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*City of Southport*

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

March 2022 in Southport is ready for the rebirth of Spring and the salubrious breezes that embrace our city.

A year ago, Howe Street was being excavated one block at a time for the replacement of 1913 sewer pipes. That aspect of the project has been completed and paving is scheduled to begin soon and will be minimally disruptive as work will be performed at night.

A year ago, only three months into the vaccination campaign for COVID-19 and masks were required while indoors and in crowds. Now, cases are declining after a major surge of cases in January, vaccines, and booster immunizations are widely available, most of our citizens are fully vaccinated, and masks are optional. Remain vigilant as we enter the endemic phase of COVID-19 and we adapt and live with the reality of continued cases and long-term viral presence.

A year ago, the city held workshops for strategic planning, goals, priorities, and a city budget to implement them. We recently held workshops that more clearly defined and broadened these goals and priorities that change with respect to funding available, the American Rescue Plan Act, and the urgency of projects such as the...

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...replacement of aging sewer pipes and associated pump stations as well as other projects from the Kayak Launch, the Pedestrian Corridor, and Crosswalks in the Yacht Basin to paving East Bay Street.

On March 10th, the Board of Aldermen will hold their monthly meeting where we continue to conduct the business of the city.

Special Events in March, the Southport Historical Society commemorates the Sinking of the SS John D. Gill on its 80th Anniversary, Saturday, March 12th at the Southport Community Building, 4 pm -6 pm. This is a sacred day in Southport's History where the citizens responded when World War II reached our shore. I look forward to attending and hope to see many of our citizens there.

Also in March, Open Doors Final Reunion Gala Fund Raiser, Sunday, March 27th, to be held at the Brunswick Community College-Southport Center, 4 pm-6 pm, presented by Up Your Arts. And for basketball fans, The ACC Tournament is March 8th-12th followed by the NCAA Tournament and "March Madness." For those of us who are UNC graduates or UNC fans, GO Heels so cheer for your favorite school.

I wish all our citizens and those who visit our city, the Blessings of Spring as we begin the Season of Lent, services for Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, and as always, a Happy Saint Patrick's Day on March 17th. May the luck of the Irish always be with you and with our city.

*Happy Saint Patrick's Day  
from the City of Southport*



*The best of  
luck to you!*

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## Meet... Charles Drew Fire Chief, City of Southport



I am currently the Fire Chief of the Southport Fire Department; I was elected by the department with a unanimous vote after the former Fire Chief retired in 2013. I was elected as the Volunteer Fire Chief. In 2015, under Mayor Robert Howard's Administration, I was appointed as the full-time Fire Chief. I was originally hired by the city on February 23, 1993, as Animal Control Officer, I have also served in the Police Department as a Dispatcher and Records Clerk. Then I served for 22 years as the Code Enforcement Officer. My whole career has been serving the great citizens of Southport.

I am a native of Southport, I was born and raised here. Both sides of my family are native to Southport. I have traced my family tree back many generations, and I am very proud of my heritage. Southport runs in my family's bloodline.

I pastor a wonderful group of people, at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in Bolivia, NC. Many of our congregants are from Southport. I enjoy doing visitation and ministering to the sick, elderly, and shut-ins. I also enjoy gardening, cooking, reading, and I am a collector. I have 3 adult children, Kayla, Madison, and Hannah of whom I am proud to say that I raised them as a single



dad. They are all 3 in the workforce today. Kayla and Madison both got married in 2021, but I have no grandkids...YET. I am too young still to have grandbabies, but I feel like I will soon. I love to travel in the USA and abroad. I have visited many foreign countries, but I travel cheaply. I am always looking for a deal or a bargain. I also do missionary work through our church in 9 different countries. I live in the city, and I have 6 beautiful live oak trees in my front yard, I love to look at them and feed the birds, squirrels, and deer that frequent my yard.

