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The Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce's mission is to be the voice of business in collaborative partnership that work to build and enhance a healthy business climate and a vibrant quality of life.

The Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce's vision is to be recognized as a model in building collaborative partnerships that encourage business growth and sustainable community development.

New Members

SEPTEMBER

Hooligans Pub & Music Hall

2620 Onslow Drive
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Venue

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Non-Profit

Member Renewals

AUGUST

	Member Since		Member Since
Baymont Inns and Suites	January 9, 1989	Marine Chevrolet Cadillac	September 1, 1979
Blue Arbor Staffing	July 31, 1996	Melinda Tyre & Associates, LLC	October 26, 2001
Brown Properties of NC	November 7, 2014	Onslow Caregivers, Inc.	October 10, 2013
Doyle Evans Realty, Inc.	October 11, 2001	Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church	October 13, 2011
Fuhson Marketing	September 16, 2016	Sun Tan City	February 26, 2015
Industry One Janitorial	September 8, 1998	Sutton's Tree Service, Inc.	May 6, 1994
J.S. Enterprises of Swansboro, LLC	April 2, 2012	The Frame Game	November 1, 1990
Jacksonville Country Club	August 4, 1989	The Home Depot	June 6, 2005
Labor Finders	October 6, 2015	The Salvation Army	July 17, 2001
Liz Honeycutt Advertising & Marketing	October 3, 1996	Wilmington Health	October 31, 2014



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Bodi Barr

September Ambassador of the Month Louise Garell

This Ambassador of the Month has really come out of her shell. Louise not knowing many people in the area got involved with the Ambassador Committee to familiarize herself with Onslow County and its businesses! Over the course of the past year, Louise has attended many events and meetings – all for the betterment of her business, and expansion of her network and those of others. In the process of integrating herself Louise has been attending Operation Thank You regularly along with stepping up to become a member of the task force (ambassadors whose mission it is to make contact with new chamber members and act as their guardian angel). Louise has come very far in a short time period and we can even more expect great things in the future!



Public Safety Awards Nominees



Daniel K. Karratti
Jacksonville Police Department



Sean Kissner
Jacksonville Fire and
Emergency Services



James Langwell
Onslow County Sheriff's Office



Adam C. Lewis
Provost Marshal Office,
Camp Lejeune



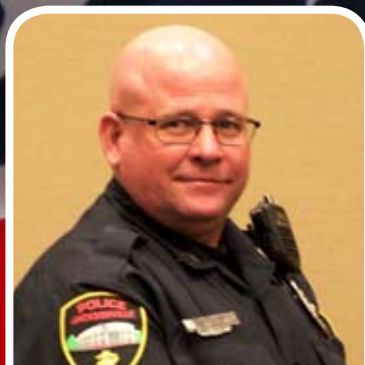
Lovey E. McLaughlin
Security Company,
Emergency Consolidated



Donna Pauly
Onslow County Emergency
Medical Services



Jerry Pennington
Jacksonville Fire and
Emergency Services



Richard Postlethwaite
Jacksonville Police Department



Christina Simmons
Onslow County Sheriff's Office



Bryan Stitz
Jacksonville Police Department
Onslow County Sheriff's Office

Stephen "Eric" Gwynn
Security Company, Fire and Emergency
Communications Center,
Camp Lejeune was nominated but unable to attend.

Public Safety Awards Winners

The Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce Public Safety awards recognizes public safety professionals who, through the exemplary conduct of their duties, have best served the citizens of Onslow County, its municipalities, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, during the past year.



2017 Emergency Medical Services Professional of the Year.
Onslow County Emergency Services Paramedic John Gray



2017 Emergency Communications Professional of the Year
Jacksonville Police Department Telecommunicator III Megan Vlassis Howe.



2017 Fire Fighter Professional of the Year
Capt Robert K. Sandy
Secuirty Co., Fire & Emergency Services Div.
Camp Lejeune



2017 Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year
Robert Roberts,
Fire Marshal / Training Officer
Onslow County Fire Rescue,
Bear Creek Station 2



2017 Law Enforcement Professional of the Year, NC Highway State Highway Patrol Trooper
Anthony R. Juliano

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Economic Indicators & Other Charts

How to read the Charts:
The Airport Passengers Chart, Tax Reports, Healthcare Stats and Utilities Connect and Disconnects are shown as monthly or quarterly comparisons on the specific rows. The totals shown at the bottom are the Year to Date totals for each year and does not include the numbers shown in Italics.

