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# Winter; Is It Over? by Joanne Thompson

ithout a doubt this has been the longest, coldest, winter Brunswick County has experienced in many years. Hopefully, warm weather and Summer is ahead.

As always, things change, especially in business. Openings and closings are the norm in this economy.

Leland, a hotbed of growth is getting a **Publix** and many are thrilled. It will be located in a newly built shopping area sometime next year.

It is reported that Shallotte is getting an Aldi's, a Hannaford's supermarket, a chain out of Maine.

The former Michael's Pizza in Ocean Isle Beach is about to be replaced with a breakfast and lunch restaurant, the Manor House. It will be open Tues thru Sat 7am-2pm. Check it out at 6931 Beach Dr. SW 910-393-0114. Crown Barbeque, a Texas-style restaurant, will be coming to Calabash near the Marina. The address is Calabash Point Place at 188 Riverview Drive, a historical place of natural beauty. Now located in Whiteville, it is closing for the move to Calabash. Chef Chris Burke from New York and local Rob Glover promise melt-in-your-mouth smoky brisket and ribs to the Seafood Capital of the World.

Rose's department store is rumored to be moving into the soon-toclose **Big Lots** in the shopping center at the corner of Southport-Supply Rd. and Long Beach Rd. Stay tuned.

If you want to try a very sumptuous way of relaxing and feeling free, drop in to the Coastal Float Spa, located in the Premier Fitness Studio on Long Beach Rd. Make an appointment to reduce anxiety and stress; improve sleep; and boost muscle recovery.

Looking to hone your culinary skills and increase your menu powers? Chef Rick at Fixin's, on Oak Island, offers specialized classes that teach technique as well as recipes. Classes are small and enjoyable. Spaces fill up fast. One class leads to another because the learning and fun is contagious. Give it a try.

A new pizza place is coming to Southport where the Trolly Stop hot dog shop went out of business. A Slice of Haven, by the owners of Haven, a wine/beer/gelato bar that features live music, will serve up pizzas and creative salads to go.

Dot's on Howe, a new hamburger joint, has opened where the Saucy Southerner was on Howe St. in Southport. It opened very quietly, and reports are that the burgers are good as well as hot dogs. Additions to the menu will happen over time and based upon customer feedback.

The Salty Olive, a specialty store complete with a variety of olive oils and balsamics and foodie finds, in the Walmart Plaza in Southport is almost ready to open to customers.

The new Fish Factory restaurant, on Long Beach Rd., next to Castucci's, shows signs of getting ready to open soon.

Lil Bitty Donut Co. in Southport, next to Papa John's, behind Taco Bell, has opened and has Sweet Treats ice cream shakes and frappes

as well tiny donuts. You can try a variety of smaller sweet bites, rather than a large donut.

Southport Suzie's, known for froyo, frozen yogurt, wines, live music and craft events, has closed as the owners retired to enjoy life. What business will spring up here? Keep an eve out!

Mad Kingz Tackle moved from Southport Crossing Way to Ocean Isle Beach to form one, big super store with fishing and hunting gear.

Burrito Shack - Southport, NC has an opening target date of the end of April. You can find it in the building with Cape Fear Fitness and Jersey Mike's on Hwy 211 in Southport.

A new DMV opened on long Beach Rd. next to the Food Lion between Oak Island and Southport. It is open M-F from 9am-5pm. Titles and registrations are handled here. For license plates etc. you can go to DMV locations in Shallotte, Whiteville, and Wilmington; or online at MyNCDMV.gov.

Wicker and More, of Shallotte's Southport location at 5030 Southport-Supply Rd., held its grand opening recently. It offers one-stop shopping for decorations and indoor and outdoor furniture.

On a very positive note, five Southport art galleries have joined together to form a guild, Southport Art Galleries Guild. The guild will focus on art produced by local artists. The galleries included are Artisans Gallery on Howe, 114 S Howe St: Franklin Square Gallery, 130 E West St.; Lantana Gallery, 113 S Howe St.; Ricky Evans Gallery, 211 N Howe St., Southport Studio Artists, 715 N Howe St. The guild promises free trolly rides to enhance the monthly first Friday Art Walks.

Let us know if any new businesses are opening so we can share the good news.

Enjoy Brunswick County and all the many fun things to explore this spring!



Southport Rotary recently celebrated a Taste of Brunswick with an evening fundraiser at St. James Community Center that featured local businesses: Southport Cheese Shoppe, Uncorked by the Sea, and Oliver's.





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Carol Pearson, author of 10 Little Rules for a Blissv Life, and Teri M. Brown, author of 10 Little Rules for a Double-Butted Adventure.

Carol Pearson is the founder and publisher of the 10 Little Rules Book Series, crafting her own rules for living after navigating a number of unexpected life changes. 10 Little Rules for a Blissy Life is a powerful book and guided journalling experience designed to help the reader discover the rules that hold them back and gives them a chance to live life on their own terms. Ms. Pearson lives in Bay City, MI, where she shares whatever adventures are next with her husband, John.

Teri M. Brown's most recent work, 10 Little Rules for a Double-Butted Adventure, is an look at the life lessons she learned while riding across

eet the Authors presents the United States on a tandem bicycle with her husband, Bruce. This is a story of healing through adventure, overcoming personal challenges, and personal growth. The book includes guided journalling designed to help you regain your own power and take on life's challenges with renewed vigor.

> Teri Brown is an award-winning writer of historical fiction novels. She is also the founder and host of the podcast "Online for Writers," connecting readers with new authors. Ms. Brown calls coastal NC home.

> The authors will be available for book sales and signings. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

> The signing will be Friday, March 21, 1-2pm Barbee Meeting Room of the G.V. Barbee, Sr. Branch Library.

> Registration is required: https:// brunsco.libcal.com/event/14196585

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# Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island Seeks Volunteers

o you love libraries, like to What We Need: read and are you looking to give back to your community to make a real impact? We're seeking passionate and dedicated volunteers to join our team and help us achieve our mission to encourage reading and improve literacy through the use and services of our libraries in Brunswick County. Whether you have a few hours to spare or are looking to commit long-term, we a variety of roles that can suit your interests and availability.

