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

The City of Southport is hard at work on the issues of the day.

American Rescue Plan Act applications for funding are due May 2nd. There are millions of dollars available, if eligible, for municipalities to help pay for infrastructure that requires repair and upgrading all over our country. The City is working diligently to be a part of that funding.

Budget Workshop May 9th and 10th. The Board of Aldermen will meet with City Staff and review the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. I am requesting the long view for our city as well as immediate needs.

May 12th is our regular monthly Board of Aldermen Meeting. We are working on an agenda that will continue to bring progress to our city.

Work on City Dock is beginning and the full restoration of the dock will be completed soon. It was a year ago, May 5th, that we held a ribbon cutting for the completion of the first half of the dock.

Paving is beginning on Howe Street. I appreciate the collaborative efforts of Sen. Rabon, Rep. Miller, and NCDOT Engineer Chad Kimes, for assisting in moving this project forward.

Developments are being reviewed by City Staff and the Planning

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Board. This requires hours of preparation and research. Please see the Mayor's Update in the April 27th State Port Pilot.

Events that are co-sponsored by the city include Southport Summer Market, Wednesdays, beginning May 4th in Franklin Square Park. Downtown Southport Inc. makes the Summer Market one of the most popular events in our city. Our Southport Fire Department Fish Fry on Friday, May 6th at the Fire Station, from 11 am to 2 pm. The cost is \$10.00 a plate and all proceeds go to the Fireman's Fund.

Southport is the Downtown for Brunswick County and for our surrounding communities. Be careful in traffic and with pedestrians as we all enjoy these and many other activities.

May is a time we celebrate Mother's Day on May 8th. Cherish their presence or their memory. On May 5th we join in a National Day of Prayer. May is Military Appreciation Month and on May 30th, Memorial Day, we commemorate and honor those who lost their lives in battle in serving our country. Also in May, we remember those who protect and care for us: Police Week May 15–21 with Peace Officer Memorial Day on May 15th and National Nurses Week May 6th–12th with National Nurses Day on May 12th.

May is Mental Health Month, more resources and emphasis is needed in this aspect of health. National Preservation Month is in May as is Be Kind to Animals Week, the first full week in May. On May 3rd we celebrate the United Nations World Press Freedom Day and are grateful for free press and proud of the newspaper heritage of our local paper, The State Port Pilot.

Southport in May is hopeful, thoughtful, and preparing for the future while remembering the past. We cherish our family and friends as summer approaches, we remember our military, our police, and our nurses. Our City Manager and City Staff are working hard on the city's budget and this must include wages that are competitive and projects that are prioritized. City Hall's greatest asset, are its employees. Every day I am grateful and I thank them for their service and dedication to our city and our citizens. We think of our mothers, especially in May, we pray as a nation in May and we pray in Southport every day. And as we gather together on Memorial Day, we pray, we remember, we grill our favorite foods, and we celebrate with those around us the joy of living in Southport as we move our city in the best way forward.



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A Message from the Desk of the City Manager, Gordon Hargrove



As the City springs into May, I felt like it would be a good time to provide residents with an update on projects the city staff are currently working on.

Many of you have asked the question, “*when will Howe St. be resurfaced?*” Well, I have an answer. Resurfacing will start Sunday evening May 1st at approximately 7 pm. They will cease operations for the day at 6 am the following morning. The pavers will continue to work this schedule until Friday morning at 6 am. Expectations are that the resurfacing will be completed by Friday morning but if needed, the paving crew will resume resurfacing activities on Sunday night following the same schedule.

Bay Street from the end of Howe St. up to Atlantic is scheduled to be resurfaced during the first half of June. A contract has been awarded to a qualified contractor. This area will be closed to the public for approximately four days once resurfacing starts. Be on the lookout for that project to begin.

The second phase of the city dock project started on April 28th. It should be complete by the end of May. The city dock will be closed to the public until the project is completed. Completion of the second phase will close out the city dock project.

The Taylor Field project is slated to start the middle of May. All permits have been received and a bid has been accepted from a qualified contractor. Please avoid this area as construction of the city’s newest park takes place.

City staff has been working diligently on several grants seeking funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The city is applying for grant money (free money) to pay down our debt on the loan associated with the Mulberry Branch sewer plant expansion. In addition, the city is also applying for grant money to begin addressing the I and I (inflow and infiltration) problem the city is currently experiencing with the sewer system. City staff is also pursuing a low interest loan with the USDA to replace the majority of the aging sewer lines on the west side of town and other areas downtown around the waterfront.