TAX REPORTS				
MONTHLY TAXABLE SALES: SOURCE: NC DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE				
OCCUPANCY TAX: SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY				
Monthly Report of Taxable Sales				
16-17	Taxable Sales	17-18	Taxable Sales	% Change
Jul-16	\$173,654,795	Jul-17	\$176,001,283	1.35%
Aug-16	\$171,787,640	Aug-17		3.92%
Sep-16	\$172,438,330	Sep-17		7.88%
Oct-16	\$157,979,134	Oct-17		.45%
Nov-16	\$149,558,400	Nov-17		3.74%
Dec-16	\$159,084,149	Dec-17		8.53%
Jan-17	\$188,820,250	Jan-18		7.65%
Feb-17	\$142,931,810	Feb-18		6.25%
Mar-17	\$152,227,168	Mar-18		4.26%
Apr-17	\$183,028,780	Apr-18		7.43%
May-17	\$167,072,441	May-18		6.88%
Jun-17	\$163,332,351	Jun-18		2.11%
YTD Total	\$ 173,654,791	YTD Total	\$176,001,283	1.35%
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>				

Occupancy Tax Report			
	2016-2017	2017-2018	%
July	\$402,706.74	\$391,718.29	-2.7%
August	\$284,130.83	\$338,504.10	16%
September	\$157,461.01		
October	\$120,219.03		
November	\$83,262.30		
December	\$64,805.58		
January	\$67,525.27		
February	\$71,982.00		
March	\$92,556.64		
April	\$110,117.39		
May	\$154,642.07		
June	\$247,486.99		
Total:	\$686,837.57	\$730,222.39	5.9%
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>			

UTILITIES				
UTILITIES: SOURCES: CITY OF JACKSONVILLE & ONWASA				
City of Jacksonville & ONWASA Water				
	Connects		Disconnects	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
1st Qtr	4,538	4,753	3,074	3,193
2nd Qtr	5,297	5,185	3,768	3,194
3rd Qtr	5,397		3692	
4th Qtr	3,696		3,003	
YTD Total	9,835	9,938	6,842	6,387
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>				

HEALTHCARE	
OMH ER: SOURCE: ONSLOW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	
OMH BIRTH: SOURCE: ONSLOW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	
NAVAL HOSPITAL ER: SOURCE: NAVAL HOSPITAL, CAMP LEJEUNE	
NAVAL HOSP BIRTHS: SOURCE: NAVAL HOSPITAL CAMP LEJEUNE	

Onslow Memorial Hospital Emergency Room Visits		
	2016	2017
1 st Quarter	15,173	15,609
2 nd Quarter	15,279	14,779
3 rd Quarter	15,616	10,083
4 th Quarter	15,160	
YTD Total	30,452	40,471
Onslow Memorial Hospital Live Births		
	2016	2017
1 st Quarter	363	365
2 nd Quarter	379	325
3 rd Quarter	412	246
4 th Quarter	384	
YTD Total	742	936
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>		

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Emergency Room Visits		
	2016	2017
1 st Quarter	12,638	13,326
2 nd Quarter	12,039	11,538
3 rd Quarter	12,840	7,859
4 th Quarter	8,938	
YTD Total	24,677	32,723
Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Live Births		
	2016	2017
1 st Quarter	467	514
2 nd Quarter	522	483
3 rd Quarter	647	344
4 th Quarter	313	
YTD Total	989	1,341
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>		

TRANSPORTATION			
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: SOURCE: OUTS, JTS			
ONSLow NEW VECh SALES: SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY			
ALBERT ELLIS AIRPORT: SOURCE: ALBERT J ELLIS AIRPORT			
Public Transportation Riders - 2017-18			Onslow County New Vehicle Sales
System	August	Fiscal YTD	
Onslow United Transit System	8,157	15,446	
Jacksonville Transit System	11,226	20,464	
Military Express	769	2,340	
Total	20,152	38,250	
	Ju1 17	Aug 17	
Cars	321	378	
Trucks	489	547	
Total	810	925	
			Year to Date
Cars	2,692		
Trucks	3,764		
Total	6,456		

