Town of St. James by providing opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience in estuarine ecology, biology, restoration ecology, conservation and marine education. The work accomplished through this gift will help inform efforts along the North Carolina coast and beyond."



November / December Events

BOILING SPRING LAKES

November 13 & December 18

BSL Neighbors Market 9am - 2pm | Next to The Office

Coffee and Wine Bar 3280 George II Hwy SE | Southport

Market showcasing local talent, and

fresh produce. Please adhere to COVID guidelines.

HOLDEN BEACH

November 25

Turkey Trot

8am | Leaves from Town Hall 110 Rothschild Street

Pre-registration is required by calling 910-842-6488. Please bring a canned food item to donate to a local food bank.

December 3

Tree Lighting

6pm | Pavilion | 130 Jordan Blvd.

For more information, call 910-842-6488.

LELAND

November 27

Leland Area Rotary Pancake **Breakfast**

7:30-10:30am

Brunswick Senior Center 121 Village Road

\$10 Adults | \$3 6 and Under

Pancakes (all you can eat) grits, scrambled eggs, link sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, juice, milk. Tickets Meineke Car Care Center - 910-769-2824 and Signature Wealth Strategies 910-371-0366

December 16

Holly Jolly Holiday Performance

6pm - 8pm

Leland Cultural Arts Center 1212 Magnolia Village Way

Enjoy an evening of performance by the students of the Leland Cultural Arts Center's dance, theatre, and music classes. Come see family, friends, neighbors, and the community showcase their talents!

OAK ISLAND

November 15 & December 15

Holiday BINGO Night

5 - 7pm | Oak Island Recreation Center | 3003 E Oak Island Drive \$3 in Advance - \$5 at Door

Celebrate your favorite holidays with friends, family, and your social circle while competing for seasonal goodies at the 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 contacting the Recreation Department at 910-278-5518 (dotters will not be provided).

OCEAN ISLE

November 11-January 1

Festival of Trees

10am - 3pm | Museum of Coastal Carolina | 21 East 2nd St. 910-579-1016

Fundraiser for the Museum of Coastal Carolina, Ingram Planetarium, and individual tree sponsors. The museum raises funds through admission to the festival and selling votes for favorite tree. Sponsors accrue funds through a silent auction for each tree's lights and decorations. If the winning bidder also wants the tree, it is an additional \$50 for the museum.

The Festival will be open to the public on Thursday thru Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. Additional public hours from 1 pm to 4 pm will be offered on the following Sundays: Nov. 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5, 12, 19. For other events visit: <u>museumplanetarium</u>. org/museum-of-coastal-carolina/

November 27

18th Ocean Isle Beach Flotilla

6pm | Ocean Isle Beach

Great family fun. Holiday themed flotilla. Begins at Inlet View Restaurant and ends at Sharky's. All proceeds benefit Brunswick Family Assistance. Music by Bailout, prizes and raffles, T-shirts available. Get those boat entry forms in - email oceanisleflotilla@gmail.com.

December 12

Toys for Tots Drive Thru Museum of Coastal Carolina

21 East 2nd St. 910-579-1016

Drop off before at 50 Causeway Bagels, Sharky's or The Curious Mermaid.

SHALLOTTE

November 13

Veterans Event 1pm | Mulberry Park

November 20

Holiday Market

10am - 3pm | Mulberry Park

Local Vendors, Music & More!

December 3

Christmas Tree Lighting 6pm | Mulberry Park

December 4

Christmas Parade

10am | Main Street

December 18

Christmas Village

10am - 3pm | Mulberry Park

Pictures with Santa 1-2pm!

For all Shallotte holiday events visit Townofshallotte.org or Facebook-Town of Shallotte

SOUTHPORT

November 5&6

Stepping Up For Arts and The **Artisans**

10am - 4pm

St. James Community Center 4136 Southport-Supply Road

70 vendors, 23 vendors will be in the

November 6

29th Annual Holly Days Arts and Crafts Festival

9am - 4pm

Southport Baptist Church CMC Building | 200 N. Howe Street

70 vendors, 23 vendors will be in the CMC Building and the remainder will be staged along E. Nash Street starting at the corner of N. Howe and Nash. The Bellamy Group, which puts on the event, will have a concession stand in the CMC Building and will be selling soft drinks, hot chocolate, sausage biscuits, hot dogs, chili, peach cobbler. All of the funds raised are used for local, state, and international missions.