The Board of Aldermen approved the selection of an engineering firm to perform the lift station rehabs of the 9th street lift station, central lift station, and the Park Avenue lift station. City staff has met with the W.K. Dickson engineers and has started the process of improving our system. Additionally, the Board of Aldermen approved two, on-call, consulting engineering firms to work with the city on other engineering related projects. W. K. Dickson and Wooten Engineering will be consulting the city on several projects in the pipeline to

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include the installation of new sidewalks in the city, stormwater mitigation and improving the city's water and sewer infrastructure.

The city is in the final step of selecting a qualified engineering firm to manage and oversee the shoreline stabilization/erosion control project. Keep your eyes open for this project as it is rapidly gaining momentum.

Parks and Recreation Director Heather Hemphill and Development Services Director Thomas Lloyd have applied for a CAMA access grant for a new kayak launch at the end of W. West St. This is another project that is gaining momentum so please keep an eye on its progress.

As you can see the city has a lot going on. The city staff is working hard on the budget in preparation for a presentation to the Board. In closing, I would once again like to think Representative Charlie Miller and Senator Bill Rabon for all they do for the City of Southport. I would also like to thank the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for supporting the hard work of the city staff. Without their support, it would be almost impossible to accomplish anything. But most of all, I would like to think the residents of Southport for their patience as we move the city toward a sustainable future.

Gordon Hargrove,
City Manager

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday" - John Wayne



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.

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Meet... Heather Hemphill Southport Parks and Recreation Director



I am the Director of Parks and Recreation. I started with the City in January 1999 under Joe Medlin. I was the Program Director. Mr. Joe retired in 2002. I was named interim Director and then Director in October 2002. The most surprising thing about my position is that no two days are alike. You might think you know what to expect for the day but it usually ends differently. Southport is truly a community so everything spills into each other. It is a collaborative effort by all departments.

I graduated from NC State University and married my husband, Brian Hemphill, and moved to Oak Island

in 1995. I enjoy reading, the beach, and spending time with my family. I love the City of Southport. 20 plus years of my life have been spent with this City. I have helped shape the face of recreation for the City but more importantly, the City of Southport has shaped me.

Southport is... good. I think that sums it all up. At the end of the day, Southport is good.

Meet... Brayden Waddell Recreation Assistant

Before moving to Southport I lived in a small community known as Riegelwood, NC. I attended school there up until my 7th-grade year of middle school. When I'm not at work, I spend most of my time hanging out with my family and friends.

I would say some of my favorite things to do in Southport are going walking downtown and grabbing a burger from Blue Cow Grille or a #35 from Thai Peppers.

Southport is my HOME! No matter how far I may go in life. I will ALWAYS be proud to call Southport my "Safe Haven!"



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**SOUTHPORT
PARKS & REC**

kids Summer camp

For
Ages K-5

**Fun & Creative
Activities**

**Starts May 27th
8a - 5p**

**\$95 per week (city residents)
\$110 (non-residents)**

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- **Nature Walks**
- **Swimming**
- **Tennis**
- **Bowling**
- **Skating**
- **Jungle Rapids**
- **and More!**

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Today**

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to register**

**For more information:
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www.cityofsouthport.com**

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Old Smithville Burying Ground

Folks have been dying around here for a very long time and they didn't all wait until our town was established in 1792. The Old Smithville Burying Ground had most likely contained burials since the mid-1700s when Fort Johnston was just built and river pilots were living in rough shacks by the river. When the town plan was drawn with 100 lots to be sold, there was space set aside for the cemetery exactly where it remains today.



Considered our oldest, the slate stone for Capt. David Hicks sits unprotected in a nondescript area of the cemetery. Having survived 218 years, perhaps the time has come to give it a little more recognition and dignity. Hicks was a young seafaring captain sailing from Rhode Island to Europe when he became ill and died on our coast. Since body preservation and transportation means for the dead were almost nonexistent he was brought to the nearest burial site and his ship sailed without him. Another stone with the simple inscription of the name Capt. Andren Carrick 1804 stands close by the Hicks stone. That is simply all we know about this burial. Perhaps the circumstances were similar to that of Capt. Hicks.

