



Best *of Wilmington* 2019

The ballots have been tallied...and now it's the grand finale! The Grand Goodies of 2019: This year's wrap-up of Wilmington's picks for top businesses and people. Doctor, dive bar or day spa...we have covered the gamut. Get out there and experience our beloved beach town's contenders for yourself. Seriously, go now. Actually—read this first. Then you're excused.

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Best Dining

Appetizers

Smoke on Water

910-833-5069, smokeonthewaternc.com
Cornmeal-battered North Carolina shrimp and tasso ham corndogs served waterside? What kind of savage would say no to that? If you're in the mood to stack up on starters, Smoke on the Water is the spot for you. From coastal staples like steamed Peel n Eat Shrimp and chilled local oysters with Bloody Mary granita to inventive shared dippers like the highly addictive hickory Smoked-Trout Jalapeno Dip with shallots and dill—this scenic paradise is the perfect place to get your app on.

Authentic American

Boathouse Restaurant

910-679-4224, boathouserestaurant.netwaiter.com/wilmington

Boathouse has been rewarding ravenous locals and visitors alike with its Calabash-style specialties for close to ten years. With an emphasis on seafood, this American restaurant serves up a dynamite classic breakfast, solid meal deals for lunch like lightly-breaded oysters for under ten bucks, and a plethora of dinner options. Don't miss the jumbo crab cakes known for their ample meat or the dry-rubbed baby back ribs for those of you not enticed by the words "fresh catch."

Authentic Asian

Indochine

910-251-9229, indochinewilmington.com
Ever hear the daily cheer that rings out through Wilmington at 11 AM? It's the sound of noodle lovers rejoicing as Indochine opens their doors. Aside from

the oriental dining experience—see: elaborate outdoor garden with canopied dining huts—the authenticity of Wilmington's most acclaimed Asian kitchen is what keeps regulars coming back for more (and not minding the wait). It's hard to beat familiar favorites like peanut and tamarind-infused Pad Thai, but for a real mouthful of what this far east café has to offer, try the Jungle Curry with dried red chilies and bamboo shoots.

Authentic Caribbean

Ceviche's

910-256-3131, wbceviche.com
A prime example of what Panamanian cuisine should taste like, Ceviche's is Wrightsville Beach's top spot for making a tropical tornado of flavors appear in your mouth. Just ask Guy Fieri of Food Network's Diners, Drive-in's, and Dives. He crushed Caribbean favorites in his

"Lights-Out Latin" episode like the Ropa Vieja (tomatoey braised flank steak over coconut rice) and Sancocho—Panama's national hangover soup made with yucca, sweet potatoes, and corn in a garlicky cilantro base.

Authentic Italian

Tarantelli's

910-763-3806, tarantellis.com
If red sauce makes your heart skip a beat, step right up to some of the most legit Italian fare in town. Thanks to an extensive wine list and a kitchen that whips up scratchmade Tuscan delights—Tarantelli's has become the place to be for pasta perfection. Pamper yourself with a hearty antipasto such as Salsa Di Spinach e Carciofi (creamy baked spinach artichoke dip laced with roasted garlic and three cheeses), then lighten up with lemony Spaghetti Alle Vongole—luscious clams, shallots, garlic, and white wine over noods.



Oysters and a Steampot at the Shuckin Shack.



Authentic Mexican

Tequila Comida & Cantina

910-399-1643, tequilacc.com
Marked for their certified Mexican treasures at Los Portales, brothers Ramon and Miguel Villaseñor knew a thing or two when they swung open their doors at Tequila Comida & Cantina. This cutting-edge kitchen offers impressively unconventional dishes like Villaseñor's Pato en Salsa de Jamaica (duck breast in a tart hibiscus and apple-celery sauce) and Adobo Marinated Fish cooked in banana leaves. Expect bold bursts of flavor from the intricate sauces like the rich Mole Poblano deepened by chilies and chocolate.

Bakery

Apple Annie's Bakeshop

910-799-9023, 910-256-6585, appleanniesbakeshop.com
Good luck controlling yourself in Wilmington's most breathtaking baked goods shop. If sweets are

your weakness, Apple Annie's decadent dessert cases lined with turnovers, cupcakes, and cookies will make all of your dessert dreams come true. Whether it's a random weekday pastry craving (regulars dig the airy coconut macaroons and fudgy mudslide brownies) or a special weekend occasion that calls for a raspberry swirl cheesecake—Apple Annie's won't let your sweet tooth down.

Barbeque

Jacksons Big Oak Barbecue

910-799-1581, jacksonsbigoak.com
A fixture of the Wilmington 'cue scene, Jackson's is no stranger to receiving praise for its unapologetically crunchy fried chicken, vinegar-doused pork, and life-changing banana pudding. The welcoming country dining room is rarely without a crowd of regulars blissfully chowing down on complimentary hushpuppies while waiting for their favorite southern plate to

arrive. Simple pleasures like stacked pulled pork sandwiches with tangy slaw are a must, but fall-off-the-bone ribs and peppery Brunswick Stew are equally as treasured. Can't get enough of the sauce? Grab a bottle for the road.

Breakfast Spot

Cast Iron Kitchen

910-821-8461, castiron-kitchen.com
Sweet tea in mason jars, memorable red eye gravy, and grits galore are the standard at this rustic Porters Neck brunch house. It takes one foot in the door to be charmed by Cast Iron Kitchen's funky charisma, and one bite of the outrageous Dirty South Biscuit (Guy Fieri-approved) with muenster and sausage gravy to fall in love. If pimento cheese and fried green tomatoes aren't your thing—farm fresh, lighter bites like the chopped salad and seasonal veggie sandwich might be.

Burgers

PT's Grille

910-392-2293, ptsgrille.com
When it comes to Wilmington's best old-fashioned burger and fries, PT's raised the bar twenty years ago and we've been bellying up to it ever since. With locations scattered all across town, this affordable local chain is always a convenient option when that craving for chargrilled beef strikes. The juicy, smoky handhelds are made-to-order and the crispy fries are hand-cut and impeccably seasoned. Tack on a freshly squeezed lemonade or an ice-cold pitcher of beer, and I'll meet you there.

Candy / Chocolate

Moonkissed Fudge

910-799-5793, moonkissedfudge.com
Let yourself fall into a frenzy of fudge inside Blue Moon Gift Shop where Moonkissed

turns out every ounce of their homemade product by hand-stirring each batch and using unparalleled ingredients. No packaged mixes in Moonkissed's world. Just superior Ghirardelli chocolate and a whole lot of love. Searching for a gift for your favorite dessert fanatic? Moonkissed's thoughtful, ornate packaging is just as lovely as their extensive flavor variety—vanilla pecan, coffee, and butterscotch to name a few.

Caterer

Middle of the Island

910-392-3593, middleoftheisland.com
Knocking out over 200 weddings annually, Middle of the Island has indisputably earned their ranking once again as Wilmington's top caterer. Their purple and yellow mobile kitchen is constantly cruising down the road loaded with heaps of their beloved mac and cheese. Not only are their services reliable, but they can practically cover any size function with their eyes closed (from corporate picnics to offices lunches to private fundraisers and beyond). MOI specializes in seafood and southern buffets cooked on-site, though always end up with the highest marks for their friendly, attentive waitstaff.

Coffeeshouse

Bespoke Coffee & Dry Goods

910-769-4088, [@BespokeCoffeeNC](https://www.instagram.com/BespokeCoffeeNC)
No matter how you pronounce it, there's no denying that Bespoke is one of Wilmington's most posh coffee houses. The earthy rows of succulents, elegant dry goods, and urban bohemian apparel adorning the walls give the bistro a city-like feel—but the yummy local pastries and North Carolina-based beans bring you right back to Wilmington. The baristas brew the Counter Culture Coffee with care, but

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also pour craft brews for the other kind of buzz.

