

2023 general Schedule for Information and Announcements:

SUNDAY

5 p.m. “The Weekly News Summary”

DAILY

11:30 a.m. Event PSAs

8 a.m. Activities of the Day

9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative Messages and
Tips

10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. This Day in History: Shipwrecks, Events, and Music

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1:30 p.m. Dare County messages

7 p.m. Night Skies

:15 and :45 Station Announcements

Emergency Bulletins:

As we receive them and at the top of every hour.

Announcements at :15, :30 and :45

NEWS:

Weekly News Summary for December 17, 2024

On Saturday, December 9, the 32nd annual Hatteras Village Christmas Parade and sunny weather brought people together for a festive time.

About 30 parade entries marched NC 12 for the 2023 event.

The parade kicked off with the Dare County Sheriff and the signature Conner's Supermarket vintage Jeep. The Cape Hatteras Secondary School Marching Band set a fun pace for the parade.

The parade featured fire trucks from the island's volunteer fire departments, boats from the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and a couple of vintage cars. A team of reindeer-themed bikes were dashing.

The parade ended – as it traditionally does – with Santa Claus waving to the crowd from the back of the Hatteras Village Volunteer Fire Department truck.

Winners were Surf & Sound with a Grinch theme; Midgett Realty with Barbie and Ken; the Cape Hatteras Secondary Marching Band. Best Golf Cart went to Risky Business Seafood.

Go to Island Free Press for a photos of the parade.

Big Crowd

Shuck Hatteras drew a large crowd to the KOA Resort in Rodanthe Saturday, December 16.

Sunny skies, low wind and sixty bushels of oysters brought the crowds. Numerous vendors set up tents to display wares. Kids had a great time jumping on the big pillow.

This year's beneficiary is Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station. In addition to all-you can eat oysters for a price, musicians played into the evening.

Don't drive drunk

December is National Drunk and Drug-Impaired Driving Prevention Month.

The Governor's Highway Safety Program is partnering with local law enforcement now through January 1, 2024, for the annual Booze It and Lose It Campaign to raise awareness about the dangers and consequences of choosing to drive while impaired.

Business news is about mortgage interest rates

The real estate market is the focus of this month's business report.

Essentially, writes Tom Hranicka, Radio Hatteras business correspondent, the major market indicators showed very little change from October with one major exception.

Mortgage interest rates, which had been rising all year, took a significant downturn in November.

A 30-year mortgage fixed interest rate had risen to nearly 8.0 percent. In one month, the current rate declined almost one percent to a current rate of 7.03 percent. This is basically the same rate that was in effect last December.

Lower interest could serve as a stimulus to increased sales since a less interest make property more affordable for buyers. Writes Hranicka, "there is some reason for optimism that mortgage interest rates may continue to decline in the months ahead."

During November, the number of properties for sale declined slightly from 95 to 85. This was still the second highest inventory of houses so far this year.

The average selling price during November was \$589,788 with a median selling price of \$566,500.

The market for undeveloped lots on the island recorded declines in the number of sales during November. Average and median selling prices for the year were nearly 20 percent above the levels reported for 2022.

Chicken bites recalled

Simmons Prepared Foods Inc., a Van Buren, Arkansas, establishment, is recalling about 26,550 pounds of TGI Fridays boneless chicken bites products that may be contaminated with extraneous materials, specifically pieces of clear, hard plastic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced.

The boneless chicken bites items were produced on October 3, 2023. The following products are subject to recall: a 15-ounce carton containing "TGI FRIDAYS BONELESS CHICKEN BITES HONEY BBQ CHICKEN" with lot code KL3K03 and Best By date of 12/26/2024 located on the side of the carton.

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "P-20287" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to retail locations nationwide.

The problem was discovered when the firm notified FSIS that it had received consumer complaints reporting that clear, hard plastic was found under the breading of the boneless chicken bites.

Cape Hatteras men report on 2023

In 2023, Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men helped many families with food, rent, utilities, medical costs, and other emergency needs. Most requests for emergency and humanitarian assistance originate with the Dare County Department of Social Services. In addition, Hatteras Island Meals reports to the men's organization for assistance with the needs of their clients.

In 2023, Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men:

- Served over 125 families (300+ people) monthly from their food pantry.
- Paid the rent and/or utilities for families with temporary financial crises.
- Restored heating and air conditioning for families without the means to do so.
- Purchased or provided good, used appliances for several individuals. Some examples: a grandmother keeping four grandchildren who only had a microwave for cooking; a grandmother undergoing cancer treatment, who loves to cook, but couldn't fix her traditional Thanksgiving meal for lack of a working stove; and an elderly woman with only a clothesline for drying clothes.
- Paid dental bills for several individuals who were suffering from dental issues but couldn't afford treatment.
- Repaired leaking roofs, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and other problems for many in need.
- Paid the copay and travel expenses for a senior woman to receive eye surgery that restored the sight in one of her eyes.
- Purchased tires and paid for auto repairs for a working single mom whose car was unsafe and had failed inspection.
- Restored a donated vehicle and helped purchase another for two separate families desperate for a means of transportation.

This past year, the organization started another important community project: installing outdoor electric lifts to help those who are housebound because they can no longer safely use the outdoor stairs at their elevated homes.

Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men recently finished its eighth installation.

The organization will be celebrating its 46th year of service in 2024, and donations and support are continually needed on a local level to keep all initiatives going strong.

The public can donate via the organization's website at Hatteras Methodist Men dot org or by checks mailed to Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men at P.O. Box 1591, Buxton NC 27920.

Sailboat moved

Removal of a sailboat grounded just south of Oregon Inlet was accomplished Friday, Dec. 15. The boat, with its mast clearly visible from NC 12, grounded November 5.

No injuries occurred when the 30-foot long vessel grounded.

The U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service coordinated with the owner of the vessel to remove it from the beach, and to take care of any hazardous materials that needed to be cleaned up.

The removal included cutting a temporary breach in the dune line to move the sailboat closer to N.C. Highway 12. The sailboat was loaded on a low-boy for the journey to Wanchese.

Monday's trash collection may be cancelled, depending on weather

Due to forecasted adverse weather conditions, Dare County Public Works has announced that trash collection scheduled to take place on **Monday, December 18, 2023, in Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras** could potentially be impacted.

Public Works crews intend to make every effort to perform trash collection in these areas; however, if conditions become dangerous for drivers due to high winds and road hazards, trash collection will not occur.

Forecasted high winds have the potential to overturn trash cans, so residents whose homes are located in these areas are advised to properly secure their cans before inclement conditions begin impacting the area — or to consider postponing placing their cans at the curbside until the second scheduled pickup of the week, which will take place on Thursday, December 21, 2023.

Dare County Schedule for Christmas holiday

All Dare County offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 26, and Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

The Dare County C&D Landfill, Buxton Transfer Station and Manteo Recycle Yard will also therefore be closed the same three days. These sites will reopen on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023.

Dare County Public Works—which provides trash collection for the unincorporated areas of Dare County—has announced a revised collection schedule in observance of the 2023 Christmas holiday as follows.

There will be one residential pickup per area during the week of Christmas, which runs from Monday, Dec. 25 through Friday, Dec. 29, 2023

On Monday and Tuesday, no trash collection.

On Wednesday, commercial trash only

On Thursday, Dec. 28: Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras

Friday, Dec. 29: Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon

Commercial trash collection will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 29, 2023.

Volunteer for Christmas Bird Count set for December 27.

On December 27, volunteers will once again participate in the 42nd annual Hatteras Island Christmas Bird Count as part of a nationwide initiative launched in 1900 to assess bird populations in the United States and Canada.

Organized by the National Audubon Society, this event has expanded globally, involving tens of thousands of volunteers during the winter holiday season across over twenty countries. In the Outer Banks, three additional counts take place in December in Kitty Hawk, Pea Island, and Ocracoke Island. The Hatteras count uses a 15-mile wide circular zone designated as the "count circle." This local circle spans from Hatteras Inlet to Buxton, encompassing adjacent ocean and sound waters.

Volunteers, assigned to specific tracks within the circle, and equipped with binoculars, spotting scopes, and official tally sheets, meticulously count every bird of every species seen or heard, with compiled sightings submitted after sunset.

Over the years, the data collected has revealed population trends and assisted in directing conservation efforts. It has also provided insights into the range of migratory species.

For instance, the local count has identified a robust population of ruby-throated hummingbirds overwintering on Hatteras Island, defying the typical migration to Central America. Buxton Woods is now recognized as the northern limit of wintering Ovenbirds, a ground-dwelling warbler usually found from Florida to South America during the cooler months. Additionally, the area's geographical uniqueness often leads to the discovery of rare bird species.

Volunteers with binoculars and some field bird-watching experience are encouraged to join the Hatteras count. Interested individuals can contact Pat Moore at pat_neal@aol.com or call 252-995-4777.

Radio Hatteras Christmas lineup

Here's the lineup for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve on Radio Hatteras.

On Christmas Eve at noon, the radio station will play Christmas music through Christmas Day until midnight.

Also on Christmas Eve, Radio Hatteras presents Christmas Truce at 9 in the morning.

From 6 in the evening to 11 o'clock, Radio Hatteras will present Christmas stories at the top of each hour.

At 6 o'clock: Christmas Carol Singers

At 7 o'clock: Nightmare before Christmas

At 8 o'clock: Christmas ABC poem

At 9 o'clock: Christmas Truce is repeated

At 10 o'clock: Christmas Drum of Rodanthe

At 11 o'clock: Night Before Christmas

And on New Year's Eve, Radio Hatteras presents Around the World in music at the top of every hour.

We're telling you about the Christmas and New Year's schedule because the volunteer Radio Hatteras news crew is taking the next two Sundays to spend time with family and friends. We'll be back with our news show January 7 in 2024.

Now Merry Christmas to all. Thanks so much for listening and for your support this year. Be safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, December 10, 2023.

Severe Weather coming

The National Weather Service has issued a series of advisories about tonight's weather.

Here's the summary:

A strong cold front will impact eastern North Carolina today into Monday morning. This is a multi-hazard event. Impacts from this system including localized flooding, gusty winds, a few strong to severe thunderstorms, dangerous marine conditions, and limited coastal impacts. The strongest storms could be bring isolated tornado threat.

The strongest winds and coastal flood threat will peak during the late overnight hours to early Monday morning.

At 10 o'clock this morning three advisories were in place. Here are the details:

A wind advisory is in effect starting at 7 tonight. South winds will become west at 20 to 30 miles per hour with gusts up to 50 miles per hour. In Rodanthe, wind gust is pegged at 55 miles per hour.

A high surf advisory is in place from 10 tonight to 4 o'clock Monday morning. Large breaking waves of 6 to 10 feet are expected in the surf zone south of Cape Point.

And a coastal flood advisory is in effect from 1 o'clock tonight to 8 tomorrow morning. Up to 3 feet of inundation above ground level is expected mainly around and north of Salvo. Minor inundation of NC 12 possible on Pea Island.

