

From Our Mayor **MARY LOUISE KNIGHT**

Please know how very proud I am to serve you and our community this Thanksgiving season. I am especially appreciative and fortunate to have your support and kindness.

Together we have managed to weather Hurricane Florence and Tropical Storm Michael this summer, and mighty Calabash remains stronger than ever. Thanks to Bob Taylor for donating propane to the Fire Department; to Calabash Deli for sharing their food; the Back Porch Ice Cream Shop for sharing with the community; Sonia and Rick Climer for feeding our Town employees; Food Lion and Lowes Food for opening so quickly after the storm; and the many acts of kindness between neighbors. These deeds all define Calabash and its future. There are so many more of you that stepped up and showed real character and spirit. You are what will distinguish our future. Challenging events do make us stronger. Also, a note of thanks should go to Brunswick Electric for restoring power back as quickly as possible. They did one amazing job. The Police Department, County, Fire Department, Town Emergency Management Committee and Ares, Town of Calabash officials and staff made Calabash a safe harbor during our challenging summer.

However, let's not forget the many good times the summer did bring. What a wonderful summer concert series we had thanks to Cathy Cody and others; the Taste of Calabash, our Senior Resources Center grand opening; the purchase of waterfront property along with its grant; and the many visitors to our little Town.

As fall colors recede a hauntingly good time can be had by all, with Town Hall Day, Octoberfest, Trunk or Treat, and the Christmas parade and tree lighting. All of Calabash will be smiling as Santa arrives once again. On New Year's Eve the Town will be welcoming in the New Year with its annual bonfire, along with music and food. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there and please remember to fill out a good wishes slip and place it in the wine bottle to go out to the gulf, thanks to the Hurricane Fleet.

Always remember living life together is more fun. Let's celebrate the journey together. Bless you all and have a healthy, happy holiday season. You are the Spirit of Calabash! Thank you for everything.

UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & PARADE

The 2018 holiday season will kick off Friday, December 7th at 6:00 pm with the 23rd Annual Spirit of Calabash nighttime parade and Christmas Tree Lighting held at Callahan's of Calabash.

Brunswick County native Victoria Humphreys is this year's featured vocalist for the Tree Lighting event. Victoria began attending the event when she moved to Brunswick County at the age of five, twenty-three years ago!

She is a graduate of Eastern Carolina University studying music therapy with a degree in music business.

The Tree Lighting is a great venue to see some of the area's talented children. This year's highlights include the Kindergarten Dancers from Dance Connection led by Ann Hucks, and the children's choir from Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School led by Kristi Smith. The event will be emceed one again by Dr. Ernie and Madison Ward.

Children are encouraged to mail their letters for Santa in our "official" North Pole mailbox. There will be children's craft stations, including the popular "Create Your Own Reindeer Food" station. The Calabash Fire Department will be assisting Santa and Mrs. Claus in traveling through Calabash so he can visit children attending the event. Free refreshments will be served, including hot cocoa, coffee and snacks.

Each year the event collects donations, toys, clothing, and non-perishable food for needy children and seniors living in Calabash and the Southern Brunswick County area. Participating merchants will be collecting items until December 11th as well as at Calabash Town Hall and at the event that Friday.

Participating merchants will be extending hours and offer unique shopping, great dining and small-town cheer as we celebrate the reasons for the season!

For more information or to participate in the parade, visit "Calabash Christmas" on Facebook or call Calabash Town Hall at 910-579-6747.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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NEW YEAR'S EVE BONFIRE

The Town of Calabash will host its seventh public New Year's Eve bonfire and celebration starting at 8:30 pm Monday, December 31, 2018. Festivities will take place in the Hurricane Fishing Fleet parking lot (9975 Nance Street) next to the Calabash River. As always, there will be lots of good food and entertainment. Start an amazing new year in Calabash!

Best Storefront Awards

The Calabash Local Economic Development Committee sponsors a Best Storefront Award program. This recognition program selects businesses in town that are making special efforts to present and attractive and inviting business storefront. Congratulations to all these recipients: *July/Aug.:* Grand Strand Realty, *Sept./Oct.:* Sacred Willow Spa, *Nov./Dec.:* Coastal Craft Beverage Co.

Calabash Granted Funding for Park

The Town of Calabash was among 27 recipients statewide that was awarded matched-grant funding from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund for local parks and recreation projects.

The \$147,332 in PARTF funding approved for Calabash will go toward the purchase price of the Town's future Calabash Waterway Park overlooking the Calabash River on the southwest side of the river bridge at 1358 Beach Drive. Specific plans for the park are still to be determined, but it has potential for a community kayak launch with parking, restrooms, a small shelter, dockage, fishing and photography activities.