Crab Cakes **Michael's Seafood Restaurant**

910-458-7761, mikescfood.com
If gloriously meaty, heroically creamy crab cakes make your mouth water, Michael's Seafood Restaurant should be your next meal. Faithful fans have been reveling in the freshness of this Carolina Beach hot spot for the past twenty years, and nothing seems to be changing anytime soon. The steamer pots and chowders are first-rate, but it's the golden, plump crab cakes with smoky roasted red pepper aioli that earned this coastal eatery its win.

Desserts **Kornerstone Bistro**

kornerstonebistro.com
With a full spread of Mediterranean delicacies for dinner, it might seem impossible to save room for dessert. But take one look at Kornerstone's enticing lineup—and you'll be begging for a to-go box for your lobster mac and a spoon for your Crème Brulee. The savory side of the menu is laden with lush Italian specialties and the sweets are just the same. The tart Torta Della Nonna is a light and lemony treat, and the espresso-infused Tiramisu is a piece of cake to devour. Speaking of—ask your server for the daily selection of Sugar Island Bakery slices.

Family Restaurant **Hops Supply**

910-833-8867, hopssupplyco.com
Wine on tap for the adults and

crunchy, hand-breaded chicken tenders for the little ones? What's not to like? Hops may be known for its extensive brew selection and gastropub vibe—but the thoughtful, yet familiar, American cuisine makes it an ideal landing zone for hungry families. The kid's menu is plentiful, but people of all ages are drawn to the fruitfully-topped burgers, colorful nachos, and delicately spiced mac and cheese.

Fine Dining **Portland Grille**

910-256-6056, portlandgrille.com
With standouts from barramundi and four cheese truffle-spiked local grits to North Carolina duck with honey-anise glaze—it's no wonder Portland Grille landed in our top spot for fine dining. Chef Shawn Wellersdick is a prodigy of progressive regional American cuisine, and it comes through on

every plate. PG's sophisticated ambiance mimics that of a classic supper club, and the undoubtedly ambrosial eats are some of Wilmington's finest fare.

Health Fare **Lovey's Natural Foods and Café**

910-509-0331, loveysmarket.com
Lovey's is Wilmington's one-stop shop for all things wellness. On the prepared foods front, this health-conscious café has plenty to delight in. Visit the hot and cold bars to build your own bounty of fresh, natural goodies (I'm a fan of the garlicky spinach Caesar) or grab a pre-made dilled tuna salad wrap with crunchy sprouts to take on the sand. If you're there to stock up, take your time browsing their colorful produce section, grass-fed meat and poultry options, vegan offerings, hair and skin products, and more.



Fresh tacos at
Tequila Comida
& Cantina.

Ice Cream

Heavenly Sweet

910-765-1113, heavenly-sweet-ice-cream-shop.business.site
When Peño Mediterranean grill owners Reema and Bassam Monsour realized that the adjacent donut shop was out for the count—they took the sweet matter into their own hands. Their new ice cream and sweets café, Heavenly Sweet, is now one of the Pointe at Barclay's premiere places to get your sugar fix. But it's not all cliché sundaes and banana splits. Heavenly Sweet doles out entirely house-made ice cream using local grass-fed dairy milk, vegan options with a coconut milk base, several varieties of acai and smoothie bowls, baked goods, and flaky, homemade baklava.

Lunch Spot

Blue Surf Café

910-523-5362, bluesurfcafe.com
Consistently noted for his homegrown cooking, chef Jon Webb has made it his mission to provide eclectic food served in a laidback, modern setting. His locally-motivated lunch menu (available counter-service style for efficiency) tempts diners with inventive sandwiches like mahi with mango salsa and the sriracha mayo-slathered meatloaf with house ketchup on brioche. Wash down Cali-style veg-friendly black bean burgers with one of Blue Surf's seasonal summer floats or infused lemonades.

New Restaurant

Junction 421

910-392-3490, junction421.com
Formerly Osteria Ciccheti, Junction 421 is Monkey Junction's newest neighborhood grill. Between the comfy booths, rustic brick walls, and chic blue-plate specials (pork shank and Boursin cheese risotto, anybody?)—421 screams

steakhouse vibe with a hint of southern flair. The North Carolina beer selection is plentiful and your food coma awaits once you've taken down the Short Rib Mac & Cheese with crispy bacon and fried onions. For a memorable starter, the Fried Pimento Cheese with tabasco syrup has a wonderfully fiery kick.

Organic Food

EarthFare

910-839-6384,
earthfare.com/wilmington

When it comes to organic foods at an affordable price, Earth Fare is unmatched. The new specialty supermarket (situated on Military Cutoff Road across from Mayfaire) is much more than a simple grocery chain. It's an educational mecca for how to live a healthier, more balanced lifestyle. Their pledge: food that's free of added hormones, artificial preservatives, antibiotics, and more. Scope out the hot bar for lunch and hit the coffee café when you need a pick-me-up.

Outdoor Dining

Fish House Grill

910-256-3693,
thefishhousegrill.com
The name says it all. This intracoastal seafood hub is complete with unrivaled waterfront views and the freshest catch around. Tucked onto Airlie Road (at the foot of WB's drawbridge), this summery spot has been an outdoor dining destination for decades. Stretch out on the breezy deck with a "Money Island" Shipwreck (NC whiskey, pineapple, and a Grand



Calamari at
Tarantelli's
Ristorante.

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Marnier floater) and indulge in a buttery Crab Melt while the boats zip by on the waterway.

Pizza

Pizzeria Il Forno

910-765-1226,

pizzeria-ilforno.com

Relish the bona fide taste of true Neapolitan-style pizza at Il Forno in Barclay Commons. Sip a chilled glass of vino on the sunny courtyard and dig into one of their crackly wood-fired pies. Their double zero flour dough—exquisitely thin, chewy, and soft—creates an airy, elastic crust. The Gorgonzola & Apple with figs is a sharp, sweet treat, and the classic Margherita with fragrant basil and gooey mozzarella will whisk you straight to Italy.

Raw Bar

Shuckin' Shack

910-833-8622,

theshuckinshack.com

Dote on a dozen oysters at this beachy raw bar where the rum cocktails are stout and the lemon-scented steam pots require several paper towels. Shuckin' Shack's downtown location recently moved a few blocks over, and the spacious new digs give patrons twice as much room to clink Corona's

and dunk juicy clams and tender snow crabs in melted butter.

The airy hushpuppies are a no-brainer and the signature lobster roll with spicy mustard remoulade is the number one selling sandwich.

Romantic Atmosphere

Freddie's Restaurant

910-458-5979,

freddiesrestaurant.com

For an intimate date night, set your sights on this quaint Italian eatery where the sauces simmer for hours and red-checked tablecloths decorate the humble dining room tables. Freddie's (a Kure Beach gem since '95) is famed for their Irish pub-like atmosphere, flawless martinis and enormous center cut pork chops. Start with the golden-fried calamari and then twirl your way through the succulent Shrimp Scampi over lemony pasta.

Salads

RuckerJohns

910-452-1212, ruckerjohns.com

This Carolina chain may be a whiz when it comes to chargrilled baby back ribs and Angus beef burgers, but they're just as often praised for their dynamic healthful combos. RJ's refreshing salad medleys

(like the seared ginger teriyaki tuna over mixed greens with apples, feta, and wonton strips or the crisp Cajun chicken with crunchy croutons) exceed all expectations—and the flaky, honey-butter croissants are worth every calorie.

Seafood

Catch

910-799-3847,

catchwilmington.com

Widely acclaimed for being a "feast for the senses," Catch unveils contemporary southern seafood in a whole new light. Chef and owner Keith Rhodes is a master of the surrounding sea and land (his hometown, after all), and he treats each

dish like a work of art. To share, his take on firecracker shrimp is a fearless blend of sesame-coconut, sriracha-cream and woody maple syrup. To keep for yourself: the Cast Iron Blackened Swordfish with smoked white cheddar grits and truffled eggs is a force to be reckoned with.

Seafood Market

Seaview Crab Company

910-769-1554,

seaviewcrabcompany.com

Immerse yourself in the abundance that the North Carolina ocean has to offer at Seaview Crab Company. More than just a grab-and-go market, this convenient retail shop is



Fine dining at its best at Port Land Grille.



