

Quarterly Status Update Report of 3.17.23 For the April 13, 2023 STDA Board Meeting Submitted by: Anne Marie Bass





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STATUS UPDATES & COMMENTS





Status Updates & Comments

2023/2024 SWANSBORO DESTINATION MARKETING & ADVERTISING PLAN - To follow in the next few days

• Per Randy's suggestion, I will include a questionnaire that is tied to specific input and feedback from the Board.

DOWNTOWN MERCHANT & RESTAURANT GUIDE - Spring 2023 Refresh & Reprint

- Currently working on gathering all of the ADDS, EDITS, DELETES from various merchants
- Printing should be completed, shipped and delivered by early April.
- As was done previously. Shipment will be sent to Swansboro Town Hall.
- Storage will be at the Visitors Center.
- As was done in the Fall, I appreciate help distributing the new guide to the local merchants and restauranteurs.

SWANSBORO VISITOR BROCHURE - Currently planned for Spring 2023

- A Swansboro Visitor Brochure is planned to be produced.
- Given all of the dynamics and to ensure a common understanding for all involved, of the overall strategy and ongoing investment, Anne Marie is sharing more details so that the STDA Board could have an opportunity to discuss and vote at the April 13th 2023 STDA Board Meeting.



VISITOR GUIDES BEING PRODUCED IN ONSLOW COUNTY

THAT FEATURE SWANSBORO

Onslow County Tourism & Jacksonville TDA Visitor Guide

YOUR NORTH CAROLINA Coastal Escape

VISITOR GUIDE ONSLOW COUNTY

HOME OF MCB CAMP LEJEUNE opsail Beach • Sneads Ferry • Swansboro



A hidden gem of natural and historic wonders

The warm sunshine on your face. The quiet that comes from being unplugged. Escape to the peaceful barrier island of Hammocks Beach State Park in Swanshorn



luggins and Jones, The park's crown jewel. Bear Island, was ranked as one of Travel + Leisure's Top Ten NC Beaches. You'll relish the "back to nature" vibe of this island that is free of cars and houses. Get there via the park's ferry

service that runs from April through October or with one of our specialty cruise operators offering eco-tours, shelling excursions and water taxi service. Outdoor relaxation awaits on the wide beach

between massive dunes and the ocean, interrupted only by primitive campsites and a modest concession and picnic complex. Make your camping reservations on the park's website. 19

Explore the natural wonders of the unspoiled maritime forest on a kayak or paddleboard. Bring your own equipment or rent from the park's onsite outfitter.

Paddle NC. Dolphins, beautiful shorebirds and the occasional loggerhead sea turtle popping its head up to say "Hi!" are some of the amazing experiences to enjoy on your own or on a guided tour. We've got trails of all kinds! Hike the 3 miles

of coastal wooded trails on the mainland. Read more about paddling and birding trails on pages 21 and 22.

Wildlife aficionados will appreciate the park's interpretive educational programs about ecology, endangered sea turtles and nesting shorebirds. Learn about the diverse history of the land from Native Americans and African Americans to pirates. farmers and the military. For more information about Hammocks Beach

State Park, call (910) 326-4881 or visit ncparks.gov/hammocks-beach-state-park



The Jacksonville Onslow County Visitor Guide is produced and funded entirely by OCT & JTDA.

Currently being distributed at the NC Welcome Centers.

Swansboro features:

- Hammocks Beach State Park – full page spread
- Downtown Swansboro • small feature box.

DOWNTOWN SWANSBORO Discover over 40 eclectic shops and restaurants at the coast along the White Oak River and Intracoastal Waterway with lots of family-friendly recreation nearby. Dine al fresco, soak in the scenery, enjoy live music paddle, hike, hop aboard a sunset cruise or charter an eco-tour to Bear Island.



https://www.onlyinonslow.com/download-visitors-guide/



Swansboro Area Chamber – Visitors, Relocation & Chamber Membership Directory - 2023

> Traditionally, this guide has been the print asset from the Town Swansboro, and <u>has served dual purposes</u>, as the Visitor Guide at the NC Welcome Centers, in addition to being the Relocation & Chamber Guide for the Swansboro area. It is produced annually by the SACC.