Albert J Ellis Airport Total Passengers			
	2016	2017	% Change
January	20,658	22,039	-6.2%
February	18,832	22,607	16.6%
March	23,295	25,629	9.1%
April	24,831	26,552	6.4%
May	26,584	28,701	7.3%
June	27,482	27,385	-0.3%
July	29,374	28,753	-2.1%
August	27,903	29,818	6.4%
September	25,765		
October	25,164		
November	26,296		
December	26,530		
YTD Total	198,959	211,484	5.9%
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>			

HOUSING	
ONSLow ABSORPTION RATES: SOURCE: JACKSONVILLE NC MARKET CENTER	
Onslow County Absorption Rates 2017	

Information provided by Coldwell Banker Fountain Realty, William Sanders.
As of 4/30/17, info obtained from the Jacksonville Board of Realtors MLS.
These numbers do not include: REO, Short Sales, & Townhomes.

Price of Home	# of Months	# Sold	Sales Rate Per Month	# Currently Active*	# of Month's Of Inventory
≤ \$150,000	8	590	73.75	280	3.80
\$150,001 - \$200,000	8	404	50.50	184	3.64
\$200,001 - \$250,000	8	188	23.50	112	4.77
\$251,001 - \$300,000	8	86	10.75	45	4.19
\$300,001 +	8	125	15.63	149	9.54
TOTAL		1393		770	

New Construction Price	# of Months	# Sold	Sales Rate Per Month	# Currently Active*	# of Month's Of Inventory
≤ \$150,000	8	7	0.88	4	4.57
\$150,001 - \$200,000	8	228	28.50	105	3.68
\$200,001 - \$250,000	8	149	18.63	136	7.30
\$251,001 - \$300,000	8	44	5.50	51	9.27
\$300,001 +	8	31	3.68	47	12.13
TOTAL		459		343	

BUSINESS STATS

COUNTY PERMITS: SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY
CITY PERMITS: SOURCE: CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

City of Jacksonville Building Permits

August 2017	#	Value
Residential	22	\$460,924
Commercial	81	\$2,664,599
Other	256	\$50,800
Total	330	\$3,176,323

County Building Permits

FY2017-18	Res BPs	Com BPs	Total Value
1st Qtr Totals	460	130	\$21,368,198
2nd Qtr Totals			
3rd Qtr Totals			
4th Qtr Totals			
FY Totals	460	130	\$21,368,198

FY2018-19	Res BPs	Com BPs	Total Value
1st Qtr Totals			
2nd Qtr Totals			
3rd Qtr Totals			
4th Qtr Totals			
FY Totals			

CAMP LEJEUNE & MCAS

NR GOVERNMENT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS (GER) CAMP LEJEUNE, NC.

**Camp Lejeune Area Active Duty
USN/USMC Statistics**

Location	10/20/2016	1/15/2017
Camp Lejeune	29,356	29,426
MARSOC	2,215	2,209
New River	6,725	6,728
TECOM Schools	4,315	6,412
Total	42,611	44,775
USMC Deployed Total	5,454	3,021

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**Unemployment rates from NC Works
- NC Dept of Commerce**

Area Name	Onslow County
Year	2017
Month	August
Labor Force	63,951
Employed	60,817
Unemployed	3,134
Unemployment Rates	4.9%

ONSLOW COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAMES, DEATHS, BIRTHS AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES FOR THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS. SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

Register of Deeds

Assumed Names		Deaths	
2014	595	2014	751
2015	568	2015	786
2016	560	2016	812

Births		Marriages	
2014	3,948	2014	2,599
2015	3,718	2015	2,584
2016	3,519	2016	2,677

EDUCATION

SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

**Onslow County: Child Care Snapshot
Aug 2017** (State Regulated for children birth to 12)

License Type	# facilities	# slots	# enrolled	Capacity	# staff
NC 5 star	20	2,575	2,322	90.2%	380
NC 4 star	11	494	400	81%	57
NC 3 star	20	557	457	82%	79
NC 2 star	2	13	11	85%	2
NC 1 star	11	131	119	91%	17
NC Religious	5	459	404	88%	66
NC Temporary	1	12	0	0.0%	3
NC Provisional	1	140	118	84%	23
NC Probationary	1	150	112	75%	24
Totals	72	4,531	3,943	75.1%	651

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22nd Annual Veterans Day Parade,
hosted by Rolling Thunder NC-5,
November 4, 2017 starting at 10a.m.
Coastal Carolina Community College on
Western Boulevard ending at the Brynn
Marr Shopping Center.