2021 Southport Wooden **Boat Show**

10am - 4pm

Southport's Old Yacht Basin

The 2021 Southport Wooden Boat Show (SWBS) will be an in-person event, join us as we celebrate the region's maritime and boatbuilding history. Over 40 wooden boats on land and in the water, education sessions and demonstrations in the Maritime Pavilion, Children's activities - build and sail a wooden boat and more, A Taste of Cape Fear - seafood boil, seafood chowder, shrimp and grits, Boat rides around Southport Harbor

December 9

Southport Movies on the Lawn

Movie Starts at Dusk

Garrison Lawn at Fort Johnson

Grab your chair or blanket and join us for a FREE viewing of Polar Express!

December 10

Light Up the Night Christmas Parade

6:30pm | Parade runs from Southport Fire Station to Bay St and Back An event of the Southport Fire Department. Help us bring Santa Claus to town!

SUNSET BEACH

November 26

A Starry Night Christmas Around the Globe

12 - 1pm | Ingram Planetarium 7625 High Market St.

This non-traditional holiday feature explores some of the most unique, fantastical, and even quirky holiday traditions that bring people together around the globe during the holiday season. After the program, one of our skilled presenters will take you on a tour of the winter sky's highlights. For other events visit: museumplanetarium.org

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November 19 - November 20 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Congratulations to Ten New Certified Law Enforcement Officers

heriff John W. Ingram was honored to serve as Keynote Speaker at the Brunswick Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) graduation held Tuesday evening Odell Williamson Auditorium. Ten courageous men and women completed approximately 16 weeks and 640 course hours to become certified Law Enforcement Officers, as mandated by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

Brunswick County Sheriff's Office was fortunate to swear in three of the ten as Deputies. Martina Morales, Jose Noyola and David Casanova have been serving in the Brunswick

County Detention Center prior to receiving their certification. Deputy Noyola was recognized at the ceremony for achieving perfect attendance. Deputy Casanova was voted on by his peers to serve as the class president. Additionally, he received the Leadership award, Top Gun award, highest state exam average and highest GPA. He also addressed the graduates and the families who were there to support them.

We are so proud of each and every one of the graduates, especially Deputy Morales, Deputy Noyola, and Deputy Casanova who chose to begin their careers with the BCSO! Congratulations!



ower Cape Fear LifeCare was once again recognized as a Hospice Honors (NC operations) and Hospice Honors Elite (SC operations) recognition. HEALTHCARE-first states: "The Hospice Honors is a landmark compilation of hospices providing the best patient and caregiver experience. This prestigious annual review recognizes hospices

that continuously provide the highest level of quality as measured from the caregiver's point of view."

We are proud of our team members whose dedication, compassion and commitment to our mission, our patients, and their families is responsible for us achieving this recognition.

TEE IT OFF GOLF **FORE THE KIDS** TOURNAMENT Saturday, November 13th, 2021 8:30 am Registration & Breakfast 9:30 am Shotgun Start Tigers Eye, Ocean Ridge Plantation, Ocean Isle NC Register safely and securely at carouselcenter.org/teeitoffgolf/

is to support healing, promote justice, and foster resilience in children victimized by physical or sexual abuse and to improve the community through education, prevention and advocacy. You can help abused children heal by taking part as a sponsor for their golf tournament.

The Carousel Center is the region's only nationally-accredited, non-profit child advocacy center that

oin us for a winter-wonderland display at Ocean Isle Beach!

The Town of Ocean Isle Beach's annual Letters to Santa event will take place on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Town Center Park from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

This special Holiday event features a visit with Santa, tree lighting, letter writing station, a mailbox to the North Pole, craft station and magical light displays!

Thank you to the Ocean Isle Proper-

the Carousel Center's Mission is helping abused children heal. The Carousel Center provides child forensic medical exams, confidential professional trauma counseling and caregiver support to children and their families who have experienced physical/sexual abuse in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties.

> Your community support, through donations, grants, sponsorships, and proceeds from events, helps children heal and keep them safe.



ty Owners Association for providing hot chocolate, cookies and caroling for this event!

For more information contact Hayley Burgess at hayley@obigov.com

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It's the Holiday Season



Friday's in November

Holiday Drinks & Cookies - Specials during extra hours of shopping November 4th - 6th

Collaborative Xmas open house with - Cattail Cottage & Boo & Roo's Friday, November 12th

Celebrating our 2nd year Anniversary -Special giveaways, sale items & refreshments

Wednesday, November 17th & Friday, December 3rd

Fairy Hair by Katherine -17th: 3-5 & 3rd: 11-3 - Sip on Mimosas!