The original tombstone for Sempronius Russ is also among our oldest in the burying ground. He died in 1816. Russ was a Connecticut soldier in the Revolutionary War. A bronze plaque was placed on his gravesite by the Brunswick Town Chapter DAR in December 1982.



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Old Smithville Burying Ground

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He is documented with the Daughters of the American Revolution #A100061 with 13 Daughters who have documented their lineage with Sempronius Russ through four of his children? The DAR chapter wanted to preserve the writing on his original headstone which was deteriorating fast. With permission from the city, a new marker was installed in 2020 replicating the inscription on the original.

The majority of the graves in the burying ground are those of the citizens of Smithville/Southport and their descendants. The most prominent memorial on the grounds is the Pilots Memorial. The obelisk was placed as a cenotaph by the city to the memory of two sets of five pilots who lost their lives in violent storms in 1872 and 1877. The monument was recently professionally cleaned and rededicated thanks to the Southport Historical Society and the Cape Fear Pilots Association.

Referred to as the “centerpiece” of the burying ground, the Brown family plot features four box graves. Also known as table stones, this was a popular method of memorizing the deceased because many more words could be inscribed on the flat “tabletop” marker. All burials in the cemetery are underground. Even though it looks like the body might be in the brick box, that’s incorrect. The brick structure was only for supporting the long, heavy stone on top.



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Old Smithville Burying Ground

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George Walker's marker is one of our cemetery treasures because it is our only surviving wooden marker. We estimate it to be about 100 years old. With permission from the city, the historical society has recently removed the deteriorating wooden marker to be preserved and displayed in our city museum. Plans are to place a stone marker in its place to honor Mr. Walker.

If you have wandered around the cemetery you have most likely noticed the somewhat jumbled appearance and the apparent lack of symmetry. Most graves are laid out with bodies lying with their feet facing east. This is in keeping with a tradition especially kept in southern states so that the individual would be facing the eastern sky on Resurrection Day. That brings to mind the story that when the August 31, 1866 Charleston, SC earthquake was felt in Smithville, many residents ran to the burying ground thinking it was the second coming of Christ. There is a plot plan and listing of graves developed by the historical society available on the website www.southporthistoricalsociety.org

The cemetery has always been the property of the city and is maintained by city officials and work crews. Due to a lack of manpower and financial resources to keep the historical cemetery in better condition, there has been significant deterioration within the burying ground. It was generally assumed that families would take care of their ancestors' burial sites, but that is not happening throughout the grounds. Often because families have died out or moved away from Southport. In the past, mostly due to the interest of the Southport Historical Society, there have been volunteers to clean and repair broken stones, rake leaves, and generally assist in maintaining the cemetery. That is not happening now. However, Mayor Hatem has stated that the city has a plan in place and it will be executed whenever possible.



The old Smithville Burying Ground is an intricate part of our city's history and we as a community must assure that it receives the care and respect it is due. Hundreds of souls beneath the stones had lives and stories which have played a part in making Southport the beloved place we enjoy today.



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Meet... Pat Kirkman John N. Smith Cemetery Volunteer



Pat Kirkman and her husband, Jerry, have been Southport residents since 1996. They are originally from Greensboro, NC. Prior to retiring here, they lived in California, Missouri, West Virginia, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and California again. Upon moving to Southport, she immediately became interested in the local history and became a life member of the historical society. Throughout the years she has served in several positions with the society including four years as president. Pat continues to research local history and authors a Facebook blog page entitled Stories Beneath the Silent Stones of the old burying ground. She likes to cook, eat and travel with a special interest in photography. Pat was a travel guide in Tuscany for 12 years and many local folks have traveled with her. "Even though I've been to 43 countries, there's no place I'd rather be than Southport - it's my heart's hometown!"

*We were so excited to celebrate
with you on April 29, 2022 for*

*The Ceremonial Unveiling of a plaque
Commemorating the placement of the
JOHN N. SMITH CEMETERY*

In the National Register of Historic Places



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**Southport Fire
Headquarters**

1011 North Howe Street
Southport N.C 28461

Meal Includes: Fried Catfish Fillets,
Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies &
Dessert..

