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

In November we remember our military, celebrate our maritime history, vote in our municipal election, and treasure our blessings by embracing the wonderful holiday of Thanksqiving.

November 11th is Veterans Day. We salute all Veterans and will proclaim their service to our nation at our Board of Alderman Meeting on November 9th. We

salute the Marine Corps on November 10th, founded on this day in 1775.

November 4th is the Southport Wooden Boat Show beginning at 10 am to 4 pm in the Yacht Basin. There will also be a Southport Maritime Art Show on Friday, November 3rd at Franklin Square Art Gallery from 5 pm to 7 pm. Both of these events highlight the wonderful Maritime History of Southport.

November 5th at 2 am we fall back one hour, the end of Daylight Savings Time. So turn your clocks back late Saturday evening on November 4th.

November 7th is Election Day. This is our patriotic duty to participate and I encourage a large turnout on Tuesday for Southport's Municipal Election. And Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 23rd. Celebrate the many blessings we enjoy in Southport with your family and friends and remember our military, our first responders, our medical professionals, and all who will be working on this day.

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



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L. T. Yaskell Tells His Story

Prepared by: Bob Surridge

Hello, my name is Leonard Thadeus Yaskell...L. T. to my friends and Leonard to my wife, Louise, and, Uncle Leonard, to our lovely niece Gwendolyn. Those of you native to Southport know Louise as Louise Standland. Louise and I did not have children, but we were very involved in Gwendolyn's life. Gwen's mother was Louise's older sister, Alneta. Alneta died in December 1915, when Gwendolyn was just one year old. Gwendolyn was always a joy and Louise and I were so proud when she named her daughter Alneta after her mother.

I was what people now call a "Newcomer." I made my way to Southport shortly after World War I. I was a Marine corporal and commanded a gun crew on the cruiser USS Charleston. During my time on the Charleston, we did escort duty in the Caribbean. We also made



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two convoy voyages to France during hostilities and later took occupation troops to France and then brought combat veterans home.

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But, I'm getting ahead of myself. I was born in 1898 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. My tather was Michael (Micha) Yatskoslavage. He came to America from Poland in 1888. My mother Mary, who was 10 years younger than my father, came in 1890. They were married in 1893. I had two older brothers Brunslaw (Bernard) and Adam, plus two younger sisters (Matilda and Stacy). My father was a coal miner. He worked in the hard coal (anthracite) mines, mines that go hundreds of feet underground. The men would say: "I no speak English, hard work...any job!"

Life was very difficult for immigrants in the coal regions and many stayed just a short time before returning to Europe. Did you know that, when my parents came here there was virtually no such thing as "illegal" immigration... anyone who was healthy and not a criminal was allowed into the country. Once here, the "hunkys" (as they called us), both men and boys... went to work in the mines 10–12 hours a day. It was a hard life, which was made more difficult because the people who came to America before us did not like us...they said we were dirty and ignorant...lower class...not worthy to be Americans...even the head of the U. S. Immigration Service said that we were not mentally and socially as good as the earlier immigrants. Many people said we were ruining American culture. In fact, in the 1921 and 1924, congress passed quota laws designed to keep Polish, Italian, Hungarian and other immigrants from central and southern Europe out of the country.

So, you're thinking how did I get to Southport? Well, like I said, I was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA and like most sons of miners, I spent some time working in the mines. Then a friend told my father about St. Helena, North Carolina, where Mr. Hugh MacRae was selling 10 acre farms for \$240...\$90 down and the rest in equal payments over three years. Seeing this, my father and mother made the decision to go to St. Helena. Unfortunately, my father died (perhaps because of black lung disease) shortly after we arrived in NC, but with myself and all my brothers and sisters working with mother...we made our dairy farm work. I eventually took a job as a salesman for the Carolina Trucking and Development Company. And, it was that job that brought me to Southport in the early 1920s. Back then Southport was a dusty, windblown pogie fishing village. Sometimes the odor from the pogies would be terrible, but what Southport founder Joshua Potts called "salubrious breezes" took away the odor.



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In Southport, I found some of the prettiest girls I'd ever seen. One in particular, Louise Standland caught my eye and my heart. Louise and I married in 1921 and took a house on Caswell Street. We started a grocery store and ran it together. By 1927, we were well enough off that I spent a term as the mayor of Southport. In January, 1929, Louise and I packed up our Essex sedan and made a month long trip to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania to visit family and friends. Louise was shocked to learn that I had about as many relatives as there were people in Southport!

Over the years, I developed a strong interest in politics and public service. In addition to serving as the mayor of Southport, I also served as the Chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners. Then in 1935, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt appointed me to be Southport's Postmaster. I was postmaster until 1945. However, I think my proudest time in public service came in 1939 during my tenure as chairman of the hospital's Board of Trustees, when the Brunswick County Hospital was renamed the J. Arthur Dosher Memorial Hospital.

In the late 40s, Louise and I moved to New Jersey to help my mother and brothers run the Brick Church Restaurant in East Orange, NJ. The restaurant was near the Brick Church commuter train station that took workers to and from New York City. Location, location, location. The restaurant was very successful and we stayed in New Jersey until I retired in the early 1960s and we then returned to Southport. At that time, I was able to pick up my work with the Board of Trustees of the hospital. In 1980, I was honored to be asked to cut the ribbon at the opening of the new Southport Post Office.

As you can tell, I lived a long and I believe a successful life. And, I enjoyed every minute of it. I just hope the people of Southport think I helped make Southport a better place to live.







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After 3 weeks of eluding searchers,
13-year-old "Pebbles" was happily
reunited safe and sound with her
relieved pet owners!
Many thanks to the concerned
Southport animal lover that spotted
her and kept her safe until APS
could arrive.



