



City of Southport

July 2023 Newsletter

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

July is here, summer is in full bloom and the North Carolina Fourth of July Festival takes precedence as we celebrate the glory of liberty and freedom that is proclaimed on this Independence Day. It is a homecoming for Southport so cherish the memories from the Naturalization Ceremony, the Fire Fighters Competition, the parade, the fireworks, and the gathering of family and friends that this holiday in part represents. We remember our military who protect our freedom as we wear and display red, white, and blue, in their honor and to commemorate July 4th, 1776.

July 1st is also the beginning of the new fiscal year for the City of Southport. This year's budget is revenue neutral and the ad valorem tax rate was decreased to 0.275 per \$100 dollars of assessed property value from a tax rate of 0.3956. This budget adds infrastructure capital improvement projects, and requested city staff from an additional planner, paramedics, to plans for plant watering and maintenance for our cemeteries. This budget and tax rate added an additional \$459,000 to be used for the capital projects. This budget includes funding for a master plan for the city and is strategic, prioritized, and will meet the immediate responsibilities as well as future endeavors.

We celebrate the Garrison on Fort Johnston that is adorned with red, white, and blue, and I want to thank Director Tom Stanley and the Public Services Department and the Southport Garden Club for this wonderful patriotic display. We celebrate Southport native and N.C. Fourth of

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A Community Update from the Mayor *continued*

July Festival Chairman Randy Jones, and I thank him, Trisha Howarth, Publicity Division and Communication Chair, Wayne Berry, Chairman of the 4th of July Parade, the City of Southport, and all of the employees, volunteers, and sponsors for their planning and initiative for this Fourth of July Festival.

A HAPPY JULY 4th to All Our Citizens, enjoy the many events, Arts and Crafts in Franklin Square Park, to the parade, to joining the First Lady, Tish Hatem, and me at 2 pm July 4th, on the Fort Johnston Lawn, for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. May the Blessings of Southport embrace you all with Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.



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Meet... Riley Ransom

Detective

Q: What is your position? How long have you been in the City?

Detective - almost 8 years, the longest-running employee at the Southport Police Department

Q: Is there anything you want the public to know that they may not already?

The Police Department activities are mostly behind the scenes and a lot of what we do every day is not publicized.

Q: What would people find most surprising about your position?

The criminal Investigations division gets more cases than the community is aware.

Q: What is the purpose of your department?

Safeguard freedom, preserve life and property, protect the constitutional rights of citizens, and maintain respect for the rule of law by proper enforcement.

Q: Describe the mission of the department.

The mission of the Southport Police Department is to safeguard lives and property as well as protect the innocent from becoming victims of crime while always respecting the people's constitutional rights. We perform partnerships with communities to improve the quality of life for all citizens who visit or call Southport home.

Q: What are some of the projects you have undertaken in your time with the city?

I am a certified child seat technician, Traffic Crash Reconstructionist, and currently qualified for my Advanced law enforcement certificate.

Q: What are some of your goals/aspirations for the upcoming year?

I hope to spend more of my work hours focused on criminal investigations.

Q: What is a misconception about your job?

Southport Police jurisdiction ends at the municipal lines and does not stretch as far as the Southport zip code.

Q: Is there anything you would like the public to know that they may not already?

I love getting to know my community, if you see me out and about don't hesitate to say hi. I'm just Riley.

Q: What did you do before you moved to Southport?

I grew up in Southport and went to Southport Elementary but before joining the Southport Police I was a Bartender at several local restaurants.

Q: What do you like to do in your time off?

Spend time with my family, running, kayaking, photography, and playing video games.

Q: What is a fun fact about you?

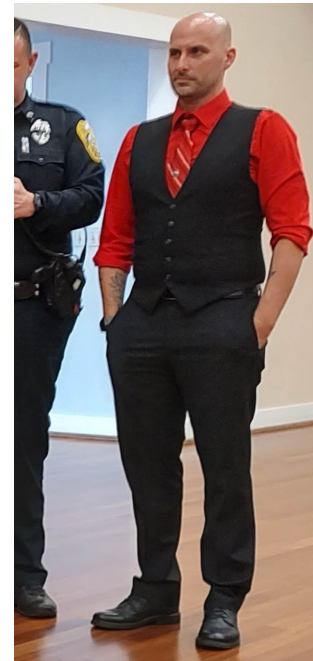
When my schedule allowed it, I always enjoyed working on local productions with Brunswick Little Theatre.

