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



"O Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth."

This stanza sums up the Christmas Spirit of Southport, the Holy Night of the Garrison protecting our city and our citizens.

May this Holiday Season bring Joy, Peace, Clarity, and Understanding to a unified city.

The First Lady and I wish you a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.



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We Love Our Historical Homes!

Imagine it's a beautiful morning and you're in your kitchen preparing breakfast. You left your front door open to catch the sun's rays and the salubrious breezes coming off the water across from your home. Suddenly, the front door opens and visitors – not anyone you know – walk right into your house thinking it's part of a historic museum! This is but one of the many amusing tales owners of old homes share, and all because they have a Southport Historical Society plaque on the outside of their home, naming perhaps the original owner of the house and the year built.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. Although Southport (initially named Smithville) has the deepest natural harbor between Panama and Newport News, Virginia, it was Wilmington that became the primary hub for North Carolina shipping. Still, river pilots were needed to guide ships safely through the shoals and tight turns up the Cape Fear River. In 1792, the North Carolina General Assembly approved a charter to establish a Southport village grouped around Fort Johnston. A map delineating 100 half-acre lots was created. Each lot was to sell for 40 shillings, and a person could buy up to six lots.

Homes were built by Wilmington residents, river pilots, and the like. Early records of homeownership are sketchy and often homes were moved from one lot to another. Houses have been torn down and replaced or renovated and re-renovated as needed to keep up with technology. One such home is **Sweetheart Cottage** or **the Doshier-Hardee House** on East Leonard Street at Atlantic Avenue. Lewis Hardee, Jr. was a shrimp boat fleet owner. A few years ago, the general contractor stopped work on a renovation to call the new owner, Carol Bailey, to share that he discovered a treasure trove of memorabilia and a painting in a wall. The new owner had the painting cut out and preserved.



At present, there are 160 named homes and buildings with plaques granted by the Southport Historical Society. Each has a unique story to tell. The Fort Johnston Visitor Center does a fantastic job of sharing information about many of these homes. There's a wonderful book, *The Architecture of Southport*, that provides details of the early homes and buildings in town. Here are but a few:



The Walker-Pyke House on E Bay Street, the oldest house still standing, was originally built by the Walker family and later renovated by J. A. Pullan and W. H. Pyke of Ft Wayne, IN. These gentlemen filled a real need in Southport by organizing the Southport Brick and Tile Company. This made building materials easier to obtain and so encouraged the population growth of the town.

The Adkins-Ruark House on N Lord Street was built by E. H. Adkins, a river pilot. His grandson, Robert Ruark, famous author of *The Old Man and the Boy*, spent summers here and often returned to Southport as an adult.



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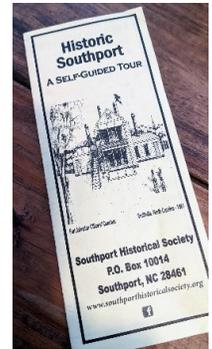
Ft Johnston Hospital house on E Bay Street is one of those residences that, once it was no longer needed for its original purpose, was carved out from the existing building and moved. Additions were made to make the house what it is today.

West-West Street Houses Many of these more modest, one-story houses were built during the boom building era of the 1890s. They were the homes of lighthouse keepers and watermen who worked the docks or perhaps used as summer cottages by Wilmington residents.



The Northrup House on N Caswell Avenue is an example of film industry location used in Southport. Many scenes from *Crimes of the Heart* were filmed here. Other locations were used for *Safe Haven*, *Under the Dome*, *Secret Life of Bees*, and so many more. It demonstrates how the charming architecture of the town, along with the favorable climate, draw in business.

Southport residents and visitors are fortunate to have many wonderful folks willing to volunteer, lending their talents and time to preserving and sharing the history of our town. We would like to especially call out the Southport Historical Society for their contributions. Bob Surridge has a wealth of knowledge, and we thank him for speaking with us. Also, the volunteers at the Ft Johnston Visitor Center are a delight and so very helpful. They can hook you up with the *Historic Southport, a Self-Guided Tour* pamphlet, and many other publications. And if they can't answer your question, they can put you in touch with the right person who can!



The Historic Preservation Committee

THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, AND ITS WEBPAGE IS LIVE, NOW!

When is a Preservation Commission formed?

When a local government decides to provide for the preservation of the historical, cultural, or archaeological resources within its jurisdiction, it can pass an ordinance to create a historic preservation commission. Members of a preservation commission are selected by the local governing board from the general public. A majority of the members must demonstrate a special interest in history, architecture, archaeology, or related fields.

What power does a commission have?

A commission's primary powers are (1) recommending to the local governing board properties to be designated as historic districts and landmarks and (2) reviewing applications from owners of designated landmarks and structures in historic districts who plan to make changes to their properties. A commission's first charge is to conduct an inventory of the area's historic resources. Its other powers include conducting a public education program and acquiring historic properties.

