

Executive Director's Report

*October 28, 2021* 

Elizabeth City - Pasquotank County Tourism Development Authority Board Meeting



# Marketing & Project Updates



#### 2021 Smith Travel Research Report Measures

	EC Region Actuals 2021	EC Region 21-20 YOY Comparison	EC Region Actuals 2019	EC Region 21-19 YOY Comparison	Golds- boro Actuals	Golds- boro YOY Comparison	Beaufort County Actuals	Beaufort County YOY Comparison	New Bern Actuals	New Bern YOY Comparison	Middle OBX Actuals	Middle OBX YOY Comparison	Suffolk, VA <i>Actuals</i>	Suffolk, VA YOY Comparison
	<u>Month To Date – August 2021</u>													
Occupancy	69.7%	+12.7% from Aug '20	67.1%	+4.0% from Aug '19	61.8%	-1.0%	58.6%	+26.0%	74.4%	+5.3%	73.9%	+3.6%	75.7%	+25.4%
ADR	\$119.70	+31.3%	\$100.53	+19.1%	\$86.70	+3.2%	\$83.98	+13.3%	\$124.49	+23.7%	\$328.59	+32.3%	\$109.95	+27.6%
RevPAR	\$83.43	+48.0%	\$67.47	+67.47%	\$53.58	+2.1%	\$49.17	+42.8%	\$92.58	+30.3%	\$242.99	+37.0%	\$83.25	+60.0%
						<u>Year t</u>	to Date – Au	gust 2021						
Occupancy	67.8%	+37.0% from Jan- Aug '20	64.0%	+6.0% from Jan- Aug '19	58.2%	+16.4%	51.3%	+55.4%	71.4%	+21.2%	64.6%	+32.9%	68.0%	+40.0%
ADR	\$103.09	+20.6%	\$92.64	+11.3%	\$84.81	+3.4%	\$77.55	+6.5%	\$109.52	+12.5%	\$245.15	+24.0%	\$95.41	+18.2%
RevPAR	\$69.89	+65.3%	\$59.32	+17.8%	\$49.35	+20.3%	\$39.79	+65.4%	\$78.23	+36.4%	\$158.42	+64.8%	\$64.89	+65.4%

<u>EC Region includes:</u> 7 out of 7 properties; total rooms: 541/541 <u>Goldsboro includes</u>: 12 out of 16 properties; total rooms: 1042/1176

Beaufort County includes: 7 out of 9 properties; total rooms: 471/548

<u>Northeast Region includes</u>: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington, Wilson

New Bern includes: 8 out of 10 properties; total rooms: 735/821

Middle OBX includes: 6 out of 13 properties; total rooms: 687/946; (Kitty Hawk, Duck, Nags Head)

