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



The month of April begins with the continuation of actively pursuing the preservation of local municipal authority over planning and zoning. A resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen on March 28th was not “sent” to our legislators, but was delivered by me in person, the next day, March 29th. I met with Senator Bill Rabon and with Rep. Charles Miller and presented the resolution and emphasized the importance of Southport and all

municipalities having local control over planning and zoning issues and explained our opposition to multiple bills proposed in the Senate and in the House. As your Mayor, it is my job to protect and preserve our unique neighborhoods, our village atmosphere, and the quality of life for all our citizens. This is part of my dedication to you in that regard and I will protect Southport every day as Mayor. I am also working with Walter Eccard, Mayor of Shallotte, to draft a response from local Mayors.

The month of April in Southport also heralds a rejuvenation of our spirit as spring surrounds us bursting with azaleas pink, white, and red blossoms, dogwoods decorated in white, solace-filled sunsets, and seemingly endless activities for citizens and visitors.



Mayor Hatem with Senator Bill Rabon at the NC Legislature in Raleigh on March 29, 2023, discussing Southport's Resolution in opposition to Senate and House Bills that remove local authority for planning and zoning for municipalities.

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Mayor Hatem with Rep. Charles Miller at the NC Legislature in Raleigh on March 29, 2023 discussing Southport's Resolution in opposition to Senate and House Bills that remove local authority for planning and zoning for municipalities.

Southport Spring Festival, sponsored by Downtown Southport Inc. (DSI), the Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island, and the City of Southport, begins April 7th in Franklin Square Park. There will be over 160 craft vendors, live entertainment, food vendors, and children's activities. This is a wonderful family outing. I look forward to attending and will give the welcome on Friday at 10 am.

April begins the Budget Workshops for our city. We will hold a workshop on April 24th on the budget and we will be looking at our goals, short-term and long-term, strategically and prioritized. We will look at our Capital Improvement Plan and the important projects included and their projected costs and potential funding. Competitive salaries for recruitment and retention of employees is an important aspect of our budget discussion. If we are to provide essential services that our citizens need and the services requested, the city must have the personnel, equipment, and space to do so. The city has expanded our employee base - the Planning

Department, and Public Services with the hiring of two engineers, and this trend must continue to meet the demands of the city government. There is routine maintenance on buildings and grounds, equipment, vehicles, rights of way, parks, and cemeteries to the importance of health insurance for the employees. We will be judicious in spending and assertive in securing grants and funding for projects for our city. And note the April 11th workshop will include the noise ordinance, social media policy, cemeteries, and a review of the agenda for the April 13th Board of Aldermen meeting.

April has many special recognitions including National Library Week, April 23-29, the theme this year, "There's More to the Story"; National Public Health Week, April 3-9; World Autism Month with April 2nd -World Autism Awareness Day; Arbor Day, April 28th-the City of Southport and the Forestry Committee proclaim our live oaks and urban forests in a ceremony at Taylor Field.

This year, on April 9th, we celebrate Easter as we gather with our family and friends whether in our churches, in our homes, in our parks or wherever we may be, we join together in the Blessing that is Easter and we celebrate and are always mindful and grateful for the Blessing that is Southport.

So, I will see you in Franklin Square Park at Spring Festival, at Harper Library, on Arbor Day at Taylor field, and at our meetings as we move our city in the best way forward.

The First Lady and I wish you a Happy Easter and the Blessings of Easter to you and your family.





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CITY OF SOUTHPORT BOARD OF ALDERMEN RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE BILLS

WHEREAS, NCGS 160A-361 authorized local governments to create, adopt, and enforce Planning and Zoning regulations within the corporate limits of the City, and the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 160D was adopted in June 2020 which and required that all municipalities adopt similar procedures, and removed a municipalities ability to regulate certain zoning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Southport adopted the current Unified Development Ordinance on September 23, 2020; and


WHEREAS, the City of Southport has made several amendments to the UDO, based on the needs of the citizens, to help guide careful development within its Planning and Zoning jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, there are Bills that are being considered in the NC Senate and the NC House of Representatives, that will remove authority from municipalities with regard to multijurisdictional properties, workforce housing, building plan reviews, short term rentals, and accessory dwelling units;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen for the City of Southport, hereby urge the Senate, and the House of Representatives, to deny HB 252, HB 294, HB 332, SB 290, HB 409, and SB 317; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen, and the Citizens of Southport do hereby request that the Senator Bill Rabon, and Representative Charles Miller, actively lobby for municipalities to retain their ability to create and adopt Planning and Zoning ordinances that are in compliance with their individual Land Use Plan and goals.