I love to shop locally in our business district. My favorite Southport Landmark is the Indian Trail Tree in Keziah Park. There is NEVER a day that goes by that I don't ride by the Waterfront and look at the beautiful Cape Fear River as it dumps into the Atlantic Ocean. I always make a trip every day to the Yacht Basin, it gives me wonderful memories of growing up in Southport and my Great Grandfather taking me to look at the boats. My very favorite street in Southport is East West Street, anytime I have any visitors from out of town, I always ride them down that street to see the majestic oaks in Franklin Square Park, and on that street, I love to see the 4 sisters and show them off to visitors as well.

Southport is... My favorite place. I love to travel and have visited many foreign countries, but SOUTHPORT is my favorite place.

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## Charles Drew, Fire Chief

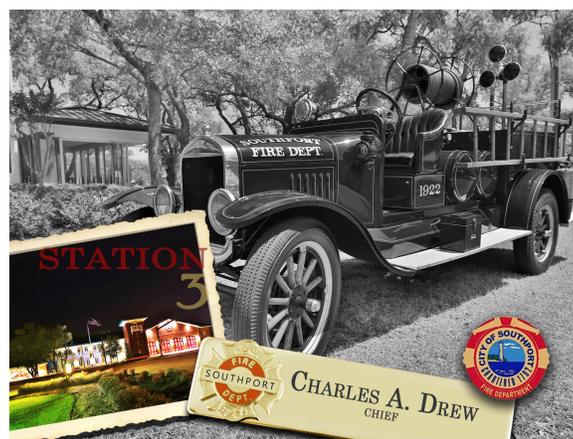
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*The Southport Fire Department's mission is that of Commitment, Dedication, Courage, and Tradition.*



Our department thrives on the fact that we have not missed a call since the department was organized in 1893. We are here to protect property, serve the district, and educate the public through prevention. Since I have been the fire chief, I have enhanced our Fire Prevention program with a Child Safety Seat Program, began a Summer Fire Camp for kids in our community where they learn the dangers of fire and smoke, and I am in the process of implementing the "Vial of Life" program for our residents. Also, under my administration, I have strengthened our training program. I have overseen a Fire Academy Certification Program in conjunction with Brunswick Community College and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, where new members become certified by the State of NC as a Firefighter 1 & 2. I have also brought several State Certification Specialty Classes to the department to certify our Fire Officers, Career Staff, and Volunteers. Another program I instituted when becoming fire chief was to install AEDs in all city buildings. I also helped to merge the Southport Rescue Squad into the Fire Department, and we now have a very strong EMS service within our district. I assisted with the dissolution of the Yaupon Beach Fire Department, and we now contract Fire Services with the Town of Caswell Beach.

Everyone has the perception that Southport is such a small town with such a BIG Fire Department. Our City Department has a large RURAL District. The City of Southport has approximately 4 thousand people, but our Fire District has a population of around 16 thousand people, over 600 businesses, a Nuclear Power Plant, 4 marinas, a hospital, a food additive industrial plant, a community college, an elementary school, and we are mutual aid and first into the largest ammunition depot on the East Coast. Also, the number of fire engines, stations, and equipment we have is regulated by the Office of the State Fire Marshal through the ISO or Insurance Services Organization. Your homeowners insurance is directly affected by our ISO rating.



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**FREE EVENT**

**BRUNSWICK ARTS COUNCIL**  
*Celebrate. Cultivate. Community Outreach.*

**CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**MARCH 19, 2022**

**Franklin Square Park  
Southport  
11am-5pm**



## Community Updates

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

*Connect me!* [www.cityofsouthport.com/southportconnected/](http://www.cityofsouthport.com/southportconnected/)

## It is never too early to start prepping for severe weather.

Good preparation makes storms and outages more bearable. Having a plan can also limit the impact on you, your family, and your business, while also keeping everyone safe.

Find out more at

[cityofsouthport.com/communications-department/emergency-information/](http://cityofsouthport.com/communications-department/emergency-information/)



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## Southport Fire Department gears up to celebrate the 100th year of the Model T Fire Truck



Southport Fire Department with a long record of service and tradition to this community has an iconic centerpiece of history sitting in a glass case at the corner of it's headquarters property. The first motorized fire truck that ever rolled on the streets of Brunswick County sparks pride, imagination and interest to firefighters and citizens alike. The arrival of the Ford Model T Fire

Truck by the railroad in 1922 was an exciting event for the Brunswick County seat, Southport, and its organized fire department. It replaced a 1916 model hand-drawn hose cart that had been purchased for firefighting operations from the Wilmington Fire Department. Back then the city limits stretched north only as far as Owens Street, where the city gate kept horses and pigs from wandering into the woods.

