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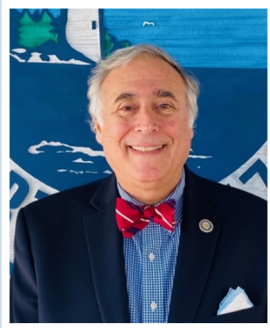
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## A Community Update from Mayor J.P. Hatem, MD, MPH

The biggest infrastructure project since Southport was established in 1792 is moving forward—the regionalization/merger of the Southport sewer system with Brunswick County. In 2019, I opposed the City of Southport's position to build its own wastewater treatment plant and instead I promoted regionalization and ultimately having the county take over the city's sewer system. Thanks to our legislators, Sen. Bill Rabon and Rep. Charlie Miller, they secured 35 million dollars from the legislature in this year's budget to assist Brunswick County and Southport in this infrastructure project. This success culminates from the great relationship we have with our legislators and the hard work from city and county managers, staff, county commissioners and board of aldermen, as we move our city and county in the best way forward. I thank all those involved in this great joint endeavor.

The month of October includes Fire Prevention Week—the 8th–14th, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association. This year's theme: "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention." Southport Fire Department has informative programs for Fire Prevention Week and this public health message is important to all our citizens in preventing fires.

Emergency Nurses Week is October 8th–14th and Emergency Nurses Day is October 11th. We celebrate the ER nurses who work at Doshier Memorial Hospital and emergency nurses across our state, the nation, and all over the world in responding and caring for those who require acute medical intervention.

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The Southport - Oak Island US Open King Mackerel Fishing Tournament will be held October 5th–7th at Dutchman Creek Park. Registration and opening ceremony October 5th with competitive fishing October 6th and 7th. It is a wonderful fall event for our community. I look forward to attending and I want to thank the Southport - Oak Island Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the king mackerel tournament.

I also will be attending Captain Charlie's Children's Fishing Tournament sponsored by the City of Southport Parks and Recreation Department. It will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at Southport City Pier at Ed Harper Waterfront Park. Registration begins at 8:30 am and fishing from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Cape Fear Cruisers will hold their Classic Cars'n Rock'n Roll Car and Truck Show in Southport on Saturday, October 28th. All car and truck enthusiasts will enjoy the music and this automotive display in our city.

October is National Seafood Month "to promote the taste, variety, and nutrition of fish and shellfish." Enjoy fresh seafood at home and in our restaurants. In October, local oysters will be roasting and spots will be served at Local's Restaurant.

Dinner with a Firefighter will be held on October 10th, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Southport Fire Headquarters. "Firehouse Chili" is on the menu. One of my favorites and always delicious. I want to thank Chief Charles Drew and his Department for this community event. Our Fire, Police, and Emergency Medical Services are challenged every day and we are all grateful for their recent efforts on Sunday, September 24th with a car accident on Howe Street which dislodged a power pole and lines and interrupted power to parts of our city, as well as a vehicle going in the river at Waterfront Park. I want to thank all city employees involved in responding to these emergencies. I also want to thank our first responders for the solemn, respectful, and inspiring ceremony on September 11th held at the Southport Fire Headquarters.

In October there will be two Board of Aldermen Meetings—October 5th at 1 pm and October 12th at 6 pm. This will be the first month for the policy change that I requested for two meetings a month to allow the board to act and vote on the many issues facing our city. Parks and Recreation will host "Spook or Treat" at the recreation building on Atlantic Avenue on October 27th from 6 pm to 7 pm. The Southport Fire Department will host "Trunk or Treat" at Fire Headquarters on Tuesday, October 31st beginning at 5:00 pm.

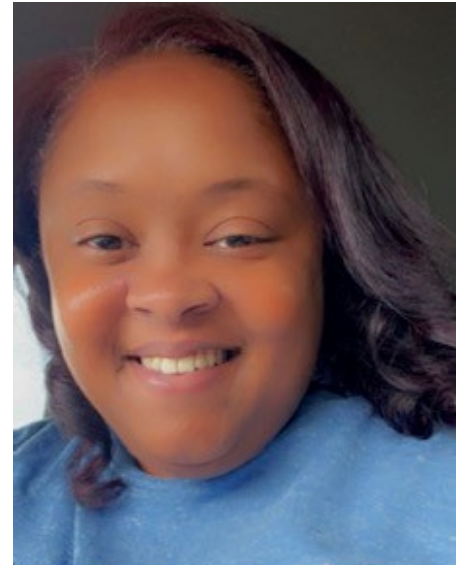
I wish all our city employees, our citizens, your family, and friends a safe, festive and Happy Halloween.



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## Meet... Amanda Clemmons Recreation Assistant

I hold the position of Parks and Recreation Assistant and have proudly served the city in this role for two decades. My connection to Southport Parks and Recreation goes way back to my childhood when I attended their programs. In this dynamic department, versatility is key, as you find yourself engaging with individuals of various age groups from the public. Our primary goal is to provide safe parks and facilities for the community, fostering a sense of stewardship towards leisure, environmental, and recreational activities. The overarching mission of our department is to ensure the safety and satisfaction of people of all ages.



I'm involved in several projects, including managing the before and after-school programs, organizing senior cruisers events, overseeing youth basketball, and coordinating events like Captain Charlie's fishing

tournament and the crab derby, in addition to the summer program. My aim for the future is to use my extensive experience in parks and recreation activities, utilizing my skills to ensure a successful year.

If you ever have questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm a local resident of this community. Outside of work, my passion lies in spending quality time with my family and friends, as well as reading. A little-known fact about me is that I began my journey with the City of Southport as a camp counselor right after graduating, and later transitioned to an after-school counselor role.

One of my favorite spots in Southport is the waterfront, which offers wonderful scenery and a unique atmosphere.

"Southport is... America's Happiest Seaside Town."



## FUN FACT:

Jack-o'-lanterns were originally carved into turnips in Ireland and Scotland. In England, large beets were used. Immigrants from these countries brought the jack-o'-lantern tradition with them when they came to the United States. They soon found that pumpkins, a fruit native to America, make perfect jack-o'-lanterns.

From: [history.com/news/history-of-the-jack-o-lantern-irish-origins](https://www.history.com/news/history-of-the-jack-o-lantern-irish-origins)

# October 2023 Newsletter

## October 1: Model T Day

By Charles A. Drew, Fire Chief, Southport Fire Department

Southport Fire Department with a long record of service and tradition to this community has an iconic centerpiece of history sitting in a glass case at the corner of its headquarters property. The first motorized fire truck that ever rolled on the streets of Brunswick County sparks pride, imagination, and interest to firefighters and citizens alike. The arrival of the Ford Model T Fire Truck by the railroad in 1922 was an exciting event for the Brunswick County seat, Southport, and its organized fire department. It replaced a 1916 model hand-drawn hose cart that had been purchased for firefighting operations from the Wilmington Fire Department. Back then the city limits stretched north only as far as Owens Street, where the city gate kept horses and pigs from wandering into the woods.



The truck has no pump but is equipped with 2 tanks that can discharge about 50 gallons of water using a soda acid reaction. The truck carried several smaller soda-acid fire extinguishers, as well as hoses that connected to the municipal water system.

