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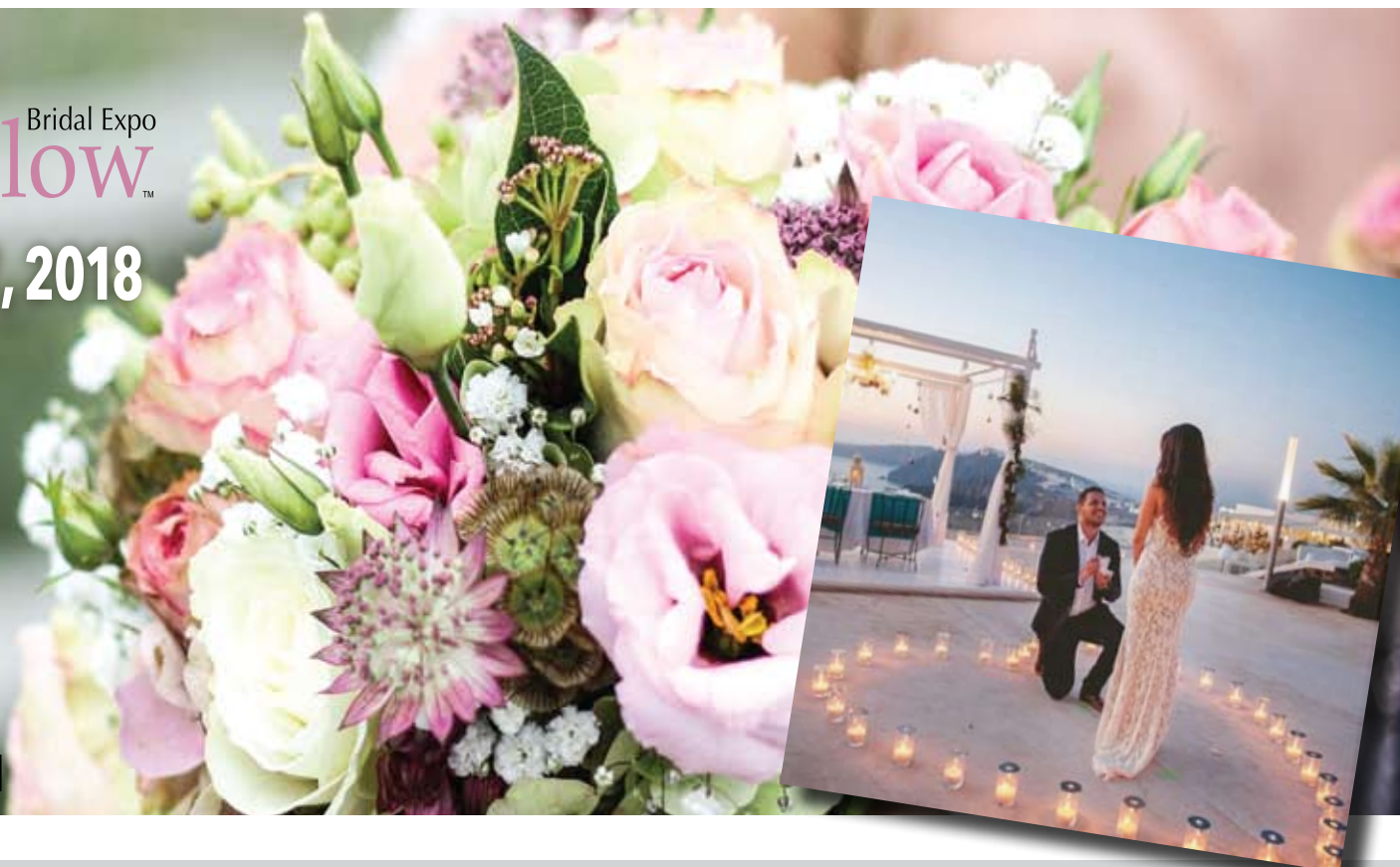
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The Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce's mission is to be the voice of business in collaborative partnership that work to build and enhance a healthy business climate and a vibrant quality of life.

