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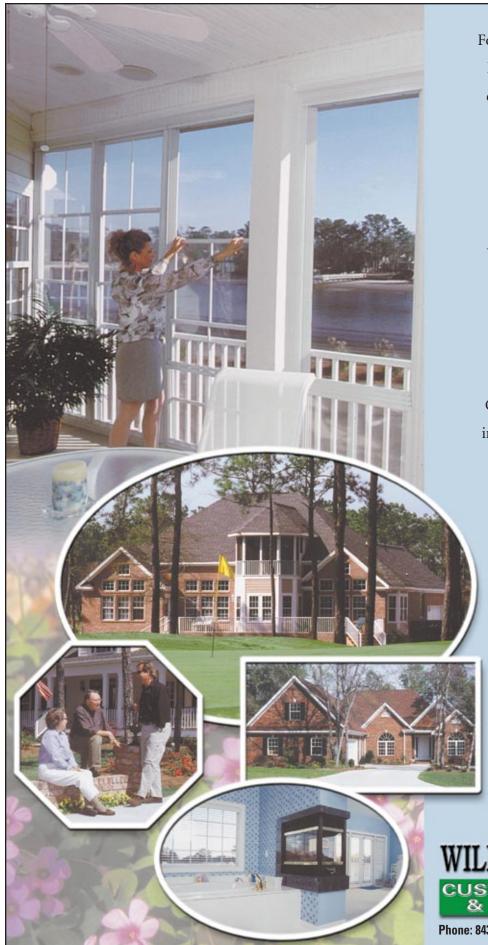


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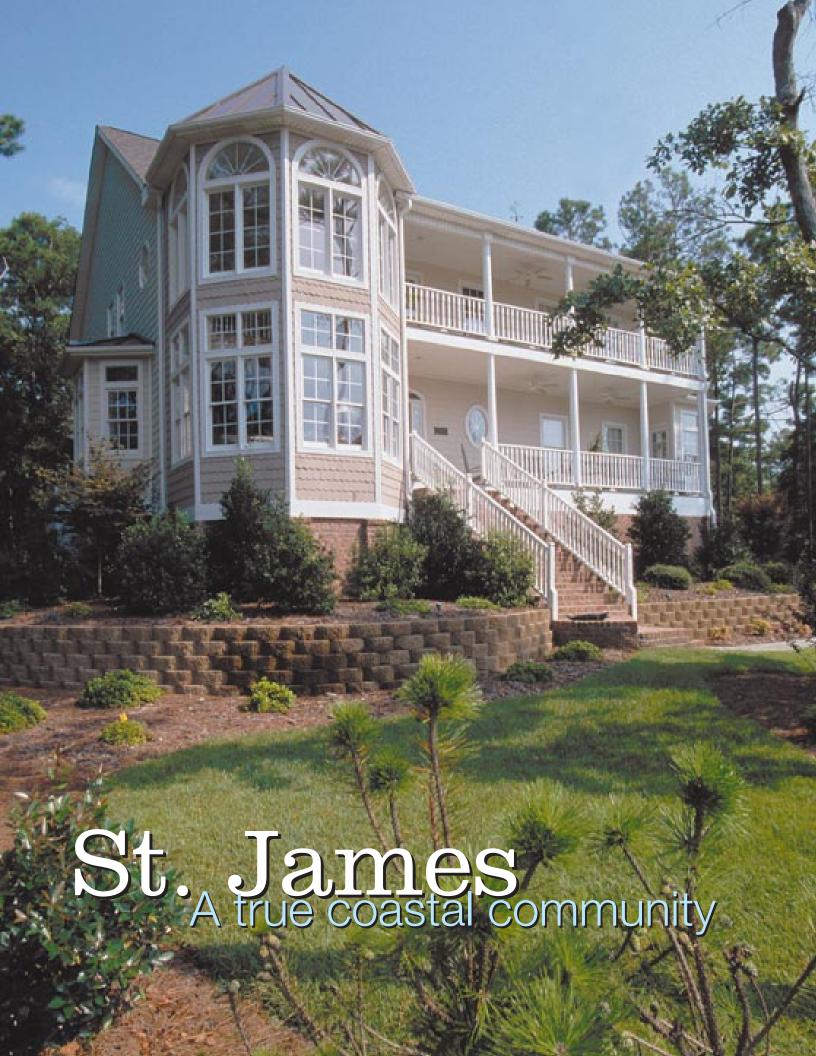
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Once you've seen St. James, you'll see why it was named one of the top 20 retirement communities in the US two years in a row. This unique community offers a pristine environment, graceful southern trees, coastal breezes and an easy way of life. Three premiere golf courses, tennis courts, beach activities and trails for biking and walking make St. James one of the most desirable places to live in the Cape Fear area.

