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A Community Update from Mayor J.P. Hatem, MD, MPH

Our City celebrates the Season of Christmas.

We celebrate with the Annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony which was held on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The event was in person this year and was also streamed live. It was a festive evening, with Christmas music and sound system provided by the "Rev" with the sounds of the holiday echoing throughout the village. Trinity United Methodist Church Children's Choir sang Christmas Carols with joyful voices. There was the reading of Clement Moore's Classic "The Night Before Christmas" culminating with the lighting of the Christmas Tree at Whittler's Bench. This spectacular tree helped to light up the waterfront sky as the Spirit of Christmas was evident in the hundreds of citizens in attendance. I want to thank the City Departments and employees for making this possible—Department of Tourism and Communication, Director Randy Jones and Lisa Anderson and to Kate Marshall, for organizing the event; to the Department of Public Services and Director Tom Stanley for placement of the tree; to the Fire Department and Chief Charles Drew for the stage; for the Police Department and Chief Todd Coring for closing off the end of Howe Street; the Beautification Committee for helping with cookies and hot chocolate—which was made by Marian Martin and Dottie Nixa.

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I also want to thank the State Port Pilot and Editor, Morgan Harper, and freelance photographer, Zeb Starnes for covering the event.

We celebrate with Winterfest which is sponsored by the City of Southport Department of Tourism and DSI-Downtown Southport Inc. There are sixteen events listed from Storefront Showcase to highlight shop local and enjoy the businesses and their holiday decorations; Shop-with-a-Cop Concert; Candy Cane Garden Party; Annual Cookie Contest; Light Up the Night Christmas Parade; Winter Craft Festival; and ending with the Southport Winterfest Flotilla. Please view all the events listed on the city website—cityofsouthport.com—Southport Winterfest 2021, December 5–11, and enjoy these wonderful celebrations.

We celebrate Christmas at the majestic Garrison House on Fort Johnston, decorated in the theme of a Colonial Christmas, wreaths with fruit and oyster shells, a balcony adorned with the welcoming symbol of the pineapple with rows of apples, lemons, and a background of magnolia leaves that embrace the history and beauty of an earlier Southport Christmas. I want to thank the Southport Garden Club and the Department of Public Services for this iconic decoration of the Christmas Season and I recommend more than one visit to the Garrison House.

We celebrate with our December Board of Aldermen Meeting and the swearing-in ceremony for re-elected and elected Mayor and Board of Aldermen. It is a joyful expression of the democracy, liberty, and freedom that we have in our country and I look forward to another term serving as your Mayor. The meeting is on December 9th, at 6 pm at the Southport Community Building.

We celebrate the many accomplishments of the year, the end of hurricane season, and the joy of Christmas in Southport.

We celebrate on December 1st, The Rockefeller Christmas Tree Lighting; on December 5th the 120th birth anniversary of Walt Disney; on December 17th we celebrate "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens published on this day in 1843, and also on December 17th we celebrate the Wright Brothers, the first powered flight on this day in 1903. Orville Wright was the pilot on that first flight and we celebrated his 150th birth anniversary this year; on December 20th, we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the premiere of "It's a Wonderful Life" one of the most beloved movies to watch at Christmas.

We commemorate on December 7th, the 80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the lives lost on that day. And we again remember the River Pilots who lost their lives on December 11, 1872.

We celebrate Christmas in Southport in so many ways, in prayer in our churches, in gathering much more safely with our family, neighbors, and friends, enjoying Christmas dinners, and reveling in the lights and wreaths on the homes in our city and the joy of being together. On behalf of the City of Southport, the First Lady and I wish you a prayerful, joyful, peaceful Holiday Season and a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year for 2021 with Peace on Earth, Good Will, Good Health, with Blessings and Prosperity to all.

Joe Pat Hatem, MD, MPH Mayor, City of Southport

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City of Southport Human Resources

Human Resources might be the most complicated department in our whole organization—everyone knows they're important, but very few employees know why.

So what does a Human Resource Department do?

- A healthy human resources department contributes to the growth of the organization.
- Is responsible for managing the employee life cycle (i.e., recruiting, hiring, and onboarding) and administering employee benefits.
- Oversees both mandated and voluntary benefits offered by the company. While employers are required to provide some benefits like Social Security, unemployment, and worker's compensation, other benefits like paid time off and disability income are considered voluntary benefits.
- Work with department managers or supervisors to learn about open positions, including requirements and ideal candidate qualities.
- Help build the future of the company by overseeing the recruitment and hiring process
- Forward incoming applicants' resumes and other application materials to the necessary department.