The truck has no pump but is equipped with two tanks that can discharge about 50 gallons of water using a soda acid reaction. The truck carried several smaller soda-acid fire extinguishers, as well as hoses that connected to the municipal water system.



"It was good for chimney fires and small cooking fires, which were pretty common back then," said Fire Chief Charles A. Drew whose late grandfather told him stories of pushing the truck to fires because it was often troublesome to start. Drew's grandfather grew up in Southport and remembered the truck when it was in service prior to his joining the department in the 1950s.

The 1922 Model T engine is very straight forward. The 2.9 liter, straight 4 cylinder motor produces 20 horsepower and has a top speed of just below 40 miles per hour. An electric starter and battery has been added to the truck, 2 of the 3 non original parts of the vehicle. The other non original part is the roto ray red light that spins.



Driving the truck is not nearly as simple as tinkering with its mechanics. The late Capt. Dickie Marlow was the official mechanic and driver for 40 years or better. Before Marlow's death, he taught another firefighter how to run the truck, which is now used only during Southport parades and funeral services for fallen comrades. Three separate foot pedals control the one reverse and two forward gears. The accelerator and a tricky spark advance lever are both...

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...on the steering column. It takes practice and technique to efficiently drive the apparatus. There are stories that women of Southport learned to drive utilizing the Model T, during WWII.

The Model T stayed in service until at least 1948, back when Marlow's father Ed was the fire chief. Firefighter Dan Harrelson traded the City of Southport a set of tires for the Model T in the 1950s and kept it at the Old Robin's Nest. He later donated it back to the city, with the original title never being registered to anyone but the City of Southport.

Firefighters of years gone by utilized the tattered truck for about 3 decades for special events, after it was out of service. The truck was rusted, worn, and nearly dilapidated. It was in the mid to late 1980s that then Fire Chief Greg Cumbee and Assistant Chief Billy Drew led an effort to fully restore the antique truck. Firefighters rallied with Chief Cumbee and Chief Drew, and sold nearly 2000 pounds of BBQ in 2 days, raising nearly \$30 thousand dollars. With other fundraising monies, the truck was restored to a better than new appearance.



Chief Billy Drew said, "That truck is part of our heritage, it is part of me, and it is a part of Southport," He said, "We wanted it to be a symbol of the dedication of our department and city." It took Creason Motors of Charlotte about nine months to restore the truck, which has about 95 % original parts. The truck was brought back to Southport fully restored just in time for the 4th of July parade in 1991. Retired Chief Cumbee said a Ford Motor Co. representative told him that there were only 3 known fire trucks of that type still in running condition. One is in the J.K. Lilly Automobile Museum in Sandwich, Mass.



The truck turns 100 years old in April. A special celebration will be held on Saturday, April 02, 2022, at the Southport Waterfront. Over 300 classic/vintage cars will be on display with a 1967 State Highway Patrol vehicle and several other vintage emergency services vehicles. There will be live music, kids' entertainment, t-shirts, food, and much more. A parade of all vehicles will begin at 4 pm back to the fire headquarters, where cake and punch will be served for free. Retired Chief Greg Cumbee will be the Parade Marshal and ride in the Model T back to Fire Headquarters. Also, at some point during the day, the 1948 iconic picture of the truck receiving its state inspection will be reenacted. First Lady Tish Hickman Hatem's grandfather, Capt. Otto Hickman is the driver of the truck that day. Mr. Hickman served many years in the fire department and also as the Chief of Police in Southport. It's going to be a wonderful day of celebration of the Southport Fire Department's rich history. We invite you to be a part of this very special day.



THE SOUTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

## The 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Model T Ford Fire Truck Saturday, April 2nd

The festivities will begin with the Cape Fear Cruiser's car show at the Southport Waterfront Park and live music provided by The Back Porch Rockers.