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 JANUARY

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Member Renewals JANUARY

| | Member Since | | Member Since |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| A Storage Inn | 2/1/2002 | Lillie Gray, REALTOR | 8/29/2012 |
| Animal House | 6/21/2007 | Living Water Christian School | 2/12/1999 |
| Bayshore Animal Hospital, PLLC | 1/24/2014 | M & S Sanitation | 3/24/2011 |
| Belgrade Community Action Association | 6/1/2010 | McPic, Inc. dba Great Clips | 3/2/2015 |
| Carolina Comfort Air, Inc. | 2/22/2014 | Montford Point Marine Association | 2/14/2006 |
| Classics Bridal & Formal Wear | 3/8/2004 | Mr. Woody Myers | 10/10/2005 |
| Coastal Carolina Orthodontics | 9/25/1979 | Philippians Place | 2/25/2015 |
| Coastal NC Coffee News | 10/3/2016 | Quality Inn | 2/25/2005 |
| Col Bruce A. Gombar, USMC (Ret) | 5/10/2011 | Realo Discount Drugs | 2/27/2015 |
| Col John Kopka, USMC (Ret) | 12/22/2005 | Sturgeon City | 4/8/2009 |
| Eric Kopka, Attorney at Military Law | 2/17/2010 | TEAM Construction, LLC | 8/12/2008 |
| Integrated Family Services, PLLC | 7/28/2016 | The Flame Catering and Banquet | 2/20/2014 |
| J.C. Hardee | 10/11/2001 | | |

2018 State of the Community Breakfast



Join us as we discover the vocational talents of Onslow and Jones County High Schoolers. Trades Day gives these students the opportunity to be recognized for their talents and allows them to showcase their skills. They compete in Automotive, Construction, Drafting, Electrical, Masonry, Welding, Culinary and Digital Electronics.

Please join us at the 12th Annual Trades Day

Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 8:00am
Coastal Carolina Community College

You can make a difference for these students by donating gifts to be given to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners of each category. Sample donations are tools of their trades, gift cards, or safety gear.

For more information contact Caitlin Diaz by calling (910) 347-3141 ext. 251
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Ray Properties and ABA Rental Properties

Wednesday, February 28th, 2018

Members: \$18

Non-members: \$23

MCAS New River Officers' Club

8:00am Breakfast

8:30am Program begins

*Base passes are required for event

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS FEBRUARY 21st, 2018

For Reservations call: 910-347-3141

Or

Email: Coordinator@jacksonvilleonline.org

Leadership Project

In 2011, Lenize Patton found out that there were three hundred seventy-six homeless children living in Onslow County. That broke her heart, and God did not let her forget it. In December of 2012, Lenize and her husband purchased twelve rental units in hopes of collaborating with organizations that worked with the homeless. She named the new business Philippians Place Rentals, based on the Bible verses, Philippians 2:1-5. In 2014, Lenize started a non-profit that provides transitional housing for the homeless. Now, Philippians Place is expanding to include a homeless prevention program and a voucher program; these programs will be offered at a stand-alone facility with their new partner, Brookwood Baptist Church.

Philippians Place will assist people in need by providing them the opportunity to volunteer, participate in classes or Bible studies, and/or make crafts to earn vouchers for furniture, household items, and/or non-food products. Philippians Place will also provide

these opportunities to people in need of financial assistance to prevent an eviction and/or utility shut-off. Philippians Place will teach various classes (budgeting, job applications, job skills, crafting, etc.) and Bible Studies, which will be offered during the day and evenings. Clients can volunteer in the donation center to inventory, clean, and/or repair donations, or in the shop to organize, set up, and serve customers. Finally, our clients can volunteer in our community garden; they can attend classes, plant, weed, and harvest in the garden.

