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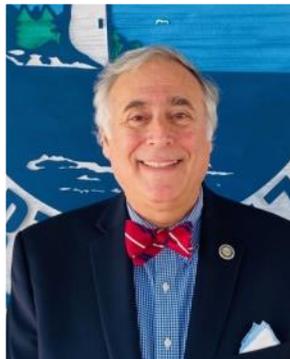
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A Community Update from Mayor J.P. Hatem, MD, MPH

December is a month for celebrating the Holiday Season and a time for reflection.

We celebrate for many reasons, including Hurricane Season is officially over. We are relieved that we had only one extreme weather event and now we prepare for 2021.

The Holiday Season is here, which began with a Christmas Tree at the Whittler's Bench, the Virtual Christmas Tree Lighting, singing from the Trinity Methodist Children's Choir, a Southport reading of Clement Moore's Classic, "Twas the Night Before Christmas", and the beauty of the season embodied by the decorated Garrison House at Fort Johnston in display of a historic Colonial Christmas adorned with fresh evergreens of magnolia, pine, Fraser fir, fruit-laden wreaths and the sign of hospitality, the pineapple.

I want to thank the Southport Garden Club's Garrison House Christmas Decoration Committee, the City of Southport Departments of Tourism and Public Services, and the City of Southport Beautification Committee for helping to bring the Spirit of Christmas to our village.

In reflection, December 7, 1941. We will as a country never forget this day, or the leadership of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, or the men and women of the United States who went to war in different ways, that through their efforts, helped to unify our country, defend democracy and the world, and was the foundation for success for a post, World War Two America.

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Although we are not at war, we face a common enemy from a pandemic, and we must find our resolve and our resilience to confront this enemy and to continue our public health initiatives while celebrating Christmas. The Citizens of Southport have the resolve and the resilience to do this.

We celebrate, not in crowded shopping malls, packed restaurants, movie theaters, Christmas shows and concerts, Christmas Church Service with all the pews full, and not every seat around the dining room table filled with loved ones. There may be less presents under the tree and more delivered through the mail or left in the quiet of night on a friend's front porch.

Instead, watch "A Miracle on 34th Street" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at home. Send Christmas Cards and shop local. You can preview virtual tours of our local #SouthportSafe merchants on the City website. Many provide curb-side pickup.

Have a small gathering at home of those you live with or those closest to you whom you see frequently. Listen to Christmas music, whether a favorite CD or "Alexa". Read "A Christmas Carol" by Dickens and fix a Christmas Dinner that reminds you of memories of years gone by. Bake Christmas cookies, drink some eggnog, with or without your favorite spirits. Make lots of calls to family, friends and brighten up the holidays by calling or writing those you have not been in contact for a while. That may be the best present and gift of all.

The city's gift is our dedication to you, the citizens of Southport and it is symbolized in part by the Christmas tree at Whittler's Bench. Like the tree, we will stand tall with you and for you. We will give you our best in meeting the goals and completing the projects that the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, the City Manager in conjunction with the voice of the people, have deemed significant

and important to our city and citizens in improving the quality of life of those who live here and all those who enter our city.

Santa has his list and I have mine. I will be checking it more than twice. From an uneven sidewalk on Howe Street, to a major sewer project under Howe Street, we will move forward. Regionalization of our sewer system has been successful and was a major issue for our city. We will be working on continued hurricane recovery, waterfront stabilization, the yacht basin overlay district, replacement of the Southport Weather Tower, repair of City Dock, burying power lines, storm water, traffic patterns, environmental concerns, building maintenance, and additional infrastructure as well as other projects that we hope to complete in 2021.

The most important aspect of city government is the protection and safety of its citizens while promoting that which will improve the quality of life for all our people. It is one of the basic tenets of public health and will continue to be my greatest endeavor in my service to the City of Southport.

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year." Charles Dickens. As you stroll or drive through the village, be inspired by a Southport Colonial Christmas at the Garrison House, the Christmas tree overlooking Bald Head Island lighthouse and the mouth of the Cape Fear River, welcoming all to honor the spirit of Christmas in their hearts, and invoking one to keep these memories all year long.