The event will culminate with a parade up Howe Street to the Southport Fire HQ for free cake and punch.

GET THE FULL DETAILS AT [CITYOFSOUTHPORT.COM/EVENT](http://CITYOFSOUTHPORT.COM/EVENT)

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## Beautification Committee

Next Clean-up will be: March 5, 2022

On Saturday, February 5, in the morning, over a dozen volunteers turned out for the Southport Beautification Committee's Cleanup Day. Volunteers started a pre-spring clean-up by tackling various gardens around the City including Waterfront Park, Kingsley Park, and the Circle on East Moore Street.



*Did you know?*

Since clover helps maintain soil moisture and suppresses certain other weeds, clover lawns require less water. Clover also keeps pollinators busy and thriving. All good news for the environment!





## Southport Forestry Committee

### The Story about Understory Trees

In natural forests, the canopy is the highest layer of plant material, typically the crowns of tall trees, that interacts with sunlight. It can be a very distinct layer of flora and fauna, as in tropical rain forests where little light penetrates to allow plants in the lower elevations and their associated fauna to survive. In other types of forests, for example, temperate deciduous, boreal, or maritime forests, where more light permeates, there can be of a continuum of layers where trees and other plants can grow in the shade of the canopy. The trees there are referred to as understory trees, and they are part of an ecosystem that supports a diversity of flora and fauna unique to a particular environment.

Canopy trees in the urban forest are often single species of those tall, broad trees that majestically line the streets. In our city, these trees are almost exclusively live oaks. A continuous series of a single species of trees can be problematic should insect pests or other infestations become an issue. However, the live oak is a native tree particularly well adapted to our coastal environment. It is salt tolerant, wind-resistant, and able to survive dry conditions once established. Although the City of Southport and Forestry Committee currently plant only live oaks on city streets, homeowners and developers can look for these same characteristics in planting an understory of small trees in other landscape locations for their beauty and to provide favorable conditions for other plants, as well as birds.



*Redbud in spring bloom*

City lots are typically small and often shaded by the live oaks planted in the streets or already growing the area. This makes choosing smaller trees appropriate and contributes to our urban understory. One can look to the maritime forest understory for small trees that will flourish in this area, for example, ironwood, wax myrtle, and various hollies and smaller maples. Native plants are adapted to the environment and are easier to maintain than many exotic varieties, requiring less water, and they do not threaten the environment with invasive growth.

The City of Southport's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO; <https://cityofsouthport.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-0708-Southport-UDO-Full.pdf>), section 3.18, addresses the maintenance of the tree canopy that makes Southport beautiful and unique. It provides guidance for preserving existing trees and suggestions for

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## Southport Forestry Committee

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*Fringe tree in fall color*

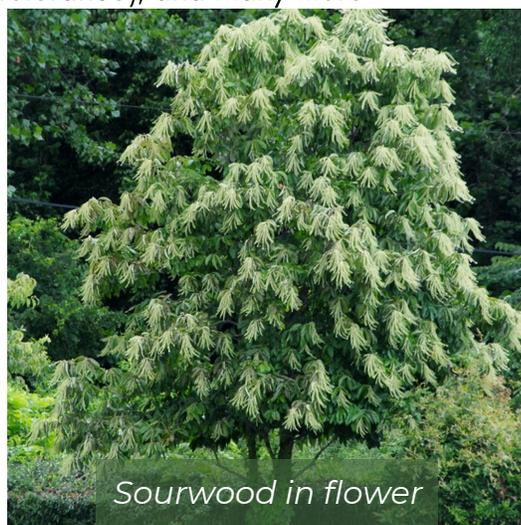
planting new ones. It has tables compiled from many excellent sources with lists for selecting trees and shrubs appropriate to our coastal environment. Only native plants are included. Table 3.6 (pp. 72-73) specifically addresses understory trees.

Because these are native plants, it may be difficult to purchase them. Large chain stores may not carry or order them, and even local nurseries may be unable to source them or unwilling to order them unless there is enough demand. The list also includes some small trees that will flourish best in full sun, unlike strictly defined understory trees, which do best in some shade.

