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# City of Southport

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

In November, I think of our presidents, our military, our authors, and our uniquely American Holiday, Thanksgiving.

Our presidents, commander-in-chief, November 2nd is the birth anniversary of the 11th U.S. President and North Carolina native, James K. Polk, and the birth anniversary of the 29th U.S. President, Warren G. Harding. November 24th is the birth anniversary of the 12th U.S. President, Zachary Taylor.

Our military, we honor veterans on November 11th, previously known as Armistice Day, to mark the end of World War I. We also remember the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Statue unveiling on November 9, 1984, and we celebrate the anniversary of the Marine Corps on November 10, 1775.

Our authors, as November 1st is designated as National Authors Day. Read a book by your favorite author this month or begin one of the classic literary books by an author you have always wanted to read.

Our unique American Holiday, Thanksgiving, combines presidents, veterans, and authors. November 19, 1863, the 159th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address by President and author, Abraham Lincoln, who issued a proclamation on October 3, 1863: "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United states and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise..."

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And on November 22, 1963, President, Veteran, and author, John F. Kennedy, was assassinated, and Thanksgiving was one of heartbreak for this country.

So Presidents, Veterans, Authors, and Thanksgiving. We honor, we remember, and we give thanks for the many blessings that we are graced with in Southport. The City of Southport will honor our veterans at the Board of Aldermen meeting on November 10th and on Veterans Day, November 11th, with a ceremony at 2 pm on the Garrison Lawn at Fort Johnston. We are blessed by gatherings with family and friends, delicious meals, pleasant conversation, football on the TV, a stroll through the neighborhood, and always heartfelt feelings for those who are working on this holiday as well as for those whom we cherish and who could not be with us or are no longer with us.

In closing, we celebrate our fishing village heritage with the Southport Wooden Boat Show on Saturday, November 5th, in the Yacht Basin. And on the Friday after Thanksgiving, Southport continues the Holiday Season with The Christmas Tree Lighting, on November 26th, at Whittler's Bench, 6 pm. Welcome to our Interim City Manager and recently hired City Employees. We wish them well in their new endeavor. Remember to "Fall Back" one hour this weekend and make sure that you vote in the November 8th election.

The First Lady and I wish all City Employees, citizens, and all who are visiting, a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Joseph P. Hatem, MD, MPH  
Mayor, City of Southport

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WHO HAVE SERVED AND CONTINUE TO SERVE.



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## A Welcome to the Community Bonnie Therrien, Interim City Manager



For the next three-six months, I will be the Interim City Manager for Southport and will work with the residents, business owners, staff, the Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen to move the City forward until a permanent City Manager is chosen and begins work.

With over 30 years of local government experience, I look forward to utilizing my skills to keep all projects moving ahead, beginning work on the 2022-23 budget, and learning about your beautiful community from you.

You are blessed to have a great group of employees working for you and staff that believe in utilizing your tax dollars wisely, efficiently, and effectively. I look forward to working with them as a part of their team.

If there is anything I can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.



*Bonnie Therrien*

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## Alan Davies

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

City of Southport Firefighter.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

3 years.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?**

Enlisted February 1976.

**What branch did you join,  
and how did you choose your branch of service?**

United States Navy.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

To serve my country.

**Is there anything you wish civilians understood about military service?**

Much is sacrificed during a war.



## Brian Kolhoff

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

City of Southport Firefighter.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

6 months.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?**

1991.

**What branch did you join,  
and how did you choose your branch of service?**

United States Marines.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

Travel and protect my country.



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## Arthur 'Doc' Liberty

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

Volunteer City of Southport Firefighter/ Advanced EMT.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

17 months.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?** June 1972.

**What branch did you join,**

**and how did you choose your branch of service?**

U.S. Navy - relatives served in the Navy and the Marine Corps.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

Knew that I wasn't suited for college at that time in my life. My dad was a WWII and Korean War veteran and I wanted to serve our country in Vietnam for my turn. I also needed structure and discipline.

**Is there anything you wish civilians understood about military service?**

Members and their families face tremendous hardships ranging from lengthy separations to spouses unable to maintain a career because of frequent moves. Kids cannot maintain friendships because of the moves, also. Between Kindergarten and graduating high school, I attended seven schools, all in different communities.



## Mason Madison

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

City of Southport Firefighter.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

April 2021.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?**

May 2017.

**What branch did you join,**

**and how did you choose your branch of service?** Army.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

To serve our country.