Q: What are some of your favorite things to do or places to visit in Southport?

I absolutely love Waterfront Park, taking photos of the very picturesque views. I also enjoy Sunday brunch with friends at Café Koa.

Q: Complete this sentence. "Southport is...."

...and will always be my home there is no where I'd rather live and work."



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NC 4th of July Festival, a History

Excerpt from www.nc4thofjuly.com/gallery

This years festival is from June 30th-July 4th

The history of Southport's Fourth of July Festival celebration was first recorded in a newspaper in 1795.

At that time, the crew on ships lying at anchor in the harbor would discharge salutes from their cannons beginning at daybreak and lasting throughout the day. Ships officers and town officials would share some companionship and toast the young nation's independence during what was known as the "Festival of Free Men."

The festival evolved over the ensuing years. By the 1950s its name had been changed to the "Live Oak Festival" and it was celebrated with parades, balls, and queens.

In the 1960s the foundation of today's festival was born. In 1962 the newly organized Southport Jaycees, in their search of a ways and means project, held the raffle on the evening of July 4. A lucky winner would walk away with a boat. The raffle was held at what was known locally as the "Cedar Bench; today that landmark on the waterfront is called "Whittler's Bench."

Another newly organized civic club, the Southport Junior Woman's started the tradition of the "Arts Festival" in 1963. With the enthusiasm and excitement of Southport residents and tourists, the true community patriotic spirit came alive with the celebration of the now-recognized Fourth of July parade in 1964.

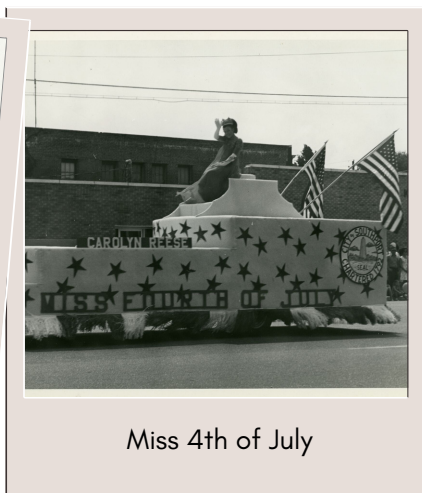
In 1972, the festival was incorporated by the Secretary of State as the "North Carolina Fourth of July Festival, Inc.," a non-profit organization. Along with its board of directors, the professional staff at the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce, and many volunteer workers it has continued to grow into what it is today.

This three- to four-day festival has no counterpart anywhere. Hosted by this little seacoast town of happy and hospitable people, the festival annually brings joy and an intense feeling of patriotism to the residents and visitors from every state in the union.

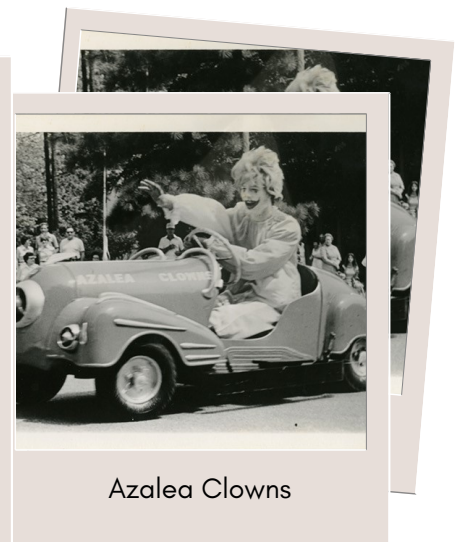
Since 1996, a Naturalization Ceremony has been incorporated into the N.C. Fourth of July Festival and administered by what is now the United States Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS).