"It was good for chimney fires and small cooking fires, which were pretty common back then," said Fire Chief Charles A. Drew whose late grandfather told him stories of pushing the truck to fires because it was often troublesome to start. Drew's grandfather grew up in Southport and remembered the truck when it was in service prior to his joining the department in the 1950's.

The 1922 Model T engine is very straightforward. The 2.9 liter, straight 4-cylinder motor produces 20 horsepower and has a top speed of just below 40 miles per hour. An electric starter and battery have been added to the truck, 2 of the 3 non-original parts of the vehicle. The other non-original part is the roto ray red light that spins.

Driving the truck is not nearly as simple as tinkering with its mechanics. The late Capt. Dickie Marlow was the official mechanic and driver for 40 years or more. Prior to Marlow's death, he taught another firefighter how to run the truck, which is now used only during Southport parades and funeral services for fallen comrades. Three separate foot pedals control the one reverse and two forward gears. The accelerator and a tricky spark advance lever are both on the steering column. It takes practice and technique to efficiently drive the apparatus. There are stories that women of Southport learned to drive utilizing the Model T, during WWII.

The Model T stayed in service until at least 1948, back when Marlow's father Ed was the fire chief. Firefighter Dan Harrelson traded the City of Southport a set of tires for the Model T in the



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## October 1: Model T Day

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1950's and kept it at the Old Robin's Nest. He later donated it back to the city, with the original title never being registered to anyone but the City of Southport.

Firefighters of years gone by utilized the tattered truck for about 3 decades for special events, after it was out of service. The truck was rusted, worn, and nearly dilapidated. It was in the mid to late 1980's that then Fire Chief Greg Cumbee and Assistant Chief Billy Drew lead an effort to fully restore the antique truck.

Firefighters rallied with Chief Cumbee and Chief Drew and sold nearly 2000 pounds of BBQ in 2 days, raising nearly \$30 thousand dollars. With other fundraising monies, the truck was restored to a better-than-new appearance. Chief Billy Drew said, "That truck is part of our heritage, it is part of me, and it is a part of Southport," He said, "We wanted it to be a symbol of the dedication of our department and city." It took Creason Motors of Charlotte about nine months to restore the truck, which has about 95 % original parts. The truck was brought back to Southport fully restored just in time for the 4th of July parade in 1991. Retired Chief Cumbee said a Ford Motor Co. representative told him that there were only 3 known fire trucks of that type still in running condition. One is in the J.K. Lilly Automobile Museum in Sandwich, Mass.



The truck is now 101 years old this past April. A special celebration was held on Saturday, April 02, 2022, at the Southport Waterfront for the 100th year birthday of the old truck. Over 300 classic/vintage cars were on display with a 1967 State Highway Patrol vehicle and several other vintage emergency services vehicles. There was live music, kids' entertainment, t shirts, food, and

much more. A parade of all vehicles in the show began at 4 p.m. back to the fire headquarters, where cake and punch was served for free. Retired Chief Greg Cumbee was the Parade Marshal and rode in the Model T back to Fire Headquarters. Also, during the day of celebration that brought thousands into the city, the 1948 iconic picture of the truck receiving its state inspection was re-enacted. First Lady Tish Hickman Hatem's grandfather, Capt. Otto Hickman was the driver of the truck that day. Mr. Hickman served many years in the fire department and also as the Chief of Police in Southport. The celebration was a day to be remembered.

**The Model-T rests for all to see right outside the fire headquarters at 1011 North Howe Street. Stop by and get a quick history lesson and tour. The fire members are proud to show her off in all of her splendor and glory!**



## SECONDS MATTER

Southport Fire Department  
1011 N. Howe Street, Southport, NC 28461  
910-457-7915  
Fire Chief Charles A. Drew



### 1. Remember Visible Street Numbers

Help emergency responders find you quicker in an emergency situation.



### 2. Detectors are Protectors

Working smoke alarms save lives! Change the batteries twice a year. Detectors are protectors. If you need assistance checking your alarm, call fire headquarters.

### 3. See Something, Say Something

If you see smoke or fire, REPORT IT! Don't wait, call 911 IMMEDIATELY. Give the dispatcher your name, location, and type of emergency.



## SOUTHPORT COMMUNITY CONNECT

1. Create an account
2. Enter the info that matters the most
3. Help your Fire Department when seconds count



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## Southport Fire Department promotes Fire Safety

### Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8-14, 2023

Southport Fire Department has always been very proactive when it comes to fire prevention. Our motto is "PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION." Fire Prevention Week is a very busy time for your firefighters. There are over 20 programs scheduled at schools, daycares, senior citizen's centers, apartment complexes, and civic groups to promote the message of fire and life safety. Here are a few of the safety messages we will be teaching.

#### Watch what you HEAT

Cooking and heating are the leading causes of home fires and fire injuries, and winter months are the peak time for fire-related deaths. Fire Prevention Week is the perfect time to review and practice fire safety. Set a timer when you are cooking to remind you not to burn food. Keep pot handles turned into the stove, and don't wear loose-fitting clothes around heat or cooking appliances.

#### Minimize Your Risks

When Cooking:

- Be alert; if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the oven or stovetop
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food
- When simmering, baking, or roasting, check the food regularly, remain in the kitchen while cooking, and use a timer
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop

When Heating Your Home:

- Keep all flammables, like paper, clothing, bedding, drapes, or rugs, at least 3 feet from a space heater, stove, or fireplace
- Never leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended; turn off heaters and make sure fireplace embers are extinguished before leaving the room
- If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, nonflammable surface, like ceramic tile, not on a rug or carpet
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters
- When buying a space heater, look for models that shut off automatically if the heater falls over

Other risks:

- Institute a "no smoking" policy in the house
- Check all cords and replace any that are frayed or have bare wires
- Switch to flameless candles
- Keep matches and lighters high and out of children's reach in a locked cabinet

#### Working Smoke Alarms Are a Must

About three out of five fire deaths happen in homes without working smoke alarms:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas on the ceiling or high on the wall
- Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen, at least 10 feet from the stove, to reduce false alarms
- Use special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers for people who are hard of hearing or deaf



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## Southport Fire Department promotes Fire Safety

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### Working Smoke Alarms Are a Must

- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Replace batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector annually
- Replace smoke alarms that are 10 or more years old

### Make an Escape Plan

A home fire is reported every 88 seconds. Once the smoke alarm sounds, a fire can spread quickly, leaving only a minute or two to escape. That's why it's so important to have a home escape plan.