Swansboro features:

- Branded editorial content "About Swansboro"
- A Full page ad funded by the STDA



Considerations & Questionnaire for the STDA Board for Vote

Current Situation:

- **The Downtown Merchants & Restaurant Guide & Map** is used **"in market"** by Swansboro's visitors to Historic Downtown, when they arrive. A digital version of the map is also can be found on the <u>www.visitswansboro.org</u> website.
- In an overall STDA "destination marketing" strategy, an Official Swansboro Visitor Brochure could be produced and made available to prospective visitors "on their way" from drive in markets throughout the State of North Carolina, and beyond.

From a Budgetary Perspective:

The initial design and printing of a Swansboro Visitor Brochure has already been approved. Investment in the STDA Branded Photo Library was the first step in the process. (Specifically, the design is budgeted from the current 2022/2023 Marketing Contingency Fund. An initial printing and shipping budgetary estimate is included also in the 2022/2023 budget (See Appendix)

From a Strategic Perspective:

Adding an official Swansboro Visitor Brochure would be an important marketing asset to add to the destination marketing strategy and should be considered with the thought of it being an <u>ongoing investment</u>.



Considerations & Questionnaire for the STDA Board for Vote

Ongoing Fulfillment of Visitor Brochures:

There will be an ongoing need to keep up with requests from the NC Welcome Centers for shipments of Visitor Brochures for replenishment in their respective rack card displays.

Two Possible Approaches:

- OPTION 1:
 - All printed Visitor Brochures get sent directly from the printer to the Town of Swansboro.
 - Town staff working at the Visitor Center stocks and fulfills shipment requests when they come in from the NC Welcome Centers. (Anne Marie will be the point of contact and liaison with the Welcome Centers.)
- OPTION 2:
 - Visitor Brochures are printed in North Carolina (near Anne Marie in Piedmont region)
 - Anne Marie provides direct oversight and works with printer to provide packing, shipping and fulfillment of Visitor Brochures to the NC Welcome Centers
 - A smaller supply of Visitor Brochures can be stocked locally in Swansboro for the Swansboro Visitor Center rack card displays and and local area needs that arise.



Considerations & Questionnaire for the STDA Board for Vote

Questions for Discussion and Vote:

Given the background provided and the current situation, does the Board want to continue with the plans to produce an Official Swansboro Visitor Brochure?

If yes, should Anne Marie continue (now) with the design of the brochure?

Next step...What thoughts are there towards how ongoing fulfillment to the NC Welcome Centers are best handled given ideas on two possible approaches? (Option 1 or Option 2)

PRINTING ESTIMATES:

Anne Marie is in the process of obtaining print quotes from two printers:

- 1. Zoo Printing they have been printing the Downtown Merchant & Restaurant Guide (wholesale printer in CA) It looks like we could print about 8,000 qty with the budgetary estimate line item of \$1,400. I had made a guestimate of about \$400 in shipping costs to NC Welcome Centers, but that is TBD (ball park only.)
- 2. Immedia Print they are a printer located in Winston-Salem and have the ability to print and provide ongoing storage, packing, shipping and fulfillment of Visitor Brochures to multiple locations (NC Welcome Centers), where Anne Marie can oversee directly. I am waiting on the estimate for this option.