Grants/Fundraising Chair: Collaborate with library branch managers and board members to gather and submit required information for grant applications to support initiatives like summer reading or large print books. Also assist with other donor relations initiatives to help FOLSOI achieve annual goals. Experience is great but not required as attention to detail and follow-through are what counts the most!

Vice-President: Assist in guiding enjoy talking with and working with the board and working with county library staff while you learn more about the mission of FOLSOI and to prepare for the succession to president. If you like helping people and want to see the broader strategic view of our libraries, this officer role gives your a chance to meet other community leaders and bring your talents to our accomplished board and team of dedicated volunteers.

other volunteers? We need just a few hours per month to help bring on new volunteers, attend volunteers fairs, help plan volunteer appreciation activities, and tally our volunteer hours each month. It's a wonderful way to meet some new people and keep FOLSOI running!

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#### How to Sign Up or For **Questions:**

Volunteer Coordinator: Do you Email us at info@folsoi.org





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ooking for something fun for the kids this summer? Choose from a number of options. Don't wait! Space is limited!

#### Day Camps of Fort Caswell

Registration for Camp Seabreeze and Coastal Explorers opens March 17 at 12am. Camps run June 2-6, through August 4-8. Register at https://app.campdoc.com/!/dn/ login?r=fortcaswell%20camper, 910-278-9501

**Camp Seabreeze** is a summer day camp for rising 1-5th graders. Campers will enjoy a variety of activities, including crafts, swimming, beach days, environmental exploring, and praise time.

**Coastal Explorers** Coastal Explorers is a summer day camp with a unique blend of recreation and exploration that will give your rising 6th through 8th graders an unforgettable summer experience! Activities include gym games, crafts, pool time, beach swimming, surf fishing, and fort exploration.

#### Boiling Spring Lakes Summer Day Camp

Camp runs June 9 - August 15, 7:30am-5:30pm, for ages 5-12. Each week includes 1 trip to Jungle Rapids plus 2 other field trips, science experiments, arts and crafts, weekly themes with games and activities.

Cost for residents is \$125.00 and \$187.50 of non-residents. Registration for residents begins March 24 and March 25 for non-residents.

Contact cpate@cityofbsl.org, 910-363-0017.

#### Boys & Girls Clubs Camps

Offering K-5 Camp, June 9-July 3 and July 7-August 1 at Lincoln Elementary School. Cost is \$250 per session. 6-12 Camp will be at Brigade Campus. \$50 per session.

To learn more or enroll, visit: bgcsenc.org/parentportal

#### Oak Island Recreation Summer Camps

**Oak Island Golf Camp**, a three week camp with each age group having their own week for learning, playing, and having fun. Sessions will consist of 2 hours for Introductory (July7-11), Beginner (July 14-18), and Intermediate (July 21-25) sessions.

The **Oak Island Pickleball Academy** is a weekly pickleball program available to a full range of age groups. Sessions for various levels beginning June 2-6 through August 18-22.

The **Oak Island Tennis Academy** is a weekly tennis program starting this summer. Sessions for various levels beginning June 2-6 through August 18-22.

The Oak Island Recreation Department will also offer a Public Safety Camp, and Summer Day Camp.

Contact Jacob Hyle at jhyle@oakislandnc.gov or register at <u>https://</u> parksrec.egov.basgov.com/oakislandnc

#### Southport Parks & Recreation Summer Camp

Calling all Kindergarten – 6th Grade Adventures! Join us for crafts, movies, skating at Scooters', swimming at Brunswick Community College, Jungle Rapids, bowling, sports games, karaoke singing, talent shows, and more this summer.

Limited spots available! Register at 209 North Atlantic Avenue.

- Summer Camp dates: June 2 -
- August 15, 2025

• Summer Camp hours: Weekdays 7:00am - 5:00pm

• Cost for residents: \$90 per child, per week

• Cost for non-residents: \$115 per child, per week.

If you have any questions or need more information, call the Parks & Recreation office at: 910-457-7945.

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# Dosher Foundation Awards \$5,000 in Scholarships to Brunswick Community College Students

osher Memorial Hospital Foundation awarded two Brunswick Community College (BCC) students a total of \$5,000 in scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year. The funds support scholarships to BCC students pursuing healthcare careers that meet the criteria set by Brunswick Community College.

This year's scholarship recipients are Danielle Black and Ashley Barkley. Ms. Black, currently a Li-

censed Practical Nurse, thanked board members as she continues her dream of being a Registered Nurse and then eventually earning a Nurse Practitioner degree. Ms. Barkley also thanked board members for their generosity and explained that her

scholarship has funded most of her tuition. Board members then asked the students several questions about their future.

Lynda Stanley, President and CEO of Dosher said, "We are happy to support these scholarship recipients in pursuing their goals in nursing and are grateful to help create access to a profession that relies on the passion and commitment that Ms. Black and Ms. Barkley exhibit.

Antonette (Toni) McAndrews added, "It was a pleasure to meet Danielle and Ashley and hear their excitement as they talk about their future career goals. The Foundation is pleased to support the student's as they work toward realizing their dreams."

The Dosher 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 Dosher 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 Dosher Memorial Hospital Foundation, please call Toni McAndrews, Foundation Development Director, (910) 457-3936 or visit www.dosher. org.



Pictured back row, left – right: David Miller, Dosher Foundation Board Member; Randy Jones, Dosher Hospital Trustee and Dosher Foundation Board Member.

Pictured second row, left to right: Barbara Boland, Dosher Foundation Board Member; Beccy Hager, Dosher Foundation Board Member; Susan Rabon, Dosher Foundation Board Member; Trisha Howarth, Chair, Dosher Foundation Board; Tom Jarvis, Dosher Foundation Board Member.

