

Friendly City News

TOWN OF SWANSBORO

THE FRIENDLY CITY BY THE SEA

FALL 2022

Every Friday after Thanksgiving the Downtown Swansboro Waterfront lights up with Christmas themed boats gliding along the shoreline, children anxiously awaiting Santa's vessel, mulled cider, crispy funnel cakes, hot cocoa and holiday music. This year's Flotilla, November 25, 5-8 p.m. will be no different. *Register your vessel for a great opportunity to show off your Holiday decorating talent while engaging family and friends in a fun endeavor.* Registration info. below.



Want to enter your boat? Sign up below and start decorating!
<https://swansboro.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1728>

Want to register your food truck? [Swansborofestivals.com](https://swansborofestivals.com)

Have questions? Swansboro Parks & Recreation Department: 910-326-2600

From the Town Manager's Desk

As the holidays approach, may we be thankful for the life we have, the earthly things we are given, and this special place we live. The summer came and went without a significant storm and the BO-RO was full of activity as things returned to normal after COVID. The Fall months will be full as well with weekend fishing tournaments, Swansboro by Candlelight and tree lighting on Saturday, November 12th, Thanksgiving to include our annual Flotilla on Friday, November 25th and then Christmas. Don't forget to visit our Facebook page and sign up for the many programs offered through Parks and Recreation – some with holiday themed activities.

In reflection of the past year, I would like to highlight just how busy the staff has been. Projects completed/Programs implemented include the addition of sidewalks along Old Hammock Road, several additional priority areas



identified, implementation of the new traffic movement downtown, improvements to Ward Shore, appropriation of American Rescue Plan funds with purchases to include: two portable message boards, five police cars, disaster recovery backup system, self-contained breathing apparatus, face masks, air cylinders, portable radios, fire service harnesses, and zero-turn mowers. Other items on order: replacement rope climber, splash pad improvements, golf cart/gator, commercial toilets, cameras for town docks, Visitor's Center, and Recreation Center, drinking fountains,



and two replacement vehicles.

We improved employee pay, launched a new Town website (www.swansboro-nc.org) launched a new agenda manager program, completed the stormwater retrofit project at the Walnut Street end,



(photo left) began exterior renovations at the Visitor's Center, received an updated architectural survey of the historic district, implemented the Police Explorer Program, employee promotions/new hires; Lt. Dwayne Taylor was promoted to Police Chief, Officer Ben Brim promoted to Lieutenant, Firefighter William Stanley promoted to Assistant Fire Chief, and Andrea Correll is back on board as our Town Planner. Officers Cyndi DeBonis and Luke Hult were hired this summer, along with Finance

Technician Tracy Grimes, and recreation staff members, Jason DeMyer and Marissa Van Dyke. In Public Works we introduced, Kyle Littleton, Aaron Swain and EJ McHale.

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In closing, I would like to say how proud I am of the job our staff does every day. We have a very dedicated group of employees who love our quaint little town. Thank you to our residents who take the time to stop and say thank you to the staff or send a friendly note of appreciation, it is much appreciated.

Happy Holidays!



Paula Webb
Town Manager



**New Swansboro
Businesses:**

Blazin' Bird
Restaurant
632 Corbett Ave.