Friday, November 19th

Local artisan Laura McHattie from Wabi Sabi Gypsi will be showing off her painting skills & her bohemian jewelry designs

Friday, November 26th

Black Friday Deals & Steals - Check our social media for more details Saturday, November 27th

Shop Small Saturday - Special Giveaways, Sales & Light refreshments -Check our social media for more details

December 3rd-5th

Jingle Mingle Event - Sales, Specials, Raffle Prizes & Light Refreshments will be served

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> The event will feature music by slearned55@gmail.com the Salty Dawgs.

Tickets are \$25 each. They are on sale now at the Ricky Evans Gallery or call/email any of the below folks:

Sally Learned, 828-448-2396,

Steve Moore, 919-601-2765,

stevenam70@gmail.com

Susan Crabtree, 267-235-6132, susan-crabtree@hotmail.com

Food will be provided by Frying Pan and raffles are part of the fun. Cash bar. Get your tickets today.



Riverwalk is Now Open in Shallotte

he grand opening for Rivertion. We, at the Brunswick Counwalk located at 140 Cheers Street in Shallotte, was held on October 9th at 9:00 am.

This highly anticipated opening was the culmination of years of painstaking planning and prepara-

ty Chamber of Commerce, extend many thanks to those who helped bring this vision into reality. And we share in the excitement and pride the Riverwalk brings to all of Brunswick County! Congratulations on a job beautifully done!

Shop Small Saturday is November 26. Get Out & Shop Local!

he holidays are a perfect time to remind visitors and residents to support the small business in their communities. American Express began a nationwide movement to support these businesses during Shop Small Saturday on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Chamber will publish information from local small businesses with great gift ideas. Again in 2021, The Chamber will open a merchant portal with numerous items to purchase from local businesses that are uniquely local. www. shopsouthportoakisland.com. The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce encourages you to support small business year-round.



For information contact: Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce, 4433 Long Beach Road, SE, Southport, NC 28461. Phone: 910.457-6964 or e-mail us at events@ southport-oakisland.com.

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Friends of the Library Celebrates 31st Anniverary

he Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce was honored to recognize the 31st Anniversary of the Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island just prior to them holding their annual meeting. The FOLSOI support programs at the G.V. Barbee Library on Oak Island and the Margaret & James Harper, Jr. Library in Southport. If you would like more information about the programs, book sales or how you can support the local libraries through the Friends visit https://folsoi.org/



Celebrate a child in your life and support Harper Library! With your \$20 donation per child, our librarians will choose a new book that matches your child's age and preferred holiday theme. A bookplate dedicating the book in your child's honor will be placed inside, and a special holiday card will be sent to

he Southport-Oak Island Area your child! Email for more info; or Chamber of Commerce was honored to recognize the 31st up form now!

Barbee and Harper Libraries Present D.I.Y. Story Time!

Barbee Library: Tuesdays anytime between 10am and 5pm

Harper Library: Mondays anytime between 9am and 3pm

Hey, kids! We will have themed books, songs, rhymes and crafts for a fun make-your-own story time! Masks are required at both libraries. Registration is encouraged at Barbee; please call 910-278-4283 or stop by the library.

Barbee Library Presents S.M.ART Kids! (Science, Math & the Arts)

Thursdays @4pm

Students of all ages are invited to join in a variety of games and projects involving robotics, arts and crafts, and construction.

(Masks required, registration encouraged; to register call 910-278-4283)

Here Birdie, Birdie – Golf Classic Scheduled for December 3rd



he Southport-Oak Island Area Golf Classic, an annual fundraising event for the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Carolina National Golf Club, 1643 Goley Hewett Rd SE, Bolivia, NC on Friday, December 3rd. The 4-person Captain's Choice tournament will begin at 11:00am with a shotgun start.