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Animal Protective Services

CHRISTMAS TREE PET SAFETY TIPS

- 1. TINSEL**
Avoid decorating with tinsel. If swallowed, tinsel can obstruct a pet's digestive system.
- 2. PLASTIC ORNAMENTS**
Choose plastic ornaments over glass ones. Shattered glass ornaments can harm pets.
- 3. CHOCOLATE**
Don't decorate with chocolate. That chocolate ornament may be adorable, but it's also toxic to pets.
- 4. STABILITY**
Make sure the tree is stable. Curious pets can knock over a tree, causing harm and making a mess.
- 5. ELECTRICAL CORDS**
Hide electrical cords. Cords can trip excited pets or electrocute pets if they chew on them.
- 6. CHEMICALS**
Don't add chemicals to the Christmas tree water. Chemicals intended to prolong plant life may harm animal life.
- 7. PRESENTS**
Don't put the presents out just yet. Inquisitive pets may try to open them ... and be disappointed when it's not for them.

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Load Management

Load Management is a practice of shedding loads (turning things off) at critical times when wholesale electricity is at a premium cost to municipalities.

Devices are installed on consumer and commercial loads that enable the power agency (North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency) to control those loads to assist participating municipalities to save on power costs.

Sign up today at cityofsouthport.com/public-services-department/#load-management

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is a load control device?

A remote switch, connected via Wi-Fi or other means to the power agency.

How long is my AC cycled off?

Around 15 minutes, twice each hour.

Why does the City of Southport want to control my air conditioner?

To help reduce the City's demand for electric costs.

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Who is required to have a load management device?

Everyone, under the ordinances of 2018 and 2020. The use of Load Management is now mandated on all new construction and for all new accounts. For anybody else that isn't signed up, it is still voluntary.

Can I opt-out of this program?

Participants with City issued Smart Thermostats may opt out of individual events, but not out of the program.

What does this device look like and where is it located?

Load Management switches are book-sized rectangular boxes, with postage-stamp-size windows that lights can be seen behind. Newer switches are small rectangular boxes with a single LED on the side. The City of Southport offers the EcoBee 3 Lite and the EcoBee 4 smart thermostats as an alternative for citizens to be load management compliant without installing the usual device control switches. Participants are responsible for their installation, and we ask that participants have them installed in a timely manner, within 60 days.

How does the City's Load Management Program benefit me?

You get an incremental 1¢/kWh discount on each tier of participation. A customer with AC, Heat Strip and Water Heater control pays 9.5¢/kWh (as opposed to 12.5¢).

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Beautification Committee

Next Clean-up will be: January 7, 2022

One might think that as the season cools in Southport the Beautification Committee's work would slow down a bit. Truthfully, November finds Beautification volunteers more active than usual.

The month started off with Beautification volunteers, pulling Christmas trees out of storage in the Old Jail House Annex and checking the many light strings to ensure that all are in working order. The trees are then placed in Franklin Square, Kingsley, and Keziah Memorial Parks as well as other locations.



Then on the Southport Beautification Workday, over 30 folks volunteered their morning to help brighten up Southport for the upcoming Holidays. One group readied the 60 sailboat wreaths that hang from poles around the city by checking the lights and "fluffing" the greenery on the wreaths.



Another group worked in the garden in front of the Fire Station Annex on Nash street, weeding and spreading blanket flower seeds for next the next growing season. The crocosmia plants received some care with the clearing of dead leaves from them.

A group of volunteers also headed over to the Garrison House lawn clearing plants from around the monuments that were impacted by salt spray from the hurricane. Others prepped the urns for Holiday decorations by the Southport Garden Club. Fortunately, volunteers were able to save some of the lantana plants which were then replanted around the John Smith Cemetery sign.

And still, another group headed down to the Sted Bonnet ("The Gentleman Pirate") Memorial on East Moore Street and removed the overgrowth and trimmed the bushes nicely which greatly improved the area around the monument making it "visitor ready".

Later in the month, Beautification volunteers made their way around the City wrapping bright tape around the light poles to mark sailboat wreath locations. City Public Service workers later dropped off the sailboat wreaths at each location and they were then hung from the poles by Brunswick Electric crews.



At the same time, another group visited about a dozen spots around the city including the cemeteries and the piers, as well as other locations. It brought holiday cheer to them by hanging bows and greenery from the many signs.



It takes a lot of volunteers to help keep our City looking great and even more to decorate it for the Holidays that we enjoy so much. We in Southport are so thankful for the many volunteers who graciously spend their time volunteering with the Beautification Committee.



We hope everyone comes out for the many events around Southport during the Christmas Season. Stop by and say hello to us at the Tree Lighting ceremony the Friday after Thanksgiving where Beautification volunteers will be serving hot chocolate and cookies at the event.

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Southport Forestry Committee

The People's Tree

Did you know that the 2022 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree ("The People's Tree") is from North Carolina this year? Every year since 1970, the USDA Forest Service selects a tree from a National Forest throughout the United States to be placed on the Capitol lawn in Washington D.C. This year's tree, a 78' Red Spruce (*Picea rubens*) will be selected from the Pisgah National Forest and following a tour through the state, will be delivered to Washington on November 18th. This is the third time that North Carolina has provided the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree, having previously done so in 1974 and 1998.