Responsible for professional reference checks and background checks to verify that candidates are eligible to work for the company.



Community Updates

Our community notification system "SOUTHPORT CONNECTED!" gives residents, businesses, and visitors access to important emergency alerts as well as general community updates through secure messaging via phone, email, and

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Meet Teresa Parker - Mosley City of Southport Human Resources



Hello, I am Teresa Parker-Mosley. I began working for the City of Southport twenty-four years ago! I am the City's Payroll & Benefits Specialist.

On a typical day, I am working on payroll-related duties and handling employee benefits. I am responsible for contacting the insurance company to resolve employee issues and the retirement system to assist employees. I take care of address changes and reconciliation of monthly employee benefits from vendors... Too many things to name! I work in payroll and benefits alone and in the process, I think it is assumed that I punch a few buttons and "boom payroll is done." It is a detailed process and time-consuming and any distractions could cause a problem. I love what I do and I take it to heart; the City has hard-working employees and they deserve every dollar they make.

In my spare time, I am a photography hobbyist and I love to capture God's beauty because his imagination is breathtaking. I post my pictures on my Facebook page, T. Nannette Photography. I love photography - it is my PASSION. I also have a balloon business, Blowing~Up With Air Balloon Designs (Sole Proprietor) which is now two years old. I started this business in 2019, all due to a good friend in South Carolina who is an event planner. She inspired me to give it a try and thus pushed me to step out on faith and my business was birthed. I had no idea what I was doing, but I took it seriously, and before I knew really anything I had two clients within two weeks of launching my business. God has blessed me, but it blesses me even more, when my clients allow me to make someone smile. Relaxing for me means having my Canon in my hand and chasing after God's beautiful creations.

"Southport is..." My little piece of God's beauty... I was born at Doshier Memorial Hospital, I attended school here, I work in Southport, and I live here in Southport. I. AM. A. NATIVE. God's beauty here is amazing and when I capture his beauty on many mornings or sometimes in the evenings it just amazes me. I love Southport and although there have been many changes it doesn't change the fact that Southport is God's beauty and it needs to remain in the image of God: LOVE for one another...

Pictured below are some samples of Teresa's artwork.



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Animal Protection Services

Southport is home to a wide variety of wildlife and is important to our cultural heritage.

**PLEASE RESIST!
DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE**

Animals that are fed lose their fear of people and develop unnatural behaviors.

Animals you feed today may be destroyed for inappropriate behavior tomorrow.

**DON'T HARM WILDLIFE WITH YOUR KINDNESS. HELP THEM
REMAIN HEALTHY, SAFE AND FREE.**



City of Southport Animal Protective Services

The “do not feed wildlife” signs have been installed at the following locations:

- City Dock
- City Pier

The purpose of the signs is to remind the public of the hazards of feeding wildlife. Many people enjoy feeding wildlife because it allows them to have close contact or because they believe they are helping the animals.

While seeing wild animals up close can be enjoyable, providing wild animals with a steady, human-supplied food source nearly always leads to problems for both the animals and humans.



Follow this link to NC Wildlife Resources Commission to learn more about the hazards of feeding wildlife.

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Southport Beautification Committee



Two areas around town will reap the benefits of the hard work done by these Beautification volunteers. Newly constructed picnic tables will be placed near the tennis courts and behind City Hall.

Beautification volunteers gave the Coastal Water Watch sign at Waterfront Park a much-needed sanding and coat of paint under a beautiful blue sky.

The Southport Beautification Committee is still looking for garden stewards to give a little TLC to some of our garden spots in between our group workdays. For more information on the program, please contact Lynne Geiman at scarlet517@hotmail.com



City of Southport Public Services, Beautification Committee and the Southport Garden Club work together to decorate Southport!





Southport Forestry Committee

North Carolina – Land of the Longleaf (and Fraser Fir too!)

It's December, and the holiday season is upon us again. If you haven't already, before long you'll be thinking about finding a Christmas tree to celebrate the season. Fortunately, we're lucky enough to live where finding that perfect tree doesn't pose much of a problem. Did you know that North Carolina is the second-biggest producer of Christmas trees in the United States? Tree farmers up in Avery County, primarily in the Roan Mountain area, were amongst the first commercial growers of Christmas trees in the US, growing primarily the **Fraser Fir (Abies fraseri)**, which today accounts for over 99% of the Christmas trees grown in the state. So how did North Carolina become a leader in providing these holiday trees?