For nature lovers, water and wildlife are up-close and personal. You'll see great blue herons, red-tailed hawks, beautiful azaleas and native foliage – right outside your window.

The historic fishing village of Southport is just down the road. Wilmington, just a half-hour away, offers a historic riverfront district, shopping, fine dining, the battleship U.S.S. North Carolina and professional theater productions at Thalian Hall. To the south you'll find the excitement of Myrtle Beach, SC – the Palace Theater with Broadway shows, premium outlet shopping, water parks, beaches and famous Calabash seafood restaurants – only a 40-minute drive but a world away from peaceful St. James.





Variety of home options

ooking for the comfort and convenience of a townhome, condominium or patio home? A custom dream home? St. James offers a wide range of choices for home buyers. Single family homes – from waterfront mansions, classic southern colonials or low country cottages tucked into



woodland settings – beckon as the perfect place to call home.



Spacious club villas and townhomes offer carefree living – the perfect retirement home or weekend retreat. In St. James' Georgetown



community, patio homes are designed for style as well as low maintenance. In the Marina Village, enjoy the views from the deck of a two-story home overlooking the marina and waterway.

The Cape Fear Coast:

dream

Among the best

Money magazine and Forbes know what they're talking about: the two publications recently cited the Cape Fear Coast as among the best places to live and vacation.

Money ranked the southern end of the NC coast as one of the top 12 vacation spots in North America. *Forbes* ranked the area #36 in the US in its "Best Places" section.

St. James and Winding River were also featured in *Where to Retire* magazine's summer 2001 edition. For this article, editors spent almost one year researching over 500 communities throughout the United States before making their final selection of "America's 100 Best Master-Planned Communities."

Relax or play

it back and enjoy the natural surroundings. Or join neighbors and friends at Waterway Park on the Intracoastal. This natural area includes swings, slides, a fitness trail, outdoor grills and is the perfect venue for bird watching and fishing. Or gear up for a round of golf on one of St. James' three signature courses: the Hale Irwininspired Members Club, the P.B. Dye-designed Gauntlet Club, and The Players Club, Tim Cate's newest course.

Relax with your family at St. James by the Sea, a private beach club with stunning ocean views, full bathing facilities, a romantic gazebo, boardwalk and pool. Head offshore to find marlin and other game fish from St. James' private marina, featuring dry stack storage and 160 boat slips, ranging from 30 to 50 feet. Try your luck trout fishing, crabbing or shrimping in the tidal creeks. Or join your neighbors at one of the many community-sponsored clubs. Among them are painting, book, investment, travel, bird and nature, mahjong, bridge and quilting clubs.

Call Plantation Properties today for a look at our St. James resale home and homesite listings. Move in today or build your own home. Either way, we can help. Call us to find out why St. James was named one of America's Top 20 communities by *New Choices* magazine. Call us.











The St. James community facts at a glance

t. James was originally developed as a planned community. Home and property owners petitioned to incorporate St. James as a town, and it did so in 1999. There are currently 2,343 developed acres. Further expansion of town limits may take place in the future.



Government:

- Five elected officials make up the town council.
- Mayor is elected by the council. All serve 2-year terms. There is also a town clerk administrator.

Current population: Approximately 800

Services:

- State-chartered volunteer fire department.
- First responders for emergency medical services. Brunswick County EMS/sheriff department.
- County water. Solid waste contractor. Sewer treatment provided through owners' association.
- Homeowner's association maintains common areas, guarded gate house, beach club, etc.

Community organizations:

• St. James Service Club: St. James residents raise funds for several organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the St. James Fire

Deptartment, the New Hope Clinic and various children's charities, including scholarships for Brunswick Co. kids.



Community activities:

 Painting, book, investment, travel, bird and nature, mahjong, quilting, bridge and bible-study clubs.

Schools: Brunswick County school system.

Golf: Two 18-hole and one 27-hole courses.

Swimming:

• Olympic pool at the Gauntlet Clubhouse, a year-round pool at the

Members Clubhouse, and a variety of smaller pools in the Marsh Winds and Club Villas sections.

Tennis:

 Courts at the Gauntlet club and Members Club.

Fitness:

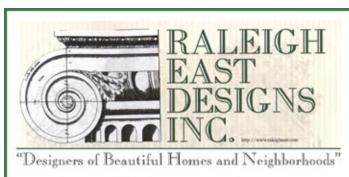
• Gym at Members Club. Waterway Park fitness trail.

Marina: At Marina Village.

Fishing: The ocean and tidal creeks await!