Pictured front row, left to right: Teresa Nelson, Director, Brunswick County Community College Foundation; Danielle Black, Brunswick County Community College Foundation Scholarship Recipient; Ashley Barkley, Brunswick County Community College Foundation Scholarship Recipient; Antonette (Toni) McAndrews, Director, Dosher Foundation

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#### BELVILLE April 5

**Belville Community Yard Sale** 7am - Noon | Belville Riverwalk Park

#### BOILING SPRING LAKES March 19

Day of Service at New Hope Clinic 9:30-11:30am | 201 W. Boiling Spring Road

Would you like help spruce up the grounds of New Hope Clinic in Boiling Spring Lakes? We have a small group coming to help with yardwork. Tasks to include check & clean out gutters, weed landscaping, spread pine straw and mulch, wash exterior of windows, dust/wash air output and exhaust vents covers. The clinic will provide ladders, mulch & pine straw, some yard tools, snacks & water. Please bring gloves, favorite yardwork tools

#### April 26

#### 34th Annual Small Fry Fishing Tournament

Tournament

8:30-11:30am | Spring Lake Park 221 Pine Road

The Small Fry Fishing Tournament is a day for families and their children ages 3 to 12 to fish along with local police officers.

Age categories include: 3 to 5, 6 to 8 and 9 to 12. Prizes are awarded in each age group.

Registration will be open soon!

#### CALABASH April 2

#### Masters Par 3 Challenge

1pm | Brunswick Plantation & Golf Resort | 380 Brunswick Drive

9 Hole Par 3's on Dogwood with Closest to the Pin Every Hole for Men and Ladies -Tee Times Start at 1:00pm - Sign Up in the Pro Shop

Open to All Members, Guests, and Locals

#### OAK ISLAND Starting March 4

#### Line Dancing Club

4-5:30pm | Oak Island Recreation Center | 3003 E Oak Island Dr.

The club will meet every Tuesday from 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at the Recreation Center. Those that are new to line dancing are invited from 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM for easier dances. More difficult dances are from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM.

For more information visit <u>www.OakIs-landNC.gov/PROGRAMS</u> or Contact John Henry at jhenry@oakislandnc.gov

# March/April Events

# Kayak Trips Down the

Davis Canal 10am-Noon | Tidalwaves Kaya & Canoe Launch | SE 31st St

Join in on one of these amazing guided tours this spring and summer with the Oak Island Recreation Department. Many dates to choose from.

\$30 Residents and \$40 for Non-Residents. You must pre-register for these trips.

For more information on dates and to register visit <u>www.OakIslandNC.gov/PRO-</u> <u>GRAMS</u>

## OCEAN ISLE

#### March 16

Shamrocks & Shenanigans 3pm | Pelican's Perch | 8 E 2nd St.

Live Music, Themed Cocktails, Cornhole, Delicious Food, Good Vibes

See you at Pelican's Perch—where the beer flows like gold, and the good times never run dry! Sláinte!

#### **April 3**

Beach Ball 2025 5:30-9pm | Museum of Coastal Carolina | 21 E 2nd St

Our Beach Ball is a fun way to celebrate the coast of North Carolina, where we love to live! Dress in your chicest coastal cocktail attire, enjoy drinks and dinner with friends, and learn a little about our coastal environment and universe. Your support of the Ocean Isle Museum Foundation's 2025 Beach Ball will help the Museum of Coastal Carolina with its most critical needs, including operations and the Elevating Access project, which includes building an addition to house an elevator. Read more here: <u>https://museumplanetarium.org/beach-ball-2025/</u>

#### **SHALLOTTE**

#### March & April AARP Tax Prep Aide

9am-1pm| Rourk Branch Library 5068 Main Street

Free tax preparation will be provided by the AARP Association at Rourk Branch Library BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:00am and 1:00pm. Please call 910-448-4201 for your appointment.

March, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14,18, 19, 21, 25, 26, 28

April 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 15

#### SOUTHPORT March 1-30

#### Samara's Village Baby Shower 4-7pm | Samara's Village 5260-5270 Dosher Cut Off SE

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Ladies Guild will host a baby shower for Samara's Village, collecting NEW baby items during month of March. Visit <u>www.samarasvillage.org</u> for more information.

March 1-30 NEW baby item's can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Direct questions to Kelly Burke at (785) 817-0527

#### March 7

Diamond's & Denim Charity Ball 6-10pm | St. James Community Center

Gear up for an unforgettable evening of glamour, glitz, and giving back! Music by Tru Sol. Event to benefit New Hope Clinic and Power Walking Ministries.

Tickets: \$90/per person: <u>https://www.sher-iffscharity.com/charity-ball-ticket-purchase</u>

#### March 12

#### Opera Sunday - A Toast to Die Fledermaus

2pm | 223 E Bay St.

Join Professor Nancy King, Elizabeth Stovall Gazda, and the talented singer-actors of UNC-WOOP! (UNCW's Opera Outreach Project) for an afternoon of favorite moments from Johann Strauss II's Die Fledermaus, accompanied by Dr. Elizabeth Lopartis. Reception to follow - free and open to the public.

Presented by Friends of the Library -Southport & Oak Island, Up Your Arts, and the City of Southport.

\*Donations to UNC-WOOP! are greatly appreciated

#### March 20

#### Annual Art Exhibit

4-7pm | St. James Community Center | 4140 Southport-Supply Rd SE

Join us for our annual exhibit, featuring works by over 30 local artists and from the estate of Joseph Bardani. Come enjoy a night of art and community support. All art is available for purchase.

#### March 29

Cooking Class for Kids 2pm | Fizzy Janes Cooking class hosted by Chef Tuna! Focusing on basic kitchen skills in a fun, safe environment. Menu details available soon and spots are limited, so sign up early! \$35 per child (all supplies included).

#### April 12

Apriltoberfest 1-6pm | Southport Tap & Cellar 827 N Howe St

Oktoberfest once a year just isn't enough, so to help us all get through to September 27th, plans are underway for the First Annual Southport Apriltoberfest!

#### Wings & Wheels -EAA Chapter 939

Registration 8:30-11:30am | Cape Fear Regional Jetport 4015 Airport Rd

Aircraft Static Displays, "Learn to Fly" Booth, Awards for visiting aircraft. \$15 Entry fee. Dash plaques to first 75, Top 40 Cash awards, Specialty Awards. Pancake Breakfast and Lunch available. Call Rich at 301-801-3725 for me info.

#### Kids Day at the Park

11am-2pm | Franklin Square Gallery | 130 E Nash St.

The Associated Artists of Southport ("AAS") will host their annual Kids' Day Art in the Park - a fun-filled, hands-on, art-making fair for children of all ages. This free event is open to the public. Please check our website at https:// www.franklinsquaregallery.com/upcoming-events for more information.