Burgers your way at PT's Olde Fashioned Grille.

led by commercial fisherman, fishmongers, and dock hands who are beyond well-versed in the seafood industry. Branded by their friendly spirit and infinite knowledge, the staff at Seaview prides themselves on engaging and listening to the specific needs of each unique customer. Come cooler-ready, and they'll load you up with whatever you need to make your dinner a hit.

Service

Siena Trattoria

910-794-3002,

sienawilmington.com

The only thing better than the Seafood Pasta at Siena Trattoria—shrimp, clams, mussels, and salmon tangled with salty feta and artichokes in a white wine lemon broth—is the elite staff fluent in the restaurant's ins and outs. Regular guests loyally line up for the brick oven pizzas (The Chicagoan is a feast of sausage, 'shrooms, and extra cheese) and wafer-thin dessert crêpes—but are equally as impressed with the seasoned staff and insightful servers who always know just what to suggest.

Steakhouse

Port City Chop House

910-256-4955,

chophousesofnc.com

If a classic steak dinner is right up your alley, you'll understand why PC Chop House is a time-tested tradition that continues to reign supreme. This upscale steakhouse has all the right moves from the outdoor fireplace to the award-winning staff and—of course—the superior Certified Angus Beef and topnotch chops. Not sure where to begin? Let the experts help you choose your cut—like the thick Manhattan strip or bone-in ribeye. Classic sides and fresh seafood starters are also on point.

Sunday Brunch

Havana's

910-458-2822,

havasrestaurant.com

Wrap up your weekend with a hollandaise-coated blue crab benedict and a side of live tunes at one of Carolina Beach's best brunch havens. Havana's Sunday Funday is an accurate portrayal of what life is like on a tropical island: zesty Bloody Mary's garnished with jumbo shrimp, fried oysters over poached eggs, and Hot Rum Bananas Foster for Two. Be sure to try the fluffy omelets like the Summertime—popular among veggie lovers.

Sushi

Umai Thai Cuisine

Sushi Bar

910-821-8474,

umaiportersneck.com

On a mission to provide diners with a global eating experience, Umai only serves uniquely diverse noodle dishes, traditional Thai, and uncompromisingly fresh seafood. This Asian eatery (planted in Porter's Neck) has a menu that's rich with exotic dishes and vibrant, generously-portioned sushi. You'll be hard-pressed to choose between all of the specialty rolls, but the Big Monkey with red snapper, crab, and creamy sauce and the blazing hot Scorpion King with soft shell crab and fireball topping are always a party in your mouth.

Vegetarian

Epic Food Co.

910-679-4216, epicfood.co

With a name like "epic food," you expect to be blown away—and head chef and owner James Bain doesn't disappoint. Epic's lineup is a thoughtful array of healthy dishes centered around lean or vegetarian proteins over high fiber, high-quality ingredients. In the meat-free category, fan



Fresh food bar with cold and hot selections is open daily at Lovey's.

favorites include the Brussels with Hustle (greens, beets, goat cheese, and shaved sprouts with tart cranberries and white balsamic) and the spiced Black Bean Veggie Burger with BBQ sauce and vinegary slaw.

Waterview Dining

The Sailfish at Marsh Creek Marine

910-406-1055, thesailfish.net

Set against the stunning intracoastal waterway, The Sailfish invites you to pull up a chair (or boat), a crock of spiced shrimp dip, and enjoy the

views that they've been gazing at since the 80's. This casual waterview restaurant—located at the picturesque Marsh Creek at Scotts Hill Marina—is run by locals and loved by all. Nothing says vacation like fresh poke, and Sailfish transforms their version into ahi lettuce wraps with sesame oil, garlic, and ginger.

Best Nightlife

Bar

Cloud 9 Rooftop Bar

910-726-9227, cloud9ilm.com
Fire pits, summery sips, and sunset views from a riverfront rooftop bar? If that's not "cloud nine," I don't know what is. Perched atop Wilmington's newest Embassy Suites, this cozy lounge features live tunes on the weekends, tropical cocktails, ample taps pouring local brews, and a limited—though chef-inspired—menu of shareables. When the humidity strikes, cool off with a Summer in the City (a citrusy blend of housemade rosé sangria and lavender) and snack on a creamy lobster roll.

Club

Reel Café

910-251-1832, reelcafe.net
Whether your group wants to grab a bite on the outdoor patio, kick it for karaoke on the second floor, or let loose at a late-night dance party on the rooftop—Reel has your crowd covered. You can always count on a great time at this downtown staple where the oysters are fresh and the pints are frosty. For Sunday Funday, enjoy Reel's live music echoing down Front Street with a Fried Chicken BLT on an English muffin and a Bloody Mary whose price you can't beat.

Cocktail

Dram + Morsel

910-833-5999,
dramandmorsel.com

The Roudabush building is a rock star for many reasons, and at the top of the list (and the stairs) is Dram + Morsel. This crowd-pleasing cocktail joint makes a mean medley of Dim Sum (from Pork Kim Chi Egg Rolls to Sesame Seared Tuna Nachos), but are just as admired for their stirred and shaken creations. Spice up the night with the Tequila Katie (a citrusy marriage of mango cubes, jalapenos, and ginger liqueur) or keep it simple and classy with the Hibiscus Manhattan.

Craft Brewer

Ironclad Brewing

910-769-0290,
ironcladbrewery.com
This colossal two-story industrial building not only brings in thirsty hop-lovers, but piles in hundreds of guests for special events. A revitalized historic brewhouse that doubles as a wedding venue? What more could Wilmington beer enthusiasts ask for? Ironclad's brewers dabble in playful styles like their Heart of Atlantis Gruit (an ancient herbed ale) and put their spin on traditional varieties like lagers and IPAs. For a dessert-like sip, give the roasty, dark chocolately Peanut Butter Porter a try.

Happy Hour

Marina Grill

910-769-7974,
marinagrillwilmington.com
The only thing that makes happy

hour even happier is when it's spent waterside. Walk (or boat) right on in to one of downtown's best spots for after-work laughs and libations. Marina Grill's laidback vacation vibe gives lively bar-goers all the feels when they're looking to blow off some steam, snag a few sunset drinks, and take advantage of the five-dollar menu. Dare to try the Devil's Angel Eggs with fried oysters and sriracha if you're feeling sassy.

Late Night Menu

Jimbo's Breakfast & Lunch

910-799-2211
Home to some of Wilmington's wildest operating hours, Jimbo's is a shoe-in for having the best late-night menu around. This veteran diner greets their eager customers right about the time most folks are calling it a night. From 10 PM until just after lunchtime the following day (2 PM) the friendly staff slings scratchmade meatloaf, golden fried chicken, and nearly every southern side under the sun. Dying for a spinach and feta omelette at 3 AM? Jimbo's got you.

Pub Tavern

Whiskey Trail Pub & Grill

910-399-3266,
whiskeytrailssportspub.com
This mega chill Masonboro Loop beer-and-wings watering hole is a magnet for neighboring locals looking to kick back and relax. From sports on the big screens to Thursday trivia and weekly Texas hold'em competitions—Whiskey Trail's troop is always lively and the service is friendly. Chillax on the pub's porch with a pile of Philly Pierogis or score a quieter meal (like the Cusabi Tuna Wrap with creamy avocado) in the second-floor dining area.

Specialty Drinks

Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

910-399-6078, whiskeytf.com

Boozed-up milkshakes, boiler makers, and flavor-rich cocktails make up the magic behind Whiskey Tango Foxtrot. This hip, locally-owned social house's selection of over 90 whiskeys, 30 beer taps, and handcrafted drinks will quench any thirst. Imbibe in the mellow, refreshing Cucumber Cosmo with Tito's and white peach, or start your engine strong with something that includes one of their in-house enhanced spirits—like the Marooned with black vanilla-lavender-honey-infused rum.

Wine List

True Blue Butcher & Table

910-679-4473, weartrueblue.com
True Blue's full-rounded culinary adventure is only elevated by their impressive list of wines from all over the world. If you're there for the meat (many are), the boundless list of quality reds are sourced from Oregon to California to Argentina. Start your meal with a bubbly bite from Brut Rosé (the Jansz is a bright yet delicate, flowery little number) and then dry off your palate with a classic Italian varietal like Montepulciano d'Abruzzo from Tuscany.