Water levels will rise very rapidly as the very strong cold front crosses the sounds before dawn Monday morning. Water levels may increase by three feet within an hour.

If travel is required, allow extra time. Do not drive around barricades or through water of unknown depth.

In Rodanthe, the rain started round 10 this morning. The prediction is for two to three inches in Rodanthe and three to four in Frisco.

Dangerous marine conditions exist across all waterways.

Candidate filing

Candidate filing in the 2024 elections is now underway. The filing period ends at noon on Friday, December 15, 2023.

Primaries will be held March 5.

This is a list of candidates who have signed up to run for the boards of commissioners and school board in Dare County as of December 8.

Dare County Board of Commissioners:

District 1:

Wally Overman, Manteo. Republican.

Carson Creef, Wanchese. Republican.

District 1:

Unexpired term of Jim Tobin:

Bea Basnight, Manteo. Republican.

Mike Burrus, Wanchese. Republican.

District 2:

Robert L. Woodard Sr., Kill Devil Hills. Republican.

Christian Thomas Haywood, Kill Devils Hills. Republican

Katie Morgan, Kill Devil Hills. Democrat

District 3:

Steve House, Southern Shores. Republican.

District 4:

Aida Havel, Democrat, Salvo.

Mary Ellon D. Ballance, Republican.

Board of Education.

At Large: David Twiddy, Manteo. Republican.

District 1:

Justin Bateman, Wanchese. Republican.

District 4:

Kenny Brite, Avon. Republican.

Check your shelves for Apple Cinnamon Puree

Dare County Department of Health and Human Services advises residents and visitors that a product which had been voluntarily recalled due to elevated levels of lead has been available for purchase on shelves in a Dare County Dollar Tree until Friday, December 8, 2023.

The Food and Drug Administration was made aware that a recalled WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Puree product was still on shelves at Dollar Tree stores in multiple states, including North Carolina. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services began working with local public health agencies and emergency managers to assess Dollar Tree's recall effectiveness. As a result of this partnership, an Environmental Health Specialist from Dare County Department of Health & Human Services visited all Dollar Tree locations on Friday, December 8, 2023 to ensure the product was no longer available for purchase.

Consumers should check their homes for WanaBana, Schnucks, or Weis-brand apple cinnamon pouches and discard these products. They should not be eaten, sold or served.

To properly discard the product, consumers and retailers should carefully open the pouch and empty the contents into a trash can before discarding the packaging to prevent others from salvaging recalled products. Clean up any spills after discarding the product and then wash your hands.

Most children have no obvious immediate symptoms of lead exposure. If there's suspicion that a child may have been exposed to lead, parents should talk to their child's healthcare provider about getting a blood test.

Hatteras ferry continues to run on amended schedule

The Hatteras-Ocracoke Ferry operation is still running on an amended schedule with ten departures a day from Hatteras and Ocracoke. The ferries are using a new route, Rollinson Channel, while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducts emergency dredging efforts in the traditional ferry channel known as Barney Slough (Slew). The new route adds 20 minutes to the ferry ride. Call 252-996-6000 for more information.

Hatteras Crime

Last Sunday, an hour after this news show, Dare County Sheriff deputies conducted a traffic stop near Ramp 32, north of Avon. Probable cause to search was determined. That search located a felony amount of marijuana which was seized. Open containers or alcohol were seized.

Lori Louise Dale, 58, from Avon, was charged with felony possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver a Schedule Six Controlled Substance and misdemeanor driving while impaired, possession of marijuana paraphernalia and open container, speeding, and vehicle registration violation. Dale was given an \$18,000 secured bond.

It was two for three on Buxton basketball court

In Buxton, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2023, Cape Hatteras Secondary varsity girls and junior varsity boys won over Manteo, while the Manteo varsity boys claimed a big win on the basketball court.

Cape Hatteras varsity girls tromped Manteo 47-27 with shooting by Abby O'Neal and put backs by Elizabeth Fairbanks, who scored 10.

O'Neal was the game's top scorer with 15.

In the junior varsity contest Cape Hatteras won 44-36. Half-time score was 22-19 Cape Hatteras. The teams both shot for seven points in the third. Cape Hatteras scored 15 points in the final quarter with Manteo only scoring 9. High scorer for the game was Trae Wyatt with 14 points.

Manteo varsity boys crushed Cape Hatteras 52-39. The first half belonged to Cape Hatteras. At the end of the first the score was 14-13. Cape Hatteras increased the lead to three points at the half 24-21.

But the second half was all Manteo. In the third quarter, Manteo won the game limiting Cape Hatteras to four points while piling up 19 for a quarter score at 40-28.

This was the last home games of the year. Cape Hatteras plays in Camden December 13 and in Pungo December 15, which are the last games of 2023 for the Hurricanes.

Congratulations

At the Duck Fire Department's annual awards and holiday celebration, career firefighter Cameron Whitaker from Hatteras Island received awards for Firefighter of The Year and the Chief's Award. He received his five-year service pin. Congratulations.

Upcoming Events

School board meets Monday

The Dare County Board of Education will meet in special and regular sessions on Monday, December 11 at 4 o'clock, at the Dare County Administration Building, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo.

The purpose of the special, closed meeting is for the Board to consult with the Board's attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege; to consider confidential personnel matters; to prevent the disclosure of confidential information; and to consider confidential student matters.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board follows at 5 o'clock and will be streamed live on the Dare County Schools website at dare to learn dot org. The agenda is now posted

Band concert December 12

On Tuesday, December 12, all bands at Cape Hatteras Secondary School will present a Winter Concert, a premier showcase for band students. The free concert starts at 6 o'clock in the Buxton campus auditorium.

Holiday lights in Frisco

Check out the Holiday Lights display at the Frisco Woods Campground.

The light display is up through December 15 and open from 5 to 9 o'clock each night.

The \$5 per car donation benefits the completion of the sidewalk in Frisco and Buxton.

Shuck Hatteras Two happens this weekend

Shuck Hatteras Two is slated for Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16 at the Cape Hatteras/Outer Banks KOA Campground Resort, in Rodanthe.

On Friday, the Shuck Off opening party runs from 5 to 8 o'clock and is presented by Kinnakeet Oysters. Live music from the band Hot Sauce is slated.

On Saturday, the festival opens at noon with live music and the Merry Muse Market featuring art and craft vendors. That's free and open to the public.

The Oyster Cookoff runs from 1:30 to 3:30. Registration with a fee of \$25 is still open. Last year, Sam Garrity of Waves Market and Deli won. The People's Choice award went to the Inn on Pamlico Sound. Independent chef Matt Royal won the Most Creative Oyster award.

At 3 o'clock, a new feature starts. The Sprint for Spat – 100 Meters to Glory is sponsored by the Barrier Island Group. Participants can run, dash, dance, walk from the starting line. At the turnaround, the racers will down an oyster shooter made with vodka, an oyster and hot sauce.

Registration for \$20 is online at runsignup.com until 11:59 p.m. Friday night.

At the same time, at 3 o'clock, the all you can eat Oyster Roast starts. Tickets are \$30 now online and \$40 on the day of the event.

Ticket sales benefit Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station and Historic Site in Rodanthe.

Live music and the roast end at 11 o'clock.

Be safe out there. Be very careful in this storm. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary Sunday, November 19, 2023.

New pathway to Cape Hatteras Lighthouse started

On November 15, a long held dream came to be at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

On that day, a groundbreaking was held to build a 1 and a quarter-mile-long, mostly 10-foot wide paved, multi-use pathway that stretches from NC 12 to the lighthouse via the 1999 lighthouse move path and to the Old Lighthouse Beach Access.

All along the route are stakes with pink tape flying which mark the center line of the pathway route. Orange tape marks the limit of pathway pavement.

Along with pathway construction, Terra Site Constructors, the chosen contractor, will also fabricate educational exhibits for several locations. The pathway along the move route will be 12 feet wide. At various spots along the move route, medallions will be placed in the concrete pathway to indicate how far the lighthouse moved on a particular day.

Small plazas are designed at the beginning and end of the move pathway for additional information. The contract is for \$3.2 million.

Outer Banks Forever raised \$360,000 to close the funding gap. Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative provided \$30,000 which paid for the design of the pathway. This portion of pathway funding is traditionally the hardest to come by. Others contributing substantially are REAL Watersports, Outer Banks Visitors Bureau, Vacasa, and Carolina Brewery. This is a resilient project. The pathway will be "high and dry" even with 12 feet of sea level rise.

Construction is anticipated to start December 6.

This pathway work is expected to be completed before summer 2024.

Another addition to the pathway project is a new bathing and bathroom facility. Chemical toilets will be removed and a concrete structure will be erected. Outside showering will be installed. The project is expected to cost \$400,000.

More is planned. Another section of the pathway will connect the path to the Old Lighthouse Beach Access to the beach access at the old U.S. Coast Guard Station.

Another portion of the pathway will connect the lighthouse pathway with the Cape Hatteras Campground. This portion will need to wait until the road to the campground is raised.

Two threatened houses torn down

In northern Rodanthe, two houses threatened by an encroaching ocean have been demolished and removed.

The work started around 1 o'clock, Wednesday, November 15.

Witnessing the event were National Park Service rangers and maintenance people, journalists, and the seven members of the W.M. Dunn Construction crew.

A 1 p.m., a big excavator came up the dune and went to work, pulling down the stairs to a two-story structure on Beacon Road East, Rodanthe.

Dunn folks went to work with chain saws, cutting out the "x" braces and then came along to notch the pilings on the west side of the house.

Around 2 p.m., a small excavator started pulling on cables going through a window on the second floor and out a hole below the floor joists.

The house swayed but did not fall. The big excavator moved into action and pushed from the south side of the house. The house just sat down on the sandy beach not in the ocean water.

The demolition was timed with low tide.

On Thursday, W.M. Dunn Construction did almost the same work on the second house, though the crew started an hour earlier.

Almost all of the debris was removed when the Dunn crew left on Thursday. A crew returned on Friday to finish with the debris pick-up.

The crews will return Monday, November 20 to pull out the septic systems, something that is not routinely done when a house goes into the Atlantic Ocean.

The only cost to the National Park Service is the demolition and cleanup. The contract with W.M. Dunn Construction cost \$72,500.

The National Park Service and other government agencies are wrestling with the issue of privately-owned oceanfront houses adjacent to the seashore. Since 2022, four privately-owned houses have collapsed on the national seashore beaches, resulting in debris fields stretching for 15 miles.

This particular event is a pilot project. The purchase of the houses was financed by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which receives \$900 million yearly from offshore oil and gas leasing.

The two houses were appraised. The owners were willing to sell. The demolition went forward.

The project removes impacts to visitor safety, public health and wildlife habitat; assists homeowners that do not have viable options to move structures or cleanup debris; and restores public beach access.

The question is whether the project can be scaled upward to take action on the 15 or so threatened houses that have ocean water running under them at high tide and during storms.

Bea Basnight nominated for Dare County Board of Commissioners

Bea Basnight has been selected by the Executive Committee of the Dare County Republican Party to fill the vacancy on the Dare County Board of Commissioners created when Jim Tobin passed away October 18.