Blue Water Point Marina Float



Miss 4th of July



Azalea Clowns

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Southport Forestry Committee

Let's talk about SHADE



The 4th of July - it's only a few days away and before you know it Southport will be inundated with visitors here to enjoy our fair town and all the planned festivities. As always, it's going to be a grand celebration, and more than likely, it's going to be HOT. We're going to be looking at temperatures near 90 (according to the forecast) and that means that what I often call "Southport's most valuable asset" - SHADE is going to be in high demand. In this newsletter, we've covered a wide variety of topics related to trees and their importance to Southport's beauty, health, and safety but we've never talked about that one thing that is constant day in and day out which makes walking down our sidewalks or sitting on our front porch so much more enjoyable, and that is the shade that our canopy of trees provides us.

We've all done it out on a walk on a hot summer day - we follow the shade. Why? Because in the shade we are protected from the glare of the summer sun and temperatures can be as much as 25 degrees cooler than when we're unprotected from those glaring sun rays. Combine that with our "salubrious breezes" and even the hottest of summer days can seem almost tolerable.

There are economic benefits to shade as well - having trees provide shade to our houses can lower your power bill considerably (as much as 35%!) as we run our air conditioning, so there's some relief to your pocketbook as well as to the temperature. Health benefits - you bet. Being in the shade of a tree can reduce your exposure to UV rays by up to 75%, thus reducing the likelihood of any heat-related injury ranging from sunburn to heat stroke. Your body is less stressed being cooler and therefore your mood is improved. Shade can also protect your eyesight from glare, which can protect you from everything from headaches to actual eye injury from long term exposure.



So, back to my original point - the 4th of July. When you're out and about, take advantage of the shade and protect yourself from the sun when you can. Take a look around and see where people congregate; it's going to be under the canopy of one of our magnificent live oaks. The shade that our trees provide us is not something that we often consciously think about, but I suspect on Tuesday all of us will be looking for a little respite from the heat that our trees so effectively provide. Enjoy the Holiday!



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Hearing More Fireworks Than Usual?

Firework displays are happening frequently across the country and these summertime pyrotechnics can be seriously distressing for pets.

1 in 5 pets goes missing after being scared by loud noises, so make sure your furry friends are safe and comfortable with these tips from our experts.



Never allow your pets near fireworks as they can easily become injured



Keep pets inside and secure while fireworks are going off so they can't run away

Make sure your pet has an ID tag and microchip with up-to-date information



Keep a current photo of your pet handy in case they do get lost



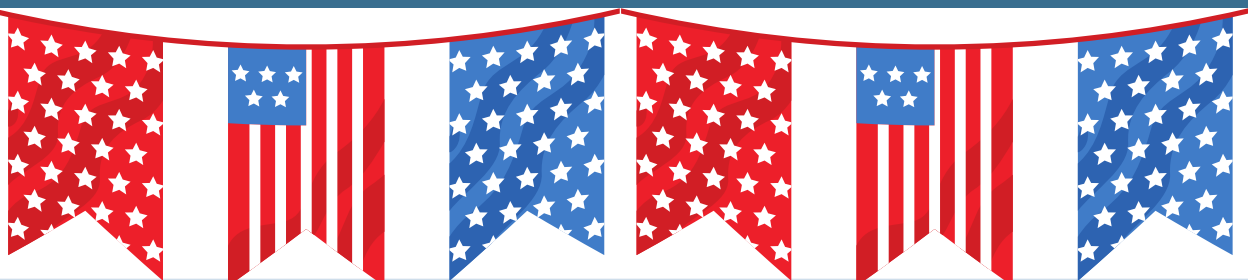
Consult your vet for medication if your pet gets particularly frightened by fireworks and loud noises



If you are going out, consider boarding your pet or taking extra steps to keep them secure



ASPCA | (888) 426-4435
Animal Poison Control Center



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Southport Beautification Committee

Next Clean-up: July 8, 2023

June has been a busy month for Southport's Beautification Committee. During our workday held on Saturday, June 3rd, volunteers could be found at Waterfront Park staining picnic tables, swings, and the trashcan surrounds. These are all used daily by residents and visitors, so we wanted to make sure that they continued to look great.