#### April 19

**Cape Fear Swing Dance Society** 1-6pm | Southport Tap & Cellar 827 N Howe St

Join us for some dancin' in the streets with an exclusive lesson and dance party with the Cape Fear Swing Dance Society.

#### SUNSET BEACH March 5

Wine, Women & Chocolate 5:30-7:30pm | Sea Trail Convention Center| 75 Clubhouse Rd | \$50

Join us for a night of laughter, indulgence, and unforgettable memories.

Your \$50 ticket includes 1 drink ticket to get the party started, 1 raffle ticket for a chance to win fabulous prizes, A feast of delicious food, decadent chocolate, and exclusive shopping opportunities Grab your tickets now and rally the girls for a night you won't forget! For sponsorship opportunities or to become a vendor, contact the Chamber at 910-754-6644.

<u>For Up-to-Date Information on the Above Events and to Find More Fun Things to Do:</u> www.oakislandnc.com/ | www.oakislandnc.com/government/parks-recreation | www.townofshallotte.org

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oin us for Pyrates Parlay, an unforgettable evening of fun and excitement for adults! Embrace the pirate theme by donning your best pirate costume or your favorite evening attire. The night will be brimming with pirates, live music, a casino, a cash bar, dinner, dancing, a costume contest, and a cigar lounge. Plus, don't miss the mesmerizing mermaids & siren performing gravity-defying aerial gymnastics!

This event is the Brunswick Arts Council's largest fundraiser of the year. This year we are also collaborating with the VFW's Veteran Creative Arts Program (VCAP). VCAP provides Veterans and First Responders in our area with art therapy classes to help manage stress

## Grape Expectations: 23rd Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction March 29

ey Folks! It's Wine Tasting and Auction time!!

The much loved and well attended, annual wine tasting and silent auction fundraiser from the oak Island Beach Preservation Society is in the works! This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 29 from 2-5pm, at the 801 Ocean Event Center, so mark your calendars and get your tickets early!!

There will be a silent auction with items donated by our local supporters, along with selected wines from Grape & Ale and hors d'oeuvres from Diamond Catering.

Once again, The Grape & Ale, has generously agreed to sell event tickets for us - but please note, they accept CASH or CHECK only. For credit card ticket purchases, please contact Cheryl Cook 910-442-5546 or Andy Spradley 910-800-1258.

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and other mental health issues from their lines of work.

Get your ticket, enjoy a fantastic night, and support BAC and the VCAP programs all at once!

WHO: Adults Black Sails Adventure Flag

WHEN: Saturday, March 29, 2025, 5-9PM

WHERE: Sea Trail Golf Resort & Convention Center

75 Clubhouse Road, Sunset Beach, N.C. 28468

CONTACT: Mary Beth Livers, execdir.brunswickartscouncil@gmail. com

Tickets are \$100 per person

## Brunswick Family Assistance Mobile Food Pantry

Brunswick County Residents who qualify for assistance with BFA can receive their food allotments each month through our mobile pantry which is located in different areas of the county throughout the month.

The mobile pantry truck's schedule is posted on the first of the month on our socials and our website.

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hank you to the amazing community support who came out to help us celebrate our grand opening. We are overwhelmed by the incredible turnout!

We couldn't have reached this milestone without the support of this amazing community.

A huge thank you to all who made this dream a reality! Your kindness, support, and belief in our vision have helped us get here. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being part of this journey.

Please visit to shop and donate, Leland Restore is open Tuesday -Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Dresser Lane, 92 Leland 910-338-3648, brunswickcountyhabitat.org

## **Do You Have Marketplace Insurance?**

f you're wondering whether you have health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace, here's how you can find out:

Check Your Insurance Card/ Docs: Your card should list the insurance company. If it's from a provider like Blue Cross or Aetna, it might be a Marketplace plan.

Log Into Your Marketplace Account: Visit HealthCare.gov or your state's Marketplace website, and check your coverage details once logged in.

Review IRS Forms: If you received Form 1095-A, it means you're enrolled in a Marketplace plan.

Call Your Insurer: Unsure? Contact your provider to confirm if your coverage is through the Marketplace.

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# **Town of Leland Invites Residents to Participate in Creek Week**

he Town of Leland invites community members to take part in the Clean Water Education Partnership's Regional Creek Week, taking place March 17-22. This weeklong initiative raises awareness about the importance of protecting local waterways through educational programs, hands-on activities, and volunteer opportunities.

Kick off Creek Week with Homeschool Studio on March 17 from 10 am-12pm at the Leland Cultural Arts Center (LCAC), 1212 Magnolia Village Way. This program will teach children ages 5 to 12 about the importance of clean water through two interactive activities.

On March 18, attend the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher's Wild Wetlands presentation at the LCAC from 6-7:30pm. Learn about wetland ecosystems, their role in water conservation, and the diverse

wildlife that depends on them.

Cape Fear River Watch will host a Storm Drain Marking event on March 19 from 10 11:30am in Mallory Creek. Volunteers will label storm drains and distribute door hangers highlighting the importance of keeping waterways free from pollution. Participants will meet at the Mallory Creek clubhouse, located at 115 Grace Point Drive.

Finish the week with Lend a Hand in Leland on March 22 from 8-11 am. This community-wide day of service offers five volunteer opportunities, including a stream cleanup, aimed at making a lasting impact on Leland.

Registration is required. Participants who register for will be entered into a raffle to win a rain barrel. https://www.townofleland.com/ <u>creekweek</u>



# Southport Concert Series 2025 Seeking Bands & Food Truck Vendors

oin the Southport Concert Series 2025 at Franklin Square Park for free Thursday evening concerts, featuring talented performers and food trucks, running from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The City of Southport, in partnership with Downtown Southport, Inc., Up Your Arts, and Cape Fear Radio, is thrilled to announce the return of the Southport Concert Series for the 2025 season. This year's series promises an exceptional lineup of musical performances, set against the picturesque backdrop of Franklin Square Park, bringing the community together for an unforgettable experience.