While the information in the UDO is a good starting point for choosing trees that will flourish, additional research is always helpful. The North Carolina Extension Service's Plant Toolbox ([https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/find\\_a\\_plant](https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/find_a_plant)) provides a very useful tool that allows for choosing plant options, for example, plant type (tree), NC region (coastal), landscape location (small space), resistance to challenges (salt tolerance), and many more characteristics. An additional feature is one that suggests native plant alternatives, more resilient in our harsh environment. For example, if you would love a Bradford pear tree in your yard (never a good choice), search for it and you will find beautiful native tree alternatives. Photographs on this site are exceptional, with close-ups and landscape views.

Finally, there is no substitute for local expertise. The Brunswick County Center of the North Carolina Extension Service has a Gardening for Newcomers Website, which includes a handbook that may be

downloaded and printed. This handbook provides a wealth of very local information, including a list of small trees that grow well in our area, mostly native plants. Even though some trees ought to grow well in a particular area, any one may not flourish in a very specific location because of the microclimate or soil conditions; for example, dogwoods fail to thrive in many neighborhoods. If you have no knowledgeable neighbors, the Brunswick County Website tells you how to get in touch with a Master Gardener, someone who would probably be happy to discuss, among other gardening issues, understory trees.

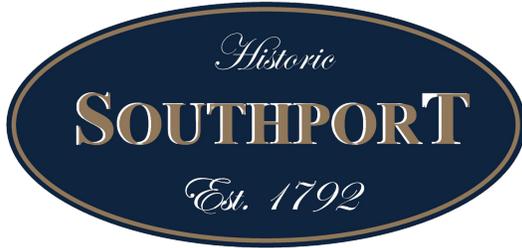


*Sourwood in flower*

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## Fort Johnston/Southport Museum Store

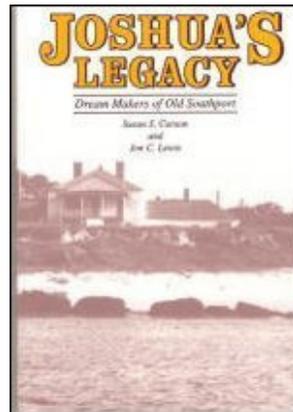
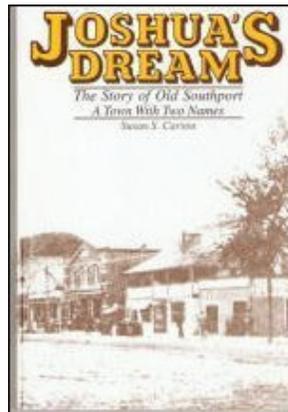
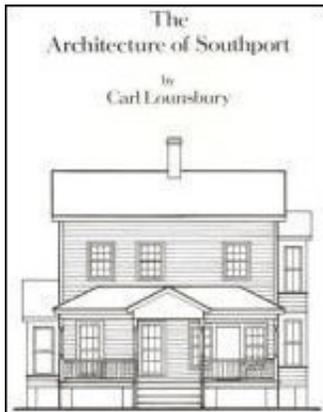
### Southport Historical Society



The Southport Historical Society has managed the Museum Gift Store in the Fort Johnston Museum and Visitors' Center since 2016. Visitor Center volunteers handle day-to-day sales, including the Winterfest Christmas Home Tour tickets. While the SHS has "experimented" with different merchandise, they have

put together what they feel is a solid inventory of items for sale. The Southport Historical Society books, along with a few "outside" books are available, both in the store and online at <https://www.southporthistoricalsociety.org/store/>. There are items for children, some with a pirate theme, and an assortment of teeshirts and sweatshirts, including our most popular shirt - the Safe Haven teeshirt designed with a Ricky Evans rendering of Ryan's Port Market from the Safe Haven movie. Additional items available in the store are historical nautical maps, Historic Southport license plates, postcards, patches, and another best seller, Southport Compass Caps. The Southport Christmas Ornaments with artwork by Ricky Evans are only available at the Fort Johnston/Southport Museum Store.