The existing Board of Commissioners will vote on approving her recommendation at its December 4 meeting.

If her selection is approved, she will be the only woman on the board.

Basnight lives on Roanoke Island. She will represent District 1 composed of Roanoke Island including Manteo and Wanchese and the Dare County Mainland with East Lake, Stumpy Point and Manns Harbor.

Thanksgiving government closures

All Dare County offices and facilities will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Dare County C&D Landfill in Manns Harbor, the Buxton Transfer Station and the Manteo Recycle Yard will closed on Thursday and Friday. These sites will reopen on Saturday, November 25. Dare County Public Works, which provides trash collection for Hatteras Island, has announced a revised collection schedule.

There will be **one residential pickup per area** during the week of Thanksgiving.

On Monday, November 20 in Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras can will be emptied. Trash collection will resume on Monday, November 27.

On Tuesday, November 21 in Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon. Trash collection will resume Tuesday, November 28.

Commercial trash collection will take place on Monday, November 20 and Wednesday, November 22. Commercial trash collection will resume on Monday, November 27.

Cape Hatteras Electric is at the top nationwide

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative recently participated in the National Survey on the Cooperative Difference, commissioned by Touchstone Energy®.

Over 8,500 members of 39 electric cooperatives from across the country were contacted to complete the survey this year.

The survey also yields an overall American Customer Satisfaction Index score.

The local cooperative received the highest ACSI score out of all participating cooperatives that also received an ACSI score, coming in at 92. That is 7 points higher than the average national cooperative benchmark and an impressive 20 points higher than the investor-owned utility benchmark of 72.

This is the second time in three years that the Cape Hatteras cooperative has received the highest score of all National Survey participants.

“The score and ranking reflect directly on the dedication to excellence put forth by the cooperative’s employees in the field and in the office. It is both rewarding and inspiring to know that our service and hard work is appreciated by the membership,” writes Laura Ertle, Director of Public Relations and Marketing for the cooperative.

A couple of business indicators improve

The business news this week focuses on the real estate market indicators through October of this year with some interesting changes being seen.

Looking at the year-to-date residential market indicators through the first 10 months of this year versus the same period in 2022, the general trend is still downward.

It is risky to place too much emphasis on market results for a single month, writes Radio Hatteras Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka. However, the number of homes for sale increased more than 11 percent to 95 houses. This is the highest number of residential properties for sale in any one month this year.

The limited inventory of properties for sale continues to be the biggest market challenge. Previously, the number of homes available for purchase on the entire island had been in the 70 to 78 range since January.

This is an opportune time for owners who have considered selling their homes to take action while the supply of competing properties for sale remains low, and the prices high, suggest Hranicka.

On the other hand, the number of houses sold was the lowest this year, with only 11 have been sole on the entire island in October. The number of homes sold on the island has varied from 15 to 30 each month.

The median sale price of homes has remained reasonably steady in the \$500,000 to \$600,000 range since January, However, the monthly sale price on a standalone basis for September was \$605,000.

As long as the supply of homes for sale is limited, prices can be expected to be elevated, writes Hranicka.

Like the residential market, the major market indicators for undeveloped lots trended downward through October with two major exceptions. The average and median selling prices of lots is continuing to rise with both recording about a 20 percent increase last month over September in 2022.

The available supply of lots for sale, the sales of undeveloped lots and the total value of lots that have been sold were below 2022 levels.

Other measures of the health of the Hatteras Island economy show that through October, meal tax receipts were up an amazing 18.2 percent. The occupancy tax receipt were up 7.5 percent, reversing a previous downward trend for the year.

Oyster mechanical harvest closes in Pamlico Sound bays

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Proclamation SF-8-2023 closes Pamlico Bays to commercial harvest of Oysters by mechanical methods at 2 o'clock, Friday afternoon, November 24. The bays are closed and will reopen in December for the remainder of the season.

Mechanical oyster harvest will be allowed Monday through Friday from sunrise until 2 o'clock each day. Oyster dredges must be out of the water and stowed on deck after 2 o'clock each weekday, outside restricted areas.

Mechanical oyster harvesters may possess no more than 15 bushels of oysters while working outside of the restricted areas and may transport their catch through the restricted area to the point of landing. A state statute requires mechanical harvesters to hold a Standard Commercial Fishing License with a shellfish endorsement. Crew members working under the direction of a person who holds a valid Standard Commercial Fishing License with a shellfish endorsement are not required to hold a shellfish license.

Lots of events are going on this week.

Before Thanksgiving, buy a pie.

On Tuesday at Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Parish in Buxton starting at 2 o'clock until sold out.

On Wednesday, at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building, in Rodanthe from 11 to 2. The sale benefits the villages' Scholarship Fund and other community activities.

Also, on Wednesday, at Frisco Rod and Gun from 9 to Noon. This annual sale benefits Toys for Tots on Hatteras Island.

After Thanksgiving

On Friday, November 24th, Tavern on 12 and Hatteras Island Meals will host a fundraising event at the Hatteras Village Civic Center featuring the Songs From The Road Band. Tickets are \$30 available at Tavern on 12 in Frisco. As of Saturday, only 40 tickets remained to be sold. The tickets include a buffet dinner. All proceeds benefit Hatteras Island Meals. Additional info at Hatteras Island Meals Facebook page.

And on Friday and Saturday, go to the Hatteras Island Arts and Crafts Guild show in the gymnasium at Cape Hatteras Secondary School in Buxton. Sale hours are from 10 to 3 both days.

See Peter and the Starcatcher

The Drama Club at Cape Hatteras Secondary School will be presenting Peter and the Starcatcher, which is adapted from a novel that tells the origin story of Peter Pan.

Joy Crist with Island Free Press has written extensively about the production, which happens December 1 through 3. Check it out.

Tickets are \$10 each and are for sale at the front office of Cape Hatteras Secondary School, United Bank in Buxton and The Froggy Dog Restaurant in Avon. Proceeds support the Drama Club.

Performances are Friday, December 1 at 7 o'clock, Saturday, December 2 at 2 o'clock and again at 7 o'clock and on Sunday, December 3 at 2 o'clock.

Have a good Thanksgiving. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for November 12, 2023.

Ceremony marks 2023 Veterans Day at Cape Hatteras Secondary

In Cape Hatteras Secondary's gymnasium, United States veterans walked in for a ceremony before all the students at Hatteras Island school for grades six through twelve.

The ceremony was celebratory, patriotic and solemn.

The U.S. Coast Guard four-member team presented the United States and Coast Guard's flags. The pledge of allegiance was recited and the award-winning Cape Hatteras Secondary band played the National Anthem.

Band director Sean McCroskey led the music students in a medley of individual Armed Forces songs and asked that those associated with the individual units to stand. About 36 veterans stood. The presentation finished with America the Beautiful.

Combat veterans were recognized next as teacher and coach Ian O'Neal called out armed combat instances and told those combat veterans "we are eternally gratefully for what you did."

Brittany Barnett introduced a presentation about Cape Hatteras Secondary graduates currently serving in the Armed Forces.

District Attorney Jeff Cruden was introduced. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1989. He saw a portion of the world. He told the students, "true heroes are the ones that didn't come back."

Cruden as district attorney issued a public service announcement. He said he has "zero tolerance" for drunk drivers.

Baseball coach Keith Durham at the beginning of the ceremony and after Cruden spoke talked about The Wall That Heals, the three-quarter replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. That monument has over 58,000 names. Durham said 33,000 of those names were people 18 years of age.

The ceremony concluded with a reading of names of those veterans who have died since the last Veterans Day program at the school. After each name, a bell was sounded.

Before the ceremony in the gymnasium, the veterans along with family members were treated to breakfast prepared by Foods I class, cooked in the school's cafeteria and served by students.

DECA participants offered hospitality to those arriving. In all about 30 students participated in the breakfast event, including those who were assigned to cleanup.

Land use plan goes to commissioners

It's taken five years, but the updated Land Use Plan for unincorporated Dare County is ready for the Dare County Board of Commissioners.

In 2018, the Dare County Planning Board and staff started working on an updated Land Use Plan to guide development in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Now, it's possible that the updated Land Use Plan will be on the Board of Commissioners Dec. 4, 2023, agenda for the hearing and adoption.

The next step is to present the updated plan to the Coastal Resource Commission for certification and another three to four months will lapse before Dare County has a certified Land Use Plan.

The updated Land Use Plan is available electronically on the Dare N C dot gov slash Planning.

Three other matters were on the Planning Board agenda Tuesday night, November 7, 2023.

A two-lot subdivision in Buxton off Buxton Back Road gained approval. William "Bill" Barley appeared before the Planning Board. Lots 2A and 2B will be accessed from Daniel Lane along a 40-foot private road. Wetlands have been flagged and verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative and P b p & s LLC applied for a map amendment to change the zoning on six lots along Light Plant Road

Cooperative Executive Vice President Susan Flythe told the board that the cooperative has operated from that location since 1948.

The cooperative is asking to change the zoning to C-3 from R2-A, to more accurately align with the uses of the land. The change also brings an increase in lot coverage allowing for future expansion.

The board voted unanimously to send the change forward to the commissioners as a reasonable and appropriate request.

The third item is a text amendment request by the St. John United Methodist Church in Avon.

The church is proposing an accessory church use to be added to the R2-A zone. The accessory use would be youth retreat centers or recreation centers with overnight accommodations.

The church is located on 40336 McMullen Road and owns the adjacent property at 40296 McMullen Road, where the proposed accessory use would be added.

The Planning Board recommended the text amendment be adopted. If approved the text amendment would apply to all land zoned R2-A.

Hatteras Island Meals receives generous donation

Late Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 7, 2023, Hatteras Island Meals Treasurer Shelley Tidd received an email from Mikki Rollinson, Senior Accountant with Surf or Sound Realty. She simply stated that Surf or Sound Realty would like to make a donation to Hatteras Island Meals.

The meeting was arranged for Thursday morning at Buxton's Diamond Shoals Restaurant, one of the lunch providers for Hatteras Island Meals.

On Thursday, a few board members and volunteers arrived to receive the check and take pictures. Hatteras Island Meals volunteers were all delighted to meet with Morgan Veyna, Vice President of Operations for Surf or Sound Realty.

As pictures were taken, Veyna handed the check to the organization's treasurer.

"We were all overwhelmed with Surf or Sound's generous \$10,000 check," writes Debbie Owens, Meals coordinator for Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo and Facebook Administrator. "Our volunteers were stunned, hugs, handshakes and some tears passed as we realized Surf or Sound Realty's generosity."

Owens continued, "Thank you cannot possibly express our gratitude. Surf or Sound has paid for over 1,428 meals for our recipients."

Hatteras Island Meals is currently serving about 9,000 meals a year. All donations go to costs for meals which are purchased at local restaurants. Providing five lunchtime meals per week is the organization's mission. Hatteras Island Meals volunteers deliver these lunches to islanders who are unable to provide their own meals due to health challenges.

