

From Our Mayor

MARY LOUISE KNIGHT

One of the best ways to stay in good physical and mental shape and to function at your fullest is simple—GET OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF! By enhancing your own social connectedness, you are dramatically improving your quality of life.

The Senior Center, located in Calabash, will be a hub for seniors, linking many to a wider range of activities that reflect life experiences, skills, needs and interests, and the long-term benefits are priceless.

With my 30 years in the aging field, I can assure you that through these programs and services, it has been proven to manage and delay the onset of chronic diseases. Seniors show improvement in physical, social, spiritual, and emotional health. It also assists in their economic well-being.

Calabash is blessed to have this center for its residents and in so developing another way for our residents to enjoy the highest quality of life.

I, along with our commissioners and staff, feel very good and grateful, and are always looking for ways for everyone in our town to experience life to the fullest.

I would also like to thank our County Commissioners, County Manager Ann Hardy, Brunswick County Senior Resources, and all that participated in this senior site located in Calabash.

We will keep everyone updated as to the ribbon cutting date and the Center opening its doors. As of this publication, we are expecting around the beginning of June.

As your mayor, I am overjoyed to share my thoughts and dreams for you and this segment of our home town.

RECENT TOWN EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Calabash Easter egg hunt was held on Saturday, March 24th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. This free holiday event also included crafts for the children and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Egg Hunt was organized and hosted by the Calabash Community Services Committee.

3rd ANNUAL TASTE OF CALABASH



The 3rd annual “Taste of Calabash” was the biggest yet. This year’s festival was held on Saturday, April 21st from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm at the Calabash Community Park and at participating businesses in Calabash. Twenty-six vendors showcased arts and crafts in the park while DJ Joe Cool played great beach music under the park pavilion during the festivity. There was also a bouncy house for the children to enjoy. To participate in the local restaurant food sampling, attendees purchased wristbands and received a souvenir Taste of Calabash tote bag. There were door prizes donated by vendors and fish bowl drawings were every half hour. This year’s participating restaurants were George’s Pancake House, Sunrise Breakfast & Lunch, Bagel Dock Café, Sub 17, Mmm Que Rico, Tony’s Pizza, Boundary House, Bennett’s Grill & Café, Captain Nance’s Seafood, Calabash Deli, Calabash Garden Tea Room, Calabash Creamery, Beck’s Restaurant, Ella’s of Calabash, Waterfront Seafood Shack, Back Porch Ice Cream, Captain John’s Seafood House and Dockside Seafood House.

This year’s People’s Choice Awards were 1st place—Boundary House, 2nd place—Bennett’s Grill & Café, 3rd place—Captain Nance’s Seafood, and 4th place—MMM Que Rico. The Town would like to thank all participating vendors, restaurants, businesses and volunteers who helped make another Taste of Calabash successful!

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RECENT EVENTS

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2nd Grade Students Tour Town Hall

The Mayor, Staff, and Commissioners are always happy to see young, smiling faces at Town Hall, and on Wednesday, May 9th, the Town of Calabash welcomed the Second Grade Class from Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School for a visit to learn about local government. The students were given a tour of Town Hall and participated in an imitation Board of Commissioners meeting. They were also enlightened by our staff on what each department's responsibilities involve. While visiting Town Hall, the students are always encouraged to do well in school and are well informed about the importance of a citizens' participation in their government. The children also toured the Fire Department next door and at the end of their visit enjoyed a pizza party and play time in the Calabash Community Park.

Calabash Mourns Loss Of Two Former Committee Members

Ruth Lillian Hubbell, 84, of Calabash passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Ms. Hubbell lived in Calabash for 22 years and loved it dearly. She participated on the Veterans Affairs Committee with the Calabash Elks Lodge and served several years on our Community Services Committee.

J. W. Brown of 669 Persimmon Road in Calabash, passed away on January 9, 2018. Mr. Brown was a member of the Planning & Zoning Board for several years and did an excellent job as Chairman of this board.

Both Ms. Hubbell and Mr. Brown will be greatly missed.

UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

CAR SHOW COMES TO CALABASH

Make plans on Saturday, June 16, 2018 to attend Cruisin' Calabash, co-hosted by Tri-Beach Cruiser's Car Club and the Calabash Merchant's Association, along with the Town of Calabash. This awesome car show will be held at 940 Carter Drive SW, within walking distance to restaurants and shopping. Registration is from 8 am until 12 pm and there is a \$20 entry fee. Awards will be announced at 3 pm for the following: Best in Show, Mayor's Choice, Law Enforcement's Choice, Firefighter's Choice, Top 40, Best GM, Best Ford, Best MOPAR, Best Other, Best Camaro, Best Mustang, Best Corvette, and Best Street Rod. A rain date has been set for June 23. For more information call Wendy at 910-575-0024.