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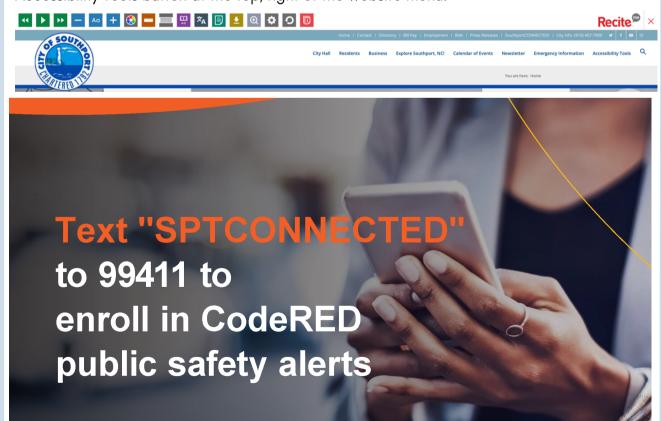
Submitted by ChyAnn Ketchum, Public Information Officer

The City of Southport now provides an inclusive online experience to enable website visitors to access online content and services barrier-free thanks to a new partnership with Recite Me. Recite Me offers an innovative suite of on-demand accessibility tools that make websites accessible and inclusive for a diverse range of people online.

To ensure all our staff and customers can access information and services barrier-free, everyone can customize their experience through a range of tools such as: translation into over 100 languages, text-to-speech functionality, reading aids, and styling options. This includes adjustments to color, font type, and size.

"Providing an inclusive experience online is extremely important to the City of Southport and we are committed to ensuring we help everyone to view our content in a way that works best for them," commented Public Information Officer ChyAnn Ketchum.

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November 7th is Election Day! No you know where to vote?



Southport Precinct 1

<u>Brunswick Senior Resources Southport Senior Center</u> 1513 N Howe St # 1, Southport, NC 28461

Southport Precinct 2

Southport Elementary School
701 W 9th St, Southport, NC 28461



Voters will now be asked to present a valid photo identification when voting in person.

If you do not have a valid photo ID card, you may obtain one from your county board of elections before the election, through the end of the early voting period. If you do not have a valid photo ID card on Election Day, you may still vote and have your vote counted by signing an affidavit of reasonable impediment (or "Photo ID Exception Form") as to why you have not presented a valid photo ID.



Southport Forestry Committee

There's pruning – and then there's pruning



Over the last several weeks, you've probably seen the City Grounds Crew around town pruning trees along the streets and in our parks. We've talked about pruning before in this newsletter - but this large-scale pruning along our City streets is a little different.

Southport is fortunate in that we have an extensive urban forest canopy, but this canopy needs to be maintained both to ensure the health of the trees and the safety of our citizens and infrastructure. The tree

limbs that extend over our streets need to be maintained at a height of 14 feet - why? - So that fire department vehicles have unimpeded access when responding to an emergency. Small branches and limbs over sidewalks need to be cleared so that they do not impede foot traffic. In high-traffic areas, such as our playgrounds, the Community Center, etc. limbs and branches that are dead or dying need to be removed before they reach a point where they may fall and injure someone. This periodic maintenance is beneficial to both the trees, and those of us that live under them.

Another regular pruning event that we see fairly regularly is when the power company does maintenance pruning along our power lines. Sometimes, we're not happy with the result from an aesthetic standpoint, but the number one priority in this case is to maintain the integrity of the power grid. As frustrated as we might be with the



heavy pruning along our main thoroughfares, we'd be much more distressed by the loss of power if a limb takes out a power line. It's a necessary function and one that we will have to

deal with until all of our power lines are placed underground.

Any healthy forest needs to be managed and an urban forest is no different. However, the urban forest has the added requirement to manage for infrastructure as well as a responsibility for public safety. So, next time you see the crew out pruning, take a moment to appreciate the work that they're doing to keep us all safe – you, me, and the trees.



Pine trees are considered evergreens because they keep their needles for approximately 2 years. When old needles fall, new needles quickly take their place. However, as they reach "old age", needles will begin to turn bright yellow, then eventually brown, and are released. The change can be gradual, or, with some species, quite rapid, which tends to make people believe they change along with other trees in the fall.



Southport Beautification Committee

Next Clean-up: November 4, 2023

What a busy work day that Southport's Beautification Volunteers had on Saturday, October 7th.

While a number of volunteers started the day staining the benches on East Moore Street in front of the old Court House, others headed to different areas to clean up some garden beds. Down on North Fodale Avenue volunteers cleaned up and mulched the bed in front of the Jaycee Building while others cleaned up the garden bed around the Northwood Cemetery sign. Fresh mulch was then added around the sign improving the overall look.

While the staining crew headed over to stain a couple of picnic tables in Franklin Square Park behind the Fire Department substation on East Nash Street, a couple of intrepid volunteers pruned bushes around the Community Building and cleaned up the garden beds on the Garrison House lawn.

While all of this was going on, two volunteers armed with spray bottles and rolls of paper towels visited each of the Historical Society's historic markers and around the City and gave them a good cleaning and removed the grime of summer improving the readability of each of them.

By this time, the staining crew, ever on the move, were now found over on North Dry Street, providing a good coat of stain on a wooden bench that was installed ages ago between two very large Live Oaks.

It takes a good group of volunteers to help keep our City of Southport looking as great as it does. Looking for a great way to spend a couple of hours on a Saturday morning? Come and give us a hand.

Our next Beautification Workday will be held on Saturday, November 4th. We meet at the Jail Annex on N. Rhett Street at 9 a.m. Come and join us!



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The Historic Preservation Commission invites you to provide your feedback on the proposed Design Standards at the upcoming Public Input Meeting. Please scan the QR code to view the drafted standards and boundary lines.

Public Input Meeting:

Southport Community Building at 6:00pm 223 E. Bay Street

November 13, 2023





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Are you a local business hosting a <u>free</u> and open-to-the-public event?

