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



The month of March has many anniversaries to remember: March is American Red Cross Month; National Women's History Month; Peace Corps founded by executive order signed by President John F. Kennedy on March 1, 1961; Theodore Geisel, "Dr. Seuss", whose birth anniversary is March 2, 1904; Time Magazine first published on March 3, 1923. In Southport, we celebrate this month, the 10-year anniversary of the release of the movie "Safe Haven", filmed in 2012 and based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks. Hollywood was alive and well in Southport and the First Lady and I remember so vividly watching the filming at Ryan's Port Market from the front porch of Sen. Bill Rabon's home on Brunswick Street. That was one of the best Friday nights ever in Southport. I look forward to this anniversary celebration on March 11th and I thank the Community Relations Department and all involved in promoting this event.

March in Southport heralds the salubrious breezes, daffodils yellow in bloom, and azaleas in pink, white, and red, that display the mosaic colors of spring and a rebirth of the season from daylight saving time—"spring forward" an hour March 12th to the reopening of all of our Yacht Basin Restaurants. We also continue our meetings: Special Board of Aldermen Meeting, March 1st, for the Mayor and Board to meet with a financial advisor to discuss options for funding the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion; Board of Aldermen Workshop and Agenda Review, March 3rd, to discuss the Yacht Basin Mobility Study, Animal Control Ordinance, Rights of Way, amending the City Charter, and to

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review the agenda for the Regular March 9th, Board of Aldermen Meeting.

These Workshops, since my first one led by Chris May, former Executive Director of the Cape Fear Council of Government, in 2019, are an important part of allowing the board to work on these important issues and for the public to be involved in the process. On March 13th, the Southport Symposium continues, Community Relations Department will be presented followed by a question and answer session.

March, for ACC Basketball fans, the ACC Tournament, March 7th–11th. This year helps to mark the 40th Anniversaries—of UNC Basketball National Champions in 1982, Coach Dean Smith and star player Michael Jordan—and NC State, National Champions in Basketball in 1983 who are now celebrating their 40th Anniversary of Coach Jim Valvano’s “Cardiac Pack”. We salute these great universities, their alumni, and their wonderful back-to-back accomplishments 40 years ago. Cheer for your team and enjoy the best conference basketball tournament in the nation. And of course “Go Irish”.

So in March, we move our city in the best way forward in our workshops and in our Board of Aldermen Meetings. I attended the Town and State Dinner in Raleigh, sponsored by the NC League of Municipalities, last month as well as sat in on a legislative session and met with Rep. Charles Miller. Sen. Rabon and Rep. Miller have been strong advocates for Southport and we appreciate all their efforts in that regard. I also had the pleasure of attending the awards banquet sponsored by the Cape Fear Council of Government the very next evening.

And in March, we celebrate Saint Patrick and the First Lady and I wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day, that the Blessings of St. Patrick embrace our city, citizens, our city employees, our families, friends, visitors, our local business community, and all who have claim and affection for our great city. Wear green on Friday, March 17th, and toast with your favorite beverage, the blessing that is Southport.



Happy
St. Patrick's Day

From the City of Southport

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Meet... Kari McColl Payroll and Benefits Technician



Hi there! My name is Kari McColl, and I joined the City of Southport in September 2022 as the Payroll and Benefits Technician. My primary duty is to ensure all employees are compensated for all the hard work they put in to keep the city running smoothly! I am also the contact person regarding any employee benefits questions or issues. I have recently started classes offered by UNC School of Government to expand my knowledge of employee benefits and laws to better serve our employees.

Prior to joining the City of Southport, I had worked within the public school system and another municipality in my hometown of Red Springs, NC. My husband and I had a 5-year plan to move closer to the coast, and I shortened it by 4 years. I reside in Lake Waccamaw with my husband, two daughters, and two Great Danes. On my off days, I enjoy natural trails around the lake, fishing, spending time with my family, and exploring Southport/Brunswick County Beaches. Fun Fact, I was married in Southport at The Cape Fear House in October 2019. I often joke that one of the reasons I accepted the job was to enjoy a Southport Dog and Cherry Sun Drop from Trolley Stop while swinging by the waterfront on my lunch break. Southport is a little slice of heaven.