SUMMER CONCERTS SERIES PLANNED

The Town of Calabash will begin their 2018 series of summer concerts at the Calabash Community Park on Tuesday, June 5th at 6:00 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy these free family outings! These concerts are proudly sponsored by The Calabash Merchants, Coldwell Banker, Sea Coast Advantage, and the Town of Calabash in coordination with the Brunswick County Parks & Recreation.

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| JUN 5 Embers | JUL 17 Chocolate Chip & Co. Band |
| JUN 19 Holiday Band | JUL 24 Jim Quick & Company |
| JUN 26 The Fantastic Shakers | JUL 31 Band of Oz |
| JUL 3 The Tams | AUG 7 The Entertainers |

4th OF JULY FIREWORKS

There will be fireworks again this year in Calabash on Wednesday, July 4th, 2018, sponsored by the Calabash Fire Department. Festivities will begin at 5 PM on the waterfront next to Captain John's Seafood House. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$5 each at the Fire Department for a chance to win a brand new Jon Boat with trailer. The boat has a 20-horsepower engine and canopy, and the winner will be announced at this event. The Rick Strickland Band will be performing, and Calabash Fire Department's very own Jimmy "Two Wraps" Bruno will be the DJ. A silent auction will be held for door prizes. There will be lots of fun activities for everyone, including a dunking booth for all and an inflatable bouncy house for kids. Hotdogs, ice cream, popcorn and Sunset Slushies will be available for purchase. Fireworks will begin about 9:15 PM. You certainly don't want to miss this exciting event!

BEST STOREFRONT AWARDS

The Local Economic Development Committee recognizes one local Calabash business every two months for presentation of a Best Storefront Award. This program was implemented to bring attention to improvements and well-kept businesses in Calabash. Congratulations to all these recipients:

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| Nov/Dec | Bennett's Grill & Café | Mar/April | Low Country Stores |
| Jan/Feb | Calabash Deli | May/Jun ... | A Place For Spirit, Mind & Body |

OPIOID AWARENESS EVENT HELD

Calabash hosted a prescription opioid community awareness session from 5:30–7:00 pm Wed., January 31st at the Calabash Fire Station and was open to the public.

Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office gave a presentation on county opioid-related data. There was also a discussion on the sheriff’s office’s Anchor Initiative and other information on what it is doing to combat the opioid epidemic.

The Drug Enforcement Administration’s Wilmington office gave a presentation on principles of the DEA 360 Strategy for addressing the prescription opioid epidemic.

Retired Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan, CEO of Eagle Force Health, gave a presentation on technology and solutions specific to prescription opioid transaction making.

TOWN SERVICES ADDS NEW EMPLOYEE

Calabash welcomes Bronston Wright to its Town Services team. Bronston, along with all our Town Services staff always does a remarkable job keeping our town looking good!

HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1

The following is a list of actions and resources that will help you “BE PREPARED!”

- Television Stations – forecasts and up to date information
- Broadcast Radio Stations–forecasts and up to date information
- Weather Alert Radios–forecasts, watches, warnings
- Printed Materials from FEMA and other government agencies
- Red Cross Checklists–English and Spanish–Above printed materials available at the Town Hall
- Town of Calabash Website
- “Calabash Connection” on Facebook
- RED ALERT–A telephone system that calls all phones in the Town of Calabash with listed numbers, giving up to date information on emergencies. Cell phones and unlisted numbers must be registered on the Brunswick County WEBSITE (www.brunswickcountync.gov/es)
- Special Needs Registry in case of an emergency
- Questions regarding Emergency Management will be answered by calling or stopping at Town Hall.

BE PREPARED AND SAFE! *We are proud to serve you,*
Town of Calabash Emergency Management

HELPFUL TIPS FROM TOWN SERVICES

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

Mowing and street maintenance season has started. Please slow down and be patient when there are orange traffic cones, mowing or road work signs on town streets. This will ensure the safety of our Town Services staff and residents as well.

Calabash Town Services has started marking/identifying property of residents who DO NOT want the right-of-way mowed in front of their homes. Residents can call in and request that their right-of-way not be mowed, and their property will be marked with PINK dots.