The First Lady and I wish you a joyful, prayerful, peaceful, Holiday Season and a very, very, Merry Christmas and most 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

A message from Southport City Manager, Gordon Hargrove



As is always the case, the City of Southport is working on multiple projects on a continuous basis. The city currently has numerous projects at various phases that range from the planning phase to the closing phase. Examples of projects in the planning phase include stormwater improvement and reconstruction of the much-anticipated city dock repair. An example of a project in the closing phase is the hurricane debris removal. The attention that a project requires depends on the phase the project is in. You might ask how the city manages multiple projects at one time. The answer is teamwork. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen prioritize projects and city staff make the projects happen. Oftentimes the Mayor and Aldermen are actively involved in the various phases of the project.

When I started back in June, the sewer service agreement, shoreline stabilization, and city dock were priorities for the community as set forth by the Mayor and Aldermen in the Board workshop session. While city staff has been proactive in moving the shoreline stabilization project and city dock forward, the completion of the regional sewer service agreement with Brunswick County will allow staff to increase our focus and time on these project areas.

In conclusion, I am extremely excited about the progress we have made. We will continue moving forward in a manner that reflects positively on the residents, the city, elected officials, and city staff.

Current projects: Shoreline stabilization, city dock, weather tower, kayak launch, Taylor field, Communications, walkability (citywide), Howe Street sewer line, Yacht basin overlay district, stormwater improvement, Audio/visual enhancements, ditch cleaning, performance appraisal system and more...

*"Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow
Don't walk behind me... I may not lead
Walk beside me... just be my friend" - Albert Camus*

Unified Development Ordinance Update Highlights

The Unified Development Ordinance Update was adopted and rendered effective on September 23, 2020. Staff encourages citizens to review the update at the attached link <https://cityofsouthport.com/unified-development-ordinance/>

Among other changes, the following significant items were completed as part of the update:

- Legislative updates for conformity with NC General Statutes.
- Reduction of text from 27 articles to 8 articles.
- Update to the tree preservation provisions to encourage protection of the existing canopy, including lot clearing provisions and enforcement. These can be found in section 3.18.
- Inclusion of mitigation (re-planting) requirements for removal of regulated trees in any set-back or removal of any specimen tree located anywhere on site. If live oaks are removed, must replace with 50% of same. Mitigation requirements are in 3.18 M. *Continued next page.*

Unified Development Ordinance Update Highlights

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- Updates and modification for overall organization and clarity. Reduction in overall text and clarification of many ambiguous, conflicting, and unclear provisions.
- Consolidation of approval procedures, roles, responsibilities, and administrative items into one article.
- The establishment of roles and responsibilities for the UDO Administrator.
- Clarification of development approval processes and responsibilities for major/minor site plans, major/minor subdivisions, exempt/final plats, and planned unit developments.
- Inclusion of a Conditional Zoning procedure to aid in consensus-built and public supported development outcomes.
- Consolidation of closely related permitted uses (including adult and manufacturing uses) and expanded definitions to reduce the number of uses contained in the permitted use table, including the removal of obsolete uses. Separation of uses by accessory, residential, and non-residential use types.
- Consolidation and clarification of setback encroachments and height exceptions.
- Consolidation of development standards such as fences, parking, tree preservation and buffers into one article.
- Inclusion of building design standards for the CBD and BD zoning districts.
- Overall reduction and simplification of off-street parking ratios to encourage redevelopment and re-use of existing buildings in the CBD and BD zoning district.
- Clarification that no off-street parking shall be required in the CBD zoning district for new construction or redevelopment.
- Inclusion of pedestrian facilities section outlining sidewalk requirements for certain types of development (all new major subdivisions, multi-family developments, and new construction nonresidential development of a principal use within the BD, CBD, HC, OI, and MF districts).
- Modification of sign requirements, where appropriate, in accordance with content neutral requirements of recent Supreme Court ruling.
- Modification of nonconforming situations as “uses” and “structures” to more appropriately address these conditions.
- Inclusion of construction and inspection procedures for the installation of required infrastructure within new subdivisions.
- Removal of the allowance of bonding or financial guarantees for the installation of required infrastructure.
- Update to the Wireless article in accordance with NC General Statutes.

Staff hopes the new UDO is more user friendly and easier to understand for citizens. Please contact the City Planner Thomas Lloyd at 910-457-7961 or tlloyd@cityofsouthport.com with any questions.