New Senior Center Opens Its Doors

The grand opening of the Brunswick Senior Resources Center at Calabash was held July 27th, and the center officially opened for business July 30th, 2018. Several hundred people attended, and many local leaders spoke.

The building has a large kitchen, a dining and activity room, and small conference rooms that will host Tai Chi, yoga, Pilates, arts and crafts programs, arthritis exercise classes, Zumba and much more. There will also be bingo. An overhang on the left side of the building provides easy access to the kitchen for Meals on Wheels volunteers.

Offices and activity rooms may be rented by outside groups for events, weddings, birthdays, card games, etc. The multipurpose room accommodates 350 people. A full kitchen is available for catering. If you are interested in renting space in the center, call Debra Marlowe at (910) 754-2300.

PAST TOWN EVENTS

THAT'S A WRAP!

This year's concert series was a huge success. Kathy Cody and her concert committee did an excellent job with the lineup of bands and the logistics of the concert. Thanks to the Merchant's Association, Calabash Town Services, all of the sponsors, Bronston Wright, all of the bands, Julian Fowler, 94.9 The Surf, and all of the people that came out and supported this year's summer concerts. Jim Quick and Coastline closed it out with a great show.

ANNUAL TOWN HALL DAY

The eleventh annual Town Hall Day was held on Friday, October 19th, 2018 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at the Calabash Community Park.

The theme of the day's event was "Hurricane Florence in Review" and featured Federal Emergency Management Agency representatives on hand to answer questions, along with Brunswick County Commissioner Randy Thompson and emergency services director Brian Watts. A mock emergency operations center was set up in Sanborn Hall so that people could see how it operates.

Other highlights included refreshments and a flu shot clinic was conducted by the Brunswick County Health Department during the event.

OCTOBERFEST

The 5th annual Oktoberfest was held at 947 Carter Drive on October 27, 2018 from 11 am until 5 pm. The festival had numerous activities for adults and young ones, with Bavarian food, Oktoberfest beer, vendors, and children's entertainment. Contests included wiener dog races, beer stein holding, best beer stein, and even arm wrestling. The Harbour Town Fest Band performed as people danced under the huge tent.

HALLOWEEN

"Trunk or Treat" in the Calabash Community Park was held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Activities included a kid's contest that was awarded by age groups for the scariest, prettiest, funniest, and most original costumes. As always, there was lots and lots of candy for all children. This event was sponsored by the Calabash Elks Lodge 2679 and the Town of Calabash.

Volunteers Needed for Calabash Community Service Committee

- Do you enjoy preparing for events?
- Got ideas to share?
- Love kids?
- Willing to pitch in with a team?
- Have a little time on your hands?
- Have a sense of humor?
- Want to develop one?
- Can you say YES to ANY of these questions?

Come join the Calabash Community Service Committee! Work with a team that plans events and activities that help promote the spirit of Calabash. You are invited to attend one of the regular CSC meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm at Calabash Town Hall. Please contact Sue Stuhr at Town Hall (910) 579-6747 ext 3 if you have any questions.

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! Fees are \$25 to rent the shelter for Calabash residents/property owners and \$50 for non-residents. Nonprofit and charitable organizations will not be charged these fees, but must show proper credentials when reserving the shelter.

THINKING ABOUT HAVING A YARD SALE?

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

Please contact Town Hall.

When calling Town Hall: (910) 579-6747

- 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 Dept./Accounting
- Ext. 5** Town Administrator
- Ext. 6** Town Services
- Ext. 8** Mayor/Commissioners

REMINDERS

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. 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, Wednesday & 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 poles, 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 large volumes placed in the road right-of-way shall be considered littering, and handled according to §50.04.

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.

ELECTRONIC DISPOSAL: Computers, keyboards, monitors, TVs, radios, fax machines, copiers, phones, etc. can be taken to the Town's 619 Persimmon Road Maintenance Yard for disposal.

RECYCLE: 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).

CAMPFIRES AND OUTDOOR COOKING FIRES are permitted in town. Burning yard debris is NOT permitted.

The Calabash  Navigator
TOWN OF CALABASH

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Good Cheer and Warmth of Family!*

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Vacancy (2 Alternate Members)

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Town Clerk
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Code Enforcement/Emergency Service
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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:
VETERAN'S DAY: Nov. 12, 2018; THANKSGIVING: Nov. 22 & 23, 2018; CHRISTMAS: Dec. 24, 25 & 26, 2018
NEW YEAR'S DAY: Jan. 1, 2019; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Jan. 21, 2019; Good Friday: April 19, 2019
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