**\$10.00
a Plate**



**Friday
6th
May
11am-2pm**

**All Proceeds Goes to Benefit
Southport Fireman's Fund**

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Beautification Committee

Next Clean-up will be: May 7, 2022



Despite the chilly weather, the Southport Beautification Committee had a nice response from Beautification Volunteers for its Cleanup Day on April 9th.

Volunteers painted the poles in front of the Sarah Faircloth lifeboat at the corner of West Bay Street and South Caswell Avenue. The heavy blue rope has also been strung between the poles further protecting this important historical lifeboat.

Gardening seemed to be a primary theme for the morning. Volunteers could be found weeding and replanting bushes in front of the Jaycee Building on North Fodale Avenue. Work was begun on cleaning up the plantings in the roundabout found at the intersection of East Moore Street and Ferry Road Southeast.

The goal is to improve the look of the garden with drought-tolerant plantings. Kingsley Park received a nice clean up too. The planters located around the Community Building received some needed attention in preparation for new plantings. Over in Waterfront Park, Sunflowers were planted along with the Peace Pole. The Entrance Garden at Waterfront Park near the gazebos received a makeover with the removal of old plantings and the addition of salt and drought-tolerant plants.



All in all, it was a great morning made possible by our Southport community volunteers who are interested in keeping Southport looking beautiful. We are thankful for their time. If you're interested in helping, come join us for the next Southport Beautification Workday on Saturday, May 7th at 9 am. We meet next to the Old Jail.



If you're interested in being on the Southport Beautification Committee, applications for positions are available by selecting this link: <https://cityofsouthport.com/beautification-committee-accepting-new-members/>

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Low White Native Plant Pollinator Garden Spring Scavenger Hunt

1. Name the native plant that the leaves form a purple/green rosette and have a stem of blue/purple flowers.
2. Do you see plants that have feathery leaves? Name them. (these plants are host plants for the swallowtail butterfly)
3. Name the bee that has “real estate” in the garden.
4. Find the vine that covers the arbor –hummingbirds like this flower – what is it called?
5. What plant that is now blooming near the arbor is the opposite of true?
6. Name the butterfly that has its own “waystation” in the garden?
7. Can you find the plant that has its own “cover” in the garden?
8. Where can you use your shadow in the garden to tell time?
9. How many stepping stones are shell-shaped in the garden?
10. Find the rock that speaks to you. What does it tell you to do?

Want to know more about
the Pollinator Garden?
Scan here!



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Southport Forestry Committee

“Welcome to our new leafy residents”

There’s been a lot of news of late regarding the influx of new residents to our fair little town, and rightly so; as a community, there has to be a dialogue about how we see ourselves and our City in the years to come. That being said, I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce you to some new residents that I think everyone will agree will have a positive and long-lasting impact on all of our lives – TREES.

There are many tasks that fall under the purview of the Forestry Committee, but I would argue that probably the most important and impactful of those is the annual planting of new live oak trees around town. Each year, we plant anywhere from 10-to 15 of these trees, primarily in the heart of the City, in order to ensure that our wonderful oak canopy remains viable for generations to come. Typically we look to fill in gaps in that canopy, or perhaps to replace trees that have either succumbed to storms, disease, or just old age. It may not seem like a lot, but an individual live oak at full maturity potentially could have a canopy of over 11,000 square feet - multiply that by just 10 trees and that’s over 100,000 square feet of canopy that will provide shade and protection from storms. For comparison, that’s roughly the area of one standard city block or 2 ¼ acres! Through this annual planting, Southport is ensuring that we maintain our expansive canopy (currently around 54%) through the introduction of young trees annually that will continue to mature and sustain a healthy urban forest landscape.



This year, a dozen trees were planted in mid-March. You may have noticed the one planted on the Garrison lawn, which replaced a tree lost in the same wind event that took down the weather tower. Two more were planted adjacent to the tennis courts and Community Center to replace several dead water oaks that had been removed. There are two more in the second block of Caswell Street, two on W. West, two on Owens Street at Clarendon, two along with Caswell and 8th Street, and one on N. Atlantic. These trees aren’t much to look at now (give them a year to settle in!) but imagine the impact they will have as fully mature trees in the future.

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As we walk around town we marvel at our fully mature live oaks and often don't give a second glance to the younger, newer additions. Over the course of the last 20 years, the Forestry Committee and the City of Southport have planted nearly 400 live oaks around town - next time you're out and about and see one of these smaller trees take a moment to stop, perhaps squint a little and imagine what that tree will look like 100 years from now. These new residents of Southport will ensure that this will always be a special corner of the world.



