

NEWPORT

## Give & Gather

Community is key at this Carteret County brewery, where friendly faces and a charitable spirit bring people together, one beer at a time.



The mural outside Lindsay and Matt Shortway's brewery was drawn by local artist Erica Rosa and painted in by more than 200 volunteers.



THE SUN GLOWS ON THE yellow pine paneling inside Newport's Shortway Brewing Co., which was formerly a 1950s soda shop. Friends, families, running clubs, and beer aficionados sit at picnic tables scattered around the room and in the beer garden, sipping pints of Down East IPA, Lookout Blonde, and a rotating cast of nearly a dozen brews. (There's always an original craft soda, too, like strawberries and cream.)

That sense of community is the way Matt and Lindsay Shortway, who opened the brewery in 2017, prefer it: After seven moves in 10 years of marriage, the military couple chose to establish their business and family in Newport because of its friendly people. "We wanted to open a business

in a community that we could actually contribute to," Matt says.

Mission accomplished. The brewery now has a full-time outreach coordinator, who works with other Newport businesses and community organizations to create events such as a pig-pickin' fund-raiser, which helped renovate the town's basketball court. Now, as the state continues to recover from the effects of Covid-19, Matt hopes that the brewery will be able to keep North Carolina dollars spent on North Carolina beverages.

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