The tradition of the Capitol Christmas Tree, or "The People's Tree," began in 1964 when Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John W. McCormack (D-MA) placed a live Christmas tree on the Capitol lawn. This tree lived three years before succumbing to wind and root damage. In 1970, the Capitol Architect asked the U.S. Forest Service to provide a Christmas tree. Since then, a different National Forest has been chosen each year to provide "The People's Tree", which includes a public engagement campaign to create connections to and celebrate our national forests.



In addition to providing the tree, school children throughout North Carolina have created and sent over 7,500 ornaments that will decorate the tree once erected on the West Lawn of the Capitol. This year's theme is "From the Mountains to the Sea." It celebrates the incredible diversity of North Carolina's natural and cultural heritage across our four national forests: the Nantahala and Pisgah in the mountains, the Uwharrie in Piedmont, and the Croatan on the coast. The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree program creates the opportunity to spotlight public lands with billions of trees across diverse ecosystems stretching across North Carolina.

It's a great honor that this year's tree comes from our fair State - as we decorate our own trees, and our homes, and we spend time through the holidays with our family and friends, take a moment to think of the mighty Red Spruce from Pisgah that is representing all of the United States on behalf of North Carolina.

More information on the National Forests of North Carolina and the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree can be found via this link: www.uscapitolchristmastree.com

Happy Holidays to everyone from the members of the Forestry Committee!



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A Glimpse of History: A Southport Christmas During the Great Depression

By Susan S. Carson

from Brunswick Historical Society Newsletters archive, Feb. 1998 Vol. 38.

At our house preparations for the Big Day began about a week before, or maybe just a little bit earlier, as three young children began fashioning colored paper chains for the Christmas tree. The only real advance preparation had been the baking of the fruit cake. Mama didn't care at all for fruit cake, really preferring what she called her Nut and Raisin Cake, but Daddy just loved fruit cake, so there was always a fruit cake, too. The cake was baked just as soon as possible after candied fruit became available in the stores down on Howe Street. It was baked in a very large aluminum pan, which we called the "dish pan" for several hours in a very slow oven. After it had been removed from the pan and cooled completely, it was soaked in some red wine which Granddaddy Elisha had made on the farm "out home" at Supply and brought to us. The cake was then wrapped in cheesecloth and transferred to a tall lard can and set aside until time to cut it weeks later.



The week before Christmas was a very busy one for Mama and Daddy, but especially for Mama because Daddy still had to run the sawmill and could not be home much. They had to find time to sneak away together from three nosy children and go downtown. This time to the stores on Moore Street, where they could find some simple and inexpensive toys to put under the tree. Sometimes there was enough money to go to Wilmington to buy the toys, but not often. Once the toys were purchased and hidden away a trip must be made to Supply for a fresh ham, some extra sweet potatoes, and a couple of big, fat hens.

After that was accomplished, the cooking began in earnest. Apple and potato pies were baked and stored in the pie safe on the back porch. Later a lemon meringue pie, a jelly cake or jelly roll, and a chocolate layer cake would sit there, too, awaiting all the hungry guests who would be dropping by sooner or later.

The hens were plucked and singed to remove all the feathers and then slow roasted to a lovely golden brown. Mama had been saving cornbread all week from the extra she had baked or fried, and now it was made into a dressing with onions, sage, and chicken broth. Usually, she added oysters because it made the dressing more tasty. However, Mama insisted on Lockwood's Folly oysters because she declared they were simply the best. This, of course, could have been because she and Daddy grew up eating oysters from Lockwood's Folly River.

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So, Daddy went back to Supply for the oysters to be used in the dressing and extra ones for roasting in the fireplace, or sometimes even in the backyard.

The tree was always a cedar cut from the banks of one of the creeks near town. Trees along the creek banks were plentiful and free to anyone for choosing and cutting. When Daddy brought the tree home, he placed it in a tub of wet sand and left it on the porch until time to drape the tub with a bed sheet and place the decorations on the branches.

The tree decorations which had been lovingly stored away from the Christmas before were now taken carefully from their boxes and hung on the tree. Most of these were exquisite and shiny glass baubles. Each year, if funds were available, two or three new ones purchased at



Woolworth's or Kresses in Wilmington would be added. There were also strands of tinsel roping and lots of silvery icicles to drip from the tree branches. Last of all our paper chain creations were added. We had no electric tree lights in those Great Depression Days.

Decorations for the living room consisted of sprigs of cedar placed behind the pictures on the wall and folded paper bells which were opened and hung from the light fixture in the center of the room. The mantle was banked with greenery and red candles placed there, but the candles were never lighted because of the fear of fire.