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Occupancy	59.6%	+4.1% from Sept '20	65.9%	-9.4% from Sept '19	60.0%	+1.6%	51.3%	+55.1%	69.2%	+16.9%	70.0%	+0.1%	68.2%	+6.0%
ADR	\$110.53	+25.8%	\$92.86	+19.0%	\$85.47	+0.2%	\$87.44	+17.1%	\$120.95	+25.7%	\$243.80	+25.2%	\$98.81	+23.3%
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ADR	\$103.82	+21.1%	\$92.63	+12.1%	\$84.88	+3.0%	\$78.64	+7.7%	\$110.74	+13.9%	\$245.03	+24.3%	\$95.78	+18.7%
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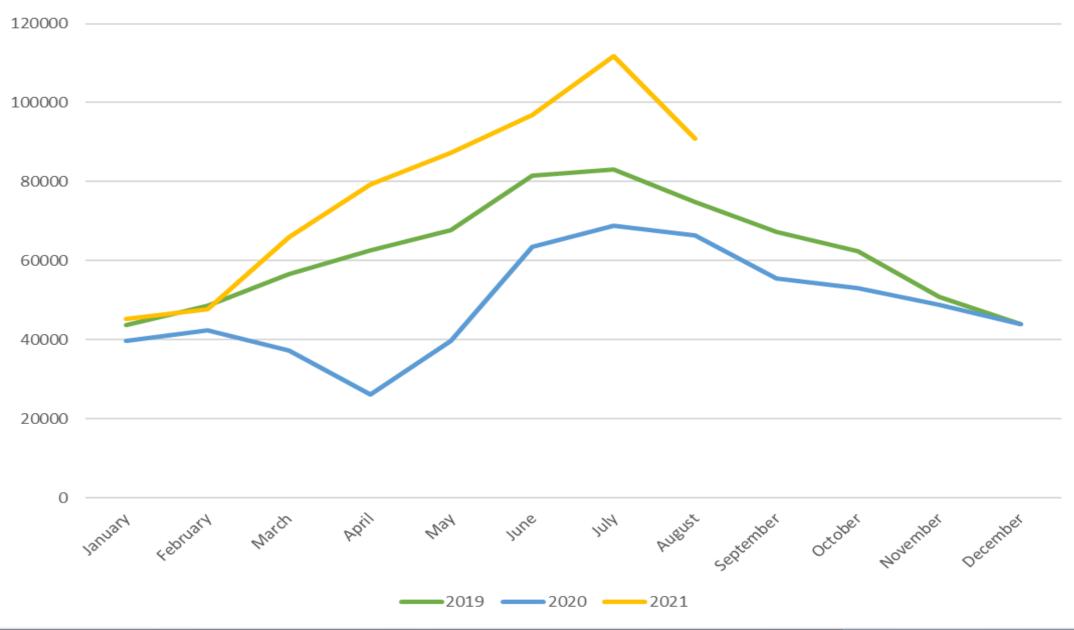
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#### Occupancy Tax Collections



# 2022 Visitor Guide

#### 40,000 color copies ETA: Mid-late November





"Kick up your feet and soak in the southern way of living in Elizabeth City, North Carolina."



Welcome to the Harbor of Hospitality° – Elizabeth City, NC. Our quaint, coastal town offers big city benefits in a rural location with abundant Southern charm. Just a short drive through scenic waterways and woodlands from the beaches of the Outer Banks and only an hour from the Norfolk International Airport and urban center of Hampton Roads, VA, Elizabeth City is home to three institutions of higher learning and one of the largest Coast Guard bases in the United States. Leisure and business travelers are invited to explore Elizabeth City's revitalized and growing downtown and waterfront areas alive with unique cateries, shopping, art, events and fun for everyone.

Then you're in town, be sure to stop by our (elcome Center, located in the beautiful luseum of the Albemarle, where our friendly aff would love to meet you. Remember to beck out VisitElizabethCity.com for more formation before and during your visit. nank you for your interest in our charming, aterfront city and we look forward to eeting you very soon!

- The Visit Elizabeth City Team





#### TASTE & TOAST AROUND TOWN

Whether you're craving Mexican fare, a burger or anything inbetween, our charming city is sure to have the perfect option to satisfy your tastebuds. While you're exploring our Harbor of Hospitality<sup>®</sup> we invite you to sip and savor all the flavors of Elizabeth City.

#### BREAKFAST

They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day; kick off your morning with a hometown breakfast to keep you fueled for exploring the town. Open seven days a week, everyone in your group will find something appetizing at long-time local favorite Colonial Café. For a quick bite to eat and friendly service, Homestyle Bakery & Cafe is sure to satisfy with their breakfast burritos and mouthwatering biscuits. Not hungry yet? You can't go wrong with a pick-me-up iced coffee, latte