- Plan two ways to escape from each room
- Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily
- Identify secondary routes: a window onto an adjacent roof or a collapsible ladder from a second floor window
- If you live in a multi-story building, plan to use the stairs – never the elevator
- Designate an outside meeting place a safe distance from the house

### Now Practice Your Home Fire Escape Plan

Everyone – including children – needs to know your family escape plan. The National Fire Protection Association indicates 71% of Americans have a home fire escape plan but only 47% have practiced it. Practice your fire drill with everyone in the house at night and during the day, twice a year. Remember to:

- Practice getting out with eyes closed, crawling low to the floor, and keeping your mouth covered
- Practice closing doors behind you
- Practice how to “stop, drop and roll” if your clothes catch on fire
- Practice testing door handles to see if they are hot before opening them
- Teach children never to hide and how to escape on their own in case you can't help them



### When and How to Use Fire Extinguisher

Always put your safety first; if you are not confident in your ability to use a fire extinguisher, get out and call 9-1-1. Evaluate the situation and ensure:

- Everyone has left or is leaving the home
- The fire department has been called
- The fire is small, not spreading, and there is not much smoke
- Your back is to an exit you can use quickly
- Remember the acronym **PASS**:

Pull the pin. **A**im low at the base of the fire.

**S**queeze the handle slowly. **S**weep the nozzle side to side.

Thank you for taking the time to read these very important fire and life safety measures. These simple tasks could save your life one day. If you have questions or would like to schedule our fire prevention team to come out and do a program for your group, please call fire headquarters at 910-457-7915.



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## Southport Forestry Committee



It's officially Autumn and time for the leaves to change, AKA why Southport is not a "leaf peeping" destination

Well, autumn is finally upon us; it's going to still be warm for a while but let's hope we're past those oppressively hot summer days for this year. People associate fall with a lot of things - Pumpkin spice lattes are available again, Halloween and Thanksgiving are just around the corner, and we all look forward to fall colors in the trees.

People come to Southport for a variety of reasons, but "leaf peeping" is not one of them. Down here on the coast, where the preponderance of our trees are either evergreens or in the case of our live and laurel oaks, deciduous evergreens, we just don't get a lot of color. Sure, there are the odd maples around town, some beech, and sycamore, but the vast majority of our trees just don't give us that pop of color that we all associate with the season. Why is that?

Well, to start, a little science is in order. Why do the leaves change color at all? There are three factors that cause leaves to change in the fall; available sunlight, pigments available in the leaves, and weather. Of these three, the length of night, or lack of sunlight, is the prime determiner of when leaves start to change. As the days shorten, there is less sunlight available for the production of chlorophyll slows, and eventually stops. It's the chlorophyll production that keeps leaves green during the summer growing season. As chlorophyll is reduced, the other pigments that are already present in the leaves now start to show. There are three basic pigments present in leaves, they are:

**Chlorophyll:** Gives leaves a basic green color. It is necessary for photosynthesis, the chemical reaction that enables plants to use sunlight to manufacture sugars for food.

**Carotenoids:** Produces yellow, orange, and brown colors in such things as corn, carrots, and daffodils, as well as rutabagas, buttercups, and bananas.

**Anthocyanin:** Gives color to such familiar things as cranberries, red apples, concord grapes, blueberries, cherries, strawberries, and plums. They are water-soluble and appear in the watery liquid of leaf cells.

So, depending on the species of tree, different pigments come forward and give us that fall color. If all of the factors are favorable, all of the trees change color simultaneously and we get those postcard-like views of a vast sea of color throughout the forest. This is, of course, why we here in Southport don't get those magnificent vistas; we don't have the right species (mainly evergreens) and, our weather is more sporadic (a few cold days, then back to warm). The process does happen for us, just without the "wow" factor.

So, we'll stick with our beauty as we have it - our wonderful waterfront along the Cape Fear, stately old homes, and magnificent urban forest. I'm afraid though that if it's the color you're looking for in the fall - time to head to the mountains!

[highcountryhost.com/2023-Fall-Leaf-Color-NC-Mountains-Forecast-Report](http://highcountryhost.com/2023-Fall-Leaf-Color-NC-Mountains-Forecast-Report)

**Why do leaves change color in the Autumn?**  
 Most of the spectacular colors of autumn have actually been in the leaves all summer, however they were "covered up" by the dominant green of the chlorophyll. As weather cools, and shorter days settle in, the chlorophyll begins to break down, revealing new and varied color pigments. The brightest colors are seen when late summer is dry, and autumn has bright sunny days and cool nights.

**GREEN - Chlorophyll**

Chlorophyll is responsible for helping trees and plants turn sunlight into food. For most months, it is the dominant color seen in most leaves until it fades away. As many trees shut down their food production, they turn to stored sugars to survive the winter.

**RED - Anthocyanin**

Unlike other leaf colors that always exist in the leaf, anthocyanins are produced as the chlorophyll is broken down. The anthocyanins are often seen in leaves named for their autumn splash of red including Red Maples, Scarlet Oaks, and Red Sumacs.

**ORANGE - Carotene**

Sugar Maples may be one of the best examples of carotene in action. Their bright signature orange fills many hills and country roads throughout the northern US. Sassafras leaves also turn a slightly more muted orange. As its name implies, Carotenes are also the chemical responsible for giving carrots their unique coloring.

**YELLOW - Xanthophyll**

Xanthophyll can be seen throughout the fall in trees including beeches, ashes, birches, aspens, and some oaks. It also contributes its bright yellow color to autumn squash and corn.

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## Pet CPR/First Aid Training

### You Are Your **Pet's First Responder!**

#### Pet CPR & First Aid Class

*Sponsored by Animal Protective Services*

Saturday, October 7, 2023 10 am to 4 pm

Indian Trail Meeting Hall

113 West Moore Street, Southport, NC 28461

Tuition: \$100

Go to [www.encompasscanines.com](http://www.encompasscanines.com) to register

*In the public safety industry? Text or call to inquire about a discount!*

This class is perfect for Pet Owners and Pet Care Professionals. The training is taught by lecture, demonstration and hands on skill practice. The class includes a handbook and upon successful completion, each participant will receive a certificate. See below for class curriculum.

#### **You will learn...**

- Pet CPR
- Rescue Breathing
- How to help your pet in a medical emergency
- ABC's of Pet First Aid
- Assessing Your Pet's Vitals
- 5 simple things you should **START** doing today to keep your pet healthy
- Snout-To-Tail Assessment
- 10 situations that require immediate veterinary care
- How to put together your own pet first aid kit.

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## Tony Caseletta & Old Brunswick Inn

Liz Fuller, Southport Historical Society

The Old Brunswick Inn, currently a private home, is located on the corner of Bay and Atlantic (across the street from the Walker-Pyke house). Like many old Southern homes, the Brunswick Inn is said to be inhabited by a ghost. It is said that while the body of Tony Caseletta lies buried in Old Smithville Burying Ground, his spirit resides at the Inn.



Tony is said to be a friendly spirit who contents himself with hiding hairbrushes, jewelry, or other small items and occasionally slamming shut an open window. Those who are lucky hear him play a few strands of harp music in the middle of a moonlit night.

In life, Tony was a musician. He played the harp for guests at the Brunswick Inn while they danced in the adjoining ballroom. One night in 1882, following dinner, the 20-year-old harpist decided to go for a sail on the river. He kissed his bride and their infant son goodbye and then joined a few friends on a small boat that was "frequently used by pleasure parties at Smithville." The boat was ballasted with iron. When a problem arose with letting go of the sails, the boat capsized, and the heavy iron caused it to sink directly to the bottom of the river, "nearly opposite the hotel and but a short distance from the shore."