Surf or Sound Realty is a locally owned and operated property management and real estate sales company which has been in business since 1978. The firm has three offices on Hatteras Island: Salvo, Avon and Hatteras Village.

Hatteras Island Meals personally thanks Surf or Sound owners, Dale and Annah Petty for their generosity.

High praise for Dare Finance Department; financial matters considered

For 32 consecutive years, the Dare County Finance Department has been awarded the notable Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

It is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

During the Dare County Board of Commissioners meeting Monday, November 6, 2023, County Finance Director David Clawson accepted the award from the Government Finance Officers Association from Board Chairman Robert Woodard.

Assistant Finance Director Sally DeFosse accepted the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement as the person primarily responsible for preparing the document, titled Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, which can be seen on darenc.gov/departments/finance.

Other financial matters affected Hatteras Island.

A budget of \$15,000 using opioid settlement funds to Collaborative Strategic Planning for facilitator Dr. Stephan Lloyd to “engage stakeholders, providers and start the conversation to identify potential strategies to address root causes of addiction, drug misuse, overdoses and other aspects of the opioid epidemic in the community.” Request came from Dare County Health and Human Services.

A budget amendment for a \$15,000 grant from North Carolina Community Foundation, Charles W Gaddy and Lucy Finch Gaddy Endowment Fund was received. “The funding is to be used to purchase Harm Reduction Supplies including Naloxone, test strips, educational materials, printing, signage and equipping the mobile Harm Reduction vehicle with storage bins, wound care supplies and other community harm reduction supplies needed.”

Ferry service between Hatteras and Ocracoke shut down

At 9 this morning, November 12, due to inclement weather, North Carolina Department of Transportation cancelled ferry service along the Hatteras-Ocracoke route until further notice on Facebook. If you have any questions or for more information, call 252-996-6000 .

Some upcoming events other than the Wall that Heals

Really, Really Free Market in Avon November 18

The Really, Really Free Market in Avon is returning on Saturday, November 18, from 9 in the morning to Noon at the Avon Fire Station.

The Really, Really Free Market started more than a decade ago and became a valuable resource for islanders in need after several historic storms, including Hurricane Isabel in 2011, and Hurricane Dorian in 2019, (when the market was stationed in Frisco.)

Everyone is welcome at this free event, where all are encouraged to give, receive, and create on their own terms. Donations of clean, gently used, or new items are also accepted the morning of the event, but nothing is required to attend.

Dare Regional Airport celebrate 80th anniversary

On Saturday, November 18, the Dare County Regional Airport will host a free event in celebration of the facility’s 80th anniversary from 10 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon. The Regional Airport is located at the end of Airport Road on Roanoke Island.

An array of vintage and modern aircraft will be on display throughout the event, which will also feature several presentations about the airport’s history, historic reenactments, live music, antique cars, food trucks, a variety of vendors and a silent auction.

Beach Buggy Association’s final Adopt a Highway cleanup November 18

On Saturday, November 18, the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association hosts its fourth and final Adopt-A-Highway of 2023.

You do not need to be a beach buggy association member to join the adopt a highway volunteer group." For over 30 years, the NCBBA has been supporting North Carolina's Adopt-A-Highway program. The area of trash pickup coverage begins on the south end of the Oregon Inlet Bridge and goes three miles north on NC 12, along both sides of the highway.

The event begins at the Off Road Vehicle Ramp 4 parking lot at 7:30 in the morning where volunteers are given instructions on what area of Highway 12 they will be walking. The association will be distributing reflective vests, grabbers, gloves (or bring your own), and garbage bags. Dress appropriately for the weather and boots are recommended.

Reply to Director Tom Brueckner by calling 973-714-9940 if you are available for this H event. All children between the ages of 12 to 17 will need a "Youth Participation Release Form" signed by a parent.

Now, I'm going to sign off here and then bring you detailed information about The Wall That Heals. Stay safe out there. Thanks for listening.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Some notes about Halloween from Facebook

From Hatteras Village. In spite of the wind blowing the grill out and chilly temps, we still fed about 200 people at the annual Hatteras Village Hallo-grill last night! Looked like everyone was having a great time and enjoying themselves. Such a special night in the village! Thanks to all that made it that way!

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I would just like to tell you all that a high school kid celebrating Halloween on First St. dumped his entire bag of candy into an empty container at a house that had run out of candy so that other kids could have some. There were several other kids who donated from their own hauls instead of taking. I am so proud of our kids and so proud to live in the OBX!

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My kids did that too! We live in Downtown Manteo and had way more kids for trick or treating this year. When we got home our bowl was empty and my kids put their own candy haul in our bowl on the porch. I was so proud and they were excited to pass it out! Bonus: less candy in the house!

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There are still lots of good hearted kids out there. And their parents taught them well.

We agree!!

Salute to Veterans and The Wall That Heals

Salute our veterans this week with Operation Green Light.

Find a green light or lights and install it. Leave it in place for Nov. 11 which is Veterans Day and through Sunday, November 19 for the Wall That Heals.

Support local veterans another way too.

The Wall That Heals will arrive in Dare County and Manteo accompanied by about 400 motorcycles and numerous Jeeps on Tuesday, November 14.

The public is invited to stand along the roadside in Manteo around 2:30 in the afternoon.

At 1 o'clock, a tracking link for the trailer will be set up on Dare N C dot gov slash Wall.

Two main events are set for the public.

At 10 o'clock on Thursday, Nov. 16, an opening ceremony is planned for the Soundside Event Site in Nags Head. The ceremony features patriotic music, a poem reading and several noted speakers.

At 6 o'clock Friday night, a Candlelight ceremony will start at the Soundside Event Site. Patriotic music, speeches and a reading of the names of Dare County Vietnam veterans who have passed will be featured.

At 11 o'clock, Saturday morning, a Walk to the Wall will be available to honor all Vietnam veterans, who will gather at the mobile education center and walk to the wall.

Free transportation is available to veterans by calling 475-5640 to schedule a trip.

On Hatteras Island, a shuttle bus will stop at the Fessenden Center, the Food Lion shopping center and the Rodanthe Beach access.

National survey shows drop in e-cigarette use FDA among high schoolers

On Nov. 2, 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released data from the 2023 National Youth Tobacco Survey on tobacco product use among U.S. youth.

The findings, which were collected between March and June 2023, show that 10% of U.S. middle and high school students (2.8 million youth) reported current use of any tobacco product.

Among U.S. high school students, current overall tobacco product use declined during 2022-2023 from 16.5% to 12.6%.

This decline was primarily attributable to reduced e-cigarette use from 14.1% to 10%, which translates to 580,000 **fewer** high school students who reported current use of e-cigarettes in 2023. Among high school students, declines in current use were also observed during 2022-2023 for cigars and overall combustible tobacco smoking, representing all-time lows.

Although a decrease in e-cigarette use was observed among high school students, among middle school students there was an increase in current overall tobacco product use from 4.5% to 6.6% and multiple tobacco product use. However, among middle school students overall, no significant change was observed during 2022-2023 for current use of any individual tobacco product type, including e-cigarettes.

E-cigarettes remained the most commonly used tobacco product among both high school and middle school students for the 10th year in a row. Among youth who reported current e-cigarette use, approximately one-quarter reported using e-cigarettes every day.

Among youth who reported current e-cigarette use, nearly all used flavored products, some 89.4%, with fruit, candy, mint and menthol being the most commonly used flavors.

FDA announced a new wave of enforcement actions, including filing suit for civil money penalties against 42 retailers.

Dare commissioners meet Monday, Nov. 6

Dare County Board of Commissioners meets Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo.

Hatteras Islanders can make public comment at the Fessenden Center annex.

On the agenda are requests for two public hearings.

A request to close a portion of the G.A. Kohler Court Right of Way is before the board. The road runs off America Drive in north Rodanthe. The applicant wants the road closed so that "ocean front property owners have the ability to move their houses westward on their lots to mitigate damages from erosion and storm events." The request is to set a hearing for Dec. 4, 2023.

The Dare County SPCA is requesting an amendment to the Dare County Code of Ordinances to permit the Animal Shelter to hold strays for a minimum of 72 hours or three days. The current time period is eight days. According to information presented, "animals will be held longer if there are signs of ownership or for other reasons." The item form continues, "this change is consistent with the state regulations and other shelters." The request is to set a hearing for Dec. 4, 2023.

Dare County Tourism Board brings to the commissioners Restricted Fund grants to three non-profits and three incorporated towns. The six grants total \$1,589,389.

Thanksgiving Meal Baskets on Hatteras Island

The Fessenden Center is working in collaboration with the Dare County Department of Health & Human Services' Social Services Division to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal to qualifying families.

We are requesting gift cards from Conner's Supermarket, Food Lion, or Red and White in Hatteras.

Donations by check or cash will also be accepted. Checks can be made payable to the Dare County General Fund with "Thanksgiving basket donation" noted on the check. The funds

are used to purchase all food and supplies for the meal baskets. Please call Annelise Wilcox at 252-475-5764 for further information.

Donations are needed by November 9.

Thanksgiving Pie and Bake Sale

On Wednesday November 22, from 10 in the morning to Noon or sold out, the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association will hold a Pie and Bake Sale at the villages' Community Building in Rodanthe (across from Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station).

From savory to sweet, quiches and treats, a variety of baked goods and pies will be available to keep you out of the kitchen and into the fun.

Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund and community programs sponsored by the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association.

Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station celebrating 150 years

In 1874, the United States Life-Saving Service erected stations at Jones Hill, Caffey's Inlet, Kitty Hawk, Nags Head, Bodie Island, Chicamacomico, and Little Kinnakeet.

Of these original 7 stations, 3 remain. Chicamacomico Life-saving Station is a non-profit historical and living history site and museum. Little Kinnakeet is an NPS holding, and Kitty Hawk is now the Black Pelican Restaurant.

Chicamacomico is spearheading the 2024 celebration of 150 years of professional lifesaving on the Outer Banks and in North Carolina. The Chicamacomico Historical Association board has already garnered participation and support from NPS and Black Pelican to highlight 2 of the three remaining stations.

The board is seeking grassroots involvement to present the histories of the other stations, as well as to support a year-long series of events and presentations honoring this amazing legacy. This year-long celebration will culminate in a series of honorary events in October 2024.

On Friday, November 24, 2023 Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station will host its annual Thanksgiving/Christmas event and visit by Santa.

That same day, Chicamacomico Historical Association board, staff and volunteers will be on site to answer questions and glean information from you, the general public to see in what capacity you can help us present this important history.

If you are unable to attend on that date and time, but wish to be involved, reach out to Chicamacomico for an information packet to look over at your convenience.

This is a request for one year of involvement. If you wish to continue after that, great. The board assures you there is always plenty to do, but no obligation is attached to your willingness to support this event. Contact Chicamacomico by calling 987-1552

Bluegrass band on Hatteras Island

On November 24th, the evening after Thanksgiving, Tavern on 12 and Hatteras Island Meals are hosting a fundraising event at the Hatteras Village Civic Center featuring the Songs From The Road Band, a Grammy-winning and top of the Bluegrass Today chart band. Tickets are \$30 at the door and include a buffet dinner. All proceeds benefit Hatteras Island Meals. The event runs from 6 to 10 o'clock. Additional information is available on the Hatteras Island Meals Facebook page.