Southport Beautification Committee

Next Clean-up: March 4, 2023

The bad weather on February 4th caused our normal workday to be rescheduled to February 18th. On that very cold day a small group who, with the exception of one hardy individual who was dressed in shorts and a t-shirt, were dressed in coats, gloves, and hats, and ready to take on the grasses along Waterfront Park.



It's that time of year where grasses should be cut back, and the Beautification Committee volunteers trimmed the many grasses in the park with shears, clippers and hedge trimmers. A number of bags were filled with the debris which were later picked up by Public Services.



The weather quickly warmed up and it wasn't long before the rest of the crew joined that one brave individual and ditched their hats, coats and gloves. The morning was a success and if you wander through the park, you'll see new grass already growing along with other plants that are enjoying our early spring weather.

The Beautification Committee has a number of projects lined up for 2023 and could always use volunteers. Our next Beautification Workday is on Saturday, March 4th at 9 am. Come and join us and enjoy the spring weather while helping to keep Southport Beautiful. It's only a few hours of your time and you'll be glad you did.

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Taylor Field Dog Park Update

Taylor Field Dog Park is now open to the public. During the last Board of Alderman meeting, Sec. 3-28. - Dog Park addition to the Animal Welfare Ordinance was adopted. As of this time, no registration is required to use the dog park. A remote access system will be installed in the coming months and more information will help guide dog park users through that process. If you have any questions, you can contact me at 910-477-1486 or kmarshall@cityofsouthport.com

Enjoy the new dog park!
Kate Marshall, Animal Protective Services



Taylor Field Dog Park Rules

- Any person using the dog park shall comply with the following rules and regulations:
- The Dog Park opens from Sunrise to Sunset daily. (Gate access is controlled remotely and times will be posted).
- No animals other than dogs may be brought into the fenced area.
- All dogs must be leashed until safely inside the dog park and returned to a leash prior to exiting.
- Dog owners must remain in the fenced area while their dogs are using the dog park. Owners must be in view of their dogs and have voice control at all times.
- North Carolina State Law requires all dog bites to be reported. Call City of Southport Animal Protective Services (APS) Officer at 910-477-1486. If it is an emergency dial 911. In addition, owners are required to assist in the investigation of incidents of aggression or biting by providing appropriate identification and information to the City of Southport APS Officer, AND to other dog owners who are involved with the incident under investigation.
- Spectators should remain outside the fenced area.
- Aggressive dogs and female dogs in heat are not allowed. Owners must immediately leash and remove dogs from the dog park at the first sign of aggressive behavior.
- Owners must dispose of waste properly in the designated on-site containers.
- While small bite-sized training treats are permitted, food in bowls, long-lasting chews, and toys other than balls and frisbees are not allowed.
- Smoking, vaping, chewing tobacco, and eating are not allowed inside the dog park.
- No more than two (2) dogs per person are allowed on any single visit.
- Puppies less than four (4) months old are not permitted.
- Owners are liable for any injury or damage caused by their dog and are fully responsible for their dog's actions.
- Children accompanying dog owners must be strictly supervised and at least 12 years old to be allowed inside.
- Please be courteous to others and remove any sick dogs from the dog park.
- Dogs must be vaccinated for rabies and DHLPP.
- Dogs must be licensed in the City of Southport. DOCUPET identification and rabies tag must be worn on the dog's collar at all times.
- Small dogs are 25 pounds and under.
- Each dog owner assumes all liability for damages by anyone who is bitten or injured by their dog or any other dog under their care while using the dog park. Dog Park participation is at your own risk.

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We want your feedback!