Wine Store

Lighthouse Beer & Wine

910-256-8622,
lighthousebeerandwine.com
Though this beachy beer garden and market is celebrated for its well-stocked hops and flowing taps, vino enthusiasts know it's also a one-stop shop for upping your wine collection. Explore hundreds of distinct bottles or do yourself a favor and let their educated staff guide you through the gratifying world of grapes. They'll even order what you can't find in-store and ship what you can't carry. Save by buying bulk (15% off 12 plus bottles and 10% off 6 or more).

Cheers to you,
Wilmington!



Architect

Cothran Harris Architecture
910-793-3433, cothranharris.com
A full service architectural and interior design firm, Cothran Harris has designed a full range of projects, including private residents, apartment complexes, and commercial projects. The company's projects have been featured in numerous, noteworthy publications. At Cothran Harris Architecture, the focus is on the client, with careful attention paid to their architectural style and lifestyle preferences. Cothran Harris wants to ensure clients' homes meet their needs on the inside while instilling a sense of pride with the exterior.

Attorney

Melissa Gott, The Law Group
910-251-6088, lawgroupnc.com
With a dedication to providing "aggressive, passionate, and skillful representation," Melissa Gott, managing partner of The Law Group, earns this year's recognition for top local attorney. Gott's practice focuses on real estate, business law, family law, and estate planning. The Law Group prioritizes on focusing on their clients' needs and achieving the best legal outcomes for them. Gott is a graduate of Campbell University School of Law and actively involved in numerous community organizations.

Chiropractor

Friedman Chiropractic
910-350-2664, wilmingtonchiropractor.com
Dr. David Friedman of Friedman Chiropractic has been providing chiropractic care to the Wilmington area since 1989. Friedman Chiropractic specializes in treating back pain, neck pain, TMJ, and whiplash from auto accidents. Dr. Friedman has been called "chiropractor to the stars,"

having treated celebrities such as John Travolta, Jenny McCartney, and Paul Newman.

Dentist for Adults

Treman and Treman
910-795-2602, tremandental.com
Doctors Steve and Mike Treman offer comprehensive training in cosmetic dentistry, orthodontics, endodontics, and implant dentistry. With many years of experience involving the latest technology, including digitally assisted anesthesia, digital X-rays, digital 3-D imaging, and single visit aesthetic crowns and bridges, Treman and Treman is a top choice for adult dentistry in the Wilmington area.

Dentist for Pediatrics

Coastal Carolina Pediatric Dentistry
910-794-2266, ccpedo.com
At Coastal Carolina Pediatric Dentistry, pediatric patients receive a positive dental experience and outstanding oral healthcare. Doctors Dimock, Weinberg, and Cherry emphasize the importance of excellent oral health in a pleasant environment. The inviting reception area and ability to relax while watching kid friendly TV during oral exams sets patients at ease and makes the dental experience fun and welcoming.

Interior Designer

Susan Covington, Sac Art
910-262-8111
From private residences to commercial projects such as the Fish House Grill and Bridge Tender, Susan Covington of Sac Art is a local leader in interior design. Clients seek out Covington for her interior design expertise and keen eye for how colors, textures, and furnishings work together to create ambiance and reflect the style of the home or business owner. Covington also specializes in

residential remodels, additions, and commercial upfits, which involves working closely with a team of architects, contractors, electricians, and other professionals to achieve a common goal.

Pediatrician

Carolina Pediatrics of Wilmington
910-763-2476, carolinapedswilm.com
Started by Dr. Mary Forehand in 1989 and now offering offices in Wilmington and Hampstead, Carolina Pediatrics is known for their gentle, engaged, and professional pediatric care. Families appreciate their convenient walk-in hours for sick and urgent care as well as their nurse advice line.

Plastic Surgeon

Wilmington Plastic Surgery
910-933-0484, wilmingtonplasticsurgery.com
Among the most renowned plastic surgery practices in the Southeast, Wilmington Plastic Surgery features four board-certified plastic surgeons who are well trained and passionate about their work. Wilmington Plastic Surgery engenders trust and confidence from their patients, whether they are considering simple topical cosmetic procedures or more involved reconstructive surgeries. With more than three decades of serving the Wilmington area, Wilmington Plastic Surgery remains a leader in the plastic surgery industry.

Real Estate Agency

Intracoastal Real Estate
800-533-1840, intracoastalrealty.com
Since opening their doors in 1976, Intracoastal has grown to 14 offices with more than 400 agents throughout the Cape Fear

region. Intracoastal specializes in residential real estate, short- and long-term property management, and project development. With a commitment to outstanding marketing, client service, and follow-up after sales, Intracoastal derives more than half of their business from referrals.

Veterinarian

Porters Neck Veterinary Hospital
910-686-6297, portersneckvets.com
A family-owned business since 1999, Porters Neck Veterinary Hospital provides comprehensive animal care with compassion and respect. Husband and wife team Dr. Simmons-Resnick and Dr. Resnick and their team of veterinarians and technicians stay updated on the latest veterinary care and technology. In addition to veterinary services, Porters Neck Veterinary Hospital offers an on-site, temperature controlled boarding facility. At Porters Neck, pets are treated like family.

Wedding Planner

Social Butterfly Events
910-297-5837, socialbutterflyevents.com
Social Butterfly Events values getting to know their clients as couples and individuals in order to create a wedding event that reflects their unique personalities and love stories. Clients can sit back and relax while Social Butterfly Events handles all the details of the wedding plans, from flowers to fabrics to food. Social Butterfly Events leverages their industry experience and relationships with local vendors to bring together the perfect wedding events, whether you need full service planning and design or just day of coordination.

Best Service

Allergist

Allergy Partners of Coastal Carolina

910-763-1661, allergypartners.com/coastalcarolina
With the motto “Get tested, get treated, get better,” Allergy Partners of Coastal Carolina is the only board-certified allergy specialist practice in the Cape Fear region. Allergy Partners offer allergy testing and allergy shots, along with cutting-edge immunotherapy and biologic therapy. With multiple offices in Wilmington, Hampstead, Supply, and Whiteville, Allergy Partners can help you comfortably manage your allergies and asthma.

Assisted Living Center Cambridge Village

910-387-0465, cambridgevillageofwilmington.com
Situated on a pristine 10-acre site, Cambridge Village provides superior amenities, care, and services. Located within

walking distance of Mayfaire Towne Center, Cambridge Village offers a welcoming community where residents feel at home. Cambridge Village’s list of indoor and outdoor amenities is impressive, including a wellness center, on-site spa, medical facilities, and a movie theatre. With one and two-bedroom apartments with multiple floor plan options and high end finishing, Cambridge Village offers independent living at its finest.

Audiologist

Audiology of Wilmington

910-679-8721, audiologyofnc.com
Better hearing begins with Audiology of Wilmington, a comprehensive provider of hearing health care services for children and adults. Audiology of Wilmington offers unique, individualized patient care with the goal of improving patients’ quality of life through enhanced

hearing. They provide diagnostic hearing evaluations, hearing aid implementations, tinnitus treatment, and much more. With locations in Wilmington and Southport, Audiology of Wilmington is a trusted source of audiology care.

Bank

South State Bank

800-277-2175, southstatebank.com
Since opening as a small rural community bank in 1934, South State has grown into a large regional bank with locations throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia. South State provides a wide range of personal banking, personal lending, and online and mobile banking services. For businesses, South State offers banking and lending services as well as treasury management options. Homeowners can also obtain mortgage loans at competitive rates through South State.

Barre Studio

Pure Barre

910-679-8171, purebarre.com/nc-wilmington
Pure Barre’s low-impact, full-body exercise classes have generated a strong following. Their core classes of 45-50 minutes use the ballet barre and other light equipment in small isolated movements with the goal of creating long, lean muscles. In addition to barre classes, they offer additional classes with a special focus on abs, legs, and glutes. Clients also report that the classes enable them to destress and practice mindfulness.