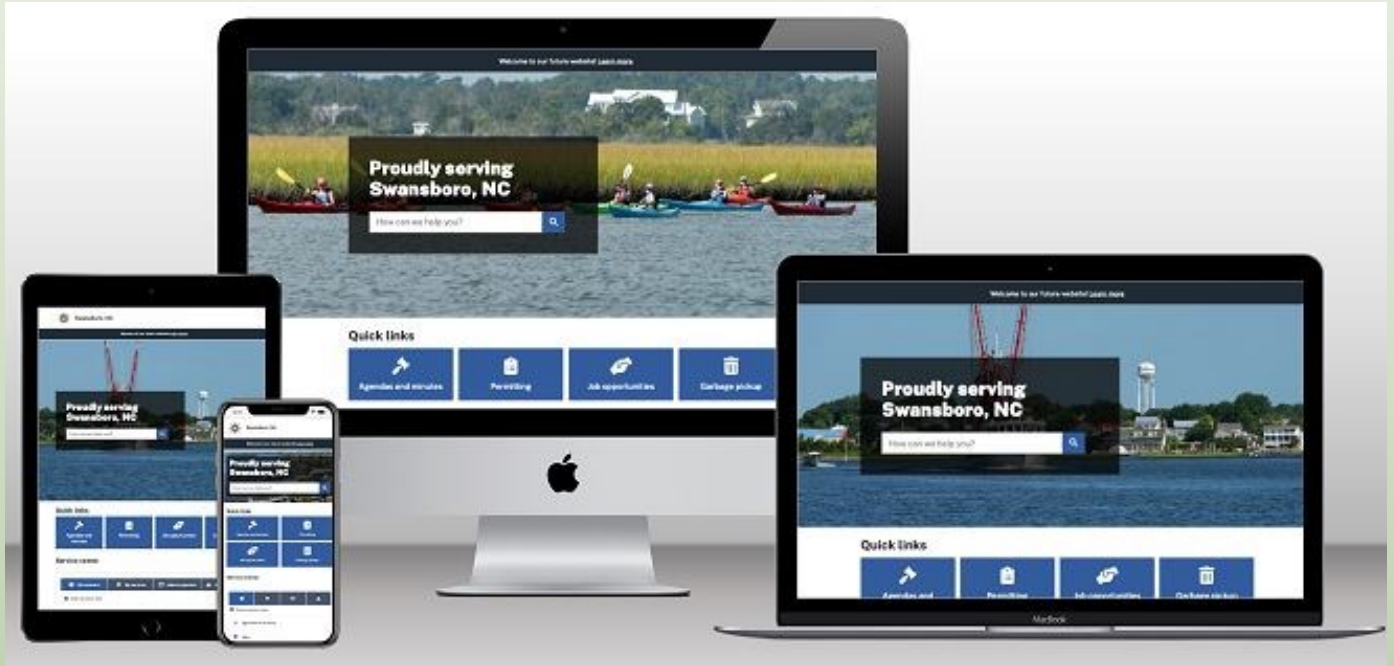
By the Bridge
Restaurant & Bar
108 Corbett Ave.

GiGi Nails
Nail Salon
205 W. Main St.

Jess's Boutique
Women's Apparel
116 W. Main St.

The Mustard Seed Boutique
Women's Apparel
105 Front St.

We are thrilled to introduce our new website!



The Town recently launched an updated, redesigned website. We did this so we can continue to build openly, continuously, and collaboratively with the people of Swansboro.

Key features:

- Mobile-friendly design
- Predictive search
- Get answers app
- Updated government information
- Updated community information
- Improved public meetings
- Website encryption
- ADA compliance
- Online payments
- Issue reporting

We invite you to explore our
www.Swansboro-nc.org

NEW



Swansboro is working with digital government software-as-a-service company ProudCity (<https://proudcity.com>).

ProudCity is a *Government Technology* GovTech 100 company.



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES
JOIN US FOR THIS MAGICAL NIGHT ON THE TOWN

Swansboro by Candlelight

Presented By the
Swansboro Downtown Merchants

Saturday, November 12th 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Bella Hair & Boutique

Shop & meet your stylist while enjoying complimentary hot cider!

The Boro, Low Country Kitchen, & il Cigno Italiano

Will be providing hot mulled cider!

Gray Dolphin

Wine tasting from 5:00pm – 8:30pm

Bake Bottle & Brew

Wine tasting from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Salt Marsh Cottage

Tent with free hot chocolate & sweet treats!

