

# Calendar Of Events

## Thursday, April 12

**FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE** is available to county residents, every Thursday through April 12, Southport Public Library, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**THE CLOTHES CLOSET** in Shallotte, which offers free clothing to needy families, accepts donations of good, used clothing every Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, at the old Sunnyside School. For more information, call Ginny Waples, 754-6275.

**SUNSET BEACH PLANNING BOARD** meets at the town hall, 10 a.m.

**THE SOUTH BRUNSWICK ISLES CIVITAN CLUB** meets for lunch at Joe's Barbecue, Shallotte, 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS** and the county engineer will meet to talk about state legislation relating to solid waste disposal and recycling, Public Assembly Building, Government Center, Bolivia, 2 p.m.

**AN EMPOWERMENT GROUP** for women who are or have been in an abusive relationship meets at For Kids Only Day Care Center, Shallotte, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., with free child care provided. For more information call the sponsor, Hope Harbor Home, 754-5726.

**ABWA CHARTER CHAPTER** meets in the dining room, The Brunswick Hospital, Supply, 6:30 p.m.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU** Board of Directors meets at the Farm Bureau office in Shallotte, 7 p.m.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY CONCERNED CITIZENS** will sponsor a political action forum, Public Assembly Building, Government Center, Bolivia, 7 p.m. Local candidates will be on hand to present their platforms. Members of the audience will be permitted to ask questions.

**GAME NIGHT** will be held at the American Legion Post on U.S. 17 one mile south of Shallotte, 7:30 p.m.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** holds a closed discussion meeting for those who have a problem with alcohol, every Thursday at St. James Episcopal Church, U.S. 17, Shallotte, 8 p.m.

## Friday, April 13

**ROTARY CLUB** of the South Brunswick Islands meets at Tavern On The Tee, Sea Trail Golf Links, Sunset Beach, 7:30 a.m. Visiting Rotarians welcome.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME** will be held at the Leland Branch Library, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m., 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Parents are asked to remain in the library.

**GRAND STRAND PORCELAIN ART CLUB** will hold a workshop at St. Philips Lutheran Church, 6200 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, S.C., 10:30 a.m. There will be a demonstration on painting petunias. For information, call Ruth Wood, (803) 626-3170.

**GAME NIGHT** resumes at the Sunset Beach Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m.

**SHALLOTTE AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP**, a support group for families of alcoholics, meets at Camp United Methodist Church, Shallotte, 8 p.m.

**A CLOSED DISCUSSION MEETING** of Alcoholics Anonymous is held weekly for individuals who have a problem with alcohol, AA Building, Grissetown, 8 p.m.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meets at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, N.C. 211, Southport, offering 12-point program to help addicts overcome their desire to use drugs, fellowship among recovering addicts, 8 p.m. Call 762-6638.

**SHALLOTTE WHEEL AND DEALERS** Square Dance Club dances each Friday at the American Legion Post on U.S. 17 south of Shallotte, 8 p.m.

## Saturday, April 14

**CALABASH VOLUNTEER EMS THRIFT SHOP**, located beside the squad building on N.C. 179, will be open, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**THE CLOTHES CLOSET**, sponsored by the South Brunswick Inter-church Council, opens every Saturday at Sunnyside School, corner of N.C. 130 West and U.S. 17, Shallotte, offers good, clean, used clothing to families in need, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

**A FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC** is held each Saturday at the Boiling Spring Lakes Volunteer Rescue Squad station, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR RECYCLING** staff the group's recycling center behind the Sunset Beach fire station every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist recyclers. The center is open seven days a week during daylight hours and accepts bundled or tied newspapers, rinsed aluminum or steel beer and soda cans, rinsed glass jars and bottles with no lids, most plastic bottles and jugs including milk, water, motor oil, window cleaner and soft drink containers.

**THE LONG BAY ARTIFICIAL REEF ASSOCIATION** will serve barbecue dinners, Foodland parking lot, Shallotte, starting at 11 a.m. Cost is \$3.50 per plate.