On Friday, November 10, the Cape Hatteras soccer team will have its annual men's alumni game starting around 7 o'clock. The game will be dedicated to Elijah Midgette. Be there.

Do come to the library!!

In Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo, a Pop-up library will visit the community building from 2 to 4:30 November 9. Miss Tammy will have a Story Time from 2:30 to 2:45.

Now, be safe out there. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Recall issued for WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration released an advisory warning for consumers not to buy or feed WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches to toddlers and young children because the product may contain elevated levels of lead. This announcement comes after a joint investigation by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, local health departments, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and the FDA. North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services identified WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches as a potential shared source of exposure following several cases of elevated blood lead levels in children in the western part of the state.

As part of the investigation, the department analyzed multiple lots of the product, detecting extremely high concentrations of lead. The FDA has reviewed and supports the North Carolina department's findings and issued a voluntary recall of all WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches regardless of lot code or expiration. WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches are sold nationally and are available through multiple retailers including Sam's Club, Amazon and Dollar Tree. WanaBana has also agreed to voluntarily recall all apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches regardless of expiration.

In North Carolina, all blood lead test results for children under the age of 6 are reportable to the state health department. Lead exposure may cause behavioral, developmental and health problems even at low levels in the blood. Because children under age 6 are undergoing critical neurological and physical development, they are especially vulnerable to the adverse effects of lead on the body.

Sea Turtle season is about over

The sea turtle nesting season is about over. Only 11 of 378 nests remain incubating.

Outer Banks Forever, the official nonprofit partner of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, recently released its annual "Sea Turtle Scoop" report.

Total Sea Turtle Nests: 378 nests

Species: Loggerheads, 324 or 89%, greens, 50 nests; three rare Kemp's Ridley nests, and one very rare Leatherback sea turtle discovered on Ocracoke for the first time in 11 years, reports Island Free Press.

Nest Inventory: Park staff have inventoried 329 nests and found 39,468 eggs and counted 25,411 emerged hatchlings. The average incubation time was 56 days.

Shore bird season on seashore not so good

The Cape Hatteras National Seashore Resource Management Field Summary shows a not so good year for nesting shorebirds.

Piping plovers had two nests on south beach and three on South Ocracoke beach. No fledglings were produced.

American oystercatchers produced 43 nests with three fledglings from Ocracoke Island, which had 17 nests.

Colonial Waterbirds had 846 nests on the seashore beaches on Hatteras and Ocracoke islands. Ocracoke led the way with 14 fledglings. Hatteras Island had eight and Cape Point three fledglings.

National Park Service has new chief ranger

National Park Service law enforcement ranger Mike Henry has been named the new chief ranger at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, and Wright Brothers National Memorial, the Outer Banks Group of national parks. Henry's promotion from the Outer Banks Group's deputy chief ranger to chief ranger occurred October 22.

The chief ranger position at the Outer Banks Group leads, manages and coordinates National Park Service law enforcement, emergency services, fire, aviation, fee collection, campground operations, and visitor and resource protection programs.

Mike Henry has 25 years of National Park Service experience, including assignments at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Rocky Mountain National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park and most recently at the Outer Banks Group.

In 2016, Henry moved to the Outer Banks with his family after accepting a law enforcement ranger position at Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Bodie Island district. He went on to become the Outer Banks Group's deputy chief ranger, and most recently gained valuable experience serving as acting chief ranger.

HoneyB dies

In mid-October, the last local descendant of the original Hatteras Island horses, HoneyB, at 32 years old, died in Hatteras Village.

HoneyB's passing was, and remains, a heartbreaking loss for Susan Koehler Garrett, who was HoneyB's caretaker since the day she was born in 1991.

Island Free Press has an extensive report on the Hatteras Island horses and HoneyB. She will be missed in the Hatteras village Christmas Parade.

Cap City Fishing Tournaments happens

Capital City Four Wheelers had an amassing weather and good fishing October 21 through 22.

Four Wheelers held its 38th annual fishing tournament, a family-fun event that has fishing categories for all ages.

This year, the club's traditional rod raffle feature rods and reels donated by Tommy Farmer, Joe Moore and Ryan White.

The club takes the money from the rod raffle ticket sales and awards local charities and organizations on Hatteras Island. This year, the rod and reel combos raised a record-breaking \$6,000, reports the Island Free Press.

This year, a new organization named Outer Banks Buddies received the \$6,000. The non-profit is Hatteras Island's own version of big brother/big sister.

Red Drum Tourney happens for 455 anglers

This past weekend, the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association's tournament ended after three days of surf fishing. Beautiful weather and strong fishing pleased the 455 anglers that gathered for the tournament.

This 14th Annual Tournament, sponsored by the association handed out \$10,000 in prizes to 10 anglers at the Koru Beach Club.

Representatives of the Hatteras Island United Methodist Men, a current recipient of the organization's gifts, were present. N C B B A gave out over \$30,000 in scholarships last year with proceeds from the fishing tournament.

Report on Buxton Beach contamination

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, has completed its initial analysis of historical documentation and information gathered during site visits and soil samples since peat balls containing petroleum appeared in September on a section of shoreline in Buxton, near the former U.S. Navy facility.

The Savannah District's Formerly Used Defense Site Program team continues to coordinate its efforts with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality as investigative efforts progress toward determining any necessary corrective actions.

On September 25, a Precautionary Health Advisory was issued from approximately 46285 Old Lighthouse Road to the first jetty in Buxton.

Historic military activity occurred in this area during the 1950s and through parts of the 1980s, and samples were taken by the U.S. Coast Guard in September after rangers with Cape Hatteras National Seashore noticed a strong smell of fuel. The testing of the samples indicated the soil contained weathered light fuel oil, a small amount of lubricating oil, petroleum hydrocarbons, and non-petroleum contamination.

The Corps stated that the organization will do everything it can to ensure that when its work is complete, human health and the environment are protected.

Independent regulatory agencies provide oversight to the Corps' work.

Four local radio stations in bankruptcy

Four Outer Banks radio stations are now up for liquidation, after the assets of a New Jersey-based company that had filed for bankruptcy were transferred to a trustee on Friday, reported WOBX and reprinted on Island Free Press.

JAM Media Solutions had been seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection by reorganization since October 2022.

The company owned Beach 104 (WCXL-FM); 99.1 The Sound (WVOD-FM); Big 94.5 (WCMS-FM); Z92.3 (WZPR-FM) and Muscatine, Iowa-based 93.1 The Buzz (KMCS-FM), KWPC 980 AM/95.1 FM; and online outlets OBX Today and The Voice of Muscatine.

Stations 99.1 FM and 94.5 FM continue to stream programming online.

Fall Festival at Frisco Woods Campground raises pathway funds

At Frisco Woods Campground, a Fall Festival brought lots of folks for fun, oysters, candy and more.

The festival is a celebration of autumn and a fundraiser for the Frisco-Buxton Pathway Committee, which is working to build a sidewalk along NC 12 from the Frisco Bathhouse to Buxton Back Road.

At this festival, a big basket with lots of goodies, \$1,000 in cash and numerous gift certificates was one of the fundraisers.

Two bounce houses attracted children. The boat play station with a slide, swings, and various boat levels was constantly in use.

From 4 to 5 p.m., trick or treat time came. Older adults sat along the roadside dishing out candy to all sorts of costumed creatures including a dragon, two other-worldly goblins, a mermaid and lots of princesses.

At this fundraiser, oysters were served raw, roasted or steamed and “all you can eat.” Hamburgers and hotdogs were on the grills.

Frisco and Buxton are the only two villages on Hatteras Island without a paved pathway along NC 12.

Frisco Woods Campground has been raising funds for the pathway since 2021. At this fundraiser, \$20,455.50 was raised. The total raised by these fundraisers is \$110,500, which will one day be used for pathway repairs and matching funds for grants.

Conversation about property insurance scheduled for November 2

The Outer Banks Association of Realtors and Dare County are sponsoring a “Community Conversation on Property Insurance.”

The conversation is scheduled for November 2, 2023 at 6 o’clock in the Dare County Commissioners meeting room at 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive in Manteo.

The forum features two special guests: Ms. Gina Hardy, CEO of the North Carolina Insurance Underwriting Association (NCIUA), and Ms. Joanne Biliouris, General Manager of the North Carolina Rate Bureau.

The forum will later be aired on Current TV.

Island Food Drive underway

This week, the 31st Annual Island-Wide Food Drive to benefit the pantry at the United Methodist Church in Buxton started. It will run through December 31, 2023

The pantry needs “everything” at the moment, according to Claire Schaaf, who along with her husband, Ray, have been doing the food drive donation pickups for almost 24 years.

Here’s a list of nonperishable items currently in highest demand. Check expiration dates of food items before donating.

Foods: hearty soups, Canned fruits and vegetables, SpaghettiOs, Canned tuna, Canned chicken Spam, Jelly and peanut butter, Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce (not tomato sauce), Macaroni and cheese
Household items: Laundry soap, Dishwashing detergent (for handwashing)

Personal items: Shampoo and conditioner, Bath soap, Shaving cream, Toothpaste and toothbrushes and Bathroom tissue

Remember the pets (dog and cat food and kitty litter)

The collection points for this year’s drive are Frisco Market/Rod and Gun, Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Parish Social Hall in Buxton with 24-hour drop off box on porch of social hall; and Surf or Sound Realty in Avon, Midgett Realty in Hatteras, Avon and Rodanthe and United Bank in Buxton.

If you don’t have time to shop, send a check to Cape Hatteras Food Pantry, United Methodist Men, P.O. Box 1591, Buxton, NC 27920.”

Upcoming events

Monday, October 30. A spooky, fun, fall Concert at Cape Hatteras Secondary School. 6:30 p.m. High School and 7 and 8 grade bands perform. Come hear the top performing band that has won first place in its three competitions this year.

Tuesday, October 31 Halloween:

Trunk or Treat at Koru Beach Klub parking lot in Avon from 5 to 7 p.m.

Trunk or Treat. Starts at 5 p.m. with free hot dogs and hamburgers in Hatteras United Methodist Church parking lot. Continue on to experience Hatteras village trick or treating. Those wishing to trunk it should set up before 5 p.m.

Light the Night at Heritage of Faith Family Church in Frisco from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free family event.

Food, games and raffle.

Be safe out there. Watch for trick or treaters on Tuesday. Thanks very much for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for October 22, 2023.

Commissioner Jim Tobin dies

On October 18, Dare County Commissioner James Patrick Tobin, 69, of Manns Harbor, passed away. Jim Tobin was an entrepreneur. He arrived in Dare County with his spouse Tammy in 1989 and he started a commercial fishing business and a retail nursery which was sold in 2004. The pair embarked on more than two years of sailing the Caribbean. They came home, arriving in 2007 to find his last business, the marina at Pirate's Cove.