This year, the Jacksonville.Onslow Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class is working closely with Philippians Place to design, fundraise, and install the most recent component of Philippians Place, the Community Garden. Currently, the class's efforts have raised approximately ten percent of the needed funding; they are actively reaching out to local businesses for donations for a raffle tickets style fundraiser, as well as for in-kind donations to be used in the garden itself. Additionally, some local companies, youth groups, the Wounded Warrior program, and school groups will be volunteering their time and energy for one of the three workdays

scheduled on February 17th, March 24th, and April 14th.

We encourage anyone who is willing to assist this program through monetary or in-kind donations, or items that could be raffled off as part of a fundraiser, to please contact Philippians Place directly, or by e-mailing the Community Garden Project Co-Chair, Brenna Leger at brennaleger@yahoo.com. Philippians Place is a 501(c)3 organization, therefore a tax receipt can be provided for all donations. If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Philippians Place directly.



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THANK YOU TO OUR DINNER TOUR PARTICIPANTS

Hilton Garden Inn
Jacksonville Country Club
NorthStar Cafe
Excel Limousine

Duck's Grille and Bar
Barley Wine Café
Biagio's
Diamond Limousine

White Oak River Bistro
Saltwater Grill
The Boro/Icehouse Waterfront
Restaurant

Venue Tours

OUR THREE VENUE TOURS IN RICHLANDS, TOPSAIL ISLAND AND JACKSONVILLE WILL SHOWCASE SOME OF THE TOP WEDDING VENUES IN ONSLOW COUNTY. BRIDES THAT REGISTER WILL TAKE PART IN ONE OF THESE THREE TOURS AROUND ONSLOW COUNTY.

THANK YOU TO OUR VENUE TOUR PARTICIPANTS

Hilton Garden Inn
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Diamond Limousine

Southern Grace
Ocean's Edge
North Shore Country Club
Hampton Inn & Suites-
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Discovery Gardens
Skyport Aviation
Mike's Farm
Huffman Vineyards
Excel Limousine

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Jacksonville Commons
Recreation Center

March 22, 2018
10am – 4pm

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline March 8, 2018

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Registration payments accepted by credit cards, cash, money orders or check made payable to Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce. Cancellation Policy: A 50% refund will be issued for cancellations until March 8, 2018, after which registration fees are non-refundable.

Signature _____

BOOTH INFORMATION

| BOOTH SPACES | Member | Non-Member | |
|--------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Single Booth | \$235 | \$325 | _____ |
| Double Booth | \$385 | \$490 | _____ |
| | | Total | _____ |

Please Select:

☐ No Table ☐ Uncovered Table ☐ Table with Cover & Skirt

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- News, Chamber website, Chamber Connection and Event Map
- 10'x8' booth space with pipe & drape in blue/silver
- 8' table with cover, skirt & 2 chairs, Single electrical outlet (you must provide surge protected cord)
- Vendor Listing in Jacksonville Daily News
- Poster & flyers for sharing
- Social Media Mentions

LIABILITY RELEASE

As a participant of the 2018 Business Expo, I _____ of _____, release the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce of any responsibility of any property that is left in the building. The Chamber of Commerce is not liable for any damage that may occur to any property during the event or any lost or stolen property.

In order to receive your booth # this must be returned with the registration form.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOOD TRUCK RODEO

Back by popular demand, we will have a variety of food trucks serving lunch at the Expo!

MARCH 22, 2018

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FEB 16TH COREY SMITH
 FEB 20TH L.A. GUNS REUNION TOUR 2018
 FEB 24TH BLUE OYSTER CULT
 FEB 25TH PAULY SHORE
 MAR 1ST ELI YOUNG BAND
 MAR 2ND BATTERY A TRIBUTE TO METALLICA
 MAR 9TH SPARE CHANGE
 MAR 10TH INSANE CLOWN POSSE + ATTLA
 MAR 16TH THE LACS
 MAR 17TH OTHERWISE + WAYLAND
 MAR 23RD THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND
 APR 7TH THE RETURN OF REHAB
 APR 14TH SIR MIX A LOT
 APR 27TH PERPETUAL GROOVE
 MAY 5TH CASH: UNCHAINED
 MAY 11TH PUDDLE OF MUDD
 MAY 12TH DAVID ALLAN COE

