



The Peach Buzz

Newsletter

Candor & the N.C. Peach Festival to Celebrate America's Semiquincentennial!

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CELEBRATING
AMERICA'S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL



S-e-m-i-q-u-i-n-c-e-n-t-e-n-n-i-a-l. Long word, correct? It means the 250th anniversary of a significant event or its celebration. And if you haven't heard, we are in the midst of 250 years of this great country's declared independence! The Town of Candor and the N.C. Peach Festival will proudly be a part of Montgomery County's NC250 committee to inform, bring awareness to, & celebrate America's history with our local communities.

We are planning some special things in the new year, and the semiquincentennial will definitely be incorporated into the 28th annual N.C. Peach Festival! Be looking for the graphic to the left, on our website and Facebook page to be used with special announcements and historical information!

Commissioner Honored with Key to the Town!

Candor Town Board Commissioner, Mr. Layton Booker, has retired from the board after 40 dedicated years of serving our community. On October 23rd, we honored Mr. Booker with an evening reception and a Key to the Town of Candor. We will miss him, but we wish him and his wonderful wife, Rosalie, the very best in their retirement. It's been an honor and a pleasure serving with Layton during his tenure!



Registration opens for N.C. Peach Festival Vendors 1/31/26

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Good Things to Come...

Downtown Revitalization

The town was awarded \$300,000 for downtown improvements and the planning piece is almost complete. The money will be used to re-design the Western side of the intersection at the stoplight. There are currently three options being considered that will see water line upgrades, landscaping, new curb & gutter installment, parking layout, and new pavement to make the area more attractive and easier to access.

This is just the beginning of downtown improvements that are being planned. Commissioners will vote on the design of choice by the first of the year. Construction will commence as soon as the bidding process is complete.

PeachTree Works Chooses Candor!

Candor recently received some great news on the economic development front!! PeachTree Works, a subsidiary of Braxton Culler of Sophia NC, has purchased the old Klaussner plant in Candor. This deal has been in the works for two years as the company has been watching the shift towards U.S. made manufacturing strengthen.

They have moved in and are currently upfitting the plant to begin production. They will invest \$5 million dollars and create 25 new jobs in the area. Products include wood frames for upper-end upholstery and OEM components. We are so excited to have PeachTree Works in Candor and we look forward to a positive and growth-oriented partnership! Love the name, by the way!!



Events Information:  Town of Candor N.C.

Christmas in Candor

The MARKETPLACE at FITZGERALD PARK
Friday, the 5th of December, 5:45 - 9:00pm

SPECIAL GUESTS THIS YEAR:

**SANTA &
THE MOUNTAIRE FARMS
"CHRISTMAS" CHICKEN!**

SANTA CLAUS,
HAY RIDES,
S'MORES,
ANNUAL BICYCLE
DRAWING*,
STOCKINGS,
DJ HUGH MARTIN,
& SPECIAL MUSIC
WITH THE MCS
EAST-SIDE CHOIR!

Candor Lions Club and
Bloom & Brew Coffee
Co. will be there with
food and beverages!

CANDOR, NC

*4H & NC Cooperative Extension Montgomery Co.
are donating bicycle helmets for all bicycle winners!



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Town of Candor & NC Peach Festival Branding

Another project that is occurring behind-the-scenes, is the marketing and branding of the Town of Candor. This coincides with planning the town's future as development begins to move our way via the I-73/74 Corridor, and also as Moore County's growth expands with the widening of Hwy 211.

Our park will be a tremendous asset to the town, as well as the water system improvements AND downtown streetscape refinement that will be in place in the very near future. We are

aware that sometimes progress moves at a snail's pace and we are just as eager as you are to see these projects completed.

On that note, you will begin seeing our branding on all printed materials, forms, brochures, booklets, signage, social media, website - all marketing materials change to the large, highlighted "C" with a peach cradled in the bottom of the letter, as we resolutely continue to brand ourselves as the N.C. Peach Capital. The "C" will be easily identi-

fiable in various forms including: Dark & light backgrounds, with borders, with the town name attached, and so on. We also note that the N.C. Peach Festival logo was updated in 2024 and is visibly cohesive with the town logo.



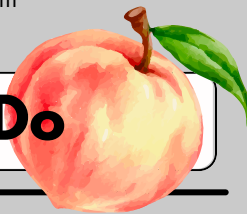
Being A Good Neighbor

We just love our Candor community! Working together to make Candor a great place to live takes every single one of us. On that note, we want to encourage everyone to be kind to, and mindful of, your neighbors - it is really one of the most respectful things you can do as a community. Simple things like: 1.) Picking up litter, 2.) Keeping your yard debris on your side of your property line, 3.) Having your pets spayed/neutered (there are safe & inexpensive programs available in our area to help deter overpopulation of cats/dogs), 4.) Keeping your animals in your yard and not letting them roam freely throughout town (we don't want any animals or people to get hurt), 5.) Taking pride in your property by keeping it maintained and neat, 6.) And look out for one another - help protect each other from those who would do you harm. These are just small gestures, but they go a long, long way in unifying our town. Thank you for all you do!

