

2019 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

8:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Hatteras Island Venues Seasonally

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

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Emergency Bulletins:

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

Announcements at :15, :30 and :45

Public Safety and Public Service Announcements:

October

Insert at 11:30, noon and 1:30, Oct. 29.

Congratulations to the Cape Hatteras Secondary Volleyball Team for winning the first round match in the state playoffs.

The team plays the second round tonight, October 29, at 5:30 at First Flight High School in Kill Devil Hills. The opponent is Camden County.

Again, tonight starting at 5:30 the Cape Hatteras volleyball team plays Camden in the second round of the state playoffs. Come cheer the island's team.

Insert today, at 1:30 after CH volleyball, then 5:30 today; Thursday Oct. 31 at 11:30, 1:30, 5:30

Friday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m.

Through the winter, cold stunned sea turtles wash up on Hatteras Island's soundside.

Volunteer to help these sea turtles.

On Friday, November 1, attend field patrol training at 9 in the morning at the old weather bureau station on Buxton Back Road beside the Cape Hatteras soccer field.

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission sponsors the training.

Call 252-453-0221, extension 1, to register.

Again, call the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education to register. That number is 252-453-0221, extension 1.

Halloween events recorded Oct. 22, 2019

Insert when ready and then 2 and 3. Oct. 22, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with an afternoon weather report.

A few strong to severe thunderstorms are possible this afternoon mainly after 4 o'clock, says the National Weather Service in Newport.

The primary threat with these storms is damaging wind gusts, but an isolated tornado or two is also possible.

Says the weather forecast: "Bottom line is to be prepared and pay attention this afternoon but nothing widespread is expected.

Stay safe. This is Radio Hatteras

Broadcast at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 20, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with an updated weather report.

The high surf and beach hazards advisories remain in effect until 8 this evening.

At midafternoon, the National Weather Service cancelled the coastal flood advisory.

The National Weather Service reports that the winds that will come from the northwest are not strong enough to cause flooding issues on the soundside. Additionally, water levels are not as high as anticipated.

The dunes pushed up after the last storm may still be in danger, but the northwest winds will knock down the high surf.

A sharp cold front is building into eastern North Carolina and will bring widespread low clouds and occasional fog. Temperatures will continue to drop tonight.

This is our last broadcast for the evening. Enjoy a special Sunday show at 8 tonight and an hour of jazz at 11.

Still, be careful out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready then 2 and 3 p.m., Oct. 20, 2019.

This is Radio Hatteras with an afternoon weather report.

The sun is out but this storm is not finished according to the schedule posted by the National Weather Service.

Wind will slowly shift from the southeast, to due south, to southwest to west sometime around 6 o'clock tonight. Then slowly, the wind will shift to northwest then to due north around 6 Monday night.

Around noon today, wind had pushed Pamlico Sound water way out in Frisco.

In Frisco, an inch of rain has fallen since midnight. Winds are blowing 26 and gusting to 44 miles per hour.

Around 10:30 this morning, only sand covered NC 12 between Frisco and Hatteras and there was no tide in the village.

Winds in Avon topped 49.6 miles per hour around 8 this morning. NC 12 is open.

In Rodanthe, the wind speed hit 47 miles per hour. Rainfall in Hatteras Island's most northern village since midnight totals just over four-tenths.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready then at 10, 11 and noon. Oct. 20,2019

This is Radio Hatteras with a morning weather report.

It's stormy out there.

Rain is falling along with the pressure.

In Rodanthe, four-tenths of an inch of rain has fallen since 3 this morning. Winds are from the south southeast at 37 miles per hour. In Frisco, the rain measures three-tenths of an inch. Winds are 23 miles per hour gusting to 33.

A high surf advisory is in place. Surf height is predicted at 4 to 6 feet north of Cape Hatteras and 6 to 8 feet south of Cape Hatteras. Some beach erosion may occur along south facing beaches this morning. In the afternoon, Hatteras Island's east facing beaches may see erosion.

Coastal flooding on the soundside is predicted mainly north of Cape Hatteras and adjacent to the Pamlico Sound. Inundation of 1 to 2 feet is predicted.

When the center of the low passes, temperatures will drop and the rain will stop as a cold front moves in.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast 7:09 a.m., Oct. 20, 2019

Good Morning. This is Radio Hatteras with a morning weather update.

Rain and wind are affecting Rodanthe. A tenth of an inch of rain has fallen. The highest wind speed recorded was 32 miles per hour from south southeast

In Frisco, the wind was blowing 20 miles an hour from the Southeast with a gust to 29. Pressure continues to fall in advance of the center of the low pressure system, which is pass by early afternoon.

The National Weather Service's coastal flood advisory kicks in at 10 this morning and goes to 8 tonight as does the high surf advisory.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast at 6:04 a.m., 10.20.19

This is Radio Hatteras with an early morning weather report.

A light rain is falling in Rodanthe and Frisco.

This low pressure system keeps coming toward Hatteras Island.

Remember the National Weather Service has issued advisories about wind, coastal flooding and high surf for today. We should be able to experience this system mostly during daylight hours.

Waves on the Pamlico Sound are forecast to be two to four feet.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast 5:03 a.m., 10.20.19

This is Radio Hatteras with a little more information about this storm.

Higher winds, minor coastal flooding and beach erosion are still expected.

However, the low pressure center will cross the inner coastal plain midday through early afternoon. North to northwesterly flow will develop in the low's wake.

Drier conditions will ensue as the low moves off the mid-Atlantic coast, though cloudy skies will continue.

High temperatures in the lower to mid-70s will occur ahead of the northerly wind shift.

Gale warnings remain in effect for coastal waters. Large seas around 8 to 12 feet are expected. A few stronger storms with the potential to produce water spouts are expected through the morning hours.

Right now in Frisco, winds are from the south at 18 miles per hour with a gust at 29.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast 4:25 a.m. Oct. 20, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with an early morning weather update.

A shield of heavy rain is now at Hatteras Inlet.

Winds will gradually pick up, reports the National Weather Service. Top speed in Wilmington is 39 miles per hour.

At Frisco, wind speed is 17 miles per hour from the southeast with a gust to 26.

Advisories remain in place. The wind advisory has been extended to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The high surf and coastal flooding advisories remain active.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast 11:02 p.m., Oct. 19, 2019.

This is Radio Hatteras with a late evening weather update.

The strong, fast moving low pressure system is on the move toward the Outer Banks. Heavy rains seem to be heading this way.

At Mitchell Field in Frisco, the wind was 13 miles per hour from the southeast and it's partly cloudy.

In Rodanthe, the wind reached 15 miles per hour from the South southeast. It is not raining in Rodanthe.

Remember three advisories from the National Weather Service are in place for Hatteras Island:

A wind advisory starts at midnight tonight.

A high surf advisory comes in this morning at 5 o'clock

A coastal flood advisory is posted for 10 tomorrow morning. The soundside flooding is forecast to occur in areas along the Outer Banks, mainly north of Cape Hatteras adjacent to the Pamlico Sound.

Now for a programming note. In addition to broadcasting, Radio Hatteras streams. We have listeners in the western United States. Every evening, special shows like Excellent Musical Adventures and Dance Party are rebroadcast at midnight and 1 o'clock for our west coast listeners.

Weather updates will return around 4 o'clock this morning.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast at 10:04 p.m. Oct. 19, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with an evening weather update.

The strong, fast moving low pressure system is on the move toward the Outer Banks.

But has not yet arrived.

At Mitchell Field in Frisco, the wind was 12 miles per hour from the south. The automatic weather system says it's clear in Frisco.

In Rodanthe, the wind was 6 miles per hour from the Southeast. It is not raining in Rodanthe.

However, the storm is coming. Radar show pockets of intense rain now cover western North Carolina, are over the entire state of South Carolina, and is still in parts of Georgia.

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A wind advisory kicks in at midnight tonight.

A high surf advisory starts this morning at 5 o'clock

A coastal flood advisory is posted for 10 tomorrow morning. The soundside flooding is forecast to occur in areas along the Outer Banks, mainly north of Cape Hatteras adjacent to the Pamlico Sound. Inundation of 1 to 2 feet above ground level is possible.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready; then at the top of the hour or 7:15, 7:45 p.m. Oct. 19, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with a late afternoon weather update.

A strong, fast moving low pressure system is on the move toward the Outer Banks.

The center moved over land at the Florida panhandle.

At 5 p.m., the center of the low pressure system was moving northeast at 23 miles per hour with winds blowing 40 miles per hour.

Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 240 miles, east of the center over Atlantic waters just offshore the Georgia coast.

Three advisories have been posted by the National Weather Service in Newport.

The wind advisory remains in effect from midnight to 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Gale Force southeast to south winds Sunday morning will veer to northwest to north continuing through Sunday night.

A Coastal flood advisory is in effect from 10 Sunday morning to 8 o'clock Sunday night.

The soundside flooding is forecast to occur in areas along the Outer Banks, mainly north of Cape Hatteras adjacent to the Pamlico Sound where inundation of 1 to 2 feet above ground level will possible. The Weather Service is forecasting shallow flooding in low lying places.

A high surf advisory is in effect from 5 o'clock Sunday morning to 8 o'clock Sunday night.

Rough surf of 5 to 7 feet south of Cape Hatteras and 3 to 5 feet north of Cape Hatteras is predicted. The advisory forecasts dangerous rip currents, strong longshore currents and beach erosion.

Now for a programming note. This Saturday evening, volunteers have created two special shows. At 8, it's the excellent musical adventures with Carol and Shelley. At 9, enjoy Dance Party.

Radio Hatteras will have another weather update around 10.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready; then at the top of the hour 2, 3, 4 p.m., Oct. 19, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with an afternoon weather update.

A strong, fast moving low pressure system will impact eastern North Carolina today and tomorrow.

The National Weather Service reports the leading edge of the rain shield associated with now Post-Tropical Cyclone Nestor is at the North Carolina and South Carolina border around noon. Light rain is falling.

Expect widespread rain to arrive in eastern North Carolina tonight with 2 to 3 inches of rain, wind gusts to 40 miles per hour and high water levels.

A wind advisory is in place from midnight tonight to 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

A Gale warning is in effect for coastal waters from 1 o'clock Sunday morning to 4 Sunday afternoon.

The National Weather Service's coastal flooding prediction has not changed from early morning:

Expect 1 to 2 feet above ground in low-lying areas.

Oceanside flooding is expected tonight into Sunday morning and then soundside Sunday afternoon as winds shift northerly behind the low.

Both Dare County and the weather service warn that dunes piled up after last weekend's storm will be especially vulnerable.

Motorists should proceed with extreme caution during storm conditions and never drive into floodwaters, warns Dare County.

Get ready for another storm. Be very safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready; then at the top of the hour 10, 11, noon. Oct. 19, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with a morning weather update.

A strong, fast moving low pressure system will impact eastern North Carolina beginning late tonight.

A wind advisory is in place from midnight tonight to 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Winds will be low today but are forecast to increase around 9 tonight. The advisory from the National Weather Service indicates winds will blow from the south 25 to 35 miles per hour with gusts to 45 miles per hour.

A Gale warning is in effect for coastal waters from 1 o'clock Sunday morning to 4 Sunday afternoon.

About coastal flooding, the National Weather Service in Newport predicted at 3:30 Saturday morning that at least minor inundation of 1 to 2 feet above ground in very low-lying areas is possible across much of coastal North Carolina. Oceanside flooding is expected as the low lifts towards eastern North Carolina tonight into Sunday morning and then soundside Sunday night as winds shift northerly behind the low. Locations in which dune structures were weakened during Dorian or last weekend's coastal storm will be especially vulnerable to additional flooding."

Dangerous surf conditions prevail.

The National Weather Service says to look for steady rain by sunset tonight. Heaviest rain is expected to start around midnight.

Get ready for another storm. Be very safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (take out t-shirt announcement), every day through Oct. 30.

The Hurricane Dorian Recovery Center is now open. Hours are 9 in the morning to 6 in the evening weekdays and on Saturdays from 10 to 2. The center is closed on Sunday. The center's address is the old PNC Bank Building, 47013 Buxton Back Road in Buxton.

Representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and North Carolina Emergency Management are present.

Disaster loans are available for businesses with physical disaster and economic injury. Home disaster loans are for homeowners or renters to repair or replace damaged real estate and personal property including automobiles. Go to the center with questions or go to disasterloan dot s b a dot gov.

Insert when ready; then top of the hour at 5 and 6 and 6:30, p.m. Oct. 18, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with a Friday afternoon Weather Alert.

A fast moving low pressure system, now called Nestor, is expected to move from the Gulf Coast on Saturday morning to the Outer Banks Saturday night through Sunday.

The current forecast and local impacts are:

Minor coastal flooding is possible along the sound and oceanfront. Areas of greatest impact depend on the track of the low pressure system. Dune structures weakened by Dorian and last week's coastal storm are particularly vulnerable.

Gusty winds of 30 to 40 miles per hour are possible along the coast. Tornadoes are possible.

Seas as large as 7 to 12 feet Sunday bring danger to maritime and surf zones.

Gale watches for Pamlico Sound and out 20 nautical miles have been posted beginning Sunday at 12 a.m. through Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Possible rainfall is between two and three inches.

Be safe out there. Get ready again for another storm. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready and then at 9:45, 10:45, 11:30. Oct. 18

This is Radio Hatteras with some news that can't wait until Sunday.

A state disaster declaration for Hurricane Dorian has been issued for Dare and Hyde and 12 other counties.

The U.S. Small Business Administration has also granted a disaster declaration which means those affected by Hurricane Dorian can apply for low interest disaster loans.

The governor's disaster declaration makes individual grant assistance available for those not meeting S B A qualifications or for damages not covered by insurance.

At 11 o'clock this morning, a recovery center will open at the old PNC Bank Building in Buxton. The center will be open from 9 to 6 on weekdays and on Saturday from 10 to 2. Get your questions answered. Applications are also online at [disasterloan dot sba dot gov](http://disasterloan.dot.sba.dot.gov).

Don't wait. The center is open through October 31.

Dorian Debris removal update from Dare County

In a Thursday update, Dare County states NO new debris should be placed in the right-of-way in Rodanthe, Waves. Salvo and Avon.

For these areas, the update states crews are working to complete vegetative, construction and demolition debris removal.

In Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras Village, crews are still working on all roads to complete debris removal.

Flags are flying at half-staff through sunset tonight

All those flying United States and North Carolina flags are invited to lower the flags to half-staff to honor U.S. Representative Elijah E. Cummings, who died Thursday morning and for U.S. Army private Andrew McLean from Fayetteville. Infantryman McLean died preparing for a training exercise while he was stationed in Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Insert when ready then at the top of the hour through noon. Oct. 18.

This is Radio Hatteras with a Friday morning Weather Alert.

A fast moving low pressure system is expected to move quickly from the Gulf Coast on Saturday morning to the Outer Banks Saturday night through Sunday.

The National Weather Service in Newport says local impacts are not dependent on tropical characteristics after landfall.

The current forecast and impacts are:

Minor coastal flooding is possible along the sound and oceanfront. Areas of greatest impact depend on the track of the low pressure system. Dune structures weakened by Dorian and last week's coastal storm are particularly vulnerable.

Gusty winds of 30 to 40 miles per hour are possible along the coast. Tornadoes are possible.

Seas as large as 10 to 12 feet Sunday bring danger to maritime and surf zones.

Possible rainfall is between two to four inches.

Be safe out there. Get ready again for another storm. We'll bring you updates. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert Friday, 10.11.19, 11:30, 5:30; Saturday, 8 a.m.

Piano concert fundraiser set for Saturday night

Pianist William Newbrough will present a concert at the Hatteras United Methodist Church, Saturday night, October 12 at 7 o'clock.

A love offering will be received and sent to Ocracoke United Methodist Church which is feeding Ocracoke school children every day.

William John Newbrough is Professor of Piano and Director of Piano Studies at Houghton College, NY, where he holds the Horne Blanchard Endowed Chair of Music. He has earned the Artist Diploma, Doctor of Musical Arts degree, and Master of Music degree from the Peabody Conservatory of Music/Johns Hopkins University.

Oct. 11 Friday, p.m. National Weather Service

COASTAL FLOODING: Coastal flooding will continue today along portions of the U.S. east coast from the mid-Atlantic states to southeastern New England.

SURF: Swells generated by Melissa are affecting much of the U.S. east coast, portions of the Bahamas, Bermuda, and Atlantic Canada.

These swells will result in life-threatening surf and rip current conditions. Please consult products from your local weather office.

Moderate to significant beach erosion with ocean overwash likely for the beaches north of Cape Hatteras. Roadways and properties adjacent to the the beach may see minor inundation for several high tide cycles in a row. This will impact portions of Highway 12, especially during high tide, through Saturday evening. Vulnerable locations include Mirlo Beach, Highway 12 at the S Curves and Hatteras Village. The next two high tides will occur around 630 AM this morning and 630 to 7 PM this evening.

Friday, Oct. 11

This is Radio Hatteras with a road update.

The N.C. Department of Transportation is warning motorists along the Outer Banks to expect portions of N.C. 12 to be closed for extended periods during high tide cycles over the next few days as a storm system lingers off the Atlantic coast.

Motorists should avoid driving through standing or rushing water and should not drive around barricades or signs, as these are put in place for peoples' safety. Most flood-related drownings occur when someone drives through standing or rushing water.

N.C. 12 was closed between the Oregon Inlet Bridge and Rodanthe Thursday evening and again Friday morning. N C D O T officials are warning the pattern will continue until the storm moves away. Crews will be working diligently to clear the roadway when conditions permit, but each high tide cycle brings ocean overwash and sand back onto the highway.

Even when NC 12 is open, motorists should proceed with extreme caution.

Forecasters expect the system to move offshore Saturday into Sunday.

In north Rodanthe, flood waters extend to Island Convenience. NC 12 in Avon has ocean water from the Post Office to Ace Hardware. In north Buxton, very little ocean water remains on NC 12 at this time.

For real-time travel information, visit [Drive N C dot gov](http://DriveNC.gov).

