



Swansboro Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Special Meeting Agenda

Town of Swansboro

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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Town of Swansboro
Swansboro Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes April 16, 2025

I. Call to Order & Roll Call- The Swansboro Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met at the Swansboro Recreation Center for a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Debra Pylypiw called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members present were Debra Pylypiw, Matthew Prane, Ryan Swanson, Bets Love, and Jennifer Steele. Elena Messenger was absent. Anna Stanley, Sara Elliott, Mayor Bill Justice, and Town Manager Jon Barlow were present on behalf of the Town.

II. Adoption of Minutes

- a. March 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes-The board review the meeting minutes from March 19, 2025. Jennifer S. made a motion to approve the minutes, Matthew P. seconded the motion, and the meeting minutes were unanimously passed.

III. Reports

- a. **Monthly Report-**Director Stanley said the monthly March reports were in the packet with updates in red and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- b. **Upcoming Programs/Events-**Sara E. reviewed upcoming programs

Spring Break Camp finished today with nine campers. The Easter Egg Hunt is tomorrow and have plenty of volunteers to help make the event a success. Next week is the Touch-A-Truck event with 33 different vehicles attending. PirateFest is in May and Swansboro Parks and Recreation are partnering with Lady Swan to offer a Pirate Cruise on the day before PirateFest. The Mother's Day Craft Night is in May as well. This year it is focused on mothers and children, not just daughters. Tiny Trekkers and Sprout Scouts continue with a focus on events that are happening. Debra P. is hosting two more theatre trips. One tip is booked, and the other is scheduled for June with some spots available.

Director Stanley stated that Festival Sponsorships were closing this week. Swansboro Parks and Recreation received a sponsorship that was collected by Bets L. Director Stanley announced that \$35,500 in sponsorships has been collected to date. There are several new sponsors and some returning sponsors that have been committed. The Arts by the Sea Festival will offer the Food and Wine tasting again. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Deb P. stated that vendor spaces are almost full for Arts by the Sea. Sara E. explained that Arts by the Sea highlights local entertainment and the Marine Corps Band will finish the set. Deb P. added that vendor spaces for the Mullet Festival are almost filled. and food vendors are completely full. Director Stanley added that entertainment is almost set, but there is one more spot for a band available. Independence Day has everything confirmed other than the permit from Onslow County. Independence Day only has food vendors. There are no updates on the Christmas Flotilla. There were no questions about upcoming programs and events.

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IV. New Business

V. Old Business

- a. Event & Festival Economic Impact- Director Stanley provided figures on PirateFest with attendance and the economic impact. The total economic impact for PirateFest last year was over \$54,000. Director Stanley uses a formula from Onslow County to get the correct estimate. Director Stanley also provided the attendance for all the festivals for the past three years. The Hampton Inn tracks overnight stays with a code used at check-in for each festival. The total economic impact for festivals is \$340,306.
- b. Swimming Pool Committee (added presentation 4/15/25)-Matthew P. provided an update on the Swimming Pool Committee and asked for feedback on the presentation that he would like to give to the Board of Commissioners. The committee was formed because of the information from the Master Plan. Matthew P. stated that a programming pool should be constructed to meet the needs of the community. There are currently three different types of pools that have been discussed which include a programming and diving pool, community/competition pool, and a warm water therapy pool. Depending on the pool type will determine the type of programs that can be offered. An aquatic facility that has a steel or concrete building could cost upward \$13 million. Matthew P. researched another option for a community/competition pool is estimated to cost \$7.4 million. The costs include restrooms, showers, changing facilities, and utility room. All these amenities are required by the state. Mr. Prane researched a less expensive option and is estimating the cost to be \$200,700 in the first year. The estimated costs include the pool, concrete pad, insurance (annual quote), staff, and pool operating costs. This pool option is above ground. These costs do not include shades, chairs, utilities, fencing/decking, storage facility, and bathroom/shower facilities. Matthew P. estimated to have six guards per day for \$15/hour. Other potential staff positions could include supervisors and pool operators. Matthew P. discussed the different potential revenue streams that include membership fees, swim lessons, swim meets, and kids' triathlons for a potential of \$181,860 a year. Matthew P. summarized the key takeaways that include drowning prevention, other types of programming which could include new special events, outdoor fitness classes, outdoor concerts and movies, and community centered health and wellness.

