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# BELHAVEN *Chamber News*

## BELHAVEN Community CHAMBER of Commerce

*Promoting Belhaven and all of Northeastern Beaufort County, including Bath, Pantego, and Ponzer*

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### Belhaven Buccaneer Festival & Pirates on the Pungo

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirates on the Pungo Regatta and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Belhaven Buccaneer Festival were a huge success!! Adults and children of all ages enjoyed the shenanigans of the Pirates who invaded the town. Activities included a Pirate School for kids, the firing of canons and black powder guns, the Pirate Parade and the raising of the Jolly Roger flag over the Town Hall in addition to the battle of the land and sea with *REAL* pirate ships! The funnel cakes and BBQ sandwiches were also a big hit!

The winds were great for sailboat racing! The Captains and Crew of over 30 sailboats from as far away as Georgia and Maryland competed for the coveted awards. Capt. Dyk Luben, of Washington, on *Bodacious* took the *Bob Hayes Memorial First in Fleet Award*.

We were honored to have Rep. Paul Tine and Rep. Frank Iler participate in this year's event. They were also generous sponsors.

The proceeds from the POTP Regatta and BBF will be divided equally between the Shephard Cancer Foundation (to benefit Belhaven residents) and Martha's Project and Food Pantry. The final numbers are not in as of this publication, but at the present time it looks like *each* charity will receive approximately \$4000.

The committee wishes to thank all of the businesses that sponsored this event and the many volunteers who gave generously of their time and talents!

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## Getting to Know your Directors Martha White

Martha is a North Carolina native. She was born in Wilson and grew up in Elm City. She graduated from Jefferson State College in Birmingham, AL with an ADN degree in nursing. She received a BSN and MSN (Masters of Science in Nursing Administration) from East Carolina University.

Over the years she has worked in a variety of settings including the Children's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama and University of Alabama, Birmingham; Operating and Recovery Room at Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount, N.C; Pitt County Memorial Hospital/Vidant: Surgical Critical Care, Pediatric Critical Care, Neurology, Oncology and Quality, Manager of Regulatory Compliance; Pungo District Hospital: Quality and Infection Control.

Martha and her husband John bought a lot in Beaufort County during her tenure at Pungo District Hospital. In 2006 they decided to call Belhaven "home" and started construction on the home where they currently reside.

In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the Chamber, Martha is also an active member of the community. She has served on the Celebration Committee, the ICW Celebration Committee, Co-Chaired Belhaven Buccaneer Festival/Pirates on the Pungo Regatta and is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

She and John have three children, one granddaughter and two family dogs, Lily and Sailor Girl.

## Mayor Begins March to Washington

Mayor Adam O'Neal began a 283-mile walk from Belhaven to Washington D.C. Monday in order to protest the potential closing of 283 rural hospitals.

The walk began on June 1 and will conclude on the steps of the U.S. Capitol on June 15. It will be lead by Mayor O'Neal and civil rights legend Bob Zellner.

The pair, including supporters, said they will walk one mile for every hospital that may be closed.

"All Americans must be made aware of the dire rural health care crisis we face in this country," O'Neal said. "Our rural hospitals are just as important as any urban medical center. When hospitals close, emergency rooms close and that means needless deaths -- our children, family members, veterans, and neighbors.

## Chamber Request

The Chamber is in the process of sending out invoices for next year's dues. If you mailing address or email address has changed since last year, please notify Diana Lambeth at the Chamber (943 3770) as soon as possible.

Dianne Bowen, President of the Chamber will be calling a Special Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for July 16th to allow Members to vote on proposed by-law changes. We hope you will attend this important meeting and support the Chamber as it strives to meet the needs of our community.

## How to Start a Business June 10, 2015 Workshop

Dream of being your own boss?

If so, the Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC) at ECU offers a free monthly workshop that's just for you! The "How to Start a Business" workshop teaches participants the basic business ownership steps. Our counselors discuss ways to research your business market, how to write a business plan, and the steps to seeking initial funding.

Registration is free and so is this workshop! If interested, plan on attending this free event on **Wednesday, June 10, 2015 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM** at ECU's Willis Building (300 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St.) in Up-town Greenville.

You may register by sending an e-mail to [ecu@sbtcd.org](mailto:ecu@sbtcd.org) or by calling [252-737-1385](tel:252-737-1385).