Friday, Oct. 11, 2019

We are once again closing NC12 North of Rodanthe due to a dune breach and high tide overwash. We will reopen the roadway as soon as it's safe to do so.

This is Radio Hatteras with a road report.

The state's transportation department has closed NC 12 North of Rodanthe due a dune breach and high tide overwash. The agency will reopen the roadway as soon as it is safe to do so.

Ocean water is now running down NC 12 as far as Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station.

At 8 this morning, in Avon, ocean overwash was flowing through houses on Ocean View, across NC 12 and into Kinnakeet Shores. The flooding on NC 12 runs from the Post Office to the Food Lion Shopping Center.

At the north end of Buxton, ocean water was coming through the hotels and crossing NC 12.

This is a note from Dare County Schools: Due to unsafe road conditions, Cape Hatteras Elementary School and Cape Hatteras Secondary School will be closed today for staff and students.

Be very safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 5, 5:45, 6 and 6:45, Oct. 10.

This is Radio Hatteras with an afternoon weather update.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon, ocean water was already streaming onto NC 12 just north of Mirlo Beach. This morning NCDOT filled the breach.

High tide is around 6:15 this evening at Cape Hatteras.

At 3:30 this afternoon, the National Weather Service reported that moderate to significant beach erosion with ocean overwash is likely for the beaches north of Cape Hatteras. Roadways and properties adjacent to the beach may see minor inundation for several high tide cycles in a row. This will likely impact portions of Highway 12, especially during high tide, tonight through Saturday evening. Vulnerable locations include Mirlo Beach, Highway 12 at the S Curves and Hatteras Village

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready, then 4:45, 5:30 6:30, today, 10.10.19; and 6 a.m. Friday, 10.11.19

Cape Hatteras schools have delayed start

Due to unsafe road conditions resulting from the current offshore weather pattern, Cape Hatteras Elementary School and Cape Hatteras Secondary School will operate on a 3-hour delay on Friday, October 11, 2019.

Insert when ready. Then at 8 a.m. before any announcements; then 8:30 (take out the T-shirt ad) at 9 and 10 a.m.

This is Radio Hatteras with an early morning weather update.

This NC 12 status report comes from Brian Van Druten at 6:15 this morning.

“Water completely across the road at Mirlo Beach but not too deep. There is over wash with sand and salt water in the s-curves right as you get on to the Refuge. It is completely across the road at the visitor center and just north of there.”

The National Weather Service has issued a coastal flood advisory through mid-morning Saturday.

A high surf advisory is in effect for today and tomorrow.

Today’s first high tide was 6 a.m. at Cape Hatteras.

The weather service states roadways and properties adjacent to the beach could potentially experience flooding for several high tide cycles in a row. Beaches north of Cape Hatteras are the most likely to have issues.

Significant beach erosion and dune overwash is increasingly likely as tide levels increase tonight into Saturday.

This evening’s high tide at Cape Hatteras is 6:15.

On Friday, the first high tide is around 6:30 a.m. and in the evening at 7 a.m. at Cape Hatteras.

Minor soundside flooding is possible for areas adjacent to the Southern Pamlico Sound, including the sound side of Southern Hatteras Island.

In Rodanthe at 6 this morning, wind was blowing northeast at 20 miles per hour with gusts to 27.

Be safe out there and thanks Brian for the road report. This is Radio Hatteras.

This is Radio Hatteras.

This afternoon, the National Weather Service issued Bulletin Number 3 about a Coastal Low system threatening the Outer Banks.

A large low pressure system will linger off the Mid-Atlantic coast through Saturday, bringing continued strong northerly winds and dangerous surf.

Coastal Flooding: Large surf and higher tide levels will bring an increased threat for moderate to major beach erosion, with dune overwash possible beginning as early as Thursday afternoon's high tide, and continuing for several high tide cycles thereafter. Minor sound-side flooding remains possible along southern areas of the Pamlico Sound, including southern Hatteras Island.

Winds: North northeast up to 25 miles per hour with gusts up to 35. Becoming north northwest Thursday and Friday. Winds will slowly diminish Friday night and Saturday.

Dangerous Surf: A high surf advisory is in effect to Saturday morning. Seas as large as 10 to 14 feet north and east of Cape Hatteras. Large and dangerous surf into the weekend.

The National Weather Service is highly confident in its forecast for dangerous surf and coastal erosion impacts, especially north of Cape Hatteras.

A small craft advisory is posted for inland and off shore waters.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert Wednesday, 10.9.19, 11:30 and 5:30; Thursday, 8 a.m.

Art Show and Sale in Rodanthe scheduled for Thursday October 10

The Island Art Show runs from 10 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon. It's an indoor/outdoor event held rain or shine. More than 20 artists will display and sell works. Live music offered.

The show is held at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building, next to the new skate park and across from Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station.

Insert Oct. 9, 10, and 11 at 11:30 and 5:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at 8 a.m.

Saturday, October 12 is filled with activities

In Rodanthe, the second annual community and charity yard sale is set for Saturday, October 12 on the lawn at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building.

The yard sale runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If the weather is not good, the yard sale moves inside the Community Building.

Look for special activities. Outer Banks SPCA will have an adoption station. A Chicamacomico Banks fire truck and firefighting volunteers will be on scene. Paint a Shake at the Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station table. Local crafters are coming and others with treasures.

The address for the villages' community building is 23646 NC 12, Rodanthe. The event is sponsored by the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association.

Show up for the Positively Pink 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, October 12. Proceeds go to the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation. In its 16th year, the run or walk starts at the entrance to Kinnakeet Shores Soundside in Avon at 9 a.m. The entry fee on race day is \$35, lower for children. The run or walk route winds through Kinnakeet Shores Soundside.

On Saturday night, the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club hosts its monthly meeting at the club house on Light Plant Road in Buxton. The evening begins with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 and continues with a speaker from North Carolina Marine Fisheries who will answer questions about flounder closures.

Insert 6:30, 6:45, 7:30, 7:45, 9 and 10 p.m., Oct. 8, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras.

This afternoon, the National Weather Service issued Bulletin Number 2 about a Coastal Low system threatening the Outer Banks.

An area of low pressure off the Southeast coast will move off the Mid-Atlantic coast and remained stalled through Saturday.

This will bring a prolonged period of strong northerly winds and large surf along the coast.

Current Forecast and Impacts

High risk for rip currents is predicted.

Coastal Flooding and Surf Impacts: Life-threatening surf conditions. Moderate to major beach erosion and minor to moderate dune erosion with possible ocean over wash, especially north of Cape Hatteras. Minor sound-side flooding possible along southern areas of the Pamlico Sound.

Winds: Will be strongest over the Outer Banks. North northeast winds 15 to 25 miles per hour with gusts up to 35 miles per hour Wednesday becoming northwest Thursday and Friday. Winds slowly diminish Friday night and Saturday.

Seas: 10-14 feet north of Cape Hatteras and 5 to 8 feet south through Friday. Seas will gradually subside through the weekend.

The National Weather Service has moderate confidence in this forecast with highest confidence about ocean side shoreline impacts north of Cape Hatteras. Confidence continues to increase that we will see mainly minor sound-side impacts on the southern Pamlico Sound.

Small craft advisory is in place for Pamlico Sound and off-shore.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Oct. 7. 2019

Insert tonight 7:15 or 7:30 and 7:45, 9 p.m., and 10 p.m.

This is Radio Hatteras. Late afternoon Monday, the National Weather Service issued information about a Coastal Low affecting the Outer Banks.

An area of low pressure will form off the Southeast coast on Tuesday, then move off the Mid-Atlantic coast Wednesday and remained stalled through Saturday. This will bring a prolonged period of strong north winds and large surf along the coast.

At this time, National Weather Service is predicting the following:

Minor to moderate sound-side flooding possible along southern areas of the Pamlico Sound, including southern Hatteras Island and Ocracoke. Moderate to major beach erosion and minor to moderate dune erosion with possible ocean over wash, especially north of Cape Hatteras may occur.

Winds: North to northeast at 20 to 25 miles per hour Tuesday and Wednesday, becoming North to Northwest 25 to 30 miles per hour with stronger gusts Thursday and Friday, then slowly diminishing Friday night and Saturday.

Seas: 6-9 feet Tuesday and Wednesday, building to 10-14 feet north of Cape Hatteras Thursday and Friday. Seas gradually subside through the weekend.

The weather service has moderate confidence in this forecast. However, significant uncertainty remains about the details with this system, so impacts at specific locations remain uncertain, especially as it pertains to coastal flooding impacts.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras

Insert at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 9, 10, 11 and 8 a.m. Oct. 12

In Rodanthe, the second annual community and charity yard sale is set for Saturday, October 12 on the lawn at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building.

The yard sale runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If the weather is not good, the yard sale moves inside the Community Building.

The Outer Banks SPCA is bringing furry friends for adoption. A Chicamacomico Banks fire truck and firefighting volunteers will be on scene as will Community Emergency Response Team volunteers with the organization's trailer. Local crafters are coming along with others with treasures. The event is sponsored by the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association.

Insert at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 29, Nov. 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8 a.m. Nov. 8

Thanksgiving Basket Program: Sponsors and Applicants Needed

The Fessenden Center and Dare County Department of Health & Human Services are looking for sponsors and applicants for the Hatteras Island Thanksgiving Basket Program.

Participants interested in applying for the Thanksgiving Assistance Program can pick up and return applications at Dare County Department of Health & Human Services in Frisco from October 7 until November 8. Anyone with questions about the application process can contact Jessica at 252-475-9320.

Sponsorship opportunities include monetary and basket donations. Individuals interested in making a monetary gift can mail checks to: Fessenden Center, PO Box 859, Buxton, NC 27920. Anyone interested in basket sponsorship information can contact April Bodiford at 252-475-5650.

Insert at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 3 and 4 and 8 a.m. Oct. 5

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Throughout the month and in various venues, fundraising events are held for the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation.

The foundation, started in 2000, helps Hatteras Island cancer survivors with medical costs not covered by insurance and travel expenses for themselves and caregivers to medical centers for cancer treatment. The foundation also works with other cancer resource organizations on the Outer Banks to provide additional services that may be needed.

This year, an estimated 268,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the United States as well as close to 63,000 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer.

On Saturday, the first GET PINKED event starts at 9 o'clock in the morning at Avon Pier.

The fifth annual Fish Like a Girl Charity Fishing Tournament is slated to run until noon, when lots of fun prizes will be handed out.

Over 200 pink-clad ladies of all ages participated last year.

To sign up, stop by the Avon Pier or online at brownpapertickets.com with event number 4290850. Entry in the tournament is \$30.

Public Safety and Public Service Announcements:

November

Insert Wednesday, Nov. 27 and Thursday, Nov. 28, 11:30, 5:30. Friday at 8 a.m. and 11:30.

For Saturday, cut out Swell and Shops at Stowe, and insert at 8 and 11:30 a.m.

Visit Hatteras Island artists in different locations

On the two days after Thanksgiving, many visit the annual Hatteras Island Arts and Crafts Guild Holiday Show. That show has been cancelled due to recovery from Hurricane Dorian at Cape Hatteras Secondary School.

Hatteras and Ocracoke guild member artists have found other Hatteras Island locations for a Holiday Art Show Trail.

- Light House Holiday Show. Friday and Saturday. 10 to 3. Some 30 Guild artists will display and sell items at Buxton Family Life Center, across from the tennis courts at Cape Hatteras Secondary School.
- Art Studio Holiday Open House Friday and Saturday. 11 to 4. Studio address is 53282 NC 12, Frisco. Art by Linda Meyer Browning, Guild artist.
- Empty Nest Studio & Gallery, in Frisco, Hwy. 12, Frisco. 10 to 5. Friday and Saturday. Guild artist Crystal Blackmon.

Two Black Friday Art Shows are scheduled:

- Swell Art Gallery, also in Frisco. 10 to 5. Guild artist Vic Lowe and Ocracoke artists. Don Bowers, Hatteras Island photographer, will be there.
- The Shops at Stowe on 12, Hatteras village. 10 to 7. Guild and Ocracoke artists.

Additional art galleries are open after Thanksgiving Day on Hatteras Island. Guild member Antoinette Mattingly at Kinnakeet Clay in Avon opens on Friday from 8 to 6 and on Saturday from 10 to 5. Guild member Jenn Johnson at Blue Pelican is normally open 10 to 6.

Small Business Saturday is a terrific time to visit galleries and retail shops on the island.

Insert Friday, Nov. 29, at 11:30, 5:30 and Saturday, Nov. 30 at 8 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals happens Saturday

On Saturday, Nov. 30, a Blessing of the Animals is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building in Rodanthe. A free, fun-filled

family event. Pastor Tim Fitch with Fair Haven and Clarks Bethel United Methodist Churches will be speaking and blessing pets.

Insert Dec. 30 at 11:30, Dec. 1 and 2 at 11:30 and 5:30, Dec. 3 at 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, December 3, Hatteras villagers are invited to the village's Christmas Tree Lighting and Community Dinner. A sing along and tree lighting starts at 5:30 at the village triangle. The community dinner will be held at the Hatteras Village Civic Center.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4 through Dec. 6 insert at 11:30. Dec. 6 at 5:30; Dec. 7 at 8 a.m.

On Saturday, December 7, have breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 11:30 at the Hatteras Village Civic Center. This annual event benefits the Hatteras village Pre-school. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage cooked by Coast Guard members from Station Hatteras. Daniel Pullen will be making pictures with Santa. Breakfast is 8 dollars for adults and 4 dollars for children under 12.

Insert at 11:30, noon and 5:30 Thursday, Nov. 21 and 8 a.m. Nov. 22

Veterans Day celebration set for Friday

The 2019 Cape Hatteras Secondary School Veterans Celebration will be held Friday, Nov. 22.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. in the campus cafeteria. The program will begin at 10. The breakfast and program are open to all veterans and active duty military members.

Kickball tournament Friday

Also on Friday, a Thanks Kicking Tourney is set for 5 o'clock at Cape Hatteras Secondary School. The tourney features kickball between teachers and students. The event is free.

Insert Thursday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 23 at 8 a.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, go to Cape Hatteras Secondary School for Spruill's World Famous barbecue. Sale starts at Noon. By the plate with sides, \$10; by the pound \$9; 2 pounds \$16.

Also on Saturday, an annual Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale is set for Buxton Methodist Church from 10 to 2 in the fellowship hall of the church, across from Cape Hatteras Secondary. Interesting crafts from local vendors are available as well as an array of tasty baked goods for holiday enjoyment. Hot dogs and various homemade soups will be ready for lunch. Carry home quarts of your favorite soup for dinner or the freezer. All proceeds go to mission projects of the Buxton United Methodist Women.

Please record and insert this announcement at 11:30 and 1:30 and 5:30, Monday, November 18.

Here's a reminder about trash collection this week.

Because of inclement weather and dangerous road conditions, residential and commercial garbage collection on Hatteras Island did not take place today, Monday, November 18.

If conditions allow, collection will resume Tuesday, November 19 as follows:

Residential collection

Tuesday, November 19: Buxton, Frisco, and Hatteras

Wednesday, November 20: Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon

Thursday and Friday regular schedule

Commercial collection will be on Tuesday and Friday.

Insert at 3 p.m., Nov. 17.

This is Radio Hatteras with a storm update.

N C DOT has issued the following statement about NC 12.

Due to the hazardous conditions currently affecting clearing operations NC12 and given the forecast is calling for weather with similar conditions overnight, NC12 from the Oregon Inlet Bridge to Rodanthe will remain closed until weather conditions provide for safe and productive clearing efforts.

Limited visibility, severe ocean over wash, and continued blown sand on the roadway have contributed to the unsafe conditions NCDOT crews are experiencing. Ocean overwash is expected to affect NC12 again tonight and possibly tomorrow with tides and wind forecast to relax by sometime midday tomorrow. NCDOT clearing efforts will resume at such time the weather conditions improve to allow for safe operations.

Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands experienced a brief power outage around 2 o'clock. Radio Hatteras was off the air briefly.

As to winds, the National Weather Service reports that winds will shift from northeast to north. And gradually shift to North Northwest. By tomorrow mid-morning the wind should be blowing from the Northwest.

Overwash on NC 12 in Rodanthe is receding.

And this just in from Dare County Public Works.:

Inclement weather and dangerous road conditions will prohibit residential and commercial garbage collection from taking place on Monday, November 18 for Hatteras Island customers.

If conditions allow, collection will resume on Tuesday November 19 with the following changes to the schedule:

Residential--

Tuesday: Buxton, Frisco, and Hatteras

Wednesday: Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon

Thursday and Friday regular schedule

Commercial-- Collection on Tuesday and Friday

Be safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

11 a.m. Nov. 17 , 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with late Sunday morning storm report.

Ocean overwash is engulfing villages on Hatteras Island.

From the top, ocean water is flowing from vulnerable areas in north Rodanthe down NC 12 as far as Chicamacomico Life Saving Station. NC 12 is completely covered from just north of the village through Mirlo Beach.

At the Rodanthe pier, ocean water is creeping down Atlantic Drive toward NC 12.

In Tradewinds subdivision, ocean water is running down Tradewinds Drive toward NC 12.

At South Shore subdivision, the development's road is completely flooded. Ocean water has flooded Resort Rodanthe's road and the parking lot at Ocean Gourmet.

In Avon, NC 12 is filled with ocean water. Ocean water covers the village's sidewalk, and the entrance to Kinnakeet Shores Soundside. Homes in the subdivision have 7 or 8 inches of water underneath.

Ocean water is flowing at the north end of Buxton.

In Frisco and Hatteras, the villages are experiencing soundside tide, the first occurrence with this coastal storm.

On the soundside, waters are slowing re-filling the sound in Rodanthe.

In Rodanthe, winds are blowing northeast at 36 to 41 miles per hour.

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

8 a.m. Nov. 17, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with a Sunday morning storm report.

In Rodanthe, overwash evidence can be seen at Mirlo Beach, two side roads in north Rodanthe and at the Rodanthe pier, where sea foam is creating a snowy scene. In Tradewinds subdivision south of the pier, ocean water is partially covering subdivision roads.