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**Veterans Day**  
*Employee Shout-Out*

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## Kate Marshall

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

Animal Protective Services Officer.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

4 years.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?**

I enlisted in December 1984 and served 8 years.

**What branch did you join,  
and how did you choose your branch of service?**

US Navy. Family tradition.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

Service to the country is a family value, I also wanted to travel and get an education.

**Is there anything you wish civilians understood about military service?**

Military members know the meaning of putting service before self and the personal sacrifices that entails while you serve your country.



## Christopher T. Martin

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

Code Enforcement Officer.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

3 Years.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?** 1989.

**What branch did you join,  
and how did you choose your branch of service?**

US Army, I could do more things and have more fun doing them in the Army.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

Patriotic Duty.

**Is there anything you wish civilians understood about military service?**

Our dark and morbid sense of humor.



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## Paul E. Pittenger

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

Electrical Superintendent.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

19.75 years (chronologically), <24 years, total.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?**

September of 1977.

**What branch did you join,  
and how did you choose your branch of service?**

United States Navy.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

Self-discipline, Focus, See the world.

**Is there anything you wish civilians understood about military service?**

Honor and Duty.



## Steven Simon

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

City of Southport Fire Department EMT.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

9 years.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?**

1966.

**What branch did you join,  
and how did you choose your branch of service?**

US Air Force.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

Felt it was my duty.

**Is there anything you wish civilians understood about military service?**

Military personnel needs the support of civilians so they do feel their service to this country was in vain.



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## David Sosebee

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

Captain Southport Fire Department.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

4 years.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?**

1984.

**What branch did you join,  
and how did you choose your branch of service?**

U.S. Army - had the best opportunity at the time.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

To serve my country.



## Kenneth D. Stokes

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

Part-Time Police Sargent, City of Southport Police Department.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

3 years.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?**

Nov. 26, 1974.

**What branch did you join, and how did you choose your branch of  
service?**

U.S. Air Force, to see the world.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

To serve my country.

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## Warren Whitley

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

City of Southport Volunteer Fire Lieutenant.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

7 years.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?**

1988.

**What branch did you join, and how did you choose your branch of service?**

US Coast Guard - they had a direct petty officer (E4) for firefighters and police.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

Wanted to serve.

**Is there anything you wish civilians understood about military service?**

The camaraderie.



## Robert T. Willis

**What is your current position for the City of Southport?**

City of Southport Firefighter/Engineer.

**How long have you worked for the City of Southport?**

In total, 20 years.

**When were you drafted or when did you enlist?**

Enlisted January 1993 after serving 2&1/2 years as a Police Officer for the city.

**What branch did you join, and how did you choose your branch of service?**

US Army. I had friends whom had joined right after high school.

**What were some of the reasons that you joined the military?**

Wanting to serve.

**Is there anything you wish civilians understood about military service?**

I believe EVERYONE should serve for 2 years right out of high school!

# November 2022 Newsletter

## Beautification Committee

Next Clean-up will be: November 12, 2022



**This is Our Town!  
Monthly Clean-Up Project**

The October Southport Beautification Committee's Cleanup Day saw over a dozen Southport residents volunteer their time to help clean up after Hurricane Ian. The gardens maintained by volunteers along the waterfront looked fantastic throughout the summer with all of their plantings and colors needing the most attention. Overnight, all of the plants had suffered greatly and turned brown with curled leaves from the heavy salt spray being

blown by the strong winds. Volunteers were able to prune the gardens deeply and remove as many of the dead plants as possible. This was followed up with even more pruning a week later as the plants continued to die back. Volunteers also helped clean up the marsh grass around the lifeboat at the corner of South Caswell and West Bay Streets. Through the help of our City's dedicated volunteers and the Public Services Department, residents and visitors wouldn't have known a large storm passed through in short order.

Also during Cleanup day, other volunteers spent time cleaning and reorganizing the Old Jail Annex where Beautification stores some of our tools for use in the various projects that Beautification does around the City.

Thinking about around the City, be sure to check out the new plantings that have been placed in the planter boxes around downtown by the Southport Garden Club. These boxes, funded by Downtown Southport, Inc., and maintained by the Southport Garden Club really stand out as an example of other groups also volunteering to help keep Southport looking great. We're so very grateful for all of their efforts.

November will see the Holiday excitement start to build as the Christmas Wreaths are pulled out of storage and checked to make sure all of the lights work before they are placed on poles around Southport. Other work is also being planned for the many upcoming Holiday events in Southport. There is no place like Southport for the Holidays!