Some say that Tony's presence continues to reside at the Inn because he was simply too much in love - with his wife, his child, his music, and with life itself, to let it all go so soon. Instead, he lingers on at this beautiful spot on the Cape Fear, playing his music and reliving his happiest days.

The Old Brunswick Inn, 301 E. Bay St., is now a private residence, but you can still wave at Tony as you pass by!



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SOUTHPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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*We want your input!*

The Historic Preservation Commission invites you to provide your feedback on the proposed Design Guidelines. Please scan the QR code to view the drafted guidelines and boundary lines, and to complete the input form.



*Historic Preservation Commission*



# October 2023 Newsletter

## Southport Beautification Committee

Next Clean-up: October 7, 2023

While our regular workday was delayed by a week due to weather, we were able to catch up on our staining of benches and picnic tables. We tackled Keziah, Franklin Square, and Kingsley Parks along with the Garrison House lawn, the playground at the Community Center, and a few others along the way.

And of course, there was weeding. Despite the heat, the weeds continued to do very well on their own. So, Beautification volunteers dug into and removed the weeds at the Fire Department Sub-Station on Nash Street along with Waterfront Park and the Round-a-bout on E. Moore Street.

There is always something to do when it comes to keeping Southport beautiful. Everyone is always welcome to join in and lend a hand no matter their skill level. We can find something for everyone!

**Mark your calendars for our next Beautification Workday which will be held on Saturday, October 7th. We meet at the Jail Annex on N. Rhett Street at 9 am. Come and join us!**



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**BRUNSWICK ELECTRIC**  
MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

**PROGRAMS** / As a BEMC member, you get to decide how you interact with us. By enrolling in one of our programs, you not only help yourself but the entire membership.

### CONNECT TO SAVE

Provides members with two options to save! Receive a \$50 bill credit, and a \$4 credit each month when you enroll your existing smart thermostat. Or, get one at a reduced price, have it professionally installed for free, and get a \$50 annual incentive. Enrolling allows BEMC to make brief changes to your HVAC setting by three degrees on a limited number of peak demand periods, which helps us control wholesale power costs.

**CONNECT TO SAVE**  **5,155** participants

### TIME-OF-USE RATE

Offers members a lower rate for electricity when demand on our system is low, balanced with a higher rate when demand on our system is high. You'll lower your bill by shifting your energy usage away from peak times, because you'll pay a lower rate than our standard rate all other times, and a much lower rate from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**TIME-OF-USE**  **89** participants

### PREPAY POWER

You pay for power in advance of when you need it. PrePay Power gives you control over your energy usage and provides flexibility, allowing you to choose when and how much to purchase. There's no monthly bill or deposit, and you always know how much you're spending on electricity. It's easy to check your account status, and add money to your account, any time of day or night. You'll also receive high energy use email notifications to help you control your usage.

**PrePay POWER**  **9,543** participants

### WEATHERIZATION LOANS

Provides 5% loans for energy efficiency projects, up to \$10,000 for residential projects and \$10,000 for commercial projects. Terms can be as long as 60 months, and payments are included with your monthly electric bill. If you own your home, and have two years of service with a good payment history, the loan process is simple.

**\$1,016,467** granted for 148 loans



### BEAT THE PEAK

Offers our members the option to voluntarily reduce electricity use during peak usage periods: a few critical hours when the demand and wholesale cost for electricity is the highest. This helps hold down power costs and keeps rates affordable. If 1,500 of us participate, we can lower our monthly



**We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again!**

You're invited to the second-annual BEMC EV Exploration Day. Join us on October 11 at Brunswick Community College's Odell Williamson Auditorium from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Scan the QR code to RSVP!



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## A Glimpse of History: Bonnet Captured at Cape Fear, Part 2

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 1792 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 two of three.

Once again at sea, much difference of opinion developed among Bonnet's men as to the ship's course. There was general confusion, and the Major's authority was severely tried. Complete mutiny was forestalled only by Bonnet's experience as an army officer, by his own courage, and by determined threats and frequent punishments. But his lack of maritime competence forced Bonnet to yield to some of the demands of his crew. The Revenge was set on a course for the Bay of Honduras, which was a favorite haunt for pirates during the winter months when the Atlantic seas became quite rough.

Somewhere along the way, when past Cuba, Bonnet and his men met up with another pirate ship under the command of Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard, one of the roughest and crudest hellions of the sea. Blackbeard took his name from the heavy growth of hair that covered his face reaching almost to his eyes. This thick black beard grew to great lengths and was plaited or twisted with ribbons into small tails that hung about his chest and behind his ears. During battle Blackbeard often inserted lighted slow fuses into these adornments, adding to his naturally wild-eyed and ferocious look. This notorious blackguard started his career of pirating in 1716 (the year before) when he left his native Bristol, England. In the spring of 1717 he sailed for America, taking several ships on his way to the coasts of Virginia. Then sailing to the West Indies, he captured a large French Guines-man and made her his flagship Mounted with 40 guns. he named her Queen Anne's Revenge and headed for Honduras.

When the two "Revenge's" met along the way. Bonnet's crew was all for their joining forces. Blackbeard, however, found that Bonnet knew nothing of the sea, and the men consented to Blackbeard deposing him. Flattering Bonnet and saying that a man of his social status and education should be entitled to the best, he persuaded the Major to come aboard the Queen Anne's Revenge. Then Blackbeard put Richards, one of his own officers, in command of Bonnet's ship. Bonnet was enraged, humiliated, and chafed at his new position. Blackbeard said the Major could now "live easy and follow his own pleasures, free of duty" aboard the larger ship. There was nothing Bonnet could do about it. His own men were party to his demotion and Blackbeard's forces were superior. In this helpless situation Bonnet was quite ready to give up pirating and said if he could get to Spain or Portugal he would quit, he was ashamed ever to look an Englishman in the face again. The pirates' reaction to this was to like him even less. The combined forces landed at the island of Turneffe and took on fresh water. While at anchor they saw a sloop coming in. She was the Adventure from Jamaica, Richards took her, and her master, David Heriot, elected to join forces with the pirates. In the months to come Heriot was to become Bonnet's friend and later to share capture and imprisonment with him.

On April 9, 1718, the pirate ships, a flotilla of four



"Sloop attacking Merchantman"  
This type of sloop was used extensively by pirates because they were fast and weatherly  
Average length 60' - Beam 18' - 10 guns - 70 man crew

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in all—the Queen Anne's Revenge, the Revenge, the Adventure, and one other and a force of nearly 150 men left Turneffe after a week's stay and sailed to the Bay of Honduras where the Beston Protestant Caesar was taken, plundered, and because she was from Boston, where some men had been hanged recently for piracy, burned. Three sloops were captured, looted, and let go.

The group sailed then to Turkin (Trujillo to Grand Cayman, made a stop at Havana, then proceeded to the Bahamas wrecks. The coast of Carolina was the next destination, and a brigantine and two sloops were taken along the way. In May 1718 the pirate flotilla took station just off the bar at Charles Town harbor. The sight of these ships struck terror among the people of Charles Town. They feared wholesale looting and burning and in view of recent events were almost defenseless About eight vessels were in the harbor waiting to go out. At this time the town had a population of a little over 6.000 whites and about 10.000 negro slaves.