NC 12 is clear from north Rodanthe to Ramp 23 south of Salvo. Ocean water stands at the end of Mirlo Beach and along NC 12 just north of Rodanthe. NC 12 remains closed.

In Avon, NC 12 has standing ocean water from Ace Hardware north. Ocean overwash has poured across oceanfront homes on Ocean View Drive.

Before high tide last night, ocean water flowed across NC 12 in north Buxton. At 7:30 this morning, a NC DOT worker in a front end loader was scrapping sand from the northbound lane. Some overwash appeared to remain on NC 12.

High tide this morning is around 11 o'clock.

Flags, ragged from the wind, are still flying from northeast winds.

In Rodanthe, wind speed started falling around 5:30 this morning. Winds are blowing northeast at 38 to 43 miles per hour.

The heaviest rain will remain well offshore, says the National Weather Service.

At 2:15 last night, Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative crews restored electric power to all of Hatteras Island and Ocracoke Island. Crews replace a failed insulator on the transmission system. From 10 to midnight, numerous power blinks occurred. If your power is not on, call 866-511-9862.

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

Insert at 7:30 and repeat at 7:45, p.m., Nov. 16.

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather report.

The National Weather Service says that the most significant overwash will occur with the high tide late Sunday morning.

The National Weather service is also saying that soundside flooding is less likely over Southern Hatteras Island and Ocracoke Island as winds will need to turn a bit more to the North northwest to northwest for this to occur.

Winds now are stronger in Rodanthe than in Hatteras, Frisco and Buxton.

In Rodanthe, winds are northeast around 50.

Tonight, mid and upper level coastal lows will stack and remain southeast of North Carolina. Winds will strengthen. Up to two inches of rain is forecast.

Enjoy our special shows this evening. Coming up at 8 is Excellent Musical Adventures with Carol and Shelley. At 9, Mary Ellen's Dance Party will brighten the evening.

Listen for another weather report around 11 o'clock tonight.

Be safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert now or a few minutes later. 5 p.m., Nov. 16

This is Radio Hatteras with an afternoon weather report.

To ensure the safety of Hatteras Island travelers, the state's transportation department closed N C 12 from the Oregon Inlet Bridge to Rodanthe at 5 o'clock.

At mid-afternoon in Rodanthe, no ocean wash was occurring at Mirlo Beach, at the Rodanthe pier and at Ocean Drive.

In Avon, no overwash is occurring at this time. Water has receded.

At mid-day Saturday, the National Weather Service predicted that the most significant overwash will occur with the high tide late Sunday morning.

As to soundside flooding, the National Weather service has lower confidence that soundside flooding over Southern Hatteras Island and Ocracoke Island as winds will need to turn a bit more to the North northwest to northwest for this to occur.

In Avon at 4:30, the wind speed was 29 point 7 miles per hour with gusts to 40.

In Rodanthe, 56 miles per hour is the highest recorded wind speed.

Tonight, mid and upper level coastal lows will stack and remain southeast of North Carolina. Winds will strengthen. Up to two inches of rain is forecast.

Be safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

3:30 p.m. Nov. 16

This is Radio Hatteras with a closure message about N C 12

Due to the very hazardous conditions currently affecting clearing operations and public travel on NC 12 and given the forecast is calling for weather conditions to further deteriorate overnight, NCDOT will be closing NC 12 from the Oregon Inlet Bridge to Rodanthe at 5 o'clock. With almost zero visibility and high confidence ocean overwash will occur with the next high tide and in order to ensure the safety of the traveling public, this closure is being implemented.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready, 10, 11, noon. Nov. 16, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras.

A very angry Atlantic Ocean has already pushed through south of Avon Pier.

In Rodanthe, the dune line is half gone next to the pier. Ocean water is splashing up against the pier house.

Morning high tide is now approaching at Cape Point.

At 8:25 this morning, a NCDOT front end loader moved north out of Rodanthe. A sand storm accompanies this very agitated ocean.

Less rain is now forecast. Only 4 to 6 inches of rain on Hatteras Island is predicted. Heaviest rain will be mostly offshore.

Persistent high winds with gusts up to 60 to 70 miles per hour are approaching.

In Rodanthe, a wind gust at 51 miles per hour has been recorded. Also, Pamlico Sound is emptying out.

Dare County Emergency Management advises everyone to avoid travel as conditions worsen. Water, sand and debris can quickly accumulate on roadways causing unsafe conditions. If you must drive, exercise extreme caution.

Be careful out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready, 7 and 10, Nov. 15. 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather alert.

Significant storm impacts for Hatteras Island are expected from this slow moving coastal low.

Conditions will continue to deteriorate tonight into Saturday.

A Coastal Flood warning and a High Wind Warning are in place starting Saturday morning and lasting through Sunday afternoon and late Sunday night.

Coastal flooding is expected on the ocean side along all of the Outer Banks. Significant ocean side impacts are expected north of Cape Hatteras.

Soundside locations in Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras village could also experience flooding.

Two to four feet of inundation above ground level may hit low lying areas near shorelines and tidal waterways resulting in a significant threat to life and property.

Total rainfall for the storm is predicated to be up to 8 inches in Rodanthe and 10 inches in Frisco. Already ponding is on NC 12 in Rodanthe and Waves.

Travel will become hazardous and conditions may make N.C. Highway 12 impassable in some areas this weekend into Monday, says Dare County. For information about current road conditions visit drive.nc.gov or dial 511.

Northeast winds will blow 40 to 50 miles per hour with gusts around 60 or 70 miles per hour.

Storm force winds and dangerous seas are predicted. A storm warning is in effect for Pamlico Sound and coastal waters.

High tide at Cape Point is around 9 o'clock tonight, 9:30 Saturday morning and around 10 Saturday night.

A high surf advisory is posted. Surf height is predicted for 10 to 15 feet.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready, then noon, 1 and 2 p.m.

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather alert.

Take note. Predictions indicate significant storm impacts for Hatteras Island.

The impacts of the powerful storm will be felt today with locally heavy rainfall and gusty winds.

A Coastal Flood warning and a High Wind Warning are in place starting Saturday morning and lasting through Sunday afternoon and late night.

Coastal flooding is expected on the ocean side from Duck down to Ocracoke Island. Significant ocean side impacts are expected north of Cape Hatteras.

Soundside locations in Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras village could also experience flooding.

Up to 2 to 4 feet of inundation above ground level, with locally higher amounts, are possible in low lying areas near shorelines and tidal waterways resulting in a significant threat to life and property.

Rainfall prediction is higher now. Rain for the total storm is predicated to be up to 6 inches in Rodanthe and 10 inches in Frisco.

Northeast winds will blow 40 to 50 miles per hour with gusts around 65 miles per hour.

A storm watch is in effect for Pamlico Sound and coastal waters.

NCDOT reports, depending on the storm surge and overwash, portions of N.C. 12 could be closed for extended periods during high tide cycles over the next few days.

High tide at Cape Point is around 9 o'clock tonight.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 – Delete t-shirt psas. Nov. 15,2019

This is storm information from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The N.C. Department of Transportation is warning motorists in eastern North Carolina that the storm forecast to hit the area starting Friday night could affect travel on N.C. 12 on the Outer Banks and cause roads to flood in some coastal areas throughout the weekend.

Officials expect significant overwash on N.C. 12, the Outer Banks' main thoroughfare, on Pea Island and Kitty Hawk. Depending on the storm surge and overwash, portions of N.C. 12 could be closed for extended periods during high tide cycles over the next few days.

Transportation crews have been staging motor graders and other equipment on Pea Island in advance of the storm and will have crews on call ready to respond to assess road conditions and clear sand-covered roads when conditions permit. Forecasters expect the system to move offshore Sunday into Monday morning.

For real-time travel information, visit DriveNC.gov.

Insert when ready, 6:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Nov. 14. 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather alert.

The National Weather Service has issued a high wind watch in effect from late Friday night through Sunday evening.

North to Northeast winds 30 to 40 miles per hour with gusts from 55 to 65 are possible.

Also issued is a coastal flood watch from Saturday morning through Monday afternoon with potential for life threatening inundation. Rough surf, beach erosion and ocean overwash expected.

Coastal flooding is expected on the ocean side from Duck down to Ocracoke Island and soundside locations in Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras village as well as Ocracoke Island.

Up to 2 to 4 feet of inundation above ground level, with locally higher amounts, is possible in some areas.

A storm watch is in effect for Pamlico Sound and coastal waters.

The National Weather Service anticipates possible road closures and flooding of vehicles. Portions of Highway 12 could be inundated and impassable at times.

According to NCDOT, depending on the storm surge and overwash, portions of N.C. 12 could be closed for extended periods during high tide cycles over the next few days, reports Dare County.

High tides at Cape Point are around 8:45 tomorrow morning and 9:05 tomorrow night.

Rainfall is predicated to be up to 4 inches in Rodanthe and 6 inches in Frisco.

The Cape Hatteras National Seashore is closing the Oregon Inlet, Frisco and Cape Point Campgrounds at noon on Friday, Nov. 15. The campgrounds will reopen after the storm passes and assessments are completed. Park service visitor centers at Bodie and Buxton are expected to remain open.

Prepare now for this storm. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert when ready, 10, 11, noon, Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather alert.

A complex and slow moving coastal low is expected to impact the area this weekend, reports the National Weather Service.

Strong winds, dangerous surf, major coastal flooding, ocean overwash, beach erosion, and locally heavy rainfall are all possible.

Widespread showers develop this evening. Expect downpours.

Winds build. On Friday, north wind blows up to 31 miles per hour with gusts to 49.

On Saturday, two low pressure systems stack and deepen.

Winds around this low will be strong and lead to potential major coastal flooding.

High wind warnings appear likely with wind gusts reaching between 52 and 61 miles per hour on Hatteras Island.

Gale and storm force winds are forecast over coastal waters and Pamlico Sound Friday night through Monday.

These persistent, strong north to northeast winds could lead to significant coastal flooding along the Outer Banks, mainly south of Oregon Inlet. Coastal flooding is expected from Friday night through Monday.

Significant beach erosion and ocean overwash are expected, especially north of Cape Hatteras where portions of N C 12 could become inundated and impassible at times, says the National Weather Service. Most vulnerable are the east-facing beaches on Hatteras Island.

The next briefing from the National Weather Service is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Prepare now for this storm. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15.

It's Gospel Music Night at 7 o'clock at the Cape Hatteras Baptist Church, 50195 Buccaneer Drive in Frisco. The Overcomers band of eastern North Carolina perform southern and classic gospel and some of the good old hymns.

Insert Saturday, at 8 a.m.

First Annual Blessing of the Animals is set for 11 to 1 today at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building. Pastor Tim Fitch will speak and bless the animals. Food and music will be served up. Pawtraits will be made. Adoptable pets will be available. Hatteras Island Pet Resort will be handing out treats for the animals. It's all free.

Insert at 9, 10, 11, noon, Nov. 12, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather update

Three weather advisories are in place for Hatteras Island today and Wednesday.

The National Weather Service has issued wind, coastal flood and a high surf advisories for this afternoon and evening into Wednesday.

A strong cold front will move through Eastern North Carolina Tuesday afternoon, bringing a shot of cold winter weather and rain.

Strong northerly winds will develop behind the front and continue into Wednesday. North winds from 22 to 31 miles per hour with gusts up to 45 or 50 are expected.

Gale warnings are in effect.

Gale force winds with northerly flow and higher than normal astronomical tides combine for soundside coastal flood threat along the southern Outer Banks. Water levels up to two feet above normal could result in one to two feet of water above ground.

Rough surf and minor beach erosion expected for the beaches north of Cape Hatteras.

Minor ocean overwash is possible for areas north of Cape Hatteras, especially in locations where dune structures are vulnerable.

A low temperature of 35 along the Outer Banks is predicted. Inland, the low temperature is expected to be 25 to 30.

Stay safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30, Nov. 11.

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather alert.

The National Weather Service has issued three advisories starting Tuesday afternoon.

A wind advisory, a coastal flood advisory and a high surf advisory are in place.

A strong cold front will move through Eastern North Carolina Tuesday afternoon.

Strong northerly winds will develop behind the front and continue into Wednesday. North winds from 25 to 35 miles per hour with gusts up to 45 are expected.

Gale warnings are in effect.

Minor soundside flooding will be possible for areas adjacent to the southern Pamlico Sound. One to two feet above ground level is expected.

Rough surf and minor beach erosion expected for the beaches north of Cape Hatteras.

Minor ocean overwash will be possible for areas north of Cape Hatteras, especially in locations where dune structures are vulnerable.

The weather advisories are in place starting with wind at 4 tomorrow afternoon and coastal and high surf advisories starting at 7 Tuesday night.

A low temperature of 35 along the Outer Banks is predicted. Inland, the low temperature is expected to be 25 to 30.

Prepare now. Be safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at noon and 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8 and 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

Cape Hatteras Secondary's boys soccer team will play Voyager Academy on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. Cape Hatteras hosts this second round state playoff match at the soccer field on Buxton Back road. Ticket price is \$7 dollars.

6:10 p.m. Nov. 4, 2019

This is Radio Hatteras.

In the Canal Zone south of the Oregon Inlet bridge, a truck hauling one of the concrete pilings for the Rodanthe bridge is on the east side of N C 12. The rear wheel assemblage is separated from the piling. Dare Sheriff's office reported a crane is needed to move the piling.

At 6 o'clock traffic started moving again after at least a half hour delay.

This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert: Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 1 at 11:30, 1:30 and 5:30 and Saturday Nov. 2 at 8 a.m.

Cape Hatteras Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration happens this Saturday, November 2.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore and partner organizations celebrate the area's surf fishing history at the Cape Hatteras Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration. The free event is set for the Fessenden Center in Buxton Saturday, November 2.

A full day of presentations on a variety of surf fishing-related topics are planned.

The event includes presentations on the history of surf fishing at the seashore, the biology of common sport fish, casting technique, the evolution of beach buggies, rod building and shark behavior along the Outer Banks.

The free celebration starts at 9 o'clock in the morning and ends at 4 that afternoon at the Fessenden Center in Buxton.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Nov. 6, 7 and 8 at 11:30, 1:30, 5:30

Saturday Nov. 9, 8 a.m.

Through the winter, cold stunned sea turtles wash up on Hatteras Island's soundside.

Volunteer to help these sea turtles.

On Saturday, November 9, attend field patrol training at 9 in the morning at the old weather bureau station on Buxton Back Road beside the Cape Hatteras soccer field.

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission sponsors the training.

Call 252-453-0221, extension 1, to register.

Again, call the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education to register. That number is 252-453-0221, extension 1.

Public Safety and Public Service Announcements:

December

Insert at 11:30, Dec. 18, 19, 20 and 8 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 21.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, enjoy Breakfast with Santa and a Pop-up Christmas Shop at the Salvo Fire Station. The event starts at 8. Santa comes in for a visit at 9. From 9 to 11, kids 12 and under will be able to shop for Free for each member of their immediate family in the household. Breakfast is free too. 252-305-0656 (Mrs. Fitch)

Insert Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 and Wednesday at 8 a.m.

On December 18, a vaccination clinic sponsored by the Coastal Humane Society will happen from 9 o'clock in the morning to 1 in the afternoon at the Avon Fire Department. Vaccinations for dogs are \$28 and for cats \$15. Call 473-3117 if you can to make an appointment. Dogs on leashes. Cats in carriers.

Insert 11:30 and 5:30, Dec. 18 and 8 a.m., Dec. 19

On December 19, the National Weather Service will present a Winter SKYWARN training class at the Fessenden Center Annex starting at 6:30 in the evening. Call 252-223-5737, extension 6, to register.

Insert Dec. 17 at 5:30, Dec. 18 at 11:30, 1:30; Dec. 19 1:30 and 5:30

Hey, pay attention to the trash pickup schedule.

During Christmas week, residential trash collection will be Monday, December 23 in Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras. Trash will not be picked up again until Monday, December 30.

For Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon, trash will be picked up Friday, December 27. That means, the last trash pickup for these villages before Christmas is Friday, December 20. Got that Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon? To make sure to start Christmas week with an empty trash can, put out the black can for pickup Thursday night, December 19. The can will not be emptied again until Friday, December 27.

The Buxton transfer station and Rodanthe Recycle Center are closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Changes in residential trash pickup are not slated for New Year's week.

Insert Dec. 11 and 12 at 11:30, Dec. 13 at 11:30 and 5:30, and Dec. 14 at 8 a.m.

It's time for OBXmas on Hatteras Island

Start Saturday, December 14 with lots of exercise. The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is open for a Winter Lighthouse Climb from 9 in the morning to Noon. The climb is free. Volunteers from the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society and Cape Hatteras National Seashore park rangers will greet climbers.

On this second Saturday in December, Hatteras village welcomes all to the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum and the village's Christmas Parade.

At noon, the museum opens its doors for all to enjoy live Christmas music, activities and delicious food amid festive Christmas decorations.

At 2 o'clock, the Hatteras village Christmas Parade starts at the museum, follows N C 12 through the center of Hatteras and ends at Eagle Pass Road. Parade winners will be announced at the museum, which stays open until 5 o'clock

As it has for four years, Radio Hatteras will broadcast the parade live. We'll talk to you at 2 p.m. and then play Christmas music until the parade reaches our place. We'll tell you what we see and then play some more Christmas music until 3. Join us on 101.5 or 99.9 FM.

On Tuesday, December 3, Hatteras villagers are invited to the village's Christmas Tree Lighting and Community Dinner. A sing along and tree lighting starts at 5:30

at the village triangle. The community dinner will be held at the Hatteras Village Civic Center.

Rodanthe Bridge update set for December 5

State transportation officials are inviting people to an informational meeting December 5 on the Rodanthe Bridge project.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 8 in the evening, Thursday, December 5 at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Center in Rodanthe.

N.C. Department of Transportation officials and project engineers will provide an update on the project's progress and answer questions.

On Saturday, December 7, have breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 11:30 at the Hatteras Village Civic Center. This annual event benefits the Hatteras village Pre-school. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage cooked by Coast Guard members from Station Hatteras. Daniel Pullen will be making pictures with Santa. Breakfast is 8 dollars for adults and 4 dollars for children under 12.