Matthew P. asked board members to provide feedback on the presentation. Deb P. asked about the membership target and what type of memberships it included and asked if the number of children for a learn to swim program (96 kids/day) was reasonable. Matthew P. responded that the membership rates would need to be reviewed with more details and believes that there is enough children to fill the program. Sara E. asked if he has asked other facilities about their swim lessons programs and how many swimmers they have. Matthew P. has not asked, and Deb P. added that she has been to other facilities and has seen three or four swimmers, but it could be dependent on the time of year. Deb P. asked if the ADA access included a lift. Matthew P. responded yes, just depending on the set-up of the pool. An ADA accessible pool could include a chair lift, ramp, or zero depth entry. Matthew P. commented that North Carolina does not require lifeguards at pools and does not recommend it, but it could be something to consider limiting costs. Jennifer S. asked about the scheduled swim meets for the high school which are during the winter months. The pool is proposed to be open during the summer. Matthew P. stated that the

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are some options including a dome so that way more programs and swim meets can be offered year-round. Another consideration is if the current staff under Parks and Recreation oversee program registrations. Director Stanley asked for clarification of what the costs include. Matthew P. stated that there is more research that needs to be conducted, and it is dependent on what type of pool is constructed. The above ground pool that was discussed has a five-year warranty and can be bought back after or five years before. There were no more questions or comments.

c. Pickleball Courts (added agenda item 4/15/25)

No new updates- Director Stanley stated there are two options that are being considered for the pickleball courts. The first option is to build three dedicated pickleball courts at the skate park or build six new dedicated pickleball courts that would be regulation size next to the current tennis courts. The current storm water permit will need to be modified, and Director Stanley is consulting with professionals now. Director Stanley is gathering all the information needed for both options to create a proposal for the Town Manager and then ask the Parks and Recreation Board for a recommendation. The recommendation would then be presented to the Board of Commissioners. Once the recommendation is confirmed, Director Stanley will put the project out for bids. The current tennis courts will remain in their current use. The courts will need to be resurfaced within the next three years. There has been some miscommunication on the courts so Director Stanley will provide any updates at the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting and the Board of Commissioners Meeting. No information will be posted on GroupMe as it is not an official form of communication for the department. The board had no questions or comments.

VI. Comments

Mayor Justice asked that the patrons continue their patience as this money has been allocated to the pickleball courts. The project will take some time as there is still a lot that needs to be decided. A patron asked that Mayor directly if there was a specific timeline that could be set for the courts as other organizations/businesses have built courts within three months. Director Stanley commented that she is working on getting quotes but cannot force contractors to get back to her on quotes. Director Stanley stated that she is just one person that has the help of Sara E. but has other responsibilities in the department. Another patron commented that league members can ask another business for the costs, but as stated before, Director Stanley will still need to contact businesses and get specific quotes. A government entity is different from a private company and projects like this will take more time. Both options will be presented and then decided based on quotes or what the board wants. Another patron asked why the current tennis courts cannot be resurfaced since there are not as many tennis players as pickleball players. Director Stanley responded that there is still a need for tennis courts, the department needs to provide the service, and the Board of Commissioners have said that they want the tennis courts to stay. Mayor Justice commented on whether this section was for comments or discussions. Mayor Justice wanted to remind patrons not to attack Director Stanley and remember that she is working hard to get the dedicated pickleball courts. Patrons agreed that Director Stanley cannot control whether businesses respond to her request for quotes. Mayor Justice asked the patrons what they felt were a reasonable timeline for the pickleball courts and responded six months. Given that six months is not reasonable to even build the courts, steps were discussed. The first step is the storm water permit which is in motion with the consultant. Another patron asked if a pickleball court

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committee would be helpful, but Director Stanley stated that it would not be because she would still be the one solely responsible for the quotes and proposals. Mayor Justice commented that with the possibility of offering more tournaments, that it will help the project. A patron commented that she felt the pickleballs were being held hostage, but Director Stanley stated that the balls were tracked to better understand what the department needs to budget. Also, pickleballs have gone missing in the past.

A patron asked how Matthew P. received his information about the comprehensive master plan, and he responded that it is on the Parks and Recreation website. The comprehensive master plan was completed in 2023 and if it were repeated, it would cost thousands of dollars. Mayor Justice said that the Board of Commissioners are there to help and to reach out to them about any questions or concerns.