Adopted on the 28th day of March 2023.


Joseph P. Hatem, M.D., M.P.H.
Mayor, City of Southport


Dorothy Dutton
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk
City of Southport



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Congratulations Officer Kelly Garrido!

Southport's Officer of the Year

Officer Garrido has been chosen as Southport's Officer of the Year by her peers for her hard work, dedication, and passion to serve. Officer Garrido has been serving with the department since September 2021. Prior to serving here, she served with the City of Wilmington Police Department. Officer Garrido also served in the United States Air Force stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Officer Garrido is a resident of Southport and enjoys serving her hometown.



Officer Garrido says she likes the "community-oriented policing" that Southport offers. Officer Garrido says it's more than "just a call." She has been known to check on residents after calls to assure they are ok and need nothing else from us. On her time off, Officer Garrido enjoys walks around town with friends, boating, and time at the beach. Her favorite place to visit is Waterfront Park.

Officer Garrido will be honored at a luncheon later this month with coworkers and family.

I am extremely proud of Officer Garrido. Her dedication and love for the job reflect in all she does. Officer Garrido is a "go-getter" and handles any task given with a smile. Thanks for choosing Southport, and congratulations.



Respectfully,
Chief Todd Coring
City of Southport Police Department
Office 910-457-7913

Congratulations to Officer Kelly Garrido!



Southport's Officer of the Year

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Southport has been Bee City USA for one year!

Our adoption was on April 20, 2022

The garden has been busy, preparing the garden for a Naturefest, and we will plan on a display and have people in the garden to answer any questions for the visitors. We also plan to give away some native plants!

What does Bee City USA mean?

- Bee City USA & Bee Campus USA bring people together to make their communities better places for pollinators.
- Being an affiliate ensures the survival of vital animal species.
- Builds community locally and nationally around a positive shared cause, along with the ability to connect with communities across the country that have made the same commitment.
- Improves local food production.
- Supports local communities and small businesses by creating awareness of pollinator-friendly landscaping.
- Address pest issues with fewer pesticides by raising community awareness of the least toxic ways to tackle home & garden pest problems.
- Build Community Awareness on the importance of using native plants instead of non-native invasive plants!
- Heighten awareness of the biological diversity of plant & pollinator species.



We participate in the program through Lowe-White Park Native Pollinator Garden

Did you know...

Approximately 200,000 species of pollinators are beneficial insects such as bees, flies, beetles, wasps, and butterflies. Hummingbirds represent a small percentage of natural pollinators. Honeybees and native bees (bumblebees, carpenter bees, sweat bees, mining bees, mason bees, etc.) are critical to our food supply and pollinate about one-third of the foods we enjoy.

Bees and other pollinators are also essential to the habitats and ecosystems many wild animals rely on for food and shelter. As natural areas are cleared for development, and pesticides are sprayed, pollinator habitat is destroyed or fragmented, resulting in the loss of foraging and nesting sites. This can lead to a decline in the pollinator population.

One big way we can help pollinators is by planting forage habitat that provides nectar and pollen. Our main goal is to have plants that flower throughout the growing season, from early spring-late fall, with overlapping bloom periods.

Learn more about the garden at:
cityofsouthport.com/beautification-committee/southport-pollinator-garden

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www.cityofsouthport.com



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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Music – ALIVE and Well in Southport

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, and life to everything." - Plato



What is it about music performed live? Is it the shared experience, a way to recall the past, or perhaps it is a way to calm tensions? All these and maybe just fun? Whatever it is for the listener, we have it covered in Southport. Everything from four (or more!) piece bands to the duo with a curated sound, to the single artist who prefers to play more intimate gatherings. Sometimes, the members of the various bands will do all three! But who are they? And from where do they come? Let's talk about just a few of them.