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#CandorCanDo



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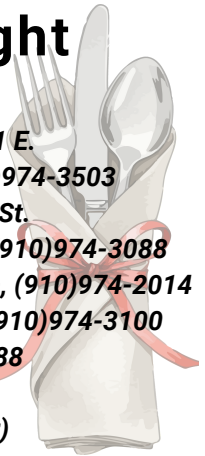
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- Town Website: TownofCandorNC.com
N.C. Peach Festival Website: NCPeachFestival.com
- Town of Candor N.C.
 - N.C. Peach Festival
 - Candor Police Department
 - Candor Fire Department - NC
 - Candor Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxillary
- [ncpeach_festival](https://www.instagram.com/ncpeach_festival)

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Candor Local Spotlight

RESTAURANTS

Abel's II (Shop'n Save Exxon) - 861 NC Hwy 211 E.
Blake's Restaurant - 165 Hillview St. Ext., (910)974-3503
Bloom & Brew Coffee Co. (Pilot) - 801 E. Main St.
Cuatro Caminos Mex. Rest. - 125 W. Main St., (910)974-3088
Krispy Krunchy Chicken (Sunoco) - 515 E. Main, (910)974-2014
Kristi's Pizza & Japanese Food - 111 S. Main, (910)974-3100
Taqueria Nely's - 145 S. Main St., (910)974-4488
Triny's Food Truck - 100 Block of S. Main St.
Wendy's - 801 NC Hwy 211 (Pilot Travel Center)



A Very Heartfelt Thank You!

We would like to send out a huge...Huge...HUGE THANK YOU to all of the wonderful residents & businesses in our community who are always there for the town! You show up to events, you're involved in things we have to offer, you come to town board meetings, you serve on committees/boards, you sponsor local needs, you give your time to volunteer at the N.C. Peach Festival, you volunteer for other events we host, YOU SHOW UP IN SO MANY WAYS! We have a great circle of support around us. WE ARE ALL CANDOR, and there are more good things to come in 2026!



**Merry
Christmas
& Feliz
Navidad!!**

Candor Cookin'



The Candor Historical Society recently hosted the Candor Depot Dinner Express aboard the ACWR "Magenta Train", on November 13th & 14th! What a wonderful experience! The Society would like to thank our sponsors, Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway, Fidelity Bank, Sandhill Turf, First Bank, Ron Niland, and Tina Currie for their donations. Street Provisions, LLC provided an excellent meal & service. And our fabulous guests, musicians, and volunteers made the whole evening so much fun! Stay tuned...there will be more trips to come!

Skillet Peach Cake

1/4 c butter	1 c pecans (chopped)
3/4 c brown sugar	1/4 ts salt
2 eggs (beaten)	1 c sugar
1 c sliced peaches	1 ts baking powder
1 ts vanilla	how many tb is 1/4 c
1/2 c milk	1 c flour

Melt 1/4 c butter in a 9" skillet. Add brown sugar and chopped pecans. Arrange sliced peaches. Then: Add eggs and gradually add salt and sugar. Add: milk, 1tb butter, vanilla and mix ingredients together. Blend in flour and baking powder. Pour batter over fruit and bake at 350 degrees F for 30-40 minutes. Serve upside down with whipped cream.

p 15 Mountain Cookbook by Ferne Shelton) 1964

A Bit of History...

"Candor in its own right is different from all other Montgomery County towns. It possesses both the stately pines of the Piedmont, prides itself in its vast, sprawling peach orchards and claims the sand of the seacoast.

...in the beginning, around 1873, it was called "Lamonds Old Field" ...

...three prominent merchants (Elsie Shamburger, A.B. McCaskill and Samuel Parsons) are credited with giving the settlement its present name when they chose "Candor", envisioning a town of frankness and sincerity."

Pattern of Timeless Moments, A History of Montgomery County, Mable S. Lassiter, 1976

Did You Know...

Peach trees should never be planted in clay soil. Their roots do not like the location of deep wet and dense soil which are all characteristic of clay. The sandy, loose consistency of the soil found in the Sandhills are ideal for peach trees.

7 Fruit Trees You Should Never Grow in Clay Soil, According to Gardening Experts. Emily Hayes - Martha Stewart

www.TownofCandorNC.com

FYI: We are currently updating, adding features, & improving the town website. You may continue to pay your water bill on-line during this process. Keep a check on all the new information/features!

On the Calendar

- Candor Town Hall will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on November 27th & 28th.
- Candor Town Board meeting, December 1st @ 7:00pm, Candor Town Hall. Public is welcome to attend.
- Christmas in Candor & Bicycle Raffle; December 5th, 5:45 - 9:00pm, Fitzgerald Park Marketplace. Santa, Mountaire's Mr. Christmas Chicken, Hayrides, Music, Food, Stockings, S'mores, and all the Holiday Feels!
- Coffee & Candor, Tentatively, Thursday, December 18th, Candor Town Hall. Free & open to the public!
- Candor Town Hall will be closed in observance of Christmas on December 24th, 25th, & 26th.
- Candor Town Hall will be closed in observance of New Year's Day, January 1st.
- Candor Town Board meeting, January 5th @ 7:00pm, Candor Town Hall. Public is welcome to attend.
- Candor Town Hall will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, January 19th.
- 2026 N.C. Peach Festival Vendor Application process officially opens on January 31st! Only on our website, www.NCPeachFestival.com