



The Peach Buzz

Newsletter

Candor - The Peach Capital of North Carolina!

10 Things Every Candoronian Should Know About the N.C. Peach Festival

You, as a resident of Candor, are a very big part of something really special! Our unique identity, which began over 125 years ago, flourishes within our peach growing heritage.

1.) Candor, North Carolina is the only designated town to be named the "Peach Capital of North Carolina". That's our brand. That's our point of reference. It's our source of pride. You are a part of it and we want you to be proud!

2.) It all began in the late 1800's when "Mr. H.R. Clark of Aberdeen, along with J.G. Tomlinson, A.W.E. Capel, and J.R. Page (prominent Montgomery County citizens), formed the Candor Fruit Company. An organization that was the first of its kind and would support peach growing on a commercial scale. In 1902, Mr. Clark purchased acreage below Candor and set out 30,000 young peach trees to start the first commercial peach orchard. From that point on, the peach industry thriv-

ed in the Candor and Sandhills region of North Carolina." - *Pattern of Timeless Moments, Mable S. Lassiter.*

3.) In 1996, The N.C. Department of Agriculture sanctioned that the Town of Candor would be the purveyor of the official N.C. Peach Festival. This was accomplished with the help of then, Montgomery Co. Agricultural Extension Agent, Susan Hamilton. (To be clear, this is NOT the "Candor Peach Festival". We have an official designation by the State of North Carolina as THE N.C. Peach Festival. It's a pretty big deal and something to be proud of as a community!)

4.) The very first "Peach Festival" was held in 1996 at Candor Elementary School. That year, unfortunately, there were no peaches, so it was more of a fruit festival. We've done a lot of growing in the last 26 years!

5.) Did you know there is a N.C. Peach Grower's Society? The organization is

made up of peach growers from several areas including, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Anson & Union counties. The N.C. Peach Festival is organized to support our state's peach growers!

6.) The N.C. Peach Festival is now 3 days long - Thursday, Friday, & of course, always the 3rd Saturday in July.

7.) The Town of Candor has a population of 840 and hosts this festival with roughly 10,000+ attendees.

8.) Our parade that is held on Saturday, before the start of the N.C. Peach Festival, is an hour long and is one of the best parades around!

9.) Our website: NCPeachFestival.com

10.) The annual festival is held in Fitzgerald Park, 145 S. Depot St.

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Peach Packing House of the Candor Fruit Company and Employees in 1910

This year for Candor Residents only! The photo on the left is an historic, 1910 image of Candor Fruit Company employees in front of a peach pack house. We will be selling a special N.C. Peach Festival t-shirt with this image, to Candor Residents. If you would like to order one, please call or come by Candor Town Hall with size and quantity information. Cost: \$20 each. Cash or Check only. Deadline to order is May 20th. Tees will be available in early June!

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to show festival goes you're a LOCAL!!



Important — — Reminder



**DO NOT POUR
OIL & GREASE
DOWN YOUR DRAIN.**

Have you ever noticed how grease solidifies (becomes a solid, instead of a liquid) when it cools? If you pour it down your kitchen or bathroom sink (or even your toilet) it does the same thing and causes severe clogging to YOUR plumbing and the TOWN sewer system. This costs you and the town lots of money to fix.

Please pour your used grease and oil into collection containers, such as old jars or cans, and seal them when possible. You can even insert paper towels into the jar/can with the grease to help soak it up. THEN DISPOSE OF THOSE CONTAINERS IN THE TRASH. In the long run, this will save us all a lot of time and money. Thank you so much, Town of Candor Public Works.

Candor PD



Under the leadership of *Chief*, Matt Baldwin we have a full-time police force that includes *Sgt.* Greg Barrett, *Ofc.* Chris Maness, *SRO* Scott Richardson, and reserve officer, (*MCSO*) *Dep.* Servando Sanchez. They're a great team, making Candor a safe place to live and work. The Candor PD has become an integral part of the community, always willing to participate in local events and building close relationships with the residents, businesses, and our elementary school. New projects this year: "Shop with a Cop" program & the Governor's Highway Safety Program.



Pictured: Deputy Sanchez, Sheriff Herron, Officer Maness, Chief Baldwin, John Lemonds, Sgt. Barrett, SRO Richardson.

Candor VFD



The Candor Volunteer Fire Department has a great new addition to their crew...the Candor VFD Ladies Auxiliary! These ladies have played an important role in the fundraising efforts for our volunteer firefighters. Funds raised from their events go to pay for supplies and equipment the firefighters use to keep our community safe! They have hosted various fundraisers like the very popular Taco Fundraiser! They're also helpful to the town in events that we are hosting, as well. Thank you ladies for all you do for our community!



Pictured l-r: Elizabeth Cloninger, Kristin Thompson, Brittney Bautista, Heather Phouang, Our Friends from Tacos El Poblano, Shana McCallum, Leslie Parsons, Ashleigh Thompson, Keleigh Smith, Olivia Cloninger.