#### **Concert Details:**

The series will be on Thursday evenings, 6-8pm, Memorial Day through Labor Day (weather permitting) There will be no concert during the week of the NC 4th of July Festival

Admission is free and open to the



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The Southport Concert Series is an excellent opportunity for both emerging and established artists to showcase their talents. While the lineup is yet to be finalized, interested performers are encouraged to apply promptly to secure their spot on the stage. The application deadline is April 1, 2025. For application details, visit the Southport Concert Series page.

People are seated in foldable chairs on grass at an outdoor event. A woman in the foreground is taking a photo with her phone. The crowd is engaged, with some standing and others chatting. Tents are visible in the background.

In addition to performers, the series is seeking food trucks to join the events, offering delicious food and beverages to attendees. This is a fantastic opportunity for food vendors to be part of a lively, family-friendly atmosphere.

The Southport Concert Series is supported by generous sponsors and community partners dedicated to promoting arts and culture in Southport. Their contributions help create a vibrant environment where music and community spirit thrive.

For more information, please contact the Southport Community Relations Department.



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## **Dosher Drug Take Back Event** Set for April 2nd

osher Memorial Hospital announced today that the 28th semi-annual "Operation Medicine Cabinet" medication disposal event has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 2nd. Operation Medicine Cabinet is a drive through drug take back event which enables local residents to drop off unwanted and expired prescription medications at the front entrance of the hospital without having to leave their vehicles. Operation Medicine Cabinet helps prevent drug misuse and minimizes environmental impacts by providing an alternative to household disposal methods.

The drug drop hours are between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, and the location is the Dosher Hospital front entrance at 924 N. Howe Street, Southport.

Sharps containers will not be accepted at this event, however, Dosher staff members will have information on hand on how to safely dispose sharps at home.

Please note: Dosher is unable to collect any medications outside of the published hours of this event. Participants who arrive early will be asked to hold onto their medications until 9:00 am. Community members who arrive after 1:00 pm will be directed to other local safe medication disposal locations. These measures are for the safety of our staff and community, and Dosher appreciates everyone's understanding.

For questions about Operation Medicine Cabinet, call the Dosher Office of Marketing and Community Relations at 910-457-3900 or email marketing@dosher.org.

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on't miss New Hope Clinic's 13th annual "ROCKIN' & Laughin' for HOPE" benefit concert with Mike's Garage Band and comedian Matt White on Saturday, April 5th from 5-8pm (No rain date) at Woodlands Park Amphitheatre in St James

Open to St James residents and invited guests, the event is proudly supported by the Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

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Tickets are \$10 to \$20 suggested contribution. Tickets for sale at: New Hope Clinic: Mon - Thurs 8am-5pm, Fridays 8am-12pm and The Apothecary at St James.

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# Easter Fun for the Kids and Canines

#### Southport Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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#### **Oak Island Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday, April 12

Hunt Begins Promptly at 10am Bill Smith Park| 4410 Fish Factory Road, Oak Island FREE to Participate

Age Groups: Ages 3 - Under

Ages 4 - 6 Ages 7 - 10

Hop on over to Bill Smith Park and find an assortment of colored Easter Eggs our furry friend has hidden for you! Great photo opportunities!

#### Doggie EGG-Stravaganza

Saturday, April 12 Hunt Begins at 11:30am Salty Dog Park | 4410 Fish Factory Road, Oak Island FREE to Participate

Join Oak Island for the 8th Annual Doggie EGG-stravaganza at the Salty Dog Park inside Bill Smith Park. There will be many special prizes and yummy treats hidden inside eggs around the dog park. There will be separate hunts provided for dogs over and under 20 lbs. Pets must be up to date on their vaccinations to participate.

#### **Shallotte Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 12 | 9am Mulberry Park | 123 Mulberry St. Shallotte

#### Age Groups:

Ages 3 and under Amphitheater Ages 4-6 Left of Large Field Ages 7-10 Right of Large Field

Join us for our yearly Easter Egg Hunt! Hosted by the Town of Shallotte and BC Parks & Recreation After the hunt you will have the opportunity to take pictures with the Easter Bunny under the amphi-theater!

#### Boiling Spring Lakes Easter EGGstravaganza

Saturday, April 12 | All day Spring Lake Park | 210 Pine Road

#### 5th Annual Belville Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 12 | Time TBA Belville Riverwalk Park

#### Eggspedition

Saturday, April 12 | 10am-1pm 1937 Andrew Jackson Hwy | Leland

Bring your basket and celebrate spring with the Town of Leland and famed eggsplorer, Steve E. Bunny!

Eggspedition 2025 will include:

**Egg Hunts:** Children can participate in age-grouped egg hunts to find candy-filled eggs!

Bunny Trail "Campsites": Activityand engagement-based stops for participants to play games or activities, engage with community groups, and gather eggs, candy, or prizes in their baskets.

Businesses and organizations who wish to host a campsite can learn more below and complete the interest form online!

**Famed Eggsplorer Steve E. Bunny:** The Bunny will be visiting with participants throughout the event.

#### Living Word's Easter Egg-Stravaganza

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The Sea Notes Choral Society is delighted to announce their upcoming Spring Concert, "Celebrating Spring, Celebrating Life," to be held on Saturday, March 29th, and Sunday, March 30th, at the Odell Williamson Auditorium. This enchanting event promises to be a musical celebration of the rejuvenating season of spring and the beauty of life.

We are proud to announce that Dianne Hoffman will be conducting the concert. With her exceptional talent and dedication, Dianne brings a wealth of experience and passion to the Sea Notes Choral Society. Accompanying the choir will be the esteemed Margaret Smiklas, whose piano expertise will undoubtedly enhance the musical experience. We invite everyone to join us for an uplifting and memorable performance that captures the spirit of Spring and the essence of life. The Sea Notes Choral Society has prepared a diverse and inspiring program that is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of exquisite music and celebrate the arrival of Spring with us. Mark your calendars and come celebrate with the Sea Notes!

Our concerts are always free. Tickets are not required. Donations are always welcomed as Sea Notes is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

For more information visit us at <u>www.sea-notes.com</u>.

## Ocean Rescue Recruitment

hile it may still be cold out now, we know that the hot days and high crowds of Summer are just around the corner. That's why we are working to prepare NOW to be able to answer the call when we are needed the most!