During the past year a treaty had ended an expensive two-year war with the Yemassee Indians, and trade was hopefully reviving. The fur trade which had dropped to practically nothing was on the way to recovery, Crops, and trade goods were beginning to be shipped abroad.

Along the waterfront of East Bay St, with its row gable houses, some of brick, lime, and hair, and many timbered, people abandoned themselves to despair at the sight of the waiting pirates. True, there had been pirates before, but never such a force as this. During the past year the young pirate, Christopher Moody, had had two ships under his command, had taken his pleasure, and gone on his way. Four other pirates had been captured, convicted, and hanged in Charles Town—Stephen James DeCossey, Francis de Ment, Emanuel Ernados, and Francis Rossoe. Earlier this same month, May 1718. Charles Vane, another notorious pirate had been wreaking havoc with shipping but had just left the area.

The Lords Proprietors in London had given the province no assistance in the Yemassee War and had done nothing about piracy before Gov. Robert Johnson was a man of no mean force, but neither he nor the town was in any condition now to repel this fresh menace.



Edward Teach, better known as "Blackbeard"



Blackbeard's company, in the first five or six days off the bar, took nine vessels of various types. His most important capture was Robert Clark's ship bound for London with several passengers aboard, including Samuel Wragg and his son. Mr. Wragg was a member of the Council in Charles Town and a prominent and highly respected citizen.

Pirates seldom killed their prisoners Usually they released them shortly after the captured cargo had been transferred to the pirates holds Prisoners were usually set aboard near someplace where they might be rescued This, however, was not Blackbeard's intention All the



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prisoners, including Mr. Wragg his son, a Mr. Marks, and others, were taken aboard the flagship. Here they were closely questioned about the number and condition of other ships in the harbor, when they would sail, etc. Their papers were examined. This inquiry was carried out so solemnly that they believed the merest suspicion by their inquisitors of lying or evasion would be tantamount to death. After the examination the prisoners were hurriedly hustled back to their own ship. There they saw that their cargo had been removed, and they were precipitously pushed down the hatches. No regard was shown for any individual or status, and the whole lot were locked down below. Terrified, they believed that, at any moment, they and their ship would be blown up, set fire, or sunk. Then, as abruptly as they had been thrown down the hatches. Mr. Wragg, Marks and one or two others were taken out again and returned to the flagship.

Blackbeard announced his intentions. The pirates needed medicines. The prisoners would be held hostage, and two of Blackbeard's men would go ashore with a note to the council demanding such supplies. Wragg offered to go along and plead their case before the Council, but Blackbeard agreed only to Marks going in his stead. If after two days the party did not return, all the prisoners would be put to death. Marks and two pirates were put in a small skiff and headed for the harbor.

Two days passed, and Marks and the pirates did not return. Blackbeard became fur co and ordered Wragg put to death at once. The venerable gentleman pleaded with his and was one day's respite. Again the time passed, and the party did not return. Blackbeard was livid and cursed and ranted and started putting his threats into effect. Then at the very last moment, a small boat was sighted. When it pulled up, neither pirates, Marks, nor medicine were aboard, but the boat had been sent back to the ship by Marks.

When Marks and the pirates had set out for town, their boat had been overturned by a sudden squall and the three men cast up on an uninhabited island. With little choice to sine themselves, the pirates put Marks on a hatch, stripped, floated it and swimming behind it, started the tedious task of pushing it towards town. When the pirates were nearly exhausted in the early morning, a fishing boat spied them and took them aboard. Marks, known to the fishermen, hired them to take his group to Charles Town and to send a small boat to report back to Blackbeard what had happened.

When Marks landed on East Bay, he went immediately to Go Johnson and the Council. He presented the pirate's list of drugs. The Governor was furious at such audacity. How could he or the Council submit to such indignity? Other opinions were hot and divided. But expediency prevailed, and the demands were met. The chest of medicines was procured at considerable cost and put aboard, but delayed in departing. Marks could not find the two pirates. While Marks was with the Council, the pirates had been seen boldly walking the streets. The townspeople, recognizing them for what they were, expected an attack at any moment. Indignant men were dashing around brandishing arms; fearful women and children were running around wildly. Finally, Marks found his pirates drinking with quondam friends, and they returned to the harbor. When the chest of medicines were aboard the Queen Anne's Revenge, the impatient Blackbeard relieved his prisoners of all their money and personal goods and set them ashore almost naked. Then he sailed his flotilla away.



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The next rendezvous was Topsail Inlet at Cape Lookout, N.C. Here Blackbeard decided to break up the company. He ran aground two of his ships. He took all of the money and the best of the other effects for himself and a few favorites. He felt no qualms about cheating the others. While Blackbeard was thus busy, Bonnet had taken a small boat with five men to Bathtown in North Carolina to apply for a King's pardon.

George I of England the year before had issued a general proclamation allowing pirates to redeem themselves by taking an oath of allegiance to His Majesty and granting them full pardon if they applied for it. This Bonnet did, and it is possible he was sincere in regretting his past sins. No longer a pirate. Bonnet now had a privateer's commission (a letter of Marque and Reprisals. He was free to plunder Spanish ships legally, as England was at war with Spain Bonnet announced his intention of sailing for St. Thomas in the Caribbean.

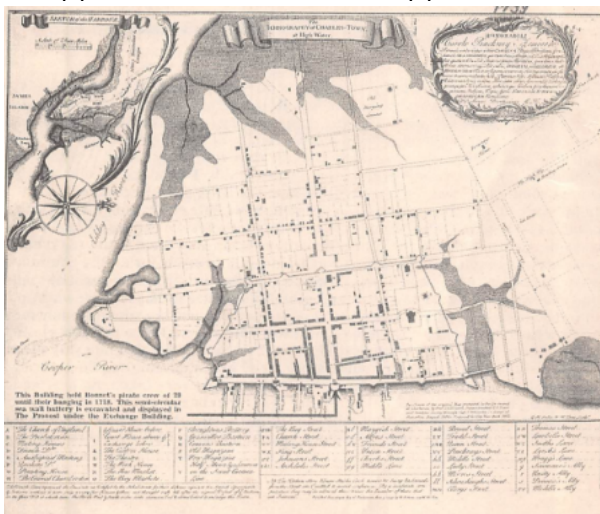
On returning to Topsail Inlet, Bonnet found that Blackbeard had absconded with all of his share of the booty as well as most of the supplies. His only consolation was to find the Revenge intact and be able to assume command again of his own vessel. This he did, with his crew of five. Putting down the main, his attention was drawn to a small sandy island "where there was neither bird, beast nor herb for sustenance." On it were twenty-five men. Blackbeard had marooned them when he left the area two days earlier. Rescuing them, Bonnet and they were determined to avenge themselves. They set out to find Blackbeard. After four frustrating days, the chase was abandoned above Ocracoke Inlet. The quarry had disappeared, and Bonnet's supplies were low.