All proceeds from store sales support and maintain the Fort Johnston Museum and The Garrison House.



Ryan's Port Market ~ From the movie  
**" Safe Haven "**  
From the Southport Coastal Collection by Ricky Evans



Caps are available in more colors



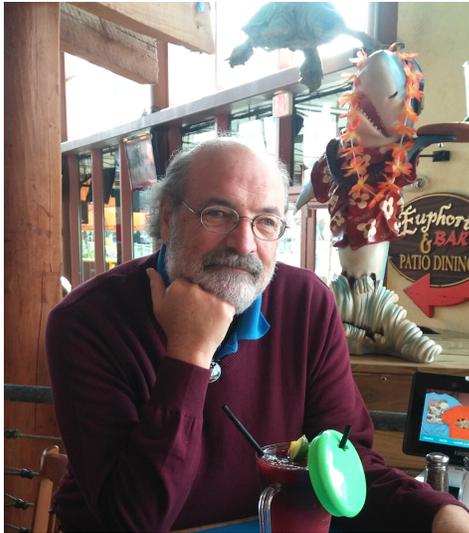
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## Meet Phil Fravel, Volunteer for the Fort Johnston/Southport Museum & Visitors' Center

### Southport Historical Society Liason for the Fort Johnston/Southport Museum Store



I have been a volunteer at the Ft Johnston Museum and Visitors' Center since 1999. As a volunteer, I greet visitors and do my best to answer their questions about Southport/Smithville, Ft Johnston, and the surrounding area. Common questions are where are the bathrooms and where is the best place to eat, to which we reply, "what would you like, they're all good"! I relocated to Southport in 1998 via Virginia and Greensboro with my wife Cathy (she was also a VC volunteer) to manage the IT department at Security Savings Bank (now FNB). When not at the Visitors' Center, I enjoy cooking, biking around Southport, photography, creating noise and smoke by firing Thor, and enjoying time at "My Cheers", aka Dry St P&P talking

with folks. Southport is a wonderful place to live. When asked if I ever planned to move back to Virginia - "Why would I leave a friendly and relaxing place where people love to come!"



You can read more about Thor on the Southport Historical Society website:  
<https://www.southporthistoricalsociety.org/programs/cannon-thor/>

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## A Glimpse of History:

### John D. Gill

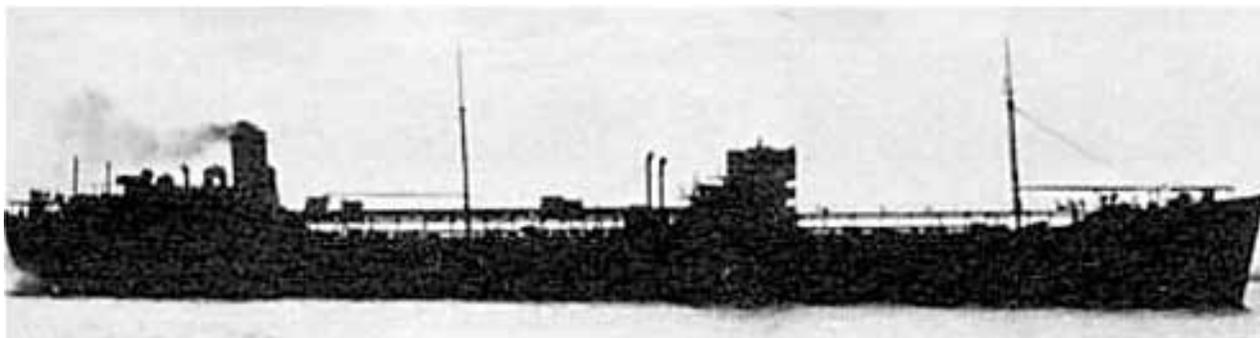


As you are walking the Southport Waterfront, enjoying all the glorious sites that East Bay Street has to offer, you may stumble across a commemorative marker. Located at the corner of "I Am" and "E. Bay" there is a stone, which reads:

*"Dedicated to the memory of / Catalino Tingzon / Interred in Northwood Cemetery / and all Merchant Marine Seamen and / U.S. Navy Armed Guard on the Tanker / S.S. John D. Gill..." (1)*

On March 12, 1942, in the throes of the Second World War, The SS John D. Gill was on its second voyage. While traveling from Atreco, TX to Philadelphia, PA, a German U-Boat torpedo struck the starboard side of the vessel. (2) The vessel was 25 miles off the coast of the Lower Cape Fear at the time of the attack. (3) Fifteen of the survivors were picked up by the SS Robert H. Colley and taken to Charleston, SC. On March 13, the Coast Guard found eleven survivors floating on a raft. The occupants of the raft were put on board the USCG Agassiz (WSC-126) and taken to Southport, NC. (2) Of the ship's 42 crew and 7 Naval Armed guard, 23 were killed. The John D. Gill sank on March 13, 1942.

Today the wreck is a popular dive site as it is a huge ship at 523ft long. It is currently the largest wreck in diving waters. (4) March 2022 marks the 80th anniversary of the sinking of John D. Gill. If you are interested in learning more the Southport Historical Society is holding an event on March 12 commemorating this tragic event, in which Southport played a role.



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## Southport Historical Society Commemorates the Sinking of the SS John D Gill by Nazi U-boat 158

### **WWII on the Shores of Southport**

80 Years Ago U-boats Prowled North Carolina's Coast  
turning Southport Citizens into Hometown Heroes...

**March 12, 2022 4 pm** (doors open at 3:30 to view exhibits)  
Southport Community Building.



SBHS Brunswick Bellas



Wreath-Laying Ceremony



"Thor" Salute

Guest Speaker: Tish Hatem,

Granddaughter of Red Cross Volunteer Nurse Josephine Hickman

## Join us for a series of Events:

March 4th 1 pm "Story of the SS John D Gill" with Liz Fuller via zoom.

March 12th 4 pm "80th Anniversary Ceremony", Southport Community Building

Followed by a Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Waterfront Park

March 24th 6:30 pm "SS John D Gill Final Resting Place" with Patrick Edall, Salty Shutters

Underwater Photography via zoom.

Ongoing exhibit "WWII on the Lower Cape Fear featuring SS John D Gill Artifacts"  
at the North Carolina Maritime Museum, Soutport



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contact: [info@southporthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@southporthistoricalsociety.org) for zoom links and more information

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## Caswell Avenue Community Garden An Invitation

It might be wintertime but there's always something going on at the Caswell Avenue Community Garden. Our mighty members have created several new raised beds, built a cold frame to start new plants, and painted our picnic tables. They have installed a new patio, enhanced our pollinator garden, and put up a mason bee house. As always, they are harvesting right through the winter to put food on their tables and on others' through our Share Garden.

Our garden is located on Caswell Avenue behind the Southport Campus of Brunswick Community College. Come by and see us. If the gate is open come on in and chat with a gardener and have a look around at the 40+ garden beds.



Find us on  
**Facebook**

Caswell Avenue Community Garden of Southport, NC:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/483761655007537>

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## SEVEN LAYER SALAD

by Melissa's Southern Style Kitchen

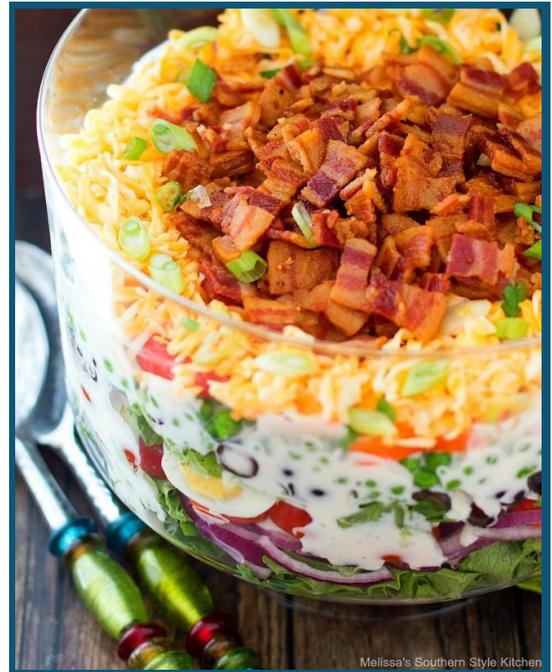
<https://www.melissassouthernstylekitchen.com/seven-layer-salad/>

The Seven Layer Salad is a myriad of colors and flavors. It's a potluck classic that spans generations and gets better and better every time it's made.