If you think you might be ready to ANSWER THE CALL as well, then consider joining our Ocean Rescue Unit (ORU), as we are now hiring for the season ahead.

#### Ocean Rescue Ad\_1

This specialized unit provides challenging yet rewarding positions within the department, and is one of the most unique ways to serve your community! During the season, the ORU provides Beach Patrols 7 days a week, along 10 miles of beachfront.

The next Training Academy begins in April, so make sure to get your applications in NOW! To learn more about the ORU, just visit the dedicated page at OakIslandNC.gov/ ORU. To download an application, visit the Jobs Listings page at OakIslandNC.gov/JOBS or click the link below.



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# NEW "Wind Phone" Art Feature Installed at May Moore Park

nstallation of the new Wind Phone art feature has been completed in the May Moore Park, located at 840 Elizabeth Drive.

First presented to the Town Council during their September 10 meeting (and later approved on October 8), the Wind Phone provides a place for those grieving to "connect" with lost loved ones; through the symbolic act of dialing their number or name and speaking words left unsaid.

The initial concept was created by garden designer Itaru Sasaki, and was opened to the public in 2011 in Thoku Japan, following the earthquake and tsunami killed over 15,000 people. Since then, similar designs have popped up in many locations throughout the world, with one now "calling" Oak Island home as well! For more information or to report concerns with this or any feature provided in the Town's parks, contact the Public Works Department.



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# Southport Pole Banner Project Winners Announced

Southport's central business district, where the enchanting work of twenty four local artists comes alive on vinyl banners adorning the city's utility poles. The "Raise Up Your Arts" pole banner project is intended to celebrate and showcase the incredible talent of our region's artists.

Our bustling streets transform into an open-air gallery for these remarkable artists, each carefully chosen through a competitive, juried contest held earlier this year.

The competition attracted over 70 submissions from talented Brunswick County artists, testifying to the abundant artistic flair that thrives within our community.

In order to highlight the broadest scope of mediums & styles, the peer review jury panel ultimately selected Seven 3-D works that included woodturning, ceramics, glass, fiber/ textile art and model building and mixed media. Seventeen 2-D entries were selected, represented by 10 paintings, 6 photographs and one pointillism drawing.



Rachel Rourke Sunnell



Royce Harmon

This year's winning artists are:

Deborah Appleby, Siobhan Armstrong, Carolyn Chester, Susanne Corbelletta, Margo Flynn, Heather Harman, Royce Harmon, Mogens Hermansen, Kevin Hisle, Don Hodgin, Robert Lambert, Francine Menor, Jeff Miller, Caroline Quinn, Peter Riekstins, Cheryl Rogers, Henkel Schulte, Nancy Jack Shimanoski, Katrina Shinn, Becky Steele, Heather Sullivan, Rachel Rourke Sunnell, Carolyn Tabarini, and Alyscenne Vallelonga.



Jack Shimanoski



Becky Steele

For more information on this and other programs and events of Up Your Arts please visit: <u>https://www.</u> <u>upyourarts.org</u>

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Live music and entertainment: Listen to live music from talented local musicians and watch performances from dancers, magicians, and more.

Food and Drinks: Taste the flavors of our community with a variety of food and drink options available throughout the fair.

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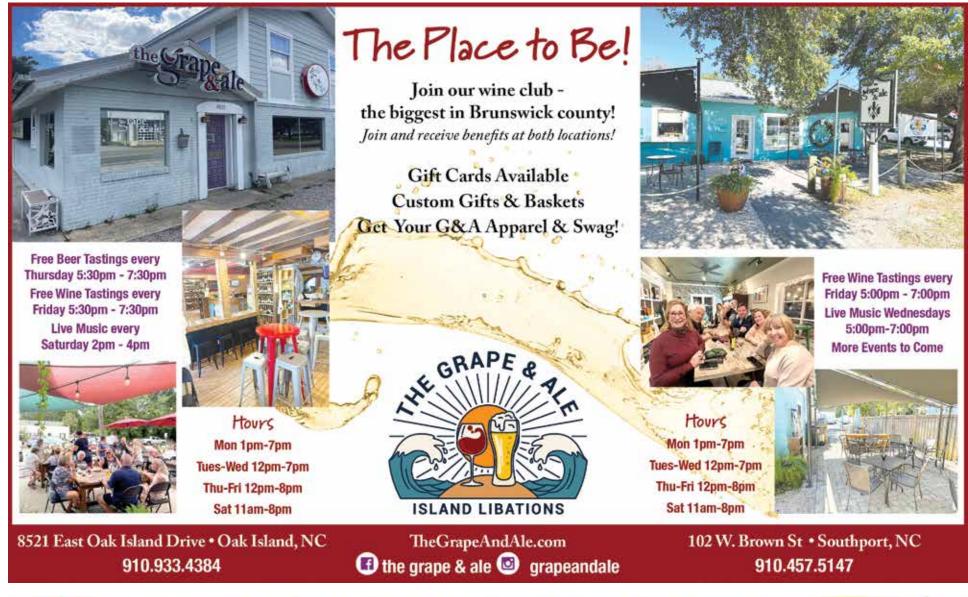
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For more information: <u>https://</u> brunswickfair.com, 980 733-1337



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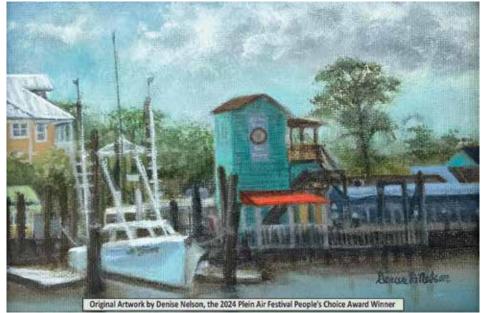
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# Southport Plein Air Festival to be Held May 1-3



The Southport Plein Air Festival, hosted by Up Your Arts and the City of Southport, is set to bring a vibrant celebration of creativity to downtown Southport from May 1st to May 3rd, 2025. Over 70 artists have already registered to paint en plein air, capturing the town's scenic beauty on canvas.