The entry fee for a four-person team is \$450.00 and includes: 4 mulligans per team, green fees, golf cart, 4 mulligans per team, range balls, refreshments, and box lunch. The

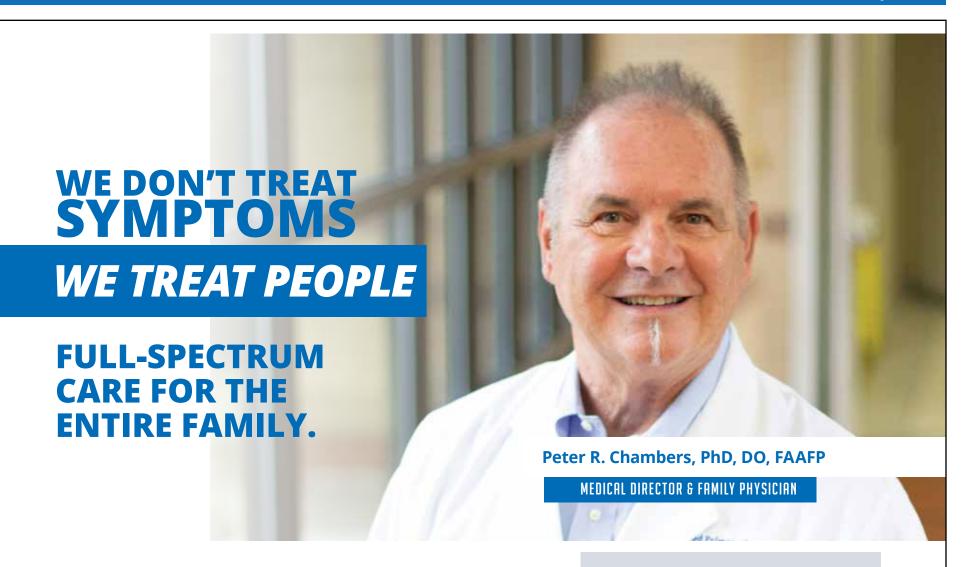
tournament is limited to the first 32 teams. There will be cash prizes for First Place in several flights including championship, first, women's & mixed flights.

In addition to the traditional 18 holes, the tournament offers several opportunities for further entertainment including Chip a Shot into the Pot game, speedy play, and a hole-in-one challenge.

Contact: Sarah Stephens Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce 910-457-6964 events@southport-oakisland.com







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All local artists are invited to enter, monetary prizes will be awarded. Emerging artists ages 15-18 can enter in the "young artists" category.

The deadline for artists to register is Wednesday, Nov. 3. To register or for more information, please visit oakislandartguild.org.

Social distancing and masks will be required at the show.



Office of the Sheriff BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Thank You Brunswick County

s we enter the season of have received thanksgiving and the close of another year, more than ever, I am reminded of how truly blessed and thankful I am to serve the people of Brunswick County. 2021 has certainly presented its fair share of challenges but in typical Brunswick County fashion, this community has persevered and made the most of each obstacle. From the changes brought on by the continued pandemic, to tropical storm weather events, we have pulled together, made the most of each situation, and come out even stronger on the other side. Brunswick County is undoubtedly one of the best communities in the nation, as is evident by the tremendous growth we continue to see, and I couldn't be more proud to call this place my home. I would like to thank the Brunswick County community for their continued love and

support of the Sheriff's Office. We

countless acts of kindness, from goodies dropped off at the office, to kind notes

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ment; each Sheriff John Ingram one of these kind gestures has meant the world to us and sustains us on a daily basis. We humbly ask for continued support as we strive to provide second to none service to the citizens of this county, remembering each and every day that serving goes beyond enforcing the law. It is my hope and prayer the citizens of Brunswick County have a very safe and blessed holiday season. The Sheriff's Office is committed to, and looks forward to continued service to this great county in the upcoming year.

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Sunday, November 28, 2021 At 9am - 3pm 12th Annual Toys For Tots Ride **Beach House Harley-Davidson**

oin Beach House Harley-Davidson®, The Marine Corps Reserve & Toys For Tots to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter this year! Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or cash donation and be ready to leave by noon for an escorted ride through town and meet back at Beach House H-D® for lunch! All riders and bikes are welcome!

Registration Information:

- Beach House Harley-Davidson 100 Harley Davidson Dr, Shallotte, NC 28470
- 9:00-11:30am
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LELAND HOME COMING AT FOUNDERS PARK

Saturday, November 13 4pm - 8pm

re you ready for Leland's newest event? Join us for the Leland Homecoming at Founders Park on Nov 13.

The event will include live music, food trucks, games, fireworks, and more.

The best part? It's free! Make sure you bring the whole family for a night of fun.