FACEBOOK AD REPORTS, PRINT & DIGITAL AD PLACEMENTS & EARNED MEDIA





Facebook Ad Campaigns – Overview // 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Fall Fishing Getaway to Swansboro" Video Ad Campaign – Aug/Sept 2022 - COMPLETE Target was men age 45+, travel intenders - Raleigh & Charlotte, Hampton Roads, VA Markets

"Plan Your Fall Getaway to Swansboro for Mullet Festival" Ad Campaign – September 2022 – COMPLETE Target was age 45+ Festival goe'rs, travel intenders - Raleigh & Charlotte Markets

"Join Us for Mullet Festival" Ad Campaign – October 2022 – COMPLETE

Target was age 21 +, Local Swansboro and 50 mile radius, includes New Bern, Morehead City

"Kick off the Holiday Shopping Season – Swansboro by Candlelight" Ad Campaign – October 2022 – COMPLETE Target was women age 45+, shopping, holidays, travel intenders - **Raleigh & Charlotte Markets**

"Swansboro by Candlelight Winter Getaway Contest" Ad Campaign – November 2022 – COMPLETE Target was women age 45+, shopping, holidays, travel intenders - **Raleigh Market**

"Swansboro by Candlelight Facebook Event" Ad Campaign – October 2022 – COMPLETE Target was age 21 +, Local Swansboro and 50 mile radius, includes New Bern, Morehead City





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Swansboro Holiday Flotilla - Ad Campaign – November 2022 – COMPLETE

Target was age 45+ Festival goe'rs, travel intenders - Raleigh & Charlotte Markets

Swansboro Holiday Flotilla - Ad Campaign – November 2022 – COMPLETE

Target was age 21 +, Local Swansboro and 50 mile radius, includes New Bern, Morehead City

Swansboro Galentines Day Getaway- Ad Campaign – February 2023 – COMPLETE

Target Women age 35 +, Raleigh Metro Area

Swansboro Spring 2023 General Video Ad Campaign – March 2023 – THIS IS ACTIVELY RUNNING



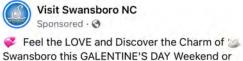
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Plan A Galentine's Day Weekend Getaway to Swansboro // Raleigh Market – February 2023

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Swansboro this GALENTINE'S DAY Weekend or anytime in February!

Value a break to enjoy a coastal getaway and our over 40 unique shops and eateries in our historic coastal North Carolina town. We'd love to ... See more



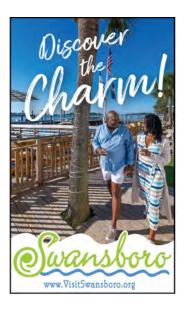
visitswansboro.org	
Welcome to the Town of Swansboro	Learn more
NC	

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Our State Magazine // NC Coast Host Ad – March 2023 Issue



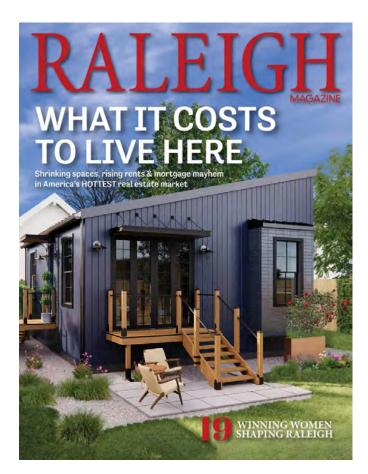




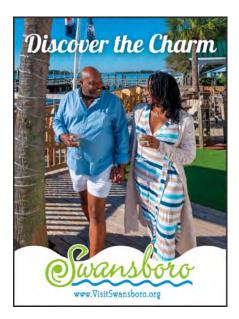


Raleigh Magazine // February 2023 Issue











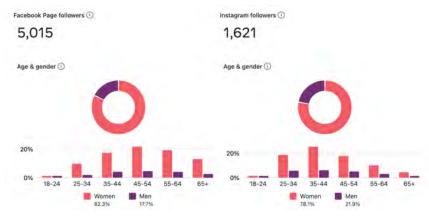
SOCIAL MEDIA STATS December 2022 through March 2023



Social Media Stats for Last 90 Days

Facebook & Instagram Pages Reach

@VisitSwansboro NC – Likes & Followers on Facebook & Instagram



Top Performing Organic Post -

Followers were excited about the Boro Girl Boutique Grand Opening

Highest reach on a post (i)



Facebook post

⁹ № Oh, what a beautiful morning! Oh, what a...