First, a little history on the tradition of Christmas trees; The first recorded use of a Christmas tree in the US was in 1747, but it wasn't until 1901 when the first trees were planted specifically for Christmas tree production in New Jersey. The first Christmas tree growing association was formed in Pennsylvania in the early 1940s, but at the end of that decade, 90% of all Christmas trees were still harvested from forests. It wasn't until the 1950's that Christmas tree production started in NC when the North Carolina Christmas Tree Growers Cooperative was formed. By the mid-1960s, over a million trees were sold in NC, but only 1/5th of them were grown in the state and less than 10% of them were Fraser firs. By the 1970s, the industry was starting to mature and by the end of the decade, NC was harvesting approximately 1.5 million trees – a decade later in 1988, that number went up to over 4 million trees valued at \$55 million. Fast forward to today, the Fraser fir is the most popular Christmas tree in the nation, and Christmas tree production is a billion-dollar industry nationally with **North Carolina producing over 25% of the entire production of trees in the US!** There are over 6,500 people employed in the industry in NC, earning about \$235 million in wages, and harvesting about 4.3 MILLION trees which are shipped across the nation and worldwide. (NCCTA – <https://ncchristmastrees.com/>)

So what about that Fraser fir and what are its ties to NC? The Fraser fir was named for John Fraser, a Scottish botanist who explored the southern Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina in the late 1700s. A pyramid-shaped tree that can reach a maximum height of 80 feet and a trunk diameter of 1-1/2 feet, the Fraser fir grows naturally only in the southern Appalachians above 3,000 feet elevation. The cool temperatures and lots of rainfall of the North Carolina High Country are what ensure that the Fraser Fir will keep its needles throughout the Christmas season. When commercially raised for Christmas tree production, growers plant up to 2000 trees per acre, of which 1000-1500 are ultimately harvested after having been nurtured and shaped to the perfect form over the 6 to 12 years it takes for the trees to mature.

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Trees are then cut several weeks before they reach your tree lot - interestingly, the earlier cutting ensures that the needles last longer on the trees since the trees retain more water in their cells before the real cold weather hits.

Live vs Cut vs Artificial? It is much better environmentally to use a natural agricultural crop and recycle it after the holidays. Real Christmas trees are a renewable, recyclable, natural product grown on farms throughout

North America. Real Christmas trees are grown as crops, just like corn or wheat and once they are harvested, new seedlings are planted to replace harvested trees. Artificial trees, on the other hand, are made primarily from petroleum products, are non-renewable, and eventually end up in landfills. Seems like an easy choice.

Is buying a living Christmas tree and re-planting it in your yard after the holiday a good, environmentally friendly idea? Probably not here in Southport - it is unlikely to survive being dug up from its native area, spending time indoors in a heated home, and then having to adjust to our weather, humidity, salt-tinged air, and sandy soil down here on the coast. The vast majority of Christmas trees in North Carolina are Fraser fir, followed by spruce, and a limited variety of pines, according to the NC Cooperative Extension. Those particular species grow and thrive in the colder, higher elevations of western North Carolina, but they struggle to adapt to our coastal region. Even a small potted evergreen, such as a table-top-size Norway pine, will face severe challenges if it must transition from indoors to outdoors. Arborists advise that if you choose one of these tabletop specimens as your tree, you plan on keeping it as a full-time indoor plant.

So, what about that cut tree you see on the lots? Christmas tree farming is an agricultural activity as noted above and contributes significantly to both the environment and economy of NC. Farmers plant firs, spruces, and pines on large tracts of land, much of it too hilly and otherwise unsuitable for other purposes. In addition, throughout the 6 to 12 years that it takes the trees to grow to a good size, they are taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. That means they are cleaning the air and helping slow climate change. In addition, after you've enjoyed the beauty of the tree through the holidays, that tree can be put to a useful purpose by being mulched, or placed along our local beaches where they are used for dune stabilization. **All in all, everyone wins when you chose a cut live tree that was grown here in our beautiful state. Happy Holidays to all from the Forestry Committee!**

