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Southport-Oak Island's most complete listing of available real estate properties



Photo by Jim Harper

A dedication ceremony for Southport's Riverwalk project will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Street starting point. City officials say they intend to erect signs leading to the walkway from the city pier

and install a lighting system along the walkway itself. Aldermen also have promised to construct a gazebo at the end of the Riverwalk when more funds become available.

## Martin Marietta

# County seeks forum, study on mine plans

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

A resolution passed by Brunswick County commissioners Monday, in response to a growing demand for action, asks for a public forum and more studies on a proposed Martin Marietta limestone mine near Southport.

More than 150 area residents crowded into the public assembly building near Bolivia to cheer speakers who asked to halt the project and to boo two who cautioned the board to consider it.

Some that have formed the Brunswick Mining Awareness Committee will appear before the Brunswick County Planning Board on Wednesday to ask that the zoning laws be changed to prohibit mines on the 1,000-acre tract that lies between Bethel Church Road and the access road to Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point.

Although commissioners stopped short of endorsing a zoning change to block the operation, some say they will wait and see how the appeal process goes. The planning board must hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to commissioners, who must hold a second public hearing on any proposed change.

*'Martin Marietta never acted in good faith to show their concern for the public interests. They have no regard for the citizens in this county....'*

Leslie Myrie  
Former EDC member

Commissioners voted Monday to begin enforcing county zoning November 1.

"If I could change zoning, I would," said commissioner Wayland Vereen, who listened to his home constituents demand action Monday. "When you're sitting between the power plant and Sunny Point, there are very few things that are more dangerous than in our whole county."

Vereen's motion forwards resolutions that oppose the mine -- from the

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## All... or nothing

# Community building repair studied by city

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

Southport aldermen appear headed for a showdown on the proposed refurbishing of the Community Building.

Some board members say all interior and exterior repairs should be made as soon as possible, while others say the city should stick to its commitment to spend only the \$25,000 budgeted for the project this year.

"We all agreed to do what we could with \$25,000," said alderman Nelson Adams. "As much as we support the project, we need a cap on the costs we're going to spend."

Alderman William Crowe said he would not vote in favor of anything less than a complete restoration.

"We need to fix that building or tear it down," Crowe declared. "That building over there could pay for itself, but we're going to have to spend some money first."

Mayor Norman Holden, who said

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Norman Holden  
Southport mayor

he learned to dance in the Community Building as a child, agreed.

"I feel it's time we make a commitment to renovate the building," Holden said. "It's time to either renovate it or turn it back over to the government."

The board directed city manager Rob Gandy to solicit bids on all of the needed repairs, and will make a final decision on the scope of the project next month after all of the cost figures are in.

The city was notified earlier this

year by U.S. Army facilities engineer division chief Jack Hauck that deterioration of the building could jeopardize future lease renewals. Southport owns the building itself, but leases the land on which it sits from the Army.

Problems cited by the Army include rotting exterior siding that needs to be painted, deteriorating shed porch roofs and structural damage to the roof. A restoration specialist with the N. C. Department of Cultural Re-

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## Island fire protection a hot item

By Jim Harper  
Staff Writer

In the wake of the disastrous Swansquarter fire September 30, Bald Head Island's fire chief Saturday called for required sprinklers in all new island construction and asked for an additional fire engine for the village volunteer fire department.

Also reacting quickly to the fire that destroyed ten buildings and did an estimated \$5.7 million in damage, the village planning board Friday arranged an engineering study for additional fire safety measures on the island and set a meeting for October 25 with an eye toward making recommendations to the village council in November.

The planning board also asked for a moratorium on building permits for multi-family buildings and duplexes. After hearing objections from developer Kent Mitchell, who

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# Beach has no burning need for fire station

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

Representatives from a Southern Pines engineering firm told the Long Beach Town Council Tuesday night that the firm could design and construct a fire station that is "attractive, simple and economical" and "a symbol of the town's civic pride."

What would be the approximate cost of this facility? The consultants said they didn't know.

"We prefer to get a firm idea of the conceptual design, materials, details before we guess on a cost range," said the firm's division manager, Steve Cavanaugh.

Earlier this week, however, a Raleigh engineering firm said it could construct what the town says it needs -- a fire station with five truck bays, a training room, two offices, a kitchen-recreation area, a mechanical/storage area and "circulation space" -- for between \$350,000 and \$400,000.

When asked if the \$225,000 budgeted for a new fire station would buy the facility the department needs, fire chief Tim Pittman shook his head. But despite his doubts, Pittman said he remained

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ANDERSON

# Unit fundamentally complete; reactor shroud repair begins

By Jim Harper  
Staff Writer

Brunswick nuclear plant vice-president Roy Anderson said Monday that the fundamental repairs requiring the extensive outage of Unit 1 are completed, and plans are to begin repairing the cracked reactor shroud around November 5.

"Of the 4,500 open issues we had at one time for Unit 1, we're down to 258, and 150 of those we can't finish until we put the reactor back together," Anderson said.

He said that design of braces to strengthen the cracked Unit 1 shroud is complete, and that installation of the braces should begin in about

two weeks.

The present timetable calls for startup of the reactor shortly after New Year's Day.

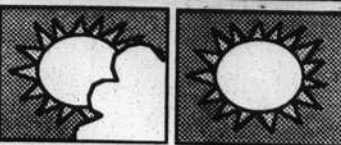
Restart of the second Brunswick unit had been planned for November until cracks were discovered in the shroud and found extensive enough to require repair.

Both units were shut down by CP&L in April, 1992, for a repair period which extended through May for Unit 2.

Meanwhile, last week Long Beach resident Charles Webb, the National Whistleblower Society and the Coastal Alliance for a Safe Environment complained to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that CP&L had known about

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## OUTSIDE



### Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 80s. On Friday, expect highs in the 70s and lows in the 60s, followed by mostly sunny but cooler weather on Saturday and Sunday: Highs in the 60s, lows in the 50s.

### Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21	LOW
1:06 a.m.		7:06 a.m.
1:46 p.m.		7:54 p.m.
HIGH	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22	LOW
2:05 a.m.		8:05 a.m.
2:45 p.m.		8:51 p.m.
HIGH	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23	LOW
3:05 a.m.		9:08 a.m.
3:41 p.m.		9:47 p.m.
HIGH	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24	LOW
4:03 a.m.		10:08 a.m.
4:33 p.m.		10:41 p.m.
HIGH	MONDAY, OCTOBER 25	LOW
4:58 a.m.		11:03 a.m.
5:24 p.m.		11:28 p.m.
HIGH	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26	LOW
5:45 a.m.		11:54 a.m.
6:10 p.m.		12:00 p.m.
HIGH	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27	LOW
6:30 a.m.		12:12 a.m.
6:52 p.m.		12:41 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:  
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly Inlet, high -22, low -8.