Thursday, November 18, 6pm – 9pm 801 Ocean Drive

he Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to a casual evening by the shore. Join us as we celebrate the community businesses that make our area so special.

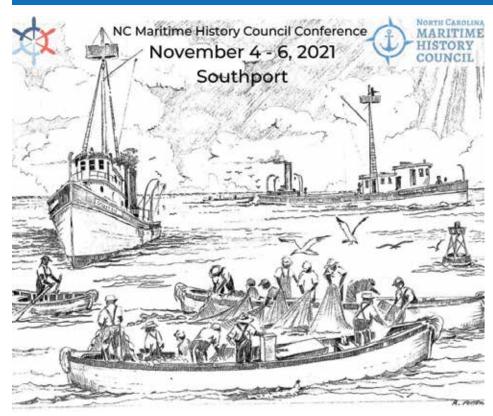
Dance the night away as our DJ spins your favorites, enjoy local

North Carolina barbecue, share laughs with those you haven't seen in a while, and try your hand at beating the Chamber President in cornhole! Wind down the endless summer night with s'mores and our very own beach bonfire.

All businesspeople are welcome, regardless of Chamber membership for this family-friendly event. Tickets may be purchased in advance. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Tickets for Chamber members are \$35 per ticket or \$50 per pair; non-members are \$45 per ticket.

Learn more and register at http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event...





Then join us for fun, food, lectures, and excursions November 4 - 6, 2021, in Southport! The NC Maritime History Council Agenda is here: http://ncmaritimehistory.com/conference-agenda.php and to register for one day, all of the sessions, or the keynote dinner with David Stanley Cecelski, register at: https://

sunnywebshops.wufoo.com/forms/ wji0bq016xz92b/

Heads up! Participants only have until October 10th to reserve their room for the special conference rate at River Hotel of Southport!

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2021-2022 ongratulations Brunswick County Schools Principal of the Year, Dr. Steven Sullivan!

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- Degrees from UNC Chapel Hill, Troy State, and Nova Southeastern • Servedin USAir Force from 1986-91
- teaching • Began in
- District honors follows him around: He's been named Pender County Schools Principal of the Year, New Hanover County Schools Principal of the Year, and now Brunswick County Schools Principal of the Year.

KNOW we appreciate everything you do for the students and staff of North Brunswick High School and Brunswick County Schools. Thank you, Dr. Sullivan!

Pictured: Dr. Steven Sullivan and Superintendent Dr. Jerry L. Oates after the surprise announcement during the September Board of Education Meeting.

Saturday, November 20 10am-2pm **Town Center Park** 11 E Second St, Ocean Isle



Need Your Help this Thanksgiving! help us restock the shelves at our local Food Pantry. Just drive-thru & drop off unopened perishables and non-perishables to OIB Second Helping volunteers in the Museum parking lot on Saturday, November 20th. (10am-2pm).

If you are unable to participate in the event and would like to make a donation...please write a check directly to:

Brunswick Family Assistance, P.O. Box 1551, Shallotte, NC 28459 and write "OIB FOOD DRIVE" in the memo!

Thanks for your generosity!

Questions? Contact casey@oibgov.

Congratulations to the Graduates of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office 30th Citizens' Academy!

We got to celebrate with these fine W. Ingram stated in his remarks, folks earlier this morning at a ceremony held outside the Sheriff's Office in Bolivia.

Special thanks to Brunswick County Government Commissioner Chairman Randy Thompson for serving as keynote speaker at the

graduation ceremony! We are grateful for his unwavering support.

Once again, congratulations to the graduates for completing this 12 week, in depth look into your Sheriff's Office! We enjoyed having you and as Sheriff John you are now part of the Sheriff's Office family. We hope to see you back working alongside us as volunteers!

For information on the BCSO Citizens' Academy, visit our website at https://www.brunswicksheriff.com/ communi.../citizens-academy.





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Southport Winterfest is Full of Holiday Fun!

o! Ho! Ho! 'Tis the Season for merriment and Southport has it! Mark you calendar and enjoy Winterfest!

December 5

Pet Pictures with Santa - 2-4pm

Pet Pictures with Santa, sponsored by the City of Southport Animal Protection Department will take place on Sunday, December 5 from 2-4 p.m. at the Indian Trail Meeting Hall/Keziah Park, weather dependant, at 113 W. Moore Street. Bring your pets for a jolly picture with Santa. Enjoy some pet-friendly activities and treats while you wait. Donations will be accepted to receive your photo with a frame.