Toys were simple and inexpensive for us. Small windup toys such as the "bucking mule" which my brother received (and which was a family favorite for many years), small dolls nestled in little baskets for my sister and me, marbles, scissors, crayons, and small boxes of chocolates were often under the tree for us. When possible, there were also books and paper dolls, as well. However, I disdained the paper dolls, preferring instead those that I cut from the large Sears, Roebuck catalogs which were always available. Santa left all this bounty unwrapped under the tree. He usually came on Christmas Eve while the children waited feverishly in another room listening to the rustle of paper and the muted voices of our parents and someone, we were sure was Santa Claus. Soon the door was opened, and we were allowed to rush in and claim our treasures and to play until Mama called a late bedtime on us. By giving our gilts on Christmas Eve, Mama and Daddy were able to get a bit of much-deserved extra sleep on Christmas morning before the guests started arriving

Oranges were a special treat at Christmas. Bananas could be purchased at the stores most of the time, and we always had apples and pears from the old home place. but oranges appeared for us only at Christmas. Mama would sit in her wooden rocker near the fireplace

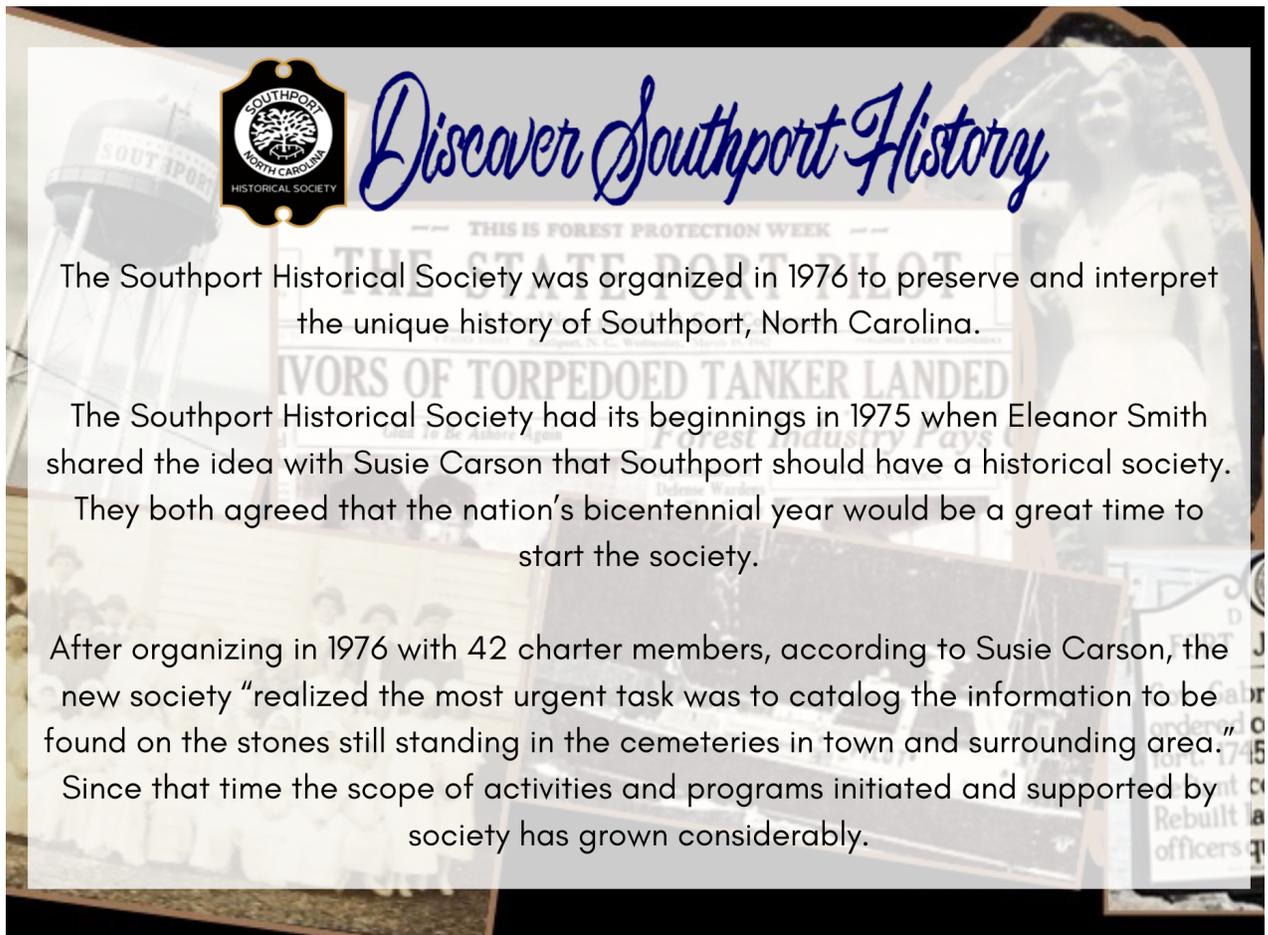
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with the Kids around her feet, and as she peeled and sectioned each orange and fed it to us, slice by slice, she told us funny stories about the family and experiences she had in her growing up years. We loved the stones as much as we loved the oranges.