## Calendar of Events

<b>June</b>	8	Town of Belhaven Council Budget Meeting, 7pm
	9	Small Town Main Street meeting at Chamber, 2pm
	9	Belhaven Main St Landing Bluegrass/Country Jam, 6:30pm
	11	Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6pm
	14	Flag Day
	16	Belhaven Main St Landing Bluegrass/Country Jam, 6:30pm
	21	First day of summer
	21	Father's Day
	23	Belhaven Main St Landing Bluegrass/Country Jam, 6:30pm
	30	Belhaven Main St Landing Bluegrass/Country Jam, 6:30pm
<b>July</b>	3	Twilight Hour, 6-9pm, Pamlico St.
	4	Independence Day parade, all-day festivities and fireworks
<b>Aug</b>		
<b>Sept</b>	19	87th Anniversary Celebration of the Intra-coastal Waterway

## Coming Summer 2016 to Our Community

Ground has been broken on 19.4 acres between the post office and the Food Lion shopping center. Vidant Health is investing more than \$4.2 million in a state of the art health care facility. This 12,000 square foot multispecialty center will include all Vidant Medical Group physicians, staff and services under one roof. As health care needs change in the community, it will have room to grow and space for specialists and other services as need is determined. The new facility will include an adjacent helipad for quick transport to a hospital when a higher level of care is needed.

Services to be offered:

- Primary and preventive care
- Immediate Care
- Physical Therapy
- Specialty Care
- Lab work
- x-rays
- Helicopter transport access

Keep an eye on the progress at [Vidant Health.com/Belhaven](http://Vidant Health.com/Belhaven)

## You're Invited to a Wine & Cheese Gala at Riddick & Windley

Thursday evening, June 4th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Come meet kindred spirits and celebrate the re-grand opening of our new Gift & Home Décor Shop - **Handpicked Sister!** Enjoy wine, cheese, music, door prizes, discounts & more!



We have a new look, a new vision and a Desire to Inspire! Welcome to the place where Rustic Meets Refined. **Handpicked Sister** adds one of a kind, unique up-cycled furniture, jewelry handmade from vintage and repurposed treasures, locally made soy candles & other NC products. We are partnering with local businesses such as Attic Life, Outer Banks Candle Co. and State Legacy Revival to bring goods that support our "shop local" mission. We offer an eclectic and artistic array of gifts, home décor, and design ideas meshing old and new that are sure to delight and inspire you! At **Handpicked Sister**, each item we carry is personally selected with a vision of that special person who will love it, wear it or place it in "just the right spot" in his or her home. Our personalized tags and stories tug at your nostalgic heartstrings or sense of humor and are sure to make it as delightful to buy as to give to that special "sister" in your life.

## Belhaven Public Library

### Summer events

For Children ages birth – 11 years of age

Summer Reading Registration June 1, 2015

Kick-off Event (Thurs) June 18

Program June 26

Program July 3

Program July 10

Program July 17

End of Summer Reading Party July 24

All children's programs begin at 10:00 a.m. each Friday.

Birth – 4 years of age will meet separately except for kick-off event and end of summer party.

Teen Camp July 6th – 10th 2 – 4 p.m. daily

## Goose Creek State Park Schedule of Events for May

*For more info, please call the park office at 252-923-2191*

**Sat, June 6, 2015**

Celebrate National Trails Day with a 3/4 mile hike along the Ivey Gut Trail. Bring water and bug spray. Meet in the campground parking lot at the entrance to the campground. Starts at: 2:00 p.m. Meet at: Campground Park Lot

**Tue, June 9, 2015**

We will discuss the industry that shaped the Southeastern United States from colonial times up until the early 1900's, see what our area looked like before this industry, and the results that we're left with now. Meet at the visitor center. Starts at: 10:00 a.m. Meet at: Visitor Center

**Sat, June 13, 2015**

Celebrate "National Get Outdoors Day" with Goose Creek State Park. We are offering a short half-mile hike that goes through a beautiful pine forest and along the gorgeous Pamlico River. After the hike we encourage you to enjoy the park even more by packing a picnic lunch, grilling, swimming at our swim beach or even exploring more of our diverse and beautiful hiking trails. Meet in the last parking lot. Starts at: 10:00 a.m. Meet at: Last Parking Lot

**Sat, June 20, 2015**

Meet at the park office for a power point presentation about North Carolina's native bear. Starts at: 2:00 p.m. Meet at: Visitor Center

## Chamber Spotlight on two new Belhaven businesses

### ***Between Water and Main B&B***

#### Gail Fowler & Alan Rogers, Innkeepers

If you're lucky enough to live near the water, you're lucky enough, so the saying goes, and Gail and Alan are invested in sharing some of that good fortune with their guests.