Bicycle & Golf Cart Christmas Parade - 6pm

The first Annual Bicycle/Golf Cart Christmas Parade. Deck your bike/golf cart (and yourself) with Christmas decorations. (Wearing lights will help you be seen!) Be ready to depart from Franklin Square at 6 p.m. and join in for a ride around Southport ringing bells and singing carols and just bringing lots of JOY!

December 6

Shop with a Cop Concert - 6-8pm

Shop-with-a-Cop Concert featuring the BACK PORCH ROCKERS is sponsored by Southport Police Department. It will take place on Monday, December 6, 6-8 p.m., in Franklin Square Park. This is a fundraiser to support the Southport Shop-with-a-Cop program. Last year 145 children received presents through this program!

December 7

A Candy Cane Garden - 6-7pm

Get creative and participate in a fundraiser in support of the South-port Garden Club gardens, downtown planter boxes, community garden food-share program, and various community outreach projects.

The candy canes are available for \$50 each (payable by cash or check to The Southport Garden Club) at the Fort Johnson Visitor's Center starting on November 1st. The 48-inch candy cane forms are primed and ready for you to create your unique design to be debuted in the garden, Return the decorated candy canes to the Visitor's Center by Dec. 3rd.

The Candy Cane Garden will be displayed in Keziah Park from December 3rd to December 12th, with a special Candy Cane Garden Party event on December 7th from 6-7 p.m.

December 8

State Pilot Annual Cookie Contest - 3-5:30pm

Plate a dozen of your best cookies and bring them with a copy of the recipe including your contact information to the State Port Pilot office between noon and 3 p.m. on December 8th. The contest is free to enter.

A panel of judges will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the categories of taste, texture, and appearance. Winners will be announced at 5 p.m.

For more details visit www.state-portpilot.com.

Supper with Santa's Elves - 5-7pm

Bring your children to enjoy Supper with Santa's Elves on Wednesday, December 8 from 5-7 p.m. The children will enjoy a pizza dinner and watch a movie. This fun event is sponsored by the Southport Parks & Recreation. The cost is \$5 per child and is located at 209 Atlantic Ave., beside Southport Gym.

December 9

Southport Movies on the Lawn - Dusk - Free

Polar Express will be viewed on Garrison Lawn at Fort Johnson.

December 10

Caroling with the Sea Notes - 5:30-6:30pm

The Sea Notes Choral Society Performance will be held prior to the Light Up the Night Christmas Parade on in Franklin Square Park. Bob Marks from Trinity UMC will direct the choir of about thirty people in rousing holiday cheer.

Light up the Night Christmas Parade - 6:30pm

Children will board the fire engines at the Southport Fire Station at 5:30 p.m. Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Parade route: Waterfront Park, down Howe St., back to the Southport Fire Station. Following the parade, children are invited to visit with Santa and will receive a gift. Concessions available.

December 11

Winter Craft Festival - 9am-4pm

Homemade Arts & Crafts, homegrown winter vegetables, cut flowers, homemade baked goods, honey, jellies, and pickles are only a few items that you will find at the Winter Craft Festival on Saturday, December 11, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. in Franklin Square.

Visit downtownsouthport.org for vendor information.

Brunswick Arts Council Presents: Performing Arts Program - 9am-4pm

Not to be missed, is the popular WinterFest Performing Arts program, sponsored by the Brunswick Arts Council. Enjoy the performing arts, including instrumentals, singing, and dancing on Saturday, December 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Franklin Square Park

Santa's Workshop - 10-11am

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

The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island Book Sale - 1:30-4pm

Held at Southport Realty, 727 N. Howe Street. Proceeds from these sales provide support for the libraries' youth programs, fund educational programs for adults, and supplement each libraries' operational budget.

Holiday History Tour- 3-4pm

Enjoy a costumed tour at the NC Maritime Museum at Southport, 204 E. Moore Street. Visitors will tour the exhibit hall to learn about holiday customs during the Colonial, Victorian, and Edwardian periods. This annual tradition, presented by the museum crew, starts at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11. Space is limited.

Southport Winterfest Flotilla - 7pm

Join us on the Southport Waterfront. Bring chairs and blankets and enjoy the beauty of the Christmas lights. .bouncing off the water.

The judges for this years' flotilla will be Southport Elementary School Art Classes.