On Sunday, December 8, breakfast will be served at Our Lady of the Seas Catholic parish, starting at 8 in the morning. Proceeds will help pay medical expenses for a member of the community.

The breakfast features tamales and pan dulce or Mexican sweet bread, plus drink for 10 dollars. For children, 3 pancakes or 2 pancakes and pan dulce plus juice also for \$10.

Breakfast will be in the church hall at 48478 NC 12, Buxton.

NEWS Programming:

October

Weekly News Summary for October 6, 2019.

5:00 p.m.

White House approves declaration for public assistance; individual assistance under review

On Friday, October 4, President Trump approved Governor Roy Cooper's request for a major disaster declaration for Public Assistance for counties impacted by Hurricane Dorian, including Dare and Hyde and 12 other coastal counties.

This major disaster declaration allows impacted counties to receive support from FEMA's Public Assistance program. The program provides reimbursement to local governments for costs of debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures and the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster-damaged publicly owned facilities.

North Carolina requested Public Assistance on September 13.

On September 21, Cooper also requested a major disaster declaration for Individual Assistance, which if approved, would provide grants to residents who suffered damages from Dorian, and could open the door to additional FEMA recovery programs.

The individual assistance request remains under review.

In addition to Public Assistance, the Declaration also lists as types of assistance the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. All areas in the State of North Carolina are eligible to apply for this assistance to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from nature hazards.

Hurricane debris removal update

Residents and property owners in unincorporated Dare County should have all storm-related debris placed in front of their properties, in the right-of-way.

On Sunday morning, in Waves, a person was still adding additional items to a jumbled pile.

In the island's three northern villages, most debris and vegetation piles have been removed from NC 12. Remaining are jumbled piles not properly separated and appliances, grills, tires and old bikes.

In the three villages, large items such as cars, boats, trailers, and campers are not on NC 12.

As of October 3, Dare County is reporting that the debris crews working in the northern villages will move to Avon and south. A crew working in Hatteras Village removing vegetative debris will move to Frisco.

An additional crew is slated to remove damaged trees and limbs over rights-of-way in Buxton.

Really Free Market has new hours

At the Frisco Volunteer Fire Department, the Really Free Market serves as a central spot post-Dorian to drop off donations and pick up supplies. A new three-day-a-week schedule is posted for the next two weeks:

On Mondays and Fridays, the market is open from 9 to 4. On Wednesday, the market is open from 9 to 7 in the evening.

After Friday, October 18, all remaining supplies will be transferred to the Blessings Market at the Assembly of God in Hatteras village, which is located at 57343 Eagle Pass Rd., and which will continue to remain open after the Free Market closes.

Supplies and donations are still needed as residents shift from the cleaning stage of post-storm recovery to the rebuilding stage. For an updated list of current needs at the Frisco Free Market, go to Island Free Press, the online newspaper for Hatteras and Ocracoke.

Now for some other news

Increased revenue for Dare County

For Dare County, two major capital projects are projected to cost more than originally estimated.

The proposed new College of The Albemarle building is currently estimated to cost \$14 million and the new animal shelter in Manteo at \$4 point 6 million.

At a meeting last week of the Dare County Commissioners Capital Improvements Plan Committee, Dare County Manager Robert L. Outten reported that revenue was over expenses for the Fiscal Year 2019, as reported in The Coastland Times.

With increased revenue from point-of-sale tax and occupancy tax, the amount of revenue over expenses is now estimated at \$4.5 million as of June 30, 2019.

As currently planned, the additional revenue will be used to keep the fund balance at 21 percent of the county's operating budget, replenish the disaster fund and transfer \$3.6 million to the capital improvements fund.

Homeowner insurance rates are going up

The N.C. Department of Insurance has settled a homeowner insurance legal dispute with the North Carolina Rate Bureau and has also negotiated a settlement on mobile home insurance rates.

The Rate Bureau initially proposed a 17 point 4 percent statewide rate hike for homeowner insurance. For the beach areas, the proposal called for a 30 percent rate hike.

The settlement, which goes into effect next May, has a 4 percent statewide increase.

For the Outer Banks beach areas the increase is 9 point 8 percent.

In mainland Dare, Hyde and Currituck, the increase in homeowner insurance is 4 point 5 percent.

Mobile home insurance will also increase but area specifics were not provided by the Department of Insurance.

Here is some Fishery news.

Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee will hold a workshop starting at 6 in the evening, Wednesday, October 9 at the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington.

Division staff and committee members will discuss development of the plan's Amendment 3. Items include a review of implementation of Amendment 2 and the draft goal and objectives of Amendment 3. A discussion will ensue about potential management issues including quota, slot limits, size limit changes, gear changes, and species-specific management.

The meeting is open to the public but no public comment period is scheduled.

At sunrise October 15, the state's internal coastal waters will open for harvesting oysters by hand methods with limits for commercial and recreational harvest.

Minimum size limit is three inches,

Individuals taking oysters for personal consumption are limited to one bushel of oysters per person per day not to exceed two (2) bushels per vessel per day and can harvest seven days per week.

Commercial fishing operations are restricted to harvest Monday through Friday.

The harvest rules are spelled out in Division of Marine Fisheries Proclamation Number S F 4 2019.

Update on Sea turtle activity in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore

On all Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches, 472 sea turtle nests were identified. Of those, 320 were on Hatteras Island.

As of Oct. 3, 411 of the nests have hatched and been inventoried. 33 nests were lost and 25 are still active.

In Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, 40 sea turtle nests were identified. 31 have hatched and been inventoried. Six nests are still active.

Thanksgiving Basket Program: Sponsors and Applicants Needed

The Fessenden Center and Dare County Department of Health & Human Services are looking for sponsors and applicants for the Hatteras Island Thanksgiving Basket Program.

Participants interested in applying for the Thanksgiving Assistance Program can pick up and return applications at Dare County Department of Health & Human Services in Frisco from October 7 until November 8.

Sponsorship opportunities include monetary and basket donations. Individuals interested in making a monetary gift can mail checks to: Fessenden Center, PO Box 859, Buxton, NC 27920. Anyone interested in basket sponsorship information can contact April at 252-475-5650.

Coming this week

Dare County's Board of Commissioners meets Monday starting at 9 in the morning.

Art Show and Sale in Rodanthe scheduled for October 10

The Island Art Show runs from 10 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon. It's an indoor/outdoor event held rain or shine. More than 20 artists will display and sell works. Live music offered.

Saturday, October 12 is filled with activities

A Yard sale is set for Rodanthe

In Rodanthe, the second annual community and charity yard sale is set for Saturday, October 12 on the lawn at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building.

The yard sale runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If the weather is not good, the yard sale moves inside the Community Building.

Look for special activities at the yard sale. The Outer Banks SPCA is bringing furry friends for adoption. A Chicamacomico Banks fire truck and firefighting volunteers will be on scene as will Community Emergency Response Team volunteers with the organization's trailer. Paint a Shake at the Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station table. Local crafters are coming and others with treasures.

The address for the villages' community building is 23646 NC 12, Rodanthe. The event is sponsored by the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association.

Get ready for the Positively Pink 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, October 12.

Pink is the Hatteras Island color for the race and run or walk. Proceeds go to the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation. In its 16th year, the run or walk starts at the entrance to Kinnakeet Shores Soundside in Avon at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$30 before October 10 and \$35 after October 10. The run or walk route winds through Kinnakeet Shores Soundside.

Register at [run sign up dot com](http://runsignup.com) using H I C F 5 K to find the race registration which ends October 10.

On Saturday night, the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club hosts its monthly meeting at the club house on Light Plant Road in Buxton. The evening begins with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 and continues with a speaker from North Carolina Marine Fisheries who will answer questions about flounder closures.

Please be safe out there. Elevated seas and onshore winds are producing dangerous surf conditions. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for October 13, 2019.

5:00 p.m.

Melissa puts Hatteras Island at a standstill

The ocean's waves were relentless gobbling up sand and streaming across N C 12 in Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, in Avon, in Buxton.

NC 12 was initially closed from Oregon Inlet Bridge to Rodanthe Thursday evening, opened, closed again Friday morning and not reopened until 6:15 Saturday evening.

N C D O T crews heroically pushed sand back into dunes only to see the ocean punch another breach in the dike. But those crews kept plugging.

High tides Friday night and Saturday morning caused more dune breaches and deposited more water and sand on NC 12 in the Refuge. But the road crews kept plugging.

Finally, on Saturday evening vehicles finally started moving off and onto the island. The crews had created two narrow lanes of asphalt for traveling albeit through some ocean water. The ocean punched another breach about 9 o'clock, but crews quickly plugged the hole and traffic flowed again at 9:30 Saturday night.

On Sunday, the National Weather Service in Newport continued to trumpet elevated water levels from Tropical Storm Melissa and warn of continuing overwash. However, traffic continued to flow northward on Sunday morning.

The ocean was relentless in Avon, pushing under oceanside houses, across Ocean View, under more houses, across N C 12 and into Kinnakeet Shores. The ocean salt water was deep along N C 12 between the village's post office and Ace Hardware. At 6:15 Sunday morning, salt water remained in traveling lanes in some places.

Power off Saturday morning

Power went off early Saturday morning. The Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative tried several times to restore the transmitted power. A switch just south of the Oregon Inlet bridge was covered with salt. Nags Head Fire Department came to the

rescue and washed the salt contamination off the switch and the power returned to Hatteras and Ocracoke islands around 9 in the morning.

Thanks to the linemen from Cape Hatteras and the firemen from Nags Head for bringing power back during a difficult time for the islands.

Another action for Hatteras Island happened this past week.

A small business disaster declaration was requested for Dare, Hyde, Carteret and New Hanover and adjacent counties.

Gov. Roy Cooper sent the request on Friday. It is the first step in setting up a state relief effort for those affected by Hurricane Dorian.

The state will not appeal FEMA's denial of individual assistance.

If granted, the SBA declaration would provide low-interest disaster loans to people affected by Hurricane Dorian, and it would be the first piece of a state-managed relief program for Dorian's victims.

It is the governor's intention to sign an order for state-funded individual assistance which would provide grants to supplement SBA loans. The state will then open disaster recovery centers in affected counties for people to apply for SBA loans and state grants.

An update about Dorian debris removal.

Dare County reports that debris removal throughout unincorporated Dare County should be completed by Halloween.

This past weekend has slowed that progress on Hatteras Island. Debris removal will happen as conditions allow. It is unknown at this time what Hatteras Islanders are to do about debris from the Melissa storm.

Now for some updates from the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Columbus Day, October 14, is the last day of the 2019 climbing season at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. Climbing times are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Inclement weather may impact lighthouse climbs. One more climb, a free one, will happen Saturday, December 14 from 9 to Noon. The climb is part of Christmas on Hatteras Island. The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum opens for its grand Christmas event at noon and the Hatteras village Christmas Parade starts at 2 that afternoon.

Seasonal off-road vehicle routes in front of the villages will reopen at 7 a.m., October 15. The seashore continues to warn that beach driving routes may be impassable.

Upcoming events for the seashore include the first annual Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration is set for November 2 from 9 to 4:30 at the Fessenden Center in Buxton.

A Learn to Fish Clinic will be held Saturday, November 9 at Ramp 55 across from Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras.

This is not about Hatteras Island. It's about Wright Brothers National Memorial. On Saturday night, the copper reproduction bust of Orville Wright, located at the foot of the Wright Brothers Memorial, was stolen. The heavy granite base where the bust was mounted was toppled over and damaged. The crime is under investigation.

If you have any information, call the Dare County Community CrimeLine at 252-473-3111.

Hatteras Island Angel Gift Program details were announced this week

The coalition that implements the Hatteras Island Angel Gift program is seeking sponsors, donors and applicants for the upcoming holiday season.

Donation Boxes and Angel requests will be located in businesses for donors to sponsor. Monetary and toy donations are also accepted. The last donation day is December 2.

For families in need of assistance this Christmas, applications for Hatteras Island Angel Gift are available to pick up and drop off at the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services Frisco campus.

The last application date is November 8. Children from birth through age 14 are eligible. Children 15 may be included if enrolled in school.

For questions regarding the program, or to make a donation, contact the program coordinator, Linda at Hatteras United Methodist Church at 252.986.2149 or Jessica at 252.475.9343.

Cape Hatteras Secondary receives Ocean Guardian status and grant

Cape Hatteras Secondary science teacher Clayton Tideman and principal Beth Rooks accepted a \$3,000 dollar grant to continue recycling work in the school.

This year, the funds will be used to install a water fountain to refill water bottles.

The school also received its Ocean Guardian Year 1 banner for successfully meeting all criteria. The award comes from NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary.

On Friday, October 11, both island schools were to start on a three-hour delay. Because of the weather and flooding, the schools were closed for Friday.

For this week, Cape Hatteras Secondary's soccer team plays Bear Grass on Tuesday, October 15 at the Buxton Back Road soccer field. The match starts at 5 o'clock. The team has won its last two matches.

On Thursday, senior night for the soccer team and marching band happens around 4:30. Then, the Cape Hatteras Hurricanes will play another match against Bear Grass, starting at 5 o'clock.

At the same time, the Cape Hatteras Girls varsity volleyball team will play Mattamuskeet. The girls volleyball team has an 11 and 6 overall record and a 5 and 1 conference record this season. The match is played at Cape Hatteras Elementary School, due to Dorian damage to the campus gymnasium.

Interesting events this week:

On Friday, October 18, Cape Hatteras Baptist Church in Frisco invites all to a community Gospel Music Night. The Steadfast Quartet of eastern North Carolina will be singing. The music night starts at 7 o'clock.

Be safe out there. Drive slowly through the salt water. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for October 20, 2019.

5:00 p.m.

Hatteras Island is in the midst of another weekend storm.

This one's a little different. The low pressure system started in the Gulf of Mexico and gained tropical storm status to be called Nestor. On Saturday morning, the storm's center made landfall in the Florida panhandle.

The system is lopsided. Most of the rain and wind action is in front of the center. When the system was in the Gulf, the National Hurricane Center tracked its whereabouts. When the system moved over land and became post-tropical, the hurricane center dropped out as an information provider.

The National Weather Service in Newport posted advisories on Saturday. In place are wind, coastal flood and high surf advisories.

This storm is not finished according to the schedule posted by the National Weather Service.

Wind will slowly shift from the southeast, to due south, to southwest to west sometime around 6 o'clock tonight. The slowly the wind will shift to northwest then to due north around 6 Monday night.

Around noon, wind had pushed Pamlico Sound water way out in Frisco. The slow change from southeast wind to north might lessen the impact of soundside flooding on Hatteras Island.

Hatteras Island is still cleaning up from Hurricane Dorian.

Dare County's contractor expects to be finished picking up storm debris by October 31.

In an update, the county said no new debris should be placed in the right-of-way in Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon on Hatteras Island.

Crews are working to complete vegetative, construction and demolition debris removal on all roads.

Some help is here.

The Hurricane Dorian Recovery Center is now open. Hours are 9 in the morning to 6 in the evening weekdays and on Saturdays from 10 to 2. The center is closed on Sunday. The center's address is the old PNC Bank Building, 47013 Buxton Back Road in Buxton.

Representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and North Carolina Emergency Management are present.

Disaster loans are available for businesses with physical disaster and economic injury. Home disaster loans are for homeowners or renters to repair or replace damaged real estate and personal property including automobiles. Go to the center with questions or go to [disasterloan dot s b a dot gov](http://disasterloan.sba.gov).

The center will close at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, October 31.

Waterways commission meets

The Dare County Waterways Commission again lobbied for lighted buoys to show the way through the South Ferry Channel where conditions have changed since Hurricane Dorian, reported the Island Free Press.

The commission learned that dredging of the South Ferry Channel will not happen immediately. The Memorandum of Understanding with the Corps of Engineers, the state and the county has lapsed. It will take four or five more weeks to get all the necessary signatures. The Memorandum is only good for one year.

On October 7, Dare's commissioners approved additional funding for South Ferry Channel dredge event at a total amount of \$49,785 dollars. Hurricane Dorian added 17,300 cubic yards of material to be dredged. The approved sum is one-quarter of the total project, which Dare County is required to contribute.

About South Dock repairs, the contractor says the project to restore the docks should be finished by January 31.

The commission learned that NCDOT is exploring the feasibility of constructing a new ferry dock just north of the pony pens on Ocracoke and abandoning everything north of that area, reports the Island Free Press. Go to islandfreepress.com for a full report of the meeting.

Avoid paying unnecessary fees for official property documents

Be careful paying for official documents, say the state attorney for North Carolina. Don't pay for them from a third-party company unless you're absolutely sure you can't get them cheaper.

Recently, private businesses have been sending official-looking "Recorded Deed Notice" mailings to consumers that offer to provide a property assessment profile for a \$86 fee.

If you receive such information, please know that much of the information included in this assessment profile can be obtained at no cost or a nominal fee from your Register of Deeds office or the County Tax Assessor's office, or online through the agency that maintains real estate documents and financial information where you live. You do not need to pay a separate company to get these official documents.

If you believe that you have been the victim of a scam in the process of trying to obtain these documents, you can file a consumer complaint with the state's Consumer Protection Division at ncdoj.gov/complaint or by calling 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

Fall fishing fun is here.

Upcoming this week is the North Carolina Beach Buggy's Red Drum Tournament. Headquarters is Frank & Fran's, Avon. Tournament fishing starts at a minute past midnight Thursday, October 24 and ends at Noon Saturday, October 26. Fishing area is 2 miles north of Ramp 23 to south of Ramp 38 to no driving zone.

Fishermen and the island businesses that serve them were happy to learn that the beaches in front of the villages were opened to Off Road Vehicles last Tuesday, October 15. These beaches remain open until April 15.

In another piece of good news for the fishing community, a portion of the Avon Fishing Pier and the pier house were opened again on Thursday, October 17. The end of the pier suffered extensive damage during subtropical storm Melissa and will not reopen during the 2019 season.

Dare Board of Commissioners meets Monday

On Monday afternoon at 5:30, Dare County Board of Commissioners meet at the administration campus in Manteo.

