

From Our Mayor
DONNA PRINCE LONG



*Happy spring everyone!
I am so excited about celebrating 50 years of Calabash!*

As I look back on my life living in Calabash, it brings a smile to my face and joy to my heart. I am reminded of sandy dirt roads, beautiful large oak trees and many afternoons spent fishing. I remember this time of the year as kids we would all meet at the Fire Department for the annual Easter egg hunt. There would be hundreds of eggs to hunt, many prizes to win and trips riding through town on the back of the fire truck. There are so many wonderful memories in this beautiful Town of Calabash, and I hope there are many more wonderful and new memories made and new traditions started that will continue for years to come.

I rejoice that I can continue to call Calabash my home and am honored to serve as your Mayor. It is something I will cherish forever—most especially, celebrating with everyone during Calabash's 50th Anniversary week, May 8–13! I am appreciative of all the hard work and planning that has gone into bringing you learning opportunities and activities celebrating the first 50 years of our town's rich history.

the  *Navigator*
SPRING / SUMMER 2023

UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a great night of FREE entertainment at the Calabash Town Park at 868 Persimmon Road. The concerts are from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm. On site, enjoy Kona ice and Dixieland kettle corn and those famous Calabash hot dogs.

June 6	Band of Oz	July 18	The Extraordinaires
June 20	Too Much Sylvia	July 25	Chocolate Chip & Co.
June 27	Entertainers	Aug. 1	Southside Saints
July 4	Embers w/Craig Woolard	Aug. 15	Thomas Road Band

Calabash Town Administrator Wins Government Award

The Cape Fear Council of Governments held their 50th annual meeting and awards banquet on Thursday, February 23, at the Brunswick Senior Center at Supply. Regional leaders from across the region received awards for their impact in improving the quality of life for the citizens of Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender counties.

Calabash Town Administrator, Charles "Chuck" Nance, Jr., received the Local Government Regional Impact Award for many years of outstanding service to his community and to fellow managers across Brunswick County and the region. Congratulations Chuck!



Charles "Chuck" Nance, Jr.



CALABASH CELEBRATES 50!

The week of May 8 through 13 was designated as the week to celebrate the Town's 50th Anniversary, with lots of fun activities. Town Hall would be open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 am until 4 pm for the opportunity to view a Town heritage display. On Thursday, May 11, at 1:00 pm, a monument reveal and tree planting at Town Hall was scheduled.

Plans for Saturday, May 13 featured a rubber duckie race on the Calabash River, with the grand finale on Saturday including a performance by the Blackwater Band starting at 6:00 pm on the waterfront at the corner of Oak Street and Riverview Drive.

PAST TOWN EVENTS



“A TASTE OF CALABASH” RETURNS



There were also arts and crafts vendors and music by local DJ “Joe Cool” at the park. As in previous years, there were children’s activities, and door prizes donated by some of the vendors.

Participating eateries included: Milk & Honey, Sweets & Ice Cream, Bagel Dock Café, Blondiez Donuts, Boundary House, The Oyster Rock, Back Porch Ice Cream, Callahan’s Fudge, Calabash Creamery, Toasted, Calabash Garden Tea Room, Waterfront Seafood Shack, Dockside Seafood House, and Angus Steakhouse & Seafood.

This year’s **People’s Choice Awards** were divided into three categories: **Best Seafood**—1st place Oyster Rock, 2nd place The Boundary House, 3rd place Calabash Waterfront Seafood Shack; **Best Sandwich & Such**—1st place Milk & Honey, 2nd place Angus Steakhouse & Seafood, 3rd place Toasted; and **Best Sweet Taste**—1st place Blondiez Donuts, 2nd place Calabash Creamery, 3rd place Callahan’s Fudge (Calabash Nautical Gifts).

The Calabash Community Services Committee, along with the Town, would like to thank all participating vendors, restaurants, and volunteers who helped make another Taste of Calabash a huge success!

The Taste of Calabash festival returned this year on Saturday, April 22 from 11 am until 6 pm at the Calabash Community Park. Tickets were \$10 each and included wristbands for a tasting tour of participating restaurants.