**THE ROBERT RUARK FOUNDATION** sponsors a chili cook-off, Franklin Square Park, Southport, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided throughout the afternoon. For information, call Bette Leggett, 457-5494.

**GAME NIGHT** is held at the Calabash Fire Station. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Games begin 8 p.m.

**OPEN MEETING** of the Supply Group, Alcoholics Anonymous, every Saturday, for alcoholics and other persons interested in the disease, in the dining room, The Brunswick Hospital, Supply, 8 p.m.

## Sunday, April 15

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY FISHING CLUB** serves breakfast at the clubhouse, Sunset Harbor, 7 a.m.-10 a.m. Cost is \$2.50 per person.

**THE EASTER BUNNY** will present prizes and children get to ride on a fire truck at an Easter egg hunt for children in the Calabash fire district, sponsored by the Calabash VFD, at the fire station, 2 p.m.

**OPEN MEETING** of Alcoholics Anonymous at the Grissetown AA Building, 8 p.m.

## Monday, April 16

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOLS** are closed for the Easter holiday.

**ALATEEN** meets every Monday, St. James Episcopal Church, Shallotte, 3 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** meets in its chambers, Administration Building, Government Center, Bolivia, 6:30 p.m.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** holds a special meeting to complete work on the budget, conference room, Administrative Building, Southport.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES** meets at the Public Assembly Building, Government Center, Bolivia, 7:30 p.m.

**WOODMEN OF THE WORLD** meets at the Shallotte American Legion Post on U.S. 17 one mile south of Shallotte, 7:30 p.m.

**ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS**, a 12-step support group for ACoAs and other adults who grew up in dysfunctional homes, meets Mondays at Seaside United Methodist Church, N.C. 179, Ocean Isle Beach, 7:30 p.m. The discussion topic this week is "Do You Habitually Become Entangled With Losers?" For more information, call the church, 579-9136.

**CLOSED MEETING** of Alcoholics Anonymous every Monday for those who have a problem with alcohol, AA Building, Grissetown, 8 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 17

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOLS** are closed for the Easter holiday.

**COAST TOASTERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB** meets at Calvary Baptist Church fellowship hall, N.C. 179, Shallotte, 7 a.m.-8 a.m. For information on how membership can help improve your skills as a communicator, contact Susanne Sartelle, 754-6644 days, 754-5904 evenings.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME** will be held at the West Brunswick Branch Library, Shallotte, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m., 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Parents are asked to remain in the library. The topic is "Community Awareness."

**BOSOM BUDDIES**, a support group for women who have had mastectomies, holds a luncheon at Sizzling Sirloin Steak House, Shallotte, 12:30 p.m., in lieu of the regular monthly meeting at The Brunswick Hospital.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SENIOR COUNCIL** meets in the Public Assembly Building, Government Center, Bolivia, 2 p.m.

**AN EMPOWERMENT GROUP** for women who have been or are in an abusive relationship meets at Robin's Nest Day Care Center, Southport, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., with free child care provided. For more information, contact the sponsor, Hope Harbor Home, 754-5726.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE** plays Tuesdays at the Shallotte Middle School gym, 6:30 p.m.

**THE AREA BOARD** for the Southeastern Center for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Substance Abuse Services meets in the board room, ALS Building, Brunswick Community College main campus, Supply, 6:30 p.m.

**PILOT CLUB** of the South Brunswick Islands meets at the Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. office, Shallotte, 6:30 p.m.

**BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S** Small Business Center sponsors a free seminar, *Inventory Management for Small Businesses*, in the ALS Building, BCC main campus, Supply, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. For information, call 754-6961.

**THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY BAND** rehearses at Trinity United Methodist Church, Southport, 7 p.m. For more information, those who play band instruments should contact Donna Massingale at 842-3233 after 6:30 p.m.

**THE GREATER HOLDEN BEACH MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION** holds a dinner meeting at the Lockwood Folly Community Building, 7 p.m. Sweatshirts and T-shirts promoting the N.C. Festival By The Sea are expected to be available.