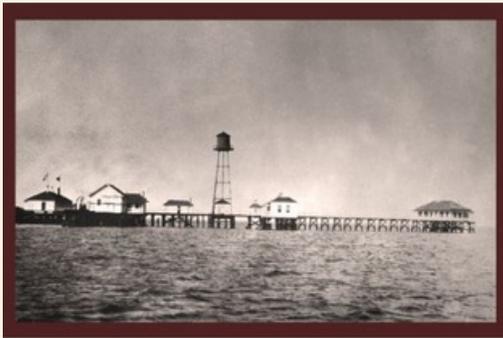
For tips on taking care of your live cut tree once you get it home, visit:
<https://christmastrees.ces.ncsu.edu/freshness-fire-safety-and-your-tree/>

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A Glimpse of History Cape Fear Quarantine Station

QUARANTINE STATION

Picture yourself standing in Kingsley Park on East Bay Street.....

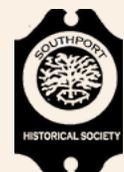


Look to your left, upriver and outward toward the shipping channel, and imagine a small town of ten buildings suspended above the water. Perhaps ships from foreign ports of call --Spain, Greece, Singapore, China, Portugal, South America -- are docked here, waiting for approval to proceed upriver to the Port of Wilmington.

Quarantine Stations were established by the federal government to inspect ships and boats and prevent them from entering ports if diseases were transmitted. Diseases such as malaria, yellow fever, smallpox, typhoid, cholera, and influenza often caused epidemics in cities and towns where ships docked.

Following the Civil War, Dr. W.G. Curtis was appointed Quarantine Medical Officer of the Cape Fear with authority for inspection only. Later in 1893, Congress funded a quarantine hospital. An appropriation of \$25,000 was approved and the U.S. Marine Hospital Service assumed control; over port quarantine. By 1897, the quarantine hospital was built, equipped, and in operation. Its job was to inspect and fumigate ships and boats, quarantine sick sailors and hold the vessel until it passed inspection. A pencil notation on a chart indicated the spot where the station and dock would be built, a mile or so upriver from Southport and accessible only by boat!

Called "the trim white city on stilts" the station at Southport eventually held 10 buildings: a water station, quarters for visiting sailors, a boathouse, hospital facilities, and living quarters for the quarantine staff of six. In the 1930s, work at the station declined as new methods of disease control were implemented. The station's work shifted to an on-shore facility becoming part of the US Public Health Service. During the time that the station operated from the on-shore facility, Dr. Julius Arthur Doshier began his Southport medical career. He served in many capacities at the Cape Fear Quarantine Station and later established the Brunswick County Hospital, now Doshier Hospital. After the facility was decommissioned in 1937, the building was left empty, falling into disrepair until it burned in 1951. Now only concrete from the water tower base remains. *Duplicated from Southport Historical wayfarer sign at Kingsley Park.*



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Recipe Southport Style

English Plum Pudding submitted by Grace K. Doshier

Hominy Muffins and Oyster Pie The Lives and Recipes of the Ladies of Southport in 1907
by Robert W. Surridge, D.Ed.

Plum pudding is a steamed or boiled pudding frequently served at holiday times. Plum pudding has never contained plums.

Ingredients

- 1 loaf stale baker's bread (crumbled)
- 2 pounds cleaned currents
- 1/2 pound sliced citron
- 1/2 pound beef suet (chopped fine)
- *lard can be substituted*
- 1/2 cup brandy (if preferred)
- 8 eggs
- 1 pound brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon of ground mace, cinnamon, allspice, and nutmeg
- 2 pounds seeded raisins



Directions

<https://www.epicurious.com/recipes/food/views/superb-english-plum-pudding-20010>

Beat the whites of the eggs. Cream the yolks and sugar together. Flour the fruit, suet and stir into the eggs and sugar. Put the pudding in buttered bowls or tins, filling them about 2/3 full. Cover with foil and tie it firmly. Steam for 6-7 hours. Uncover and place in a 250°F. oven for 30 minutes. Add a dash of brandy to each pudding, cover with foil and keep in a cool place.

Grace Kennard Keyworth Doshier

A native of Maryland, Grace Kennard Keyworth Doshier was born in 1882. Her parents were Charles Keyworth and Susan Wilburn Keyworth. They represented one of the more prominent families in Baltimore. Grace met her future husband, J. Arthur Doshier, when he was a medical student at the Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. They married in 1903. In 1905, their daughter "Little Gracie" was born. A veteran of World War I, Dr. Doshier was the physician at the Southport Quarantine from 1919 to 1937. His daughter Gracie married Robert Lewis Jones. In 1930, Robert and Gracie lived with their children Muriel and Bobby at the Doshier home. At that time, Robert was a fish and shrimp dealer.