And if there is one thing that requires constant attention and that's the many gardens that are throughout our City that Beautification Volunteers help maintain. This includes the garden in front of the Fire Department substation on East Nash Street, as well as gardens found at the round-a-bout and the Bonnet Monument on East Moore Street, the Garrison Lawn, Waterfront Park, and the Pollinator Garden located on East Leonard Street. These were all tackled on the Beautification Workday by the many Beautification Volunteers. We are thankful for the efforts of many who come out to help keep our City looking beautiful.



The Beautification Committee, under the leadership of Ken Geiman, has also built a new wheelchair-accessible picnic table which is located at Taylor Field. We hope to build more of these and put them in different locations for folks to use while having a picnic and enjoying our salubrious breezes.

Our month was wrapped up with members of the Beautification Committee taking on the honorable task of end-of-day lowering of the flag at Waterfront Park.

This is always well attended and we enjoy doing this.

While Beautification does not have workdays scheduled during July and August, we'll still be doing work around the City in preparation for the many visitors that we'll see on the 4th. Speaking of the 4th, we hope you have a great one.



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Caswell Avenue Community Garden

The Share Garden Team

At the Caswell Avenue Community Garden [CACG], individual gardeners pay \$40 yearly to garden a 4' x 8' raised bed. These funds go to maintaining the garden as a whole: mulching common areas, mowing, weeding, and the like. This constant maintenance is done in teams. This month we want to feature our Share Garden Team and the excellent work they do.



Our Share Garden Team plants and maintains two large beds. Each of these areas



is approximately three times the size of the individual gardens. The team decides what and how much to plant. They either purchase starter plants or sow from seed. They weed, nurture, and harvest as a team every Tuesday morning. Once harvested, the produce is weighed and cataloged. Veggies are then divided up, placed in paper bags, and delivered to local residents. A log is maintained to ensure that distribution is made equitably amongst those receiving the produce.

At CACG we put COMMUNITY first and our Share Garden is a good example of this. But this community commitment extends beyond the two large shared gardens. Often, individual gardeners are absent for a period of time or they grow more than they can consume. Their excess produce, given to the Share Team, helps boost the harvest so we have even more to give. Each year, CAGG provides many, many pounds of produce to the Southport Community as a whole. Already this year, we have distributed over 75 lbs of veggies. That's a LOT considering the early harvest consists of mostly leafy green vegetables.

We hope that you will peek in on our garden if you are ever on Caswell Avenue behind Brunswick Community College. Talk to a gardener and see what's growing!



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

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A Glimpse of History: 1845 Fourth of July Celebration

from Southport Historical Society Newsletters, The Whittler's Bench, June 4, 1987

The following is an article found in the *Wilmington Chronicle* for Wednesday, July 9, 1845
that Susie Carson Published in *Whittler's Bench*

Why should the good people of Wilmington (I might include the Carolinas) so frequently, en masse, at risk of life and limb and emptying of purses into the bargain, migrate so far abroad for health and recreation, when they can have it for almost turning around, at Smithville? To which, from the Capitals of the Carolinas (both in the center of their respective States), persons can be transported, now, in about 24 hours and from either metropolises in less than half the time. And then that a place to get to, at so little expense! Such air, such society, such accommodations, I, who have been somewhat a traveller have ner yet, before, had the good fortune to meet with such happy combination. A place, shaded, and yet open to the sea - retired and yet, from the daily arrivals of the Steamboats, possessing nearly all the advantages of the city with almost none of the inconveniences; no mosquitoes, no sand flies, no severe diseases, no dust, no din, no confusion; I had almost averred no blight, no mildew, ever disfigures the fair face of Smithville. A smiling Village, indeed!

Sweet Smithville! loveliest village of the sea,
Fond memory, often shall return to thee.

But here, we have the 'Fourth of July' at Smithville - for Smithville we can tell ye, is as patriotic a little place as in all the land. And would be about the last to be backing out from a hearty celebration of the 'Glorious Fourth'; and so how she did make her bells ring again, and her cannons roar, as if the very Mexicans were in sight and colors were flying from every big and little mast head, and the dogs did bark, and the children scream to usher in that day. At the hour appointed in the morning, the procession marched from the Garrison to the Church. A fine show did 'Uncle Sam's men' make of it, as did the 'Thirteen Young States' - Sweet sisterly band, may they indeed be united, and every happy and prosperous in their union.