Bowling

Cardinal Lanes

910-799-3023, bowlcardinal.com
A fun family atmosphere and reasonable rates keep Wilmington bowlers coming back to Cardinal Lanes. With multiple bowling leagues from beginning “pee wee” to experienced adult, Cardinal



Seapath Marina offers lots of dockage for boats big and small.

Lanes prides itself on bringing the fun of bowling to everyone. Choose between a rate based on lane time or enjoy one of their nightly specials, such as the “Friday Night Fever,” an all-you-can bowl weekly event.

Credit Union

Corning Credit Union

910-392-6688, corningcu.org
As a member owned, not for profit financial organization, Corning Credit Union puts their customers first. Clients appreciate their accommodating, professional, and accessible service, along with their wealth of products at competitive interest rates. In June 2019, Corning opened a new 43,000-square foot facility on 17th Street to better serve the credit union’s membership.

Daycare

Children’s Learning Center

910-251-0003, clcwilmington.com
With two convenient locations – one on Darlington Ave. and one on Medical Center Dr. – Children’s Learning Center provides a safe, fun environment where children learn and thrive. All CLC teachers, many of whom have taught for the school for numerous years, are committed to providing the best educational approach for each child’s growth and development. The curriculum takes a well-rounded approach to introducing children to the core subjects while offering enrichment opportunities such as art, music, and cooking.

Day Spa

Sage Salon & Spa

910-679-4377, sagespaandsalon.com
As the first certified green salon in Wilmington, Sage Salon & Spa provides a range of spa services in an earth-friendly environment. From hair to spa to nail services and more, Sage

offers outstanding service using the finest, eco-friendly products. Staff are known for being knowledgeable and attentive to clients’ needs. With its serene environment, Sage is the perfect environment for a full day of spa pampering.

Dermatology

Wilmington Dermatology Center

910-256-4350, wilmingtondermatologycenter.com
With a focus on “experience, passion, and patient care,” Wilmington Dermatology offers general, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology catered to the individual. Known for their skin care education, cutting-edge treatments, and personalized skin care regimens; Wilmington Dermatology remains “Wilmington’s source for comprehensive skin care.”

Dive Shop

Scuba Now

910-395-5111, scuba-now.com
Scuba Now has been providing the Wilmington area with all of their scuba needs since 2009. Scuba Now’s retail shop carries the latest brands in gear and accessories, including Atomic, Zeagle, and Bare. With a goal of making scuba diving affordable for all, Scuba Now offers a full open water scuba training program at an unbeatable price. In an effort to share their passion for diving with a wide audience, Scuba Now has provided more annual certifications than any other Dive Shop in the entire state.

Exercise Facility

O2 Fitness

910-239-1202, o2fitnessclubs.com
O2 was already a favorite of local fitness enthusiasts, but the company’s purchase of several former Gold’s Gym facilities only further solidified O2’s position as the area’s premier

exercise facility. O2 now offers five locations throughout Wilmington, including Mayfaire Town Center, Hanover Center, Longleaf Mall, Porters Neck and Racine Drive. All state-of-the-art facilities provide a full range of classes including yoga, body combat, and cycling. Additionally, clients can opt for personal training and complete gym facilities. O2 prides itself on creating a welcoming, motivating, and fun environment to work out.

Eye Care/Vision Center

My Eye Dr.

myeyedr.com
With five area locations, MyEyeDr. has become a trusted brand in the optometry industry. Comprehensive vision care services include routine eye exams, retinal imaging, contact lenses, and style tips. Check MyEyeDr.’s online “face shape” guide for prescription glasses that fit your visage. Known for friendly service and optometric expertise, My Eye Dr. remains a top choice for eye care in the Cape Fear region.

Financial Advisor

Merrill Lynch

910-265-7700, local.ml.com/wilmington_nc
Wilmingtonians trust the financial planning expertise of Merrill Lynch’s team of experienced financial advisors. From retirement planning to stock market investments to estate planning services, Merrill Lynch covers all your financial planning needs. Their service strategy is centered around identifying clients’ personal and professional goals as they work toward a plan to help customers achieve their long-term objectives. Merrill Lynch puts their vast industry knowledge and experience to work for their clients.

Flooring Company

Ed Newsome’s Hardwood Floors

910-791-9000, newsomefloors.com
Ed Newsome’s Hardwood Floors has been installing hardwood floors throughout the greater Wilmington area for more than 30 years. Recognized for excellent craftsmanship and service, Ed Newsome’s Hardwood Floors provides full installation of unfinished and prefinished hardwood flooring, stair treads, risers, and much more. Company management fully informs clients throughout the entire process of installing, sanding, and finishing each project. Clients rave about the professionalism and prompt service of Ed Newsome’s Hardwood Floors staff.

Florist

Julia’s Florist

910-395-1868, juliasflorist.com
Since 1989, Julia’s Florist has been creating stunning floral arrangements for their Wilmington area customers. A family-owned business, Julia’s provides original, creative, fresh flowers. They also deliver outside of Wilmington, such as Brunswick and Pender counties, including same delivery of fresh-cut flowers and gifts. A repeat winner in this category, Julia’s Florist is also one of the area’s top wedding florists with experienced wedding floral consultants on staff.

Frame Shop

The Frame Masters

910-799-6554, framemasterswilmingtonnc.com
The Frame Masters have been providing custom and ready-made frames for the Cape Fear region since 1970. The Frame Masters staff are creative artists able to create custom frames to showcase your photography, art, or other items. The right frame can transform

Best Service

a keepsake or piece of art, and The Frame Masters offers an incredible array of frames at affordable prices. Their experts can frame just about anything, including skateboard, golf clubs, and sports jerseys.

Funeral Home

Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Service

910-791-4444

Since opening their doors more than 80 years ago, Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Service has been planning thoughtful funeral and memorial services for the Wilmington community. Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Service develops funeral services that honor their clients' loved one's

memory with dignity. The staff guides and supports clients through the process of creating a memorable funeral or memorial event.

Golf Course

Porters Neck Country Club

910-686-8180,

portersneckcountryclub.com

For more than 25 years, Porters Neck Country Club has established itself as a challenging, well-designed golf course. This four star, Tom Fazio championship golf course has hosted many premier events, such as the Men's and Women's NC State Amateur, Mid-Amateur, and Senior Amateur tournaments.

Porters Neck invites all golfers to experience "coastal golf at its finest".

Heating and Air

Airmax Heating & Cooling

910-795-4359, airmaxhvac.com

A locally owned and operated company, Airmax Heating & Cooling specializes in providing reliable HVAC services throughout the Cape Fear region. With a focus on keeping the temperature of customers' homes and businesses comfortable throughout the year, Airmax's trained technicians provide heating and air installation, repair, and maintenance. Airmax Heating & Cooling serves customers seven days a week and also offers emergency and after-hours service.

Home Audio

Sound Decisions

910-392-1066, sounddecisions.biz

Sound Decisions, in business locally since 1989, can manage your residential audio needs, from state of the art home movie theatres for movie aficionados to distributed audio throughout your home for music lovers. To complement their audio work, Sound Decisions also provides home lighting and network systems. The expert team at Sound Decisions offer exceptional product knowledge and client service.

Homebuilder

RMB Building & Design

910-256-6326,

rmbbuildinganddesign.com

Cultivating a "hands-on

Corning Credit Union has been serving the Wilmington area for over 20 years.



approach and attention to detail,” RMB Building and Design works with clients in all stages of drafting, designing, and constructing new homes. After 30 years of building homes in the Wilmington region, RMB’s portfolio includes hundreds of custom builds in Landfall, Porters Neck, and Wrightsville Beach. RMB’s success has led them to be a repeat winner in this category.

Home Cleaning Service

Eloise’s Cleaning Services

910-294-9148, eloisecleans.com

As one of the area’s top cleaning businesses, Eloise’s Cleaning Services provides customized cleaning services for homes, rentals, and vacation properties. Eloise’s website offers a convenient checklist and booking system – simply select the level of service you desire, book online, and leave the rest to them. The company’s cleaning staff undergoes a thorough 12-step hiring process to ensure they hire and maintain the most credible and hardworking staff.