Christmas afternoon brought lots of visitors. Food was shared and laughter resounded throughout the house. The big meal was served around noon, but the nibbling and lasting went on all afternoon and into the evening as Friends and relatives dropped by to bring little gifts or just visit on this extra day of leisure from daily tasks and worries.

All too soon the happy occasion was over and three tired kids and their parents who were even more tired went to bed. The day after Christmas meant a special trip out home to visit relatives there before everybody had to settle back into work and school routines



 *Discover Southport History*

THE SOUTHPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY WAS ORGANIZED IN 1976 TO PRESERVE AND INTERPRET THE UNIQUE HISTORY OF SOUTHPORT, NORTH CAROLINA.

THE SOUTHPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAD ITS BEGINNINGS IN 1975 WHEN ELEANOR SMITH SHARED THE IDEA WITH SUSIE CARSON THAT SOUTHPORT SHOULD HAVE A HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THEY BOTH AGREED THAT THE NATION'S BICENTENNIAL YEAR WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO START THE SOCIETY.

AFTER ORGANIZING IN 1976 WITH 42 CHARTER MEMBERS, ACCORDING TO SUSIE CARSON, THE NEW SOCIETY "REALIZED THE MOST URGENT TASK WAS TO CATALOG THE INFORMATION TO BE FOUND ON THE STONES STILL STANDING IN THE CEMETERIES IN TOWN AND SURROUNDING AREA."

SINCE THAT TIME THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS INITIATED AND SUPPORTED BY SOCIETY HAS GROWN CONSIDERABLY.

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Brunswick County will begin accepting applications for LIEAP on Dec. 1, 2022

The LIEAP, or Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, provides a one-time annual vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills during the cold winter months. Eligible households containing a person aged 60 and above, or at least one disabled person receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) can apply on Dec. 1.

Not all individuals will need to apply for this benefit. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) will issue automated payments for the 2022-2023 LIEAP season if a member of the household:

- Is age 60 or older or a person with a disability receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services,
- Currently receives Food and Nutrition Services, and
- Received LIEAP during the 2021-2022 season.

These households were notified of eligibility in November and do not need to apply for this benefit.

Any household with a person age 60 or older or with a disability receiving DAAS services who did not receive notice of an automated payment is encouraged to submit an online application at epass.nc.gov, submit a paper application for LIEAP assistance through U.S. Mail, fax, or email their application to their local department of social services. Applications may also be dropped off at the local DSS, and applicants may contact their local DSS for information on how to obtain a paper application.

Brunswick County residents can email applications to dss.fns.ma@brunswickcountync.gov. Households who need to report a change or have questions regarding LIEAP may call 910.253.2422. Beginning Jan. 3, 2023, all other households may apply online through the ePASS portal at epass.nc.gov or submit a paper application through mail, fax, or by dropping it off at their local DSS, but they do not have to go into the agency to apply. All household applications will be accepted from Jan. 3, 2023, to March 31, 2023, or until funds are exhausted. To be eligible for the LIEAP program, a household must:

- Have at least one U.S. citizen or non-citizen who meets the eligibility criteria
- Have income equal to or less than 130% of the federal poverty limit
- Have resources, such as saving and checking accounts and cash on hand, at or below \$2,250
- Be responsible for their heating cost

For more information on the program and eligibility, visit: www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/low-income-services/low-income-energy-assistance.

Learn more about the Brunswick County Social Services department at: brunswickcountync.gov/social-services.

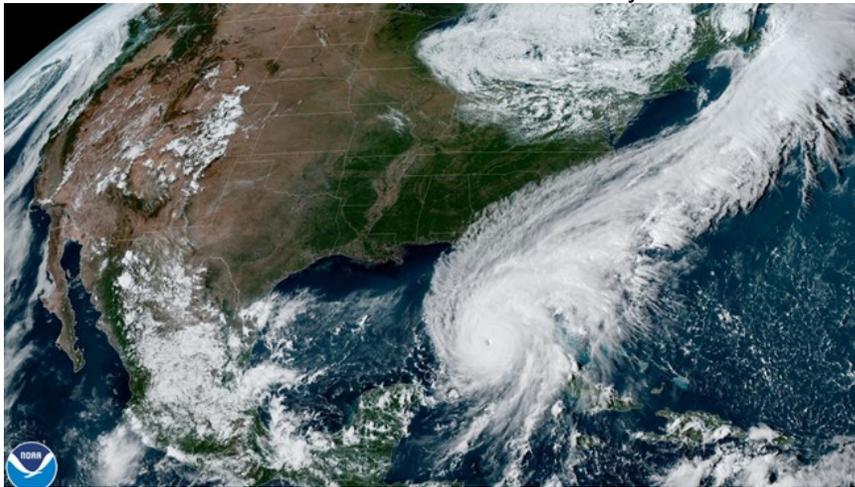
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Damaging 2022 Atlantic hurricane season draws to a close

from [NOAA](#)

The 2022 Atlantic hurricane season officially ends on November 30, but the impact of Hurricanes Ian, Nicole and Fiona – which brought extensive damage to Florida’s coast and Puerto Rico, respectively – will continue to be felt long after the season is over.