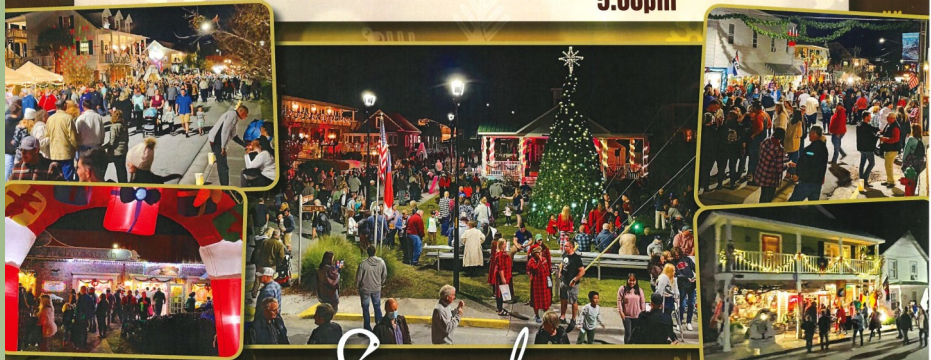
Dini's Martinis & Desserts

Stop by for a cocoa bomb!

Entertainment

4 Everall Band 6:15pm

Swansboro Dance Studio will be performing scenes from their Nutcracker Ballet 5:00pm



Swansboro
VisitSwansboro.com

Discover
the Charm.



Swansboro Parks
Spotlight...

Swansboro Dog Park


Dog owners know one of the important parts of dog ownership care is letting a furry friend let loose without a leash. If you don't have the space it's a tough challenge. Dog parks offer an enclosed safe space to play.

Socializing your pup is also critical. Introducing dogs to a new environment, other dogs and other humans will improve their anxiety and behavior.

Don't forget the benefits to humans! A dog park offers a casual, low-pressure environment to meet new friends, discuss pup training, favorite food, and exchange pup stories.

Check out the Dog Park at the Swansboro Municipal Park, 830 Main St. Ext. Registration required


A Special Thanks To
Our Friends:



The Swansboro Area Development
Foundation, Inc

Swansboro Area Youth Development
Foundation

Swansboro Area Events Organization




Town Hall, ONWASA Satellite Office,
and the Recreation Center **will be closed**
in observance of the
upcoming holidays:



Nov. 11



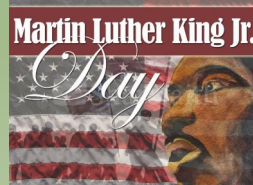
Nov. 24, 25



Dec. 26, 27



Jan. 2



Jan. 12

Tentative 2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar

Meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. in the Swansboro Town Hall Community Room
601 W. Corbett Ave.



November 14

December 12



Officer Cyndi DeBonis, with her daughter's support, (left) signs on the line for her swearing in by Alissa Fender, Town Clerk. Officer DeBonis is joined by her husband and daughter (right).



Two police offers join the fine ranks of Swansboro's Police Department



Officer Luke Hult signs on to join the Town's Police Department (left) . His mother and Chief Taylor join him while Alissa Fender, Town Clerk, swears him in.



Officer Ben Brim is joined by his family and Chief Taylor for his promotion from Patrol Officer to *Lieutenant!*



Upcoming Recreation Center Events



Girl's Rec Day
Nov 5
Noon—4 p.m.



Art in the Afternoon
Teacher Work Days
Jan 23, 24, Feb 20,
Mar 10 Apr 10, May 1

Teacher Workday
Kids Camp

Nov 23, Jan 23,
Jan 24, Feb 20, Mar
10, April 10, May 1
8 a.m.-5 p.m.



Art in the Afternoon
Early Release Days

Nov 8, Feb 9,
Mar 22
1-5:30 p.m.



Sea Glass
Christmas Tree Work-
shop
Dec 1, 6—8 p.m.



Kids Holiday
Camp
Dec 10-22, 28, 30

Theater Trips to
Wilmington, NC

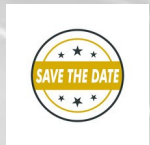
Nov 28,
1:30-7 p.m.
Dec 15, 1:30-7 p.m.