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from The South-Carolina Gazette, Revised Printing, 1996, Text by John G. Leland

This is an interesting read from the South Carolina Gazette, first published in 1972 and revised and printed again in 1996. The full article can be found in the Southport Historical Society archives, under "Early Settlements." This is part three of three.

With the prize vessel in escort, Bonnet headed for Cape Fear Inlet for overhauling The Royal James was by now leaking badly. Just upstream from the ocean in the mouth of a creek on the Cape Fear River she was careened. Her unseaworthiness was quite apparent, so Bonnet seized a small shallop to use its planking for repairs. Here he made the mistake of letting the shallop's crew go, for they spend the word that a pirate ship was hove to in the Cape Fear.

This news reached Charles Town, and the 42-year-old Gov. Robert Johnson decided to take positive action. The pirates had to be dealt with Shipping was almost at a standstill, and Gov. Eden of North Carolina was reluctant to deal with the matter. The accusation has been made that Eden's reluctance stemmed from sympathy for the pirates who enriched his coffers.

Col. William Rhett, a leading citizen of 52 years in Charles Town, agreed to go after Bonnet. A proud and imperious man, Rhett on more than one occasion had had his differences with Governors and Lord Proprietors, but when it was a question of battle, this soldier-sailor was the best in the Colony. His reputation dates back to 1706 when five French enemy ships appeared off Charles Town harbor. Rhett had rounded up five merchant vessels, mounted guns aboard, and chased them off, and pursuing Seewee Bay had captured the main French man-of-war. Rhett now followed a similar procedure. He equipped and manned two sloops, the Henry with 8 guns and 70 men, and the Sea Nymph with 8 guns and 60 men.

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On September 14, 1718, he was ready to go after Bonnet whom he thought was "Capt. Thomas." Word was brought by a sloop from Antigua that three ships had been stopped off Charles Town by another pirate named Charles Vane, or Baughan, who had a 12 gun brigantine and a crew of 90. This changed Rhett's plans. Vane's reputation had started with his plundering Spanish galleons, but his activities became more immediately threatening in recent months when he started ravaging the Carolina coasts. Later Vane was to be accused of cowardice, set adrift by his crew, and then rescued by an old friend who subsequently turned him in to the authorities at Jamaica, where he was speedily hanged.

Rhett had no choice but to sail out against Vane. Heading southward, he lost much time around the Edisto before realizing that Vane had escaped him. Then Rhett returned to his original objective. He sailed for Cape Fear and reached the point on the evening of September 26th. The mouth of the Cape Fear River was obstructed by sand bars, and lacking experienced pilots both of Rhett's ships were soon stuck hard on the shoals across the river entrance. He could see the masts of the Royal James above the low-lying trees on a point of land further upstream. The next high tide that would float the ships was near midnight, and darkness would prevent an attack before dawn. so Rhett began making his vessels ready for action

The pirates were in a vulnerable position. They had spotted the two vessels coming in but

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did not know if they carried fighting crews or heavy cargo. Two small boats rowed downstream to have a look, then hastened back to report that they were ships of war. The rest of the night was spent with both sides working feverishly. The pirates had to break camp ashore and quickly finish their job of overhauling With great bravado, Bonnet wrote an insolent letter addressed to Gov. Johnson, promising that should he survive the battle, he would plunder and burn every ship leaving Charles Town. At dawn, the land breezes favored outbound vessels. Bonnet ran up his sails and bore downstream. His intention was to get past the grounded sloops and into the ocean, where escape was possible.

Rhett's ships meanwhile had been floated by the rising tide and now closed in on the Royal James. They forced her into the shallows, and Bonnet's ship grounded. Moving in. both of Rhett's ships also struck bottom. The tide was ebbing. It would be hours before any of them would float again. The Sea Nymph struck ground too far away to be of help, but the Henry, with Rhett aboard, was within pistol shot of Bonnet's ship. The two ships had listed in the same direction when they hit bottom, and Bonnet had the advantage. His hull protected his decks Rhett's decks were exposed to the pirates' fire. For six hours the battle lasted. Despite their disadvantageous position, Rhett's men gallantly managed to bring fire on the pirate ship, but Bonnet's guns played havoc with his opponent's rigging and decks.

Bonnett's men felt all the advantage to be on their side. Insults were exchanged, and the pirates "made a wiff in their bloody flag." and beckoned with their hats for Rhett's men to come aboard. However, luck lay with whichever ship righted herself first. It was quite late in the day before the issue could be settled. Fate was with Rhett. The Henry slowly righted and finally was free from the sandy bottom. She had maneuverability and her big guns could now be brought into line of fire. Rhett ordered his helmsman to steer for the Royal James As her sails filled and the Henry moved down on him, Bonnet was ranting and raving on the deck of his impotent ship. His men were demanding surrender, and Bonnet was brandishing his pistols and threatening to kill any man who refused to fight to the finish. He also threatened to set fire to his powder magazine and blow everyone up if they yielded.

The pirates were demoralized. When Rhett was on the point of boarding. Bonnet's men ran up the white flag and Bonnet shouted across to Rhett that he would surrender unconditionally. When the odds were against him, almost every pirate's courage deserted him.

Rhett had gone in chase of the pirate "Capt. Thomas" Now he realized his prisoner was the much sought Stede Bonnet The battle had cost the lives of ten men aboard the Henry and 14 wounded, some of whom later died of their wounds. Two were dead aboard the Sea Nymph and four were wounded. Seven pirates had been killed and five wounded, of whom two died later. The Henry had sustained considerable damage to her rigging during the battle, and repairs had to be made before sailing back to home port.