The City of Southport Community Relations team updated our website about one year ago. Now that residents have had some time to get accustomed to the new features, and for us to work out some of the issues we noticed right away, we want your input!

We will take the ideas the public shares with us into consideration for future website updates and changes.

Please visit:

cityofsouthport.com/we-want-your-feedback-2023-website-survey

Or scan here:



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Spotlight on City Parks

“Playgrounds are safe spaces where kids develop crucial physical, social, emotional and imaginative skills necessary to gain self-confidence, improve coordination, and advance critical thinking capabilities,” so say our friends at little tikes. Sure, sure, but they’re also FUN! And here in Southport, we are lucky to have three wonderful playgrounds, lovingly cared for by our own Parks and Recreation Department.

The first is Fort Johnston, on East Moore Street in front of the Community Center. It is connected to our Waterfront Park which also includes a public fishing pier and picnic tables.



The second playground is at the A. C. Caviness Memorial Park, located on West Owens Street between North Caswell Avenue and Clarendon Avenue. Along with the playground, the ¾ acre park has a stage area, a half-court basketball court, and a picnic shelter with a grill that may be rented out by residents and non-residents for private events.



The third playground is at the Lowe-White Memorial Park on East Leonard Street, just east of Atlantic Avenue. It is the city’s largest park. Along with the playground, it has tennis courts, a half-court basketball court, restrooms, and hiking trails suitable for small children and adults alike.



We promise that no children were chased off the playgrounds to get these pictures. For more information on these parks, head to the City of Southport Parks & Recreation webpage.

Click here to read more about City Parks:
cityofsouthport.com/parks-and-recreation/#city_parks

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Southport Forestry Committee

Calling All Giant Oaks

to Membership in the Live Oak Society



It's winter, and that means that the Forestry Committee has once again undertaken our annual tree-planting efforts. One of the duties of the committee is to organize and execute tree replenishment throughout the city in order to ensure that Southport's iconic tree canopy will remain viable and enjoyed by both locals and tourists for generations to come. Each year, the committee looks to plant about a dozen trees throughout the city; while this doesn't seem like a significant number the trees that we typically plant are larger in size than found in other planting programs, which results in a greater incidence of survival as well as a more immediate effect on the landscape. Since its inception in 1998, the committee has been responsible for the planting of over 400 trees throughout the City.

In most years, the committee looks to replace trees that have been lost in storms or to plant in areas where the canopy is thin or non-existent. Given the fact that Southport has been spared a major storm event for the last two years, this year's planting allowed us to do something a little different, and perhaps a little more impactful, for the citizens of our fair town.



As everyone is aware, there is a new city park currently in the final stages of completion - "Taylor Field" is our long-awaited, new public recreation green space located off Rhett Street adjacent to the Old Burying Ground. When the Forestry Committee was made aware that there might be a shortfall in funds for landscaping the new park, we reached out to Parks and Recreation Director Heather Hemphill and offered to undertake our entire 2023 planting at the Taylor Field site. Ms. Hemphill readily agreed and through a collaborative effort between Forestry, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, as well as the construction contractor for the park, a total of 12 trees were planted within the park on January 11th.

This year's trees included eight live oaks (*Quercus virginiana*), which were planted along the perimeter of the walking track and down the road will ensure a shady path for everyone to enjoy. Two Nuttall oaks (*Quercus texana*) were planted adjacent to the new pavilion, and two red maples (*Acer rubrum*) were added to the park entrance area. The Nuttall oaks and red maples, both of which are deciduous, will add a brilliant flash of color each fall. It is our plan to continue to plant within the park as the project continues to ensure the day that in addition to the recreational aspects, the park will offer a shady respite during our hot summer months.



Southport's Arbor Day celebration, held on Friday 28 April this year, will be held at Taylor Field. The Forestry Committee would like to invite everyone to attend not only to celebrate the day, but also the newest additions to Southport's urban forest.