*Prep Time 25 minutes, Chill Time 8 hours,  
Total Time 8 hours 25 minutes, Servings 12 servings*

### Ingredients

8 large eggs boiled and quartered  
12 oz bacon cooked and crumbled  
10 cups roughly chopped green leaf lettuce  
1 medium red onion thinly sliced  
1 pint cherry tomatoes halved  
1 12 oz frozen petite peas thawed  
1 4 oz can sliced black olives drained  
1 medium red bell pepper seeded and thinly sliced  
1 8 oz block colby-jack or sharp cheddar cheese shredded  
Dressing:  
1 1/2 cups real mayonnaise  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup buttermilk  
2 Tbsp sugar  
2 tsp cider vinegar  
1 tsp garlic salt  
1 tsp lemon pepper  
1 tsp onion powder  
2 green onions thinly sliced



### Instructions

- Place eggs in a large pot in a single layer. Fill with enough water to cover tops by one inch. Heat to boiling, then remove from heat and cover. Let stand 12 minutes.
- Drain and rinse under cool water until cool enough to handle. Peel cooked eggs and cut into wedges or chop. Set aside.
- Fry the bacon in a large skillet until crisp then move to paper towels to drain and cool.
- To make dressing: In a medium size mixing bowl whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, buttermilk, cider vinegar, sugar, garlic salt, lemon pepper, and onion powder until fully combined.
- To assemble salad: In a large trifle or salad bowl begin with a bottom layer using 1/2 total amount of shredded lettuce, then onion, cherry tomatoes, and eggs. Drizzle with about 1/2 of dressing.
- Next, begin layering again, with remaining 1/2 lettuce, then olives, peas, and bell pepper. Spread remaining dressing evenly on top.
- Finish by sprinkling with shredded cheese and bacon. Garnish with green onion, if desired.
- Cover with plastic wrap and chill for 8 hours or overnight. *Enjoy!*



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## MARCH AT A GLANCE



### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Forestry Committee  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
March 8, 5 pm, ITMH

Park & Recreation Board  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
March 8, 6:30 pm, ITMH

ABC Board  
2nd Wednesday of each month  
March 9, 6:30 pm, ITMH

Board of Aldermen  
2nd Thursday of each month  
March 10, 6 pm, SCB

Planning & Zoning Board  
3rd Thursday of each month  
March 17, 6 pm, SCB

Beautification Committee  
3rd Monday of each month  
March 21, 5 pm, ITMH

Board of Adjustments  
4th Tuesday of each month  
March 22, 4:30 pm, ITMH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Southport Historical Society  
March 4, 1 pm, Zoom  
"Story of the SS John D Gill" with Liz Fuller

Southport Historical Society  
March 12, 4 pm, SCB  
80th Anniversary Ceremony of John D. Gill

NC Maritime Museum Southport  
March 15, 7 pm, SCB  
"Everything You Wanted to Know About Gullah-  
Geechee Culture" with Rev. Sean Palmer

Dosher Memorial Hospital  
March 19, 8 am-11 am,  
Community Health Fair

Brunswick Arts Council  
March 19, 11 am-5 pm, Franklin Square Park  
Celtic Music Festival

Southport Historical Society  
March 24, 6:30 pm, Zoom  
"SS John D Gill Final Resting Place"  
with Patrick Edall

Sea Notes Choral Society  
March 26, 3 pm, Odell Williamson Auditorium  
2022 Spring Concert, Sing! Sing! Sing!

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) Indian Trail Meeting Hall (ITMH)  
223 East Bay Street 110 West Moore Street

Southport City Hall, 1029 N. Howe Street, Southport, NC 28461

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