A week later, on October 3rd, Rhett led his two ships and the Royal James into Charles Town harbor. There being no public jail in the town at that time, the pirates were imprisoned in the Guard House, a building standing in the half-moon bastion at the foot of Broad St on East Bay. This two-story structure served a double purpose with the guard house below and the Council chamber above. Major Bonnet, being a gentleman by birth, was not imprisoned with his men but allowed to stay in the house of Marshal Partridge, under guard at night.

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NEAR THIS SPOT IN THE AUTUMN OF 1718

STEDE BONNET, NOTORIOUS GENTLEMAN PIRATE, AND TWENTY NINE OF HIS MEN

CAPTURED BY COLONEL WILLIAM RHETT. MET THEIR JUST DESERTS AFTER A TRIAL

AND CHARGE, FAMOUS IN AMERICAN HISTORY.
BY CHIEF JUSTICE NICHOLAS TROTT.

LATER NINETEEN OF RICHARD WORLEY'S CREW CAPTURED BY GOVERNOR ROBERT JOHNSON, WERE ALSO FOUND GUILTY AND HANGED. ALL WERE BURIED OFF WHITE POINT GARDENS

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David Heriot, his sailing master lieutenant, and Ignatius Pell, his boatswain, were also placed in the marshal's house when these two men agreed to turn in King's evidence and testify against their former comrades, The trial of pirates was usually a speedy if not perfunctory affair. In this case, for reasons unknown, there was considerable delay. Weeks went by. The month of October 1718 was one of turmoil and excitement in Charles Town. Rumors led to rioting by night. The militia guard was not very strong, and any alarm created havoc among the insecure inhabitants.

On the 21st, news came that Christopher Moody, a 24-year-old pirate, was off the bar in a ship carrying 50 guns and 200 miles. He had captured two vessels that were trying to make port. Action had to be taken at once. Gov. Johnson appealed to Rhett again, but the testy veteran, for some reason, refused. Johnson himself then rounded up four vessels including Bonnet's ship since it had been seized as a prize. The Governor set about equipping them for battle.

On October 28th Bonnet's crew was put on trial. Three days Market to Bonnet at Battery Park Charleston, S.C. before this date, however, it was discovered that Bonnet had escaped custody Heriot, his sailing master, newly turned King's evidence, had gone along with him. Whether this escape was engineered by sympathetic friends or bribery, is not known. Bonnet had slipped out in a woman's dress along with Heriot to a small sailboat with an Indian and a negro aboard, and in the darkness of night slipped down Charles Town harbor and out to sea. He was hoping to find Moody.

Such audacity was too much. The Governor offered a large reward for his recapture. Rhett patched up his disagreements and agreed to go after Bonnet once more.

In the meantime, the trial of Bonnet's crew took place before a Vice-Admiralty Court with Nicholas Trott presiding. Trott, now 55 years old, had first become Chief Justice in the colony in 1703. He was now judge of Vice Admiralty and chief justice of the province. and a member of the Council. A scrupulously correct legalist, his arbitrary exactness was scarcely tempered by sentiment or sympathy. For this trial Judge Trott was aided by an imposing array of citizens, ten assistant judges (according to the law at that time), and a grand jury. The prosecution was conducted by Richard Alleing, provincial attorney general, and Thomas Hepworth, both of whom were eventually to become chief justices of the province.

The question before the court asked: were Bonnet's men, each and individually, "aiding in and consenting to the piracies? Though Heriot, who had agreed to be King's evidence, had escaped with Bonnet. Ignatius Pell, the boatswain, was available in this capacity. The Captains, Thomas Read, and Peter Manwareing were also on hand as witnesses. The pirates had no counsel to defend them, but this was the custom at that time. There never was a doubt about the fact of piracy; it was a question of intention. Did each man willingly consent to the acts or profit by them?

Bonnet's crew was divided into parcels of from five to nine men and tried in separate groups. Good intentions are almost impossible to prove, and it is amazing that out of 33 men, four were found not guilty.

These men on trial were a polyglot crew. Ten were Englishmen from London, Bristol, etc. Five Scots came from Glasgow and Aberdeen and two Irishmen from Dublin. Six men were from Jamaica and seven from the colonies (four coming from Bath-town, N.C., and three

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from Charles Town. Most likely they would have joined up with Bonnet because they were bored with the humdrum and difficult life aboard merchant ships, or perhaps they simply jumped at the chance for excitement and easy money.

Bonnet's Quartermaster, Robert Tucker from Jamaica, was the first man questioned but had little to say. The witnesses against him were specific in describing his commanding position among the crew and characterized him as a fearless fighter who quickly "fell to beating and cutting with his cutlass" when given the opportunity.

The men made practically no defense, claiming they were forced into piracy by Bonnet. Those who had been marooned had no choice, they said, as they were "in a strange land, with no money, with nothing left, and they had to live. They offered no proof other than their word.

Thomas Nichols, a Londoner, was acquitted when others testified that he was reluctant to work for Bonnet and that, when forced to do so, he worked alone, and kept to himself. and would not join the rest. He would not take his share of the booty. In the battle with Rhett, he refused to fight. Bonnet put a pistol to his head and was ready to blow his brains out when the Major was suddenly distracted by another man falling dead by his side.

Rowland Sharp was set free when it was proved that he had run away from the ship and returned, after four days, only because he lacked food and water. He had refused to join up with the crew by not signing the "Articles", a requirement of every seaman when he went aboard. At first, Bonnet started to have him shot and gave Sharp "the liberty to choose the four men who would do it." But Bonnet changed his mind and said we would maroon Sharp, making him "Governor of the first island he came to" putting him ashore and leaving him there.

Jonathan Clarke also had run away but returned because of hunger, and then was put to work at the most menial tasks. He was acquitted. Thomas Gerrard gained his freedom when it was proved the crew had threatened to make a slave of him because he was a mulatto.

Judge Trott, at the end of the trial, made a lengthy speech, pious and rhetorical and full of Biblical quotations, warning them that they must now appear before the tribunal of Christ.