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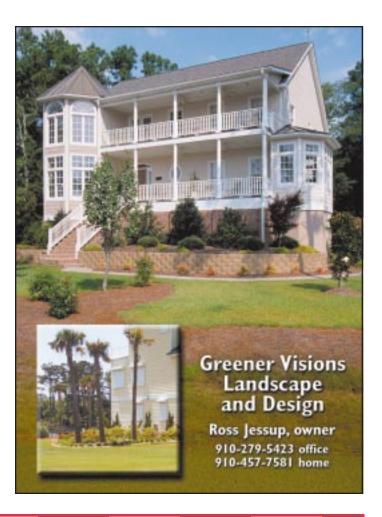
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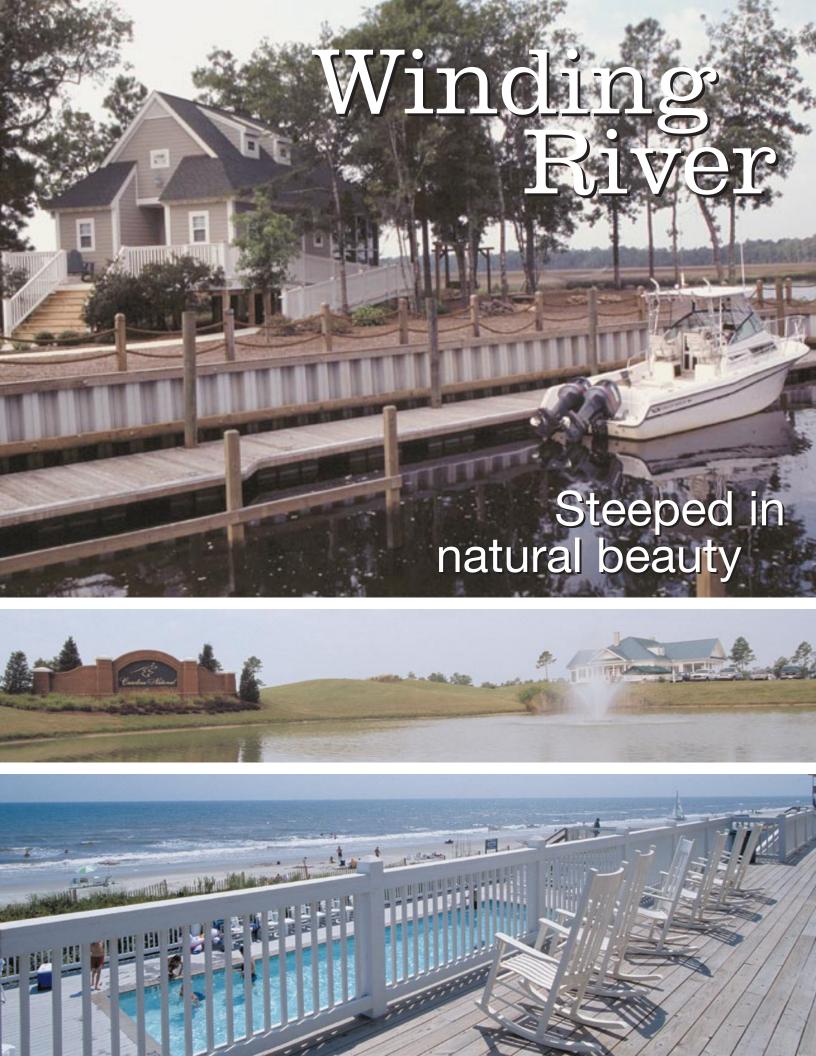
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iscover a place to live surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of coastal North Carolina. Lose yourself in a lazy daydream on the beach or wade the shallows of pristine tidal marshes. Come home to Winding River.

Winding River is a private, gated community located near the village of Southport. Residents enjoy a laid-back lifestyle with all the amenities expected from one of the top 50 communities in the United States. Play golf surrounded



by lush greens, mature oaks, pines and dogwoods at the award-winning Carolina National Golf Club – a 27-hole course designed by Fred Couples and one of the state's few Audubon certified sanctuary golf course. Fish the creeks and Intracoastal Waterway for trout, crabs shrimp and clams. Bigger challenges await offshore, where you'll find dozens of gamefish, from Amberjacks to Yellowfins.



Waterfront, at your leisure.

ou don't have to own waterfront property to enjoy the views. You can relax with friends at River House, Winding River's community center on the Lockwood Folly River. Seaside, a private beach club at Holden Beach, features a marina, swimming pool, and walking/biking trail. Need to stretch? Property owners can wander over to a private clubhouse that includes exercise facilities, tennis courts and a swimming pool. Or take advantage of Winding River's ideal location, less than 30 minutes from the fine dining, theater and shopping in Wilmington or Myrtle Beach.



Variety, without compromise

his environmentally aware community boasts homesites, single-family homes, luxury homes, condominiums – and soon, town and patio homes – with water, golf course or nature preserve views. Whichever you choose, Winding River is designed to preserve the coastal environment.

If you are looking for a piece of paradise, discover Winding River. Call Plantation Properties for more information about resale homes, homesites and new construction in this award winning community. We'll help you find the perfect place to call home.



