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**The official home of the North Carolina Fourth of July Celebration
INVITES THE PUBLIC TO SHARE IN OAK ISLAND BEACH DAY
June 30, 2018
Middleton Park (SE 46th St.)**

OAK ISLAND, NC – Families looking for a unique July 4th destination need look no further than Southport & Oak Island, NC. The area's annual Independence Day celebration is the official state of North Carolina's celebration. Highlights include picnics, arts and crafts in the park, a car show, parade, fireworks, firemen's competition, children's games, live entertainment nightly, sailing regatta, great food and of course lots of red, white and blue.

Oak Island, N.C. participates in the festivities annually with a full day of beach activities. June 30th will be filled with contests, beach games and a shag contest. A host of youth events organized by the Oak Island Parks & Recreation Department begin at 8 a.m. including a corn hole tournament, bocce ball, volleyball and a skate competition at 4 p.m. A shag contest takes place at 7 p.m. The musical group The Holiday Band will perform starting at 6 p.m. For a complete schedule visit <http://www.nc4thofjuly.com/events-calendar/beach-day/>.

Beach Day vendors are still being accepted. For information email rgordon@ci.oak-island.nc.us OR call (910) 278-4747.

The NC 4th of July Festival invites the public to join in the fun June 24-July 4, 2018, celebrating our 223rd year. View the entire Festival schedule and daily waterfront entertainment schedule at www.nc4thofjuly.com and download our Southport-Oak Island app available on iTunes and Google.

Tucked away on the southeastern coast of the Brunswick Islands, Southport-Oak Island and the surrounding areas offering the vacationer, resident and investor a pleasant coastal experience. Should your trip to area involve an overnight stay please visit the Chamber's Web site at www.southport-oakisland.com,

The history of Fourth of July Festival celebration was first recorded in a newspaper in 1795. Now the event has grown to attract over 40,000 visitors each year. Through the years it through efforts of civic groups and citizens the festival has evolved to encompass a wide variety of America celebration traditions. And what could be more American than a Naturalization Ceremony which was incorporated into the N.C. Fourth of July Festival in 1996 and administered by what is now the United States Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS). Holding true to its mission of promoting patriotism, the festival also holds a Veterans Recognition Ceremony, Flag Retirement Ceremony and Flag Raising Ceremony.