On November 5th the twenty-nine pirates were sentenced to be hanged.

These were days of action, for the previous morning Gov. Johnson had sailed his flotilla down the harbor in pursuit of the pirate Moody. On November 6th Col. Rhett returned to Charles Town with Bonnet once again his prisoner. Rhett had caught up with him on Sullivan's Island.

Bonnet and Heriot had sailed out in the darkness twelve days before and set a course northeast, but headwinds had kept them offshore and forced them back to the east shore of this island at the mouth of Charles Town harbor. Rhett had landed here at night and searched the myrtle and palmetto thickets for several hours. Finding the pirates' camp, there was a brief skirmish. Heriot was killed and Bonnet taken prisoner. Back in town Bonnet was now placed under strict guard.

On Saturday, November 8th, the convicted men of Bonnet's crew were hanged at White Point on the outskirts of Charles town. The following Monday, Bonnet went on trial. Bonnet's trial took place in a room in the house of Garrett Vanvelain. It was a lively affair. Bonnet was called a great ringleader who seduced men to become pirates. Since April 5, 1718, he and

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Blackbeard had taken 28 vessels. The specific charges were his taking the Fortune and the Frances, and Read and Manwareing were present as witnesses against him.

Bonnet pleaded not guilty and told Judge Trott. "My pleading not guilty is because I may have something to offer in my defense." Hepworth opened his denunciation of Bonnet saying "he has been guilty of many piracies, committed many robberies, ruined many families, and been the occasion of many most cruel and inhuman murders, and all within a very short time past. He should be ashamed ever to see the face of an Englishman." The testimony of boatswain Ignatius Pell told of Bonnet's history from the time of his meeting with Blackbeard. When Bonnet said he never accepted his share of booty, Manwareing faced him and proved his denial a lie. He went further to say Bonnet had taken everything he possessed "Which was my all that I had in the world. So I do not know but my wife and children are now perishing for want of bread in New England. Had it been only myself. I had not mattered it so much. But my poor family grieves me."

Bonnet tried to claim he was asleep when the Frances was taken, but Manwaring refuted this. For the acts of piracy Bonnet stated, "I never gave consent to any such actions for I often told them (the crew) if they did not leave off committing such robberies, I would leave the sloop and desired them to put me ashore." He blamed his Quartermaster, Tucker, who by now had been hanged.

Whether the Major was completely serious in his denials or tempted to facetiousness is hard to tell. However, when the Court proceeded to try him for taking the Fortune, he pleaded guilty.

Judge Trott in summation cited Bonnet's taking of thirteen vessels, his taking his shares of booty, and the testimony of the crew that Bonnet had given orders in taking ships. Found guilty by the Court, Judge Trott verbally chastised the prisoner with a lengthy and pious diatribe. After citing the piracies he said. "But to theft, you have added a greater sin, which is murder. You killed no less than eighteen persons sent by lawful authority to suppress you.. and their blood now cries out for vengeance and justice. for it is confirmed by the law of God that whose sheddeth man's blood. by man shall his blood be shed.

Following with Biblical quotations on repentance and faith in Christ as prerequisites for eternal salvation, Judge Trott concluded with "having now discharged my duty to you as a Christian, by giving you the best counsel I can concerning the salvation of your soul. I must now do my office as a judge. The sentence the law hath appointed to pass upon you for your offenses is that you, Stede Bonnet, shall go from hence to the place from whence you came, and from thence to the place of execution where you shall be hanged by the neck till you are dead. And the God of infinite mercy is merciful to your soul."

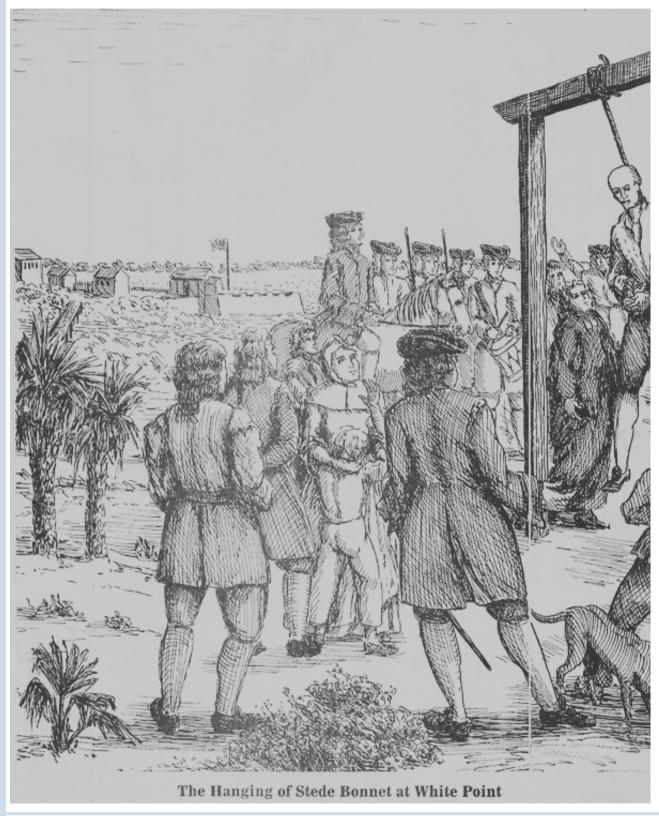
Bonnet was sentenced on Wednesday, November 12, 1718, but his execution did not immediately follow. Despite his notorious reputation, he had friends and sympathizers. in Charles Town. Pressure was brought to bear on Gov. Johnson either to grant a pardon or commute his sentence. Bonnet asked to be taken to London and have his case reviewed there, and surprisingly, Col. Rhett offered to take him there. But Gov. Johnson had no sympathy for Bonnet at all. The Major's offenses were too flagrant, his guilt too apparent, had he not escaped after he was taken, misleading his fellow prisoner Heriot into escaping with him, and causing his death. This was no sign of repentance or reformed intentions.