Southport Johnny and the Bizness features John Tatum on guitar, Jamie Hoover on bass and Adrian Spencer Hayden on keyboards. They are known for their rocking blues sound. These musicians can do it all and they've earned their chops. Tatum toured with the Allman Brothers and others and has a guitar sales and repair business on the side. Hoover, a much sought-out music producer, is a member of the Spongetones, a well-respected group in the power pop community that still performs in Charlotte, and Hayden is not only a skilled musician, but he also teaches wood turning, metal sculpture, and pottery sculpture at Brunswick County Community College. These musicians also perform in the bluegrass band, Charlene and the Bluegrass Charlatans with Ken Tatum on banjo. In yet another iteration, you can find John and Spence as a duo performing for Sunday brunch and other gigs around town.



Dirk Mercer, guitarist, is a bit of a phenomenon. He toured with the heavy metal band, Farewell to Fear, some years back but was raised in West Virginia on rock and roll. He performs solo gigs on occasion but most recently can be seen with the group named Parlay. They specialize in 80s and 90s music but will still perform a Beatles tune from time to time as a crowd-pleaser. Dirk also hires out as a Host/DJ and often leads karaoke gigs around town.

As voted on by the public, LunaSea, is very popular. It has a big band sound with brass instruments but they play everything from Chicago to The Rolling Stones to Sam and Dave. With too many band members to name, Ben White (guitar, vocals) would be the first to tell you that it's a true group effort. As their website says, they're "An Energetic, Crazy, Fun Band." One of the very special things about this band is that they do fundraisers.



These are but three of MANY musicians and performing groups around town. We are fortunate to have such a depth and breadth of talent willing to share with the community. Times and dates for musical events can vary with the weather and artist availability. You can find out exactly what is going on around town by checking out the Up Your Arts Facebook page here: www.facebook.com/UpYourArtsNC They post a weekly calendar and artists also make posts from time to time.

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Southport Forestry Committee

Gearing up for Arbor Day



Schedule of Events:

Taylor Field Pavillion 12:00 on Friday, 28 April

- 1200: Welcoming remarks Scott A. Len, Southport Forestry Committee
- Reading/Presentation of Arbor Day Proclamation Mayor Hatem
- Presentation of "Tree City USA" designation NCFS Rep
- Guest Speaker, Roger Shew, UNCW
- Followed by walk around park/new trees and Ice Cream



Southport Arbor Day

Friday, 28 April - 12:00 at Taylor Field Park



TREE CITY USA

Guest Speaker: Roger Shew - UNC Wilmington

Come join the City of Southport Forestry Committee as we celebrate Arbor Day in our new City green space on Rhett Street adjacent to the Old Smithville Burying Ground.

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Southport Beautification Committee

Next Clean-up: April 1, 2023

As Spring was getting ready to finally warm our shores, Beautification Committee volunteers were out in full force getting our town prepared for the upcoming season. We had a good turnout for our First Saturday of the Month March workday. Weeding was done around the community building and other key spots around town. Mulch was applied to Waterfront Park, Garrison Lawn monument areas, Kingsley Park, and the JC Building.

One of our spring projects is the refreshing of various signs around the city. In anticipation of the Taylor Field Park ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 31st and Old Jail opening on April 1st, we decided to make five signs by the Old Jail and Smithville Cemetery our top priority.

Addition signs are on our to-do list for painting in the next few weeks. Also, we are doing repair work on the two signs located on the Marsh Walk.

Weather permitting, our next workday is Saturday, April 1st. If you would like to join us, our Beautification volunteers will be staining benches, swings, picnic tables, and garbage cans down at one of our favorite places, Waterfront Park. Come help if you can, or just stop by to say hello and see us in action.



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DOG BITE PREVENTION WEEK

tips

According to the AVMA, more than 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year, and children are most likely to be injured. While the majority of bites don't result in major injuries, **you can help ensure safety by sharing these tips with children and parents.**

For more tips and information on canine body language, visit

**aspc.org/
DogBitePrevention**

Ask First!