Mar 5, 2023, 6:57 AM

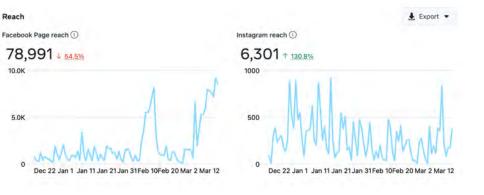
This post reached 629% more Accounts Center accounts (9,123 Accounts Center accounts) than your median post (1,251 Accounts Center accounts) on Facebook. Instagram followers (i)

1.6K Similar to others Typically: 1.1K New Instagram followers (i)

37 Similar to others Typically: 34 Content interactions (i)

499 Higher than others Typically: 280





Business Benchmarks – our posts are receiving a lot more content interactions than other pages!

ADDENDUM





STDA Marketing Budget Snapshot as of 3.17.2023

SWANSBORO TDA / FY 2022-2023 // APPROVED Marketing, Advertising, Tourism Support Aedia / Advertiser / Element **Budgeted Actual Remaining Description** 2023 Merchant Map Printing Estimate (based on prior years actual) 600.00 0 600.00 8 1/2 x 14 size double gate, 5,000 quantity, specs: 80# gloss text - in market piece (cost split between TDA and merchants) produce in Spring (April 2023) UPDATED ESTIMATE of 3.17.23 - \$634 (delivered) (per piece print cost - 11.5 cents) Reprint in August 2022 - Expense paid from Downtown Merchants Fund 2023 Trifold Visitor Brochure Printing Estimate 1,400.00 0 1,400.00 9 x 16 size double gate, 5,000 or 8,000 quantity, specs: 4/4 80# semi gloss (per piece print cost - 14 cents) UPDATED PRINT & SHIP ESTIMATES IN PROCESS AS OF 3.17.23 2023 Visitor Brochure - Shipping to NC Welcome Centers 400.00 400.00 Conservative estimated shipping costs - February 2022 timeframe 0 Web Design City - 2022/2023 Annual website hosting 840.00 840 0.00 COMPLETE CONTRACT SIGNED 6/8/22: 5 ADS: \$1334/each - Sept 22, Oct 22, Mar 23, May, 2022/2023 Our State Magazine Coast Host 1/6 Page Print Ads 6,670.00 6670 0.00 23. Jun 23 CONTRACT SIGNED 6/8/22: 2 EBLASTS: \$1295/each - Sept 14, Nov 27; 1 more to 2022/2023 Our State - Sunday Mornings Sponsored Eblasts 2,590.00 2590 0.00 sign up for (depending on STDA promotional items budget/need) 2022/2023 Raleigh Magazine - Travel Section 3,000.00 3000 0.00 CONTRACT SIGNED: 2 Branded Editorials and 1 1/6 Page Ad 2023 NC Coast Host Membership Dues 350.00 350 0.00 COMPLETE 2023 Emerald Isle Barefoot Guide - comes out in March 2023 123.00 CONTRACT SIGNED: Comes up in Octbober 2022 for March 2023 pub date 888.00 765 -160.00 CONTRACT SIGNED 5.23.22 (going to print in June 2022) 2022-2023 Bluewater Beacon Real Estate Guide 940.00 1100 2022/2023 Facebook Advertising - STDA + Parks & RecsGrant 4,800.00 2192.22 2,607.78 Spent and Remainging to Date - As of 3 17:23 \$3600 - STDA // \$1200 - Parks & Rec Grant 1,000.00 -100.00 COMPLETE December timeframe Swansboro Area Chamber Directory - Full Page Ad 1100 Swansboro Bags 1,295.00 851.52 443.48 COMPLETE 0.00 COMPLETE AMB Updating Video with NEW Photos from 2021 & 2022 OAJ Airport 2021/2022 - LCD Video - Things to Do in Swansboro 5,000.00 5000 MARKETING & ADVERTISING TOTAL 24,458.74 5,314.26 29,773.00 Retainer Fee @ \$1833/month 21,996.00 21996 0.00 All Inclusive Monthly Fee Marketing Promotions Contingency Budget 4,400.00 2,151.25 2,248.75 Applied to video production, visitor guide design, ad design requiring Adobe format GRAND TOTAL 56,169.00 48,605.99 7.563.01