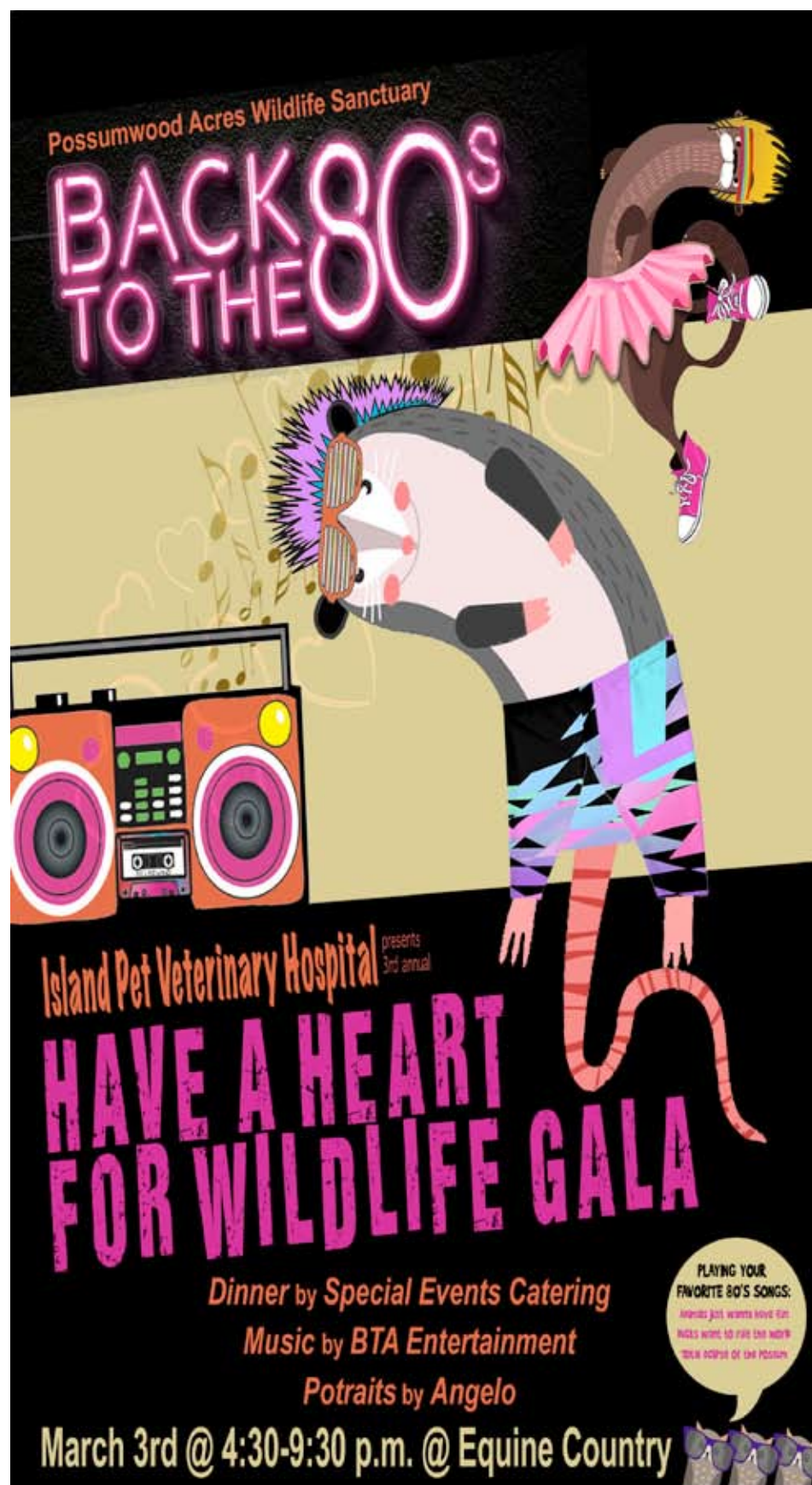
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 Potraits by Angelo

March 3rd @ 4:30-9:30 p.m. @ Equine Country

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MILITARY REUNION INFO

THE BEST MILITARY REUNION OF YOUR LIFE CAN BE A REALITY AT THE COAST OF NORTH CAROLINA.