No entry fee.

Registration is now open.

For more information, contact Linda
Henninger at 910-389-4566 or email
paradechair@ocsnc.com for the
applications and information.



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Member Referral Program

Your Referrals = New Chamber Members + New Chamber Connections

The Member Referral Program is a continuous campaign to grow the Chamber and provide Rewards and Recognition Opportunities for participants who forward prospects to the Chamber that result in memberships.

Help Your Chamber Grow...Refer a Member!

How Does It Work?

- Identify a business, vendor or acquaintance that you feel would benefit from membership in the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce.
- Fill out the form below.
- We will contact the referred business and mention your company as the referring business.
- Upon receipt of payment, you will receive a special incentive.
- Your company will be recognized in the Chamber Connection Newsletter along with the new member announcement.

**Referred member must be a new member to the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber

...Onslow County, growing one business at a time...

YOUR INFORMATION:
(Needed for proper credit to be given)

Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
How has your company benefited from chamber membership? _____

REFERRED BUSINESS INFORMATION:

Contact Person: _____
Title: _____
Business Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

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Minority Enterprise Development Week October 23-27, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, October 24, 4:00-7:00pm

MED Week Mingle

Legends of Onslow recognition begins at 5:30pm.
*Mix, mingle and consider a donation to the
African-American Heritage Trail Restoration!*

Where: Commerce Center, 1099 Gum Branch Rd

Legends of Onslow: Arthine Thomas, Jim Roddy and HMCS Raymond Applewhite, USN (Ret)

Wednesday, October 25, 12:00-1:00pm

MED Week Award Luncheon

Join us as we present the Minority Entrepreneur of
the Year and the Linda L. Richardson Minority
Business Advocate of the Year Awards.

Luncheon tickets: \$10/person

**Where: Montford Point Marine Association,
148 Brynn Marr Rd**

2017 Minority Entrepreneur of the Year: Katrina Carrington of Katrina Carrington, CPA

2017 Linda L. Richardson Minority Business Advocate of the Year: Diana King Barnes

Saturday, October 28, 10:00am

African-American Heritage Trail Ribbon Cutting

Join us for a ribbon cutting as we add a marker to
one more historical location of the African American
Heritage Trail.

**Where: First Baptist Church of Belgrade
234 Springhill Rd, Maysville**



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Coastal Carolina Community College Small Business Center

Instagram for Small Business Owners

Thursday, 10/12/17

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Melton Skills Center, Room 104

Jim Fuhs

Fee: FREE Seminar

This seminar will cover a tour around Instagram for those who are unfamiliar with how to navigate the site, for those with experience, information will be provided about new features of the platform. Conversion from a personal Instagram account to a business account will be explained which will allow you to gain access to account analytics, contact options, and running Instagram Ads. Learn about creating content, hashtags, and Instagram tools, which will make utilizing the platform more efficient. Attendees should bring a mobile device (phone or tablet) with the Instagram app installed in order to experience the full functionality of Instagram.

Alternative Financing for Your Small Business

Tuesday, 10/17/17

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Melton Skills Center, Room 104

Don Spry

Alternative Financing for Your Meet with an SBA manager to discuss how to successfully obtain a commercial credit loan and how to approach your lender regarding applying for an SBA loan guaranty. Discussion points include personal and professional credit; the business plan; managing cash flow; business accounting; collateral requirements; the commercial loan process; and a discussion of small business lending programs available with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Small Business Roundtable

Wednesday, 10/18/17

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Melton Skills Center, Room 104

Pete Ellis, Jr.

Fee: FREE Seminar

In this session, participants will learn best practices and share secrets of success to effectively operate their small businesses.

Intermediate QuickBooks Pro for Small Businesses

Thursday, 10/19/17

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Business Technology Building, Room 203

Kim Beauchamp

Fee: FREE Seminar

This seminar builds on information provided in the Introduction to QuickBooks. You will learn about the more advanced features of QuickBooks including: analyzing financial data, setting up inventory, tracking and paying sales tax, doing payroll with QuickBooks, estimating and progress invoicing, tracking time, customizing forms, and writing QuickBooks letters.

Financing Your Small Business

Wednesday, 10/25/17

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Melton Skills Center, Room 104

Roxanne Reed

Fee: FREE Seminar

Learn how to successfully leverage capital wisely for business startups, business expansion, refinancing of business debt, lines of credit, business acquisition, contracting, building, commercial real estate, and much more.

