



NORTH CAROLINA JULY 4th FESTIVAL



June 30 – July 4, 2022

ARTS & CRAFTS

July 2 & 4 10 am to 5 pm
July 3 Noon to 5 pm

Franklin Square Park, Southport • Middleton Park, Oak Island
Sponsored by Better Beach Rentals & Sales

FOOD CONCESSIONS

Middleton Park • 4610 E. Dolphin Drive, Oak Island

July 1 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
4:00 pm to 9:00 pm
July 2 & 3 12:00 pm to 7:30 pm
July 4 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Franklin Square Park • 130 E. West Street, Southport

July 2 & 4 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
July 3 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Waterfront Park Area • South Howe Street, Southport

July 2 & 3 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm
July 4 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

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COMMUNITYWIDE ENTERTAINMENT

Live music at these Southport locations:

July 2 & 3 • 1:00pm to 4:00pm
American Fish Company • Southport Coffee Co & Kitchen
Southport Tap & Cellars • The Tiki Tavern

July 4 • 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Southport Coffee Co & Kitchen • Southport Tap & Cellars • The Tiki Tavern

Community Entertainment Main Stage • July 2, 3, & 4

Waterfront Stage in Southport and Beach Stage on Oak Island

A Salute to Veterans • July 2 6:00 pm

Southport Community Building

Sponsored by River Road Animal Hospital

The Southport Fire Department presents

37th Annual Fire Fighters Freedom Competition & Apparatus Expo

July 2 10:00 am to 2:00 pm • 115 E. Nash Street

Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation presents

911 Never Forget Memorial Mobile Exhibit

July 2, 3, & 4 10:00 am to 4:00 pm • 115 E. Nash Street

Old Smithville Burying Ground Tours

July 1 & 2 9:00 am to 10:30 am • July 4 2:00 pm

Smithville Burying Ground, Corner of Rhett Street & Moore Street

Event of the Southport Historical Society

Old Brunswick Jail Open • July 1, 2, & 4 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Across from Burying Ground, Corner of Moore Street/E. Nash Street

HONORING OUR FLAGS

Flag Retirement Ceremony • July 3 3:00 pm

Southport, Waterfront Park Stage

Flag Raising Ceremony • July 4 10:30 am

Southport, Intersection of Moore/Howe Street

Celebration of the Pledge of Allegiance • July 4 2:00 pm

Fort Johnston & Southport Museum & Visitor Center

Military Exhibits • July 4 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Southport Waterfront Park Area, 176 E. Bay Street

UPWA Live Pro Wrestling • July 4 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Middleton Park, Oak Island

Event of the UPWA

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

Southport Waterfront to the St. James Marina

Uncle Sam Jump • July 4 5:00 pm

Uncle Sam Skydive Landing on Beach

Middleton Park, 4610 E. Dolphin Drive, Oak Island

First Responders Vehicle Display • July 4 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Southport, Waterfront Park Area. 176 E. Bay Street.

Parade • July 4 11:00 am

Moore & Howe Streets

Sponsored by WECT TV6

Fireworks • July 4 9:00 pm

Southport Waterfront

Sponsored by Duke Energy

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Happenings

St. James



St. James residents had the opportunity on June 4 to tour their community's vast network of ponds as part of the Tour of Ponds sponsored by the St. James POA Ponds Committee. Residents opened their backyards to neighbors, showing off the beauty and need to protect these vital habitats.

Second annual Tour of Ponds

Story and photos by Eliot Duke
Staff Writer

St. James hosted its second annual Tour of Ponds on June 4, highlighting one of the community's natural treasures. This year's Tour of Ponds provided members of the St. James POA Ponds Committee the chance to increase awareness about erosion and the role the natural habitat plays in providing clean water.

St. James is home to 250 ponds including more than a dozen designated specifically for fishing.

"There are a lot of levels of information," said Merry Klinefelter, a member of the POA Ponds Committee. "Ponds vary from small, tiny little runoff ponds, to one that is almost seven acres."

A half dozen stops made up the tour, with experts on hand at each one to answer questions and provide useful information to interested visitors. Bob Murphy hosted a fishing demonstration at Woodlands Pond, offering people the chance to drop a line in the water while listening to some sound advice, and he showcased his fish-catching ability with the help of some pieces of hot dog.

"We have a number of species of fish in there," Murphy said of Woodlands Pond. "We also have turtles. The turtles are pretty smart too. Our goal is to make people aware of the natural erosion around ponds. There are a lot of beautiful ponds in St. James that we keep stocked with fish."

Regatta Pond, near Seaside Pool, shows

how a neighborhood came together to control erosion and stormwater while also planting native plants to stabilize the shoreline. The pond on Bluffton Court, known as a juvenile pond, demonstrated what a few years of planting looks like, using both native plants and trees to help control erosion from stormwater.

"We try to build a habitat, as well as protect the water quality of the pond," stated Steve Brocker, chairman of the ponds committee. "Buffers act as not only erosion control, but also nutrients get absorbed by the plants instead of getting into the pond and creating algae and other sorts of problems. We promote efforts to preserve the ponds."

Scott Blevins with Carolina Ponds and Storm Water was on hand at Blair Pond, a showcase pond planted and maintained by the POA Ponds Committee, to discuss planting and erosion control measures he used at the site. Also, various garden experts manned the Woodlands Nature Trail offering visitors information on gardening.

"There is a lot of good expert advice out here," said Klinefelter. "We're trying to educate people on stewardship of the ponds and their homes and teach them about fishing, about saving plants, to teach them that the first year you plant, everything won't come up and look like a mature pond."

The St. James POA Ponds Committee recently received a stewardship award from the Lower Cape Fear Conservation Committee for its work towards improving the community's water quality and environment.



Bob Murphy with the St. James POA Ponds Committee shows off his fishing skills to resident Rob Wolfe at Woodlands Pond. The committee hosted its second annual Tour of Ponds on June 4, inviting residents to visit community ponds.

2nd Infantry Division reunion

The Second Infantry Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the association and its 99th annual reunion planned for September 28 - October 2 in Kansas City, Missouri, contact Mike Davino at zida.pao@charter.net or 919- 498-1910.

OKI Market

The Oak Island Farmers' & Artisans' Market, held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Middleton Park (SE 46th Street and East Dolphin Drive) is a great opportunity for the public to financially support Oak Island's local growers and crafters.

Farmers and artisans offer baked goods, produce and handmade crafts.



Photo contributed

Southport Yacht Club Lone Palm Regatta June 18

On Saturday, June 18, the Lone Palm Regatta, an open recreational pursuit race for sailboats at the intersection of the Cape Fear River, Intracoastal Waterway and Atlantic Ocean, is planned. The staggered race start will commence at noon with a post-race event and award ceremony at 4:30 p.m. at Old American Fish Company.

The 10-mile course is strategically designed to offer tourists and townspeople a great view of the race from the Southport waterfront, and provide upwind and downwind sailing to racers with varying degrees of experience.

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