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The Winding River community facts at a glance

his planned community near Southport, NC, borders the Lockwood Folly River. There are 1,100 planned acres. Review the summary of features at right to see if Winding River is the perfect location for your dream home!



Government:

• County jurisdiction (board of elected commissioners and county manager)

County population: 70,813

Services:

- Southport/Supply fire
- Southport/County police.
- County water. Solid waste contractor. Communitymanaged sewer.
- Homeowner's association maintains common areas, River House, Seaside beach club, owners clubhouse and amenities.

Community organizations:

• Five committees within the homeowners' association: social, light/landscape, pool and tennis, marina and Seaside committee.

Community activities:

 Golf and tennis leagues, annual pool party, book club, seasonal water aerobics and more.



Schools: Brunswick County school system

Golf:

 27- hole Fred Couples signature design course, a sanctuary certified by the National Audubon Society.



Swimming:

• One pool at clubhouse, one pool at Seaside beach club

Tennis:

• Courts at owners, clubhouse.

Fitness: Exercise facilities at owners, clubhouse. Walking/biking trails

Marina/boat launch:

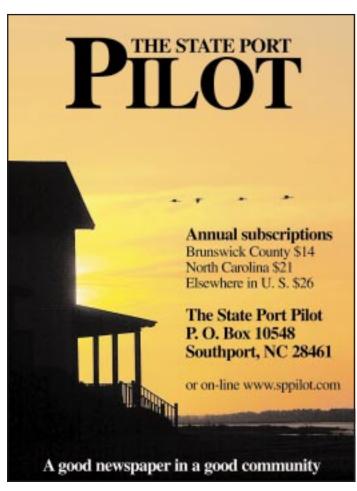
• At Seaside and River House

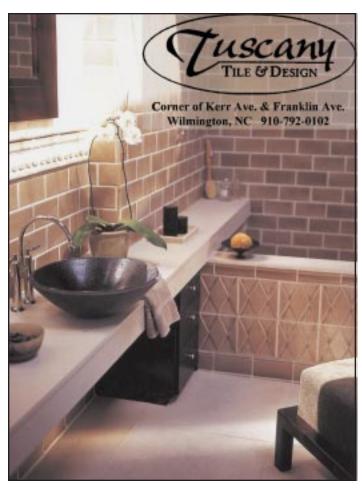


Fishing: Ocean, creeks. Annual US Open King Mackerel Tournament in Southport, early fall.