STDA Marketing Contingency Budget Snapshot as of 3.17.2023

2022/2023 Approved Marketing Contingency Budget	4,400.00	
Fall 2022 Downtown Merchant Guide Refresh & Update + Candlelight Poster Design & Video Productions / Sight Sound Media	450.00	Front Row Inovice
Raleigh Magazine - Remnant Ad Purchase Oct 2022 Issue	375.00	PAID by STDA
Mullet Festival - Drone Photo & Video (Dini Photo)	250.00	PAID by STDA
Sight Sound Media - Flotilla Square Format Video	150.00	Front Row Inovice
Candlelight Photography (Samantha Ann Photo)	401.25	Front Row Inovice
Ad Design & Updated Logo Vectors	300.00	Front Row Inovice - November 2022
Spring 2023 Downtown Merchant Guide Refresh & Update	225.00	Front Row Invoice - March 2023
SPENT AS OF 3.17.23	2,151.25	
REMAINING BALANCE from \$4400	2,248.75	
ADD Balance Remaining from Promotional Bag Purchase Budget of \$1295	443.48	
GRAND TOTAL REMAINING BALANCE AS OF 3.17.23	2,692.23	
The plan is to use these funds for the Visitor Prochurs Design + any		

The plan is to use these funds for the Visitor Brochure Design + any additonal expenses that arise as needed.

NC Welcome Centers

North Carolina Department of Commerce – Visitor Services Administration Wally Wazan - Visitor Services Program Manager Phone: (919) 814-4649

wwazan@commerce.nc.gov

Kathy West Manager I-26 East Welcome Center [UPS: Mile marker 68] Box 249 Columbus, NC 28722 Phone: 828,894-2120 kathywest@commerce.nc.gov

Samantha Sherrill Manager I-40 West Welcome Center [UPS I-40 -mile marker 10.5 Eastbound Lane] PO Box 809 Waynesville, NC 28786 Phone: 828.627.6206 samantha.sherrill@commerce.nc.gov

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Manager I-77 North Welcome Center [UPS: 158 I-77 Southbound] Box 1066 Dobson, NC 27017 Phone: 336 320-2181 jmills@commerce.nc.gov Vickie Sealock Manager I-26 West Welcome Center [UPS: 6178 I-26 West] PO Box 1210 Mars Hill, NC 28754 Phone: 828-689-4257 vsealock@commerce.nc.gov

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Louie Comer Manager I-77 South Welcome Center [UPS: 9301 South I-77 28210] Box 410724 Charlotte, NC 28241-0724 Phone: 704 588-2660 ccomer@commerce.nc.gov

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Cherie Nielsen Manager I-85 North Welcome Center [UPS: 231 I-85N] Box 156 Norlina, NC 27563 Phone: 252 456-3236 cherie.nielsen@commerce.nc.gov	7	Victoria Bingman Manager I-85 South Welcome Center [UPS: I-85 at Mile Marker 2] 5 Northbound I-85 Kings Mountain, NC 28086 Phone: 704 937-7861 victoria.bingman@commerce.nc.gov	9

North Carolina Department of Commerce – Visitor Services Administration Wally Wazan - Visitor Services Program Manager Phone: (919) 814-4649

wwazan@commerce.nc.gov

Kat Littleturtle Fulfill later in 2024 Manager **I-95 South Welcome Center** (UPS: I-95 at Mile Marker 5) Box 999 Rowland, NC 28383 Phone: 910 422-8314 klittleturtle@commerce.nc.gov Closed Through January 2024 (Major constructions project) Temp Location - Fayetteville Rest Area (Will receive lesser quantities)