For additional information or to register, please contact:

Small Business Center

Coastal Carolina Community College

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Alorica is the largest provider of customer service solutions to the U.S. market, and third largest globally. Seventy percent of the company's revenue is from Fortune 500 companies, including the top two U.S. brands in six of the nine industries it serves. At a news conference on September 28, Alorica announced it is creating 100 full-time jobs. Ideal candidates will be outgoing, engaging people who enjoy helping others and have experience in one or more service

industries. In addition to Alorica representatives, city officials were present to discuss the impact Alorica has had on the local community.

Alorica is committed to employee growth and development. Nationwide, 70 percent of the company's supervisors, managers and senior leaders began as Alorica customer engagement experts.

The Jacksonville.Onslow Chamber of Commerce will facilitate two Forums in October 2017.

October 10, 2017 Tuesday, 10:30
– 12:00, Economic Impact of
Hospitals & Health Systems in NC
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October 10, 2017, Tuesday, 5:30
– 7:00, Forum Onslow on Opioid
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Michael Lazzara Elected Leader of State Municipal Association

Jacksonville Mayor Pro Tem Michael Lazzara has been installed as the president of the NC League of Municipalities.

The League is an association of cities and towns in the state and dates back 100 years. Meeting in Greenville, State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Jackson administered the oath of office to Lazzara who had been serving as the League's Vice President.

In his first address as President, Lazzara reflected on the work of the League and the important legacy the League has had, and will continue to provide for the municipalities of the state. He called on the power of the League to help with mental and behavioral health issues. He called on the special composition of military host cities, and those of cities and towns across the state, to help advance improved services to the citizens of towns and cities.

"I am honored to be able to serve the league, and to represent Jacksonville," said Lazzara as he assumed the office during the annual meeting of the League. "This will be an important year to tell the story of the towns and cities of this state."

Lazzara has served in many roles with the League and as a Jacksonville City Councilmember, has served on many committees and leadership positions with the City. He has served on the City Council since 2005. He is the chairman of the Jacksonville Tourism Development Authority and serves on the regional planning organization for transportation. He was an organizer of the Military Host Cities giving special attention for the communities that have military bases associated with them. His background as former active duty Marine contributed to his passion for ensuring the viability of Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River is protected.



State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Jackson administering the oath of office to Jacksonville Mayor Michael Lazzara.

Organization Name: _____

 Contact Person: _____
 Phone Number : _____
 Fax Number: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____

Parade Contact Name and Email if different from above:

Parade Contact: _____

Email: _____



Deadline October 27, 2017

Quantity	Float Category	Entry Fee
	Motor vehicle only - passenger car or pickup truck (one per entry), no company logo on vehicle	\$100.00
	Walking unit only - up to 100 walkers	\$100.00
	Equestrian units - must clean up after horse and provide appropriate clean up crew (discounts do not apply)	\$35.00/animal
	Vehicle oriented group - minimum of 5 passenger vehicles	\$50.00 per vehicle
	Motorcycle oriented group - minimum of 10 motorcycles	\$30.00 per motorcycle
	Commercial vehicle or vehicle with business advertisement (additional commercial vehicle \$40.00 each)	\$130.00
	Amateur float - float or trailer decorated by an individual, business or organization. Provide own vehicle to pull	\$100.00
	* Amateur float dimensions must be no more than 9 feet wide and 40 feet long*	
	** Additional walkers with an entry (up to 50 walkers)	\$40.00
	Refundable Animal Deposit	\$100.00
	Chamber Member Discount	-\$10.00
	Professional float - beautiful, professional decorated float with tow vehicle (discounts do not apply)	\$515.00
	Total enclosed	