Home Security

Holmes Security Systems

910-483-1196, holmeselectricsecurity.com

Originating as Holmes Electric more than 100 years ago, Holmes Security Systems remains a family owned business today. Holmes Security Systems focuses on providing a full range of residential and commercial security services, including indoor and outdoor cameras, video solutions, and real time monitoring. Customers appreciate the Holmes team’s product knowledge and efficient and courteous service.

Hospital

New Hanover Regional Medical Center

910-667-7000, nhrmc.org
The largest hospital system

in the region, New Hanover Regional Medical Center provides a comprehensive array of healthcare services. For more than 50 years, NHRMC has served the residents of southeastern North Carolina through its main campus on 17th street, NHRMC Orthopedic Hospital on Wrightsville Avenue, NHRMC Emergency Department North on the Pender/New Hanover County border, and the management of Pender Memorial Hospital in Burgaw.

Hotel

Hotel Ballast

910-763-5900, hotelballast.com

After an \$8.5-million facelift, the Hilton Wilmington Riverside became Hotel Ballast, part of the Hilton’s Tapestry line of upscale hotels, in 2018. Renovations to the hotel’s guest rooms, pool, and meeting space have transformed the waterfront hotel with a nod to the Port City’s maritime history. In addition to the staple Ruth’s Chris Steak House, diners also have the option of new restaurant Board and Barrel Coastal Kitchen, which features Southern culinary dishes. With a prime location in the heart of historic downtown, Hotel Ballast wins top honors for Wilmington’s best hotel this year.

Insurance Provider

Owens Insurance Agency & Financial Services Inc.

910-392-1985, stephenowensagency.com
Owens Insurance Agency provides a full range of personal and business insurance, from homeowners and auto insurance to commercial and watercraft insurance. Since founding the company in 2000, Stephen Owens has been building long-term relationships with Wilmington policyholders. Offering in-depth industry knowledge and exceptional

service has kept Owens Insurance Agency at the forefront of the local insurance industry. Allow Owens Insurance Agency to ensure your assets, offering you peace of mind.

Kitchen & Bath

Markraft Cabinets

910-793-0202, markraft.com

For 30 years, Markraft Cabinets have been a market leader in the cabinet and countertop design and installation service industry. Markraft values providing high quality products, reasonable prices, and exceptional service. They don’t strive to merely satisfy customers -- they aim to amaze them, and their client reviews and referrals suggest they are exceeding this goal.

Landscaper

LowCountry Landscaping

910-200-1489, lowcountrylandscaping.com

LowCountry Landscaping wants to create and maintain your private outdoor paradise. They specialize in landscape design and installation, regular lawn maintenance, outdoor living spaces and hardscapes, and poolscape. With clients from Leland to Carolina Beach, Southport to Hampstead, and all points in between, LowCountry Landscaping continues to beautify landscapes and outdoor spaces throughout southeastern North Carolina.

Marina

Seapath Marina and Yacht Club

910-256-3747, seapathyachtclub.com

Located on Motts Channel, Seapath Marina and Yacht Club provides the full gamut of marina services, including long term dockage, transient dockage, diesel fuel, boat slip rental, and much more. At Seapath you’ll find first class

floating docks including 190 slips with 600 ft. of face dock. Seapath offers numerous amenities to make your docking experience more comfortable, such as shower facilities, laundry services, and a fully stocked store.

Mortgage Company

Union Home Mortgage

910-778-2375, unionhomemortgage.com
Legions of homebuyers have achieved homeownership with a mortgage from Union Home Mortgage. Committed to the belief that homeownership should be accessible for everyone, Union Home Mortgage provides a personalized experience involving finding the right mortgage options for clients’ individual situations. Union Home Mortgage attributes its success to the company’s core values of respect, open communication, and accountability.

Museum

Cameron Art Museum

910-395-5999, cameronartmuseum.org
A diverse collection of high-quality exhibits, engaging public programs, and unique educational opportunities make the Cameron Art Museum stand out as the region’s favorite museum. Browse the exhibits, take a class through the Museum School, or enjoy lunch in the beautiful café – there is a so much to experience at the Cameron.

New Neighborhood

Waterstone

910-233-8888, waterstonenc.com
Selected as a Showcase Community Partner by the homebuilders association, Waterstone is the only planned luxury waterfront community in the Wilmington area.

Best Service

Waterstone's amenities include an inviting pool and clubhouse complete with outdoor grilling area, numerous scenic spots with natural and man-made ponds and streams, and walking trails and bike paths. Located in sought-after Porters Neck area, Waterstone is within walking distance of the county's newest public elementary school, Porters Neck Elementary.

Orthopedics **EmergeOrtho**

910-332-3800,
orthowilmington.com
Formerly Ortho Wilmington, EmergeOrtho is a group of four independent orthopedic practices that teamed up to expand patients' access to quality orthopedic care. Offering specialized care, physical therapy, and the latest technologies, EmergeOrtho can handle all your orthopedic needs.

Pest Control

Jay Taylor Exterminating

910-218-9454,
jaytaylorexterminating.com
Founded by J.W. Taylor Sr. in 1941, Jay Taylor Exterminating is a family-owned business operated by four generations of the Taylor family. Jay Taylor Exterminating specializes in pest extermination and control with a focus on going above and beyond for their customer base. Whether contacting them for pest control, moisture control, or other services, clients can expect quick response times from highly trained technicians.

Pet Groomer

Trulie Dogs

910-681-0510, truliedogs.com
A full-service dog grooming salon and boutique, Trulie Dogs earns top honors in the pet-grooming category this year. After a warm welcome

into the salon, dogs can enjoy free play during their stay at the spa. Personalized service and a sincere effort to ensure all dogs are happy during their experience at Trulie Dogs set the salon apart. Additionally, Trulie Dogs' boutique carries dog food, treats, and accessories.

Pilates

Club Pilates

910-632-0690, clubpilates.com
Club Pilates boasts more than a full-body workout; the studio's range of classes that challenge your mind as well as your body provide a rich, fulfilling experience. With class levels that range from foundation to mastery, Club Pilates instructors teach effective form and alignment for a complete mind-body connection. Classes include interval training, cardio pilates, stretching, and much more, and newcomers are welcome to try their first class for free.

Plumbing

Port City Plumbing Supply

910-452-2482,
portcityplumbingsupply.com
A wholesale plumbing supply company, Port City Plumbing Supply is also open to the public and is Wilmington's best-kept secret for high quality, affordable plumbing products. The showroom features a wide range of plumbing products with knowledgeable staff to answer all of your questions. Port City Plumbing Supply sells many top brands, including Allen, Lasco, C-Tech, and much more.

Pool Company

Pool Specialist

910-395-5699,
wilmingtonpoolspecialist.com
Pool Specialist provides everything you need to keep your pool, hot tub, or spa

running. In business locally since 1978, Pool Specialist carries supplies, equipment, and treatments to ensure excellent pool quality. Their showroom of products is conveniently located on Oleander Drive. Additionally, Pool Specialist handles ongoing maintenance and repair of residential, commercial, and community pools throughout the area.

Private School

Cape Fear Academy

910-791-0287,
capefearacademy.org
Small class sizes, a 100% college acceptance rate, and a highly qualified, nurturing faculty have helped establish Cape Fear Academy as the premier independent school in southeastern North Carolina. With strong athletics, a thriving arts program, and challenging academics, Cape Fear Academy discovers and develops the individual potential of its students.

Salon/Barber for Men

Beale Street Barber Shop

910-769-0368,
bealestreetbarbershop.com
A unisex barber shop, music venue, vintage retail store, and art gallery, it is safe to say that Beale Street Barber Shop is one of the most unique businesses in Wilmington. Taking its name from the original Beale Street in Memphis, Beale Street Barber Shop's motto is "Come in and feel like a king". Men can enjoy a haircut and old-fashioned shave complete with a cooling face wash, hot towels, and a facial moisturizer.