The Declaration of Independence was read by Mr. R. M. McRackan, with fine tone and emphasis, and the excellent oration of Capt. Taylor, of the U. S. Army, was delivered in a manner calm and dignified. The Patriotic songs of the choirs seemed to be quite in-spiring. Old men felt like 'shouldering their staffs and showing how fields were won', and young men like proving the temper of their maiden blades upon the Country's foe. The Garrison dinner at the Fort went off, in prime style. How could it otherwise On the good old cold water plan! But what a whirring and whizzing and sound of pipe and drum and tabor have we here! 'The Excursion boat is coming' rings out simultaneously from a thousand voices. 'She's here!, She's here!' With pennons streaming, and flags flapping, and colors flying, and she appearing herself as if really concious of a holiday - - at least she's in a broad grin! for a dense mass of darkies on deck, are all at once displaying their ivories and 'turning up de yellor ob der eyes.' What a motley crew she diseinbaques! 'Black spirits and white', blue spirits and grey; and by the capers some of them cut we fear a due of rather undue proportions of 'the ardent'. What a pity that our noble Steamers do not sail under the

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A Glimpse of History: 1845 Fourth of July Celebration *continued*

Temperance Flag. Then there could be little reprehensible to the severest moralist in a scene, once a year, of Holiday hilarity like this; but it is to be regretted exceedingly, that there were cases there degrading to humanity. Oh why, when there is anything proper or pleasant or profitable going on must Satan be allowed to come. Also with his attendant train, disorder, discord and degradation? The great cause of this evil, (I cannot mince the matter), THE BAR should be removed altogether, ere these excursions be unattended with danger, or unalloyed in their enjoyment. The attraction of the evening fireworks at the Fort, thinned 'the ship's company' of some of the most riotous. One of the 'half-seas over' ones I heard reciferating just as the boat pushed off, 'I won't no how, leave them there Firey rigamarole things, they'll be after showing off at night.' Then away we went from pleasant Smithville, the obliging Captain giving us a sail by the 'new Fort', and the 'Light-house' and affording us the sublime spectacle of the broad Atlantic, which here begins to spread itself into its grand immensity.

'Arriving in town in the cool of the evening, just before the 'sober-livered' time, we were ushered in by a merry feu de joie, while a multitude of happy mortals shouted out our welcome back to Wilmington."

(signed) A Return Passenger
Wilmington, N. C., July 5, 1845

On July 2, 1845, the following advertisement had appeared in the Chronicle:

Excursion to Smithville Steamboat will leave one of our lower wharves for Smithville at or about 10 o'clock A. H. on the 4th inst. Fare \$1.00 including collation.

John A. Taylor, S. B. Agent



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We're Hiring!



**COME
JOIN
OUR
TEAM**

OPEN POSITIONS:

- Finance Director

If you are interested in applying for a job with the City of Southport, please read the job post for which you are applying and submit the application accordingly.

Scan or click here to apply now!



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July

Years of Service

Brian Cohan, 5 Years – 7.30.2018

Volunteer Firefighter

John Lowry Jr., 5 Years – 7.30.2018

Volunteer Firefighter

Michael Sullivan, 5 Years – 7.30.2018

Volunteer Firefighter

Allayna Dail, 2 Years – 7.21.2021

Assistant Director of Community Relations

Clara Snipes, 2 Years – 7.7.2021

Custodian

Allison Scouler, 1 Year – 7.5.2022

Police Department Administrative Specialist

Michael McGhee, 1 Year – 7.12.2022

Grounds Maintenance

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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Red, White and Blue Salsa

<https://thecafesucrefarine.com/red-white-and-blue-salsa/>

For the dressing:

- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2-3 teaspoons honey start with 2 and add more if needed
- 1 medium jalapeno finely chopped
- 1 small clove of garlic finely minced
- ¼ teaspoon salt

For the salsa:

- ¾ cups diced jicama
- ½ cup finely diced white onion
- 1 cup diced fresh strawberries
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- ½ cup finely chopped fresh cilantro

Instructions

1. Combine all ingredients for the dressing in a small bowl. Stir well till combined. Set aside.
2. Set aside 1 tablespoon of the chopped cilantro.
3. Just before serving, combine all salsa ingredients (except reserved cilantro) in a medium size bowl. Pour dressing over and mix gently to combine. Sprinkle with a bit of the reserved cilantro and serve.