Beginning Thursday, May 1st, visitors can watch artists set up their easels throughout Southport, transforming the city into an open-air gallery. The festival culminates in an exciting day of activities on Saturday, May 3rd, featuring live entertainment, art demonstrations, children's activities, and the much-anticipated Wet Paint Sale.

#### **Artist Registration**

\$50 for Two Days of Painting or \$75 for Three Days

The 2025 Southport Plein Air Festival is open to all paint artists. It is a non-juried event, with merit and People's Choice awards conferred by local judges. Winners will be registered in the 2026 Southport Plein Air Festival free of charge. There is no limit on medium, quantity or size.

Painters retain all proceeds from the sale of their work during the Wet Paint Sale.

Register online or mail the registration form with a check for \$50 or \$75, depending on the number of painting days, to: Up Your Arts, P.O. Box 11326, Southport, NC 28461, <u>https://www.eventeny.com/events/</u> <u>vendor/?id=28357</u>

All canvases to be entered in the Wet Paint Sale must be stamped at check-in/registration time.

Welcome packets will include a map of Southport, with suggested painting spots and other points of interest. Commemorative T-shirts will be available for sale throughout the festival.



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# **A Second Helping Summer Island Food Collections on Ocean Isle Beach**

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After many years of dedicated service, and many weeks of thoughtful deliberation, the OIB Second Helping Team made the difficult decision to discontinue their current program and invited A Second Helping 3-G to help carry the torch of this important community outreach program moving forward.

Collections happen on Saturday mornings between 7:30am and 11am from Memorial Day to the Saturday before Labor Day (12 Saturday mornings). There are three Collection Stations on Ocean Isle Beach.

Each of the 3 stations will need 5 volunteers. Which means we need 15 volunteers on a team each Saturday.

We are building (4) Collection Teams, each with 15 volunteers. One team for the 1st Saturday, the 2nd Saturday, the 3rd Saturday and the 4th Saturday of June, July and August.

The First Saturday dates are June 7, July 5, August 2 & 30.

The Second Saturday dates are June 14, July 12, August 9.

The Third Saturday dates





The Fourth Saturday dates are June 28, July 26, August 23.

We need your help. We need volunteers to help collect the food.

Can you help build part of a team? Talk with your friends and neighbors and create part of a team.

Spending a few hours with your friends on a Saturday morning is great fun. Can you be a volunteer? We can add you to a team as we build the teams?

#### The process is very simple:

1. Volunteers set up the Collection Stations at 7:15.

2. The vacationers drop off food donations to the volunteers at the designated Collection Stations as they leave the island.

3. The food is placed in plastic bins and coolers at each Collection Station.

4. At 11:00, BFA brings a large truck and transfers all the food into BFA bins and coolers and takes the food back to their facility for sorting and distribution.

5. 11:00 the volunteers gather up their personal lawn chairs, tables and coolers and go home.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Bert and Vicki Barman 602-686are June 21, July 19, August 16. 2436 (Bert3milesttb@outlook.com)

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SUMMER MARKETS Tuesdays beginning May-August | 9 am - 1pm 5 West Third Street



Friday, April 4 | 5-9pm Leland Brewing Company 2115 Ale Avenue Leland Brewing Company is partnering with Lincoln Elementary School PTO to host their first food truck rodeo with vendors, food trucks, bounce house, DJ, & face painting! Fun for the whole family.

Interested in being a vendor? https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeGtjE3p8pR5v.../viewform

Interested in being a FOOD Vendor? https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdIP-

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Please send an email to LESleopardsPTO@gmail.com for application or questions!



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#### Summer will be here before you know it!

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To learn more and register, go to: https://buff.ly/407DkDn

# Market on Mulberry

Now Accepting Applications for our 2025 Market Season! Vendor fee is \$15.00 for summer markets and \$25.00 for Holiday Markets. Mulberry Park, 123 Mulberry St. Shallotte | 9:00am-1:00pm

March 8, March 22, April 5, April 26 May 10, May 24, June 7, June 21

**General Market Details:** 

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If you are interested in becoming a vendor please fill out the application below and email it to: Ssroberson@atmc.net or drop off at Town Hall (106 Cheers Street Shallotte). If you have any questions please call Sheila Roberson at 910.754.4032 at Town Hall.



Saturday, March 22, 2025 NOON - 4:00 PM Middleton Park Complex + 4610 E Dolphin Dr. Free

Spring into the season with the Town of Oak Island as we say goodbye Winter and hello Spring. The 2025 event is free to attend and will feature a full Artisans Market, Food Vendors, a Kids Zone and live entertainment from Hood's Creek.

> For more information please visit: OakIslandNC.gov/Events

# k Island V Recreation 2025 FARMERS' & ARTISANS' MARKET DATES & TIME Every Monday: Jur 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1e 2 - August 25, 2025 LOCATION Park Complex - 4610 E. Dolphin Drive ABOUT: enjoy local fresh produce, ho e goods including jewelry, furniture, rugs, much more. For more information please visit: OakislandNC.gov/EVENTS Middleton Park Complex C EVENT - FREE PARKING PEEL-&-EAT SHRIMP COMPETITION · COOKING DEMONSTRATION EDUCATION EVENTS · CRAFT & ARTISAN MARKET · FOOD TRUCKS LIVE MUSIC BY: 'THE FORD PROJECT' Learn more at: OakislandNC.gov/EVENTS olei Email: rgordo

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Pre-Fundraiser for Empty Bowls, April 4th, 5-7pm to be held at Franklin Square Gallery in Southport.

Live Music will be provided by Old School Duo.

Enjoy a delightful evening filled with live music as you stroll through the gallery and appreciate local art.

A gift basket will be raffled, generously gifted by Grape and Ale! curated selection of fine wines and local brews.

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For a detailed list of our sponsors, visit our web site (http://www.franklinsquaregallery.com)

Later this fall the Sneak Peek: Empty Bowls will be held October 14, 11am - 2pm with Raffle and Silent Auction Items including: \$1,000

ark your calendar for the Celebrate the spring season with a treatment at Live Oak Med Spa, Freedom Boat Club Certificate, Gift baskets from Southport Market Place, Dunes Mercantile, Ace Hardware, Gift cards to Castuccis, Bambini's, Cafe Fear Fitness, Southport Barre, Stunning artwork from local artists

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he Annual Coastal Health, Fitness & Beauty Showcase will be held annually Tuesday, March 11th from 4pm-7pm at the Homer E. Wright Event Center, 4136 Southport-Supply Road, St. James (formerly the St. James Community Center). NO ADMISSION. Free to Attend.