Salon for Women

Wisp Salon & Spa

910-799-7699,
wispsalonwilmington.com
At Wisp Salon & Spa, clients can experience all the amenities of a large salon while still

enjoying the comfort and relaxation of home. Wisp provides a full array of hair and spa services, including haircuts, color, and waxing. In addition, Wisp offers hair and makeup services for brides and wedding parties, ensuring a stress-free, perfect look. Wisp aims for each customer to leave with a smile and boost of confidence.

Tax Preparation

Suggs & Company P.A.

910-256-4885,
suggscpa.com
A full-service accounting firm, Suggs & Company provides the gamut of tax management and accounting services for individuals and businesses. The company's professional and personal service extends to estate and trust planning, corporate accounting services, and financial record advising and evaluation, among many other services. Applying their industry expertise, the team at Suggs & Company strives to meet each client's needs and help them reach their financial goals.

Wedding Reception Venue

Airlie Gardens

910-798-7700,
airliegardens.org
The most popular location for a wedding reception in Wilmington goes to Airlie Gardens, with the lawn surrounding the iconic Airlie Oak as the top spot for a reception within the gardens. This large, open area provides plenty of space for a tented reception complete with dinner and dancing under the oak. The Pergola Garden and Minnie Evans Bottle Chapel are also a great spots for wedding ceremonies. This idyllic outdoor location can host wedding ceremonies and receptions from March through October.

Antiques

Uptown Market Antiques 910-686-0930

Spanning 12,000 square feet of vintage, coastal cottage, and industrial home furnishings, Uptown Market is a treasure trove of one-of-a-kind home furniture, décor, and gifts. Additionally, they carry clothing, artisan jewelry, and other accessories. Uptown Market is known for providing excellent customer service, also offering a home delivery service for your purchases.

Apartment Complex

Element Barclay Apartments

910-395-5145,
elementbarclay.com
Situated in midtown
Wilmington about 10 minutes
from downtown and 15 minutes

from Wrightsville Beach, the location of the Element Barclay is unmatched. Residents can grab a bite to eat and catch a movie at the Pointe at Barclay only a short walk from the apartment complex. Apartments feature updated flooring, high-end appliances and granite countertops, and spacious walk-in closets. A heated saltwater pool, a clubhouse with 24-hour fitness and a yoga studio, and a dog park are only a few of the numerous on-site community amenities.

Appliance Store

Atlantic Appliance

910-791-2222,
atlanticappliance.net
A family-owned business in
Wilmington for more than 70
years, Atlantic Appliance is

the area's premier appliance and hardware merchant. With more than 8,000 square feet, the flagship showroom on Kerr Avenue carries a wide range of trusted brands, such as GE, Whirlpool, and Monogram. Whether you are creating, replacing, or updating your dream kitchen, you will find an array of appliances and hardware.

Art Gallery

Eclipse Artisan Boutique

910-799-9883,
eclipseartisanboutique.com
Comprising its own floor of
Blue Moon Gift Shops, Eclipse
features the handmade, one-of-
a-kind work of local and regional
artists. A six-time winner in

this category, Eclipse showcases original paintings, photography, jewelry, custom-built furniture, sculpture, pottery, and an exclusive line of American-made alpaca bedding. The diversity of items presented at Eclipse sets it apart from a traditional gallery.

Bike Shop

Bike Cycles

910-256-2545,
bikecycleshop.com
Bike Cycles carries a fine
selection of curated new and
previously owned bikes from
brands like 3G, Sun, and Felt.
Their certified fit and repair
specialists can help you select
the right bike for you and keep
it road-worthy for the life of
the bike. Additionally, their



Coastal
selections at
Artee Fabrics
and Home.

Best Shopping

retail and online stores sell numerous products for bike enthusiasts. Want to try a bike before you buy? Bike Cycles also conveniently rents bikes.

Blinds, Shutters, & Window Treatments

Strickland's Blinds

910-762-0944,
stricklandsblinds.com
For more than 75 years, Strickland's has been Wilmington's go-to for window treatments. Strickland's 5,000 square foot showroom abounds with displays and samples of custom blinds, shades, and fabrics. Their extensive on-site selection allows customers to envision all of the window treatment possibilities in person. Their expert staff offers decades of industry experience, and all installers are full-time employees rather than subcontractors. Strickland's

also promises competitive pricing, quality products, and excellent service.

Boat Dealer

Boats Unlimited

910-681-0458, ncboats.com
Find the perfect boat to fit your lifestyle at Boats Unlimited. Located on north Market Street, Boats Unlimited's showroom features a wide variety of new and used boats, pontoons, and yachts along with parts and accessories. Their friendly and knowledgeable staff will help you make the right decision for your watercraft adventures within your desired budget. They offer financing options and a trade-in program for added convenience.

Bridal Boutique

Camille's

910-471-4212,
camilleswilmington.com

Camille's carries many of the most sought after bridal designers, including Stella York, Lillian West, and Mori Lee Blu, with a curated sample of the dresses they keep in stock on their website. They also carry a plethora of options for the whole wedding party, including dresses for the bridesmaids and flower girl as well as tuxedo rentals. With an alterations specialist on staff, Camille's can offer customized alterations for that perfect fit. They are open every day except Monday, and appointments are recommended but not required.

Bridal Registry Protocol

910-796-9595,
protocolgifts.com
From wedding planning to anniversary celebrations and other special events, Protocol values developing long-term relationships with their clientele. Their gift registry is a fine-tuned, well-planned service benefiting both wedding couples and guests. From complimentary gift delivery options to gift tracking and online registries, Protocol makes gift giving both fun and easy, enabling them to be a repeat winner in this category.

Car Dealership

Parkway of Wilmington

910-392-4888,
parkwayofwilmington.com
Parkway of Wilmington's extensive inventory of new and used Volvos, Hyundai, Subaru, and Genesis vehicles has made it a favorite local car dealership. Parkway boasts outstanding customer service from the moment customers step on the lot, to the financing approval process, to the time they drive off in their new vehicles. Additionally, Parkway's repair shop receives top marks for reasonable and attentive service.

Clothing for Kids

TUSC

910-679-8356, tusc.co
TUSC may be recognized as an upscale women's boutique, but did you know that they also carry high-quality clothing and accessories for babies and toddlers? The readers of Wilmington clearly knew, as they voted TUSC best kids clothing retailer in the area. TUSC's clothing lines are handcrafted by a curated selection of top brands and inspired by neutral tones and quality fabrics. With the motto "where the desert meets the sea," TUSC will outfit your children comfortably and stylishly.

Clothing for Men

bloke. Apparel & Supply

910-679-4137, blokeapparel.com
Since opening its doors in 2010, bloke. has been a repeat winner as Wilmington's top choice for men's clothing. With a wide array of apparel, shoes, accessories, and grooming products, Bloke stays ahead of trends and styles in modern men's fashion. Situated in the heart of downtown Wilmington, the shop is full of character. bloke. provides attentive customer service, staying attuned to the products most relevant to their client base.

Clothing for Women

Island Passage

910-762-0484,
islandpassageclothing.com
Island Passage has been carrying unique, fashionable women's clothing and shoes for more than 25 years. With locations in historic downtown, Wrightsville Beach, and Bald Head Island, clients know and trust Island Passage's boutique brands and stellar customer service. The largest Island Passage location in Bald Head carries a collection of surf



Lloyd Flanders
outdoor
furniture at
Leisure World.

lifestyle brands as well as BHI T-shirts and sweatshirts. Island Passage's sought-after brands include Free People, Z Supply, and Blank NYC.

Consignment Clothing Store **Hope Consignment Boutique**

910-679-4493,
hopeconsignment.com
Shoppers seeking boutique brands on a budget love Hope Consignment Boutique, located on Military Cutoff Road. Hope carries quality, name brand, gently used clothing at affordable prices. A family-owned business, the mother-daughter team at Hope Consignment provides personalized service to each and every customer who walks in their boutique.

