

## Have You Heard . . . ?

**St. Francis 2020 Lobster Fest Cancelled.** St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church in Salter Path regretfully announced the cancellation of the 2020 Lobster Fest due to continuing concerns over COVID-19, citing that the risk of infection to a single participant or patron is too great to chance. The Lobster Fest is their largest fundraising event of the year, and they report that the loss of revenue will impact their ministries—and thank the community for their support in the past and welcome donations and prayers as so many struggle. The church website is [stfrancisbythesea.org](http://stfrancisbythesea.org).

**Tryon Palace Open to the Public.** Tryon Palace opened to the public on September 14, with some limitations. Guest capacity is limited on tours of the palace and visits to the History Center, and some historic sites and exhibits will remain closed. Guided tours will follow strict occupancy limits, social distancing protocol, and additional sanitation procedures between tour groups. Palace tours will be limited to the first floor and cellar because some areas do not lend themselves to effective social distancing. The gardens and palace grounds remain open for self-guided tours. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visitors are asked to observe the three Ws: wear a mask, wait six feet apart and wash hands often.

Ticket prices have been adjusted to reflect the changes, and tickets can be purchased at the waystation, located on 610 Pollock Street across from the palace front gate, and at the History Center ticket desk located in the lobby next to the museum store. Call 252-639-3500, or visit [tryonpalace.org](http://tryonpalace.org) for more information.

**30th Annual Ghostwalk—Two Ways.** With the challenges of the pandemic in mind, the New Bern Historical Society will host a scaled-down and all-outdoor live Ghostwalk on October 22-24 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Cedar Grove Cemetery on Queen Street in New Bern. This year's theme, Tales from the Underground, will also be presented virtually. All Ghostwalk attendees will be required to wear a mask and practice safe distancing. Other safety measures include paperless ticketing and smaller groups. Three cemetery loops with separate entrances will reduce lines and waiting.

Live Ghostwalk tickets are \$20 for adults (good for one night) and include a complimentary link to watch the professionally produced virtual show—or you can enjoy the virtual Ghostwalk show alone for just \$8. Visit [GhostwalkNewBern.com](http://GhostwalkNewBern.com) or call the New Bern Historical Society at 252-638-8558 for details.



**PKS YARD WASTE  
PICK-UP DATES**  
October 13, 27



### PKS RECYCLE DATES

"A" Week: October 12, 26  
"B" Week: October 5, 19

*Please place recyclables and trash out  
on Sunday night to ensure pickup.*

Please clearly mark recycling containers to ensure that recycling is not picked up by the trash truck. Stickers for this purpose are available at town hall. Contact Charles Rocci at town hall at 247-4353, ext. 13, or [clerk@townofpks.com](mailto:clerk@townofpks.com) with questions.

## Out and About

By Sara Barbee

### From Venice to the farm

**Italy right in the neighborhood.** I went to Venice on Bogue Sound with friends for lunch—Venice Italian Kitchen & Delicatessen, that is, at 403 Atlantic Beach Causeway. We had planned to eat outdoors but rain brought us inside. It was a pleasant, no frills, small space with a very nice young man who took our orders and served. He wore a mask, and I liked that. There was a lunch and dinner menu and parking spaces in front for takeout. I had heard good things about the lasagna, but opted for eggplant because the waiter said it was fresh, and it was very fresh. Another neighbor recommended the seafood and pasta. There are Italian deli subs available as well. If you are looking for a nearby quick fix for lunch or dinner, try Venice Italian Kitchen. Their menu is online at [veniceitaliankitchen.com](http://veniceitaliankitchen.com).

**And on to the barnyard.** Did you know that male turkeys gobble and females do not? Bourbon, the male turkey, strutted his stuff when I visited The Barnyard at 844 Roberts Road in Newport. A donkey named Abraham greeted me when I walked in, and curious horse Bea hung around for pets as did a soft black and white cat. This is a barnyard where visitors are loved and welcomed. Most of the animals roam around free. There are chickens, goats, sheep, a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, and mallard and Pekin ducks. I was reminded of my youth and visits to my grandparents' farms. So many young people today don't have the opportunity that I had growing up with visits to a working farm in the country.

Kim and Russell Nead grow meat to sell and give educational programs to children of all ages. (I have to include myself in this category.) Education tours teach about baby animals or farm life, basic animal facts or math and science topics, and they are tailored to enhance classroom subjects. Kim sets out a display of foods that the animals eat. Imagine a birthday party here. Tours can be for 1 to 15 people and groups up to 50. Fall Festival on October 24 and 25 will be filled with activities for kids, a hay maze and spooky house, games and tractor hayrides. At Christmastime there will be lights and music and trees. Like most businesses during these uncertain times, The Barnyard is working through how they will make these events happen in a safe way—and at press time they were still a work in progress. Check their website at [thebarnyard.com](http://thebarnyard.com) or give them a call at 223-2950 for updates. Kim is pretty certain that reservations will be required for all events.

As early in October as possible (*don't delay on this one*) is the time to order your fresh dressed Thanksgiving turkey. They have other fresh meats available now, but in the spring, fresh chickens can be ordered, and rabbit, duck, beef, pork and lamb are often available by request. The animals are bred here and dressed, and The Barnyard is fully licensed for this.

The Barnyard is located about a mile from the intersection of Highway 70 and Roberts Road. Two flags flank the driveway, and Abraham will be waiting.



**RECYCLING ONE CAN SAVES  
ENOUGH ENERGY TO RUN A TV  
FOR 2 HOURS. RECYCLE.**