

2014 CoastLine – 4th Quarter 2014

CoastLine is a weekly, hour-long public affairs show that examines local issues through elected officials, academic experts, and other community members. The live show airs Wednesdays from 12 – 1 PM. The show is re-broadcast on Sundays from 2 – 3 PM. CoastLine is also available through WHQR's online streaming signal and the finished product is available on the website at www.whqr.org, as a podcast available through Apple or Google Play, and on the free WHQR app.

Program note: CoastLine on hiatus for the month of October.

- Nov. 5 - Election Epilogue 2014.

Republicans effectively walloped Democrats in these mid-term elections—sweeping into power with a majority in both Chambers on Capitol Hill. At the state and local levels, election results generally mirrored the national pattern. Voter turnout in North Carolina was impressive this election cycle. In fact, with Early Voting shortened by a week, voters still set a record for turnout in mid-term elections. And last night, the State Board of Elections announced a new record for overall turnout in the state for a midterm election. Nearly 44% of registered voters cast ballots. In-studio guests: **Dr. Jim Leutze**, Former Chancellor of UNCW and Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and **Dr. Craig Galbraith**, Professor of Entrepreneurship and Technology Management at UNCW's Cameron School of Business.

- Nov. 12 - The Complicated Psychology Behind Intimate Partner Violence.

Investigations over alleged cases of domestic violence continue to populate newscasts on a near-daily basis. Why are we hearing more about abusive dynamics in relationships – and what resources are available to help victims and perpetrators? In-studio guest: **Dr. Carrie Clements**, Professor of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Wilmington; and **Mandy Houvouras**, Direct Services and Outreach Director at Domestic Violence Shelter and Services in Wilmington.

- Nov. 19 - NHC's Special Use Permit — Environmental Gatekeeper or Economic Liability?

The Special Use Permit is only about three years old in New Hanover County. Since its creation in 2011, it's served as a gatekeeper – giving local officials the final say over whether an industry can set up shop within the County. But the County recently paid nearly \$100,000 for an economic development study entitled *Pathways to Prosperity: New Hanover County's Plan for Jobs and Investment*. Also known as *The Garner Report*, the study concludes that the SUP is a major deterrent to potential investment.

In-studio guests: **Ted Shipley**, Chairman of the New Hanover County Planning Board; **Mike Giles**, North Carolina Coastal Federation; and **Peter Fensel**, Executive Committee Member, Coalition for Economic Advancement.

- **Dec 3 - Modernizing Transportation in the Cape Fear**

As the populations of Brunswick, Pender, and New Hanover Counties continue to swell, accommodating the movement of people and goods requires much more creativity and innovation than just widening roads or building more of them. In-studio guests: **Laura Padgett**, Chairperson of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) and Wilmington City Council Member; and **Pat Batleman**, Leland Town Council, Leland's Mayor Pro Tem, and Vice Chair of the WMPO.

- **Dec. 10 - Film Incentive Change Slowing 2015 Production.**

The debate over film incentives in North Carolina erupted on the public stage last year when two state Representatives—Rick Catlin from New Hanover County and Chris Millis of Pender County—sponsored a bill that would fundamentally change the structure of the tax rebate. There was an immediate outcry from the film community. If the film incentive changed, advocates said, producers would go elsewhere and the industry in the Tar Heel state would die on the vine. That bill died in committee, but it was just the beginning of a series of proposals to change what film industry insiders say was a competitive package helping to set film production and spending records in the state. Phone guest: **Sharon Decker**, Secretary of Commerce. In-studio guest: **Johnny Griffin**, Director, Wilmington Regional Film Commission.

- **Dec. 17 - Feed at the Holiday Trough!**

When it's time to prepare for the holiday season, one of the richest and most inspiring elements can be holiday food. For home cooks, the feelings around cooking for loved ones – and crowds at that -- can span the spectrum from excitement about creating new seasonal culinary traditions to dread over satisfying the always-finicky, less-than-adventurous in-laws. But today, we seek advice from two local chefs who will help us elevate our dishes, simplify our processes, and maybe even take some risks. In studio guests: **Keith Rhodes**, Chef and owner of Catch Seafood Restaurant; and **Simon Arnold**, Owner and Operator of Seasoned & Seared.

Program Note: No CoastLine -- Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st.