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Brunswick County Surpasses \$2 Billion in Year-to-date Residential Sales

real estate market saw record sales last year, topping \$2 billion for the first time. This year's market is well ahead of last year's record pace, and total sales in 2021 have already crossed the \$2 billion threshold with three months to go. Year-to-date residential sales through September are up 38%, jumping from \$1,482,223,000 last year to \$2,045,109,429 this year. Thanks to a consistently tight inventory, total sales volume is up even though the number of homes sold in September was down slightly compared to 2020.

"Our market's performance and consistency over the past two years have been nothing short of amazing," said BCAR CEO Cynthia Walsh. "Sales are strong month-overmonth, prices continue to increase, and homes continue to sell quickly. The fact that we've already exceeded \$2 billion in sales for the year is mind-blowing. I expect the market to remain strong as we move into the winter months."

Brunswick County \$247,120,000 in total sales volume in September 2021, a 3.9% increase from last September's \$237,890,000. New listings and units sold were both down in September, highlighting the low inventory of available homes. The number of units sold decreased

runswick County's residential 16.8%, from 685 to 570, while new listings also dropped 10.4%, from 624 to 559. The average sales price increased 24.7%, from 347,785 to \$433,541. The increase in average sale prices continues to be fueled by luxury home sales, with almost 40% of homes in September selling for more than \$500,000.

> Year-to-date average sales prices have increased 20.9% compared to 2020, from \$322,152 to \$389,433. The number of units sold through September is up 16.2%, from 4505 to 5236. New listings increased 5.5%, from 5398 to 5694.

Brunswick County New Listings

September 2021: 559 September 2020: 624 Increase/Decrease: -10.4%

Units Sold

September 2021: 570 September 2020: 685 Increase/Decrease: -16.8%

Average Sales Price

September 2021: \$433,541 September 2020: \$347,785 Increase/Decrease: +24.7%

Total Sales Volume

September 2021: 247,120,000 September 2020: 237,890,000 Increase/Decrease: +3.9%



Christmas Crafts at the Museum

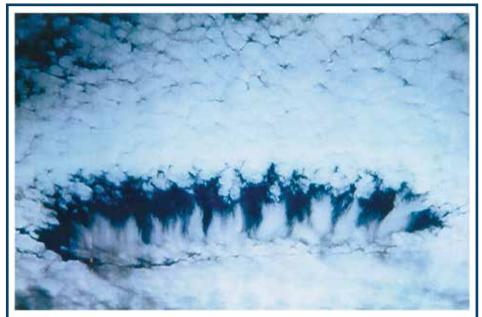
elebrate the holidays at the crafts, such as ornaments, for you to Museum of Coastal Carolina, located at 21 E. 2nd St., Ocean Isle, and make some fun holiday crafts! We will have stations set up to make sea themed holiday

take home or give to a loved one.

This program is included with admission to the museum: \$9.50 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors (62+), and \$7.50 for children ages 3-12.







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M&K's Kitchen in Leland to Become Non-Profit Soup Kitchen

t's official, Leland now non-profit Soup Kitchen. M&K's Kitchen is reopening their doors but in a new way. They will be feeding the local community meals cooked and prepared by Chefs Kory Sanderlin and Daniel Pasillas. They plan to fund the kitchen based solely on Donations of food and or

money. M&K's will open for lunch and or dinner as many nights a week as they have food and supplies for. Also in a few weeks the food truck will be out and about raising funds to support this soup kitchen. The owners look forward to being able to continue to serve the people and



the many Food deserts in our area. Sexy food for great causes. Bare Necessities of NC. If you would like to donate contact them 910-833-8030.

M&K's is located at 403 Village Road, Leland. Follow them on facebook at M&K's Kitchen.



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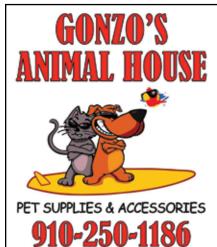
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he Town of Oak Island has encharger is part of its plan to build a small network of charging stations throughout Brunswick County to anticipate the growth of the EV in-

The charger will be installed near

the pickle ball courts and charge two vehicles at Town Hall. It can completely charge an EV in 4-6 hours and BEMC collects all monies for cost of charging.

streets that have been identified as the most in need. We are proud to say that due to the fiscal responsibility of the Town and Town Council there is an extra million dollars to Also, Town has been paving the do 21 more miles of needed paving.

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