REMINDERS

YARD DEBRIS CURBSIDE PICKUP

The first FULL WEEK of each month, Town Services personnel tour all town streets picking up grass clippings, pine needles, leaves and limbs. Please do not stack yard debris on water meters because a tractor is used to pick up the debris and it could do damage to the meter. If you miss the pick up 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 Town’s 619 Persimmon Road Maintenance Yard (open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm). If you choose not to, kindly store your bagged yard debris so it is not visible from the street for collection the following month. Also, remember that the Town of Calabash only accepts biodegradable brown paper yard waste bags. These bags are available at Ace Hardware, Wal-Mart, or any of the building supply stores like Lowes and Home Depot.

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 go in 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 a 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.

ELECTRONIC DISPOSAL: Computers, keyboards, monitors, televisions, radios, fax machines, copiers and telephones, to name a few related items, can be taken to the Town’s 619 Persimmon Road Maintenance Yard for disposal.

CAMPFIRES AND OUTDOOR COOKING FIRES are permitted in town. Burning yard debris is **NOT** permitted. If you want a bonfire, call Town Hall for a permit.

GET A FREE TOWN DECAL at Town Hall so you can dispose of electronic items and yard debris at the Town Maintenance Yard and drop off recycling in the receptacles located in the Town Hall parking lot.

NEWSPAPERS AND CANS along with glass and plastic can be deposited for recycling in the large blue containers located in the Town Hall parking lot. Newspapers can be in brown (not plastic) bags. Rinse out aluminum cans, glass and plastic containers. **Not accepted:** any glass that is not a food/beverage container, aluminum foil (pie plates and related items), toys, cardboard, pizza boxes and Styrofoam).

The Calabash Navigator

TOWN OF CALABASH

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WHEN CALLING TOWN HALL:

- Ext. 0 General Questions/Customer Service
 Inspections/Animal Control
- Ext. 1 Current News/Conditions
 Schedule of Events
- Ext. 2 Building Inspections
- Ext. 3 Town Clerk
- Ext. 4 Tax Department/Accounting
- Ext. 5 Town Administrator
- Ext. 6 Town Services
- Ext. 8 Mayor Mary Knight/Commissioners



The Town of Calabash wishes all a safe Summer and Happy 4th of July!

Calabash Town Officials

Mayor	Mary Louise Knight
Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem	Joseph Lee Nance, Jr.
Commissioner	Michael Price
Commissioner	Cecelia Herman
Commissioner	Michael Herring
Commissioner	Frank Drury

Planning & Zoning Board

Sonia Climer—Madam Chairman	Charlie Daniels
Clare Leary—ETJ Member	Commissioner Michael Herring
Les Lamanna	M. Moriah

Long Range Planning Committee

Forrest King, Chairman	Scott Stewart
Kenneth Knight	Ed Malone
Henry Payne	

Local Economic Development Committee

Commissioner Michael Herring	Susan Bullin
Melissa Byrd	Jim Kornita
Henry Payne	Bob Taylor
Jason Wooldrige	

Board of Adjustment

Charles Daniels	Martin Keefe
Sonia Climer	Commissioner Cecelia Herman
Mark St. Clair—ETJ Member	Vacancy (2 Alternate Members)
Vacancy (ETJ Alternate Member)	

Town Hall Staff

Town Administrator	Chuck Nance
Town Clerk	Sue Stuhr
Tax Collector/Accounting	Sherri Robinson
Code Enforcement/Emergency Service	George Mabes
Office Assistant/Building Inspections	Lisa Smith
Town Services Supervisor	Pete Brokus
Town Services/Animal Control	Justin Davis
Town Services	Andrew Dills
Town Services	Mark Pero
Town Services	Tommy Sparks
Town Services	Bronston Wright

Community Services Committee Members

Hanna Philipp, Vice Chairperson	Nancy Brown
Beth Engstrom	Paul Engstrom
Helen Kapalka	Melissa Schnur

Emergency Management Committee & Damage Assessment Team

Karl Bennett, Chairman	Linda Bennett, Vice Chair	Mayor Mary Knight
Chuck Nance	Jim Bruno	Daria Buccilli
John Buccilli	George Mabes	Pete Brokus
Jim Capicatto	Kenneth Knight	Monroe Hicks
Ronald Bland	Jason Walker	
Pete Brokus		

If you are interested in serving in the future as a member on any board or committee, please contact Town Clerk, Sue Stuhr at 910-579-6747, ext. 3

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Memorial Day: May 28, 2018
 Independence Day: July 4, 2018
 Labor Day: September 3, 2018

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