Want to help? Helping is as simple as volunteering. Do your part and come out and volunteer and help keep Southport looking as great as it does.

## Fall Gardening



**BRASSICA PLANTS LIKE BROCCOLI AND CAULIFLOWER THRIVE IN FALL GARDENS - THEY ARE ALSO THE ONLY VEGGIES THAT ARE ALSO FLOWERS.**

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## Southport Forestry Committee

### What exactly do those guys do?

For those of you that are regular readers of the monthly Southport Newsletter, you're at least aware that the City does indeed have a Forestry Committee but may wonder "just what exactly do those guys do?" Well, I'd like to take a few paragraphs and give you an idea of who we are, what we do, and why it's important to the citizens of Southport.

The Forestry Committee was formed in 1999, following a severe kermes aphid infestation that threatened the health of our signature live oaks, primarily in the core area of town. At that time, the City recognized a need to form a group of volunteer citizens focused on the health of Southport's urban forest and through the by-laws, tasked the committee with four responsibilities. They are: **"Protection of existing trees"**, **"Tree replenishment"**, **"Public Education"**, and **"Other Functions related to the community's forest environment."** The Committee is made up of 7 members, appointed by the Board of Aldermen, who serve 2-year (renewable) terms, as well as an Aldermen representative, and a City Staff member. The Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 5:00 PM, at the Indian Trail Meeting Hall (IMTH) and the meetings are open to the public. Let's take a quick look at each of the Committee's responsibilities and how the members address them.

**"Protection of existing trees"** - At its most basic level, the members of the committee add 7 sets of eyes to the City Staff focused solely on our trees and urban forest. While out and about each day, members of the committee keep an eye out for issues that should be brought to the attention of Public Works. Perhaps we see a tree that's in decline and needs some attention, limbs that need to be pruned because they are encroaching on sidewalks, or work being done



somewhere that brings into question whether best practices are being used to protect trees (i.e. construction sites,), unpermitted tree work, etc. Likewise, the City may ask us to research the impacts of an event (hurricanes) or projects on the trees. We work with City staff to recommend the maintenance of trees in public areas like playgrounds and parks, and



generally highlight areas of concern before they become problems.

**"Tree replenishment"** - The Forestry Committee has taken the lead on public tree planting since its inception. Since 1999, the committee has planted well over 400 trees around town, replacing trees lost during weather events, and trees that succumbed to disease or age, as well as identifying areas where our protective canopy needs to be increased. Trees are planted annually in early spring and are cared for through the first year by the committee until established. While these new trees aren't as magnificent as our fully mature oaks, they ensure that our urban forest will remain healthy and viable for generations to come.

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## What exactly do those guys do?

*continued*

**“Public Education”** - This monthly newsletter article is just one example of our outreach. We try to get out topical or seasonal information on what is happening with our trees and forest. We are about to start, in collaboration with several other City Committees, a series of newspaper articles dealing with our natural environment. We collaborate with the Tourism department to put together our annual Arbor Day celebration, as well as being partners in Naturefest. The Committee also takes the lead on ensuring the City continues, as it has for the last 19 years, meeting the criteria of “Tree City USA” under the Arbor Day Foundation, one of only 81 communities in North Carolina to hold that title.

**“Other functions related to the community’s forest environment”** - This is the catch-all. Members of the Committee are often called on to consult with City Staff on a particular tree issue or problem and we gladly meet with citizens who have questions or concerns about trees on their property. We strive to have a deeper level of knowledge in forestry and tree issues and can often provide answers or recommendations to assist. If we don’t know the answer, we can research it for you or put you in touch with the right people if the issue is beyond our skill set. The bottom line is that we’re here to assist where we can.

It is my hope that the Committee, in addition to its own work, is an asset to all the citizens of Southport and that we all will work together to preserve and protect our urban maritime forest for the benefit of all.

Scott A. Len  
Chairman, Forestry Committee



Pilot 8-19-92

### THE WAY IT WAS

There came a time when officials of Southport had to make a choice between curb and gutters and live oak trees, and paved streets won. This decision failed to meet with popular approval and this photo shows a group of Southport women gathered at Leggett's Drug Store to register their protest, complete with mourners' bench and crying

towels. Seated (left to right) were Miss Annie St. George, Mrs. G. E. Hubbard, Mrs. Edna Bell, Marie Swan (Royal), Boots Galloway (Willing), Eloise St. George (Gibbs), Gloria Faye Moore and Mrs. Elsket St. George. Standing were Mrs. Irma Carr, Pauline Chadwick (Angell) and Mrs. Ella Aldridge. Eloise loaned us this photo.