VII. Adjournment- Matthew P. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm and Bets L. seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Next Meeting May 21, 2025, 5:30 PM

Town of Swansboro
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July 16, 2025

Item II - b.

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call:** The Swansboro Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met at the Swansboro Recreation Center for a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. Debra Pylypiw called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Deb P. reminded the board and attendees that meeting procedures and guidelines will be followed. There is a comment section at the end of the meeting where the public can make comments limited to five minutes. It is limited to comments and not a discussion.

Members present were Debra Pylypiw, Matthew Prane, Elena Messenger, and Jennifer Steele. Members absent were Bets Love and Ryan Swanson. Anna Stanley and Sara Elliott were present on behalf of the Town.

II. Adoption of Minutes

- a. April 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes- Matthew Prane raised concerns about the minutes, noting he had prepared notes to discuss but did not want to go through all of them during the meeting. He explained that he wanted the minutes to better reflect that discussions about the pool project had just begun with nothing determined yet. He specifically mentioned ensuring clarity that the pool would not necessarily be an above-ground pool, and he wanted the minutes to flow more like the actual discussion without implying that any final decisions had been made. Director Stanley will review the audio again and make edits as needed. Deb Pylypiw suggested tabling the approval of the minutes until the next meeting to allow for review of the changes. The board agreed to this suggestion.

III. Reports

- a. **Monthly Report:** Director Stanley presented two monthly reports since they did not meet last month. The reports were attached to the agenda packet. Elana Messenger asked about information being compiled for the manager and board of commissioners regarding pickleball, and Anna confirmed she would address this in her updates. Elana Messenger inquired about the reason for the increase in May's followers. Anna S. replied that PirateFest and Arts by the Sea posts were made during May. Elena M. also asked staff if QR codes were used at events so that patrons could scan the code and follow the Facebook page. Director Stanley replied that they did not at this time, but they had purchased A-frame signs to use throughout events to post QR codes that patrons could scan for event information, surveys, and could add Facebook as well.
- b. **Upcoming Programs/Events:** Sara E. reviewed June programs and events since the advisory board did not meet in June. Arts by the Sea was held on June 14, 2025, and the wine tasting had to be canceled due to weather conditions. A plan has been made in case of inclement weather. The Independence Day Celebration was held on July 3, 2025. Many people felt that it was the largest attendance the event had. The food vendor lines were long, and vendors were pleased with how well they

did. Sara E. reviewed the upcoming events. July is Parks and Recreation month, with several free events. Some of the programs offered are Music Bingo, Summer Canvas art display, Doggie and Me, and Tye Dye Tuesday. A new program has been created called Safety Town. It is a weeklong program for children entering Kindergarten where they learn safety skills at home, school, and community. The fire department assisted in the planning of the program; they built small buildings to represent the Town and was held at the First Baptist Church. Fire Chief Randall and Sara are looking how to expand the program for next year, possibly opening to other age groups. Many organizations participated in the event including several Onslow County agencies, Jacksonville, Onslow County, and Indian Beach Fire Department, and Master Gardeners Club. Other upcoming programs offered are Paddles and Pizza, a theater trip, and the toddler programs. Sara mentioned that in August Tiny Trekkers and Sprout Scouts would not be offered. A second session of Sprout Scouts has been added due to popularity. It was asked that a third session be added, but staffing limitations prevent this. Sara reviewed upcoming events in September to include National Night Out, Tunnel to Towers, and Barkfest. Deb P. stated the Book Club ended in June and 26 people immediately signed up for next year, which will begin in September.

- c. **Updates:** Director Stanley provided additional event updates. Arts by the Sea was going well until about 2 PM when storms came through and had to cancel the wine tasting but have learned from this and have contingency plans for next year. The Independence Day celebration recorded an impressive turnout exceeding 10,000 attendees. Planning for next year's event, which will mark America's 250th anniversary, is already underway. Fireworks have been secured for July 3, 2026. The decision to hold the Independence Day festivities on July 3rd continues, dictated by the fireworks company's availability.

Budget Updates:

Budget Update for FY 2024-2025: Anna reported that last year's budget has not been closed out yet. She expects to provide a full annual report on expenses versus revenues at the next meeting.

