

## Fiber Optics Available in Carolina Shores

Fiber optic internet is now available in many parts of Carolina Shores and will soon be available to The Village at Calabash. Work is also underway to bring fiber optic internet to the Village of Woodson and surrounding streets in Shallotte. This upgrade is part of the company's multi-year project to provide fiber optic delivered services to every FOCUS Broadband member and replace all of its existing coaxial cable network.

"Our team is working hard to extend fiber optic infrastructure to our cooperative members," commented Keith Holden, FOCUS Broadband's CEO. "A 100% fiber optic network will best serve our members by delivering internet speeds they need for decades to come."

More Brunswick County communities are slated for construction to begin in the coming months and members will be notified when fiber optic service becomes available at their address.



### Save the Date for FOCUS Broadband's 2024 Annual Meeting of Members!

*Meeting will be Held Online  
on October 4th at 4p.m.*

### What Streaming Service is Right for You?

Scan the QR code to take a short quiz and find the best streaming bundle and deals for you!



## FOCUS Broadband Grant Funds The Giving Garden

Through a Community Connections Grant, FOCUS Broadband helped Saint Peter Lutheran Church of Supply provide funds to purchase materials for their Giving Garden. The Giving Garden's goal is to provide produce and herbs grown in the garden to the Boiling Springs Food Pantry. Volunteers for The Giving Garden have built 22 raised beds with various vegetables and 30 blueberry plants.



Pictured L-R: Karen Rivero, Jeannie Craig & Sue Grady

"We are so excited about the future of The Giving Garden," comments Jeannie Craig, Giving Garden and Saint Peter Lutheran Volunteer. "It means so much to have companies like FOCUS Broadband help us serve the community."

The Giving Garden was first developed during the COVID-19 pandemic and has increased their yield in donations from 558 pounds in 2021 to 1,425 pounds in 2023.

Through its Smart Connections and Community Connections Grant Program, FOCUS Broadband has awarded over \$1 million in grant funds to hundreds of worthy programs since its inception in 2006.

# 2024 Bash at the Beach Football Jamboree



FOCUS Broadband's high school football coverage is back! We're kicking off this season with the Bash at the Beach Football Jamboree.

First, join us Tuesday, August 13th for Media Day, featuring a coaches' panel representing all 16 participating teams. Then, catch two full days of scrimmages on Thursday, August 15th and Friday, August 16th. Watch all the action live on FOCUS Broadband TV channel 3 and Facebook!

After the Jamboree, FOCUS Broadband will continue coverage of select local high school football games throughout the season.

## FOCUS Broadband Celebrates Burgaw Retail Grand Opening

FOCUS Broadband celebrated the grand opening of its newest retail location in Burgaw, NC on May 30th! Located at 1855 NC Hwy. 53 W., the facility will be instrumental in allowing the company to better serve its growing number of customers in Pender and Duplin counties.

"FOCUS Broadband has received a tremendous amount of support from residents and community leaders here in Pender County," commented Keith Holden, FOCUS Broadband CEO. "We believe this new location represents our commitment to growing our presence in the area and doing our part to connect those living here to countless opportunities for online education, remote work, and so much more."

The Burgaw location is open for business Monday through Friday, from 8 AM until 5 PM. This facility also serves as an operations hub for the company's engineering, installation, and repair workforce working in Duplin and Pender counties.



*Pictured: Keith Holden & FOCUS Broadband Board of Directors*

## Weathering the Storm: Stay Prepared During Hurricane Season

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting an above-normal hurricane season this year. Follow these tips to ensure that you and your loved ones are prepared if a storm threat arises:



- Fully charge your cellphone and keep your car charger handy.
- Save your cell phone battery by lowering your brightness.
- Write down essential phone numbers and keep them with you if you need to leave home quickly.
- Develop a backup communication plan with your family in case regular channels are disrupted.
- Follow FOCUS Broadband on [focusbroadband.com](http://focusbroadband.com) and Facebook for real-time updates on service issues or outages.

If you experience an outage during a storm, please contact the FOCUS Broadband repair line at 833-663-1241. A technician will restore service as soon as it is safe to get back on the road. You can always visit [www.](http://www.focusbroadband.com/hurricane)

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