Southport Police Department



I'm honored to take this time to speak on behalf of the Southport Police Department and want to thank you for taking time to learn about YOUR Police Department.

The Southport Police Department is a full-service agency capable of handling the needs of both our permanent residents and many visitors. We are innovative and responsive to the needs of those we serve and work in partnership with our citizenry. The department is comprised of 13 sworn officers, 5 part-time and 3 civilian clerks. We're available 24/7 and dispatched through our county's 911 central communications center.

The Southport Police Department is proud to serve and is constantly searching to find new ways to enhance our community policing efforts. We encourage our citizenry to share ideas with us. Working together, we can make a difference and help maintain a high quality of life for our residents and visitors. This can be accomplished through community efforts, integrity and professionalism. The mission of the Police Department is to safeguard lives and property, as well as protect the innocent from becoming victims of crime, while protecting the people's constitutional

rights. We perform partnerships with communities to improve the quality of life for those who call Southport home. Our agency values the public's trust as we work to exhibit sound judgment and open communication.

Our core values are Integrity, Professionalism and Service. **Integrity** is the heart of all we do and is key to maintaining the trust of our citizens, community and partners. We stand truthful and honest with those we serve. We demonstrate positive behavior and observe the highest moral and ethical principles. We do this by demonstrating **professionalism** in all we do. We strive to be selfless in our devotion to duty. We will carry out our mission with discipline and self-control, professionalism and respect for others. Our conduct and demeanor display the highest standard of personal and organizational excellence. We are dedicated to enhancing public safety and reducing the fear and incidence of crime. People in our communities are the most important customers. Our motto "**To Protect and Serve**" is not just a slogan, it's our guide. In partnerships with those in our communities, we will do our best within the law, to solve community problems that affect public safety. We value the great diversity of people in both our residential and business communities and serve with equal dedication.

Blessed to Serve,
Chief Todd Coring
Office: 910-457-7913
tcoring@cityofsouthport.com

Meet... Southport Police Detective, Matthew Burgess

My name is Matthew Burgess, Detective with the City of Southport Police Department. I was born and raised in Lincolnton, NC. I started my career in law enforcement with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department working as a police officer. Since that time, I served several years within my hometown with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. There, I worked as a patrol deputy before accepting a detective position in 2010 working in the Criminal Investigations Division as well as the Narcotics Division. During my time there I participated on the SWAT team, Dive/Swiftwater team, and Drone team. I left Lincoln County and started my job in this beautiful coastal city in January of this year, PRE-COVID.

During my career as a detective I have received training in crime scene and death investigations, interview and interrogation techniques, ballistic comparisons and shooting reconstruction, roadside interdiction, and other areas. My primary responsibility is investigating felonious crimes and other criminal cases that may require several man hours or go beyond the scope or work shift of a patrol officer. I often will work with other neighboring agencies to gather intel and increase case solvability. I also assist with the handling, processing, and securing of evidence among other administrative tasks. Though I collaborated with many outside agencies while employed by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, I find the relationships that have been and are still being built between, not only other local law enforcement agencies, but all the emergency personnel and the Southport Police Department to be extraordinary.

My wife Nikki and I happened upon this hidden gem of a town while making a spontaneous trip to the beach from the foothills of NC. We decided to take advantage of a long holiday

weekend and go to the beach. We were able to find a room at a local hotel in town, just to drive to the beach daily. Neither of us had ever visited Southport prior to this trip. On the last day of our trip, we decided to see what Southport had to offer. We were hooked. We enjoyed it so much that we made three more trips that year and continued vacationing here. We really enjoy the local shops, unique dining that only Southport can offer, fishing on the pier, bike rides, ship watching, all the coastal wildlife, festivals, history, and of course the small-town charm.

Back in Lincolnton, we attended Anthony Grove Baptist Church and were heavily involved with our church and their youth program. While there I had the privilege to work with some incredible youth as a youth sponsor and assisted with their praise teams.

Here in my down time, amid COVID-19, I enjoy fishing, boating, being with family and friends (the perks of living at the coast, they all want to visit), beach strolls with our dogs, and playing music.