Budget Update for FY 2025-2026: Despite efforts, requests for increased full-time staff were not approved. However, they secured a much-needed increment in the part-time staff budget, restoring the \$10,000 cut from the previous year along with an additional increase. Furthermore, program supplies and playground repairs received budgetary increases. Although the request for treadmill replacements were denied, Anna will continue with this request as an initiative to replace older equipment progressively. Approval was granted for several park and building amenities items including new trash receptacles, pet waste containers, an air hockey table, wind screens, banquet chairs, and the replacement of several adult swings for the parks. Capital projects that were not approved included the tot lot replacement (currently 20+ years old with obsolete parts), land

acquisitions, park enhancements, waterfront implementation plan, and tennis court resurfacing. Pickleball courts were reallocated \$150,000.

IV. New Business

- a. **Non-Profit Tourism Assistance Grant:** Anna Stanley reported that the town had been awarded \$20,000 from the Onslow County Non-profit Tourism Assistance grant for festivals, which was the full amount requested. This was noted as unusual, as typically only \$10,000 was awarded. Anna expressed plans to use some of the additional funding for increased television advertising.

b. **Special Event Application**

Little Pink Houses of Hope-Little Pink Houses of Hope offers free vacation retreats to breast cancer patients and their families. They are also partnering with Swansboro Paddle Boarding to host this event. Ocean Cure, from Wilmington, leads kayaking and paddleboarding for families. The event will be held on August 20, 2025, 9:00am-1:00pm at Bicentennial Park. The fee would be \$40 for an open space permit. Little Pink Houses of Hope is asking for a waiver of fees for the event. A Non-profit letter and certificate of insurance will be received prior to the event.

Recommended Action: Recommendation to waive fees. A motion was made to waive the fee for Little Pink Houses of Hope was made by Elana Messenger and seconded by Matthew Prane. The motion passed.

c. **Swansboro Aquatics Community Survey: Presenter: Matthew Prane-Pool Committee Chair**

Matthew Prane, Pool Committee Chair presented a draft survey aimed at gauging community interest in a potential aquatics' facility. He explained that during his last meeting with the Pool Committee, which the mayor and commissioners attended, it was determined that more specific information was needed beyond what was gathered in the comprehensive master plan survey. He explained that the survey's purpose was to determine the level of interest, preferred programs, and design requirements for a possible pool project. Matthew emphasized that programming must precede design - they need to know what programs people want before determining the type of pool to build. He noted that the survey is set up through Google Forms and would be distributed online.

Board members provided feedback on the survey:

- Sara Elliott suggested changing the Google account requirement setting; this will allow more people to complete it.

- Elana Messenger recommended adding a question about what type of membership people would be interested in (annual, drop-in, punch card, etc.)
- Anna S. also suggested adding a price range question to gauge what people would be willing to pay.
- Board members recommended clarifying question #11 about supporting construction of a facility that requires a membership.
- Deb Pylypiw suggested rephrasing the question to ask, "How would you support the construction of this facility?" with options like grants, taxes, membership fees, and sponsorships.
- Several typos were identified.

Matthew P. will incorporate the feedback and finalize the survey, which will then need to be presented to the Town Commissioners. Once approved, it will be distributed through the Parks & Recreation social media platforms, which have over 18,000 followers, as well as potentially through QR codes at the Recreation Center and other events.

V. Old Business

- Pickleball Courts: Director Stanley has received an estimate range for two options under consideration: 1) converting the skate park into three dedicated pickleball courts, or 2) building six new dedicated regulation-size pickleball courts. Preparations are underway for a presentation to the Town Manager covering stormwater permitting and related costs. Additional quotes are still needed for the necessary concrete work related to the skate park conversion. Anna is advocating to build six new dedicated courts as the more viable option, even though it will be more expensive, citing better long-term benefits and potential for increased revenue through tournaments and programs. Quotes have been received from two companies: one in Raleigh and another, Calico Racquet Courts—a Morehead City-based company experienced in constructing similar facilities at Park City RV Park. Once a direction has been given, Anna will prepare a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a design-build approach, rather than basing selection solely on price.

VI. Comments

Members of the public raised several points and questions:

- Expressed concern about surveying both town residents and non-residents, suggesting that tax implications make it important to distinguish between the two groups.
- Recommended researching costs at surrounding pools and in similar sized towns rather than using examples from larger cities like Raleigh.