You've done your tours of duty, now let us treat you to a new tour. As planning is underway for your next military reunion, let us assist in making your gathering better than ever. When it comes to the details, we can help and let you enjoy in making more memories.

Jacksonville, North Carolina is rooted in military history and tradition. Situated along the North Carolina coast in Onslow County, we are home to MCB Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River and Camp Johnson. Your reunion will be held in a military-friendly community with all the appeal of a beautiful coastal setting.

We look forward to serving you by creating unique experiences that include military related tours, area attractions, and delicious dining experiences. When considering your next reunion location, think of Jacksonville, North Carolina and receive a hero's welcome.



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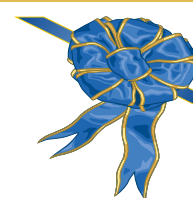


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Jacksonville Onslow Tourism
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Ribbon Cutting



January 8th

Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers



January 16th

Shell Building #2 Burton Business Industrial Park



January 16th

Onslow Fitness Weight loss Clinic

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 | \$175,923,030 | 2.41% |
| Sep-16 | \$172,438,330 | Sep-17 | \$170,773,046 | -0.97% |
| Oct-16 | \$157,979,134 | Oct-17 | \$166,205,341 | 5.21% |
| Nov-16 | \$149,558,400 | Nov-17 | \$158,839,850 | 6.21% |
| 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 | \$825,418,295 | YTD Total | \$847,742,550 | 2.70% |
| *YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i> | | | | |

| Occupancy Tax Report | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------|
| | <u>2016-2017</u> | <u>2017-2018</u> | % |
| July | \$402,706.74 | \$391,718.29 | -2.7% |
| August | \$284,130.83 | \$345,186.90 | 17.6% |
| September | \$157,461.01 | \$184,118.54 | 14.4% |
| October | \$120,219.03 | \$121,179.13 | .7% |
| November | \$83,262.30 | \$95,052.77 | 14.4% |
| December | \$64,805.58 | \$ 69,237.21 | 6.4% |
| 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: | \$1,112,585.49 | \$1,206,492.84 | 7.8% |
| *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 | 5,311 | 3,692 | 4,713 |
| 4th Qtr | 3,696 | 4,284 | 3,003 | 4,077 |
| YTD Total | 18,928 | 19,533 | 13,537 | 15,177 |
| *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 | 15,124 |
| 4 th Quarter | 15,160 | 10,124 |
| YTD Total | 62,228 | 60,636 |
| Onslow Memorial Hospital Live Births | | |
| | 2016 | 2017 |
| 1 st Quarter | 363 | 365 |
| 2 nd Quarter | 379 | 325 |
| 3 rd Quarter | 412 | 388 |
| 4 th Quarter | 384 | 358 |
| YTD Total | 1,538 | 1,436 |
| *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 | 13,686 |
| 4 th Quarter | 12,370 | 13,925 |
| YTD Total | 49,887 | 52,475 |
| Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Live Births | | |
| | 2016 | 2017 |
| 1 st Quarter | 467 | 514 |
| 2 nd Quarter | 522 | 483 |
| 3 rd Quarter | 647 | 542 |
| 4 th Quarter | 313 | 350 |
| YTD Total | 1,949 | 1,889 |
| *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 | November | Fiscal YTD | |
| Onslow United Transit System | 7,052 | 37,843 | |
| Jacksonville Transit System | 11,232 | 52,671 | |
| Military Express | 1,298 | 5,392 | |
| Total | 19,582 | 95,906 | |
| | | | |
| | Nov 17 | Dec 17 | |
| Cars | 318 | 329 | |
| Trucks | 468 | 471 | |
| Total | 786 | 800 | |
| | | | |
| | | | Year to Date |
| Cars | 3,670 | 3,999 | |
| Trucks | 5,198 | 5,669 | |
| Total | 8,868 | 9,668 | |