The condemned man now wrote a long letter to the Governor, abasing himself, piteously pleading for mercy, almost groveling for pardon for crimes he said were committed under

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compulsion. Perhaps part of Bonnet's difficulty lay in his being born a gentleman. For now, instead of this granting him the privilege, he represented to the Governor a man who had betrayed his heritage in the worst possible way. He had made a mockery of the responsibility of gentility. Now he could redeem himself best by dying with some show of dignity and fortitude.

Two days after Bonnet was sentenced by the Court, Gov. Johnson, at sea with his small fleet, captured the pirate "Moody," only to find that his foe was not Moody but Richard Worley, an equally notorious pirate. Worley's career of only six months of piracy ended when he was killed on deck by Johnson's men.

On November 22nd Bonnet's old nemesis, Blackbeard, met a violent death in Ocracoke Inlet Lt. Robert Maynard, aboard the Virginia sloop Pearl, had sailed in search of Blackbeard. Posing as a merchantman, he lured Blackbeard into making an attack. The pirates saw a few men on deck and believing them to be the entire crew boarded the Pearl. Suddenly Maynard's fighting men, hiding below deck, came topside and a bloody fight followed. Maynard and Blackbeard fired pistols at each other at point-blank range. Then they went to it with cutlasses Blackbeard's heavy sword broke Maynard's, and the pirate was drawing back to deal the final coup when one of Maynard's men slashed him across the throat. Blackbeard went down with twenty-five wounds, five of them pistol shots. His head was cut off and taken back to port hanging from the bowsprit of the Pearl. His body was thrown to the sharks. Gov. Robert Johnson set Wednesday, December 10th, for Bonnet's public hanging on the outskirts of Charles Town at White Point. At that time this was a desolate point at the head of a sand bar marking the confluence of the Ashley and Cooper Rivers Edged with undulating marshes, the sandy soil was abandoned to patches of brooding scrub oaks and palmettos between occasional small farms.

If the Major had borne up under his sentence with some dignity, the prospect of death now unnerved him and he was "scarcely sensible when he came to the place of execution." His hands were manacled, and in his fingers was the usual little bouquet carried by condemned men, in this case, a cluster of wilted flowers.

A curious crowd in a holiday mood watched as the tumbrel cart moved beneath the cross piece of the gallows. Guards and officials stood by. There were even some sympathizers, especially among the women. The Major's wig was removed, and the noose lowered over his head. The cart moved forward and Major Stede Bonnet stepped into the air and swung into eternity.

The body hung in the chill December air for several days then was cut down and consigned beneath the mud at the water's edge below the level of low tide. Stede Bonnet and twenty-nine of his crew were sentenced to die, but the records list only Bonnet and the names of twenty-two of his men as being hanged. The fate of the other seven pirates poses something of a mystery, or perhaps it was a clerical omission. Word of the determined actions of the colonial forces of law and order spread rapid-ly, and the brotherhood of freebooters retreated to safer seas. The coastal shipping lanes were free once more. Rid of the pirate menace, commerce in the Carolinas could resume its course of progress, and Charles Town grew to become one of the safest and most active ports in the Colonies.











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November

Years of Service

tom Starley, 9 Years - 11.24.2014.
Director of Public Services

tyrus Davis, 8 Years - 11.3.2015 Public Services Technician

todd Coring, 5 Years - 11.1.2018
Police Chief

tori Neviney, 5 Years - 11.7.2018
Permit Technician

Katie Ward, 4 Years - 11.15.2019
Police Officer

William Holmes, 2 Years - 11.9.2021 Grounds Maintenance

*Amity Foreman, 2 Years - 11.30.2021*Utility Billing Specialist

Zachary Robbins, 1 Year - 11.28.2022 Firefighter

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Sweet Potato Rolls

https://www.southernliving.com/recipes/sweet-potato-rolls

Ingredients:

- 1 large sweet potato peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 2/3 cup whole milk
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1 (1/4-oz.) package active dry yeast
- 3 tablespoons + 1 teaspoon granulated sugar, divided
- 2 large eggs
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted, divided
- 4 1/2 cups bread flour, plus more for kneading
- 11/2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons cane syrup
- 3/4 teaspoon flaky séa salt



Instructions

- 1. Bring sweet potato and milk to a boil in a small saucepan over medium-high. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook, covered, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are very soft, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat. Using a potato masher or fork, mash potatoes with milk until very smooth. Transfer to a medium bowl to cool completely, about 30 minutes.
- 2. Stir together warm water, yeast, and 1 teaspoon of sugar in a small bowl. Let stand until foamy, about 5 minutes.
- 3. Beat together sweet potato mixture, yeast mixture, eggs, 4 tablespoons of melted butter, and the remaining 3 tablespoons of sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough hook on low to combine. With the mixer running, gradually add bread flour and kosher salt, beating on low until the dough is soft and smooth, about 4 minutes. Transfer dough to a lightly floured surface. Knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes, adding up to 1/3 cup flour, as needed, if the dough is very sticky. Transfer dough to a lightly greased large bowl, and cover with plastic wrap. Let stand at room temperature until doubled in size, 1 to 1 1/2 hours.
- 4. Preheat oven to 375°F. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface, and divide into 15 balls. Place balls in a lightly greased 13– x 9-inch baking pan. Cover with plastic wrap, and let stand at room temperature until almost doubled in size, 45 minutes to 1 hour. Meanwhile, stir together cane syrup and the remaining 2 tablespoons of melted butter; set aside.
- 5. Uncover the rolls, and bake in a preheated oven until light golden brown, 18 to 22 minutes. Brush hot rolls with cane syrup butter; sprinkle with flaky sea salt. Serve immediately, or transfer rolls to a wire rack to cool completely, about 30 minutes.