CALABASH EGG HUNT

The Calabash Easter egg hunt was held Saturday, April 1 from 11 am until 1 pm at the Calabash Community Park. This free holiday event also included face painting and a photo with the Easter Bunny. The egg hunt was grouped by age and held in intervals for families with more than one child. The event was organized and hosted by the Calabash Community Services Committee.

Calabash Lions Club Invites You

You are invited to a meeting of the Calabash Lions Club, a group of twenty-two men and women dedicated to providing service to those in need in our community.

The Club was chartered in March 2004 and started the following June in Calabash, sponsored by the Shallotte Lions Club. It is part of Lions Club International, the world’s largest service organization. Its motto is “WE SERVE.” Membership is by invitation, and attendance at meetings, which are held twice a month, is appreciated.

The Club is a community-based organization and the funds raised from the general public are used for charitable purposes, with administrative costs kept separate and paid for by members. **NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME!** As a club, the Calabash Lions have been collecting and distributing much needed food and supplies to Florida, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina and to the victims of Oklahoma tornadoes, Syria/

Turkey earthquakes, and the Philippine typhoons.

The Calabash Lions Club holds a “911” Memorial Service every year. They provide eye exams and glasses for the Brighter Visions Campaigns for Camp Dogwood for blind and visually impaired adults; food pantries, parties at Autumn Care Nursing Home, by selling Lions brooms, attraction books and holding teas and raffles.

If you are interested in joining the Calabash Lions Club, they meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm and the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am, at the Calabash Fire Dept. Contact Lion Irwin Slegelwax at 910-209-6170 to see what we are all about!

HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1 BE PREPARED AND SAFE!

- ✓ STOP BY TOWN HALL FOR FEMA AND RED CROSS INFORMATION
- ✓ CHECK THE TOWN WEBSITE
- ✓ VISIT “CALABASH CONNECTION” ON FACEBOOK

TOWN SERVICES TIPS

GOT MOSQUITOES? Calabash residents can contact Brunswick County Mosquito Control Officer Jeff Brown regarding mosquito control issues at 910-253-2507 or jeff.brown@brunswickcountync.gov

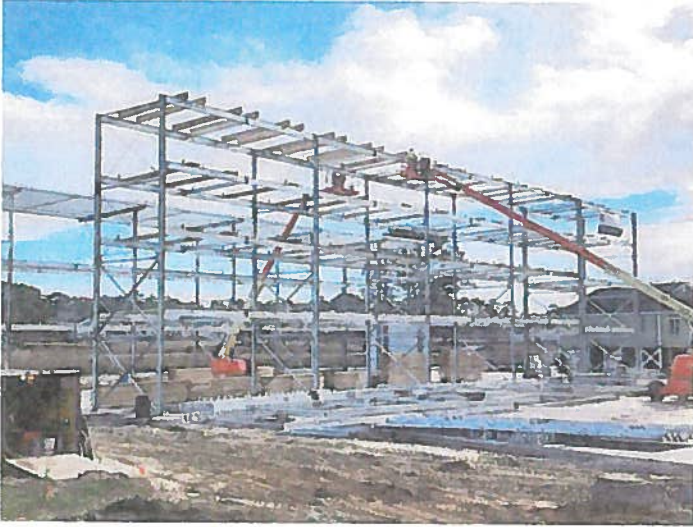
TO ENSURE TRASH PICKUP

on Wednesdays, it is recommended to place your cans at the end of your drive on Tuesday nights. Waste Industries, a GFL company, encourages you to view their website, wasteindustries.com for any holiday pickup schedule changes.

When calling Town Hall: 910-579-6747

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CALABASH MARINA OPENING SOON



The Calabash Marina, located at 1207 Riverview Drive, is set to open and be ready to launch boats sometime in May. Their much-anticipated dry storage marina is nearing completion and is expected to open in phases starting with the covered and uncovered dry rack storage system. Their valet dry storage service will be able to accommodate boats up to 34 feet LOA.

With just a phone call, the marina team can have boats fueled and waiting for their customers on the water, and when customers return, the team will retrieve their boats, rinse down the hull, and flush motors. The Marina will feature a well-stocked ship store and a boat rental operation which will open later in the summer.