In total, this hurricane season produced 14 named storms (winds of 39 mph or greater), of which eight became hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or greater) and two intensified to major hurricanes with winds reaching 111 mph or greater. An average hurricane season has 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes.



Hurricane Ian as seen from NOAA’s GOES-East satellite on Sept. 27, 2022 at 4:26 p.m. (EDT) in the Gulf of Mexico.

The 2022 season saw three hurricane landfalls along the coast of the U.S. mainland. Hurricane Ian made landfall first as a Category 4 storm in Cayo Costa, Florida, and again as a Category 1 in Georgetown, South Carolina. As a Category 4 with 150 mph maximum sustained winds, Hurricane Ian tied for the fifth-strongest hurricane ever to make landfall in the U.S. Hurricane Nicole made landfall as a Category 1 in north Hutchinson Island, Florida.

Hurricane Fiona made landfall outside of the mainland U.S. as a Category 1 near Punta Tocon, Puerto Rico.

“I commend NOAA’s dedicated scientists, hurricane hunter pilots and forecasters who worked diligently to help American communities become hurricane resilient and Climate-Ready for the impacts of this hurricane season and the years to come,” said Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo.

This unique season was defined by a rare mid-season pause in storms that scientists preliminarily believe was caused by increased wind shear and suppressed atmospheric moisture high over the Atlantic Ocean. After a quiet period in August, activity ramped up in September with seven named storms, including the two major hurricanes – Fiona and Ian – seen this season. The season also included a rare late-season storm with Hurricane Nicole making landfall on November 10 along the east coast of Florida.

“Forecasters at NOAA’s National Weather Service and its National Hurricane Center issued earlier forecasts with increasing accuracy this season,” said NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad, Ph.D. “These improved forecasts coupled with critical NOAA data and services

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undoubtedly led to the better protection of life and property.”

The list of 14 named storms that have occurred during the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season. The season officially ends November 30.

National Hurricane Center forecasts were aided by the experimental peak storm surge graphic, which allowed forecasters to more accurately communicate the severity of expected storm surge levels produced by landfalling storms, such as Hurricane Ian.

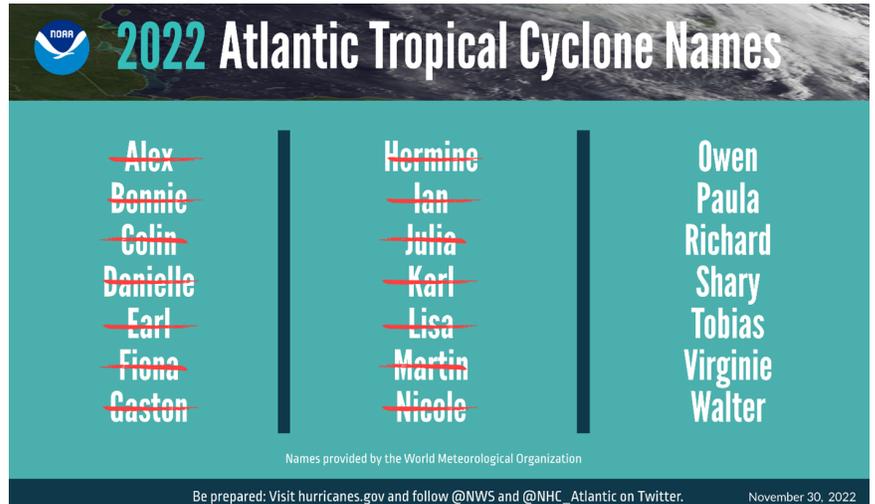
Additionally, NOAA’s intensity forecasts showed Hurricane Ian as a major hurricane impacting the coast of Florida from the initial advisory on September 23 through landfall five days later. This advanced lead time gave those in threatened areas more time to prepare and respond.

“The 2022 seasonal activity fell within NOAA’s predicted ranges for named storms and hurricanes in both our pre-season outlook and updated outlook,” said Matthew Rosencrans, lead hurricane forecaster at NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center. “La Niña conditions remained robust throughout the season while the West African Monsoon was only slightly above normal, which both largely aligned with conditions anticipated by the team at NOAA.”

This season, NOAA Hurricane Hunter aircraft flew over 582 mission hours to collect atmospheric data that is critical to hurricane forecasting and research, passing through the eye of a hurricane 65 times and deploying over 1,700 scientific instruments. NOAA’s Gulfstream IV-SP also flew a research mission from Cabo Verde, Africa, in August. This historic mission was the furthest east NOAA’s Hurricane Hunter airplanes have flown to investigate a developing storm.

Another major first included the successful launch of the Altius 600 small uncrewed aircraft system by scientists from NOAA’s Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Lab. Scientists launched the instrument from NOAA’s P-3 Hurricane Hunter into the core of Hurricane Ian hours before landfall, transmitting back data of wind speeds as high as 216 mph at an altitude of 2,150 feet.