Tobin served with distinction on the Dare County Board of Commissioners, representing District 1 which includes Roanoke Island and the Dare County mainland. He was the driving force in establishing a public-private partnership that resulted in Dare County having access to a privately owned dredging vessel that operates under local control and direction.

All throughout Jim's life, he was involved in civic and fraternal activities from serving as a Lieutenant/Safety Officer with the Manns Harbor Volunteer Fire Department, president of the Manteo Rotary Club, chairman of the Oregon Inlet Task Force, chairman of the NOAA Monitor Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, and vice-chairman of the North Carolina Marine Industrial Park Authority.

He also served on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Council, Older Adult Services Advisory Council, Transportation Advisory Board, Children and Youth Partnership for Dare County Board, and the Nursing Home Community Advisory Board, where he was an outspoken advocate for the needs and rights of the citizens.

A celebration of life service will be held Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Pavilion at Pirate's Cove Marina in Manteo. A reception will take place immediately following the celebration of life.

Memorials may be made to the Outer Banks Health Cancer Center in memory of Jim Tobin by calling 252-449-5933. All donations will stay local to support Outer Banks patients battling cancer.

Work on electric system moves to Hatteras village

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative has announced that contractor C-Phase Services will be working to replace poles in Hatteras Village through the end of the year. Crews started this weekend staging

equipment and placing mats. No planned outages are required for this work. Replacing poles is a regular part of the cooperative's construction work plan, and helps insure the reliability of the electric system.

Find Green lights now.

Dare County is urging businesses and citizens to honor local veterans by participating in Operation Green Light, a National Association of Counties initiative that encourages residents and businesses to show their support to local veterans by shining green lights throughout their communities to let local veterans know they are seen, appreciated and supported.

Operation Green Light will happen from November 6 through November 19.

An array of Dare County and municipality government buildings and facilities will be illuminated with green lighting in honor of these local heroes during this time period.

The time period encompasses Veterans Day and the four-day period during which The Wall That Heals will be on display in the community at the Soundside event site in Nags Head.

The Wall That Heals is a traveling, three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The replica will be at the Event Site and open 24 hours a day from Thursday, November 16 through November 19.

Water rescue team reports on season

Chicamacomico Banks Water Rescue Team has ended its 2023 season.

The team salutes the committee and visitors for support during the season.

From around May to mid-October, the water rescue team ran the following calls.

Water Rescues numbered 148

Some 128 of these calls were observed on the beach by rescuers without a 911 call. Twenty were paged rescue calls with only three resulting in rescues.

EMS Calls and Assists numbered 153, with 38 treated and released by team members.

July and August were by far the busiest months this summer. The total number of water rescue calls numbered 122 when both months are combined.

The team extends thanks to the Rodanthe Surf Shop/Hatteras Glass for arranging for uniforms.

Chicamacomico Life-Saving will celebrate 150 years

October 2024 is the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the Life-Saving Service to the coast of North Carolina. Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station will celebrate the rich heritage of this brave group of men throughout the year with special attention to Oct. 12 through Oct. 14, 2024.

In 1871, Sumner Kimball was appointed to serve as Chief of the Treasury Department's Revenue Marine Division and he requested and was granted \$200,000 to fund life-saving stations along the East Coast.

He had identified the Coast of North Carolina as an area of high priority.

By 1874 funds were appropriated to build along the North Carolina coast seven stations: Jones Hill, Caffey's Inlet, Kitty Hawk, Nags Head, Oregon Inlet, Chicamacomico, and Little Kinnakeet. In October of that year, construction of these stations was completed.

Chicamacomico was the first to be fully operational and today is the most complete site in North Carolina.

By 1878, an additional 11 stations were completed. Eventually, 29 stations, located about seven miles apart, were established along the Coast of North Carolina.

In 1915 the Revenue Cutter Service and the Life-Saving Service merged to form the today's United States Coast Guard.

Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station looks forward to celebrating this rich heritage of saving lives throughout the coming year with its partners Dare County, National Park Service, The Outer Banks

Visitors Bureau, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Black Pelican Restaurant, which was the Kitty Hawk Life-Saving Station.

CPR Offered

On October 26, CPR at Hatteras Island Rescue Squad is offered starting at 6 p.m. at the squad station in Buxton. This one night, three-hour class will cover adult, child and infant CPR and use of an AED. The class is open to property owners and residents over 12 years old of Hatteras Island. Minors must be accompanied by a parent.

For an American Heart Association certification card the cost is \$12. If a card is not needed, the cost is \$5. Pre-registration is required. Call the Station at 252-995-5490 and leave your name, a contact telephone number and the number of students wishing to attend

NCBBA Red Drum Fishing tournament takes place this week.

The 14th Annual Red Drum Tournament is open to all anglers who wish to enter. It is not an invitational tournament.

The tournament runs from Wednesday, October 25 to Saturday, October 28.

Registration online is closed. However, anglers can register at Frank and Fran's Fisherman's Friend in Avon from 8 in the morning to 8 at night on Wednesday, October 25.

Anglers fish from ORV Ramp 23 to Ramp 28 and maybe Ramp 43.

Individuals and teams fish this tournament which runs for 60 hours of continuous fishing. This year's tournament features more than \$12,000 in prizes.

The tournament ends with an awards banquet and meal at 3 o'clock.

Buy a Pizza kit

Cape Hatteras Secondary's music program has started its Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser.

The money will be used to purchase music and supplies to keep the program running as well as other fees and costs.

Pizza Forms/Money are due November 7th and the pizza kits arrive during the week after Thanksgiving.

American white pelicans are big in the birding world with wingspans up to 9 feet. Check out American white pelicans now at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Halloween events listed for the coming week and Halloween.

October 27. Freaky Friday at Lee Robinson General Store, Hatteras village. Wine tasting from 4 to 7. Rummage sale and finger food. Benefits Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation.

Three events on Saturday, October 28:

Third annual Halloween Party. Frisco Woods Campground from 2 to 8. Costume contest for all ages and pets. Trick or treat from 4 to 5. Proceeds go to Frisco-Buxton Pathway.

Halloween Party. Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building. 2 to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Civic Association.

Witches in the Woods, Hatteras village. 8 to 10 o'clock. \$5. Check in at Community Building.

Transportation provided to and from the trail.

October 29. Fall Festival, Fair Haven United Methodist Church, Rodanthe. Noon to 2 p.m. Bake Sale, Craft and Artisan Market, crafts and games for children. Proceeds go to youth group and Sunday School ministries.

October 30. Fall Concert at Cape Hatteras Secondary School. 6 p.m. High School and 7 and 8 grade bands perform.

Halloween.

Trunk or Treat at Koru Beach Klub parking lot in Avon from 5 to 7 p.m.

Trunk or Treat in Hatteras village starts at 5 o'clock with free hot dogs and hamburgers in Hatteras United Methodist Church parking lot. Continue on to experience Hatteras village trick or treating. Those wishing to trunk it should set up before 5 p.m.

Light the Night at Heritage of Faith Family Church in Frisco from 5:30 to 7:30. Free family event. Food, games, raffle.

Stay safe out there. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly news summary Sunday, October 15, 2023.

Seasonal Off-road Vehicle routes reopened today

Seasonal ORV routes along the beaches in front of the villages of Hatteras Island reopened for the off-season today, Sunday, October 15.

These routes, which run parallel to the villages of Hatteras, Frisco, Avon, Salvo, Waves and Rodanthe, open to ORVs annually in the winter months when the visitor population is lower.

The seasonal routes now open are Ramps 23, 34, 38, 49, and 55.

A complete list of ramps open to beach drivers, as well as current conditions and recent updates, can be found on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore's website.

Real estate market continues downward trend

The real estate market indicators for the first nine months of the year remain basically unchanged.

The year-to-date residential market through September of this year compared to last year has a downward trend. All major market indicators posted negative results, writes Radio Hatteras Business correspondent Tom Hranicka.

The median sale price for houses has remained reasonably steady in the \$500,000 to \$600,000 range since January. However, the monthly median sale price on a standalone basis for September was \$625,000. This is the highest monthly median sale price reported this year.

The limited inventory of properties for sale continues to be the biggest market challenge.

Homes available for purchase on the entire island has been in the 70 to 78 range since January.

This marks an opportune time for owners who have considered selling homes to take action while the supply of competing properties for sale remains low and prices are high, writes Hranicka.

The number of residential properties sold on the island has varied from 15 to 30 each month.

Properties under contract to be sold, an indicator of future sales, have consistently been 35 to 45 per month so far in 2023.

Like the residential market, the major market indicators for undeveloped lots trended downward through September with two major exceptions. The average and median selling prices of lots are continuing to rise with both recording over a 20 percent increase last month over September 2022.

The available supply of lots for sale, the sales of undeveloped lots and the total dollar value of lots that have been sold are below 2022 levels. However, the median sale price for September on a standalone monthly basis was \$242,500 with the majority of sales being waterfront properties.

Other measures of the health of the Hatteras Island economy show that, through August, meal tax receipts were up 4.1 percent but occupancy tax receipts were down 4.4 percent, reflecting continued weakness in the island's rental market.

Hatteras Island Meals raffle drawing reported

The 2023 Hatteras Island Meals annual fundraising raffle was one of the largest yet. The winners of the raffle were drawn Saturday afternoon, October 14, at the Koru Beach Klub in Avon.

With donations from 111 Hatteras Island businesses, the raffle featured 13 different, substantial packages.

The raffle raised \$38,575, a little short of its \$40,000 goal.

Hatteras Island Meals is an all-volunteer organization on Hatteras Island that provides nutritious meals to around 50 elderly or homebound island residents. The nonprofit started in 1987 now includes around 40 volunteers and clients from Rodanthe to Hatteras village.

Proceeds from the raffle help purchase about 9,000 meals annually.

The live reading of the winners in Avon was hosted by emcee Cathy Deimer, and the winners were selected by Steve Bonney of Stu's Food Truck and Ocean Payne of Duck Donuts. The video of the drawing can be viewed online on facebook dot com slash Hatteras Island Meals.

For more information on Hatteras Island Meals, go to [hatterasislandmeals dot org](http://hatterasislandmeals.org).

2023 RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Marty Tubbs, Waves
2. Elsie Hooper, Salvo
3. Shelley Rollinson, Buxton
4. Tom Wolfe,
5. Tom Fitz, Salvo
6. Debbie Martin, Avon
7. Travis Salyers, Buxton
8. Steve Nelson, Buxton
9. Michelle Tolson, employee at Ace Hardware, Avon
10. Stella Casper, Maryland
11. Brad Doerr, Avon
12. Cindy Fox, Virginia
13. Jen Fargione, a frequent visitor from Scranton, Pennsylvania

Nine of the 13 winners were from Hatteras Island.