From the short time I've been living here I've learned that "Southport is a beautiful, peaceful community made up of all types of people from many different walks of life." This is an area my wife and I had planned to retire to one day. Instead, I've been blessed to be allowed to continue my public service work here with absolutely no regrets thus far. I look forward to our post-COVID days where I can meet people and actually see new faces of our town.



Southport Public Service Department

The goal of the City of Southport's Public Services Department is to provide full-service utilities to the citizens of Southport with the quality and care expected in a tightly-knit community. Our responsiveness and attention to detail help contribute to Southport's high quality of life. The Public Services Department strives to meet the challenges of our unique community and exceed the expectations of our citizens.

The Public Services Department consists of the following branch departments: Water, Sewer, Streets, Buildings and Grounds, Electrical, Janitorial, and the City Garage.

- Public Services is responsible for all water and sewer infrastructure operation and repairs. This includes all new water/sewer taps, water leaks and sewer repairs. The department oversees the operation and maintenance of 22 duplex lift stations and numerous simplex stations.
- When considering new developments or subdivisions, the department works with planning and developers. Street repairs include sidewalks and stormwater systems.
- The City owns all of its own electrical infrastructure, but the operations and maintenance is contracted out to Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation.
- The Building and Grounds Department is responsible for maintaining all city right of ways, the grounds of all city parks, Northwood Cemetery and the Smithville Burying Grounds. This includes mowing, weed eating and tree trimming. We work with other city departments during holiday decorating events, not limited to the 4th of July and Christmas. Crews also work hand in hand with the beautification and forestry committees. Public Services is responsible for working with each department head coordinating and facilitating the maintenance of all city buildings and facilities with the exception of the Fire Department.
- The Janitorial staff is responsible for cleaning and supplying all city facilities, including the public restrooms.
- The City Garage staff maintains and repairs of all city fleet vehicles. This includes the Police, Fire, Administration, Parks & Recreation and Public Services departments. In addition, the Garage staff maintains and repairs all city heavy equipment, pumps, saws, mowers and all emergency generators, excluding the Fire Department.



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Public Service Department works with the Beautification Committee to set up the Christmas Tree on the waterfront.

Southport Public Service Department

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- The Public Service department also responds to requests from the over 3000 residents within the city.

Currently, one of the largest undertakings Public Services is working on is the Howe Street sewer replacement project. This project consists of replacing the sewer line on Howe Street, from Bay Street to just past Stuart Avenue. This includes replacing all piping, manholes, service lines and damaged asphalt areas of Howe Street. We are also working with other city departments and our grant writer to try to acquire additional funding from the USDA to replace up to 28,000 linear feet of sewer line, several hundred manholes and sewer services for other City areas. This is in the application phase and there is NO timeline on this project.

Another Public Service long range plan is to work with engineers to design and create a sidewalk on Howe Street, from 9th Street to approximately Walgreens.

Tom Stanley, Assistant Public Services Director
www.cityofsouthport.com/public-services/



This year, the Southport Downtown Christmas Tree will be located at the Whittler's Bench.

Meet... David Fox, Public Services Director



I have worked for the City of Southport for the past 16 years. For the last 8 years, I have been the Public Services Director.

There are several divisions within the Public Services Department: Water, Sewer, Streets, Buildings and Grounds, Garage and Janitorial. We work together to keep all city facilities and infrastructures in operable condition. I also have numerous interactions with the public trying to resolve issues as they arise.

I have been working with local governments for close to 40 years. Before coming to Southport, I worked with the City of Bellaire in Texas and also with Union County, NC.

The waterfront is my favorite spot in Southport. On my time off, I enjoy in-season hunting, camping with my wife, and working outside in my yard. I am looking forward to retirement in June 2021, then I will spend more time travelling and camping and enjoying life outside of work.

“Southport is soon to be a fond memory.... Not only of the city itself, but also all of the staff that I have worked with over my time as an employee.....”

Southport Beautification Committee

Santa's elves have been busy again this year getting Southport ready for the holidays.

This month Beautification volunteers:



Identified and flagged the 55 telephone poles the sailboat wreaths will hang from.



After the wreaths were delivered by the Public Service workers to the telephone poles, Beautification volunteers "fluff and puff" the wreaths in place.



Before installation by Public Service staff at Waterfront Park, Beautification volunteers "fluff and puff" the large tree panels.