Almost-life-long residents of New Jersey, they can't imagine not living near the shore. The coastline has been their lifeline; and opening a bed-and-breakfast in Belhaven is a dream they have nurtured for more than a decade.

Just as their vision for *Between Water & Main* has been shaped by their bed-and-breakfast stays in seven different countries, they expect that they will learn as much from their guests as they have from the innkeepers they have met over the years. While *Between Water & Main* reflects many of their positive experiences as "guests," they've also blended in their own passions – Gail's yoga studio and Alan's Wine Time. They expect that their vision for *Between Water & Main* will continue to be shaped and perfected with each passing guest.

*Between Water & Main* offers spacious guest rooms with en suite baths. The completely renovated cottage-style Victorian dates back to the late 1800s. Each of their four rooms is custom decorated with richly textured fabrics and period antiques or vintage furnishings. Even the bathrooms are designed with unique details that complement the bedroom décor.

So come swing under the magnolia as the boats sail into Belhaven harbor. Settle into a good book or mingle with other guests in the Gathering Room. Relax on the patio near the wishing well or sit on the front porch and watch the sunset paint the sky. Wake up to the aroma of fresh-baked goods, and kick-start your day with a Rise & Shine yoga class. Whatever you choose to do, you will find a warm welcome at *Between Water & Main*.

### **American Classic Yachting, LLC**

#### Bill Iler, Owner & Captain

American Classic Yachting operates charter cruises on the classic motor yacht (M/Y) Windrush. Her homeport is Annapolis, MD, where she was launched 49 years ago. Through a special arrangement with the newly renovated River Forest Manor, Windrush will be offering her overnight cruises from Belhaven from July through September.

Windrush charter guests are masters of their own private, elegant yacht, and they can set the pace and visit where they want to go. Some guests even bring their pets aboard. Cruises can range from 1-2 night weekend trips to 7-night weeklong excursions to the wonderful historic towns and unique harbor communities of North Carolina's large and beautiful coastal region.

A very unique cruise experience this season will be the "Blackbeard Cruise". This trip will feature stops in Bath, Ocracoke and Beaufort to explore the sites where this most interesting chapter of North Carolina coastal history actually occurred. In Beaufort, guests will visit the North Carolina Maritime Museum and hear from curators about their recovery efforts from one of Blackbeard's ships "Queen Anne's Revenge". Blackbeard himself might even make an appearance to greet guests and tell his side of the story.

Windrush is a 55-foot classic wooden yacht built by John Trumpy and Sons in Annapolis. She has wonderful accommodations for one or two couples and expansive deck areas for enjoying the wonderful coastline sights. Trumpy yachts have long epitomized wealth, elegance and style. The former Presidential yacht Sequoia, used by Presidents Nixon, Kennedy, and others back to Hoover, was designed in the early 1900's by John Trumpy's father Johan Trumpy.

Windrush owner Bill Iler, who has overseen her careful restoration over the past 10 years, will serve as Captain this summer and fall season. First Mate and Chef will be Diana Lambeth of Belhaven, a Captain in her own right who has extensive cruising experience in these beautiful North Carolina coastal waters.

### **Twilight Hour - July 3rd**

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to again host Twilight Hour, in honor of Effie-Ray. The event will be on Pamlico St from 6pm to 9pm. Local artists and craftsmen are encouraged to reserve a space by contacting Diana Lambeth at the Chamber (252 943 3770). Vendor fees are waived for this year. Wine and Cheese will be sold by the Friends of John A. Wilkinson Center. Several musical groups will be performing

### **Did You Know?**

- ◆ In May 2015 the Small Town Main Street Program, spearheaded by TeresaVan Staalineiu, has had Downtown Belhaven awarded as a "National Downtown Business District".
- ◆ The Small Town Main Street Program and Friends of Belhaven were awarded a \$4000 from Wells Fargo Bank toward a \$20,000 Downtown Beautification Project of Benches and Trash Receptacles
- ◆ Belhaven Memorial Museum is getting a lift....installed for easy access to the 2nd floor of the historic building. The Museum is also getting a thorough cleaning.