| 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 | 25,210 | -2.1% |
| October | 25,164 | 27,400 | 8.2% |
| November | 26,151 | 25,138 | -3% |
| December | 26,530 | 24,586 | -7.3% |
| YTD Total | 302,528 | 313,818 | 3.5% |
| *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 | 12 | 895 | 74.58 | 219 | 2.94 |
| \$150,001 - \$200,000 | 12 | 632 | 52.67 | 153 | 2.91 |
| \$200,001 - \$250,000 | 12 | 286 | 23.83 | 78 | 3.27 |
| \$251,001 - \$300,000 | 12 | 126 | 10.50 | 36 | 3.43 |
| \$300,001 + | 12 | 186 | 15.50 | 120 | 7.74 |
| TOTAL | | 2125 | | 606 | |
| | | | | | |
| New Construction Price | # of Months | # Sold | Sales Rate Per Month | # Currently Active* | # of Month's Of Inventory |
| ≤ \$150,000 | 12 | 11 | .92 | 3 | 3.27 |
| \$150,001 - \$200,000 | 12 | 313 | 26.08 | 127 | 4.87 |
| \$200,001 - \$250,000 | 12 | 223 | 18.58 | 122 | 6.57 |
| \$251,001 - \$300,000 | 12 | 69 | 5.75 | 63 | 10.96 |
| \$300,001 + | 12 | 48 | 4.00 | 44 | 11.00 |
| TOTAL | | 664 | | 359 | |

BUSINESS STATS

COUNTY PERMITS: SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY

CITY PERMITS: SOURCE: CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

City of Jacksonville Building Permits

| December 2017 | # | Value |
|---------------|------------|--------------------|
| Residential | 11 | \$56,150 |
| Commercial | 53 | \$5,046,867 |
| Other | 155 | \$309,275 |
| Total | 322 | \$5,412,292 |

County Building Permits

| FY2017-18 | Res BPs | Com BPs | Total Value |
|------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| 1st Qtr Totals | 678 | 174 | \$31,124,290 |
| 2nd Qtr Totals | 697 | 123 | \$40,257,582 |
| 3rd Qtr Totals | | | |
| 4th Qtr Totals | | | |
| FY Totals | 1,375 | 297 | \$71,381,872 |
| 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 | 1/15/2017 | 10/15/2017 |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| Camp Lejeune | 29,426 | 29,896 |
| MARSOC | 2,209 | 2,255 |
| New River | 6,728 | 6,454 |
| TECOM Schools | 6,412 | 4,748 |
| Total | 44,775 | 43,353 |
| USMC Deployed Total | 3,021 | 4,338 |

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

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Area Name | Onslow County |
| Year | 2017 |
| Month | November |
| Labor Force | 64,638 |
| Employed | 61,319 |
| Unemployed | 3,319 |
| Unemployment Rates | 5.1% |

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 | |
|---------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 2015 | 568 | 2015 | 786 |
| 2016 | 560 | 2016 | 812 |
| 2017 | 580 | 2017 | 804 |
| Births | | Marriages | |
| 2015 | 3,718 | 2015 | 2,584 |
| 2016 | 3,519 | 2016 | 2,677 |
| 2017 | 3,535 | 2017 | 2,629 |