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Caswell Avenue Community Garden

Gardens Have Personalities



Here at the Caswell Avenue Community Garden, behind the Southport Campus of Brunswick Community College, we celebrate the uniqueness of each of our gardens. But how can that be when clearly the time of year will dictate what we should and should not plant?

Ah, but that constraint only encourages our gardeners to express themselves in other ways. It all comes down to what they add to their space to make it their own.

Signage for our plantings is the most common addition. After all, many plants have a similar look when they emerge from seeds. Even for experienced gardeners, it is sometimes difficult to remember where you put, say, cabbage versus collard greens. Hand-painted rocks, metal labels or flat wooden sticks are popular. These are often



utilitarian-looking but sometimes they can get quite decorative.



Then there are the gardeners who enhance their gardens with art just for art's sake. One of our gardeners, formerly a professional potter, placed a Grecian bust planter alongside her garden. In it she planted chives that, when mature, simulate hair. Others enhance their plots with colorful sea shells, gourds or even flags with happy messages.



Recently, the community garden added several more raised garden beds. To stay organized, this necessitated a renumbering of the plots. Each gardener was asked to find a way to display their garden number for all to see. Many will paint the number on the cinder block wall around their garden or perhaps put up a flag. Still others, with the help of artists Jenny Gibson and Annie Loflin, have opted to create ceramic number blocks to attach to their plots. We are very grateful to our new friends for helping us out!

We all want our gardens to be cheerful and welcoming. This goes for the individual garden plots and the larger garden overall. To that end, several highly decorated peace poles are placed throughout the space. In the pollinator garden, a cut-glass mosaic stepping stone and a stone fountain are evident. They are both ornamental and functional. A mural of colorful sunflowers adorns our shed. What will be the next adornment?



Creative minds are at work!



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

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A Glimpse of History: Growing up in Southport (1907-1920) *from A Bit of History newspaper archive*

Prologue by Susie Carson

For this issue of Whittiers Bench, we are delighted to have an article by Mrs. Minnie Kotowski, a member of the Southport Historical Society, and former resident of Southport. Minnie now lives in Wyandotte, MI. Thank you so much for sharing with us.

Article by Minnie Kotowski

Like most people, I don't remember being born. So the first part of my life is hearsay. I'm told that I was the first baby born on Fort Caswell and that I made my appearance in one of those winter storms that come on with high winds and waves. Our little cottage was near the stable which is still there. I've been told that the waves came over the seawall and washed out a hole in front of our steps large enough to put a horse in.

The daughter of the post commander liked to go horseback riding. When she came down to have her horse saddled, she would come over to our cottage. This was usually about the time my mother was bathing m. Of course, my mother would apologize for the disorder that usually occurs with the first baby, but Gretchen (the young lady's name) would say: "I came to see the baby, not the house.

Since I was sort of a curiosity, whenever my mother took me out for a stroll in my buggy, the officers' wives would come up to admire and fuss over me. (Too bad I can't remember that) So life went on, but not without misgivings on my grandfather's part. He kept saying another big storm would come along and destroy our cottage, so before I could really remember living at Fort Caswell, I was moved to Southport. In those days there was no bridge, so you had to get across the river by boat. I forgot to mention that I was born in November 1907. So, unless you were born around that time, you would not know this.

I really do not recall much of anything until I was about four years old. That had to do with singing. I guess I was singing as soon as I could talk. I cannot remember a time when I did not sing. There were dances and programs on special occasions, usually in the old gymnasium in Southport. Since my mother had three younger sisters who like to attend these activities who could best chaperone them? My Dad was a bugler, and a member of the marching band and orchestra. So back to my first memory at age four. We attended a Christmas program. I don't know how it came about, but I was lifted onto the stage to sing a Christmas song - "Now go to sleep. dear dolly, Old Santa will soon be here." I guess I must have done O.K. because Santa presented me with a lovely doll. I also remember sitting on my Dad's knee while the orchestra played for dances.