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## Caswell Avenue Community Garden

### Community First!



Gardening is the business of the Caswell Avenue Community Garden (CACG) and we take it seriously. We insist on organic practices whenever possible; everyone’s garden plot must be kept free of weeds so they won’t go to seed and invade others’ garden plots. Every member must join a care committee to keep the garden as a whole running smoothly.

BUT, it’s not all work and no play for us. Just this past weekend, CACG held it’s fall cookout and it was an overwhelming success! Members signed up

to bring food for a variety of dietary needs, including vegan, and the grill masters turned out some mighty tasty burgers and brats. Special treats included a delicious brussels sprout salad side dish and Whoopi pies for dessert. Yum! The food was great but the best part was being together sharing fellowship.

The community garden is located on Caswell Avenue between West Owen Street and West 8th Street behind the Southport Campus of Brunswick Community College. If you see one of us in the garden stop and say hello. We’d love to meet you and show you our garden.



Find us on  
**Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/483761655007537>

## Fall Gardening



### DON'T RAKE ALL THE FALL LEAVES

Fall cleanup is a time when tidying is not always better. Indeed, it’s essential to rake the lawn so wet leaves don’t promote fungal diseases over the winter. But in flowerbeds, leaves provide a natural mulch that insulates the bed, helping protect against the repeated freezing and thawing that leads to frost heaving. The mulch also protects marginally hardy plants and provides a winter home to many beneficial insects.

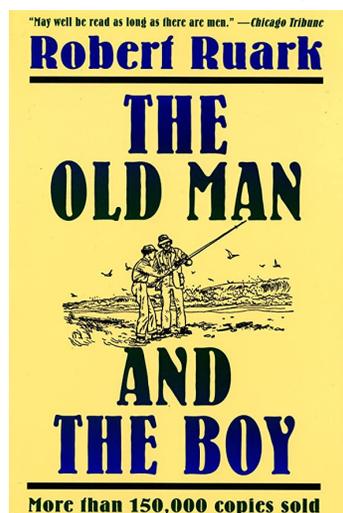
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## A Glimpse of History: Robert C. Ruark, Jr.

By Susan S. Carson

*from Southport Historical Society Newsletters archive, Nov. 1990, Vol. 14.*

Although not a native of Southport, Robert C. Ruark, Jr. brought our town a little fame when he wrote *The Old Man and the Boy*. Robert was born in Wilmington on December 29, 1915, to Robert C. Ruark, Sr., and Charlotte Adkins Ruark, both of whom had profound Southport roots. Robert weighed 8-1/2 pounds at birth (I happened to have a copy of his birth announcement). The grandfather immortalized as "The Old Man" is apparently a composite of his two grandfathers, Hawley Adkins and Hanson Kelly Ruark. The Boy and the Old Man were great pals and spent much time roaming the fields and the streams around Southport. Robert's great love of the outdoors is particularly noted in almost every one of his articles and books. He was a prolific writer from the time he entered journalism school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at age 15 until he died at age 49. His prize-winning novel *Something of Value*, concerning African terrorist activities, became a best-seller, as did another novel of Africa *Uhuru*.



Since his death in 1965, many articles have been written about Robert Ruark. Many people have made in-depth studies of his life and have come to varied conclusions as to "what made him tick." Dr. Michel Renouard of France wrote his doctoral thesis *Robert Ruark, Journalist, and Novelist: The Failure of a Success*. This 325-page treatise was translated into English by Robert's cousin Mrs. Vivian Bates, of Wrightsville Beach. Mrs. Bates has graciously given me a copy of this fascinating study. My favorite thing, though, about the author is something he wrote himself. I quote: "As a fat little kid I used to cry as I fought and was generally sick to my stomach later. And I fought a lot. I had to. I was a junior and as a result, was called Bobby. Except for Grandma who called me j'Rosebud.' My middle name was Chester and 'Chester' is hilarious in the South. Also, I was a bookish brat with a massively overdeveloped imagination... I don't think I was ever anything but an adult... I was reading Shakespeare for fun at age 10, and this is no way to become popular with a bunch of young thugs..."