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Caswell Avenue Community Garden

May is the perfect time to TEST

Test, test test! That's the mantra of the Extension folks and experienced gardeners alike. You don't know what your garden needs unless you TEST your soil! You can spend tons of cash and time augmenting your garden only to find out all it needs is one little additive. And, here's the kicker, the test is FREE! At least the first one is - which may be the only one you need.

Here is a link to where North Carolina folks can request a test kit:

<https://www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/uyrst.htm>

At Caswell Avenue Community Garden we encourage all our members to test and even keep some test kits in our communal garden shed.



Many passersby will see our folks harvesting beautiful lettuces, carrots, and onions, just to name a few crops that are ready. You may even see some strawberries get eaten because they are just too sweet to make it home! Stop and say hello if you pass by our garden and see members inside the fence. Our garden is located on Caswell Avenue behind the Southport Campus of Brunswick Community College.



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A Glimpse of History: Frying Pan Light Tower

The Frying Pan Shoals are formed by silt from the Cape Fear River, off the coast of Bald Head Island. In 1784, the North Carolina General Assembly passed a law that levied a fee on all vessels sailing up the Cape Fear River towards Wilmington. The money was intended for a lighthouse "at the extreme point of Bald-head or some other convenient place near the bar of said river, in order that vessels may be enabled thereby to avoid the great shoal called the Frying-Pan." (1) Today, the tower is a Bed and Breakfast meant as a travel destination for EcoTourists.

Continue reading for the history of the tower as presented by FPTower Inc, the organization behind the reconstruction, conservation, and preservation efforts of the tower.

History of Frying Pan Shoals Light Station

From <https://fptower.org/history/>

The shallow waters of the Frying Pan Shoals - Graveyard of the Atlantic - made ship navigation treacherous for large vessels. So, in 1854 a U.S. Coastguard lightship was stationed at the end of the shoals. For 110 years, minus a few years during The War Between the States and WWII, crews manned the lightship 24/7/365 throughout all sorts of weather conditions.

In the early 1960's, the plan to erect a permanent steel structure with a lantern house to replace the lightship began. The structure was a modified Texas drilling platform, called a "Texas Tower" that was designed to provide housing and support for the crewmen while warning ships of the shallow waters. Construction of the tower was completed November 24, 1964.

The Frying Pan Shoals Light Station was automated 1979. Repair and maintenance crews were stationed at USCG Station Oak Island to provide emergency and routine maintenance.

The advent of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and radar systems rendered the light tower obsolete, so the Coast Guard for all practical purposes abandoned the station in 2004 and officially retired the light station.

Frying Pan Shoals is designated a protected reef area, so the original idea of destroying the structure, relocating it, or recovering it for scrap was discarded. In 2010, the government



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History of Frying Pan Shoals Light Station

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placed the Frying Pan Tower™ up for auction, with the winning bid going to Richard Neal of Charlotte, NC.

Richard had the desire to restore, protect, and preserve the tower. To generate a sustainable funding source, he converted it to a Bed & Breakfast adventure destination to cover the costs of updating, maintenance, and minor repairs

In an effort to fully restore Frying Pan Tower™, some major changes needed to happen, so it was decided to invite Ecotourists for adventure Bed & Breakfast stays and began making accelerated progress in the repairs!

Today, Frying Pan Tower™ is a labor of love for those who share the same lofty goals for restoring the tower for the purposes of providing safety to mariners in the Atlantic ocean, environmental

research and education studies, and shelter to a natural ecosystem for marine wildlife.

All restoration projects are volunteer-driven and coordinated by FPTower Inc. Richard, who divested his ownership interests in the tower in 2018, is focused on managing the Frying Pan Tower™'s Restoration Project through FPTower Inc., a federal and state (NC) registered non-profit organization.



RESOURCES

(1) <https://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=1632>

(2) <https://fptower.org/history/>

Want to learn more?

Local Historian, Hunter Ingram, as a part of the Maritime Museum at Southport's Third Tuesday program, will be discussing his journey out to Frying Pan Light Tower in September 2020. You can catch this talk at the Southport Community Building, on May 17, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Read more about this event at:

<https://ncmaritimemuseumsouthport.com/event/third-tuesday-2-2022-05-17/>

Or scan here!