My Dad had a small boat in which he took us riding. Also, we went up the creeks catching crabs. My Mother was very fond of Scuppernong grape preserves. The grapes grew in

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Growing up in Southport (1907-1920)

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abundance at the "Pig Pen", I guess pigs were kept on the island to help feed the soldiers or to clean up the leftovers and garbage. My Dad would take us over to Fort Caswell to pick the grapes, and it also made a good outing. However, it abruptly ended the time my Mother reached up to pick a fine bunch of grapes and found herself face to face with a large snake. No more picking grapes for preserves: After that we just bought them.

I remember going to the old school house (now Franklin Square Gallery). That was the only school building. I remember having programs at the end of the school year. I wonder if anyone else remembers dancing around the Maypole. I don't think they do that anymore. When I was in the 8th grade we went to school in what we called The Army and Navy Club. It was the Pythagoras Masonic Lodge Building (still standing on the corner of Nash and Dry Streets).

During World War I the Army-Navy Club building was used as a social center (or community center) for the servicemen and townspeople. There were lots of programs given and always my sister Christina and I had to sing. We knew all the songs from that era. Parties were given in private homes and we were always there singing for the boys. My Mother's cousin was a music teacher and she was always happy to accompany us. We would sing whatever the boys requested. So time marched on and I was in high school. My family attended the Baptist Church (on the corner of Hove and Nash) and I was kept busy there with youth activities, and singing in the church choir. and sometimes playing for services when the regular organist was ill or on vacation.

High School was a busy time. Besides keeping up with church activities there were school plays, operettas, and programs. I think I was in them all. I loved the High School building and felt very badly when it burned. Even more so when I wanted to get a Social Security number and my school records were all burned. Since I was born at Fort Caswell, the hospital doctor there neglected to record my birth. It's a funny feeling to find that officially you were never born. However, after much maneuvering, I finally got the records straight.

My Dad was born in Iowa and migrated with his family to Nebraska where his father started a cattle ranch. In his own words, after living 17 years with horses, cattle, and dogs, he ran away and joined the Army. He was sent to Fort Caswell where he became fascinated with all the water. He ended up in the wine-planting company and was assigned as an engineer to the old Number 14 that planted mines off Canvell. When they had target practice, Number 14 would pull the target for the gunners to shoot at. When that was on schedule, Southport residents were warned to take down pictures from the walls, or if they had plates standing upright on shelves to put them down flat. Otherwise, there might be some breakage. When those big guns "boomed, everything shook. Sometimes windows cracked. The "sonic boom" we hear today could not compare to the boom of those cannons.

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Have you ever felt a shaking of the ground? I believe it usually happens in the fall. Even then the windows rattle. I remember that someone wrote The State Port Pilot and asked what it was. Scientifically they have not found any explanation, so I've read, but it goes back to the native Indians of the region who had a name for it, which I cannot recall. So it is an old phenomenon going back as far as the old Indian Trail Tree in the little park near the Public Library.

After graduation, I worked for a year at Watson's Pharmacy. Dr. Watson and Dr. Moody Mintz were great bosses. met so many interesting people who stopped in while their boats were being refueled on their way up or down the coast. The most famous of these, for me, was Gene Austin whose song "My Blue Heaven" was high in popularity. I remember Dr. Doshier bringing him in for a coke and saying, "See, we have our own Clara Bow". I was very embarrassed, but Gene Austin was very gracious and even gave a concert from the deck of his yacht so the people of Southport could see and hear him in person.

By then my father was out of the Army and working with the Engineer Department. They were dismantling Fort Caswell and my Dad was commissioned to take the old Tippin to the Government Engineering Headquarters in Detroit. He remained in Detroit from then on and we moved to Detroit.