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## A Glimpse of History: Robert C. Ruark, Jr. *continued*

A notice of his death in the News & Observer (headed London) says: "American author Robert Ruark left an estate in Britain valued at 23,908 pounds (\$66,942), his will published in London disclosed today. Ruark died in a London hospital last July 1. He was 49. The writer left all his manuscripts, letters, and papers relating to his work at the University of North Carolina. His property at Palamos, Spain, was left to a friend, Manly Kaytor, and half of the residuary estate to his former wife, Virginia Webb Ruark. The writer left \$50,000 to his longtime secretary, Alan Ritchie, and his Rolls-Royce car to his friend Harold Matson. His estate in other countries is believed to be much larger than his British holdings."

He was buried near his home in Palamos, on the Cota Bravo coast of Spain, where he had lived for the last twelve years prior to his death. Another little item that I thought poignant - he took seed corn from Brunswick County to plant at his home in Spain so that he would have a "taste of home."



Palamos, Spain, home of Robert Ruark.



Come visit the Robert Ruark Exhibit at the  
*Fort Johnston Museum & Visitors' Center*



## Pumpkin Chili

[www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/recipes/a36973563/pumpkin-chili-recipe/](http://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/recipes/a36973563/pumpkin-chili-recipe/)

### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 lb. ground spicy Italian sausage
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 1/2 tbsp. chili powder
- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. kosher salt, plus more to taste
- 3/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 2 15 oz. cans of fire-roasted tomatoes, not drained
- 1 15 oz. can of kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15 oz. can of black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15 oz. can of pumpkin puree
- 2 1/2 c. chicken broth



### Instructions

- In a large Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium heat.
- Add the sausage and cook, stirring to break into pieces, until browned and cooked through 8 to 10 minutes.
- Using a slotted spoon, transfer the sausage to a paper towel-lined plate to drain.
- Add the onion and bell pepper to the Dutch oven. Cook over medium, stirring, until softened, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in the garlic, cumin, chili powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 3/4 teaspoon pepper, and cinnamon. Cook, stirring, for 30 seconds.
- Stir in the tomatoes, kidney beans, black beans, pumpkin puree, chicken broth, and sausage.
- Bring to boil over medium-high. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the flavors meld, about 20 minutes.
- Season the chili with salt and pepper.
- Serve, garnishing with pumpkin seeds, sour cream, cheese, and avocado, if desired.

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## Animal Protective Services, Sydney's Howl-o-ween Bowser Bash, October 22, 2022

**SYDNEY'S HOWL-O-WEEN BOWSER BASH 2022 WINNER'S REEL**

**SMALL DOG**

Proceeds went to: **Paws-Ability**  
Photos taken by Jeffrey Sittes at Southport Magazine

**1ST** Schotzie as "Detective Schotzie Bones"

**2ND** Abbey the Lobster

**3RD** Charlie the "Chilly" Dog

**3RD** Max the "Hot" Dog

**SYDNEY'S HOWL-O-WEEN BOWSER BASH 2022 WINNER'S REEL**

**LARGE DOG**

Proceeds went to: **Paws-Ability**  
Photos taken by Jeffrey Sittes at Southport Magazine