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Grandma's Old-Fashioned Strawberry Shortcake

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/grandma-s-old-fashioned-strawberry-shortcake/>

"When my grandma served this shortcake, she usually topped it with homemade vanilla ice cream." —Angela Lively, Conroe, Texas

Total Time

Prep: 30 min. + standing Bake: 20 min. + cooling

8 servings

INGREDIENTS:

6 cups sliced fresh strawberries

1/2 cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Shortcake:

3 cups all-purpose flour

5 tablespoons sugar, divided

3 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

3/4 cup cold butter, cubed

1-1/4 cups buttermilk

2 tablespoons heavy whipping cream

Topping:

1-1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

2 tablespoons sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract



DIRECTIONS:

- Combine strawberries with sugar and vanilla; mash slightly. Let stand at least 30 minutes, tossing occasionally.
- Preheat oven to 400°. For shortcakes, whisk together flour, 4 tablespoons sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly. Add buttermilk; stir just until combined (do not overmix). Drop batter by 1/3 cupfuls 2 in. apart onto an ungreased baking sheet. Brush with 2 tablespoons heavy cream; sprinkle with remaining 1 tablespoon sugar. Bake until golden, 18-20 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.
- For topping, beat heavy whipping cream until it begins to thicken. Add sugar and vanilla; beat until soft peaks form. To serve, cut shortcakes in half; top with strawberries and whipped cream.

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UP YOUR ARTS
PRESENTS

Outdoor Painting
Live Music
Artist Awards
A Wet Paint Sale



The 2022 Southport **PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL** Friday & Saturday, May 13~14

The 2022 Southport Plein Air Festival is sponsored by the City of Southport and Up Your Arts. The festival is a non-juried event, open to all artists. There is no limit on medium, quantity or size. Registered painters will be eligible for several merit awards chosen during the Wet Paint Sale at the end of the festival. Honorees will be registered for next year's festival free of charge, and the People's Choice award winner will be featured in next year's graphic promotions. Painters retain all proceeds from the sale of their work during the Wet Paint Sale. For artist information and early registration check out our website: upyourarts.org.

Original Artwork by Lyudmila Lucy Tomova, the 2021 Plein Air Festival People's Choice Award Winner



Franklin Square Park Receives Honorable Mention for 2022 People's Choice Award

We caught up with the City of Southport's Director of Parks & Recreation, Heather Hemphill, as she shares about the 2022 Brunswick Marketplace People's Choice Award for Best Live Music Venue.

Scan the QR code to see the video!



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Southport 2022
Summer Concert Series

  

THURSDAYS, 6 - 8 P.M.
FRANKLIN SQUARE PARK

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JUNE

2	Back Porch Rockers	Classic Rock/Blues
9	NowCat	Classic Rock/Country
16	Brunswick Big Band	Big Band
23	Zilches	Classic Rock



Code of Ordinances Sec. 12-41. Prohibited activities at park: Consumption of malt beverages and unfortified wine.



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MAY AT A GLANCE



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Forestry Committee
2nd Tuesday of each month
May 10, 5 pm - (ITMH)

Park & Recreation Board
2nd Tuesday of each month
May 10, 6:30 pm - (ITMH)

ABC Board
2nd Wednesday of each month
May 11, 6:30 pm - (ITMH)

Board of Aldermen
2nd Thursday of each month
May 12, 6 pm - (SCB)

Beautification Committee
3rd Monday of each month
May 15, 5 pm - (ITMH)

Planning & Zoning Board
3rd Thursday of each month
May 19, 6 pm - (SCB)

Board of Adjustments
4th Tuesday of each month
May 24, 4:30 pm - (ITMH)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Southport Summer Market Begins
Every Wednesday
May 4, 9a-2p,
Franklin Square Park

Catfish Fry
Southport Fire Department Fundraiser
May 6, 11a-2p,
Fire Dept HQ

“This is Our Town”
Beautification Committee volunteer cleanup
May 7, 9a-noon,
Old Jail Annex

The 2022 Southport Plein Air Festival
May 13 & May 14
[Click for more information](#)

Jazz Night Live
Maritime Museum Fundraiser
May 20, 6p-9p
For information: 910-477-5152

Boating Safety Poster Contest Reception
The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
May 25, 7p
Franklin Square Gallery

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

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