Town Board



Know your Town Board of Commissioners: *Candor Mayor*, Phillip Hearne, *Mayor Pro Tem*, Layton Booker, *Town Commissioners* Jerry Brewer, Daniel Harris, David Kellis, & Tim Smith, and *Town Clerk*, Tammy Kellis. We have been working tirelessly this past year on finalizing grant applications and paperwork to obtain the funds we have been awarded for our water system, downtown, and park improvements. The surveying process has begun and planning & design will be finalized soon! Don't forget the Town Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Public is welcome & encouraged to attend. Be a part of your community!

Candor Historical Society

EXCITING NEWS! The Candor Historical Society is officially reorganizing and will move forward with their efforts to preserve the Candor Depot! Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway is also on board to assist in this endeavor. If you are interested in being a part of the CHS call (910)974-4221.

REMINDER...

Water bills are due by the 19th of each month, after that, a late fee of \$10 will be applied to your bill. The final day to pay your bill is the 25th, at which point your water will be turned off, if unpaid. To have your water turned back on, you will have to pay a \$50 Re-Connect Fee, in addition to the unpaid balance & late fee. Avoid fees by paying your water bill on time each month. Thank you, Town of Candor Water Dept.

A Bit of History...

From the RICHMOND COUNTY JOURNAL (July 14, 1949) "*Latest Innovation In The Peach Industry Is The Use Of Airplanes For The Shipments Of Fruit* - Much has been said about the beginning of the peach industry in the Sandhill section which covers parts of Montgomery, Moore, Scotland and Richmond counties. In the 1920's the peach industry was undergoing growing pains like any other industry...they had their ups and downs, much like the growers still have today. There were late frosts, hail storms, and plant diseases then too. Huge packing warehouses were being constructed near the orchards and railroad sidings were being built within a few feet of the orchards.

Yes, the rails were the method of transportation and the growers and distributors had another problem on their hands. How to get the fruit to market with less spoilage. Then on June 20th of this year (1949) at a small airport near Candor a C-46 type airplane landed about 6:40 p.m. and in approximately an hour later the plane became airborne with the first load of peaches to be shipped from North Carolina by air. The peach industry had taken another step toward bringing better fruit to the market. The peaches that were shipped were placed on New York City street markets and sold the next morning..."

Coffee & Candor - New!

Our newest event is geared towards getting the community together with our local leaders, to get to know each other better and learn more about what is going on in our town. Join us for coffee and treats on the 3rd Thursday of Each Month from 8:30-10:30am at Candor Town Hall. Free and Open to the Public!

Marketplace Info

It's Spring! And now is the time to schedule those parties/showers/cookouts at The Marketplace! Schedule a day and time, fill out a rental agreement - \$100 deposit (Cash Only), \$50 back after event, if everything is in order.

Food Truck Friday - New!

We will randomly schedule food trucks to come in on various Fridays throughout the year. Watch our Facebook page for announcements! Call (910)974-4221 to participate.

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Other Town Contact Information:

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- Town of Candor N.C.
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Business Spotlight...

is on the **Candor Flower & Gift Shop** located at 113 E. Railroad Street in Candor. The shop owners are Stacy and Bob Pettit (pictured below) of New London. They have a wonderful selection of flowers and gift items for any occasion, and are now carrying officially licensed Montgomery Central High School merchandise. Support local - stop by and see them for all of your floral and gift needs!

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm; Saturday, 9am - 12pm; Closed on Sunday.

Phone: (910)974-4850/www.CandorFlorist.com

Candor Flower & Gift Shop



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Candor Cookin'

PEACH GLAZED SALMON

- 1 C butter (cubed)
- 1 C peach preserves
- 1 TB lime juice
- 1 garlic clove (minced)
- 1 ts of prepared mustard
- 2 salmon fillets
- 1/2 C fresh peaches (sliced)

Combine butter and peach preserves, microwave on high for approximately 50 seconds. Stir in the next 3 ingredients. Set aside 1 cup of peach mixture. Place fillets in plastic bag and remaining peach mixture. Coat and marinate for 30 minutes.

Lightly coat grill rack with oil. Discard marinade and place fillets on grill - skin side down. Grill over medium heat for approximately 5 minutes. Spoon 1/2 of reserved peach mixture over fillets and grill for 10 to 15 minutes longer, basting frequently.

Serve with fresh sliced peaches and remaining peach mixture.

Did You Know...

"Peaches, or *Prunus persica* - are small fruit with a fuzzy peel and a sweet white or yellow flesh. They're thought to have originated in China more than 8,000 years ago. Peaches are related to plums, apricots, cherries, and almonds. They're considered drupes or stone fruit because their flesh surrounds a shell that houses an edible seed." Source Healthline.com - Alina Petre, MS, RD (NL), January 17, 2019

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