**1ST** Roux and Scout as Bride & Groom

**2ND** Peppy the "Hot" Dog

**3RD** Dug the Lion

**SYDNEY'S HOWL-O-WEEN BOWSER BASH 2022 WINNER'S REEL**

**PET/OWNER COMBO**

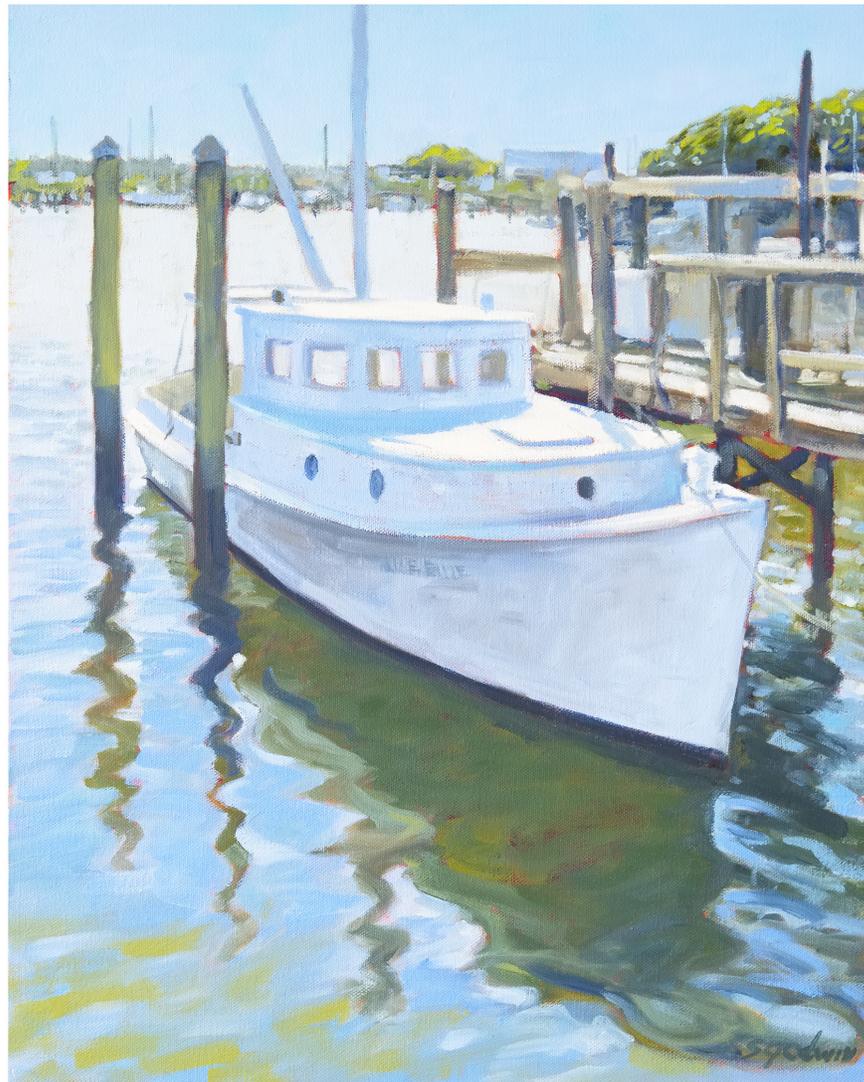
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**1ST** Toby, the Red-Footed Tortoise, & Janie as Cowboy & Cowgirl

**2ND** Cappy, Cheryl, & Pam as Tweet, Sylvester, & Granny

**3RD** Paisley & Lisa in Poodle Skirts

THIRTEENTH  ANNUAL  
**Southport**  
Wooden Boat Show



**2022**  
**Old Southport Yacht Basin**  
*November 5, 10am - 4pm*

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# VETERANS DAY EVENT

November 11, 2022

2:00 p.m. | Fort Johnston Lawn

Keynote Speaker: Colonel Paul  
Fisher, US Army, Retired.

Reception to follow.



## MAYOR'S DOWNTOWN TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

In the Spirit of the Holiday Season, Mayor Hatem will light the City of Southport's Downtown Christmas Tree at Whittler's Bench.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas will be read and the Trinity United Methodist Church Children's Choir will serenade us with time-honored Christmas Carols. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. Come join us in person or online on Friday, November 25, 6 pm to share in the Joy of the Season.



Winterfest is right around the corner!  
Scan here to see the full list of events:





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## NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE



### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Forestry Committee  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
November 8, 5 pm - (ITMH)

Color Me Southport Community Quilt  
Raffle Tickets, All November Long  
Southport Historical Society

Park & Recreation Board  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
November 8, 6:30 pm - (ITMH)

Curious Tales of Old Wilmington with  
Dr. Fonvielle Southport Historical Society  
November 3, 6:30 pm - (SCB)

ABC Board  
2nd Wednesday of each month  
November 9, 6:30 pm - (ITMH)

30th Annual HOLLY DAYS Arts and Crafts Show  
November 5, 9 am - 4 pm  
Southport Baptist Church

Board of Aldermen  
2nd Thursday of each month  
November 10, 6 pm - (SCB)

Southport Wooden Boat Show  
November 5, 10 am - 4:30 pm  
Downtown Southport

Planning & Zoning Board  
3rd Thursday of each month  
November 17, 6 pm - (SCB)

City of Southport Veterans Day Event  
November 11, 2 pm - Fort Johnston Lawn

Beautification Committee  
3rd Monday of each month  
November 21, 5 pm - (ITMH)

FOLSOI – Meet the Author – Stephen Patterson  
November 14, 2 pm - Harper Library

Board of Adjustments  
4th Tuesday of each month  
November 22, 4:30 pm - (ITMH)

Youth Business Fair, Presented by Southport-  
Oak Island Chamber of Commerce  
November 19, 9 am - 2 pm  
The Brunswick Center at Southport

Mayor’s Downtown Tree Lighting Ceremony  
November 25, 6 pm - Whittlers Bench

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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