Café Pamlico wins 2023 best of the best – Hidden Gems award

Tripadvisor awards Travelers' Choice Best of the Best to restaurants with a high volume of above-and-beyond reviews and opinions from our community over a 12-month period. Each winner has passed our rigorous trust and safety standards. Fewer than 1% of Tripadvisor's 8 million listings are awarded Best of the Best, signifying the highest level of excellence in travel.

Congratulations to Café Pamlico, located in Buxton. Tripadvisor reports "the restaurant offers a world-class dining experience with exceptional food and detail-oriented service. Its contemporary coastal cuisine is driven by locally sourced seafood, meats, and produce, and they are committed to supporting local farmers and artisan food producers. Reservations are highly recommended!"

Be Aware of Charity Scams

Horrific stories are emerging from Israel and Gaza. Our hearts go out to the innocents. During a crisis like this, you may want to donate to relief efforts. Be aware of charity scams and make sure your money is going where you intend it to go. Here are some tips:

Make sure the organization you want to donate to is legitimate. If you are unsure, you can call the North Carolina Department of Justice at 1-877-5-NO-SCAM or check its license with the Secretary of State. You can also research a charity's ratings and history through the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, or GuideStar.

Don't respond to unsolicited calls, emails, and text messages asking you to give. Even if these messages look or sound legitimate, they could be phishing scams or even direct you to copycat links of a legitimate charity's website to try and trick you.

Watch out for social media and crowdfunding scams. Crowdfunding platforms like GoFundMe can help people support causes and are shared rapidly on social media platforms. However, scammers can sometimes use it to trick you into donating to something that does not exist.

Pay by credit card or check. For security and tax record purposes, it's best to pay by credit card. If you pay by check, make it out to the charity itself, not the fundraiser.

If you're feeling pressured to give immediately, don't. Legitimate charities will never pressure you into giving.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore programs extended

Some seasonal educational programs at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore have been extended through Nov. 11, 2023.

At the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, these programs include special talks about the lighthouse and all about turtles. All programs are free and open to the public.

Fall visitors will find the park store, visitor center, and museum of the sea open from 9 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon.

The 30 minute education program titled Cape Hatteras Lighthouse – Lighting the way for over 105 years is offered every weekday starting at 11 in the morning.

The Totally Turtles presentation is offered Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2:30 in the afternoon.

And, Cape Hatteras National Seashore has a new all electric pickup truck and it can be recharged at a special Electric Vehicle charging station at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Picnic Area Parking Lot in Buxton. The charging station, installed by Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative, is open to the public.

Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation has fun run

This past Saturday, October 7, the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation presented its Positively Pink 5K race, run, walk or bike event held in Kinnakeet Soundside.

It's a very popular fundraiser. Since its inception in 2000, the foundation has assisted hundreds of islanders with cancer and their families with grants in excess of \$1,000,000.

For the second year, rather than the traditional pink crowd, the foundation offered color blast stations, where participants are blasted with colors.

HICF 5K Overall Winners 2023:

Overall Men:

- 1st Place: Dennis Dominguez
- 2nd Place: Gerardo Dominguez
- 3rd Place: Pablo Marquez

Overall Women:

- 1st Place: Angela Gray
- 2nd Place: Gail Lacey
- 3rd Place: Trenya Mullinax

12 & Under:

- 1st Place: Christopher Marquez
- 2nd Place: Zac W.

Wings over Water set for this week

Registration is currently open for the 2023 Wings Over Water Wildlife Festival, which will be held from October 17 through 22, with a special Encore weekend on December 8-10.

The October session features more than 60 birding, paddling, art, natural history, and photography programs.

Visitors can register visiting the festival's website at wings over water dot org.

The full list of events during the nearly weeklong event can be on the festival website as well.

Wings Over Water is an annual refuge fundraising event sponsored by Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society. Funds raised are used to support refuge projects such as trail and sign maintenance, refuge equipment (such as scopes and binoculars), and educational travel grants issued to get young people involved with wildlife and refuges.

The society is a non-profit group which exists to support regional national wildlife refuges. Besides providing funds for educational grants to schools, the society is a part of many refuge support projects such as maintaining trails, signs, and other refuge structures. Also, Wings over Water helps the society provide volunteers and staff who are essential to the maintenance and operation of the regional national wildlife refuges visitor centers and refuges.

A new running group has started.

The organization is called Barrier Island Group, also known as BIG.

The first event will take place December 9 at Elizabethan Gardens/Fort Raleigh. It's a 5K run or walk with an Elf Dash for ages 10 and under. The entry fee includes a pass to the Winter Lights at the garden.

Registration is open a Barrier Island Group dot com.

The second event will be at the SHUCK Hatteras Oyster Festival in Rodanthe on December 15-16. This will be a "Sprint for Spat -100 Meters to Glory" – a 328-foot adult Fun Run.

Participants will run, walk, dash, or dance from the start line to the turnaround point, down an Oyster shooter (vodka, oyster & hot sauce), then return to the finish line.

Also on the agenda is an April Fools 5K and 4 on the Fourth, a 4-mile run/walk in Avon on the 4th of July to begin the day's celebrations.

BIG is supporting various charities both on the northern beaches and on Hatteras Island.

Dare County Public Works announced that the truck scale weigh-in station at the Buxton Transfer Station, in Buxton reopened October 12. The weigh-in station was temporarily closed Monday, October 9, 2023, due to a power surge.

Dare County Public Works appreciates the public's patience as staff worked to restore service at the station.

Substance Use & Mental Health Summit to focus on Youth

The Faith-Based Subcommittee of the Dare County Saving Lives Task Force is hosting a Substance Use and Mental Health Summit focusing on the youth in our community.

The date is Thursday, October 26 from 8:30 to Noon. The summit will be held at St. Andrews by the Sea, located at 4212 S. Virginia Dare Trail in Nags Head.

The Summit will feature leaders from local agencies that play a vital role in addressing and preventing youth substance use and mental health disorders in the community. These leaders will speak during panel discussions and provide vital information during the event about who they are and what they do.

A light breakfast will be served at the Summit.

CPR at Hatteras Island Rescue Squad

The squad will offer a public CPR class Thursday, October 26 starting a 6 o'clock at the squad station in Buxton located at 48103 NC 12 Hwy.

This one night, three-hour class will cover adult, child and infant CPR and use of an AED. The class is open to property owners and residents over 12 years old of Hatteras Island. Minors must be accompanied by a parent.

The cost of the class is \$12 per student and includes the cost of an American Heart Association certification card and a pocket mask which will be yours to keep at the end of the class.

Attendance and completion of the class is \$5 if you do not need an Association certification card.

Payment must be in cash in exact change on the night of the class.

Pre-registration is required. Call the Station at 252-995-5490 and leave your name, a contact telephone number and the number of students wishing to attend. When you leave your message please speak slowly and clearly so we are able to get your information. You will be contacted to advise if space is available for you to attend.

Walk-ins are welcome on a space available basis in the event of vacancies or cancellations.

For more information or questions, email Bonnie Bennett at beach.bonnie.292@gmail.com.

Now, be safe out there. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for October 8, 2023.

Lawsuit filed against state by six Dare County towns

On Friday, October 6, 2023, six Dare County municipalities filed a complaint against the State of North Carolina.

The complaint seeks a declaratory judgment and injunctive relief against a section of the recently enacted budget which would exempt Affordable Housing Projects, funded by \$35 million from the state, from all local zoning and require any town within one mile of a project to provide water and/or sewer services.

A media release from the municipalities states the section "would strip Dare County communities of their ability to offer basic land use and zoning protections afforded all citizens of the State. In addition, they would force the community to provide services regardless of their capacity to offer these services and without regard to the needs of the citizens who have paid to put these services in place.

Hallac takes action; NPS buys two threatened houses

The National Park Service has purchased two threatened houses on East Beacon Road in north Rodanthe.

"We have to do something," said David Hallac, Superintendent of the National Parks in Eastern North Carolina. This is a pilot project.

The sellers were willing. The southern house was owned by Erick Saks and Vanessa Saks from St. Johns, Fla. They accepted an appraiser's fair market value of \$260,000 for the house.

The house to the north, owned by Daniel Kerlakian and Carly Kerlakian from Cincinnati, Ohio, had an appraiser's fair market value of \$470,000, the purchase price. The price difference was attributed to the working septic system.

Hallac said the park service will demolish the houses and will use National Park Service funds.

Funding for these purchases came from two sources:

—The National Park Trust, which raises private funds for preservation and conservation projects work to acquire privately-owned land located within and adjacent to national parks' boundaries.

—The Land and Water Conservation Fund, which uses an annual \$900 million in royalties paid by energy companies drilling for oil and gas on the Outer Continental Shelf to safeguard natural areas, water resources, cultural heritage and recreation opportunities.

Hallac does not have additional funding.

Once the houses are demolished, septic tanks removed and the beach restored, the beach will be wide open for pedestrians.

Threatened oceanfront structures group to meet

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Coastal Management and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore will host an interagency work group meeting on October 12 at 1 o'clock by web conference to discuss government authorities for managing threatened oceanfront structures. The public may listen by computer or phone. The originally scheduled meeting was postponed due to a State of Emergency issued by Governor Roy Cooper in preparation for Hurricane Idalia.

The work group was established in August 2022 to engage with partner organizations and stakeholders to identify, research, and recommend policy and/or program improvements to establish more proactive, comprehensive, and predictable strategies for addressing structures at immediate risk of collapse.

Visit Island Free Press for details about joining the meeting by computer or phone.

Water quality swimming advisory lifted after almost a month

On Tuesday, October 3, state recreational water quality officials lifted a water quality swimming advisory for a sound-side swimming area in Dare County.

The advisory was lifted because water testing shows that bacteria levels have dropped below the state's and Environmental Protection Agency's standards set for swimming and water play.

The advisory was posted on September 7 at the Sandy Bay sound-side access near Frisco along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Test results of water samples taken throughout the month of September have shown bacteria levels exceeding the standard for recreational use coastal waters. Test results of water samples from the site now show bacteria levels below the state and federal recreational water quality standards.

The sign advising against swimming, skiing or otherwise coming into contact with the water has been removed.

Dare Sheriff's Blotter for September 2023 issued

The Dare County Sheriff's Office has issued the September 2023 Blotter, showing felony crimes in unincorporated Dare County, which includes Hatteras Island.

Below are listed four crimes listed for Hatteras Island.

Sept. 7: Breaking and Entering and Larceny. 51000 block of Central Dr., Frisco. Clothing and jewelry reported stolen from a residence.

Sept. 13: Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. 41000 block of Channel Court, Avon. Attempted property scam.

Sept. 20: Forgery. 40000 block of NC 12, Avon. Check diverted and forged out of area.

Sept: 29: Larceny. 51000 block of Flounder Court, Frisco. Heavy equipment reported stolen. Under investigation.

National Wildlife Refuge Week

Every second full week of October, National Wildlife Refuge Week is celebrated.

Regionally, nine national wildlife refuges manage over 400,000 acres of refuge land. Nationally, there are more than 560 National Wildlife Refuges administering about 856 million acres.