**A LECTURE SERIES** entitled *Green Swamp Environmental Issues* begins in the teaching auditorium, ALS Building, Brunswick Community College main campus, Supply, 7 p.m. Jesse Clemmons, conservator of the Green Swamp Reserve, opens the 10-week lecture series with a presentation on *The Culture and History of the Green Swamp*. For information, call David Ware, 754-6900.

**BELVILLE ALDERMEN** meet at the town hall, 7:30 p.m.

**GAME NIGHT** will be held at the Calabash Elks Lodge, Traders Village, Calabash. Doors open 7 p.m., games begin 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, April 18

**BRUNSWICK TOASTMASTERS CLUB** meets at the Sea Captain Restaurant, 608 W. West St., Southport, 7 a.m.-8 a.m. For more information, call Susan Eggert, 754-5082, or Gene Eagle, 457-6513, evenings. Guests welcome.

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**BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES** meet in the board room, ALS Building, main campus, Supply, 7 p.m.

**CALABASH ELKS LADIES AUXILIARY** meets at the Elks Lodge, Trader's Village, Calabash, 7 p.m. Watercolorist Betty Peat of Art Plus Gallery will be the guest speaker.

**GRAND STRAND GENERAL HOSPITAL** sponsors a free seminar, *Addictive/Compulsive Behavior-Diagnosis and Treatment*, Santee Cooper Auditorium, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 7 p.m.

**SHALLOTTE ALDERMEN** meet at the town hall, 7:30 p.m.

**BRUNSWICK BIRD CLUB** meets at the Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. office, N.C. 130 West, Shallotte, 7:30 p.m.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY PLANNING BOARD** meets in the Planning Building conference room, Government Center, Bolivia, 7:30 p.m.

**CLOSED MEETING** by Alcoholics Anonymous for individuals who have a problem with alcohol, AA Building, Grissetown, 8 p.m.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meets each Wednesday, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, N.C. 211, Southport, 8 p.m., offering a support group for individuals who have a problem with drugs. For more information, call 1-762-6638.

## PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT

### Three Firms Competing For Nursing Home Beds

A June 12 public hearing at Brunswick Community College is just part one part of a lengthy state review process under way for three firms that have applied for the 60 nursing home beds that will be licensed this year in Brunswick County.

Two local facilities that hope to expand their services and a Virginia company have applied for the beds, said Keith Caughran, a project analyst in the certificate of needs section of the state Division of Facility Services.

Based on estimated need, the division's health planning section allocated 60 nursing home beds this year in Brunswick County. Nursing home beds in North Carolina are classified as either skilled-care beds, intermediate-care beds or home for the aged (H.A.) beds. H.A. beds are not included as part of the 60 beds allocated.

T&G Properties, which operates Brunswick Village Rest Home of Shallotte, has applied for 30 skilled-care beds and 30 intermediate-care beds. The cost of the facility is estimated at \$1.33 million.

Brunswick Cove Nursing Center, Inc., of Leland, the newest facility in the county, will offer 20 skilled, 40 intermediate and 20 H.A. beds when it opens. Like Brunswick Village, Brunswick Cove has applied for another 30 skilled beds and 30 intermediate beds, with construction costs estimated at \$880,500.

The third agency—HP/North Carolina 1, Inc., of Roanoke, Va.—has applied for 30 skilled, 30 intermediate-care and 20 H.A. beds. Caughran said the estimated cost of construction is \$1.77 million.

The company plans to build on U.S. 17 north of Bolivia, according to a tax map listing on their application and information from the Brunswick County Tax Department.

Caughran said the certificate of need review process started April 1 and will last between 90 and 150 days. Applications are reviewed using about 15 criteria including financial feasibility of their plans and a site evaluation.

The review will include a public hearing Tuesday, June 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the ALS Building teaching auditorium at Brunswick Community College's main campus in Supply.

Caughran said public participation at hearings varies depending on local interest. Some hearings attract only a handful of people while others draw several hundred.

Local residents also have until May 16 to submit written comments to the Certificate of Needs Section, Department of Human Resources, Division of Facility Services, 701 Barbour Drive, Raleigh, N.C., 27603.

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