- Highlighted the importance of considering the local poverty rate (23-25% in Swansboro and surrounding areas, 17% in Onslow County) when determining potential membership costs.
- Suggested that the board should seek more direct input from town residents about their support for a pool project.
- Emphasized the need to consider affordability for various demographic groups, including young marines and schoolteachers.

VII. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Prane and seconded by Elana Messenger. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

After official adjournment, Anna Stanley noted that she and Sara Elliott would be out of town for the regular August meeting. It was discussed that either the August meeting would be canceled, or a special meeting would need to be called on an alternate date. The board agreed to call a special meeting on August 13, 2025.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Festivals**

- Festival website updates-ongoing
- Held after action meeting for Independence Day Celebration
- Applications are still being accepted for the Mullet Festival and Christmas Flotilla. Mullet there are only a few spots remaining.
- Securing fireworks for 2026.
- Reimbursements for Onslow County and Swansboro TDA funds.
- Completed the last couple of band contracts for the Mullet Festival; processed required deposits.
- Completed Marine Event Application for Blessing of the Fleet and Christmas Flotilla.
- Continue working with Front Row Communications for festival advertising. Festivals will now be included in Beach guide.
- Continue to work with the Tideland news on advertising.

Miscellaneous

- Closing 2024-25 fiscal year receipts, financials, and begin prepared documents for the new fiscal year.
- Calls with several fence companies to obtain quotes of fencing for dedicated pickleball courts. Gathering all information received for pickleball courts to present to Town Manager for review.
- Drafted letter to Recreation Resources requesting removal of skatepark equipment and reviewed with Town Manager.
- Revising job descriptions for park and recreation staff positions-ongoing until completed and approved.
- Trained with the Finance Department in Tyler system on receipting/cashiering processes.
- Reviewing contracts with three soccer groups for the use of Municipal Park Athletic Fields.
- Serving on America's 250 planning committee for Onslow County.
- Serving on the Tunnel to Towers committee. Attending planning meetings.
- Manage on-going reservations.
- Attend bi-weekly departmental managers' meeting.
- Continue to manage staff timesheets, hours tracking, and schedules.
- Continue to manage and monitor budget and funds.
- Continue to manage on-going weekly and monthly reservations.
- Continue to manage parks, repairs, and work with the Public Works Department for maintenance.
- Manage community service work program.
- Recreation Center-answer phone calls, assist in managing Pickleball League, process dock, room, and park reservations, process memberships, and oversee day-to-day operations of the Recreation Center.
- Serve on the Onslow County Senior Games Committee, meetings held once a month.
- Attend weekly Zoom meetings with NCRPA (North Carolina Recreation and Park Association) Director's call.
- Serve on the Jacksonville Onslow Sports Commission board as a liaison. Attend quarterly meetings, update the board on the department's programs, events, and festivals.
- Attending quarterly meetings for the Onslow County Tourism Board
- Attend Board of Commissioner meetings.
- Conduct Parks Advisory Board meetings.

Activity Report

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Organization Activity

From 7/5/2025 to 8/4/2025

	Registrations	Reservations	Memberships	Check-Ins	Profiles Created	POS Transactions
All	214	39	9	0	169	0
Resident	38	3	7	0	18	
Non-Resident	176	32	2	0	151	
No Residency Set	0	0	0	0	0	
Demographics						
< 18	58	5	0	0	31	
18 - 65	125	27	7	0	123	
65+	31	3	2	0	15	
Male	83	11	3	0	63	
Female	131	24	6	0	106	
Other Genders	0	0	0	0	0	
Online vs In-House						
Online	96	0	0	N/A	97	
In-Person	118	35	9	N/A	72	

Metrics-social media

July

Media Outlet	Followers	Reach	Page Visits	Page Views	New Followers
Facebook-Parks & Rec	189,019	50,745	10,918	321,012	199
Facebook-Festivals	9,220	8,355	822	20,864	32

Revenue

July

Slip Fee - Town Dock	\$1,409
Rental Fees-Parks	\$425
Rentals Rooms	\$5,210.83
Rec Program Fees	\$1,607.69
Sponsorship-Programs & Events	\$500
Gym Memberships	\$86.25
Dog Park Memberships	\$40
Festival Vendor Fees	\$960
Sponsorships-Festivals	\$5000