Consignment **Furniture Store**

Home Again
910-679-4302,
homeagainwilmington.com
Update your home for less with the upscale new and gently used home furnishings at Home Again. Located in The Forum, Home Again carries a wide assortment of furniture and décor consigned from interior designers, model homebuilders, furniture stores, and individuals. Home Again's inventory changes daily, so the shopping experience is always different. Staff are knowledgeable, but low pressure, and their website and email lists are updated regularly with the latest inventory.

Fabric Store **Artee Fabrics**

910-686-2950,
arteefabricsandhome.com
Offering thousands of custom fabrics in stock, Artee Fabrics wants to help you make "your house feel like home." In addition to customizing your own home furnishings with their

fabrics, they also sell distinctive furniture, window fabrics, and bedding. With a wide range of styles and price points, Artee caters to any budget and style.

Fish & Tackle **Tex's Tackle**

910-791-1763,
texstacklerodsreelslures.com
A locally owned tackle shop since 1993, Tex's Tackle carries high quality fishing equipment and accessories. Their 6,000 square foot showroom features sought after brands of saltwater fishing reels, rods, lures, bait, and cast nets. Many local charter captains turn to Tex's Tackle for their fishing gear, due to the expertise and exceptional service of the tackle shop's staff. Can't make it to the shop in person? No problem – they can ship your order directly to you.

Furniture Store **Custom Home Furniture Galleries**

910-799-4010,
shopcustomhome.com
Custom Home Furniture Galleries' 50,000 square foot store showcases all types of furniture, including living room, dining room, bedroom, and outdoor furniture. This one stop furniture retailer carries all styles, from coastal to traditional to contemporary, in a range of price points to meet any budget. With financing plans and home delivery options, Custom Home Furniture Galleries' exceptional customer service drives repeat and referral client business.

Garden Center **The Plant Place**

910-791-9594,
plantplacewilmingtonnc.com
Don't let the small exterior to The Plant Place mislead you. As soon as you walk through their garden and gift shop, 37 greenhouses will surround you.

With more than four decades of experience, the expert staff at The Plant Place can help you find the perfect plants and accessories to build your ideal garden. The many long term clients at The Plant Place seek advice on everything from finding the right flowers for sun or shade to repotting plants.

Gift Store

Crabby Chic
910-799-4216, crabbychic.com
From coastal-inspired furnishings to lamps and original artwork, Crabby Chic specializes in home accessorizing and unique gifts. With a motif of sea stars throughout the store, Crabby Chic's environment is unmistakably coastal and warm. If you're looking for creative input on home décor or innovative gift ideas, reach out to their knowledgeable consultants. They carry several top brands for gifts and home furnishings, such as Resolve candles and Echo of the Dreamer jewelry.

Home Accessories Store
Nest Fine Gifts & Interiors
910-256-6378, nestfinegifts.com
Located in The Forum, Nest Fine Gifts & Interiors prides itself on its warm, inviting environment specializing in unique home furnishings. Nest's

team of interior designers stay abreast of trends to curate an eclectic selection of furniture, home accessories, art, wall coverings, and lighting fixtures. The store's cozy, home-like atmosphere coupled with the staff's expert knowledge of home décor makes Nest the ideal shopping experience.

Jeweler

Albert F. Rhodes
910-313-6935, albertfrhodes.com
From their humble beginnings as a modest watch repair shop on North Second Street in downtown Wilmington, Albert F. Rhodes has evolved into one of Wilmington's premiere providers of fine jewelry. Albert F. Rhodes sells a wide range of fine jewelry, including rings, necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. Styles run the gamut from traditional to contemporary to suit all tastes. In addition to their in-house jewelry inventory and custom design services, the Rhodes team can also repair your jewelry on site.

Lighting Store **Butler's Electric Supply**

910-762-3345,
butlerselectricsupply.com
Supplying the Carolinas with electrical and lighting services since 1948, Butler's Electric Supply is a staple of the local lighting industry. Butler's

All the gear you
need to get outside
at Great Outdoor
Provision Co.



Best Shopping

Electric Supply has steadily progressed over their decades in business. Their business location on Castle Street has expanded four times, with the current showroom providing the largest inventory in the area with 2,000 lighting fixtures on display. Butler's Electric Supply is known for professional and knowledgeable customer service and a fleet of six trucks ready to deliver orders throughout the region.

Lingerie

Pink Hope

855-765-4673, pinkhope.com
An intimate mastectomy product boutique, Pink Hope offers a ray of light for local breast cancer patients. Pink Hope carries an array of post mastectomy products, including post operation camisoles, bras, swimwear, lingerie, and accessories. Pink Hope invites customers to make appointments for private, professional fittings with their board certified staff, and they also offer in home consultations.

Motorcycle Dealership

Carolina Coast Harley Davidson

910-791-9997, carolinacoasthd.com
Carolina Coast Harley Davidson is the motorcycle aficionado's mecca, with everything you need to buy, rent, or service a motorcycle all within one large dealership, service center, and store. They carry men's and women's gear, apparel, and gifts. Carolina Coast also offers financing and the option to try a bike before you buy it.

Outdoor Furniture

Leisure World

910-392-7748, leisureworldcasual.com
A family-owned business,

Leisure World carries a large inventory of outdoor furniture to transform your outdoor living space into a perfect oasis to enjoy with family and friends. The friendly, knowledgeable staff, well-designed and durable products, and competitive prices have made Leisure World a Wilmington favorite for more than 30 years.

Outdoor Outfitters

Great Outdoor Provision Co.

910-343-1648, greatoutdoorprovision.com
Founded in 1972, Great Outdoor Provision Company is an expert retailer for all things necessary to enjoying life outdoors. Their product selection spans camping, hiking, fishing, and kayaking clothing, gear, and accessories. Great Outdoor's customer service philosophy is to treat you like their neighbor, with personalized service that invites customers to interact closely with their products.

Pet Store

Unleashed

910-256-2128, unleashedmutt.com
Located next to Lovey's in the Landfall Shopping Center, Unleashed specializes in high-quality products for dogs and cats. They offer a large selection of treats, toys, leashes, collars, and more. Does your dog need a bath but you don't want to deal with the hassle at home? Unleashed has a self-serve dog wash area in the store; they provide everything you need for the bath except the dog. Unleashed also hosts pet rescue organizations, and they have a free meeting space for animal-oriented events.

Shoe Store

Omega Sports

910-762-7212, omegasports.com



Beautiful flowers decorate the entry to Lumina Station.

Omega Sports specializes in shoes and apparel for an array of sports, including running, basketball, soccer, and much more. Founded in Greensboro in 1978, Omega Sports operates stores in 14 North Carolina communities. Omega Sports' staff are experts in gait analysis and technical shoe fitting to provide customers with the perfect shoes. Unparalleled service and product knowledge in a small store environment sets Omega Sports apart from the competitors.

Shopping Center

Lumina Station

910-256-0900, luminastation.com
The charming ambiance, inviting landscaping, and unique collection of locally owned businesses make Lumina Station a one-of-a-kind shopping experience. With a design concept inspired by the Wrightsville Beach dance pavilion Lumina, the shopping center features rocking chairs, whimsical sculptures, and storybook bridges. Everything from designer boutiques to day spas to exercise facilities to restaurants can be found within one convenient location.

Surf Shop

South End Surf Shop

910-256-1118, southendsurf.com
As the name implied, South

End Surf Shop is situated on the south end of Wrightsville Beach. South End Surf Shop carries well-known brands of surfboards, skateboards, body boards, and stand up paddleboards, such as Bing, Rusty, and Carver. They also sell male and female surf wear and accessories. Explore Wrightsville by renting surfboards, stand up paddleboards, body boards, bikes, and kayaks at South End. Most options can be rented for a half-day or full day. If you are new to surfing or stand up paddle boarding and want to see what they are all about, try one of South End's private or group lessons.

Swimwear

Redix

910-256-2201, redixstore.com
While Redix sells everything from beach apparel to fishing tackle to Wrightsville Beach souvenirs, locals know Redix as a great destination for swimwear. Redix carries swimwear for women, men, and children in sought-after brands such as Southern Tide. Conveniently located on Causeway Drive in Wrightsville Beach, Redix is the go-to spot for beach accessories and swimwear.