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.



Registration is required.
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Meet the Author at Harper Library

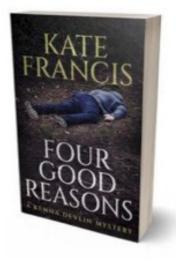
Mystery Writer Kate Francis

Wednesday, November 15 at 4:00pm Harper Library, 109 W. Moore St., Southport NC



About the Author

Prior to becoming a successful novelist, Kate
Immordino (pen name Kate Francis) had
a 30-year career with the State of NJ, culminating
as Assistant Commissioner for the NJ Department
of Transportation. She also served as a consultant
and lecturer at Rutgers University, where she earned
a PhD in Organizational Communications. Kate
now resides in southeastern NC and spends her time
writing mysteries, drawing on her insider-knowledge
of the political and governmental worlds to inspire
exciting plots. She also writes contemporary romance
novels under the pen name Dina Kates.



Four Good Reasons, the third book in the Kenna Devlin mystery series, finds the savvy detective searching to find a missing security guard at a pharmaceutical company who "ghosted" her friend. She quickly realizes he isn't the first person at Cantaldi Pharmaceuticals to die. Soon Kenna and her FBI agent boyfriend are struggling to stop those who would sell dangerous medical technology to the highest bidder.

Seating is limited!

Stop by Harper Library to register or call (910) 457-6237. Registration opens Wednesday, November 1, 2023.





November At Harper Library

Lifelong Learners: Pompeii: Daily Life in an Ancient Roman City:

Wednesdays at 10 am 9/6/2023-11/29/2023 (no meeting 11/22) Join us for a video lecture and discussion. Resurrect the long-lost lives of aristocrats, merchants, slaves, and Roman people in this imperial city. All are welcome! No registration!

LegoMania: Thursdays @ 4 pm (no meeting 11/23) Join us in the Kid Zone for fun Lego building! All ages are welcome! You don't need to register.

Storytime Mondays @ 10am: Join us for fun stories, songs, dancing, and crafts! Ages 0-5. No registration is required.

One-On-One Tech Support: Thursdays 1-3 p.m. by appointment, Have trouble with your computer, tablet, or phone? Schedule a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with volunteer technology coach John McDonald. For adults age 17+. Register online: https://brunsco.libcal.com/appointments/harper#s-lc-public-pt

S.T.E.A.M. Team Thursdays: Nov. 2nd & 16th @ 5-6pm Join us for fun S.T.E.A.M. activities! Featuring Osmo, Magformers, MarbleCircuits & more! Ages 3+. Register online @ https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11188624 (11/2) & https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11188625 (11/16)

FIRST FRIDAY BINGO: Friday, November 3rd at 2:00pm Join us for an afternoon of Bingo! Win fun prizes! For adults age 17+. Register online @ https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/10983332

Dungeons & Dragons: Fridays, November 3rd & 17th @ 4:00pm Join us for an epic role playing game where you will be immersed in a fantasy world and your choices will decide your fate. This event is open to anyone aged 15+, all experience levels are welcome! Newbies are encouraged! Register online @https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11242731 (11/3) & https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11242732 (11/17)

Paws & Pages Monday November 6th @ 4-5pm 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. Register online @ https://brunsco.libcal.com/appointments/harper#s-lc-public-pt



November At Harper library

SLICE N DICE: Board Game Tournament Tuesday, November 7th @ 1:00-3:00PM Whether you're new to board games or a gamer pro, join us for pizza, board games, and lots of fun! For teens & and adults age 13+. Register online @ https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11173829

CRAFTING WITH CANDICE Maple Leaf Luminaries Thursday, November 9th at 2:00pm Join us for a fall craft. All materials provided. For adults age 17+. Register online @ https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11044936

BUDGET WORKSHOP Tuesday, November 14th @ 6:00pm Learn the importance of budgets and how to create one so you can achieve your goals. Plus, FREE snacks! For adults age 17+. Register online @ https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11458861

NANOWRIMO WRITE-IN Thursday, November 16th 12:00-1:00pm November is National Novel Writing Month! Network with other writers in the community and join us for a Write-In where we'll work on our own writing projects together. Writing prompts will be available for those looking for inspiration too! Join us at Writer's Group at 1:00pm to share what you have written. For adults age 17+. Register online @ https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11461358

WRITER'S GROUP Thursday, November 16th 1:00-3:00pm Looking to grow as a writer and join a community of writers? Bring a piece you've written (1,500 words max.) to share with the group. We'll take turns reading aloud our writing and providing constructive feedback. For adults age 17+. Register online @ https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11045012

TRIVIA TIME! TV Trivia Friday, November 17th @ 2:00pm Bring your friends and test out your TV trivia knowledge! Questions will cover a variety of genres and decades in TV. Teams can range from 1-5 players. Snacks and prizes await! For adults age 17+. Register online @ https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11044904

Dead Tree Society Book Club: The Last Cuentista Saturday, November 18th @ 1pm NEW BOOK CLUB for 6th-10th graders. First 20 registrations for November book club will receive a FREE copy of the book, "The Last Cuentista". The book club is partnering with the Brunswick Arts Council, and is a part of our NEA Big Read programming. Participants will discuss the book and create a time capsule. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. Register online @ https://brunsco.libcal.com/event/11304465





THURSDAYS, AUGUST 31 - NOVEMBER 16, 6 - 8 P.M. FRANKLIN SQUARE PARK WWW.CITYOFSOUTHPORT.COM/SOUTHPORT-CONCERT-SERIES

NOVEMBER

2 CMB*

5 Little Big House Rock

Added rain date NC Blues Kings All Star Show Jazz

Sun, Nov 5, 2p-5p 9 Bat Bennett* Rock

12 Back Porch Rockers Rock

16 The Sandy Branch Band* Bluegrass

Added rain date
Sun, Nov 12, 2p-5p

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*Indicates a food truck is planned for that evening, please check online to verify attendance.