Pirate House 134 Church St. Reputed to be pirate hangout

Sailing north to Cape Henry, the Major stopped a stoop bound for Bermuda and, for the pork and bacon he took off her, traded some rice and molasses of his own. This gave the transaction a legitimate and lawful flavor. Another sloop, sailing for Glasgow, had nothing of use to him except some combs, pins, and needles for which he "bartered" some pork and bread. Two ships, also bound for Glasgow, carried only tobacco. At 38 degrees latitude, a Boston-bound schooner carried only calf skins. Such slim pickings must have been the final frustration for Bonnet.

Now he threw off all restraint. His good intentions of reforming were thrown aside. His year at sea had evidently taught him something



Charlestowne 1739 - Note Half Moon Battery on center of waterfront

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of seamanship, and there is no question that his resolution for revenge gave him confidence. This in turn earned him the confidence of his men. David Heriot was now his sailing master and his lieutenant. Robert Tucker, his quartermaster, kept the crew in line, but the Major was commander-in-chief July 1718 found Bonnet a changed man. He had learned, too, from Blackbeard. He became cruel to the point of torture, and his reputation was enhanced by his not denying that he made his prisoners walk the plank. (That he did so, in fact, is quite doubtful.)

Bonnet's flag was a black field with a skull head center over a bleached thigh bone, a heart dexter, and a dagger sinister. Perhaps to preserve the legitimacy of his recent pardon, Bonnet now called himself Capt. Thomas, and changed the name of his sloop to the Royal James, a tribute to the Pretender who was seeking to usurp the throne from George I of England.

Off Delaware Bay, Bonnet took two skows bound for Bristol which yielded him money and goods. A sloop from Philadelphia also carried worthwhile goods. His crew was happier now. Bonnet had given them enough good fights to furnish them exercise. and enough liquor had been seized to give them several good drunks. This was the proven way to keep a crew "hot, damned hot," and loyal.

July 29, 1718, found Bonnet off Cape Fear. About one half mile from shore he took a sloop of 50 tons bound from Philadelphia to Barbados. She was the Fortune with Capt. Thomas Read, a crew of four or five hands aboard, and laden with provisions- pork, butter, bread, rigging, goods, and chattels, Capt. Read was retained as a prisoner on Bonnet's ship and later testified at his trial about this and subsequent events On the evening of July 31st, Bonnet's ship was two miles off Cape Inlopen (Henlopen). A merchant sloop of 60 tons, the Frances, lay at anchor at the mouth of Delaware Bay. Five of Bonnet's men lowered a dory, or "canoo," rowed across, and hailed it. A rope was lowered to them, and the unrecognized pirates climbed aboard. Once on deck they drew their cutlasses and suddenly overcame the crew.

It was not unusual for a captain and crew to surrender after token resistance. When the odds were against them, it made little sense to risk their own hides just to protect the owner's cargo.

Seizing Capt. Peter Manwareing in his cabin, the pirates found some pineapples, cut and ate them, made a punch of rum, drank the Pretender's health, and sang a song or two.

Within an hour Manwareing was taken to Bonnet's ship. Later, he and Capt. Read were to admit that the Major treated them both "very civilly" while they remained his prisoners for almost two months.

Next day the Frances was relieved of her cargo of rum, molasses, sugar, cotton, indigo, pitch and tar, sails, goods, and chattels. The pirate crew became "very brisk and merry, with much drinking." One of them set a fire train and started to blow up Manwareing's ship, but was stopped in time. By late afternoon Bonnet had ordered two of his men to the mast to be whipped.

All in all, it was a very successful capture for the pirates. 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 spread the word that a pirate ship was hove to in the Cape Fear.

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- **BUILDING INSPECTOR, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Performs technical and administrative work in the issuance of permits and inspection of new construction and renovation projects to ensure compliance with State building codes; enforces zoning codes, CAMA and flood plane regulations, and other local codes and ordinances.

- **GROUNDS ASSISTANT, PARKS AND RECREATION**

Do you love taking care of plants? We are looking for someone who wants to get out of the house for a couple of hours per day for a small part-time job. 2-3 hours each day to water plants in the downtown Southport area.

- **PAYROLL & BENEFITS TECHNICIAN, ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE**

Performs responsible paraprofessional and administrative work in the payroll and benefits programs for the City.

- **PLANNING SERVICES DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Performs difficult management, administrative, and professional work in planning, organizing, and directing the activities of the City's Planning Services Department. This includes Planning, Inspections, Permitting, and Code Enforcement.



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If you are interested in applying for a job with the City of Southport, be aware that we utilize the NEOGOV platform. We do not accept paper or walk-in applications.

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# October

## Years of Service

*Jonathan Bullard, 4 Years – 10.22.2019*  
Fire Shift Captain

*Marc Coy, 1 Year – 10.18.2022*  
Police Officer

*Madison Drew, 4 Years – 10.22.2019*  
Fire Marshal

*Alexander Finley, 3 Years – 10.30.2020*  
Firefighter

*Maureen "Mo" Meehan, 1 Year – 10.4.2022*  
City Planner

*Shawn Pendegrass, 4 Years – 10.22.2019*  
Grounds Maintenance

*David Sosebee, 4 Years – 10.22.2019*  
Fire Shift Captain

*Ralph Treadway, 3 Years – 10.6.2020*  
Battalion Chief

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## Cranberry-Apple Bread

<https://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/>

### Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 1 cup shredded peeled apple (about 1 medium)
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon



### Instructions

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease the bottom only of an 8x4- or 9x5-inch loaf pan with shortening.
2. In a large bowl, mix 3/4 cup sugar, oil, and egg. Stir in apple, flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Stir in walnuts and cranberries. Pour batter into pan. In a small bowl, mix 1 tablespoon of sugar and the cinnamon; sprinkle over the batter.
3. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
4. Cool for 10 minutes. Loosen sides of loaf from pan; remove from pan to wire rack. Cool completely, about 1 1/2 hours, before slicing.





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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	July 17	Finance & Utilities
March 13	Community Relations	August 14	Police Department
April 17	Development Services	September 18	Parks & Recreation
May 22	Hurricane Expo Hosted by Fire Department 5-8pm	October 16	Fire Department
June 12	Mayor Board of Aldermen	November 13	Public Services

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



# Dinner

## With a Firefighter

October 10, 2023

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Firehouse Chili!!

Join us at Fire Headquarters!


1011 North Howe Street,

Southport, N.C 28461

Come sit down with your friendly neighborhood firefighters! Feel free to ask questions and get to know Southport Fire Personnel!





**Southport Fire Department**

# CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY

Meets every Monday at 6:00  
pm starting October 16th

**SCHEDULE:**

- Week 1: October 16th- Introduction to the Fire Service
- Week 2: October 23rd- A day in the life of a Firefighter/EMT
- Week 3: October 30th- Fire Prevention & Life Safety- Fire Marshal's Office- Education, Enforcement, & Investigation
- Week 4: Nov. 6th- Emergency Medical Services, Technical Rescue & Extrication
- Week 5: Nov. 13th- Disasters & High Risk Emergencies
- Week 6: Nov. 20th- Fire Academy Review & Graduation Ceremony

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM:**

Tour of Fire Headquarters, Being Raised in a 101' Platform Aerial, Hands on with the Jaws of Life, breathing apparatus, Fire Extinguishers, and a once in a lifetime chance to drive a fire engine and ambulance!