Note: Use a veggie chopper, it chops veggies into uniform pieces in minutes. It's great for jicama, carrots, potatoes, onion, celery, etc.



Want more inspiration?

4th of July Charcuterie Board

<https://www.number-2-pencil.com/4th-of-july-charcuterie-board/>



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The 2023 North Carolina Fourth of July Festival, Event Highlights

May 29-September 4,
Nightly @ 7:30 pm
**Southport Flag
Ceremony**

at the Waterfront
Area event, hosted by the
Sisters of Southport &
Southport Police Dept.

June 30 @ 6:00 pm
**Welcoming
Ceremony**

Fort Johnston Lawn

July 1 @ 8:00 am
Beach Day Begins

Middleton Park, Oak Island

July 1 @ 3:00 pm
**38th Annual Fire
Fighters Freedom
Competition
& Apparatus Expo**

Nash St

July 1 @ 5:45 pm
Welcoming Ceremony
Middleton Park Extension,
Oak Island



July 1 @ 6:00 pm
Shag Contest

Middleton Park Extension,
Oak Island

July 1 @ 9:00 pm
**Town of Oak Island
Anniversary Fireworks**

Oak Island Pier, Oak Island

July 2 @ 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Arts & Crafts Market

Franklin Square Park

July 2 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
**Clicks of Confidence
and Trick Horses**

Southport, Taylor Field
Park

July 2 @ 4:00 pm
**Red, White & Blue
Freedom Flotilla**

Southport Waterfront Park

July 2 @ 6:00 pm
A Salute to Veterans

Southport Community
Building

July 3 & 4 @
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Arts & Crafts Market

Franklin Square Park

July 3 @ 4:30 pm
**Naturalization
Ceremony**

Fort Johnston Garrison
Lawn

July 3 @ 7:00 - 10:00 pm
**Waterfront Stage
Entertainment &
Street Dance**

Southport Waterfront Park

July 4 @ 11:00 am
**Fourth of July
Festival Parade**

Moore and Howe St
Southport

July 4 @ 3:00 pm
Live Pro Wrestling

Middleton Park, Oak Island

July 4 @ 5:00 pm
Uncle Sam Skydive

Oak Island Beachfront, Oak
Island

July 4 @ 9:00 pm
4th of July Fireworks

Southport Waterfront Park

For a full list of events, scan the QR code or visit
www.nc4thofjuly.com





June 2023 Newsletter



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

Completed

- July 17 Finance & Utilities
- August 14 Police Department
- September 18 Parks & Recreation
- October 16 Fire Department
- November 13 Public Services

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

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Christmas
in July



School Shoe Drive

Help us prepare for
the new school year by
donating a new pair of
tennis shoes to be
distributed by

Power Walking Ministries, Inc.

Est. 2007 - 501 (c) (3)

**Check out our donation shoe tags
located at Shoe Show, Tidewater Plaza
1671 N Howe Street #5, Southport NC
during the month of July**

Donations of socks and gift cards also appreciated!



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SUMMER FUN At Harper Library

July 10 @ 11 am: Museum of Coastal Carolina We're all in this ocean together! Learn all about sharks, dolphins, and whales, how they interact with other animals, and the best beach practices to live in harmony with these wonderful creatures. Call 910-457-6237 to register.

July 17 @ 11 am: Ingram Planetarium Learn how cultures from all around the world and all throughout time have looked up and been inspired by the stars. Join us as we share some of our favorite star stories. Call 910-457-6237 to register.

July 24 @ 11 am: Fish the Magish It's no secret that the library is a fun place to meet new friends, both in person and through books! Join "Fish the Magish" as his "Magical Friendship Show" adds lots of magic -and friends --to your summer! Call 910-457-6237 to register.

July 31 @ 11 am: Foam N Fun Party It's like a pool party without the water! Bring a towel & goggles and get ready for some good, clean fun! Must be registered for the Summer Reading Program to get your ticket to the FUN end of Summer celebration & ceremony. Call 910-457-6237 to register.