On the agenda is a public hearing set for 5:30 to consider allowing commercial storage yards as a permitted use in the C-3 zone. The C-3 zone is mapped in Avon and Buxton and on Roanoke Island.

A commercial storage yard is defined as “an open site that provides space for a fee for the storage of boats and boat trailers; recreational vehicles, travel trailers, and campers; automobiles; utility trailers; contractors’ towable storage trailers, and similar types of vehicles and equipment. This does not include the dry-stack storage of boats.”

Additionally, the board will consider a report about the College of The Albemarle campus project.

Public comment may be offered immediately after the chairman’s opening remarks in person in the commissioners meeting room in Manteo or in the Fessenden Center Annex on Buxton Back road.

Upcoming events on Hatteras Island

On Monday, Oct. 21, Primetimers meet from Noon to 2 for a Potluck lunch at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building, Rodanthe. All ages welcome

On Wednesday and Thursday, the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles mobile office will be in Hatteras village. The office opens at 8 in the morning at the Hatteras Village Civic Center, 56658 NC 12, Hatteras. It stays open on Wednesday until 5 and on Thursday until 4 o’clock.

On Wednesday, the Tiny Art Show will be held at the Swell Gallery in Frisco. The show and sale runs from 5:30 to 8:30 in the evening. Sale proceeds go to the Wayne Fulcher art scholarship.

On Wednesday, go play BINGO at the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, 47231 Light Plant Rd., Buxton. Doors open 6 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 24, the board of directors of the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association meets at the villages’ community building in Rodanthe, across from the Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Radio Hatteras has gathered information about fun Halloween events planned for the island’s children. Listen at 11:30 in the morning for the line up.

Please be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly news summary for October 27, 2019,

5:00 p.m.

The National Weather Service in Morehead City advises that numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms can be expected into this evening. A few storms could become severe with the main threats damaging winds and possibly an isolated tornado.

Here are some updates on recovery from past storms

Recovery Center in Buxton open until 4 on Halloween.

Representatives of the Small Business Administration are stationed at the old PNC Bank in Buxton.

Don't be confused by the name. During disasters like Hurricane Dorian, individuals are also eligible for Small Business Administration loans.

The SBA application is the portal to all other Disaster Assistance. Applicants file paperwork to determine level of need and existing resources. That paperwork is in the form of a loan application, but you are not required to take out a loan if you do not want to. The purpose of the loan application determines if existing resources qualify for a grant, housing assistance, volunteer services or other types of Disaster Assistance.

The Buxton Recovery Center hours are 9 in the morning to 6 in the evening Monday through Wednesday and until 4 o'clock on Thursday, October 31.

Hurricane Dorian debris clearing on-going

As of last Sunday, Dare County contractor Southern Disaster Recovery has picked up the following amounts in unincorporated Dare County:

vegetation debris 1165 loads or 61,416 cubic yards

C&D debris 549 loads or 29,326 cubic yards.

The contractor has also cut 149 leaning trees and trimmed 1,264 hanging tree limbs.

Southern Disaster Recovery has stated that the debris clearing will be finished October 31.

Dunes fixed

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, the North Carolina Department of Transportation announced that road crews completed work rebuilding the dune line between the Oregon Inlet Bridge and Rodanthe.

The dune line from north Rodanthe to the bridge was severely damaged during a week-long nor'easter which lingered offshore in mid-October and which later became Subtropical Storm Melissa.

The storm caused several closures of N C 12 from October 10 to October 12 north of Rodanthe. In the days since the storm, NCDOT crews removed standing water and sand from the road and restructuring the dunes. The work caused one-lane road closures.

Both lanes of N C 12 are now open.

Flood insurance talked about

“Low risk is not no risk.”

Donna Creef, Dare County Planning Director, uses that phrase to talk about flood insurance.

The long-awaited new flood maps for Dare County will be adopted effective June 2020.

The maps show hundreds of properties in Dare County coming out of flood zones and receiving a shaded X or X zone designation.

“We are concerned about that in Dare County,” said Creef, reporting that one out of four flood insurance claims are in X zones.

Creef delivered her remarks at the Community Conversation about Property Insurance held Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Ship wreckage discovered

A piece of shipwreck was uncovered on the beach across from Wreck Tiki Bar and Food in Hatteras Village in October.

Restaurateur Charlie Hornfeck found the piece, reported the Graveyard of Atlantic Museum in Island Free Press.

The wreck may have come from Dulcimer, an English bark that stranded on February 12, 1883. Read a full account of the discovery on [Island Free Press.org](http://IslandFreePress.org)

New fisheries study underway

In 2017, \$97 million of wild-caught fish and shellfish were landed, over \$16 million in Wanchese alone, states a media release from North Carolina Sea Grant.

Jane Harrison, North Carolina Sea Grant's coastal economist, is leading a new research project to consider commercial fisheries' impacts on state and local economies. The one-year study, which includes partners at three universities, is funded by the N.C. Commercial Fishing Resource Fund.

Traffic Detour Route Announced for NC 12

Going up the beach anytime during the next two weeks? If so, allow extra travel time.

On Monday, October 28, the Federal Highway Administration will begin a pavement preservation project along a 4 and half mile stretch of Highway 12 between Whalebone Junction and South Old Oregon Inlet Road.

Both lanes of NC 12 will be closed.

Traffic will be detoured to South Old Oregon Inlet Road.

In April 2019, the Federal Highway Administration began a one-year project to preserve approximately 43 miles of paved roads and parking areas within Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, and Wright Brothers National Memorial.

The contractor for the \$6.9 million project is Bryant's Land & Development Industries, Inc. from Burnsville, North Carolina.

Calendar changes for schools

Due to Hurricane Dorian, students and staff at Cape Hatteras Elementary School missed five days of school and at Cape Hatteras Secondary, eight days of school. On Oct. 11, both schools were closed due to coastal flooding.

The following calendar changes for Cape Hatteras Schools were made:

This upcoming Friday, November 1 is now a school day. It was set aside for parent/teacher conferences.

Friday, January 24 is now a full school day and Monday, January 27 is a school day instead of an optional teacher workday.

Cape Hatteras Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration happens Saturday, November 2.

On November 2, 2019, Cape Hatteras National Seashore and partner organizations celebrate the area's surf fishing history at the Cape Hatteras Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration. The free event is set for the Fessenden Center in Buxton.

A full day of talks and presentations on a variety of surf fishing-related topics will be offered.

The event includes presentations on the history of surf fishing at the seashore, the biology of common sport fish, casting technique, the evolution of beach buggies, rod building and shark behavior along the Outer Banks. A panel discussion about

female surf fishing anglers features well know Hatteras Islanders Carol Dillon, Sue Garrett, Nancy Gionnotti, Rossie Jennette Jackson, Ginger Knight, Shelly Rollinson.

The celebration starts at 9 o'clock in the morning and ends at 4 that afternoon.

Cape Hatteras girls will first round in state tourney

On Saturday evening, the Cape Hatteras girls varsity volleyball team defeated Rosewood in the first round to the state tournament in four hotly contested games. Rosewood won the first game 27 to 25.

Cape Hatteras won the next three with scores of 25 to 18, 27 to 25 and 25 to 20.

The Cape Hatteras team will play Camden County on Tuesday, October 29 at First Flight High School. The match time, possibly in the early evening, has not been set.

Celebrate Halloween

Halloween Trunk or Treat fun is set at these locations:

In Rodanthe at the Fair Haven United Methodist Church starting at 5 o'clock

In Avon in the Beach Klub parking lot from 5 to 7

In Frisco at the Heritage of Faith Family Church from 6 to 8

In Hatteras, at the Hatteras United Methodist Church at 5

Also in Hatteras is the 2nd annual BooFest at the Red and White starting at 5.

Be safe out there. Watch for children on Halloween. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras

NEWS Programming:

November

Weekly News Summary for November 3, 2019.

5:00 p.m.

First Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration was great

The National Park Service and its partners presented the first Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Fessenden Center.

Partners included Outer Banks Forever, Outer Banks Preservation Association, North Carolina Beach Buggy Association, Cape Hatteras Anglers Club and the Outer Banks History Center.

Different presenters told about surf fishing history, beach buggy evolution and common marine sport fish and demonstrated surf casting and rod building.

The Female Surf Fishing Anglers drew the largest crowd. The six-member panel regaled the audience with quick witticisms. These women are tournament participants and winners.

In the afternoon, noted photographer Daniel Pullen used his artwork to paint a humorous portrait of the specialness of Cape Point.

An estimated 200 people drifted in and out of the daylong celebration.

For all the takeaways from the presentations, see the report on the Island Free Press.

The program will be broadcast on CurrentTV in about two weeks and is now posted on the facebook page for O B X forever.

Bridge work continues

Work on the Rodanthe Bridge is moving offshore.

Work on the bridge through the Tuesday before Thanksgiving include the following:

At both the north and south end, pile driving for the work trestle and bridge pilings will happen between 8 in the morning to 9 at night Monday through Sunday.

Concrete bridge caps will be placed.

At the south end, the work trestle adjacent to Pappy Lane will be removed

Concrete will be poured for bridge decking. The work will be done at night or early morning, says the N C D O T.

At the N C 12 intersection on the south end, grading, paving and waterline relocation is happening for the roundabout. A single lane closure can be anticipated.

Pile driving for the bridge is anticipated to be complete in summer 2020.

Project completion is currently targeted for late 2020 or early 2021.

At the new Oregon Inlet Bridge, fixing punch list items will likely continue through the end of 2019 and possibly into 2020, reports the Island Free Press.

Look for lane closures one or twice a week.

Because the bridge is an active construction zone, the speed limit is 45 miles per hour. It will eventually be raised to 55 miles per hour, says the Island Free Press.

A Community Conversation About Property Insurance is now online

The video provides coastal property owners with critical information about different types of policies, wind and hail policies versus flood policies, coverage limitations and potential solutions for common insurance problems.

The video features Michelle Osborne, chief deputy insurance commissioner for North Carolina, Willo Kelly with the Outer Banks Association of Realtors and Donna Creel, planning director for Dare County.

A Community Conversation About Property Insurance is available for streaming you tube dot com slash dare county.

The dream ends for Cape Hatteras volleyball players.

In the second round of the state playoffs, Cape Hatteras tangled with regional adversary Camden County in a match played at First Flight High School.

Camden came out on top, defeating Cape Hatteras in three sets, 25 to 14, 25 to 19 and 25 to 17.

Cape Hatteras fans filled a section of the stands and voiced support for the Hatteras Islanders. At the start of the match, Cape Hatteras students came out of the stands to stand on the sideline. The Cape Hatteras team ran by the student line on its way to slap hands with the visiting Camden players.

North Carolina Beach Buggy Association continues to give to the community.

At the end of his year's Red Drum tournament, the association announced two charities.

Due to the generosity of the anglers, many children in Dare and Hyde Counties will enjoy a happy Christmas. The association is partnering with "shop with a cop" for children.

At the awards dinner, NCBBA hosted Hatteras Island Meals and tournament anglers bought raffle tickets

NCBBA is donating \$10,000 of the proceeds from this year's Red Drum tournament to the Outer Banks Community Foundation, who will see that it gets distributed where it is most needed to heal Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands from Hurricane Dorian.

Upcoming this week (and later)

Dare County's Board of Commissioners meets Monday, Nov. 4, 2019, at 9 a.m. in the usual place, the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Dare County Administration Building, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo.

A public hearing will be held on the final assessment resolution for installing water lines on Leslie Lane, Avon.

The Dare County Tourism Board will ask the commissioners' consent to purchase Pamlico Jack's restaurant. The purchase price is \$3.1 million. Closing costs are \$50,000.

A presentation will be made about the 2020 Schedules, Standards, and Rules for Real Property Appraisal to be used for the 2020 countywide property revaluation. Public comment is Item No. 5. Comments can be made at the Manteo location or by video feed from the Fessenden Center Annex on Buxton Back Road, Buxton.

Upcoming fisheries meetings

Public Scoping for Shrimp Transit Provisions in Amendment 11 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan is underway. Webinars are set for Nov. 5 and 7, at 7 p.m.

Online public comment deadline is 5 o'clock, Nov. 8, 2019.

Register for webinars at [s a f m c dot net](http://safc.net) under [s a f m c dash meetings](http://safc-meetings)

Introductory N.C. Marine Fisheries Management for Fishermen will run for three Tuesday nights Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30.

Webinars are provided. Topics include past history of fisheries management, current management and fisheries management challenges and opportunities.

More info and registration at [n c sea grant dot n c s u dot edu](http://ncsea.grant.ncsu.edu).

Thank you Sherry Couch

On Oct. 31, Sherry Couch retired as principal of Cape Hatteras Elementary School. She was feted with a cupcake social by the school's PTA. A retirement celebration by faculty and staff at the Hatteras village community building was held.

Couch arrived in Buxton to teach English at Cape Hatteras Secondary in 1997, where she was selected as Teacher of the Year for 1999-2000. In the summer of

2000 she became Assistant Principal there. In 2006, she was assigned as Assistant Principal at Cape Hatteras Elementary School where she served until the retirement of Ray Gray. She was appointed as Principal of Cape Hatteras Elementary in 2010. She earned Teacher of The Year for Dare County Schools in 2016.

Former principal at Cape Hatteras Secondary and system administrator, Jean Taylor is serving as interim principal.

Coins for Cancer starts November 4 and runs through Friday. Cape Hatteras Elementary students bring in coins to school to raise money to help those on Hatteras Island battling cancer. The class that raises the most money wins a Cupcake party! Those who wish to donate outside of the school may mail checks to Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 421, Hatteras, NC 27943.

The traditional **Hatteras Village Turkey Dinner** is set for Tuesday, November 5 at the village Civic Center. Serving starts at 5:30 and ends at 6:30. The dinner is presented by Hatteras United Methodist Women.

Be very safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for November 10, 2019.

5:00 p.m.

N C Highway 12 reopens between Whalebone Junction and south Nags Head
N C 12 between Whalebone Junction and south Nags Head is scheduled to reopen at 3 o'clock, today, Sunday, November 10.

The detour along South Old Oregon Inlet Road is discontinued.

During the closure, a layer of asphalt pavement was applied to the highway to preserve the existing road condition and lengthen the life of the highway.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore superintendent thanked the residents of south Nags Head and others for their patience during the closure.

The Federal Highway Administration started the year-long pavement preservation project in April. The project addressed paved roads and parking areas within Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, and Wright Brothers National Memorial. The project contract is \$6 point 9 million dollars.

Volunteers thanked for help

On Thursday night, volunteers with the Hatteras Island Community Emergency Response Team, the Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men, the island's fire departments, and other partner organizations came together at the Avon Fire Station to give thanks for the wave of support and hard work in the wake of Hurricane Dorian.

Hatteras Island CERT President Larry Ogden estimates that the community response team and additional volunteers put in more than 4,000 volunteer hours helping island residents.

Dennis Carroll of the Methodist Men reports that the organization responded to 464 requests for help following the storm. Some 150 requests had significant damage from flood waters or wind. Together with the North Carolina Baptist Men, local organizations and volunteers, those urgent needs were addressed within three to four weeks, reported Carroll.

For the complete story of the volunteer effort responding to Hurricane Dorian, go to Island Free Press dot org.

Dare Commissioners deal with two issues

On Monday morning, four property owners from Leslie Lane in Avon told the Dare County commissioners that water system proposal for hooking up to the system was too expensive.

Initially, an estimate was calculated that pegged the cost at \$1,136 for each of the 24 properties along Leslie Lane. The official bid for the project put the per property cost at \$5,136.36, reported The Coastland Times.

The item on the agenda for commissioners' approval was a Final Assessment Resolution. County Manager Robert L. Outten suggested not adopting the resolution but instead meeting with the property owners. Board Chairman Robert L. Woodard agreed with that suggestion. No action was taken on the assessment resolution.

A second agenda item dealt with the Tourism Board proposal to purchase Pamlico Jack's Restaurant, which is contiguous with the Soundside Event Site in Nags Head. The purchase price is \$3 point 1 million dollars and \$50,000 in closing costs. Lee Nettles, Executive Director of the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau, responded to questions.

After discussion, the commissioners gave unanimous consent for the purchase.

Good news for Avon and Hatteras Island

At its November 4 meeting, the Dare county Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution to appropriate up to \$250,000 for a beach nourishment study for Avon. The money for this study will come from the Beach Nourishment fund.

Reports Radio Hatteras Business correspondent Tom Hranicka, “This is great news for Avon and the first step in a series of actions needed prior to beach nourishment becoming a reality.”

Due to the rapidly eroding ocean shoreline along Avon’s Ocean View Drive, ocean overwash from the eroded area floods N C 12 and soundside Kinnakeet Shores.

It was an accident.

On Monday afternoon around 2 o’clock, an accident happened on NC 12 in the Canal Zone south of the Oregon Inlet bridge.

No one was injured. No tickets were written. It was just an accident that stopped NC 12 traffic intermittently until about 10 o’clock, reports The Coastland Times. A 162-foot, 54-inch diameter cylinder concrete piling with six-inch walls was rejected at the site of the Rodanthe bridge construction.

A tractor with trailer and a steering tow dolly in the rear was hauling the defective concrete piling northward back to the casting yard in Chesapeake, Virginia.

At a slight curve in the road, the tow dolly went straight. The concrete piling fell off the dolly but remained on the tractor

How to fix this? The concrete piling weighs 162,000 pounds. The decision was made to cut the piling in half so one of Seto’s (Seatow’s) Towing wreckers could lift part of the piling and a second one could pull out the tractor.

That happened.

As of Saturday, the concrete piling, now in three pieces, remains on the east side of N C 12 in Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Crimes reported

Dare Sheriff’s blotter for October released this week shows three felony crimes reported for Hatteras Island.

On October 14, Larceny was committed on Treasure Court in Frisco. Fishing tackle was reported stolen.

On October 17, Breaking and Entering and Larceny occurred on South Tower Circle in Buxton. Money was stolen.

And on October 30, a Breaking and Entering happened in the 40000 block of N C 12 in Avon. Nothing was stolen.