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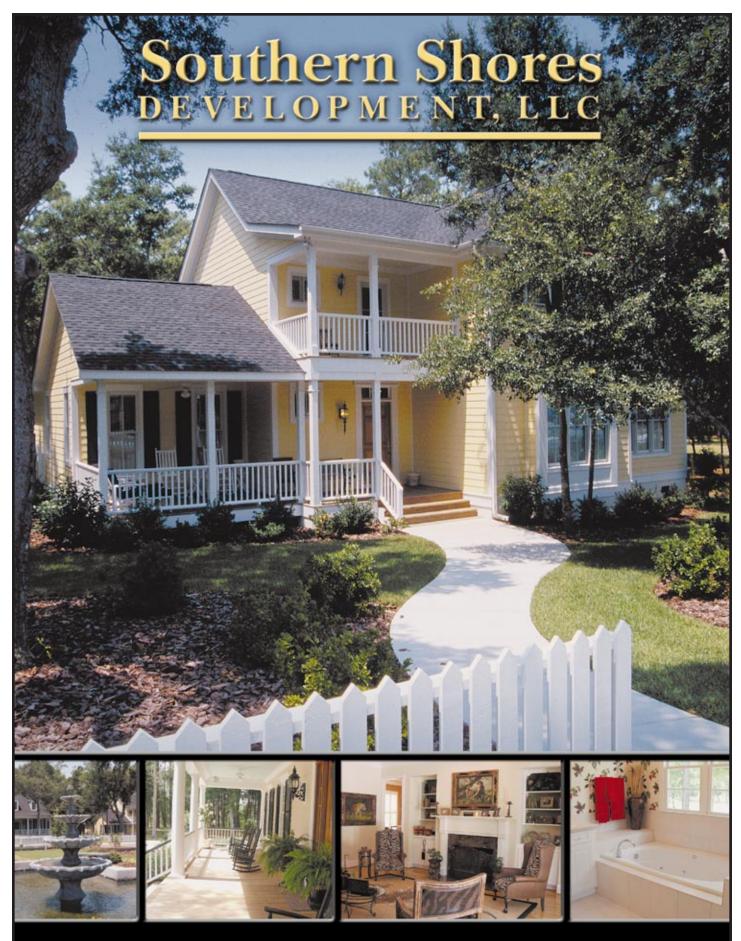
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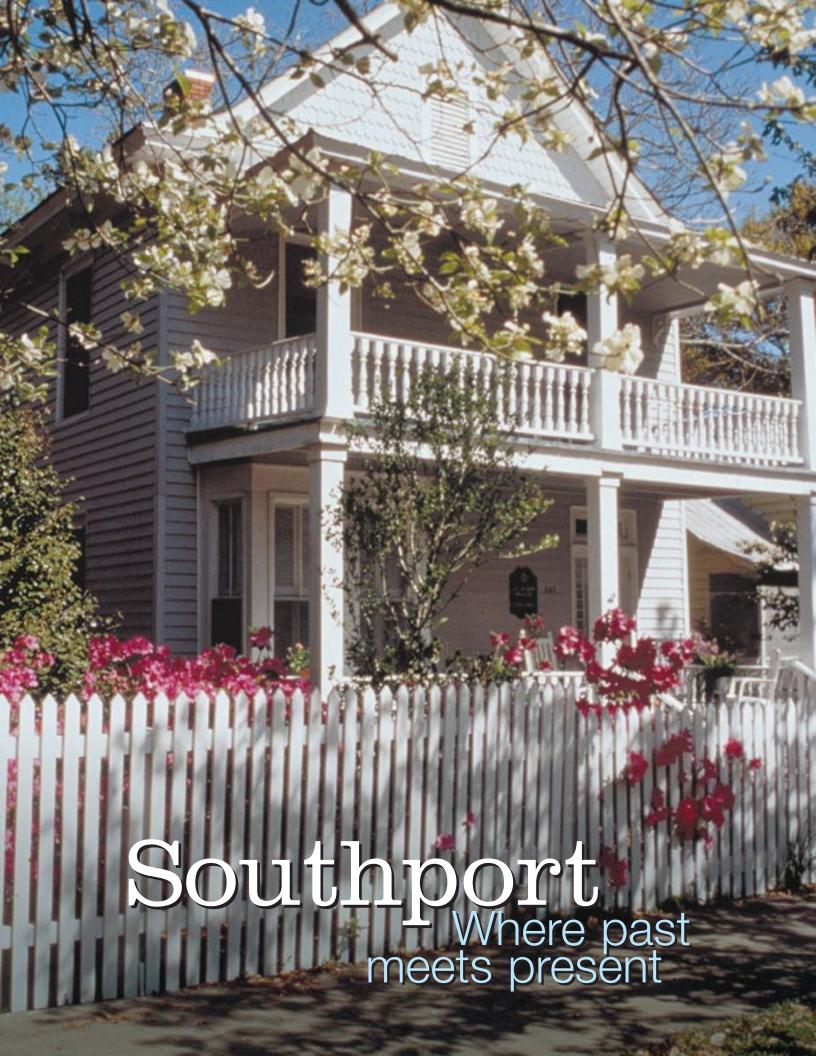
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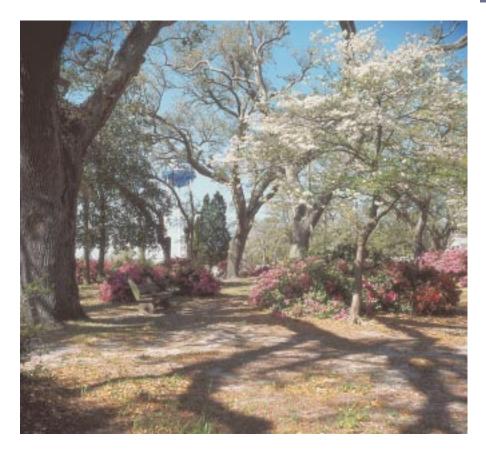


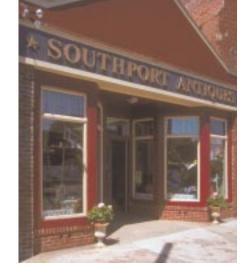
o visit Southport is to take a step back in time. Stroll down the streets of this historic fishing village, with its sprawling oaks, historic homes and you'll experience the grandeur of a bygone era. Watch the sailboats and sunsets from Waterfront Park, then pick up some of the area's freshest shrimp from the dock-side markets.

While Southport is often described as "quaint," don't be fooled by the town's sleepy exterior. There is lots to do here – from learning about Southport's storied maritime history at the North Carolina Maritime Museum, to browsing galleries and antique shops or dining at one of the area's many fine restaurants.

Rent kayaks and paddle the tidal creeks. Take the self-guided walking tour on the Southport Trail. Stick around for the Fourth of July Festival, featuring one of North Carolina's most spectacular fireworks display.

Hop on a ferry to Bald Head Island, famous for its lighthouse, pirate lore, maritime forests and pristine beaches. Explore 13 miles of beach and sea turtle habitat areas on Oak Island. Or head to Wilmington, 30 minutes up the road, for professional theater, a fine-art museum, minor league baseball, mall shopping and a 200-block historic district.