While the 2022 season is drawing to a close, now is not the time to let your guard down. The 2023 hurricane season will officially begin on June 1. Take the time to ensure your family is Weather-Ready for the season ahead. NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, will issue its initial 2023 seasonal outlook in May.



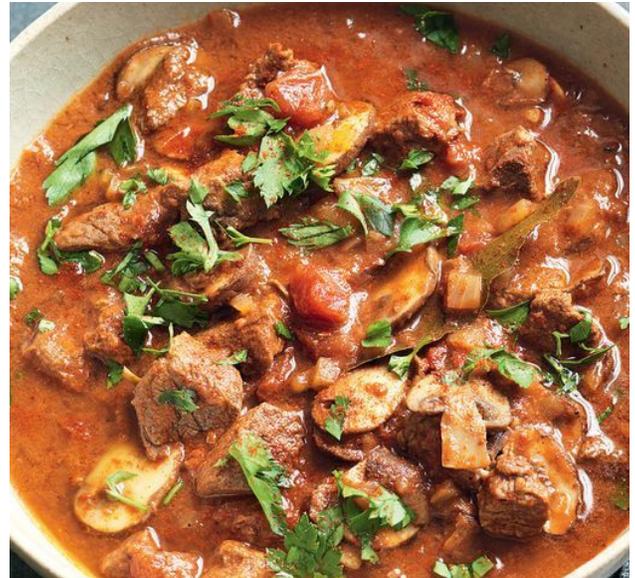
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Goulash soup

www.delicious.com.au/recipes/goulash-soup

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 2 tbsp paprika
- 1 lb chuck steak, cut into chunks
- 2 onions, roughly chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely sliced
- 1 long red chili, seeds removed (optional), finely chopped
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 3 cups beef stock
- 1 can of chopped tomatoes
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 strips pared lemon rind
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- button mushrooms, sliced



Tip:

Serve with sour cream and crusty bread

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 350°.
- Put the flour and half paprika in a bowl, season, and stir to combine. Add the beef and toss to coat. Transfer to a casserole dish.
- Add onion, garlic, chili, tomato paste, red wine vinegar, stock, chopped tomato, bay leaves, lemon rind, and remaining paprika, and bring to a boil. Stir well, then cover and cook in the oven for 2 hours or until the beef is tender.
- When the beef is ready, heat the oil in a frypan and fry the mushroom over high heat, stirring, for 4-5 minutes until lightly browned. Stir through the goulash, then ladle into deep bowls.

Bonus! Peppermint Bark

www.delish.com/holiday-recipes/homemade-peppermint-bark-recipe

Ingredients

- 12 oz. semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 12 oz. white chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. peppermint extract
- 8 candy canes, crushed



Instructions

- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Melt semi-sweet chocolate in a double boiler, and stir occasionally until the chocolate has melted. Stir in extract. Pour into the prepared baking sheet and spread into an even layer. Refrigerate until set, about 20 minutes.
- Over the same pot, add white chocolate and stir until melted. Pour over set semi-sweet chocolate then top immediately with candy canes. Refrigerate until set, about 20 minutes.

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Southport Winterfest 2022 December 3-10

STOREFRONT SHOWCASE

(Sponsored by City of Southport)
Visit and vote on local businesses who have decorated for the season! Displays will be able to be voted on until December 10, with winners announced on December 12.

WINTERFEST TEA

(Sponsored by the Sisters of Southport)
Saturday, December 3, 1:00
Southport Community Building
Tickets are \$45 and located at Ricky Evans Gallery or Ft. Johnston Visitors Center

PET PICTURES WITH SANTA

(Sponsored by Southport Animal Protective Services)
Sunday, December 4, 2-4
Indian Trail Meeting Hall / Keziah Park 113 W. Moore St.

SHOP-WITH-A-COP CONCERT

(Sponsored by Southport Police Dept.)
Monday, December 5, 6-8
Franklin Square Park
Featuring the Back Porch Rockers

CANDY CANE GARDEN PARTY

(Sponsored by Southport Garden Club)
Tuesday, December 6, 6-8
Keziah Park

ANNUAL COOKIE CONTEST

(Sponsored by The State Port Pilot)
Wednesday, December 7, 3:30-5:30, Community Building
For info or to enter contact cookies@stateportpilot.com

SUPPER WITH SANTA'S ELVES

(Sponsored by Southport Parks & Rec.)
Wednesday, December 7, 5-6:30 \$5 per child
209 Atlantic Ave., beside Southport Gym

CHRISTMAS MOVIE "POLAR EXPRESS"

(Sponsored by Southport Parks & Rec.)
Thursday, December 8, at dusk
Fort Johnston Garrison Lawn
Chairs/blankets are encouraged

HISTORIC HOLIDAYS

(Sponsored by NC Maritime Museum at Southport)
Friday, December 9, 3:00
204 E. Moore St.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE

(Sponsored by Southport Fire Dept.)
Friday, December 9, 5:30
Children will board the fire engines at the Fire Station Parade begins at 6:30p
Parade route: Waterfront Park, down Howe St., back to the Southport Fire Station. Following the parade, children are invited to visit with Santa and will receive a gift. Concessions available.