PROGRAM/EVENT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT

Program/Event Manager Monthly Report

- Processed Payments/Refunds for programs and special events
- Emailed monthly distribution list the upcoming programs/events for the department
- Compiled daily deposits
- Advertised/promoted all programs/special events on social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram
- Created all programs/events in RecDesk for registration
- Completed instructor payouts for recently finished programs
- Completed monthly reservation receipts
- Ordered supplies for upcoming programs and events
- Planned and managed Tiny Trekkers and Sprout Scouts
- Managed staff scheduling for Rec Center, events, and reservations
- Created and painted Safety Town buildings
- Managed and executed Safety Town
- Managed and completed all Parks & Recreation Month Programs
- Executed Independence Day Celebration
- Attended National Night Out Logistical Meeting
- Attended Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
- Completed Mullet Festival Military Application
- Attended Tunnel to Towers Logistical Meeting
- Contacted potential vendors/businesses for National Night Out
- Attended finance training for Tyler
- Confirmed new TennisBloc schedule and created new flyers.
- Created and sent surveys for program feedback.
- Attended 2 online seminars for supervisors and athletics.
- Began planning upcoming programs and completed program proposals.
- Attended Tunnel to Towers volunteer interest meeting.

Planned Programs

Tiny Trekkers – July 25th

- 11 registered and 7 attended

Sprout Scouts- July 11th (2 sessions)

- 21 registered and 16 attended
- 10 waitlisted

POUND! – June 21st- July 26th

- 12 drop-ins
- 1 series

Independence Day Celebration – July 3rd

- Estimated 20,000+ in attendance

- 14 vendors

Safety Town – July 14th – 18th

- 32 registered and 30 attended

Summer Art in the Afternoon – July 28th – August 1st

- 12 registered and 12 attended

Paddles & Pizza – July 23rd

- 44 registered and 36 attended

Parks & Recreation Month Events/Programs

- Popsicles in the Park – 20 attended
- Country Music BINGO – 46 registered and 36 attended
- Chalk the Park – 5 attended
- Doggie & Me – 35 attended
- Tie Dye Tuesday – 22 registered and 13 attended
- 2000's Music BINGO – 33 registered and 23 attended
- Summer Canvas – 26 registered and 24 participated – had over 350 votes
- Aquatic Adventure – 20 attended, had to reschedule

STAYING BUSY

- September 2025-

Town of Swansboro Parks & Recreation

All activities take place at the Recreation Center (830 Main St Ext) in Swansboro, unless otherwise noted. The Recreation Center's hours are as follows: Mon-Fri, 9 AM-7 PM, Sat, 8 AM-12 PM, closed Sunday. Call (910) 326-2600 for more info. Be sure to visit our website at swansboro.recdesk.com to register for programs/events.

Adult Programs

Onslow County Senior Services Nutrition Site:

Contact Onslow County Senior Services for more information.

Mon-Fri, 9 AM-12 PM

Fitness Programs

Tai Chi

September 11th – October 16th

Join Swansboro Parks & Recreation for Tai Chi with instructor Sifu Dr. Harold McMillion for a 6-week series, every Thursday starting at 2:00PM at the Swansboro Recreation Center. Tai chi is a series of gentle physical exercises and stretches. Each posture flows into the next without pause, ensuring that your body is in constant motion.

POUND Fitness Class

9 AM – 10 AM

Come get fit with RipStix! Join us at the Swansboro Recreation Center for our 5-week Pound fitness class with OFFICIAL POUND Instructor Karen Daly. Pound is a fun, total body workout that fuses the best strength training, Pilates, and cardio moves through drumming exercise. Register for the entire series for \$25 or drop-in for \$6 per individual session. pause, ensuring that your body is in constant motion.

2025 Open Pickleball League

January 2025 – December 2025

The 2025 Pickleball Open Play Membership will start January 1, 2025 and run until the end of the year, December 31, 2025.

Events

Tunnel to Towers 5K

September 13th

The Tunnel to Towers Run & Walk Series was created to honor the heroic life and death of Stephen Siller, a New York City firefighter (FDNY) who lost his life on September 11, 2001, after strapping on his gear and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers. We honor all of those who lost their lives on 9/11 and support our first responders and military who make extraordinary sacrifices in the line of duty! This will be the 5th year in Swansboro, and we are excited to bring our community together once again to HONOR our Military & First Responders, REMEMBER 9/11, and raise funds to DO GOOD through the Tunnel to Towers programs.