EDUCATION

SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

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

| License Type | # facilities | # slots | # enrolled | Capacity | # staff |
|-----------------|--------------|---------|------------|----------|---------|
| NC 5 star | 20 | 2,575 | 2,410 | 94% | 380 |
| NC 4 star | 8 | 218 | 180 | 83% | 28 |
| NC 3 star | 21 | 565 | 505 | 89% | 80 |
| NC 2 star | 2 | 13 | 9 | 69% | 2 |
| NC 1 star | 12 | 139 | 123 | 88% | 19 |
| NC Religious | 5 | 459 | 420 | 92% | 66 |
| NC Temporary | 1 | 12 | 8 | 67% | 3 |
| NC Provisional | 1 | 140 | 118 | 84% | 23 |
| NC Probationary | | | | | |
| Totals | 70 | 4,121 | 3,772 | 92.0% | 601 |

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On January 22nd and January 23rd, 2018 The Chamber's Workforce Advisory Committee Presented a two-day interactive, practical, one-on-one preparation, boot camp for job seekers! A very special Thank you to Lindsay Gress of NC Works for facilitating this event.



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MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Committee's purpose is to maintain and continually improve the relationship between the military and civilian communities.

January's Service Member of the Month Corporal Brittney E. Porter

Corporal Brittney E. Porter is distinguished as the Service Member of the Month (SMOM) for the month of January by the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

Cpl Porter was born and raised on the Westside of Chicago. She was raised in a loving home by her mother and father, along with her two older sisters and older brother.

After graduating high school, she accepted a full ride Basketball Scholarship to Rock Valley College. While being a student-athlete she worked two jobs and graduated in 2010 with an Associate's degree. Thereafter, she decided to accept yet another full ride Basketball Scholarship to Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri. She went on to graduate with her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2014.

In November 2015, Private First Class Porter attended recruit training at Marine Corps Depot, Parris Island, SC. She then attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, NC. She attended her Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) on Camp Johnson, NC where she attained the MOS of Personal Administrator. In April of 2016, Cpl Porter reported to Headquarters

and Support Battalion.

Cpl Porter serves as a Personal Administer in the Command Support branch working in the Installation Personnel Administration Center (IPAC) Legal section.

Her leadership states that Cpl Porter's work ethic, wealth of knowledge and mission first attitude are apparent in all areas of her performance. As well as her outstanding performance and her ability to juggle the litany of tasks resulted in Cpl Porter being selected to assist in the planning and execution of the Marine Corps Installation East (MCI-East) Staff Sergeant symposium.

Cpl Porter is looking forward to reenlisting when her reenlistment window opens up. Promotion to Sergeant as well as obtaining a secondary MOS of Force Fitness Instructor. On the academic front, she is planning to leverage the Marine Corps' education programs to pursue a Master's Degree in Psychology. A little further down the road, she has plans on becoming a Drill Instructor and joining the Staff Noncommissioned Officer ranks.

Congratulations to the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee January Service Member of the Month, Cpl Brittney E. Porter, USMC.



Councilmember Angelia Washington Appointed to National League of Cities Committee

Second Committee for Councilmember

Jacksonville City Councilmember Angelia J. Washington, has been appointed to the National League of Cities Council for Race, Equity and Leadership.

Previously, Councilmember Washington had served on the Human Development federal advocacy committee for three years, and most recently served as vice chair. Washington was the first African American Jacksonville City Council member to be appointed to a NLC leadership position.

The appointment was announced by NLC First President Mark Stodola, Mayor, Little Rock, Arkansas. This committee has the responsibility for strengthening the knowledge and capacity of local elected officials to eliminate racial disparities, heal racial tensions, and build more equitable communities.

"I'm excited as councilwoman to continue my leadership at the national level," said Washington. "This appointment allows me

to collaborate with municipal leaders across America in garnering support from Congress in establishing the 13th Amendment as a national holiday. Advocacy for our nation's citizens further supports action by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address violence among young African American males, improving educational outcomes for disadvantage students, and ending homelessness for civilians, veterans, and immigrants."

The Council is comprised of members who represent leaders from the policy and advocacy committees, constituency groups, member networking councils, and other advisory groups. It is a one-year appointment with options for reappointment.