10 I-95 North Welcome Center IUPS: 3683 I-95 Southbound Pleasant Hill, NC 27866] Box 52 Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870 Phone: 252 537-3365 james.kinard@commerce.nc.gov

(NC DOT Rest Area - Green Visitor Center)

NW NC VC- Wilkes County 2121 E. HWY 421- N. Wilkesboro, NC 28659 Tel: 336-667-1259 E-mail: northwestncvc@embargmail.com

I-73/74 Visitor Centers- (NC DOT Rest Area -Visitor Centers)

Randolph County

Annette Cagle - Director of Visitor Services 12 North Bound Center: 4393 US HWY 220 BYPASS Seagrove, NC 27341 Contact: Visitor Center Manager Telephone: 336-626 - 0364 ext. 107 Email: Annette.cagle@heartofnorthcarolina.com

> South Bound Center: 4390 US HWY 220 BYPASS Seagrove, NC 27341 Contact: Visitor Center Manager Telephone: 336-626 -0364 ext. 106 Email: Annette.cagle@heartofnorthcarolina.com

Additional Request

Piedmont Triad Visitor Center 13 700 NC Hwy. 700 Pelham, NC 27311 336.388.9830 Attn: Hosanna Pennell

Print Recommendations from Wally Wazan (Visitor Services **Program Manager from State of** North Carolina)

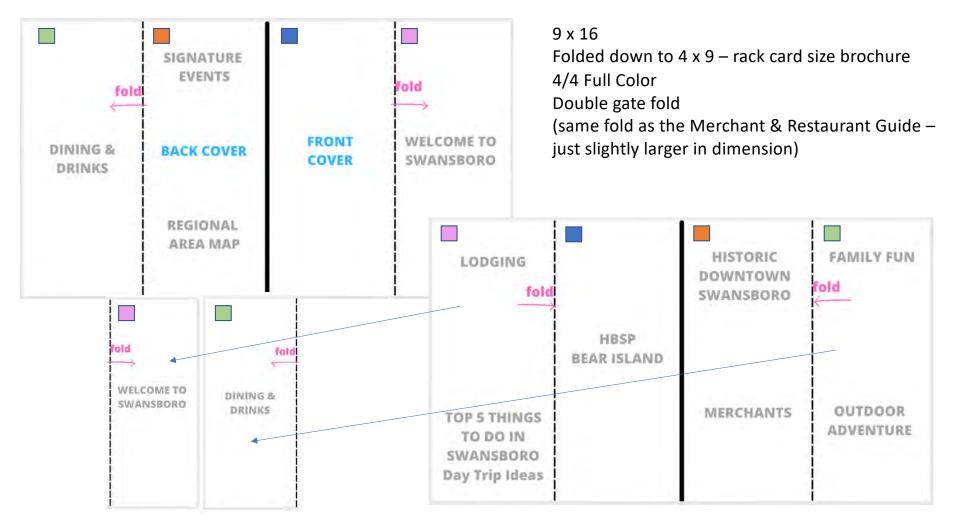
- Print 5,000 qty (for Welcome • Centers)
- Initial Shipment 300 gty. to • each Welcome Center – this would be 3,900 total

NC Welcome Centers

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James Kinard Manager Mile Marker 181

Swansboro Visitor Brochure // Concepts for Design Quote



	Job Ir	nformation		Additional Options	_
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Swansboro Visitor Brochure – Print Quote 1

PRINT QUOTE – Zoo Printing

5,000 quantity

Double gate fold 4/4 80# gloss text AQ 2 Sides Semi-gloss coating 9 x 16

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		Proof Email: .	annemarie@frontrowcom.com	17

Swansboro Visitor Brochure – Print Quote 2

PRINT QUOTE – Zoo Printing

8,000 quantity

\$200.51

\$0.00

Shipping & Handling Total:

Sales Tax:

Coupon:

Place Order

Order Total: \$1,393.66 🕐

Double gate fold 4/4 80# gloss text AQ 2 Sides Semi-gloss coating 9 x 16

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