Organized and installed garlands and red bows at 12 locations throughout the city.

You might have recognized some of Santa's helpers by their cool light blue sweatshirts with a Beautification Volunteer printed logo. You can purchase these comfy sweatshirts for only \$20 by sending an email to blbray@mac.com. Why not put one under your Christmas tree!



Southport Forestry Committee

Perhaps the largest responsibility that the Forestry Committee undertakes each year is the planting of new trees around Southport. For the last 22 years,

the Committee has planned and executed the planting of approximately 400 trees; the ones planted in the early years now large enough to provide that all important shade as well as beauty to our streets. What most folks don't realize though is that these trees need to be purchased, and that there is no line item in the City's budget to provide those funds. The entire tree planting program has been supported through the generosity of citizens – either through the donation of funds, or on a couple of occasions, the trees themselves.

The Committee has been fortunate over the years to receive some funding through regular donations, or donations made to the city for a specific purpose related to our trees. But, year after year we do not know how much money will be available to us, or how many trees we may be able to purchase with that money. I think that all of us fortunate enough to live in Southport appreciate the unique character that our Live Oaks provide. In this season of giving (or any season for that matter) if you feel that you could or would like to contribute to maintaining our tree canopy, it can be done through a donation directly to the City earmarked for the Forestry Committee, either for general use or perhaps for a specific tree or purpose.

Following is an example of one such situation from **Susan Reinecke** that she wanted to share:

"When my husband Russ Ferris and I lived on

West Street we got involved with the Southport Forestry Committee. The three trees in front of our house were part of the beautiful West Street canopy of oaks. Sadly, they became diseased and needed to come down.

We made a donation to the city and the Forestry Committee planted beautiful new trees. And then my husband became a tree hugger. He watered, petted, and babied them and actually received a "Tree Hero" award.

When he passed away it seemed perfect for our family to ask for donations in his memory to plant more trees. Our friends showed such kindness that nine trees were planted. I got a lovely letter from the city that told me the locations of all the trees. I do drive-bys to look at them and our family can't wait to take a walk and say "Hey, there's one of Poppy's trees."

The live oaks of this city are part of what define its charm and character. My hope is that our story might help to raise awareness of the importance of preserving and protecting our trees through the support of the Forestry Committee."

Again, the Committee is involved in many aspects related to our urban forest, but none are quite as important as ensuring that Southport's unique character is maintained through the regeneration of our Live Oak canopy for the benefit of generations to come.

Please visit our web page for more information about Southport's trees!

<https://southportnc.org/forestry-committee/>

Scott A. Len, Chairman

Southport Animal Control Services



A Glimpse of Southport History

Christmas Coastal Snowstorm: December 22-24, 1989



Franklin Square Gallery, December 1989, photo by Vicki Burton

The Christmas Coastal Snowstorm of December 22-24, 1989 broke all-time snowfall records for Southeastern North Carolina. Southport received a whopping 15+ inches of snow!

“I was living in Hawaii at the time and I arrived home expecting a normal Southport Christmas holiday. As always, I was wearing my shorts and deck shoes. You can imagine my surprise as I arrived closer and closer to home and the snow was getting deeper and deeper. The roads were treacherous!” reminisces Southport native, Randy Jones. It was a blizzard the people of Southport had never seen the likes of before.

Coastal communities were caught by surprise. According to the National Weather Service, record low temperatures and snow falling for 38 hours wreaked havoc with Brunswick and New Hanover counties. Records dating back to 1871 showed this snowfall to be the largest ever, beating the



Almost every yard had a snowman.

February 1973 depth of 12 1/2 inches.

Hundreds of residents were without power as temperatures dropped to 0° early on Christmas morning, creating a new all-time low. The extremely cold temperatures froze and burst water pipes throughout the area. For several days, Southport stood still.

The Christmas Coastal Snowstorm of 1989 created memories for many people, for many different reasons!

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Christmas '89: It's a miracle

On a day that celebrates a miracle, look outside: a miracle. What else would you call it? Wilmingtonians of nine decades have never seen deep snow at Christmas. None of us is likely to see it again.

Good, you may say. It wrecked my shopping, ruined our holiday gatherings and ran up my utility bill. We ran out of milk and the dog won't go out.