Dr. Doshier was a highly-skilled surgeon. In one case, he successfully completed very delicate surgery to remove a brain tumor from 18-year-old Winslow Kemble, the son of prominent Bostonian Packer Kimble.

After Dr. Doshier's death in 1939, the name of Brunswick County hospital in Southport was changed in his memory to the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital.

Grace Keyworth Doshier died in 1949 at the age of 66.



From left to right, Grace Doshier, her daughter, Gracie, and granddaughter, Muriel.



This year, we welcome back many of our traditional Winterfest favorite events. Southport WINTERFEST 2021, the umbrella under which most of the city's holiday events fall, will include everything from "Pet Pictures with Santa," to the "Southport Christmas Flotilla." Fifteen action-packed events of WINTERFEST 2021 include many events that will entertain adults and children of all ages. www.cityofsouthport.com

Southport businesses are decking the town with the **First Annual Storefront Showcase** holiday decorating contest. From Sunday, December 5 to Sunday, December 12, visitors, guests, or residents of Southport can follow the Storefront Showcase map that will be available online to visit each store and cast votes on each participating business. There will be five categories: Most Original, Most Kid-friendly, Most Traditional, Biggest Surprise, or Best Overall. Voting participants may vote more than once per category. On Monday, December 13, 2021, winners will be announced, and a trophy given for Best Overall. Don't hesitate; sign up today!

Festivities kick off WINTERFEST 2021 with **Pet Pictures with Santa**, sponsored by the City of Southport Animal Protection Department will take place on Sunday, December 5, 2-4 p.m. at the Indian Trail Meeting Hall/Keziah Park, 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.

Join your fellow revelers for the first **WinterFest 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!

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Southport WinterFest 2021 *continued*

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!

Walkthrough the winter wonderland of candy canes at the **Candy Cane Garden Party**, sponsored by Southport Garden Club on Tuesday, December 7, 6-7 p.m. at Keziah Park, 113 West Moore Street. The four-foot candy canes have been decorated by local community members for your holiday enjoyment.

Winterfest continues with this year's **State Port Pilot Annual Cookie Contest** sponsored by the State Port Pilot on Wednesday, December 8, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Southport Community Building. Watch for more details in the State Port Pilot, the Holiday edition of Coast magazine, or the State Port Pilot Facebook page, and at www.stateportpilot.com.

Bring your children to enjoy **Supper with Santa's Elves** on Wednesday, December 8 from 5-7 p.m. Parents will be able to drop their children off, shop at local stores, or have a romantic dinner. 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.

The **Christmas Movie "Polar Express,"** an annual favorite Winterfest event, will be shown on the Fort Johnston Garrison Lawn at dusk on Thursday, December 9. This event is sponsored by Southport Parks and Recreation. Chairs/blankets are encouraged.

Enjoy a costumed tour, **Historic Holidays**, 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.

Come enjoy **Caroling with the Sea Notes**. The Sea Notes Choral Society Performance will be held prior to the Light Up the Night Christmas Parade on Friday, December 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Franklin Square Park. Bob Marks from Trinity UMC will direct the choir of about thirty people in rousing holiday cheer.

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Southport WinterFest 2021 *continued*

Children, grownups, residents, and visitors, look forward to the annual **Light Up the Night Christmas Parade**, sponsored by Southport Fire Department. On Friday, December 10, at 5:30 p.m. the children will begin to board the fire engines at the Southport Fire Station. The 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 Santa.

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 Park. Visit www.downtownsouthport.com for vendor information.

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 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Franklin Square Park.

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 (FOLSOI) Book Sale will be held on Saturday, December 11, 1:30-4 p.m. 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.

Returning to WINTERFEST this year is the popular **Southport WinterFest Flotilla**, sponsored by Cape Fear Yacht Club, Downtown Southport, Inc., and the City of Southport. Bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the beauty of Christmas lights bouncing off the water on Saturday, December 11, 7 p.m. at the Southport Waterfront. Students from the Southport Elementary School Art Classes will be judging the flotilla.

'Tis the season for fun, family, and community. So, join Southport for the week-long 2021 Christmas Season celebration. More information about Southport's WINTERFEST 2021 activities is available online at www.cityofsouthport.com or by calling the Southport Visitors' Center at 910-457-7927

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Storefront Showcase

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Visit and vote on local businesses who have decorated for the season!