Elf in the
Woods
Dec 3



Music Therapy
Down Syndrome
Network of Onslow
& Carteret County
Nov 5, Dec 10



Santa
Fest
Dec 10

For more information call : (910) 326-2600
Visit us online and register: swansboro.recdesk.com
Come by Swansboro Recreation Center at 830 Main St. Ext.

Upcoming Recreation Center Events *Cont'd*

Members Only Fall Pickleball Tournament: Nov. 5



Fellowship Night:

Thankfulness

Nov 21
6-8 p.m.

Christmas Party

Dec 19
6-8 p.m.



Beat the winter blues
... All year long
with these monthly events at
the Recreation Center...

**Seaside Book Club
Thursdays,
Monthly**



**POUND
Fitness
Saturdays
Nov. 5 & 12**



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Garbage and Recycling Collection



The Town of Swansboro contracts with GFL to pick up garbage and recycling for households within the Town. Receptacles are available through Town Hall. TRASH PICK UP DAY IS **EVERY THURSDAY**; RECYCLING PICKUP IS **EVERY OTHER THURSDAY**. Trash must be in sealed plastic bags and placed in the trash cart. Pick up begins at 7 a.m. Container should be placed at the street the night before. Your monthly bill will appear on your ONWASA statement. Carts must be removed from the streets within 24 hours of service. No dumping or burning is permitted in the Town of Swansboro town limits. If collection issues arise, please call Town Hall: 910-326-4428.

Our Public Works Team hard at work keeping our town ship-shape ! Here are a

FEW pics!

**Ward
Shore
Park**



Labor intensive sodding



Bicentennial Park South

MORE...

Public Works Team hard at work keeping our town ship-shape!



Working on Storm Water



Patching roads



Town event preparation and cleanup



Prepping the island before and after Mullet Fest Fireworks



Barricading for Tunnel to Towers Run



Raising Flags for Tunnel to Towers Run



Thankfully, Hurricane Ian, which came up the east coast of NC Sept. 30, didn't treat us too bad. Some downtown street flooding brought in mud and debris that was quickly cleaned up by our Public Works! Thanks guys!

PHEW



Rotary Civic Center

1104 Main St. Ext.
Swansboro, NC 28584

Handicap Accessible

Voting Hours
6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Voting Precinct: Swansboro
Voting District Info
NC House District: 14
NC Senate: 6
US Congressional District: 3

November 8, 2022, General Election Schedule

Absentee Ballot Information: All UOCAVA Electronic Absentee Ballots must be returned to the County Board of Elections Office to be counted by 7:30pm November 8th

If ballot received by mail:

Civilian – Must be post marked by November 8th and received by 5:00 p.m. November 14th

Military – Must be received by 5:00 p.m. November 17th

Election – November 8th 6:30am – 7:30pm



For more information, contact:
Onslow County Board of Elections
910-455-4484

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David Degnan, Fire Chief
Dwayne Taylor, Police Chief
Andrea Correll, Planner



Welcome Tracy Grimes to our Town of Swansboro family as our new Finance Tech, replacing Angela Stewart. Tracy has 10 to 15 years' experience in the finance world and loves the work. She and her 12-year-old son, Cohen, moved to North Carolina in June of 2022 from Fredericksburg, Virginia. Her two 2 grown sons are raising families of their own. She feels especially blessed to have three happy, healthy, handsome grandsons that she describes as "the light of my life". She and Cohen enjoy going to a variety of arcades and trying new foods. In her quiet time she enjoys a good glass of wine and painting ceramic houses for holidays decorations.



These young bucks just joined Swansboro's Public Works Department. (Left to right) EJ McHale, Kyle Littleton and Aaron Swain



Welcome *back* Andrea Correll as our Town Planner. Andrea left us for a 3 yr. stint in Burgaw but returned to her favorite quaint town this October. Her 25+ yrs. in planning and her Masters from GA Tech serve us well. Rufin missed her too!

Swansboro Board of Commissioners

Back Row left to right:
Commissioner Larry Philpott
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ftursi@ci.swansboro.nc.us
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