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VisitElizabethCity.com



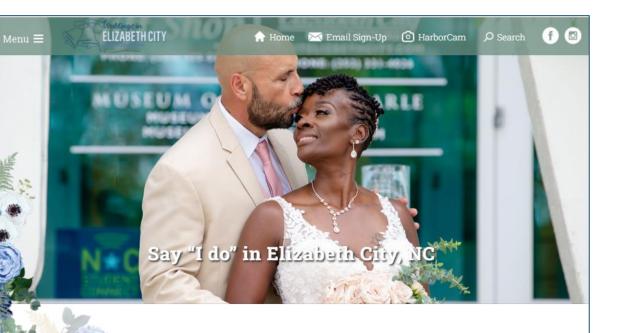
### 8 Venues

Google Form link: https://forms.gle/AfkU6GJ99k1jAW1N8

### 14 Vendors

Google Form link: <u>https://forms.gle/D5PYaLVhb75VPKHEA</u>

## Microsite is live! Ads launching November 8



#### Weddings in Elizabeth City

#### Plan The Perfect Day!

Say "I do" in our picturesque harbor town and enjoy all the southern charm and scenic beauty Elizabeth City has to offer. You'll find hospitable **restaurants**, **accommodations**, and **venues** featuring scenic views from rehearsal to reception for ceremonies ranging from intimate waterfront elopements to classic historic churches. Elizabeth City is a perfect place for brides to plan and prep for their celebration while out-of-town guests enjoy sightseeing and shopping while they await your grand entrance.

Whether you envision an intimate and charming gathering or are looking for something more extravagant, Elizabeth City has friendly local businesses and venues ready to help you make your special day come to life.



WeddingsinElizabethCity.com





# Hot Cocoa Crawl

November 20 – January 2

https://visitelizabethcity.com/Christmas/Hot-Cocoa-Crawl

- Paradiso Roma Ristorante
- The Mills
- Big Boss Burritos
- The SweetEasy
- Ghost Harbor

- Muddy Waters Coffeehouse
- 2 Souls Wine Bar
- Montero's Restaurant
- Page After Page Bookstore
- Water's Edge Boutique

- Pepperberry Inn
- Richardson Pool Glover House
- Blue Ruby at Grice-Fearing House











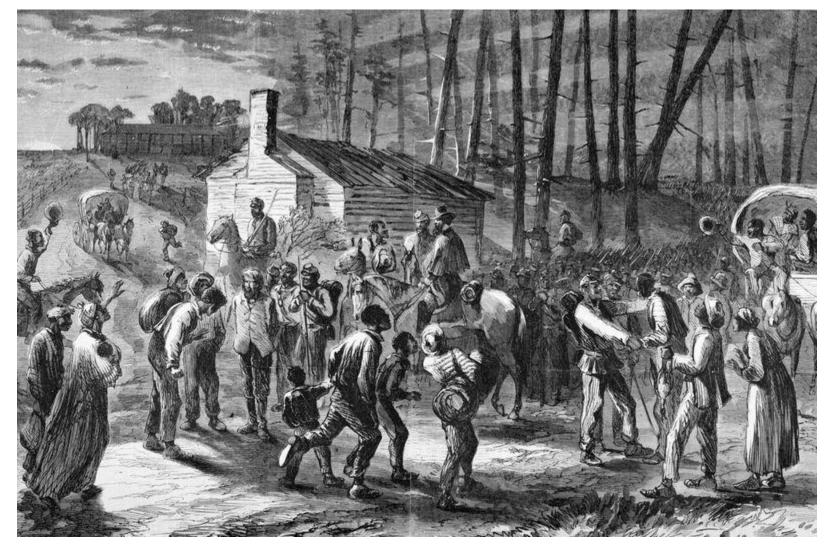
https://ncblackheritagetour.com/

### September 22 Planning Meeting

Attendance: Johnnie, Corrina, Bre Representatives from all 6 participating counties Successful brainstorming session Strategic plan coming soon!



### **Commemoration: Saturday, October 30 at 2pm; Mariners' Wharf Park**



In 1863 a historic event led by General Edward A. Wild began right here in Elizabeth City. "Wild's Raid" resulted in over 2,500 men, women and children being freed from slavery.





## You're Invited REGIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

Keynote Speaker: SECRETARY MACHELLE B. SANDERS NC Department of Commerce

Thursday, October 14, 2021 9am–4pm

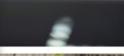
**K.E. WHITE GRADUATE CENTER** Elizabeth City, North Carolina

#### CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

www.ecsu.edu/econsummit Register by October 4th, Space is limited.