A native of Jacksonville, NC, Washington is a Ph.D. candidate, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Greensboro, NC. She possesses a Master of Social Work (Clinical Social Work), Smith College, Northampton, MA; Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, CO, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.



From the desk of Kristen Loftin



As you are well aware, Onslow County Tourism takes pride in our Service Rewards program. When a visitor comes to town, the men and women who are working in our retail stores, restaurants and hotels, are the front line staff who can make or break one's experience. I am grateful that our office has a program in place to honor these individuals.

In December, the 55 individuals who were honored throughout the year, are called and interviewed about the county attractions and events. Of those quizzed, we name our finalist and they are then secret shopped. Following those results, we name our Hospitality Person of the Year and we couldn't be more excited for our winner. After all, what better hospitality ambassador could you want than that of the smiling, energetic face of someone with more than 24 years in the hotel industry?

Beginning her career in housekeeping at the Jacksonville Holiday Inn, this year's winner was honored as Employee of the

Month twice in 1998 both leading toward being named the Employee of the Year. She received honors as Employee of the Month again in May of 2000 for that same property.

You can now find our winner at the Quality Inn in Sneads Ferry. Working on her 11th year with this hotel, she was promoted to her current position as Assistant General Manager in June of 2016. It was evident to our secret shopper that she has experience in multiple areas of our county. Able to recommend attractions and favorite restaurants from the North end of the county to the South, a visitor would be informed of all things to be explored as well as easy day trips to discover. Of course, all of the information was being told with a smile and a little spring in her step!

Her excellence in customer service is an example for any and all. After all, two of her children are currently working in the hospitality industry as well! We are overjoyed that the Marine Corps brought this tourism champion to our community from Illinois. We are even more excited that she has continued to reside here and share her talents with many Onslow County visitors.

Congrats Mrs. Annette Taylor! We are thankful for your customer service!



Save The Date

Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, February 13th @1:00pm
Express Employment Professionals
461 Western Blvd Suite 118, Jacksonville, NC 28546

Business After Hours

Friday, February 16th @6:00-8:00
Hilton Garden Inn
1016 Jacksonville Parkway
Join Jacksonville Onslow Chamber as we Mix and Mingle for our Engaged Onslow Bridal Expo Vendor Mixer. Unwind and have a great time with Chamber members and Engaged Onslow vendors. This is a great networking event that you will be sure to enjoy. Register today HERE and receive your free drink ticket!

Engaged Onslow Bridal Expo

February 16 & 17, 2018
Feb 16 – Taste Test Your Rehearsal Dinner
Feb 17 – Bridal Expo and Venue Tours
If you would like to register as a vendor click [HERE](#)
If you would like to register as a Bride or Guest click [HERE](#)
Small Business Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 15 @8:30am
Commerce Center
Coastal Carolina Community College: Small Business Center
Guest Speaker: April Priester
1099 Gum Branch Road, Jacksonville NC

Ribbon Cutting

Friday, February 23rd @9:00am
Hope for the Warriors Well-Being Office
3215 Henderson Dr. Jacksonville, Jacksonville, NC 28546

Ribbon Cutting

Friday, February 23rd @10:00am
The Little Gym
1092 Hampton Inn Way Suite 100, Jacksonville, Jacksonville, NC 28546

Workforce Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, February 26 @1:00pm
Commerce Center
JumpStart your Job Search wrap-up meeting
1099 Gum Branch Road, Jacksonville NC

State of the Community Breakfast

February 28th, 2018
8:00am Breakfast
8:30pm Program
MCAS New River Officers Club
Cost is \$18.00 (Members)
\$23.00 (Non-Members)
Please contact coordinator@jacksonvilleonline.org to reserve your seat.

Ambassador Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 28th @12:00– 1:00pm
Location-TBD
Jacksonville, NC 28546
Operation Thank You following meeting from 1:00-2:00pm
(Open to all Chamber Members)

Ribbon Cutting

Friday, March 2nd @1:00pm
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