Coastal Stats

Average year-round temperatures

74-average high 53-average low

Population

Oak Island: 7,000 Southport: 3,012

St. James: 804 Brunswick County: 70,813

Wilmington: 233,000





Just outside of Southport are two important historic attractions: Brunswick Town State Historic Site and Orton Plantation Gardens.

At Brunswick Town, you can visit the remains of the area's first colonial settlement, burned by the British in 1776. You can see the earth mounds of Fort Anderson – built on the town's ruins by the Confederate Army in 1862. (State Highway 133 North of Southport. Free admission. Seasonal hours. Call 910 371-6613)

Orton Plantation boasts one of the region's best examples of Antebellum architecture. A canopy of massive live oaks, terraced gardens

and a spectacular display of azaleas, camellias, magnolias and other native shrubs and flowers make this gem worth a visit any time. (North of Southport on State Highway 133. Admission fees vary. Seasonal hours. Call 910-371-6851)



Southport is a town where the Cape Fear River meets the Atlantic Ocean, where the past meets the present and where you can lunch on shrimp and dine on Thai food. But mostly, it represents a state of mind that is uniquely coastal Carolina.



Plantation Properties Home Expo: Nobody does it better

ome expos are no longer boring, thanks to Plantation Properties. The company took advantage of the Cinco de Mayo celebration this year to stage a Mexican-style Home and Builders Expo. This year's Expo, held at the Southport's waterfront Community Center, attracted over 300 people to the sombrero and piñata festooned event. Builders, interior designers, flooring specialists and more were on hand to offer advice and answer questions. A mariachi band, Mexican munchies, door prizes and other give-aways kept the atmosphere festive.

"This was our way to add a little fun to serious business," says Plantation Properties president Debby Daigle. "A lot of people came from out of town to learn about home and building options. So we decided to make this an entertaining event – not a chore.

Building a home is a time-consuming, and emotional, commitment. This Expo

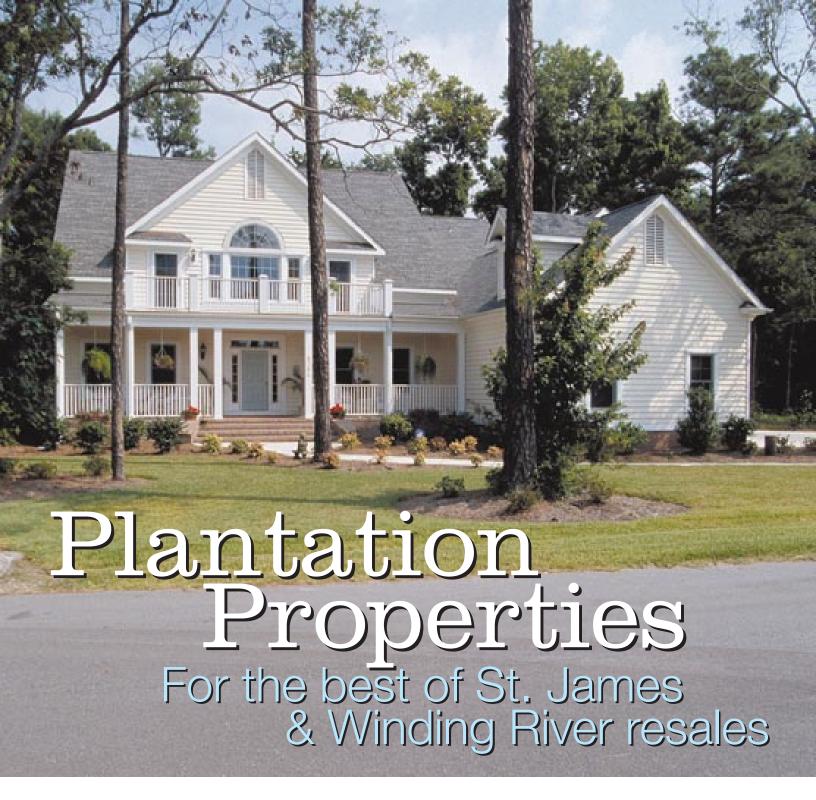
provided a wide range of resources under one roof."

This was the second annual Home and Builders Expo sponsored by Plantation Properties. Daigle reports that response has been excellent and plans are underway for another Expo to be held in Spring 2002. Call Plantation Properties or log on to its web site for more information about this fun, informative event.



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lantation Properties is not your usual Real Estate Broker. We concentrate on resale homes, homesites and new construction in two distinctive communities in North Carolina's Cape Fear region – an area dubbed "Cape Dear" in a the May 28, 2001 issue of Forbes magazine Money magazine also rated this region as one of the nation's top 12 vacation spots.