- In-person interviews hosted September 27-30
- Survey Launched October 21
  - $\circ$  470 responses to date
  - Survey deadline- November 6
  - o <u>Take the survey!</u>
- Survey results and Ideation session November 19



First ever sanctioned road race for the USCG

# Race Weekend: March 3-5, 2022 CoastGuardMarathon.com



## FAST FACTS

- Registration opened 9/15
- Volunteers & additional sponsors needed
- 743+ registered runners so far.
  367 in-person; 376 virtual
- In-person sign ups: 34 states US Armed Forces Europe US Virgin Islands Guam & Canada



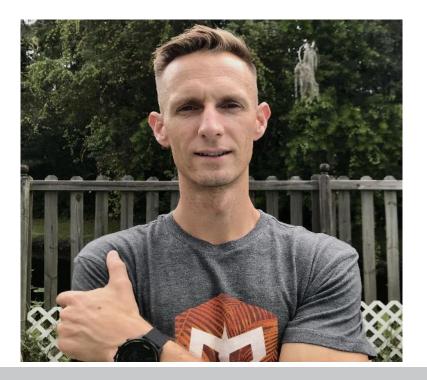
### Participant Heat Map



## Meet Bird – a Fitness Coaching App

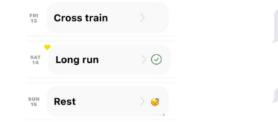


### FREE Full and Half Marathon Training with Coastie and Utramarathoner, Coach Shane



# What's included: accountability, motivation and support.





#### **Customizable training**

No more generic training plans! Edit your schedule, track Strava workouts and modify training in the Bird app.

	did your run go your foot still acting
	It was really hot and I struggled through the last mile. 😨
Let's take	tomorrow off!

#### One on one coaching

Weekly text advice from your coach plus on call support for questions during training.

29	Abby (Coach)
-	Congratulations Ladies! Ya'll crushed
	that race. So proud of everyone's progress. Let me know if you want to
	debrief!
-	debriet!

#### **Team motivation**

Chat with your team in the app for questions, cheers, and high fives.

## CoastGuardMarathon.com



# MARATHONFOTO

### MarathonFoto is the Official Race Photographer for:

- Boston Marathon
- Marine Corps Marathon
  - Army Ten Miler
    - And More!

### **WIN-WIN Partnership**

- Approximately 20-30 photographers onsite
- Coast Guard Marathon receives access to all images
- Revenue share partnership based on sale of images to participants







The Coast Guard Marathon supporting the community by cheering on ECSU during the Homecoming Game! #VikingPride





## Proposed New Harbor of Hospitality Sign

## Current Harbor of Hospitality Sign





#### Elizabeth City & Pasquotank County Region - Updated Pricing As of 10/27/2021 Wayfinding Sign Fabrication and Installation

	Bid Pric	\$221,738.00			
	Original Taxes			Previously Approved Sign Budget	
	Tota	l Bid Pricing	\$237,259.66		
				Visit Elizabeth City \$ 75,000.00	
				City of Elizabeth City \$ 75,000.00	
Reductions				Pasquotank County \$ 75,000.00	
Remove 2 boulevard signs not approved by DO	T (with taxes)		-10,523.00	Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc \$ 20,000.00	
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Change Orders (Additions				Total Budget \$ 250,000.00	
Change Orders/Additions			4		
Holophane Price Increase w/tax	1		\$6,420.00		
Rebar Addition w/tax (37 Total Sign Footers)	37	\$247.98	\$9,175.26		
Post Additions w/tax (Locations O, Q, S, T)	4	\$304.69	\$1,218.76	Budget \$ 250,000.00	
Repair Existing Mariners' Wharf Park Info Sign	1		\$535.00	Less total spent to date \$246,459.68	
Update Graphics on Mariners' Wharf sign	pdate Graphics on Mariners' Wharf sign 1			Less total spent to date \$240,459.08	
Design Harbor of Hospitality Sign	1		\$1,440.00	CONTINGENCY \$ 3,540.32	



# Old Business

## Vist Elizabeth City BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST

Thursday, October 28, 2021

	Revenue	
Increase	Coronavirus PPP Income	41,415.00
		41,415.00
	Revenue	
Decrease	Fund Balance Appropriation	41,415.00
		41,415.00

To appropriately account for release of Federal PPP funds into revenue



## New Business

Thank you!