Code of Ordinances Sec. 12-41: Prohibited activities at the park: Consumption of malt beverages and unfortified wine.







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MAYOR'S DOWNTOWN TREE LIGHTING **CEREMONY**

(Sponsored by the City of Southport) Come join us on Friday, December 1 at 6 to share in the Joy of the Season.

STOREFRONT **SHOWCASE**

(Sponsored by the City of Southport) Visit and vote on local businesses that have decorated for the season!

WINTERFEST TEA

(Sponsored by the Sisters of Southport) Saturday, December 2 at 1:00 at the Southport Community Building. Tickets (Sponsored by will be \$45 and are available at Ricky Evans Gallery or the Ft. Johnston Visitors Center.

PET PICTURES WITH SANTA

(Sponsored by Southport Animal Protective Services) Sunday, December 3, 2-4 Indian Trail Meeting Hall /

SHOP-WITH-A-COP CONCERT

(Sponsored by Southport Police Dept.) Monday, December 4, 6-8 Franklin Square Park. Featuring the BACK PORCH ROCKERS.

CANDY CANE GARDEN PARTY

(Sponsored by Southport Garden Club) Tuesday, December 5, 6-8 Keziah Park Buy candy canes online at southportgardenclub.org, available for pickup at Visitors Center.

ANNUAL COOKIE CONTEST Children will board the fire

(Sponsored by The State Port Pilot) Wednesday, December 6, 3:30-5:30, Southport Community Building For more information visit stateportpilot.com.

SUPPER WITH SANTA'S ELVES

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

CHRISTMAS MOVIE "POLAR EXPRESS"

(Sponsored by Southport Parks & Rec.) Thursday, December 7, at dusk Keziah Park 113 W. Moore St. Fort Johnston Garrison Lawn Chairs/blankets are suggested. Snacks provided by Southport Intracoastal Realty.

ONCE MORE BOOKSTORE'S HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

(Sponsored by Friends of the Library Southport Oak Island) Friday, December 8th, from 10-4 At 727 N Howe St.

HISTORIC HOLIDAYS

(Sponsored by NC Maritime Museum at Southport) Friday, December 8, 12-4 204 É. Moore St.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE

(Sponsored by Southport Fire Dept.) Friday, December 8, 5:30 engines at the Fire Station Parade begins at 6:30 Parade route: Waterfront Park, Saturday, December 9, 12-5 down Howe St., back to the Southport Fire Station. Following the parade, children are invited to visit with Santa and will receive a gift. Concessions available.

WINTER CRAFT FESTIVAL

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

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

(Sponsored by Southport Parks & Rec.) Saturday, December 9, 10-11 209 Atlantic Ave., beside Southport Gym.

WINTERFEST PERFORMING ARTS

(Sponsored by Brunswick Arts Council) Saturday, December 9, 11-3 Franklin Square Park Stage.

SOUTHPORT TRAIN AND TOY SHOW

(Sponsored by Wilmington Railroad Museum & Grand Strand Model Railroaders) Indian Trail Meeting Hall Saturday, December 9th, open from 12-5, presentations at 1 & 3.

OLD BRUNSWICK COUNTY JAIL MUSEUM TOURS

(Sponsored by Southport Historical Society) on the corner of Nash & Rhett St.

HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES

(Sponsored by Southport Historical Society) Saturday, December 9, 12-5 Tickets are needed to join this tour and can be purchased for \$25 through the Southport Historical Society's website starting on November 28th at 10

CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

(Sponsored by Brunswick Arts Council) Concert & Party Saturday, December 9, from 3-5 Southport Community Building

SOUTHPORT WINTERFEST **FLOTILLA**

(Sponsored by Cape Fear Yacht Club, Downtown Southport, Inc., & City of Southport) Saturday, December 9, 6 on the Southport Waterfront. Bring chairs and blankets and enjoy the beauty of the C hristmas lights bouncing off the water. Judges will be Southport **Elementary School Art Class** Students.









AT A GLANCE



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Historic Preservation Commission November 1 @ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - ITMH

Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting November 3 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - ITMH

> ABC Board Meeting November 8 @ 6:30 pm - ITMH

Board of Aldermen Meeting November 9 @ 6:00 pm - SCB

City offices Closed for Holiday November 10

Southport Symposium Featuring Public Services November 13 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - SCB

Historic Preservation Commission Public Input Meeting November 13 @ 6:00 pm - SCB

Forestry Committee Meeting November 14 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - ITMH

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting November 16 @ 6:00 pm - SCB

Beautification Committee Meeting November 20 @ 5:00 pm - ITMH

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting November 21 @ 6:00 pm - ITMH

> City offices Closed for Holiday November 23

> City offices Closed for Holiday November 24

Zoning Board of Adjustments November 28 @ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - ITMH

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 Southport Concert Series Thursdays, 6 pm - Franklin Sq Park

Southport Historical Society General Meeting November 2 @ 6:30 pm - SCB

Beautification Committee "This is Our Town" Cleanup November 4 @ 9 am - Old Jail Annex

> 31st Annual Holly Days Arts & Crafts Fair November 4 @ 9 am - 4 pm 200 N Howe St

Southport Wooden Boat Show November 4 @ 10 am - 4 pm Old Yacht Basin

> Jacks Boat Pull November 4 @ 1 pm Morningstar Marina

Brunswick Bands, Inc: A Touch of Americana November 9 @ 7 pm Odell Williamson Auditorium

SIX SECONDS Brunswick Little Theater November 11 @ 7:30 pm

Fall Basketball Registration November 13-30 @ 9 am - 5 pm

NC Maritime Museum at Southport Third Tuesday November 21 @ 7 pm - 9 pm - SCB

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