**APPLY ONLINE NO LATER THAN: Monday, October 2, 3PM**

**WWW.SOUTHPORTFD.COM**  
**WWW.CITYOFSOUTHPORT.COM**

MORE INFORMATION: (910) 457.7915 OR EMAIL: [cdrew@cityofsouthport.COM](mailto:cdrew@cityofsouthport.COM)

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The American Legion Department of North Carolina, In partnership with the Department of Veteran Affairs, Is proudly sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran’s Experience Action Center (VEAC).

**ALL Veterans & Family Members are Welcome.**

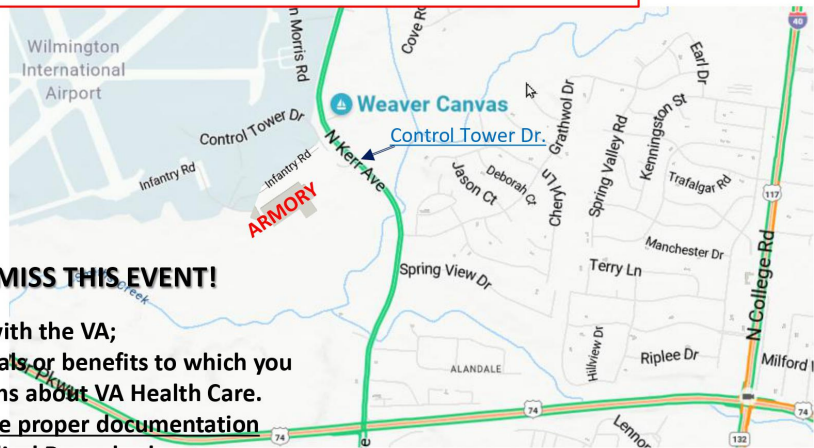
**DATES - OCTOBER 19-21, 2023**  
**HOURS on THURSDAY & FRIDAY – 9AM – 3PM**  
**SATURDAY – 9AM – 2 PM**

This is a Great & Unique opportunity for eligible Veterans & their Dependents To be assisted by a team that includes: Veteran’s Organization Service Officers, Dept. of Veteran Affairs Benefit Officials and Healthcare Representatives.

**These representatives can help Facilitate & Expedite your New or Existing VA Disability Claims, Appeals, or other healthcare problems.**

**LOCATION – NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY,  
2414 INFANTRY Rd., WILMINGTON, N.C.**

**DIRECTIONS – HWY 40 E**  
**To MARTIN LUTHER KING PKWY**  
**Right on N KERR Ave.**  
**Left on CONTROL TOWER DR.**  
**Left on INFANTRY RD.**  
**National Guard Armory on Left**



**YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THIS EVENT!**

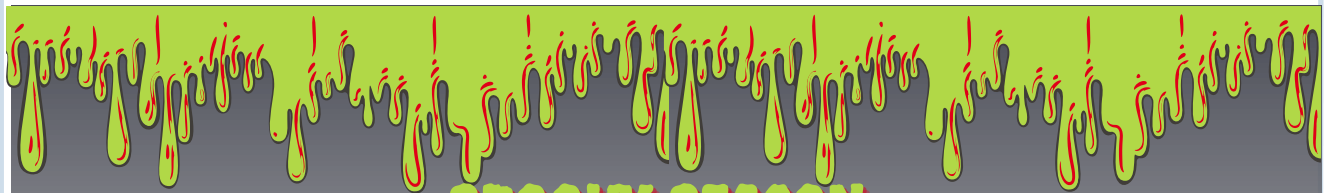
1. If you would like to File a Claim with the VA; If you have questions about VA appeals, or benefits to which you may be entitled: if you have questions about VA Health Care.
2. You **MUST** come prepared with the proper documentation about your case: A DD-214, ALL Medical Records about your disability – both military & Civilian.

**Everyone** who registers during the day will be seen. To avoid overcrowding – please adhere to the following Attendance suggestions. Thank you for your cooperation. **REGISTRATION at the DOOR.**

**THURSDAY – OCT.19** – Those with SS# ending in 00-33 should register.  
**FRIDAY - OCT. 20** – Those with SS# ending in 34-66 should register.  
**SATURDAY OCT. 21** – Those with SS# ending in 67-99 should register.

**DONATIONS** – May be made to AM. LEGION POST 511, PO BOX 10483, Southport, NC 28461  
Please, make checks to POST 511 and add VEAC to the memo section of your check.

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Thursdays in the park



THE 7TH ANNUAL SYDNEY'S

### HOWL-O-WEEN BOWSER BASH

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 21, 2023

10AM  
12PM

\$5.00 Donation to Enter

**PET COSTUME CONTEST**

PET/OWNER COMBO  
SMALL/LARGE DOG  
VARIOUS OTHER CRITTERS

\$5.00 Donation to Enter

Garrison Lawn  
203 E. Bay Street,  
Southport, NC

Proceeds to benefit  
**Paws-Ability**

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CITY OF SOUTHPORT PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS:

## SPOOK OR TREAT

October 27th from 6 p - 7:30 p Park & Recreation Building

HALLOWEEN CRAFTS & TREATS  
COSTUME CONTEST FOR AGES  
4 & UNDER, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 WITH CATEGORIES FOR  
THE MOST ORIGINAL, SCARIEST, & CUTEST

9th Annual

### Classic Cars 'n' Rock 'n' Roll

50/50 Drawing

CAR & TRUCK SHOW

Open To All Cars & Trucks-All Years & Models

Saturday

MUSIC BY BackPorch Rockers

OCTOBER 28, 2023

80+ Trophies to be Awarded-Dash Plaques to First 100 Entries-Top 50 1998 & Earlier, 1999 to Present All Years-Best Import, & Rat Rod Club Participation Award- \$200 Cash Prize

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

For more info: [capefearcruisers@gmail.com](mailto:capefearcruisers@gmail.com) or call Cape Fear Cruisers at 910-477-3785 [www.capefearcruisers.com](http://www.capefearcruisers.com)

All Proceeds to Benefit Local Charities

Trophy for Best Halloween Decorated Vehicle!

## TRUNK OR TREAT

SOUTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

5:00 pm - Until Out of Candy

In Front of  
Southport Fire Headquarters

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## HARPER LIBRARY

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

**Paws & Pages Mondays** Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th @ 4-5 pm & Monday, Oct. 23rd @ 1-2 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.

**Lifelong Learners: Pompeii: Daily Life in an Ancient Roman City:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. beginning 9/6/2023 Join us for a video lecture and discussion. Resurrect the long-lost lives of aristocrats, merchants, slaves, and other Roman people in this imperial city. All are welcome! No registration!

**S.T.E.A.M. Team Thursdays**, Oct. 5th & 19th @ 5-6 pm Join us for fun S.T.E.A.M. activities! Featuring Osmo, Magformers, MarbleCircuits & and more! Ages 3+. Register online.