BarkFest

September 27th 10 AM – 2 PM

This free, dog-friendly event is all about celebrating our four-legged friends with fun activities and treats! Pups can enjoy pup cups, get creative with a tie-dye bandana station, and

explore a variety of dog-related vendors. Watch exciting K9 demonstrations, grab some delicious food, and connect with fellow pet lovers in the community. Whether you're bringing a pup or just love them, BarkFest is the ultimate day out for all ages!

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National Night Out

September 19th 6 PM – 8 PM

Step right up and join us for Swansboro's first-ever National Night Out—a carnival-themed, family-friendly evening in partnership with the Swansboro Police and Fire Departments! We're inviting local businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations to be part of the fun by providing free giveaways, information, or activities to families. Think carnival games, small prizes, educational materials, and community connection!

Programs

Sprout Scouts Puppy Pals

September 19th 10 AM & 11:30 AM

Welcome to our Sprout Scouts program, designed specifically for our littlest ones ages 1 to 2 at the Swansboro Parks and Recreation Department! Our program aims to provide a stimulating and engaging environment where toddlers can explore, create, and play in a safe and nurturing setting.

Tiny Trekkers Dino Dig

September 5th 10 AM

Welcome to our Tiny Trekkers program, designed specifically for our little ones ages 3-5 at the Swansboro Parks and Recreation Department! Our program aims to provide a stimulating and engaging environment where children can explore, create, and play in a safe and nurturing setting.

Paw Print String Art

September 23rd 6 PM

Get ready for BarkFest with a fun and creative night of string art at the Swansboro Recreation Center! On Tuesday, September 23rd at 6 PM, you'll create a paw print string art piece with your choice of personalizing it with your dog's name or turning it into a dog leash holder.

Fall Wreath & Wine

September 10th at 6 PM

Join us for a fun and creative evening at our Wreath and Wine event on September 10th at 6 PM at the Swansboro Recreation Center! For just \$30, you'll get to craft your own beautiful fall wreath with all supplies provided. We'll also supply the glasses, so all you need to bring is your favorite bottle of wine. Please note, you must be 21 years or older to participate in the wine drinking.

Wreath, Witches, & Wine

September 30th at 6 PM

Wreaths, Witches & Wine is back and spookier than ever! Join us for a fun night of crafting as we create Halloween-themed wreaths perfect for your front door or festive décor. The cost is \$30 and includes all crafting supplies and a wine glass to keep. Bring your favorite bottle of wine and get ready for a wickedly good time with your fellow ghouls!

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Adult Programs

Onslow County Senior Services Nutrition Site:

Contact Onslow County Senior Services for more information.

Mon-Fri, 9 AM-12 PM

Fitness Programs

POUND Fitness Class

9 AM – 10 AM

Come get fit with RipStix! Join us at the Swansboro Recreation Center for our 5-week Pound fitness class with OFFICIAL POUND Instructor Karen Daly. Pound is a fun, total body workout that fuses the best strength training, Pilates, and cardio moves through drumming exercise. Register for the entire series for \$25 or drop-in for \$6 per individual session. pause, ensuring that your body is in constant motion.

2025 Open Pickleball League

January 2025 – December 2025

The 2025 Pickleball Open Play Membership will start January 1, 2025 and run until the end of the year, December 31, 2025.

Programs

Theatre Trip - Oklahoma

August 24th 11:45 AM

Join us for a trip to the Theater! Swansboro Parks and Recreation will be providing transportation and tickets to Oklahoma at Thalian Hall! \$60/person. Experience a beloved American classic reimagined with fresh energy! Oklahoma! tells the timeless story of love, rivalry, and community on the Western frontier. With Rodgers and Hammerstein's unforgettable score, this groundbreaking musical explores both the beauty and complexity of pioneer life, bringing a powerful mix of joy and drama. Check in will be at 11:45am at the Recreation Center (830 Main St Ext) We will be departing at 12:00 pm for a 2:00 pm showing.