WINTER CRAFT FESTIVAL

(Sponsored by Downtown Southport, Inc. & City of Southport)
Saturday, December 10, 9-4
Franklin Square Park
Visit www.downtownsouthport.com for more information

WINTERFEST PERFORMING ARTS

(Sponsored by Brunswick Arts Council)
Saturday, December 10, 11-3
Franklin Square Park Stage

HOLIDAY QUILT SHOW

(Sponsored by Southport Historical Society)
Saturday, December 10, 12-5
Southport Community Building

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

(Sponsored by Southport Parks & Rec.)
Saturday, December 10, 10-11
209 Atlantic Ave., beside Southport Gym

OLD BRUNSWICK COUNTY JAIL MUSEUM TOURS

(Sponsored by Southport Historical Society)
Saturday, December 10, 1-6
on the corner of Nash & Rhett Streets

CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

(Sponsored by Southport Historical Society)
Saturday, December 10, 1-6
Tickets are needed to join this tour and can be purchased for \$20 through the Southport Historical Society's website starting on November 21st

SOUTHPORT WINTERFEST FLOTILLA

(Sponsored by Cape Fear Yacht Club, Downtown Southport, Inc., & City of Southport)
Saturday, December 10, 7:00
on the Southport Waterfront. Bring chairs and blankets and enjoy the beauty of the Christmas lights bouncing off the water. Judges will be Southport Elementary School Art Class Students



For more information, please call 910-457-7927
scan the QR code, or visit
cityofsouthport.com/winterfest-2022



BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING RECAP

Regular Board Meeting - November 10, 2022

- Mayor Hatem reiterated that there are no active applications for the Indigo Plantation Phase 2 project. He stressed how important it is to the Board to find the best result and the least impact on the City.
- NC Wildlife Resources Commission presented information about their interest in the City's acreage near Sunny Point. There are many natural habitats and rare wildlife including the Gopher frog. The organization initially was interested in the property in 2020 and is still interested in purchasing the property. If the City and the State Property Office approves, they will investigate further funding.
- The Polote Corporation explained their request to purchase or lease the Sunny Point property for the purpose of excavating soils to build up the existing berms at Sunny Point Installation. They expressed a willingness to share the property with NC Wildlife Resources, or other groups that might be interested.
- The Board of Aldermen approved four sets of Minutes from previous meetings, a Franchise Agreement with Brunswick County EMS, a Budget Amendment, and a holiday bonus for all part and full time staff.
- Mayor Hatem recognized all the Veterans who attended the meeting and read a proclamation in their honor.
- Mr. William Davis was reappointed to the ABC Board.
- The Board of Aldermen approved the purchase of NeoGov, a Human Resources software, that will help streamline the employment process and make the City more professional.
- The Board of Aldermen approved the contract with Ms. Bonnie Therrien, for her service as the Interim City Manager.
- Ms. Therrien encouraged the Board to provide direction on the advertising of the regular full-time City Manager. After some deliberation, the Board agreed to advertise regionally, not just in North Carolina. The Board unanimously preferred a candidate with coastal experience.
- The Board of Aldermen reappointed Mr. Harley Lemons to the Board of Adjustment for a new three-year term.
- The Interim City Manager explained that a committee of three staff members reviewed the bids submitted for the USDA sewer rehab project. While all were qualified, staff recommended contracting with Wooten Engineering. The Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to select Wooten Engineering.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING RECAP

- Ms. Therrien announced that the City would start searching for a part-time engineer to help with all of the projects.
- Ms. Therrien anticipates the audit will be complete by the middle of December.
- The first meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled for November 18, 2022.
- Alderman Lombardi reported that the Christmas decorations are already going up around the City.
- Mayor Pro-tem Mosteller stated the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan would be sent to the Board of Aldermen at the January meeting.

Next Regular Board Meeting - December 8, 2022





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DECEMBER AT A GLANCE



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Historic Preservation Commission
1st Wednesday of each month
December 7, 4:00 pm - (ITMH)

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

Forestry Committee
2nd Tuesday of each month
December 13, 5 pm - (ITMH)

ABC Board
2nd Wednesday of each month
December 14, 6:30 pm - (ITMH)

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Southport Winterfest!
December 3-10
View the full list of events and participants at
cityofsouthport.com/winterfest-2022

Sea Notes Choral Society presents
"Waiting for Christmas"
December 3, 3 pm
Odell Williamson Auditorium

"A Charlie Brown Christmas Album"
Presented by Up Your Arts
December 11, 5 pm
St. Peter Lutheran Church

History of Christmas Dinner Traditions by
Desiree Bridge & Southport Historical Society
December 12, 1 pm - (ITMH)

Cape Fear A Cappella at Harper Library
December 12, 3 pm

Holiday Trivia at Harper Library
December 16, 2 - 4 pm

Holiday Storytime at Harper Library
December 19, 10 am

Gingerbread Fun at Harper Library
December 19, 2 pm

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

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

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