St. James has been rated as one of the top 20 planned communities by *New Choices* magazine – and Winding River was cited as one of the top 50 new communities in the United States. *Where to Retire magazine* also featured Winding River and St. James as among the best of the nation's retirement "hot spots."

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James and Winding River resale home/homesites and new construction market because, as you will discover, these communities are the best coastal North Carolina has to offer in quality living. Whether you are looking for an existing home or homesite or want to build a custom home, Plantation Properties can help you find the very best of St. James and Winding River.

Homesites: Looking to build your dream home? When you work with us, you won't gamble on a homesite in an unimproved area. Your new home in St. James or Winding River will be surrounded by others noted for their unsurpassed quality, lush landscaping and natural foliage.

New construction: Plantation Properties handles improved sites, ready for building. We can suggest prescreened contractors for new construction. Only those with outstanding reputations, and those who are dedicated to the exacting standards you expect and deserve, are recommended.

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Plantation Properties Restaurant Poll Foodies vote for their favorites

esidents in the greater Southport/Brunswick County area have spoken – with their taste buds. A recent Plantation Properties restaurant poll proves that shrimp rules. The Yacht Basin Provision Company – dockside in Southport – won in three categories.

Debby Daigle, president of Plantation Properties, dreamed up the restaurant poll. "A lot of prospective home buyers come here for vacation," she says. "We are always asked to recommend restaurants and thought a poll would give us some feedback to pass on to clients." Respondents were eligible for a random drawing, earning the winner dinner for two at a favorite restaurant.

So where do people like to dine? Here's the roster:

Favorite family restaurant: Sea Captain, Southport

Favorite seafood: Mr. P's, Southport

Favorite fine-dining: The Pharmacy Restaurant, Southport

Favorite pizza: Michaelangelos, Southport

Favorite "just for fun": Yacht Basin Provision Co., Southport

Favorite fast food: McDonalds of Southport

Favorite Italian: Maria's Cafe, Southport

Favorite Mexican: San Felipe, Southport

Favorite Asian: Thai Peppers, Southport

Favorite steak place: Bogey's, Oak Island

Best sunset view: Fish Tales, Oak Island

Best place for cocktails: The Gauntlet, St. James

Best outside dining: Yacht Basin Provision Co., Southport

Best "arrive by boat" restaurant: Yacht Basin Provision Co., Southport

Most romantic restaurant: The Pharmacy Restaurant, Southport









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Wilmington International Airport

- located 30 minutes from Southport
- services private and commercial flights (US Air, Delta)
- flights to 141 domestic and 28 international cities
- · car rental, limousine, and taxi services available
- offers fueling, maintenance, storing, catering, charter services and courtesy ground transportation
- restaurant and gift shop are located in main lobby
- work stations, conference rooms, fax, ATM, and mail services are available
- over 500,000 passengers are transported annually

Myrtle Beach International Airport

- located 45 minutes from Southport
- services private and commercial flights
- eight major airlines offer flights from this airport
- · eight major car rental agencies are on site
- limousine and taxi services available
- · restaurant, lounge, gift shop in terminal
- business services and conference rooms available
- approximately 800,000 passenger annually

Brunswick County Airport

- located at the county's eastern end, on Long Beach Road
- corporate, private, and military flights
- 75-by-4,000 foot runway
- · handles small jets
- plans to expand runway by 1,000 feet and add a navigational system for landing in bad weather
- 24-hour fuel access
- 70 plane capacity, with hangars
- serves approximately 7,000 planes annually

Ocean Isle Airport

- located in the southwestern part of the county
- on the mainland about one mile from Ocean Isle Beach
- private airport
- 75-by-4,000 foot runway
- paved and lighted
- no fuel available
- accommodates over 40 planes



Health care area medical facilities

J. Arthur Dosher Memorial Hospital, Southport, NC

This facility operates 36 acute-care beds and 64 nursing home and rest home beds. Also offered are cardiopulmonary, diagnostic imaging, emergency care, health promotion and wellness, laboratory services, nutritional counseling, occupational and physical therapy, speech therapy, support group, and inpatient and outpatient surgery services.

Brunswick Community Hospital, Supply, NC

20 minutes from Southport, this facility is a 60-bed hospital with a staff of 80+ physicians. The hospital provides a wide range of comprehensive medical and surgical services along with community education programs.

New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC

Twenty-eight miles up the road is the region's largest medical center. The 506-bed hospital that is part of the New Hanover Health Network. The hospital offers many services not available in smaller hospitals: trauma care, neonatal intensive care, inpatient pediatrics services, open heart surgery, cancer treatment and the regions only children,s pulmonary clinic. The facility serves over 130,000 patients in various capacities annually and sees 265,000 patients through other outpatient service departments.