Displays will be able to be voted on until December the 11th, winners announced on December 13th.



Pet Pictures with Santa

December 5
2-4 p.m.

SPONSORED BY SOUTHPORT ANIMAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES
Indian Trail Meeting Hall / Keziah Park, 113 W. Moore St.
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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, AT 6 P.M.
MEET AT FRANKLIN SQUARE PARK TO PARTICIPATE




Southport

Sponsored by
Southport Parks & Rec.

Shop-with-a-Cop Concerts

December 6, 6-8 p
Franklin Square Park

Special Performance by:
The Back Porch Rockers

Learn more at
cityofsouthport.com/calendar-of-events

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THE SOUTHPORT GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS:
Candy Cane Garden Party
 \$50 per Candy Cane
 Must pay using cash or a check at Fort Johnston Visitor's Center
 The Candy Cane Garden will be displayed from Dec 6th to Dec 12th, in Keziah Park
 The proceeds to benefit Southport Garden Club projects, Families, Churches, Businesses, Civic Groups, and all are invited to participate in this fundraiser!
 Candy Canes are primed and ready to go. Create your own unique design to be debuted in our garden.
 Candy Canes will be available at the Fort Johnston Visitor's Center starting November 1st, please return the decorated Candy Canes by December 3rd.
 You are welcome to pick up your decorated Candy Cane after the Dec 7th Garden Party, from Keziah park.



ANNUAL COOKIE CONTEST
Wednesday, December 8
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Southport Community Building
223 E. Bay St.
Sponsored by The State Port Pilot



Supper with Santa's Elves

Sponsored by Southport Parks & Rec.
December 8, 5-7 p.m.
\$5 per child
209 Atlantic Ave.




 Join us for a movie on the Garrison Lawn

THE POLAR EXPRESS

Sponsored by Southport Parks and Rec.
December 9, at dusk

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Holiday History Tour

SPONSORED BY
NC MARITIME MUSEUM AT SOUTHPORT
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 3 P.M.
 204 E. MOORE ST.
 SPACE IS LIMITED

CAROLING WITH THE SEA NOTES

DECEMBER 10, 5:30 - 6:30
FRANKLIN SQUARE PARK

The Sea Notes Choral Society Performance will be held prior to the Light Up the Night Christmas Parade

Light Up the Night Christmas Parade

SPONSORED BY
SOUTHPORT FIRE DEPT.

10 DEC 2021

WINTER CRAFT FESTIVAL

Sponsored by
 Downtown Southport, Inc. &
 City of Southport

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11,
 9-4 P.M.**

FRANKLIN SQUARE PARK
 All handmade homegrown items
 Visit downtownsouthport.org
 For vendor information.

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WINTERFEST PERFORMING ARTS



Sponsored by
Brunswick Arts Council
Saturday, December 11, 9-4 p.m.
Franklin Square Park Stage



Santa's Workshop

December 11, 10-11 a.m.

Sponsored by
Southport Parks and Rec.
209 Atlantic Ave.
(beside Southport Gym)



BOOK SALE



Sponsored by
Friends of the Library
Saturday, December 11, 1:30 - 4
Southport Realty, 727 N. Howe St.



Southport Winterfest Flotilla



Sponsored by
Cape Fear Yacht Club,
Downtown Southport, Inc., &
City of Southport
Saturday, December 11, 7 p.m.
The Southport Waterfront



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UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

ABC Board

2nd Wednesday of each month
December 8, 6:30 p.m. - (ITMH)

Board of Aldermen

2nd Thursday of each month
December 9, 6 p.m. - (SCB)

Forestry Committee

2nd Tuesday of each month
December 14, 5 p.m. - (ITMH)

Park & Recreation Board

2nd Tuesday of each month
December 14, 6:30 p.m. - (ITMH)

Planning & Zoning Board

3rd Thursday of each month
December 16, 6 p.m. - (SCB)

Beautification Committee

3rd Monday of each month
December 20, 5 p.m. - (ITMH)

Zoning Board of Adjustments

4th Tuesday of each month
December 28, 4:30 p.m. - (SCB)

City meetings are open to the public.

The City of Southport does not discriminate based on disability. If you need an auxiliary aid or service or other accommodation to attend or fully participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerk's office as far in advance as possible so that your request can be considered.

Southport Community Building (SCB)
223 East Bay Street

Indian Trail Meeting Hall (ITMH)
110 West Moore Street