River Readers Middle School Book Club: 1st & 3rd Thursdays in July & August @ 4p
Hosted by the Southport Woman's Club. Grab your friends and join us for our 6-session middle school book club! The first five participants receive complimentary copies of all six books from FOLSO! For grades 6th-8th. Call 910-457-6237 to register now.
July 6: Two Degrees by Gratz July 20: School for Whatnots by Haddix

Paws & Pages: Mondays thru July 24th @ 1 pm Improve your child's confidence and literacy skills by reading to a therapy dog. Register for a 15-minute time slot. Children must be able to read independently. Call 910-457-6237 to register now.

Friday Flix July 14th & 28th @ 2pm Bring your blanket and join us for a family movie!

S.T.E.A.M. Team - Wednesdays July 12th & 26th @ 4 pm. Join us for fun S.T.E.A.M. activities! Featuring Osmo, Magformers, Marble Circuits & more! Ages 3+.

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SUMMER FUN

At Harper Library

Lego Pro - Wednesday, July 19th @ 4 pm Team building of a large-scale Lego Kit. For ages 10+. Call 910-457-6237 to register now.

Craft & Create -Thursday, July 20th @ 2 pm Join us for crafting and creating! Ages 10+. Call 910-457-6237 to register now.

Lego We-Do Robotics - Tuesday, July 11th @ 1 pm Join the Kiwanis for robotics! Recommended for grade levels 3rd-6th. Call 910-457-6237 to register now.

MORE PETS RUN AWAY ON JULY 4TH THAN ANY OTHER DAY OF THE YEAR.

Microchip
In the event your pet is separated from you, a microchip will ensure their ticket home. Make sure all information is up to date.

ID Tag & Collar
Make sure the information on your pet's tag is up to date and includes your contact information.

Stay Indoors
Loud fireworks and extra visitors may cause panic. Keep pets indoors in a quiet and escape-proof environment.

Take A Photo
If your pet does run away, a recent photo will aid you in claiming your dog or cat from an animal shelter or animal control.

KEEP US SAFE!

Pet safety tips to have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!



Animal Protective Services

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ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE SOUTHPORT CONCERT SERIES?



WE'VE MOVED TO FALL!

Rest assured, the concerts will be just as amazing as ever! The new schedule will run from August 31 to November 16, and the venue will remain at Franklin Square Park.

Travel is Essential



TO EVERY COMMUNITY. TO EVERY INDUSTRY.

Visitors spend more than \$79 million per day in North Carolina.

That spending adds \$6.4 million per day to state and local tax revenues (about \$3.3 million in state taxes and \$3.1 million in local taxes). North Carolina hosted nearly 45 million visitors in 2021. There was an estimated 975.1 million spent in Brunswick County alone in 2021. To learn more, please visit www.tourismcounts.me or scan the QR code.

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JOIN US FOR THE 2023 SOUTHPORT FOOD TRUCK RODEO

August 5, 2023, 11a-3p

IN FRONT OF THE FORT JOHNSTON VISITOR'S CENTER WITH THE BACK PORCH ROCKERS ON THE LAWN



June 2023 Newsletter



JUNE AT A GLANCE



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Historic Preservation Commission
July 5 @ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - ITMH

Board of Aldermen Agenda Meeting
July 7 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - ITMH

Forestry Committee Meeting
July 11 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - ITMH

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
July 11 @ 6:30 pm - ITMH

ABC Board Budget Meeting
July 12 @ 6:00 pm - ITMH

Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting
July 13 @ 6:00 pm - SCB

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
July 20 @ 6:00 pm - SCB

Zoning Board of Adjustments
July 25 @ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm ITMH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Southport Flag Lowering Ceremony,
hosted by the Sisters of Southport and
the Southport Police Dept
Nightly @ 7:30 pm, Southport
Waterfront

2023 Southport Summer Market
Wednesdays, 10 am - Franklin Sq Park

The 2023 North Carolina
Fourth of July Festival
June 30 - July 4

Southport Symposium featuring
Finance & Utilities
July 17 @ 2:00 pm - SCB

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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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