Reminder: Emergency Allotments for COVID-19 in the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) program will end in March

As part of the COVID-19 public health emergency, families enrolled in the FNS program in North Carolina have been receiving at least \$95 extra per month since March 2020 through emergency allotments. With the end of emergency allotments, the average FNS benefit per person per day will decrease from \$8.12 to \$5.45.

Read more:

NCDHHS

[covid19.ncdhhs.gov/information/human-services/
changes-food-and-nutrition-services](https://www.covid19.ncdhhs.gov/information/human-services/changes-food-and-nutrition-services)

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March Years of Service

Eddie Moore, 9 Years – 3/5/2014

Parks & Recreation – Basketball Referee

Angie Bates, 9 Years – 3/17/2014

Accounting Technician

Dale Washington, 8 Years – 3/4/2015

Parks & Recreation – Basketball Referee

Thomas Moore, 4 Years – 3/19/2019

Police Sergeant

Christopher Martin, 3 Years – 3/19/2020

Code Enforcement Officer

Sharon McDaniel, 3 Years – 3/31/2020

Volunteer Fire Fighter

Dorothy Dutton, 2 Years – 3/10/2021

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

Harrison Hart, 1 Year – 3/8/2022

Police Officer

Congratulations on achieving this anniversary with us! We know you have worked hard for this accomplishment and we truly appreciate your dedication.

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Carrot Spice Cake

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Ingredients

Cake

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp baking soda
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground allspice
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 2 tsp salt
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups grated carrots
- 8 oz carrot puree
- 1 cup shredded coconut, sweetened

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray two 9" cake pans with cooking spray.
- In a large bowl, sift together flour, granulated sugar, brown sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, allspice, and salt. Set aside.
- In a separate bowl, whisk together eggs, vegetable oil, and vanilla extract. Stir wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, mixing until just combined. Add in grated carrots, carrot puree, and coconut. Mix until just combined.
- Split the batter evenly between the two cake pans and bake for 40-50 minutes, or until a cake, a tester comes out clean. (Alternately, you can split between three cake pans.)
- In a 300-degree oven, toast 2 cups of coconut and 1 cup of crushed pecans on a baking sheet, spread out in an even layer, for about 8-12 minutes, or until lightly golden brown. Allow cooling while working on the frosting.
- Beat butter and cream cheese until light and fluffy, about 1-2 minutes. Slowly add in powdered sugar, beginning with 4 cups. Add in vanilla extract and salt to taste. If the frosting is runny, add 1/2 cup more powdered sugar.
- Place one cake on a plate and spread 1/2 cup of frosting over the cake. Add the second layer on top, and spread the rest of the frosting evenly over the top and sides of the cake.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 12 oz cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
- 4 - 4 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- salt to taste

Topping

- Toasted Coconut
- Crushed Pecans



Did you try it?

We want to hear from you!

If you try one of the recipes featured in the newsletter, post a picture of it and tag us on your preferred social media platform, or email a photo to us at adail@cityofsouthport.com



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Southport Symposium

Southport Community Building, 2-4pm

Come out to the Community Building to hear from the City of Southport Department Representatives to learn more about your City! There will be a presentation and Q & A session with representatives from City Departments.

February
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City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Animal Protective Services, Human Resources

July
17

Finance & Utilities

March
13

Community Relations

August
14

Police Department

April
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Development Services

September
18

Parks & Recreation

May
22

**Hurricane Expo
Hosted by Fire Department
5-8pm**

October
16

Fire Department

June
12

**Mayor
Board of Aldermen**

November
13

Public Services

Registration is required.

You can register by visiting: <https://forms.gle/P6i6TVna64jEXH4t6>

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SAFE HAVEN

10th Anniversary Event

MARCH 11, 2023



Take a Self-Guided or PocketSites tour

Take a Guided Tour

Brooke Barnhill, the location manager for Safe Haven, will be leading this tour. To join, meet at the Fort Johnston Visitors Center for the tour, to begin at 11a and 2p.