When meeting an unfamiliar dog, don't reach out to pet her—ask her pet parent first, "May I pet your dog?"



Get Permission

With permission, let the dog sniff your closed hand, then **pet her shoulders or chest.**

Don't Touch!

Don't touch a dog who is sleeping, eating, or chewing a toy.



Stay Away

Stay away from a dog who is barking or growling, as well as one who is loose, behind a fence or tied up.



Please be a responsible pet owner.

- Keep your dog current on Rabies and all other vaccinations.
- Keep your dog on a leash and under control.
- Be aware of potentially dangerous situations which can escalate quickly.

For more information or to schedule a Dog Bite Prevention Class, contact City of Southport Animal Protective Services at (910) 477-1486

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Caswell Avenue Community Garden

Southport Spring Spirit in Full Bloom



One of the true treasures of living in Southport is the helpful attitude of the people and businesses. This was never more evident to the members of the Grounds and Maintenance Crew of Caswell Avenue Community Garden this week as they began their Spring clean-up.

Back story: Our garden has about 40 raised beds rented out to members. Additionally, there are several Share Garden raised beds used to plant veggies that are given to various Southport families and former members who are no longer able to garden for themselves. Individual members often donate produce from their own beds to boost the quantity our share group is able to donate.

This giving spirit was on the mind of Grounds and Maintenance Crew Chair, Kent Simon when he was trying to solve the problem of weeds up against our raised beds. It occurred to Kent that perhaps one of our wonderful local businesses would be able to help. Enter Hoffman Eco Works! Matt Hoffman, a proprietor, was more than happy to donate what was needed to complete the task: two yards of eco-mulch and two 3x100ft rolls of weed block material. Thank you, Cindy, for taking the initial call for help, and thank you Matt Hoffman for your much-appreciated donation!



But the giving didn't stop there. We needed a truck to convey the mulch to the garden. Enter Pete Haislip! Pete isn't even a member of the garden but he was happy to help the team. It took a couple of trips and was hard work. Thank you, Pete!

Naturally, getting the mulch to the garden is a big step but the work didn't stop there. A team of members was on hand to get down and dirty hauling and spreading the mulch. Thank you, Carl Asti, Robin Hood, and Kent Simon for everything you do to help maintain a tidy garden!

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



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

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A Glimpse of History: Southport Street Names Mark Lives of Historic Figures *from [StarNews Online](#)*

After more than 50 years spent as a legal secretary and always keeping that filing up to date, it is absolutely amazing how far behind I got with my personal and history filing. Now, while I've had to give up on my "speeching and teaching" activities as I recuperate from my recent traumatic illness, I have decided to catch up with my filing. Wow - what a job I have undertaken! But in doing so, I sure have found a lot of ideas for future "A Bit of History" columns. Today I am using one of those ideas as I write about the early and historic streets of Old Southport.

The legislative act to set up the town of Smithville (now Southport) was reluctantly introduced in the N.C. General Assembly in 1792 by Gen. Benjamin Smith, the Brunswick County legislator at that time. I say "reluctantly" because it was only after Charles Gause, a prominent Brunswick County citizen from the Winnabow area, threatened Gen. Smith by telling him he would never be elected again if he did not do so.

Mr. Gause was a good friend of Joshua Potts, who had come up with the dream of setting up a town around Fort Johnston but almost had to give up his idea because Benjamin Smith did not want to introduce such a bill.

Mr. Gause's threat worked, and the act to set up the town was ratified at a meeting of the General Assembly in New Bern on Dec. 31, 1792, thus making it possible that we here in Southport can claim that 1792 is our year!

The adopted act provided for a town to be laid out near Fort Johnston but reserved some land near the fort for possible future expansion of the fort, and it also reserved one acre of land on the waterskiirts for each of the river pilots or their widows.

One hundred and fifty acres were appropriated for the town, and Joshua Potts, Benjamin Smith, William Espey Lord, Robert Howe Jr. and Charles Gause were named as commissioners to see that the town was set up.