Cape Fear Memorial Hospital, Wilmington



This facility is also part of the New Hanover Health Network. The hospital is licensed for 141 beds and offers a range of services, including a 24-hour emergency department, inpatient and outpatient surgery, respiratory therapy, rehabilitation medicine, radiology, laboratory services, and a specialized orthopedics center.

The Coastal Rehabilitation Hospital, Wilmington

A 60-bed inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation center that helps patients recover mobility and independence following debilitating injury or disease. The Coastal Rehabilitation Hospital has the largest cardiac/pulmonary rehabilitation program in North Carolina.

Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC

This massive medical complex has once again been rated as one of the nation's top medical centers by *US News and World Report* – is two hours from Wilmington.

In addition to the area's outstanding hospitals and medical centers, physicians in a wide range of specialties have offices in Southport and the surrounding area: family practice, internal medicine, cardiology, pulmonary, pediatrics, general surgery, gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, urology, chiropractic, and dentistry. 

Calendar o things to do in

January

• North Carolina Jazz Festival, Late January, the Wilmington Hilton, 763-8585

February

• Civil War Program, Ft. Anderson, 371-6613

March

- Sea Notes Concert. Southport, 579-0907
- Day at the Docks, Holden Beach, 842-3828



April

- NC Azalea Festival, Wilmington. 763-0905
- Family Day at the Museum of

Coastal Carolina, Ocean Isle, 579-1016



- Robert Ruark Chili Cookoff, Franklin Square Park, Southport, 457-5494
- Cucalorus Film Festival, Wilmington
- Oak Island Lighthouse 10K Run, Oak Island/ Caswell Beach, 457-6964



fevents the area during the year

May

- Art in the Park, Franklin Square Park, Southport, 253-2672
- Dosher Memorial Hospital Health Fair, Southport, 457-3800
- Old Baldy Sailing Regatta, Bald Head Island, 457-7500
- South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 800-426-6644
- Waterway Art Assoc. Exhibit, Ocean Isle, 579-1830
- Croquet Invitation Tournament, Bald Head Island, 256-1830
- Pleasure Island Spring Festival, Carolina & Kure Beaches, 458-8434



- Annual Fishing Rodeo, Bald Head Island, 457-7500
- Annual Flounder Tournament, Shallotte Point, 754-6985

July

- North Carolina 4th of July Festival, Southport, 457-5578
- Cape Fear Blues
 Festival, Battleship
 Park, Wilmington,
 762-1925





Calendar of events things to do in the area during the year

August

 Ladies' King Mackerel Tournament, Southport Marina, 278-6477

September

- South Brunswick Islands King Classic Mackerel Tournament, Holden Beach, 754-6644
- Labor Day Texas BBQ, Bald Head Island, 457-7500
- Labor Day Arts & Crafts Fair, Middleton Park, Oak Island, 278-7560
- Children's Crab Derby, Historic Southport, 457-7945
- Brunswick Invitational Juried Art Show, Franklin Square Art Gallery, 457-5450
- Fall Sailing Regatta, Bald Head Island, 457-7500
- Wildlife Bait & Tackle Flounder Tournament, Southport, 457-9903
- Piney Woods Cultural Heritage Festival, Hugh MacRae Park, Wilmington, 762-4223

October

 Captain Charlie's King Fishing Tournament, Historic Southport, 457-7945



- U.S. Open King Mackerel Fishing Tournament, Southport Marina, 457-5787
- Family Fest, Oak Island, 278-5518
- Robert Ruark Art Show, Franklin Square Art Gallery, 457-5450
- North Carolina Oyster Festival & Road Race, Shallotte, 800-426-6644
- Celebrate Oak Island, Middleton Park, 278-5518
- Celebrate Wilmington (Mid-October through late November), UNCW, 222-4757

November

- North Carolina Indian Heritage Pow Wow, Brunswick Town State Historic Site, 78-3768
- Dixon Chapel Oyster Roast, Varnamtown, 842-6425
- Holly Days, ILA Hall, Southport, 278-3134
- Martitime Classic Road Race, Bald Head Island, 457-7500
- Ft. Anderson/Brunswick Town Open House, 371-6613
- Festival of Trees (late November), Wilmington Hilton, 762-0200

December

- Sea Notes Concert, Southport Baptist Church, 457-6964
- Southport Homes Tour, 457-7927



- Cape Fear Yacht Club Flotilla, Southport, 457-6964
- Christmas by the Sea Festival, Southport-Oak Island, 457-6964
- Holiday Flotilla, Wrightsville Beach, 256-4303

In addition to these regional events, professional and community theater/music/dance is presented throughout the year at Odell Williamson Auditorium at Brunswick Community College, Thalian Hall in Wilmington and Kenan Auditorium at UNC-Wilmington. Broadway touring shows, large arena-concerts, ballet and other entertainment may be found in Myrtle Beach and Raleigh.

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