The Showcase will feature businesses and non profits in the healthcare, fitness and beauty industries. This is a public event organized

he Annual Coastal Health, by the Southport-Oak Island Area
 Fitness & Beauty Showcase
 will be held annually Tues March 11th from 4pm-7pm at
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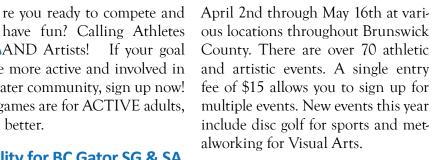
have fun? Calling Athletes AND Artists! If your goal is to be more active and involved in the greater community, sign up now! Gator games are for ACTIVE adults, 50 and better.

#### **Eligibility for BC Gator SG & SA**

Men and women 50 years and older (as of 12/31/25) who have resided in NC for a minimum of

3consecutive months the last 12 months may participate in Sr Games & SilverArts. A participant's age on 12/31/25 determines the age category in which they will compete at Local Games and State Finals.

has Registration started and is open until March 12th, or March 19th for online registration. All events are held



Registration information can be found at: https://bcparks.recdesk. com/Community/Page?pageId=7961





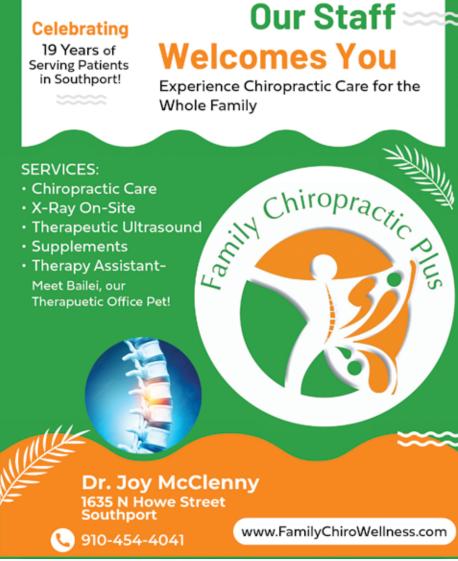
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beautiful Oak Island community! Join us for a weekend of competition, fun, and the stunning coastal charm of Oak Island, North Carolina.

The Spring Classic will be held at Middleton Park Racquet Courts, Oak Island, NC on:

Saturday, April 26: Men's & Women's Doubles

Sunday, April 27: Mixed Doubles

Matches may begin as early as at 8:00 AM each day. Specific start times will be emailed approximately one week prior to the event.

Skill Levels: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+

(Age as of 12/31/2025) Cost: \$60.00

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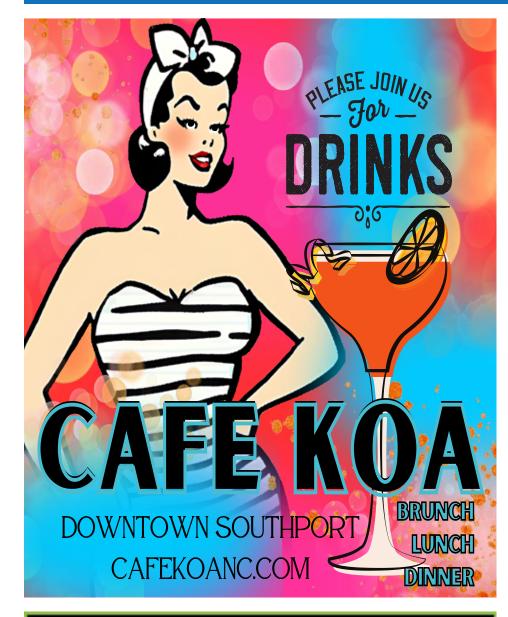
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# Oak Island Earth Day Festival to be Held April 26

ark your calendars so you can check out the amazing things going on this Earth Day with the Recreation Department. Things will be happening at Middleton Park as well as Bill Smith Park.

#### Middleton Park 4610 E Dolphin Dr | Noon-4pm

Enjoy educational and interactive opportunities, provided by local organizations that work to make Earth the best it can be. Booths, demonstrations, and active play opportunities will all be present and we look

ark your calendars so you forward to seeing you there!

#### Bill Smith Park 4410 Fish Factory Rd SE | Noon-4pm

Join us at Bill Smith park for the Tree Dedication Ceremony, where we will have Wallace's Food Truck, and orienterring course, and opportunities for active play. In addition, dozens of live oaks will be distributed. The dedication ceremony will take place at 2pm.

For more information contact Jacob Hyle at jhyle@oakislandnc.gov.



oin us for the First Annual 2025 Ripride Rally on March 9th at 12pm at Kevin Bell skate park , corner of SE 49th St and E Dolphin Dr., Oak Island. This is in collaboration with the Town of Oak Island and a big thanks to them for partnering with us on this event!

Here's what you can expect:

**Timed Race:** Race around the park and compete for the fastest time in one of three divisions: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced.

**Pick Your Jam:** You'll get to choose the song you want to hear while you compete during your run. Our DJ is ready to pump up the energy!

Any Board, Any Shape , and Any Design: Skate however you like! Use any board, regardless of shape, size, or design.

Best Trick Contest: After the race, show off your skills in a traditional best trick contest. Make sure to bring your A-game!

**Free Giveaways:** We'll have some awesome prizes and swag up for grabs throughout the day.

**Raffles:** You could be the lucky winner of some sweet gear!

**Food Trucks:** Hungry after all the skating? Grab some delicious food from a variety of food trucks on-site.

**Live Music:** Groove to live tunes while you watch the action unfold.

**Prizes:** Winners will receive various cool prizes

We'll keep posting more details as we get closer to the event, but trust us – this is something you "don't want to miss"! Mark your calendars, spread the word, and get ready to rip!

See you at the park!

Participants can register at <u>OakIs-</u> landNC.gov/PROGRAMS

Helmets are required! For questions or more information email Jacob Hyle @ jhyle@oakislandnc.gov

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