Cape Hatteras Anglers Club tournament concludes

All 120 teams showed up for the club’s sixty-second annual invitational surf fishing tournament.

The weather was great on Thursday and deteriorated on Friday.

Outer Banks Sportsfishers with captain Gary Oliver captured first place in the 2019 tournament. This team is a long-time winner in this tournament, capturing first

place in 1978 and then four times after that. The team has raked in four seconds and five thirds over the years.

Coming in second only three points behind the winning team was the Fish Hoggs Eastern Shore Virginia Anglers and third place went to Outer Banks Hurricanes, another heritage team who won first place in 1978.

The top women's team was Sand Bunnies from Elizabeth City. The team finished thirty-ninth.

Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment Broker to be on Hatteras Island

Medicaid Individuals who are required to enroll in a Medicaid Managed Care Health Plan will have the opportunity to meet with an onsite enrollment broker in Frisco and other locations in Dare County. From now through April 2020 an enrollment broker will be at the Dare County offices at 50347 N C 12 in Frisco weekly.

The first Frisco visit is set for November 13. Next month, the dates are December 4 and 18. In the New Year, the enrollment broker will be in Frisco on the first and last Wednesday of January, February, March and April.

The hours are 10 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon.

Brokers will also be available at the Baum Center in Kill Devil Hills and the Dare Center in Manteo.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has contracted MAXIMUS to serve as the state's independent enrollment broker. An Enrollment Broker acts as a choice counselor for Medicaid members. The broker can also enroll Medicaid members into a Medicaid Pre-paid Health Plan.

For more information about signing up for a Medicaid Health Plan or to speak to an enrollment broker, call 833-870-5500.

Veterans Day celebrated.

Tomorrow, November 11, is Veteran's Day, when the nation honors those who have served in the nation's armed forces.

On Hatteras Island, the traditional Veterans Celebration will be held Friday morning, November 22 at the Cape Hatteras Secondary School. Breakfast is served at 9 in the morning in the school's cafeteria. The program starts at 10 o'clock in the school gymnasium. All veterans are invited to attend.

Because this Monday is a holiday for Dare County employees, the residential trash pick-up schedule is changed.

On Monday, no residential trash cans will be emptied.

On Tuesday, Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras cans will be picked up and emptied.

Wednesday is the day for Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon trash cans to be emptied.

Thursday and Friday trash pick-up returns to the normal schedule. Commercial dumpsters will be picked up Tuesday, November 12 and Friday, November 15.

Additional events this week

The Dare County Commission for Working Watermen meets Monday, November 11 at 6 o'clock at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Center, 23646 NC 12, Rodanthe.

This week, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission meets November 13 through 15 in Beaufort. On the commission's Friday agenda is an amendment to the Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan. The commission will select preferred management measures for departmental and legislative review.

On Wednesday, November 13, play BINGO at the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, 47231 Light Plant Rd., Buxton. Doors open 6 p.m. Games 7 p.m. (252) 995-4253. Or, if you live in Hatteras village, attend the Hatteras Village Civic Association Board of Directors at 7 o'clock in the Board Room above Post Office.

On Thursday, November 14, Heidi O'Neal, N C Works Outreach Coordinator, will present a hands-on workshop at the Dare County Library in Hatteras village. Learn about the many ways that N C Works can help job seekers, including how to use the N C Works online website. The workshop starts at 10:30 in the morning and will finish at 12:30 on Thursday, November 14.

Also on November 14, the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, located at 59200 Museum Drive in Hatteras invites current and prospective volunteers to meet with staff and other volunteers to learn about opportunities to support the museum's work.

The Volunteer Luncheon starts at 11 in the morning. Call 252-986-0723 to make reservations.

Friday, November 15 is Gospel Music Night at Cape Hatteras Baptist Church, 50195 Buccaneer Drive in Frisco. This month's performance which starts at 7 o'clock is by The Overcomers band of eastern North Carolina. The band will play southern and classic gospel and some of the good old hymns.

The first annual blessing of the animals at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building will be held Saturday, November 16 from 11 in the morning to 1 o'clock. Pastor Tim Fitch with Fair Haven and Clarks Bethel United Methodist Churches will speak and bless the animals. Food and music will be served up. Pawtraits will

be made. Adoptable pets will be available. Hatteras Island Pet Resort will be handling out treats for the animals. And it's all free.

Radio Hatteras now presents a special feature.

For the next several weeks, Radio Hatteras will broadcast presentations from the first Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration which happened November 2 at the Fessenden Center.

The first speaker was Dave Hallac.

Hallac is the Superintendent of the National Parks of Eastern North Carolina. He directly manages Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Wright Brothers National Memorial and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. He has oversight of operations at Cape Lookout National Seashore in Carteret County and Moore's Creek National Battlefield in Pender County.

This concludes the Radio Hatteras Weekly News Summary for this Sunday. Thanks for listening. Coming up, Superintendent Hallac - - -

Weekly News Summary for November 17, 2019.

Obviously, the coastal storm claimed the attention of Hatteras Islanders this past week.

Radio Hatteras started issuing weather alerts on November 11. The National Weather Service upped its watch to warnings of Coastal Flooding and High Winds. Both came.

On Friday, November 15, NC DOT warned about ocean overwash affecting travel on NC 12 on Hatteras Island. At 5 Saturday afternoon, the transportation department closed NC 12 between Rodanthe and the Oregon Inlet Bridge. That closure continued Sunday into Monday.

In Rodanthe, ocean flooding happened in north Rodanthe, at the Rodanthe pier and two subdivision, Tradewinds and South Shore.

In Avon, ocean water poured onto NC 12 from south of Ace northward and under Kinnakeet Shores Soundside homes.

Ocean waters came into north Buxton.

Soundside waters started in Hatteras and Frisco on Sunday afternoon.

Drug arrest made in Avon

On Nov. 13, the Dare County Narcotics Task Force executed a Search Warrant at a residence on Westerly Lane in Avon.

During the search of the residence, an amount of Methamphetamine was located. Charles Thomas Corpening, 45, was arrested. He was charged with Felony Possession with the Intent to Sell/Deliver Methamphetamine and is currently out of jail on a \$20,000 secured bond.

Hatteras Island Arts and Crafts Guild cancels holiday show

Due to Hurricane Dorian repairs at the Cape Hatteras Secondary Gym exceeding the time originally anticipated, the Hatteras Island Arts and Crafts Guild has announced the cancellation of Annual Holiday Show on Thanksgiving Weekend. The goal as a guild is to have an inclusive, safe art show for our 50 members, guest artists, and patrons. After exhausting all of the options available to the guild at this time on the island, the guild concluded the show is not possible. The guild appreciates the generous support of the community and wish everyone a blessed holiday season.

CPR class in Buxton Nov. 20

Hatteras Island Rescue Squad is offering a public CPR class on November 20 starting at 7 o'clock.

This is a one night, three-hour class covering adult, child and infant CPR and use of an Automated External Defibrillator.

The class is open to residents and property owners of Hatteras Island.

The class is free unless an American Heart Association certification is needed for employment or credentialing. Then, the charge is \$5.

Pre-registration is required. Call (252) 995-5490 and leave name, telephone number and number of students attending. You will be contacted to advise if space is available.

Veterans Day celebration set for Friday

The 2019 Cape Hatteras Secondary School Veterans Celebration will be held Friday, Nov. 22.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. in the campus cafeteria. The program will begin at 10. The breakfast and program are open to all veterans and families.

Also on Friday, a Thanks Kicking Tourney is set for 5 o'clock at Cape Hatteras Secondary School. The tourney features kickball between teachers and students. The event is free.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, go to Cape Hatteras Secondary School for Spruill's World Famous barbecue. Sale starts at Noon. By the plate with sides, \$10; by the pound \$9; 2 pounds \$16.

Be very safe out there. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly news summary for November 24, 2019.

NC 12 reopens

A coastal storm raged last weekend and into the week.

Repeatedly, high tides brought ocean water over NC 12 in Avon, Rodanthe and Buxton. Two subdivisions in Rodanthe flooded without impacting NC 12.

As the wind changed from northeast to northwest, Pamlico Sound water visited Hatteras and Frisco on November 17.

Warnings about NC 12 overwash started Friday, November 15. At 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, NC DOT shut down NC 12 from Rodanthe to Oregon Inlet. The closure continued until shortly after noon on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

A massive amount of sand was dumped on NC 12 pavement, just south of the new Oregon Inlet bridge, around the Pea Island Visitor Center and at the S-curves. Transportation workers pushed sand off the road surface, which was whole.

Winds topped out at 60 miles per hour at Oregon Inlet.

Some 51 buildings have temporary unsafe structure notices caused by typical electric and HVAC service, access and septic tank issues. The buildings are mostly in Rodanthe and Avon, with a few in Buxton.

Both Hatteras Island fishing piers will reopen soon. Avon pier reopened early Friday morning November 22. Rodanthe pier is aiming for Thanksgiving Week.

Ocracoke reopens to visitors December 2

At the north end of Ocracoke, three little and three big dune breaches delayed a Thanksgiving reopening. The island is now set to reopen to visitors Dec. 2, whether NC 12 is fixed or not.

At this time, Ocracoke ferries from and to Cedar Island, Swan Quarter and Hatteras Island are landing at Silver Lake, in the heart of the village.

Until Dec. 2, ferry service is still restricted to Ocracoke residents, non-resident property owners and people permitted by Hyde County.

If you are planning to visit Ocracoke, Radio Hatteras Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka suggests reading an article written by Connie Leinbach in the Ocracoke Observer and republished on Island Free Press.

Extending Christmas cheer to Ocracoke

At Christmastime, Ocracoke folks will be surrounded with love from Hatteras and Harkers Island.

Three Cape Hatteras Secondary DECA students have organized a community service project called The Giving Tree.

Senior John Contestable and juniors Rubie Shoemaker and Laya Barley are collecting ornaments and holiday décor for Ocracoke residents. The trio is also soliciting trees and funds for gift certificates to purchase live trees.

The DECA project students have set up an Amazon Wish List under The Giving Tree. The students are suggesting ornaments, stockings, tree skirts, nativity scenes and trees. An Amazon order is delivered directly to the Cape Hatteras Secondary School Campus, 48576 NC 12, Buxton.

On Harkers Island in Down East Carteret County, Bring Back the Lights to Harkers Island will send lights to Ocracoke. At the island's Community Christmas Gathering, Nov. 30, attendees are asked to donate Christmas lights for Ocracoke. The deadline for DECA project donations is Dec. 5.

COA campus planning started

Planning for a new Dare County campus for College of The Albemarle is underway. On Wednesday, November. 20, the Dare Board of Commissioners Capital Improvements Plan Committee met with the team from Boomerang Designs, which presented three "conceptual thoughts" about site plans.

Common to the site plan concepts is a pedestrian-friendly design with parking on the outside of the site, which is the college's current Roanoke Island Campus, previously the Manteo Middle and High Schools.

The following features are common to the three site concepts:

- a two-story building,
- a plaza and amphitheater for outside gathering space.
- entrance to the main campus building using existing loop exit and entrance

- existing athletic fields labeled future development. The space under the lights is heavily used in the fall and spring by Dare County Parks and Recreation for baseball, flag football, soccer, an Easter Egg Hunt.

In addition to the main building, possible structures added to the list are an auditorium and dormitories. A 5,000 square-foot space has been set aside by Dare County for an unidentified tenant.

The U.S. Coast Guard is busy

At Oregon Inlet, the U.S. Coast Guard monitored the salvage of a semi-submerged tugboat responsible for a discharge of diesel fuel in the vicinity of the Old Bonner Bridge in Oregon Inlet on Wednesday, November 20.

Three days earlier, the tugboat grounded and was overwhelmed with storm surge resulting in the vessel overturning and becoming partially submerged near the Old Bonner Bridge. The sheen resulting from the submersion was monitored and collected by crews contracted by the responsible party.

The cause of the incident is currently under investigation.

At the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, two members of the U.S. Coast Guard got the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse rotating once again.

On Tuesday, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore said the beacon at the top of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse had stopped rotating after the powerful coastal storm blew through the Outer Banks.

The U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for repairs to the light.

John Havel, Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Researcher and Board Member of the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society, reported that USCG Electrician's Mate First Class James Harper and Aids to Navigation Team member Ben Atherholt arrived at the lighthouse at around 10 Friday morning to replace the motor that rotates the beam.

The lighthouse has gotten stuck in a stationary position before, and most recently in both late August and May of 2019, reports the Island Free Press.

Coast Guard search underway.

Also, the U.S. Coast Guard is searching for a missing 72-year-old boater who was reported missing while sailing from New York to Florida, Saturday.

Michael Bye was reported to be sailing aboard his 35-foot recreational vessel, the H.M.S. Me II.

Watchstanders at the Coast Guard's Fifth District command center were notified at 7:40 p.m., Friday that Bye had failed to make contact at an agreed upon time by a family member.

Coast Guard search-and-rescue coordinators found his last position via cellphone in the vicinity of Kill Devil Hills.

Bye was scheduled to meet a friend in Belhaven but did not arrive. Anyone with additional information regarding this case should contact the D5 command center on VHF-FM channel 16 or at 757-398-6390.

Medicaid switch to managed care stopped

On November 19, 2019, the state's Department of Health and Human Services stopped the Medicaid move to managed care.

The General Assembly adjourned last week without providing funds and program authority to implement the managed care program in February 2020.

An open enrollment period was underway.

With managed care suspended, NC Medicaid will continue to operate under the current fee-for-service model administered by the department. Nothing will change for Medicaid beneficiaries. Medical services will be delivered as usual.

Behavioral health services will continue to be provided by Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations. All health providers enrolled in Medicaid are still part of the program and will continue to bill the state through NCTracks.

In 2015, the NC General Assembly enacted legislation directing the state to transition Medicaid and NC Health Choice from fee-for-service to managed care.

Under managed care, the state contracts with insurance companies, which are paid a predetermined set rate per person to provide all services.

Revaluation information

On Dec. 2, Dare County Board of Commissioners will vote on the schedules, standards and rules for the 2020 revaluation of real property throughout the county.

Some 43,500 real estate parcels are in Dare County: 90 percent are residential, five percent are commercial, five percent are exempt. Vacant properties make up 15 percent.

Business correspondent Tom Hranicka calls attention to an article from Outer Banks Voice republished in the Island Free Press.

Of those parcels, 20,016 are associated with local, Dare County zip codes. This suggests that half of all property owners live outside the county.

Greta Skeen, the Dare County Tax Assessor, does not anticipate that a drop in values will occur as it did in 2013 after the great recession.

Green sea turtle hatchlings rescued.

On Friday, a Cape Hatteras National Seashore visitor made a phone call. As a result, seashore staff were able to ensure seven green sea turtle hatchlings made it safely to the ocean. After a little tracking, staff discovered the nesting cavity at the top of a dune, located around a half mile south of Ramp 38. Another 97 green sea turtle hatchlings were recovered and safely released!

The discovery of the nest brings this year's total number of nests on the Seashore to 473. The previous record was 325 nests.

If you see a sea turtle on the beach during your visit to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, call 252-216-6892.

Dare trash pickup for Thanksgiving week

Listen carefully.

Dare County will conduct only one residential trash pickup during Thanksgiving week.

On Monday, Nov. 25, residential trash will be picked up in Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras. Put black cans out tonight.

On Tuesday, November 26, residential trash will be picked up in Avon, Salvo, Waves and Rodanthe. Put black cans out Monday night.

Commercial dumpsters will be emptied Monday and Wednesday.

That's all. No pickups later in the week

Dare County offices are closed Thursday and Friday.

The Buxton Transfer Station and Rodanthe Recycle Center, are closed Thursday, and Friday, Nov. 29

Thanksgiving week events on Hatteras Island

Lots of events are happening on Hatteras Island this Thanksgiving week.

Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station kicks off the week with a live Beach Apparatus Drill. The historic drill, by tradition, occurs at 2 in the afternoon on Tuesday.

Regular admission applies.

A Pig Pickin' for the historic station starts at noon on Wednesday at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building at in Rodanthe, directly across from the historic life-saving station. \$12 for the barbecue.

For the final event at the station, Santa arrives and visits with children from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday. Admission is a contribution for a local food pantry.

If you would like a homemade pie for Thanksgiving go to the Toys for Tots Pie Sale from 9 a.m. to Noon. Frisco Rod and Gun, 53610 NC 12, Frisco. Proceeds purchase Christmas toys for Hatteras Island children.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Eighth Annual Surfin' Turkey 5K and Puppy Drum Run happens in Hatteras village. Start times are 8 a.m. for 5K. 9 a.m. for Drum Run. The starting place is the Hatteras Village Civic Center. This charity event happens in rain or sunshine. Proceeds benefit Hatteras Island Youth Education Fund which is dedicated to helping elementary and secondary schools students on Hatteras Island. Turkey costumes are welcome. Teams can participate too. On-site Registration for 5K is \$45; for fun run, \$25. Information is available at hatterasyouth.com.

Visit Hatteras Island artists in different locations

On the two days after Thanksgiving, many visit the annual Hatteras Island Arts and Crafts Guild Holiday Show. That show has been cancelled due to recovery from Hurricane Dorian at Cape Hatteras Secondary School.

Hatteras and Ocracoke guild member artists have found other Hatteras Island locations for a Holiday Art Show Trail.

- Light House Holiday Show. Friday and Saturday. 10 to 3. Some 30 Guild artists will display and sell items at Buxton Family Life Center, across from the tennis courts at Cape Hatteras Secondary School.
- Art Studio Holiday Open House Friday and Saturday. 10 to 4. Studio address is 53282 NC 12, Frisco. Art by Linda Meyer Browning, Guild artist.
- Empty Nest Studio & Gallery, in Frisco, Hwy. 12, Frisco. 10 to 5. Friday and Saturd. Guild artist Crystal Blackmon.

Two Black Friday Art Shows are scheduled:

- Swell Art Gallery, also in Frisco. 10 to 5. Guild artist Vic Lowe and Ocracoke artists.
- The Shops at Stowe on 12, Hatteras village. 10 to 7. Guild and Ocracoke artists.