The commissioners did not lose any time in seeing that they complied with the act, and their first meeting was held in Wilmington on Jan. 26, 1793, at the home of Amaziah Jocelin. I have no information to that effect, but I expect that Mr. Jocelin was a surveyor. A map was drawn up showing the required "streets and squares," as mentioned in the charter and the street names chosen were shown on the map.

The commissioners chose such names as Bay Street, which ran along the waterfront, and Boundary Street, which marked the western boundary of the space allotted for the town.

Other names chosen by them were Lord, Howe and Dry, which later became a laughing matter to some people, but not to this old history buff - it just made me angry to hear people tell jokes about it because of the sequence of these names on the map.

Lord Street was named for William Espey Lord, one of the named commissioners; Howe

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was named for Robert Howe Sr., Revolutionary War hero and father of Commissioner Howe; and Dry Street for William Dry, collector of the Port of Brunswick.

Of course, Potts Street (Now Atlantic Ave) was named for Joshua, the commissioner who first came up with the idea to start a town around the fort.

Rhett Street was named for Col. William Rhett of Charleston, who came to the area to capture Stede Bonnett, the "gentleman pirate," as he was called. Kingsley Street was named for Mrs. Isabella Kingsley, member of another prominent Charleston family. She is sometimes associated with the naming of the Isabella grape, a local variety. I have noticed as I have studied our local history that there has always been a close connection with people from Charleston. I don't know the reason, though.

Moore Street and Nash Street were named for two prominent Brunswick Town politicians. Judge Alfred Moore and Abner Nash were the politicians, and they, too, had Charleston connections.

Brown Street was named to honor Capt. John Brown of the revenue cutter Diligence. He was the man who talked Joshua Potts into coming with him from Wilmington to visit Fort Johnston back in 1786. Thus began Joshua's dream of starting a town around the fort. I have never found any historic reason for the naming of West Street. We now have an East West Street and a West West Street, which can be confusing to people new to our town. Most of us old-timers just take it for granted.

Personally, I think those first commissioners should have named it Gause Avenue, to honor Charles Gause, the influential politician who threatened Benjamin Smith into getting the legislation passed. Although Mr. Gause was one of the first commissioners, he was not conceited enough to insist that a street be named for him. Like most of the other commissioners, he bought several of the first lots that were sold. I don't know if he ever lived here, but one of his descendants, Charles E. Gause, lived here for many years and was an outstanding and contributing citizen. Some of his descendants still live here.

There are many others stories that can be told about Old Southport streets, and I will probably share some of those with you later. Right now, I have to go wash some dishes, so you can see I must be improving. Yesterday I even went riding with a friend without going to the hospital or the doctor's office. So keep praying for me, please.

Contributed by Susie Carson to StarNews in 2005

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April

Years of Service

Harlan Pyles, 12 Years – 4/11/2011
Facilities Maintenance Specialist

Addison White, 9 Years – 4/7/2014
Grounds Maintenance

George Ball, 5 Years – 4/9/2018
Youth Basketball Head Referee

William Wade, 3 Years – 4/21/2020
Police Sergeant

Kiley Barefoot, 2 Years – 4/1/2021
Building Inspector

Ana Silva Maldonado, 2 Years – 4/14/2021
Volunteer EMS Member

Mcgill Howard, 1 Year – 4/21/2022
Police Officer

Donna Dowson, 1 Year – 4/19/2022
Community Building Facilitator

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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Coffee Cake Cookies

www.alattefood.com/carrot-spice-cake

Ingredients

Cinnamon Dough

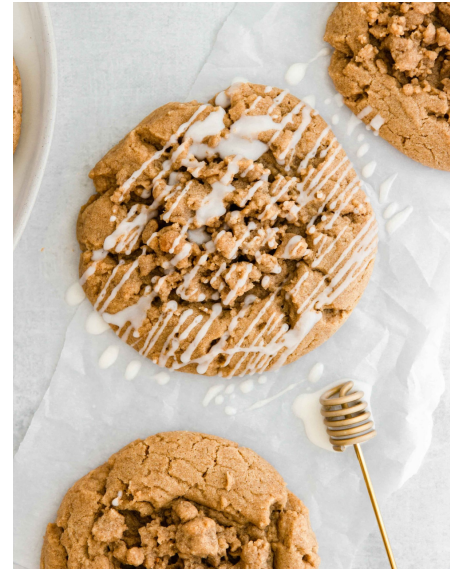
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 1/2 cups flour