**FIRST FRIDAY BINGO** Friday, October 6th at 2:00 pm Join us for an afternoon of Bingo! Win fun prizes! For adults age 17+. Register online.

**Dungeons & Dragons Fridays**, October 6th & 20th @ 4:00 pm 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.

**Knife Skills Class** Tuesday, October 10th @ 10:00 am Join the NC Cooperative Extension for a cooking knife skills class. Learn how to purchase, sharpen, maintain, use knives, and make guacamole! Register online.

**Lego WeDo Robotics** Wednesday, October 11th @ 4-5:30 pm Join us for Lego We-Do Robotics where participants work in pairs to create fun Lego Robot projects! Instructors explain the science and engineering concepts involved. Recommended for grades 3 - 6. Registration is required.

**MEDICARE 101 Educational Seminar** Thursday, Oct 12th @ 4:30 pm Turning 65 this year? Want to know more about Medicare and your options? If you do, you need to attend this "Educational" Medicare Seminar! Are all the TV ads making you more confused? Well, you are not alone! By attending you will learn how and when to enroll in Medicare and how to choose the right plan that addresses your specific healthcare needs. This is an in-person Educational Session and is free. Get all of your questions answered here. This seminar is free and there is no selling! ALL ARE WELCOME, No Registration Required!

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## HARPER LIBRARY

**TRIVIA TIME! Terrifying Trivia** Friday, October 20th, 2:00-4:00 pm Join us for festive snacks and spine-tingling trivia about scary books and movies! Teams can range from 1-5 players. Costumes encouraged! For adults age 17+. Register online.

**MURDER IN THE LIBRARY** Friday, October 13th, 2:00-5:00 PM Join us Friday the 13th in a cooperative murder mystery event as we try to figure out who killed romance writer Lady Cattersley! For adults age 17+. Register online

**BOOK TO FILM CLUB: Where the reading is not required!** Friday, October 27th, 2:00-5:00 PM Join us for a movie screening and discussion about a film adapted from a book. FREE BOOK for the first 5 registrants. Read the book in advance, or just show up for the movie! Popcorn provided. For adults age 17+. Register online

**CRAFTING WITH CANDICE Halloween-themed candle-making** Thursday, October 12th at 2:00 pm Join us for candle making w/ autumn scents. All materials provided. For adults age 17+. Register online

**WRITER'S GROUP** Thursday, October 26th, 1:00-3:00 pm 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

**ONE-ON-ONE TECH SUPPORT** Thursdays 1:00-3:00 pm Have trouble with your computer, tablet, or phone? Schedule your 30-minute one-on-one appointment with volunteer technology coach John McDonald. For adults age 17+. Schedule your appointment online

**Dead Tree Society Book Club Kick-Off & Book Tasting** Saturday, Oct. 14th @ 1 pm NEW BOOK CLUB for 6th-10th graders. Join us at the kickoff, book tasting & and FREE pizza party! Bring your favorite books! Help us decide which books we are going to read & and discuss each month! Future meetings will be held monthly on select Saturdays through April 2024 (come to some or ALL). The first 20 registrations for the November book club will receive a FREE copy of the book. Register online

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## Concert Series 2023 Thursdays in the park

THURSDAYS, AUGUST 31 - NOVEMBER 16, 6 - 8 P.M. FRANKLIN SQUARE PARK  
[WWW.CITYOFSOUTHPORT.COM/SOUTHPORT-CONCERT-SERIES](http://WWW.CITYOFSOUTHPORT.COM/SOUTHPORT-CONCERT-SERIES)

### OCTOBER

- 5 The Reflections Band\* Rock
- 12 Back Porch Rockers\* Rock
- 19 Deep Creek Soul\* Rock
- 26 Lockwood River Band Rock

### NOVEMBER

- 2 CMB\* Rock
- 9 Bat Bennett\* Rock
- 16 The Sandy Branch Band\* Bluegrass

Scan with your smartphone to learn more



\*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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# Winterfest 2023

December 7-9

### 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 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 / Keziah Park 113 W. Moore St.

### 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

(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

(Sponsored by 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 Fort Johnston Garrison Lawn  
Chairs/blankets are suggested.

### HISTORIC HOLIDAYS

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

### LIGHT UP THE NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE

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

### WINTER CRAFT FESTIVAL

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

### 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.

### SANTA'S WORKSHOP

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

### OLD BRUNSWICK COUNTY JAIL MUSEUM TOURS

(Sponsored by Southport Historical Society)  
Saturday, December 9, 12-5  
on the corner of Nash & Rhett Streets.

### 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

### 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 Christmas lights bouncing off the water. Judges will be Southport Elementary School Art Class Students.



For more information,  
please call 910-457-7927





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## OCTOBER AT A GLANCE



### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

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

Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting  
October 5 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - SCB

Forestry Committee Meeting  
October 10 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - ITMH

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
September 12 @ 6:30 pm - ITMH

ABC Board Meeting  
October 11 @ 6:00 pm - ITMH

Board of Aldermen Meeting  
October 12 @ 6:00 pm - SCB

Beautification Committee Meeting  
October 16 @ 5:00 pm - ITMH

Southport Symposium featuring  
Fire Department  
October 16 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - SCB

Historic Preservation Commission  
Public Input Meeting  
October 16 @ 6:00 pm - ITMH

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
October 17 @ 6:00 pm - Parks & Rec Office

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting  
October 19 @ 6:00 pm - SCB

Zoning Board of Adjustments  
October 24 @ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - ITMH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Southport Candidate Forum, the  
League of Women Voters  
October 3, 6:00 pm - SCB

Dosher Drug Drop  
October 4, 9-1, Doshier Hospital

Captain Charlie's Fishing Tournament  
October 7, 9-12 - City Pier

Sensory Saturday, Whaley Awesome!  
October 7, 9-11 - NC Maritime Museum

Fall Festival  
October 7,9-3 - St. Philip's Church

Pet CPR with Encompass Canines,  
Hosted by Animal Protective Services  
Tuition: \$100, October 7, 10-4 - ITMH

Southport Women's Club Health Fair  
October 9, 2-5 - SCB

BEMC 2nd Annual EV Exploration Day  
October 11, 1-3 -  
Odell Williamson Auditorium

Third Tuesdays,  
NC Maritime Museum at Southport  
October 17, 7-9 - SCB

American Legion meeting with  
Veteran's Organization Service Officers  
and Dept of Veteran Affairs Officials  
October 19-21 -  
2114 Infantry Road, Wilmington

7th Annual Sydney's  
Howl-o-Ween Bowser Bash  
October 21, 10-12 - Garrison Lawn

Classic Cars 'n Rock 'n Roll Car Show  
October 28, 9-4 - Downtown Spt

Fire Department, Trunk or Treat  
October 31, 5:00 - Fire HQ

City meetings are open to the public. The City of Southport does not discriminate based on disability. If you need an auxiliary aid or service or other accommodation to attend or fully participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerk's office as far in advance as possible so that your request can be considered.

Southport Community Building (SCB)  
223 East Bay Street

Indian Trail Meeting Hall (ITMH)  
110 West Moore Street

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

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