REMINDERS

GET A FREE TOWN DECAL

at Town Hall so you can dispose of yard debris and drop off recycling in the receptacles located at the Town Maintenance Yard. A form of identification with your address may be required.

BAGGED YARD WASTE SERVICE

The first FULL WEEK of each month, Town Services personnel tour all town streets, picking up grass clippings, pine needles, leaves and limbs. If you miss the pickup during the first full week, Town Services staff will not come back until the following month. You always have the option of bringing yard debris to the Maintenance Yard located at 619 Persimmon Road (open Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm). Please adhere to the following:

1. Pine straw, leaves, grass, etc. must be placed in a biodegradable paper "yard waste" bag and must not exceed 50 lbs. in weight. **NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE PICKED UP.**
2. All pulled grass, weeds, plants, brush, etc. **MUST** have the root ball, sand, dirt, etc. removed. We will not pick up bags of sand or dirt.
3. All yard waste bags must be piled within 4 feet of the curb or at the end of the driveway. Town equipment and employees will not come on private property to remove trimmings/bags.
4. Yard waste bags should not be piled near telephone pole, mailboxes, water meter pits, catch basin, fire hydrants or parked cars, as they may scratch the cars. Yard waste bags deemed too close to parked cars will not be picked up.
5. Unprepared and/or larger volumes placed in the road right-of-way shall be considered littering and handled according to §50.04.

CAMPFIRES & OUTDOOR COOKING FIRES

are permitted in town. Burning yard debris is **NOT** permitted.

YARD SALES

Before setting up, come to Town Hall and get a permit. The fee is \$5, and residents can hold TWO sales per year. Two off-site directional signs are allowed. Yard sales can be conducted from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.


**Ham Radio Operators Wanted—Contact Town Hall
Like "Calabash Connection" on Facebook!**

CURBSIDE CHIPPER SERVICE

1. Tree and shrub clippings only. **NO VINES.** Clippings which include vines will not be picked up.
2. Trees and bushes with roots cannot go through the chipper machine. Roots must be cut off and processed through other composting programs.
3. No **FIREWOOD**, lumber, boards, wire, dirt, sand or other debris.
4. No pine straw or other yard waste can be piled on clippings to be chipped. They will not be picked up, and clippings will not be chipped. These items must be put into paper bags.
5. All clippings must be piled within 4 feet of the curb or at the end of the driveway. Trimming piles should be piled neatly with the cutoff ends pointed towards the street. Town equipment and employees will not go on private property to remove trimmings.
6. Clippings should not be piled near telephone poles, mailboxes, water meter pits, catch basins, fire hydrants or parked cars, as they may scratch the cars. Clippings deemed too close to parked cars will not be picked up.
7. The chipper will accept branches with maximum diameter of 8 inches.
8. The longer the clippings are, the easier it is for Town crews to remove them; therefore, there is no maximum length. However, trimmings should be at least 4 feet in length and no longer than 10 feet trimmed.
9. Town employees will not leave mulch at residences. Mulch can be picked up at the Town Services yard.
10. Unprepared and/or larger volumes placed in the road right-of-way shall be considered littering and handled according to §50.04.

RESERVE THE PARK TODAY

Contact Town Hall to reserve the picnic shelter for your next family reunion, birthday party, small wedding reception, etc. Park benefits include bocce ball, horseshoes, shuffleboard, and a terrific playground for the young ones to play on. Fees are \$25 to rent the shelter for Calabash residents/property owners and \$50 for non-residents. Non-profit and charitable organizations will not be charged these fees but must show proper credentials when reserving use of the shelter.

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Wishing you all Happy Summer Days!

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 Joseph Lee Nance, Jr.
 Michael Price
 Forrest King
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 Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement
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 Town Services
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If you are interested in serving on any board or committee in the future, please contact Town Clerk, Sue Stuhr: 910-579-6747, ext. 3.

CALABASH TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:
MEMORIAL DAY: May 29, 2023; INDEPENDENCE DAY: JULY 4, 2023
LABOR DAY: September 4, 2023; VETERAN'S DAY: November 10, 2023

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