Humbug. Haven't you marvelled at the shifting sheets of white — billowing and vanishing into air? Haven't you seen the neighborhoods' dreariness enfolded in a meringue of crystals. Haven't the kids had a wonderful time? Haven't you revelled at being cozy indoors?

The inconvenience will soon melt away. The wonder will remain drifted in our memories the rest of our lives — the snowy Christmas of 1989. A miracle.

www.weather.gov/ilm/ChristmasSnow1989

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The Christmas Fruitcake, Mrs. E.H. (Charlotte) Adkins



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

Ingredients

- 1 pound sugar
- 1 pound butter
- 1 pound flour
- 1 dozen eggs
- 1 pound currants
- 2 pounds raisins
- 1/2 pound citron
- 1 cup nuts (Chopped fine)

Directions

- Cream butter and sugar
- Add flour
- Mix in the eggs
- Then add the remaining ingredients
- Pour in deep loaf pan and bake at 300° for about 2-2 1/2 hours

“Southport native, Charlotte (Miss Lottie) Morse Adkins was born in 1861. Her parents were Francis Morse and Martha Sermons Morse. Lottie Morse married Edward H. Adkins in 1882. She lived with her husband and their daughters, Charlotte and Mae, on Lord Street in Southport. Captain Adkins was a well-known river pilot. Their house is currently highlighted on the Southport Trail, which is a self-guided walking tour of Southport. Their grandson was renowned author Robert Ruark. One of his best know works is *The Man and the Boy*, in which he describes and reflects on his adventures while staying in Southport with his grandparents. He tells many stories about hunting and fishing with his grandfather. A number of the trips were apparently a means to keep young Robert and his grandfather in good graces with his grandmother, Miss Lottie. Ruark wrote that if they stayed in the house his grandmother would be right behind him “Fusing” with a dust rag and broom. At other times, Miss Lottie encouraged the old man and boy to go outdoors with advice such as “The price of meat has gone up and I will not pay 10 cents a pound...so you shoot one (turkey) or don’t eat this year!” Ruark noted that “Miss Lottie was a fair hand with a stove.” Perhaps describing the fruitcake recipe that is in the 1907 St. Phillip’s cookbook, Ruark says: “For Christmas she would have fruitcakes as large as a mill wheel underway by September...full of dark green citron, fat raisins, candied cherries and juicy currents.”

Mrs. Adkins and Mrs. Bell were the leaders responsible for publication of *Recipes*.

Charlotte Morse Adkins died in 1928 at age 68.”

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

- **Forestry Committee**
2nd Tuesday of each month
December 8, 5 p.m. - (ITMH)
- **Park & Recreation Board**
2nd Tuesday of each month
December 8, 6 p.m. - (ITMH)
- **ABC Board**
2nd Wednesday of each month
December 9, 6:30 p.m. - (ITMH)
- **Board of Aldermen**
2nd Thursday of each month
December 10, 6 p.m. - (SCB)
- **Planning & Zoning Board**
3rd Thursday of each month
December 17, 6 p.m. - (SCB)
- **Beautification Committee**
3rd Monday of each month
December 21, Canceled
- **Zoning Board of Adjustments**
4th Tuesday of each month
December 22, 4:30 p.m. - (SCB)

City meetings are open to the public. Seating is limited. Social distancing and facial coverings are required.

The City of Southport does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If you need an auxiliary aid or service or other accommodation in order to attend or fully participate at this meeting, please contact the Clerk's office as far in advance of the meeting as is 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

City offices will be CLOSED: December 23-25

*For Holiday gift giving ideas....
Explore the Southport Virtual Merchant Showcase!*



<https://southportnc.org/southport-virtual-merchant-showcase/>

2020 Upcoming Programs December 5-19

The City of Southport is committed to keeping our community and visitors safe and slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, so we are finding safe new ways to enjoy favorite seasonal events. This year, the following WinterFest events can be enjoyed either curbside, virtually or live streamed.



Southport WINTERFEST 2020, the umbrella under which most of the city's holiday events fall, will include everything from the Southport WinterFest Holiday Tea, to the "Southport Christmas Flotilla." Seven action-packed events of WINTERFEST 2020 include many events that will amaze adults and children of all ages. www.cityofsouthport.com

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