Football Door Hanger

August 6th 6 PM

Get game-day ready with a custom football-themed door hanger! Choose your favorite team's colors and top it off with a fun football saying to show your team spirit all season long. This craft is perfect for fans of all ages looking to add a festive touch to their home. \$25 per person – all supplies included. Register at swansboro.recdesk.com

Sprout Scouts & Tiny Trekkers

August 2025

Our Sprout Scouts and Tiny Trekkers programs are on a short break for the month of August, but we'll be back in September with more crafts, games, and nature fun! Thanks for exploring with us—we'll see you soon!

Be on the lookout for additional programs

Register for programs at: swansboro.recdesk.com

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Swansboro Aquatics Community Survey

In support of the Swansboro Comprehensive Master Plan, this survey seeks your input on types of aquatic programs that are of interest to you and family members. The programs desired will help designers come up with a pool that could support the various types of programs. Your feedback is vital to help us understand community needs and determine the feasibility of swimming in Swansboro. Thank you for taking this short 2-3 minute survey.

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1. Do you receive a stormwater bill from the Town of Swansboro?

☐

Yes

☐

No

2. Which age group(s) best describe your household? (select all that apply)

☐

Youth (under 18)

☐

Adults (18–64)

☐

Seniors (65+)

3. Which of the following best describes your swimming ability?

- ☐ I can NOT Swim without some form of assistance (Personal Flotation Device, Surf Board, etc.)
- ☐ I can swim a short distance (across a 25 yard pool) with no assistance
- ☐ I used to swim competitive and could get back into swimming if I had access to a pool

4. Would your family benefit from drowning prevention and aquatic programs?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

5. How often would your household use a nearby pool?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Only when family comes to visit

6. Do you currently use a pool facility? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7. If yes, what programs do you utilize at the pool? (If you answered no, skip to the next question)

Your answer

8. If no, why do you not use a pool facility? (select all that apply) (If you answered yes to using a pool, skip to the next question)

- ☐ Membership costs
- ☐ Distance to pool facility too far
- ☐ No suitable programs for my needs
- ☐ I can't swim
- ☐ I prefer to use my own pool
- ☐ Other:

9. Which programs or activities would be of importance to you? (Please select your top 5)

- ☐ Learn to swim lessons
- ☐ Lap Swim 25 yard
- ☐ Lap Swim 50 Meter Olympic Distance
- ☐ Diving Lessons / Spring board
- ☐ Water aerobics
- ☐ Scuba training
- ☐ Lifeguard training
- ☐ Rehabilitation / therapy
- ☐ Baby water acclimation
- ☐ Home School Program
- ☐ Pool party rental
- ☐ Social Interaction
- ☐ Swim team / Competitions / Masters Swimming
- ☐ Other:

10. If a pool were to be developed, which features or amenities would be important to you? (Please select your top 5)

- ☐ Indoor swimming pool
- ☐ Air quality (indoor pool)
- ☐ Outdoor swimming pool
- ☐ Concession stand
- ☐ Diving boards/platforms
- ☐ Water slide
- ☐ Zero-entry access
- ☐ Warm water therapy pool
- ☐ Outdoor patio with tables and shade umbrellas
- ☐ Lifeguard staff
- ☐ ADA Amenities for safe access in and out of the water (hand rails, chair lift, ramps, etc.)
- ☐ Separate toddler pool
- ☐ Fountain / sensory / interactive amenities
- ☐ Other:

11. If a pool were to be developed, which of the following ways would you consider to be practical to offset the costs? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Membership Fees only for patrons who use the facility
- ☐ Tax increase within the city to help offset the cost of membership fees
- ☐ Grants (local, state, federal) to help offset the cost of membership fees
- ☐ Sponsorships from local state and country wide aquatic associations
- ☐ Other:

12. What concerns do you have, if any, about the development of a pool in the town of Swansboro?

- ☐ Increased traffic
- ☐ Cost burden
- ☐ Environmental impact
- ☐ Operational sustainability
- ☐ Increased taxes
- ☐ Privacy / Noise
- ☐ Safety of patrons and community members
- ☐ None, I think this would be great for the town and neighboring communities
- ☐ Other:

13. What else should the planning team consider when deciding on the development of an aquatic facility?

Your answer

14. Do you have any additional thoughts, comments, or ideas that were not addressed in this questionnaire?

Your answer

15. Would you support another survey on pricing once a design is drafted from the results of this survey?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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