The mission of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. This year is the 25th Anniversary of Wings Over Water Wildlife Festival.

In 1997 Wings Over Water Wildlife Festival was begun under the direction of then refuge manager, Mike Bryant.

This annual national wildlife refuge fundraising event has grown from a few offered activities in 1997, to over 70 birding, paddling, photography, art and natural history programs. The festival takes place in 6 national wildlife refuges over 6 northeast North Carolina counties. It is one of the premier east coast wildlife festivals.

Wings Over Water is an annual refuge fundraising event sponsored by Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society, a non-profit group which exists to support regional national wildlife refuges. WOW, besides providing funds for educational grants to schools, is a part of many society refuge support projects such as maintaining trails and signs and other refuge structures. Wings Over Water helps the refuge society provide volunteers and staff who are essential to the maintenance and operation of the regional national wildlife refuges visitor centers and refuges.

To see this year's offerings, go to [wings over water dot org](http://wingsoverwater.org).

Empty the Shelter

With animal shelters across the nation facing an overcrowding crisis, thousands of highly adoptable pets are waiting for their second chances. Outer Banks SPCA is proud to partner with Bissell Pet Foundation, a national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending pet homelessness, for its Fall National "Empty the Shelters."

The Outer Banks SPCA will participate at the Dare County Animal Shelter, 378 Airport Road, Manteo, offering \$20 adoption fees for dogs six months and older and all cats. Normal adoption fees are \$85 for dogs and \$50 for cats.

Adoption is a lifetime commitment. BISSELL Pet Foundation and Outer Banks SPCA urge families to do their research about the pet they are interested in adopting, as well as adoption requirements.

Photo contest open

It is time for the 10th Annual Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative Member Photo Contest.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners: 1st place wins a \$100 bill credit and will be featured on the cover of our 2023 Annual Report; 2nd place wins a \$50 bill credit; and 3rd place wins a \$25 bill credit. In addition to the top three, nine other photo submissions will be featured in the 2025 Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative Member Calendar.

Photos must be taken on Hatteras Island and be submitted by February 1, 2024.

A panel of judges will vote to decide the winners.

The cooperative will announce the winners in the April 2024 Carolina Country magazine. All entries will be featured on the Cooperative's website for the duration of the contest.

RULES:

1. Only one entry per member.
2. The photo must have been taken by a CHEC member.
3. The photo must be taken on Hatteras Island.
4. The photo should be submitted electronically to [photo at c h e c dot coop](http://photoatcheecoop.com) by February 1, 2024.
5. When submitting a photo, include the location, a brief description, the photographer's name and a title for the photo.

6. Employees and directors of the cooperative, along with members of their immediate families, are not eligible.

7. The prizes will appear as a credit on the winner's electricity bill and may not be redeemed for cash.

Opportunities for giving this season

During the holiday season, opportunities abound for those who would like to donate to help make the holidays special for local residents in need. The Dare County Department of Health & Human Services partners with a number of community organizations, individuals and churches to ensure holiday joy is experienced by all. Here are a list of the programs available for those who would like to donate or apply:

Thanksgiving Basket Program

Hatteras Island

For those who wish to make monetary donations, send checks to: Fessenden Center, P.O. Box 859, Buxton, N.C. 27920 or contact Annelise Wilcox at 252.475.5764.

For those who wish to apply, the application period is open from October 2 through November 10.

Please pick up applications at the Frisco campus of the Dare Health & Human Services Department or contact Jessica Nonnenmocher at 252.475.9370.

Angel Gift

The coalition that implements the Hatteras Island Angel Gift program is seeking sponsors, donors and applicants for the upcoming holiday season. The program is provided in collaboration with individuals, businesses, churches and other organizations committed to providing Christmas joy for children on Hatteras Island. The Dare County Department of Health & Human Services works with these organizations to provide referrals, administrative support and identify family needs, as well as to help protect the privacy of the request.

Donation Boxes and Angel requests are located in businesses for donors to sponsor, monetary and toy donations are also accepted.

For those families in need of assistance this Christmas, applications for Hatteras Island Angel Gift are available to pick up and drop off at the Frisco Campus of the Dare County Department of Health & Human Services. Application dates run from October 2 through November 10.

Participants do not need to be a client of the Department of Health & Human Services to receive Angel Gift. Participants must live on Hatteras Island, and gifts are provided only for a child or children in the custody of the applicant. Phone interviews will be required to verify information and assess needs once completed applications are submitted. Children just born through 17 years of age are eligible for sponsorship. For families who have received Angel Gift for three consecutive years, the application will be reviewed by the committee and sponsorship is not guaranteed.

For questions regarding the program, or to make a donation, contact the program coordinator, Linda O'Neal at 252-475-4390.

For questions regarding applications, contact Jessica Nonnenmocher at 252-475-9320.

Adult Christmas Program

Sponsors are needed for the Annual Dare County Social Services Adult Christmas Program. Help brighten the holidays for a Dare County elderly or disabled adult with a little gift giving. Sponsors will be paired with a recipient and will be given that recipient's wish list no later than November 9. Many items on the wish list include basic necessities such as clothing, food and everyday household items.

Gifts would need to be wrapped and ready during drop off times on December 1, 4, or 5. Specific delivery instructions will be provided on your applicant's wish list.

For more information, contact Jessica Everett at 252.475.5539.

Now, be safe out there. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.

Public Service Announcements:

Inserted at 2 p.m., Sunday, 12/10/23

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather alert.

At 1:31 this afternoon a tornado watch was issued by the National Weather Service. The watch is in effect until 8 o'clock tonight. The watch affects 15 counties including Dare County in Eastern North Carolina.

This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert Sunday, 12/10/2023, at 1 and 3. Also playing at 5.

Severe Weather coming

The National Weather Service has issued a series of advisories about tonight's weather.

Here's the summary:

A strong cold front will impact eastern North Carolina today into Monday morning. This is a multi-hazard event. Impacts from this system including localized flooding, gusty winds, a few strong to severe thunderstorms, dangerous marine conditions, and limited coastal impacts. The strongest storms could be bring isolated tornado threat.

The strongest winds and coastal flood threat will peak during the late overnight hours to early Monday morning.

At 10 o'clock this morning three advisories were in place. Here are the details:

A wind advisory is in effect starting at 7 tonight. South winds will become west at 20 to 30 miles per hour with gusts up to 50 miles per hour. In Rodanthe, wind gust is pegged at 55 miles per hour.

A high surf advisory is in place from 10 tonight to 4 o'clock Monday morning. Large breaking waves of 6 to 10 feet are expected in the surf zone south of Cape Point.

And a coastal flood advisory is in effect from 1 o'clock tonight to 8 tomorrow morning. Up to 3 feet of inundation above ground level is expected mainly around and north of Salvo. Minor inundation of NC 12 possible on Pea Island.

Water levels will rise very rapidly as the very strong cold front crosses the sounds before dawn Monday morning. Water levels may increase by three feet within an hour.

If travel is required, allow extra time. Do not drive around barricades or through water of unknown depth.

In Rodanthe, the rain started around 10 this morning. The prediction is for two to three inches in Rodanthe and three to four in Frisco.

Dangerous marine conditions exist across all waterways.

Insert Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 11:30 and 5:30 and Thursday, Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, a Community Health Fair and Medicine Drop is set for 10 to 1 at the Fessenden Center, 46830 NC 12, Buxton.

Free wellness screenings including blood pressure, heart rate, cholesterol and blood sugar are offered.

Shop at the free mobile grocery store hosted by Beach Food Pantry.

Bring unused or expired medications for proper disposal.

Agencies and non-profits focusing on a healthy Outer Banks will attend.

Record and insert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Then insert at 8:30, 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13. Insert at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14.

This is the week that The Wall That Heals visits Dare County.

The Wall is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The wall, assembled by volunteers, will be open Thursday, November 16 through Sunday, November 19.

The Wall will be open 24 hours a day.

On Tuesday, November 14, the Wall will come from Columbia across the Manns Harbor bridge, through Manteo and onto The Soundside Event Site in Nags Head.

That Tuesday is designated an Early Release Day for all Dare County Schools. The purpose of the early dismissal is to allow students and staff to welcome the Wall That Heals to Dare County.

Members of the public are encouraged to stand safely along the route and wave American flags to greet the transport as it arrives. The memorial trailer is estimated to cross the William B. Umstead Bridge and pass through Manteo at about 2:30 on Tuesday afternoon.

A tracking link for the trailer will be posted on Dare N C dot gov slash Wall at 1 o'clock on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 to provide greeters with up-to-date information on the location of The Wall That Heals as it makes its way along the route through Dare County.

This free exhibit of The Wall That Heals is hosted by the Dare County Veterans Advisory Council.

Opening Ceremony – Thursday morning, November 16, at 10 o'clock

An opening morning ceremony to celebrate The Wall That Heals' in Dare County will be held at 10 o'clock, Thursday, November 16 at the Soundside Event Site in Nags Head. The ceremony will feature patriotic music, a presentation of colors, a poem reading and remarks from several guest speakers.

Candlelight Ceremony - Friday, November 17, at 6 o'clock

A candlelight ceremony will be held at 6 o'clock, Friday evening, November 17, 2023 at the Soundside Event Site in Nags Head.

Patriotic music, a poem reading, and remarks mark this ceremony. A reading of the names of Dare County Vietnam veterans who have passed, provided courtesy of their loved ones, will conclude the ceremony.

Walk to the Wall - Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 11 a.m.

A "Walk to the Wall" will take place at 11 o'clock, Saturday, November 18, 2023 to honor the Vietnam veterans who are in attendance. Following remarks, Vietnam veterans will gather at The Wall That Heals' Mobile Education Center before making their journey across the site to visit The Wall That Heals together.

Transportation to The Wall That Heals

If you are a veteran who would like to schedule free transportation to and from The Wall That Heals, you may do so by calling the Dare County Transportation Department at 252-475-5640 to schedule a trip. Please note that transportation requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance.

Hatteras Island Shuttle Trips set for Wall That Heals

The Dare County Transportation Department and the Fessenden Center in Buxton have announced that **free** shuttle service will be provided from Hatteras Island to The Wall That Heals during the exhibit's four-day stay at the Soundside Event Site in Nags Head.

The Wall That Heals will be displayed at the Soundside Event Site from Thursday, November 16 through Sunday, November 19. It is open to the public 24 hours a day.

The shuttle trips have been scheduled for Hatteras Island residents in the morning and afternoon Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Pre-registration is required by calling the Fessenden Center in Buxton at 252-475-5650.

Again, call the Fessenden Center at 475-5650 to make a reservation.

All Dare County residents and property owners ride for free.

Wheelchair Accessible Van Trips:

The following handicap accessible trips have been scheduled for Hatteras Island residents on Thursday and Friday. Pre-registration is required by calling the Dare County Transportation office at 475-5640, Monday through Friday.

Veterans with a Dare County Veterans ID can ride for free. For non-veterans, the cost is \$3 each way. For those who may require ambulatory/wheelchair assistance, caretakers ride for free.