Streusel

- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 - 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- pinch of salt

Icing

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tbsp milk
- splash of vanilla



Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 350 F. To make the dough, combine the butter, oil and brown sugar. Mix for a couple minutes until it is smooth. The mixture should be lighter in color and fluffy. Add the egg and vanilla and mix again. Add the remaining ingredients and mix until just combined.
- To make the streusel, combine all the ingredients in a bowl and mix with a spoon or your hand. Start with 1/3 cup of flour. The mixture should stick together, but should also crumble when you run it through your fingers. If it isn't crumbling, add 1 tbsp additions of flour until it crumbles.
- Using a large cookie scoop, scoop a ball of dough onto a lined baking sheet. Using the back of your cookie scoop or your fingers, make an indent on the top of the dough. Sprinkle a couple tablespoons of the streusel on the top of the cookie, into the indent.
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- Bake the cookies at 350 for 10-12 minutes. While they are baking, make the icing. Combine the powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla in a small bowl and whisk until it's smooth and runny. Once the cookies have cooled slightly, drizzle on lots of icing! Enjoy!

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 adaile@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 13 City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Animal Protective Services, Human Resources

March 13 Community Relations

April 17 Development Services

May 22 Hurricane Expo Hosted by Fire Department 5-8pm

June 12 Mayor Board of Aldermen

July 17 Finance & Utilities

August 14 Police Department

September 18 Parks & Recreation

October 16 Fire Department

November 13 Public Services

Completed

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

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**Southport Parks & Recreation**
Easter Egg Hunt

April 1st	Starts at 10a
Franklin Square Park	5-12
Ft Johnston Garrison Lawn	4 & Under

There will be over **1,000 eggs and candy combined, including our Golden Eggs for special prizes.**

FRIENDS of the
LIBRARY
SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

presents

Meet the Authors
at Harper Library

Suzanne Goodwyn

Thursday, April 6 at 2:00pm

Harper Library, 109 W. Moore St., Southport NC

After Suzanne Goodwyn pursued work in television and film production in New York, she quit her job at HBO and chose a new path, earning her degree from New York Law School and eventually opening her own telecommunications law practice. However, when the author's teenage daughters didn't want to listen to what their mom had to say, she hoped to reach them by writing stories to convey her advice to them. That is exactly how Wrightsville Beach came about—to show her daughters what a loving relationship should be like.



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Franklin Square Park

Friday, April 7: 10am-5pm

Saturday, April 8: 10am-4pm



Over 160 Craft Vendors

Children's Activities

Live entertainment

Trackless Train

Plant and Flower Sale

First Tee

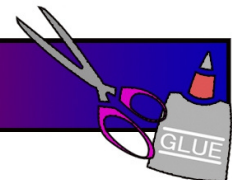
Food Vendors

Ramps & Pathways



*The Southport Woman's Club
and
The City of Southport
present the*

2023 Art Festival



Please join us in celebrating
the artistic talents of South Brunswick High School students.

Open House - **Friday April 7, 12 - 5**

Southport Community Center. Student creations will be on display

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New Orleans Style


Jazz Night

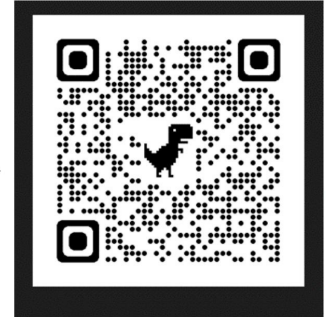


Friday, April 21, 2023 from 6-9 pm
Southport Community Building

Fabulous New Orleans Jazz by Le Group Du Jour w/Mark Bachara

Tickets Available \$75 per person/\$150 per couple at...