Additional art galleries are open after Thanksgiving Day on Hatteras Island. Guild member Antoinette Mattingly at Kinnakeet Clay in Avon opens on Friday from 8 to 6 and on Saturday from 10 to 5. Guild member Jenn Johnson at Blue Pelican is normally open 10 to 6.

Small Business Saturday is a terrific time to visit galleries and retail shops on the island.

Blessing of the Animals set

On Saturday, Nov. 30, a Blessing of the Animals is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building in Rodanthe. A free, fun-filled family event. Pastor Tim Fitch with Fair Haven and Clarks Bethel United Methodist Churches will be speaking and blessing pets.

Radio Hatteras now presents a recording from the recent Surf Fishing Heritage Celebration. Jami Lanier, Cultural Resource Manager for the Outer Banks national parks, presents an overview of Surf Fishing at Cape Hatteras.

NEWS Programming:

December

Weekly News Summary for December 1, 2019.

Ocean overwash on NC 12 at high tide Saturday morning

Atlantic Ocean water covered NC 12 in Avon between Avon pier and the Hatteras Island Plaza and at the north end of Buxton. Some water seeped over one of the streets in north Rodanthe.

High tide tonight is 11 o'clock

Dare County is now advertising a Request for Qualifications from engineering/environmental firms to perform planning, analysis, engineering design and environmental investigations about the feasibility of building a 1 point 54 miles beach nourishment project. The project would run from the Avon Pier to Askins Creek North Drive.

The purpose of the project is to stabilize the shoreline to protect NC Highway 12 and public utility infrastructure from overwash, inundation and undermining during storm events.

Hurricane season ends

Yesterday, the 2019 Atlantic hurricane season ended.

The season produced 18 named storms, including six hurricanes of which three were "major" (Category 3, 4 or 5).

NOAA's outlook accurately predicted the overall activity of the season.

This year marks the fourth consecutive above-normal Atlantic hurricane season.

The only other period on record that produced four consecutive above-normal seasons was 1998-2001. Also this year, five tropical cyclones formed in the Gulf of Mexico, which ties a record with 2003 and 1957 for the most storms to form in that region. Of those, three — Barry, Imelda and Nestor — made landfall in the U.S.

Hurricane Dorian is tied with three other hurricanes — the 1935 Labor Day Hurricane, 1988's Hurricane Gilbert and 2005's Hurricane Wilma — as the second strongest hurricane on record in the Atlantic basin in terms of wind (185 mph). In all, four storms made landfall in the U.S. during the 2019 season: Barry, Dorian, Imelda and Nestor.

An average season has 12 named storms, six hurricanes, and three major hurricanes.

Lighthouse up for restoration

The year 2020 presents significant celebratory events for the Outer Banks.

150 years ago, On December 16, 1870, the Cape Hatteras lighthouse was lit for the first time.

150 years ago, Dare County in 1870 was formed from parts of Currituck, Hyde and Tyrrell counties.

Three times this year, the Cape Hatteras Light has darkened or stopped rotating. Each time a team from the U.S. Coast Guard has fixed the famed light.

A complete historical restoration of the lighthouse is scheduled to move forward in 2021. The project is expected to cost 22 point 8 million dollars.

Construction of the lighthouse actually started in October 1868. It is the tallest brick lighthouse in the United States. 1 point 25 million bricks were ordered for the structure.

Apply for energy assistance program December 2

The Dare County Social Services division will begin accepting applications for the state's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program on Monday, December 2.

Households including a person aged 60 or older, or disabled individuals receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services who have a life-threatening or health-related emergency due to a lack of heating, are eligible to sign up for assistance Dec. 2 through 31, 2019. All eligible households may apply from Jan. 2 to March 31, 2020, or until funds are exhausted.

The federally- funded program helps households with low incomes with a one-time payment made directly to their heating vendor to offset the high cost of keeping homes warm.

Radio Hatteras paid Tribute to Herb “Speedy” Price’s Induction into the Atlanta Music Hall of Fame

Radio Hatteras honored a local legend with a tribute to country musician Herb “Speedy” Price, who was inducted into the Atlanta Music Hall of Fame on November 30.

Speedy Price was a fixture on the Outer Banks music scene for roughly 15 years, and played at multiple locales throughout Hatteras and Ocracoke islands, but he also had deep connections with a number of world-renowned stars in the music industry.

Price had an early and close association with Jerry Reed, Ray Stevens, Joe South, and Bill Joe Royal, and he provided instrumentation backup for a number of country music stars including Brenda Lee, Norma Jean, Ray Whitley, and many more.

Price was the driving force and organizer of the famed band The Cherokees, and personally selected Jack Greene as the Lead Singer.

Per Bill Smith of Radio Hatteras, when Price was with the Cherokees, they played with one of the biggest country music stars of all time, Patsy Cline.

He loved his musical days on Hatteras Island with the Diamond Shoals Band, the Frisco Jubilee and working and recording with Clifford Swain, Bob Boyer, April Trueblood and Martin Garrish, and others, said Smith, a Radio Hatteras programmer..

Price also spent years as a mainstay musician at a number of popular venues in Georgia, including the East Point Jamboree, the Georgia Jubilee, the Playroom, and the Rose Room.

Star of stage, recordings, radio and television, Price even had a cameo close to home in the Richard Gere and Diane Lane movie *Nights in Rodanthe*. A renowned guitarist, fiddler and mandolin player, Price's induction honors a lengthy career that spanned the globe, but which had beloved local roots.

Thanks to Island Free Press for publishing this information.

Lighthouse up for restoration

The year 2020 presents significant celebratory events for the Outer Banks.

150 years ago, On December 16, 1870, the Cape Hatteras lighthouse was lit for the first time.

150 years ago, Dare County in 1870 was formed from parts of Currituck, Hyde and Tyrrell counties.

Three times this year, the Cape Hatteras Light has darkened or stopped rotating. Each time a team from the U.S. Coast Guard has fixed the famed light.

A complete historical restoration of the lighthouse is scheduled to move forward in 2021. The project is expected to cost 22 point 8 million dollars.

Construction of the lighthouse actually started in October 1868. It is the tallest brick lighthouse in the United States. 1 point 25 million bricks were ordered for the structure.

Upcoming Meetings and Events for the week

The **South Atlantic Fishery Management Council** meets for the entire week, December 2 through 6 meeting in Wilmington. The meeting week is filled with committee and full Council meetings.

Of importance to Outer banks watermen is the Mackerel Cobia Committee meeting set for 1:30 Wednesday, Dec. 4. The committee will take up a recommendation from the Mackerel Cobia Advisory Committee and other

recommendations. The committee will select and forward to the Council a recommendation to go to hearing.

The **Dare County Board of Commissioners** meets Monday, Dec. 2 in the commissioners meeting room in the Administration Building for Dare County in Manteo.

Public comment is Item 7 on the agenda. Hatteras Islanders can make public comment at the Fessenden Center Annex on Buxton Back Road.

At this meeting, the chairman and vice chairman of the board will be elected.

On the agenda is a presentation about the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary.

The board is asked to concur with the Dare County Tourism Board's allocation of \$851,002 for Tourism Impact Grant Awards. Two of the seven awards would go to Hatteras Island sites. Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station would receive \$48,000 dollars to improve the 1911 cisterns and Frisco Native American Museum would receive \$25,750 dollars to increase handicapped access.

The county's Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2019 will be presented.

Filing for Dare elected office starts December 2

Filing for party primaries starts at Noon, Monday, December 2 and ends Friday, December 20, 2019 at Noon.

Party primaries will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

To file for a Dare County-elected office, a candidate must be a registered voter of Dare County, reside within the seat's district, be affiliated with a party for 90 days or more at the time of filing, and be at least 21 years old on Election Day.

A valid NC Driver License or other photo ID is required for identification purposes.

Voters registered as unaffiliated can be on the General Election ballot by submitting a petition with signatures of 4% of the registered voters in Dare County. The petition must be submitted on the day of the Primary Election, March 3.

Candidate filing fees must be paid at the time of filing a Notice of Candidacy and the Dare County Board of Elections office, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5 in the Dare County Administration Building, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo.

Dare County Board of Commissioners seats up in the 2020 election are District 1 Wally Overman; District 2 Bob Woodard; District 3 Steve House and District 4 Danny Couch.

Dare County Board of Education seats up in the 2020 election are:

District 1 Bea Basnight, District 4 Mary Ellon Balance, District 5 David Twiddy. The District 2 seat will be vacant as Ben Sproul was elected as mayor of Kill Devil Hills.

Giving Tuesday is December 3

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform communities and the world.

It was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Hatteras Islanders are generous people.

Here are some island organizations to remember on Giving Tuesday:

Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men, Hatteras Island Meals, Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation, Outer Banks Wildcare, Hatteras Island Wildlife Rehabilitation, Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station, Frisco Native American Museum, Friends of Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum and Hatteras Island Community Emergency Response Team or CERT.

On Tuesday, December 3, Hatteras villagers are invited to the village's Christmas Tree Lighting and Community Dinner. A sing along and tree lighting starts at 5:30 at the village triangle. The community dinner will be held at the Hatteras Village Civic Center.

Rodanthe Bridge update set for December 5

State transportation officials are inviting people to an informational meeting December 5 on the Rodanthe Bridge project.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 8 in the evening, Thursday, December 5 at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Center in Rodanthe.

N.C. Department of Transportation officials and project engineers will provide an update on the project's progress and answer questions.

On Saturday, December 7, have breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 11:30 at the Hatteras Village Civic Center. This annual event benefits the Hatteras village Pre-school. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage cooked by Coast Guard members from Station Hatteras. Daniel Pullen will be making pictures with Santa. Breakfast is 8 dollars for adults and 4 dollars for children under 12.

On **Sunday, December 8**, breakfast will be served at Our Lady of the Seas Catholic parish, starting at 8 in the morning. Proceeds will help pay medical expenses for a member of the community.

The breakfast features tamales and pan dulce or Mexican sweet bread, plus drink for 10 dollars. For children, 3 pancakes or 2 pancakes and pan dulce plus juice also for \$10.

Breakfast will be in the church hall at 48478 NC 12, Buxton.

Now, Radio Hatteras concludes this edition of the weekly broadcast with a segment from the Surf Fishing Heritage celebration. This week's edition features Drew Cathey talking about collecting recreational fishing data.

Weekly News Summary for December 8, 2019.

Ocracoke is now open to visitors

The top and best business news story of the week is that Ocracoke Island is now open to visitors, writes Radio Hatteras Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka. Almost three months to the day after Ocracoke suffered devastating damage from Hurricane Dorian, the island once again welcomed visitors December 2nd. On December 5, NC 12 was opened from the ferry dock to the village. Ferries are now running on a winter schedule across Hatteras Inlet from Hatteras village to Ocracoke Island.

Ocracoke businesses and homes were badly damaged or destroyed.

The Cape Hatteras National Seashore lost 12 of its 13 vehicles. Four of five of the seashore's residential structures were severely damaged. The visitor center is wrecked as are both the old and new bathrooms. The pony pen is wrecked.

The double keepers quarters beside the Ocracoke Lighthouse was completely flooded. The repair estimate for the historic building is \$1 point 5 million dollars. South point of Ocracoke before Dorian was 300 acres of white sand beach. Dorian took 200 acres of the point away, reports Dave Hallac, superintendent of the Seashore.

Cape Hatteras Secondary DECA (DECKa) students organized a Christmas ornament, décor and tree drive for Ocracoke. The donated Christmas items were delivered Friday, Dec. 6. From across the sound, Harkers Island residents contributed lots of lights.

Tourism impact grants go to two Hatteras Island organization

On Monday, Dec. 2, Dare commissioners unanimously agreed with awarding \$851,000 in Tourism Impact Grants as requested by the Dare County Tourism Board.

Two of the reimbursable matching grants go to Hatteras Island locations. Chicamacomico Historical Association in Rodanthe, receives \$48,000 to replace the roofs on three cisterns at the life-saving station.

Frisco Native American Museum receives \$25,750 to increase handicapped access by constructing a new walkway and repairing the museum entrance.

Three of the grants partially fund phases of pedestrian improvements for Duck, Kill Devil Hills and Southern Shores and one green space and parking area in Manteo.

New accessible hunt blind and wildlife viewing platform opened.

On Dec. 3, a new accessible hunt blind and wildlife-viewing platform called Bodie Island Marsh Blind opened.

This week, on Dec. 14, the blind will be available for the second waterfowl hunting season that lasts through January.

Hunters with limited mobility and able-bodied can access the registration process on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore website at [nps dot gov slash caha under plan your visit](https://www.nps.gov/SLASH/CAHA/plan-your-visit).

The facility has a concrete walkway to a blind structure which is roofed and includes an access door to steps to the water for placing decoys.

The facility was built by LSI Marine Construction from Southern Shores under a contract issued to Green Dream International in Erie, Pennsylvania. The project cost \$171,000.

It is the first marsh access for mobility impaired citizens in the national seashore. Ramp 25 south of Salvo offers access to the beach.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is one of 41 national parks where hunting is allowed. Total number of parks in the system is 419.

Some Hatteras Island economic indicators through September are up

Through September, meal tax receipts were up over 7 percent when compared to the first nine months of 2018. Occupancy tax receipts increased more than 5 percent over the same period.

These are encouraging results, writes Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka, when you consider the adverse impact due to the several days of closure following Dorian.

Real estate results through October indicate the residential market has slowed as the year progressed, says Hranicka.

Home sales are just about even with the end of October 2018.

The median sales price for homes is up 9 point 6 percent for the year. The median sale price has moved up from the \$200,000 dollar price range to \$332,500 dollars. The market for undeveloped lots continues to show double-digit growth. Hranicka reports that quite a few new lots in Salvo came on the market. Additionally, the overall number of undeveloped lots is smaller than the residential market and may produce higher gains.

N C D O T updates Rodanthe Bridge project

On Thursday, a NCDOT informational meeting about the progress of the Rodanthe bridge was held at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building.

Resident engineer Pablo Hernandez reported the bridge is about 24 percent completed. The target date for opening is early 2021.

NCDOT is still considering options about how to close off the refuge at the north end of Rodanthe. The remnant section of NC 12 that will access Mirlo Beach and other developments north of the bridge will be maintained by the state's transportation department.

Filing for election goes to December 20

At the end of the first week of filing for elective office in the Dare County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education elections, the candidate list shows all incumbents running for re-election as of Friday, Dec. 6 evening.

Board of Commissioner candidacy papers have been filed by Republican Bob Woodard, current chair of the Board of Commissioners from District 2

Republican Wally Overman, current vice chair of the board, from District 1

Republican Steve House for commissioner from District 5. He is challenged by Paul Wright in the Republican primary.

Democrat Danny Couch for commissioner.

For the Board of Education, the following have filed:

At large, incumbent Republican David Twiddy

For District 1, incumbent Democrat Bea Basnight

For District 2, Democratic candidate Jen Alexander

For District 4, incumbent Republican Mary Ellon Ballance.

For District Court Judge in Judicial District 1, Judge Amber Davis Malarney from Wanchese has filed for the Democratic Party nomination.

In the North Carolina Senate District 1, incumbent Republican Bob Steinburg from Edenton filed to retain his seat.

For the North Carolina House District 6, Bobby Hanig, incumbent Republican from Powells Point, signed up to retain his seat. He will be challenged in the Republican primary by Rob Rollason, Kill Devil Hills.

New SNAP Rule Does Not Impact North Carolina

On December 4, 2019 the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a new rule for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program called SNAP. This new rule does not apply to North Carolina and does not impact people who receive SNAP benefits in the state, states a news release from the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services.

SNAP is a federal food assistance program that provides low-income families the food they need for a nutritionally adequate diet. In North Carolina it is known as Food and Nutrition Services.

The new rule only applies to states that have a waiver or apply for one in the future. North Carolina does not have a waiver nor is it allowed to apply for one. In 2015, the General Assembly enacted legislation prohibiting the state from seeking a waiver to reduce to work requirements.

Hatteras Island Youth Education Fund receives REAL donation

On Dec. 3, REAL Watersports presented a check for \$27,160 dollars to the directors of the Hatteras Island Youth Education Fund.

The funds come from events associated with the 2019 Wind Voyager Triple-S Invitational held at REAL during June. This is the fourth year that Triple-S has raised funds for the Hatteras Island Youth Education Fund.

Triple-S fundraising events featured music by Mix Master Mike of the Beastie Boys, a charity fashion show featuring Hatteras Island youth and a live auction of products donated by top kiteboarding and surf brands.

With the Triple S donations, the education fund awarded grants for programs at Hatteras Island's public schools including a Reduce, Reuse, Hydrate Project, an elementary school Wetlands Walk & Beach Exploration Field Trip and field trips to

Raleigh and Washington, D.C. This funding opened up opportunities that were not available to the children of Hatteras Island.

Hatteras village lights its Christmas tree

Reviving a tradition, the village's Christmas tree at the center of town was lit on Tuesday night.

The event was hosted by the Hatteras Village Volunteer Fire Department. For a fuller description of the history and events, go to Island Free Press.

It's time for OBXmas on Hatteras Island

Start Saturday, December 14 with lots of exercise. The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is open for a Winter Lighthouse Climb from 9 in the morning to Noon. The climb is free. Volunteers from the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society and Cape Hatteras National Seashore park rangers will greet climbers.

On this second Saturday in December, Hatteras village welcomes all to the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum and the village's Christmas Parade.

At noon, the museum opens its doors for all to enjoy live Christmas music, activities and delicious food amid festive Christmas decorations.

At 2 o'clock, the Hatteras village Christmas Parade starts at the museum, follows N C 12 through the center of Hatteras and ends at Eagle Pass Road. Parade winners will be announced at the museum, which stays open until 5 o'clock
Want to be in the parade? Email dennis r at midgett realty dot com

As it has for four years, Radio Hatteras will broadcast the parade live. We'll talk to you at 2 p.m. and then play Christmas music until the parade reaches our place. We'll tell you what we see and then play some more Christmas music until 3. Join us on 101.5 or 99.9 FM.