Visit the Fort Johnston Visitors Center

The visitors center will be open for extended hours this day, 10a-6p to display never-before-seen Safe Haven memorabilia that is usually locked in storage.



Watch Safe Haven on the Fort Johnston Lawn

Bring a blanket, chairs, and your appetite for the screening on the lawn. The movie will begin at 6:30p. We will have Chocolate and S'more food truck available for snacking while you watch.



Ever wanted to learn how to build Models like these?

(Or maybe you want to get back into this hobby you left so many years ago)

If so, join fellow builders at the NC Maritime Museum at Southport as we welcome the Wilmington NC Plastic Modelers at...



North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport
204 East Moore Street, Southport, NC 28461
March 11, 2023 (Saturday)
2:00pm to 4:00pm



Things to know and bring...



- Open to everyone, and minors (under 18) must be accompanied by an adult.
- You must bring your own model, tools (at least glue and an emery board), and paints.
- If you need to purchase a model kit, go to a Hobby Lobby, Michaels, or the Museum gift shop.
- Experienced model builders will be present and building for those questions you bring, too.
- To reserve a space, please email John Moseley (Museum Manager): john.moseley@ncdcr.gov
- Model/tools questions, please contact Jeff Maples (WNCMPM) at email: jeffreymaples@gmail.com



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HOST A SURFIN' TURF BASEBALL PLAYER!



HOUSING A PLAYER

- Becoming a host family entails housing a baseball player for the months of June and July for the duration of the summer season
- Hosts are *not* required to provide food or transportation, it is up to each host if they would like to provide those things
- Players are expected to abide by the rules of the household they are staying in

BENEFITS

- Season tickets for the host family
- Recognized on Host Family night
- Ideal situation for families with young children who are interested in the sport of baseball

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NATUREFEST LECTURE SERIES

Coexisting with Wildlife

BECKY SAVAGE

*District 2 Program Engagement Specialist
Wildlife Education Division
NC Wildlife Resources Commission*

3.28.23 | 7PM | INDIAN TRAIL MEETING HALL

Join Becky Savage with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission to discuss the animals that are making themselves seen and heard as we enter the mating season. We will address some animals that may cause issues for our residents, learn adaptive strategies to keep wildlife "wild", as well as understand their biology and behavior. Coexisting with wildlife includes being able to discern what normal and abnormal behaviors look like and the role humans play in conservation. Feel free to come with questions and free resources will be provided.

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MARCH AT A GLANCE



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Board of Alderman
Special Called Meeting
March 1, 9:00 am - (ITMH)

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

Board of Aldermen Agenda Meeting
March 3, 8 am - (ITMH)

ABC Board
2nd Wednesday of each month
March 8, 6:30 pm - (ITMH)

Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting
2nd Thursday of each month
March 9, 6 pm - (SCB)

Forestry Committee
2nd Tuesday of each month
March 14, 5 pm - (ITMH)

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
2nd Tuesday of each month
March 14, 6:30 pm - (ITMH)

Planning & Zoning Board
3rd Thursday of each month
March 16, 6 pm - (SCB)

Board of Adjustments
4th Tuesday of each month
March 28, 4:30 pm - (ITMH)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

"This is Our Town" Cleanup
March 4, 9:00 am - Old Jail Annex

FOLSOM: Opera Sunday
March 5, 2:00 pm - (SCB)

Safe Haven 10th Anniversary Event
March 11, All Day - Ft. Johnston

Southport Symposium
Ft. Community Relations
March 13, 2:00 pm - (SCB)

2023 Spring Into Health
5K/1M Decade Dash
March 18, 9:00 am -
Downtown Southport

Southport Women's Club
Cards and Games Party
March 23, 1:00 pm - (SCB)

Sea Notes Choral Society
2023 Spring Concert
March 25, 3:00 pm - Brunswick
County Community College

Naturefest Lecture Series:
Coexisting with Wildlife
March 28, 7:00 pm - (ITMH)