- ◆ The **MARITIME MUSEUM** (Moore/Davis Streets)
 - ◆ www.FriendsNCMMSouthport.com
 - ◆ Via the convenient QR/Barcode 
 - ◆ **Tables and Sponsorships available!**
- Smart jazzy attire.



Friends of
**NORTH CAROLINA
MARITIME
MUSEUMS
SOUTHPORT**

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres & Desserts
.....New Orleans Style

Wine Bar & Bourbon Street Cocktail

Dancing inside or under the stars

Live & Silent Fabulous Auction Items

Fun "Wine Grab"

Every dollar raised will support the mission of the Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport, a tax-exempt 501(C)(3) organization. 910.477.5154

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SOUTHPORT NATUREFEST

April 27, 28, & 29, 2023

We will have environmentally-minded exhibits and activities from some of your favorite local nonprofits!

Learn more at facebook.com/southportnaturefest or by scanning the QR code:



ROCKIN' & ROLLIN'

To The

Red, White, & Blue

MUSIC BY
Back Porch Rockers

CAR SHOW

50/50 Drawing



Open to
CARS & TRUCKS
All Years, Makes & Models

SATURDAY

APRIL 29 2023

Trophy for
Best Patriotic
Decorated Vehicle!



8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
80+ Trophies to be Awarded-Dash Plaques to First 100 Entries-Top 50
1998 & Earlier, 1999 to Present



Club Participation Award - \$200 Cash Prize

Downtown Southport, NC - Expanded Parking! Howe St. along Bay St. to Atlantic

For more info: capefearcruisers@gmail.com / or call Cape Fear Cruisers at 910-477-3785 www.capefearcruisers.com

All Proceeds to Benefit Local Charities



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APRIL AT A GLANCE



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Historic Preservation Commission
1st Wednesday of each month
April 5, 4:00 pm - (ITMH)

Board of Aldermen Agenda Meeting
April 11, 8 am - (ITMH)

Forestry Committee
2nd Tuesday of each month
April 11, 5 pm - (ITMH)

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
2nd Tuesday of each month
April 11, 6:30 pm - (ITMH)

ABC Board
2nd Wednesday of each month
April 12, 6:30 pm - (ITMH)

Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting
2nd Thursday of each month
April 13, 6 pm - (SCB)

Southport Symposium
April 17, 2 pm - (SCB)

Beautification Committee Meeting
April 17, 5:00 pm - (ITMH)

Planning & Zoning Board
3rd Thursday of each month
April 20, 6 pm - (SCB)

Board of Aldermen Special Budget Workshop
April 21, 9 am - (SCB)

Board of Aldermen Special Budget Workshop
April 24, 9 am - (SCB)

Board of Adjustments
4th Tuesday of each month
March 25, 4:30 pm - (ITMH)

UPCOMING EVENTS

"This is Our Town" Cleanup
April 1, 9 am - Old Jail Annex

Parks & Rec Easter Egg Hunt
April 1, 10 am
Franklin Square Park &
Fort Johnston Garrison Lawn

Dosher Drug Drop
April 6, 9 am - 1 pm - Doshier Hospital

FOLSOL: Meet the Authors, Suzanne Goodwyn
April 6, 2 pm - Harper Library

Southport Woman's Club 2023 Art Festival
April 7, 12 pm - 5 pm - (SCB)

Southport Spring Festival
April 7 & 8, 10 am - 5 pm
Franklin Square Park

Friends of the Maritime Museum - Jazz Night
April 21, 6 pm - 9 pm - (SCB)

The 2nd Annual Cool & Fancy Gala
by Up Your Arts
April 22, 4 pm - 7 pm
Cape Fear Regional Jetport

SHS: The Cannon Thor
April 25, 10 am - Harper Library

Naturefest Lecture Series:
All About Oysters
April 25, 7 pm - (ITMH)

SHS: T.M. Thompson
"The Man Who Knew no Fear"
April 26, 6 pm - (SCB)

Southport Naturefest
April 27-29 - Various Locations

2023 Southport Arbor Day Celebration
April 28, 12 pm - Taylor Field

Cape Fear Cruisers:
Rockin & Rollin Car Show
April 29, 8:30 am - 3 pm
Downtown Southport

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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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