1. Do you want your Amateur or Professional float to be judged? YES NO
2. All entries MUST have holiday theme decorations. Plaques and honorable mentions will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in both Amateur and Professional categories.
Will your float/entry have music? YES NO
3. Please provide a "20 word narrative" about your entry no later than October 27th. The narratives MUST be submitted by email **ONLY** to specialevents@jacksonvilleonline.org and will be used by the television and radio station for live broadcast of the parade.
4. A photo or drawing must accompany all entry forms. Please provide specifications of your entry: emphasis on holiday theme, colors, type of music, size and number of riders.
5. **AMATEUR float participants only:** provide the following information for staging purposes: size of float (approx. dimensions), type of vehicle (i.e. tractor trailer, pick-up truck with hitches, etc) Tractor trailers will not be permitted for any amateur floats wishing to be judged.
6. **All entries must meet the approval of the Holiday Parade Committee.** Fees accompanying rejected applications will be returned promptly. Incomplete applications will not be considered for entry and will be returned.
7. No one dressed as Santa is allowed on floats except for the Chamber of Commerce float.
8. Walkers must be at least 12 or older. Anybody under 12 years old must ride on a float or in a vehicle.
9. No hand-outs or candy is permitted to be distributed by any parade participants. **Must be in your area, on your float by 8:00am**
10. Registrations will not be accepted without full payment. **All entry fees are not refundable.**

Bring this entry form and fee no later than Oct 27, 2017:

Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce — Attention: Holiday Parade

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From the desk of Kristen Loftin



Throughout the year, the Onslow County Tourism office attends a fair share of trade shows. These shows range from military based to journalist based. No matter the theme, I am continually surprised and yet excited on the attractions and interests we are able to expose locals and potential visitors too.

Recently, we were invited to participate in an expo aboard MCB Camp Lejeune. This expo is centered around resources for the Marines, Sailors and their families. Sure, these families won't be staying in the hotels themselves. However, their word of mouth can be more powerful than any tradeshow I attend. There tends to be an idea that there isn't much to do in our area. My goal every tradeshow is to change at least one person's mind. Sometimes people don't know where to look or who to ask. In the case of this expo,

the families may be new to Camp Lejeune or haven't lived in the area for quite some time. Thankfully, we are able to help enlighten.

Everyone knows about the beach but now that Summer is coming to a close, what other attractions can you explore?

Now with Fall arriving and the weather starting to cool down, enjoy a boat cruise from several vendors. Take a historical or sunset cruise with Lady Swan Boat Tours out of Swansboro. Make one stop and enjoy dinner at Marina Café before enjoying a cruise on the New River with Capt. Bob. Are you looking for something a little more intimate? Check out the array of cruises you can enjoy with Bayonet Enterprise Cruises, a yacht charter on the New River.

Looking to work your brain while enjoying a little time out of the hotel or house? Did you know there are two escape rooms right here in Onslow County? Between Cracked It! and The Escape Trials, there are plenty of puzzles to solve. Both are great about refreshing and changing up the themes of their rooms to keep you coming back for more brain exercises.

We all enjoy a good tasting, correct? Whether you are a wine lover or a whiskey lover, we have both covered. Most know or have heard of Duplin Winery. Did you know you don't have to leave county lines to enjoy local wine? Huffman Vineyard has plenty to try for an affordable price.

Bring your girlfriends or enjoy a date night to taste 10 different wines of your choice for only 7 dollars per person. The tasting room even has some kid games and toys if you can't find a babysitter. Some visitors even make a wine tour out of it and venture to Duplin Winery and Country Squire as well. For the whiskey drinkers, be sure to stop by Walton's Distillery for a tour and tasting. If you catch them on the right Saturday, you will be treated to free music and food as well. Enjoy a sample of their whiskey or try a taste of their five different moonshines! As I type, three of the flavors haven't even arrived in ABC stores.

Let's not forget the several places that we can explore our artsy side! Between Artworks, FireFlies Pottery, and the Turtle Factory, the gang can paint a piece of pottery, yard ornament or a piece of décor for the house. It's a great way to escape the rain or cold weather and entertain a group of people. Continue that girlfriend's day or date night with a trip to Wine and Design. Here, enjoy a glass and paint your next masterpiece!

As you discover new places in our area, don't forget about the favorites like shopping and trying a new restaurant or a walk on the beach. These will always be great attractions for the family. However, we encourage you to discover just one new place a month. Don't forget that our proximity to many other destinations also allows for further adventures!

Service Rewards

A community is only as good as the citizens that live and work within its borders. This month we celebrate the frontline employees that go the extra mile to make your visits an above average experience in Swansboro, Sneads Ferry, Richlands, and Jacksonville! The five individuals, representing five area businesses; have performed their duties with a positive outlook, a kind word, and valued information for our visitors and citizens - they went the extra mile! Onslow County Tourism and the Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce want to thank them for their efforts and encourage you to do the same. Good service is good business!



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