Other events of the week ahead

On Monday, December 9 at 6 o'clock, the state's Division of Marine Fisheries will hold a public meeting to receive suggestions and comments on cultch planting. The meeting will take place at the Marine fisheries office, 1021 Driftwood Dr., Manteo

On Tuesday, December 10, Dare County Board of Education tours the three Manteo schools at 11 o'clock and holds a closed meeting and then a regular meeting at 5 o'clock at Manteo High School. In its public meeting, the board is

expected to adopt a budget resolution, discuss a board vacancy and consider student attendance policies.

The local advisory committee for Buxton Woods Coastal Reserve meets Wednesday, December 11 at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The meeting will take place at the Buxton Volunteer Fire Department.

It's the last BINGO of the year at Cape Hatteras Anglers Club on Wednesday, December 11. The address of the Anglers Club is 47231 Light Plant Rd., Buxton. Doors open 6 p.m. Games at 7 p.m.

On Friday, December 13, Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Church offers all a peaceful hour of ecumenical prayer, scripture and contemplative singing starting at 7 o'clock in the evening. The church is on NC 12 in Buxton.

If you need health insurance or need to re-enroll or change plans for 2020 coverage, the deadline to sign up is Sunday, December 15. At Health Care dot gov, North Carolinians can compare plans based on price, benefits and other features. Remember, coverage cannot be denied because of pre-existing or chronic conditions like cancer or diabetes.

Cape Hatteras Secondary basketball teams play on Monday and Tuesday at home. On Monday, the boys junior varsity and girls varsity will take on First Flight. The boys game starts at 4:30 and the girls game around 6.

On Tuesday night, the girls and boys varsity teams from Ocracoke come to Buxton. The girls game starts at 6 and the boys around 7:30.

On Monday, Cape Hatteras 7th and 8th graders play at Mattamuskeet and on Wednesday, at Columbia.

On Thursday, Cape Hatteras junior varsity and varsity teams play in Columbia

On Saturday, Cape Hatteras varsity boys team will play in the Good Guys versus Cancer contest at First Flight.

Now, Radio Hatteras concludes this edition of the weekly broadcast with a segment from the Surf Fishing Heritage celebration. This week's edition features Tommy Farmer talking about the Art and Science of Surf Casting.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, December 15, 2019.

It was a jolly good parade in Hatteras village

Hatteras village organizers insisted that the rain would stop and the skies would clear by parade time.

Sure enough. Organizers called it right. The parade jumped off from the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum at 2 o'clock under cloudy skies. Mid-way through the parade, the sun broke through the clouds.

The roads were slightly damp and some roadsides flooded with rain water. Givers of candy walked beside entries carrying buckets filled with sweet treats for children.

Winning displays were announced at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, which hosted Holidays on Hatteras. Activities abounded with volunteers overseeing cookie decorating and a scavenger hunt, serving up potato soup, chili, and punch and cookies, and providing a venue for local musicians and vocalists. First and second place went to newcomers to the parade.

Winning first place was a dual entry from Froggy Dog Restaurant and Island Time Muffins and Scones. The colorful float featured live music and a dancing frog.

Over 500 cookies were baked and frosted and wrapped up in special bag containing a card for a free coffee at Island Time. The first place prize is \$500.

Under Pressure Dive Boat captured second with terrific shark and octopus costumes and a ship wreck scene. The prize is \$300 dollars.

The Girl Scouts won third place with a winter wonderland with a candy cane and peppermint theme. The Girl Scouts entry always have great participation in the parade. The float was jammed with excited scouts. The prize was \$200 dollars.

For the first time, the judges awarded an Honorable Mention. The Cape Hatteras Secondary Marching Band won the special category and \$150 dollars.

The golf cart category was won by Hatteras Winds, which was awarded \$100 dollars.

Radio Hatteras broadcast the parade from in front of Lee Robinson General Store. Thanks to Belinda and Virgil Willis and our broadcast team.

New Principal named for Cape Hatteras Elementary

Rachel Williams Benton is the new Principal at Cape Hatteras Elementary School. She will start her position Monday, Dec. 16, 2019.

Dare Schools Superintendent John Farrelly made the announcement.

She has most recently served as the Assistant Principal at Central Elementary School in the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public School system.

She started her education career as a teacher assistant in Kindergarten and first grade, became a first grade teacher and then moved to Instructional Coach and Assistant Principal all in the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public School system. Benton received an Associate in Arts degree in Elementary Education at College of The Albemarle. She attended Elizabeth City State University receiving degrees in elementary education and a Master degree in School Administration, School Leadership and General Administration. She was named Teacher of the 2017-2018 Year for the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank School District.

Complete Count Committee formed

Dare County has established a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census. The committee is composed of individuals from county departments, towns, and various community groups.

The Committee is focused on implementing an awareness campaign to engage and educate the community about the Census and why it is vital to self-respond. The group's goal is to ensure an accurate count of everyone living in Dare County.

Southern flounder scoping meeting in Dare, Dec. 17

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries is holding a public scoping meeting on December 17 to solicit public comments on potential management strategies for an upcoming amendment to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan. The meeting will start at 6 o'clock in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo.

The primary management strategy for Amendment 3 is long-term sustainable harvest in the southern flounder fishery, states the division's media release. Management measures in Amendment 3 will be based on the 2019 stock assessment, meaning a minimum of 52 percent reduction in total removals starting in 2021 is still needed to rebuild the spawning stock biomass within 10 years, states the division.

N P S opens commercial use application process

The 2020 Commercial Use Authorization application process for Cape Hatteras National Seashore is now open. Authorized services include:

- Beach Equipment Services
- Beach Fire Services
- Guided Fishing Services
- Guided Horseback Tours
- Guided Waterfowl Hunting
- Interpretive and Educational Programs

Non-Motorized Boat Tours
Off-Road Vehicle Driving Tours
Outdoor Fitness Classes
Photography Instruction
Road-Based Commercial Tours and Transportation
Watersport Instruction
Wedding Equipment Services

The application fee is \$200.00 and on-line payments are accepted. An authorization is valid from the date of issue through December 31st of the same year. Engaging in or soliciting any business in the parks requires a Commercial Use Authorization.

Visit the following websites for applications, instructions, and more information: [nps dot gov slash c a h a](http://nps.gov/caha) under the tab for do business with us. Call Sara Merrill at 252-475-9033 with questions.

The week ahead

Santa is having a whirlwind time on Hatteras Island December 16.

The jolly man will visit Avon and Frisco fire departments on Monday night.

In Avon, a community dinner starts at 5 o'clock and Santa will arrive around 6.

On Tuesday, December 17, a Hatteras Island Grief Group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Fessenden Center Annex in Buxton. No registration or fee is required to attend the group. For more information, call 995-2478

On December 18, a vaccination clinic sponsored by the Coastal Humane Society will happen from 9 o'clock in the morning to 1 in the afternoon at the Avon Fire Department. Vaccinations for dogs are \$28 and for cats \$15. Call 473-3117 if you can to make an appointment. Dogs on leashes. Cats in carriers.

On December 19, the National Weather Service will present a Winter SKYWARN training class at the Fessenden Center Annex starting at 6:30 in the evening. Call 252-223-5737, extension 6, to register.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras

Weekly News Summary for December 22, 2019.

Winter came a few days early, but not for Christmas

On Thursday night, the temperature dropped on Hatteras Island and in Pamlico Sound.

In Frisco, the low was 38 degrees and fell to 33 degrees with wind chill.

Winter was ushered in two days early.

Along Hatteras Island's soundside shoreline the next morning, 40 cold-stunned sea turtles were rescued by dedicated volunteers.

Read the details about the collaborative effort between island volunteers and NEST, Network for Endangered Sea Turtles, on Island Free Press.

In Buxton, that same night, Carl Barnes from the National Weather Service taught about winter weather. He declared that the Outer Banks would experience its first freeze of winter. Indeed, in Manteo, the temperature plunged to 29.

But, despite the December 21 winter solstice, Christmas on the Outer Banks will be mild. The forecast from National Weather Service calls for a mostly sunny day with a high of 60 degrees. And, the prediction is that the high temperatures will continue to rise slightly through the weekend.

Fish and fishing were highlight last week.

At a meeting Monday night, representatives from North Carolina's Division of Marine Fisheries heard from frustrated watermen.

The state's Marine Fisheries Commission is in the midst of preparing a third amendment to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan.

The result from the 2019 stock assessment, which has been peer reviewed and pronounced certified, is that southern flounder is overfished and overfishing is occurring.

The meeting introduced a scoping process, an initial phase of amendment development and something new to the state's division of marine fisheries.

The staff presentation was looking for broad management strategies.

The stock assessment requires action to end overfishing in two years and rebuild spawning stock biomass to sustainable harvest in 10 years. The directive means a minimum harvest reduction of 52 percent.

Potential Management Measures proposed by the division include management through quotas or harvest limits, accountability measures, trip limits, bag limit changes, size limits, including creating a slot limit, develop fishing days like weekend or weekday, or gear modifications. Another idea is to increase recreational harvest by separating species of flounder. Currently, 50 percent of the recreational ocean harvest is summer and Gulf flounder, not southern. When the southern flounder fishery closes, harvest of summer and Gulf flounder also closes.

Repeatedly, watermen argued that the division's data wasn't good.

There's plenty of fish in the Currituck Sound said Watson Stewart.

Watermen asked “what have you ever given back?”

A commission will look into supplements for Dare County teachers

A commission with at least two teachers from every Dare County school will look into locally paid teacher supplements.

Dare County School superintendent John Farrelly (Farley) announced the commission at the school board’s December 10 meeting, as reported by The Coastland Times.

Commission members have not yet been named. Farrelly expects the commission’s first meeting to be in January and that research will take at least 10 months.

The issue of teacher supplements was raised during public comments to the Dare County Board of Commissioners, who will ultimately decide if an increase in supplements will be granted.

Bridge work continues

At the Rodanthe bridge site, contractor Flat Iron Constructors continues to build the trestle, which now extends well into the Pamlico Sound.

Enhanced procedures for casting, testing pilings and training are now in place at the casting yard in Virginia. Delivery of newly manufactured pilings are expected.

In Oregon Inlet, two barges are loaded with pieces of the old Bonner Bridge and ready to dump concrete debris on the selected artificial reefs.

However, the Oregon Inlet bar is now clogged and the barges can’t cross over to the ocean.

The demotion work has taken out 66 spans from the bridge’s north end. Some 58 more spans remain to be taken out. Before Hurricane Dorian, the crews were taking out a span a day.

Demolition at the old bridge’s high rise is stymied by rock found around two bridge support pilings.

It’s Christmas time and a lot of nice things are happening on the island.

Christmas treats are made and delivered.

Special quilted placemats will provide cheer for clients of Hatteras Island Meals thanks to the Hatteras Island Quilters.

Lots of people donated food items at Holidays on Hatteras at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum Dec. 14. Remember the on-going food drive. The food pantry in Buxton operated by the Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men is busiest in the winter.

Two youngsters filled up bird feeders for an elderly person.

Cape Hatteras Secondary’s DECA delivered a vast array of Christmas decorations and trees to Ocracoke Island.

Santa visited our island villages. Fire departments hosted visits. This Saturday, children and adult enjoyed a free breakfast with Santa at the Salvo Fire station. Thanks to volunteers hosting all those visits.

This is Radio Hatteras. We are grateful for your support this past year. Be safe. Water that Christmas tree and tune in next Sunday at the same time. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for December 29, 2019. **(This broadcast features news highlights from 2019)**

Fall storms dominate

Dominating Hatteras Island were 2019 fall storms.

At 8:45 in the morning, on September 6, Hurricane Dorian made landfall on Hatteras Island. The storm devastated Ocracoke Island and flooded Hatteras, Frisco, Buxton and Avon.

All of Hatteras Island was without power. A curfew was placed on the island. By the evening of September 7, permanent residents and critical employees were allowed back on the island, carefully traveling NC 12

In the storm's aftermath, an extensive period of recovery started. That recovery continues to this day on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands.

Then, in October, Melissa came to visit starting October 10 and going through the 13th. The ocean's waves were relentless gobbling up sand and streaming across NC 12 in Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, in Avon and in Buxton on Hatteras Island.

NC 12 was initially closed from Oregon Inlet Bridge to Rodanthe on Thursday evening, reopened and reclosed as high tides dumped more sand on the road in the refuge. Vehicles going around barricades got stuck. Dunes were repeatedly washed out flooding NC 12 in the Pea Island Refuge and Avon.

In late October, the remnants of Nestor quickly passed over the coast.

In mid-November, another coastal storm hit. On Nov. 6, NC 12 was closed between Rodanthe and the Oregon Inlet bridge. The storm dumped a massive amount of sand on NC 12 pavement. Again, Oceanside flooding hit Rodanthe, Avon and Buxton. Soundside flooding came to Hatteras and Frisco.

The strong cold fronts crossing Hatteras Island or just offshore just kept coming.

Some long-term projects finished and others started

On a very cold February 9, at least 1,000 people walked across an almost completed new Oregon Inlet Bridge. For three decades, citizens and elected officials lobbied for replacing the old 1963 bridge and it finally happened. The bridge was officially dedicated on April 2 by Gov. Roy Cooper.

Another bridge is under construction. The Rodanthe bridge juts into the Pamlico Sound and avoids the very troubled and often overwashed S-turns north of the village. The new bridge is expected to be completed in mid-2021.

Also in the transportation arena, a new passenger ferry service was opened between Hatteras village and Ocracoke's Silver Lake with a rented ferry.

NCDOT's ferry under construction failed weld tests. The new service started May 20 and continued to September 5. In that time, the passenger ferry carried 27,722 passengers. Developing the passenger ferry started with a feasibility study delivered in January 2015.

Local efforts to build sidewalks on Hatteras Island continued. For Hatteras village, a federal BUILD grant was submitted but not awarded. The proposal would build a pathway along NC 12 from the top of the village to the ferry docks and along Eagle Pass Road.

A feasibility study was delivered for a proposed pathway from the Frisco Bathhouse to the Valero gas station in Buxton.

Fisheries regulations have been particularly contentious this past year. Both southern flounder and Spanish mackerel have been hot regulatory topics. Working watermen question peer-reviewed stock assessments. For southern flounder, that assessment says the species is overfished and overfishing is occurring. With that assessment, marine fisheries regulators are required by law to take action to stop overfishing within two years and build a sustainable stock in 10 years. A flounder plan amendment is under development now and will move rapidly through the approval system next year.

In Buxton, a new fire house is almost completed.

In Rodanthe, six new houses are almost ready for occupancy. These six homes with 1,200 square feet of conditioned space are part of Dare County's initiative to build essential, long-term housing.

Dare's commissioners recently agreed to work with the School of Government at University of North Carolina which has a program titled Development Finance Initiative. The agency will help identify sites and develop financing packages for essential housing.

To address ocean flooding in Avon, Dare commissioners have allocated up to \$250,000 for a beach nourishment study. Additionally, the county is in-line for FEMA funding for replenishing the Buxton nourishment project.

Another Dare County move will benefit Hatteras and Oregon Inlets as well as channels and harbors in Hatteras, Rodanthe, Avon and northern Dare waterways.

The county and state are building a new dredge. The new dredge will address shoaling problems more quickly than the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers always busy dredges.

National Park Service finishes strong

At the start of 2019, the federal government shut down. This longest-ever shutdown lasted two months. That was not an auspicious beginning for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore or Wright Brothers National Memorial or Fort Raleigh National Historic Site.

Despite the shutdown, despite the storms, visitation to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore for the first 11 months of 2019 increased. More visitors climbed the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and visited the Visitor Center and the Hatteras Village Weather Station visitor center. Overall visitation to the Seashore is up one percent. National Seashore Superintendent Dave Hallac indicates that staff housing will be a priority in 2020. At the lighthouse, 13 staff housing units were placed there in 1960; on Bodie Island, four housing units are not sustainable.

In the next years, the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse will undergo a major restoration, said Hallac.

Recap of Cape Hatteras Secondary sports

Over the course of a calendar year, Cape Hatteras Secondary students have the opportunity to play nine varsity sports. Cape Hatteras varsity teams play in the Atlantic 5 Conference with other small 1-A schools. The schools has 340 students in grades six through twelve.

In the winter, the students play basketball.

In 2019, the varsity girls won the conference championship and won the first round of the state playoffs 70 to 69 in triple overtime. The girls lost in the second round.

The boys varsity basketball team had a losing season: 5 wins to 16 losses overall and 5 wins to 7 losses in the conference.

In the spring, baseball, softball, track and girls soccer are played.

Cape Hatteras baseball coach Keith Durham wrote “High school baseball is a hard sport to play and to love, not because of the game, but because of the calendar. We begin the season dodging sleet and freezing rain, and we end the season wiping sweat and swatting mosquitos and biting flies.” The same weather applies to all spring sports.

The varsity baseball team won 9 and lost 11 overall and broke even in the conference, winning 4 and losing 4 games.

On the softball field, the girls had a 5-2 conference record and played in the first round of the state tournament.

Girls soccer had a losing record 1 win to 8 losses.

In track last spring, runners Dylan Gray and Shank Austin qualified for state competition in Greensboro.

This fall, the girls volleyball team had an outstanding season, playing into the third round of the state tournament. The team's overall record was 16 wins against 7 losses. In the conference, the team posted 7 wins and only one loss.

The varsity boys soccer team played in the second round of the state tournament. The boys turned in a 7 win 7 loss overall record and 4 wins and no losses in the conference.

In track, Shank Austin and Chloe Flythe qualified for the State Meet.

Old Christmas happens January 4

Just in time for Old Christmas, a new playground is ready at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building in Rodanthe. The playground has two ships wrecked on rocks was designed and installed by Superior Recreation of the Carolinas, Cheraw, South Carolina. The Community Building Board of Trustees paid for the new equipment.

Old Christmas is set for Jan. 4, 2020, at the Community Building. An oyster shoot starts at 1 p.m. In the late afternoon before dinner look for a children's program and Santa delivering children's stockings. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. The band starts playing at 7:30 p.m. An oyster roast goes into the night. Be prepared to pay a cover charge.

Be safe out there. Thanks for listening now and in the New Year. This is Radio Hatteras.