

2022 general Schedule for Information and Announcements:

SUNDAY

5 p.m. "The Weekly News Summary"

DAILY

11:30 a.m. Event PSAs

8 a.m. Activities of the Day

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

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

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1:30 p.m. Dare County messages

7 p.m. Night Skies

:15 and :45 Station Announcements

Emergency Bulletins:

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

Announcements at :15, :30 and :45

NEWS:

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, September 25, 2022.

Stay alert for weather information

Another “I” storm, like Irene and Isabell, may visit the North Carolina Coast.

Now, Tropical Storm Ian is forecast to strengthen into a major hurricane while traveling into the southeastern Gulf of Mexico.

The National Weather Service writes “impacts are possible across Eastern North Carolina late week and early next weekend, but will be highly dependent on the track, which is still highly uncertain this far out in time.”

Business news updates

Business news collected by Radio Hatteras Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka centers on the most recent statistics that show how the Hatteras Island economy is performing.

The island’s real estate market indicators for January through August of this year show continuing evidence that the market is shifting away from the strong growth patterns evident over the past few years.

Supporting this observation are the following facts:

--Available supply of homes and condominiums is two percent below the first eight months of 2022.

--Number of residential sales has dropped almost 32 percent over the same period.

--And, the leading indicator of future sales, which is properties under contract to be sold, is down 34.5 percent.

The median sale price on the island is \$621,250, down slightly from last month at \$625,000.

Residential interest rates have increased from 3.4 percent in early January to 6.3 percent in mid-September, reports the Island Free Press.

Using a residential median sale price of \$620,000, this means the monthly cost of a 30-year fixed mortgage has increased almost \$870 from \$2,202 to 3,070. Sooner or later, Hranicka writes, monthly mortgage cost increases can be expected to place downward pressure on housing prices.

The August stats for undeveloped lots showed continued weakening as the number of properties for sale, properties sold and those under contract to be sold all trending downward for the January through August time period.

Meal tax receipts through July were flat compared to the first seven months of 2021.

However, occupancy taxes were up over 12 percent.

Visitation at National Seashore

Cape Hatteras National Seashore recorded 412,239 visitors in August, according to the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau.

Total visitation for the year is 2,043,904 visitors from January 1 through August 31, 2022. This is the second-highest number of visitors at the National Seashore for the first half of the year, behind only 2021, reports the Island Free Press.

National Seashore warns beach goes away from north Rodanthe

Due to the potential for ocean overwash and beach erosion associated with distant Hurricane Fiona, Cape Hatteras National Seashore staffers recommended that visitors avoid the beach adjacent to Rodanthe for a couple of days.

The recommendation was avoid a two-mile stretch of beach, from the north end of Rodanthe through South Shore Drive oceanfront. Houses vulnerable rough surf and high winds are in the area.

A visual tour of vulnerable areas showed some overwash and tides under buildings on Ocean Drive and at the north end of Rodanthe. Corbina Drive East was completely flooded with water and open to the ocean.

On Thursday evening, overwash occurred south of Sandy Bay between Frisco and Hatteras villages.

NCDOT positioned its equipment Tuesday and quickly attended to NC 12. Around 7:45 Friday morning, NCDOT announced “aside from some blown sand and rainwater in spots from last night's thunderstorms, the roadway is clear.”

Hatteras Island Meal’s annual fundraiser is underway.

A raffle with seven prize packages all valued at \$1,000 or more are offered this year.

Volunteers for Hatteras Island Meals bring nutritious meals to elderly or homebound clients on Hatteras Island.

Currently, Hatters Island Meals serves 45 residents throughout the island, with meals provided by Diamond Shoals in Buxton, Sonny’s in Hatteras village, and Island Convenience and Waves Market & Deli in the island’s northern villages.

Tickets are \$10 apiece or 4 for \$35. \$35 feeds a client for a week.

The raffle drawing is October 22, 2022. Winners do not have to be present to win.

Raffle tickets are always available at NC 12 Realty in the Osprey Shopping Center in Buxton, Diamond Shoals Restaurant in Buxton and Frank and Fran’s Tackle Shop in Avon.

Throughout the rest of September and October, the organization’s volunteers will also be sitting outside various businesses selling tickets.

Folks not on Hatteras Island who want to purchase tickets can also request tickets online at Hatteras island meals dot org.

Stormwater plan update underway for unincorporated Dare County

Dare County is currently updating its Stormwater Master Plan, a document intended to identify critical project areas and potential mitigation measures to further guide resiliency efforts and reduce future environmental impacts in the unincorporated areas of Dare County.

Dare County will conduct public meetings for in-person feedback in Buxton on Wednesday evening, September 28 at 6 o’clock at the Fessenden Center Annex at 47013 Buxton Back Road.

St. John United Methodist Church in Avon will host a Blessing of the Animals event on Sunday afternoon, October 2, at 2 o'clock. The event will be held outside on the church grounds, and everyone is welcome to bring their beloved animals to the occasion.

The St. John United Methodist Church is located at 40336 McMullen Road in Avon village, and residents and visitors alike are welcome to come to this special event.

Fall in Love Fest is happening Sunday, October 2 in Kavon Park at the Avon Pier. The event features live music by After School Surf Club, local art vendors, and food trucks. The event starts at 5:30 Sunday afternoon. The Fest is free but donations are encouraged to benefit the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation.

Be careful out there. Listen for possible hurricane updates. And, thanks for tuning in. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly news summary for Sunday, September 18, 2022.

Day at the Docks was simply great!

The weather was perfect. Not too hot. Wind was frisky at first but settled down to a pleasant breeze.

And, all ages of people came to the signature event to celebrate Hatteras watermen and women. This Day at the Docks celebration has been missing for four years, cancelled for weather and COVID-19.

At noon, the concrete marlin contest started while children registered for the Children's Fishing Contest.

At 1 o'clock, the fishing contest got underway ringing the Hatteras Harbor with delighted squeals over a first fish caught and loud cheers for a hooked flounder.

At 2 o'clock the Seafood taco showdown started with Mary Ellon Ballance and Jeff Aiken handling the microphones and commentary, while the chefs worked with the secret fish, a sheepshead. Standing room only marked the culinary contest between a defending champion Eduardo Chavez from Ocracoke and Lalo Rebollo from Buxton. In a very close point total, Buxton won out over Ocracoke.

A huge bounce house entertained children who also made fish print t-shirts.

The education test buzzed with conversation. At the Marine Fisheries table, the agency director Kathy Rawls greeted folks.

Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Church served up shrimp or chicken tacos to lots of people in line. Another group served barbecue. The seafood chowder contest was held at the village's civic center.

And, artists had a big slice of boardwalk for displaying assorted offerings.

At the community organizations area, five groups talked with the festival goers.

Radio Hatteras was there. We had a really good time meeting fans. In fact, Liz Fox, who puts together Celtic: Old World to New Age, met two fans who love her show.

Daily Radio Hatteras programmer Shelley Tidd was at the colorful booth.

If you stopped by in the afternoon, I was there and really enjoyed talking with folks.

We sold some t-shirts. People made donations. We offered free bumper stickers and magnets and, of course some candy.

Our technical crew set up the canopy and hooked up our wifi hot spot. These behind the scenes and sometimes on-air men keep this community radio station on the air. They are Mike Hennessey, Lou Browning and John Doerr.

Thanks for those who stopped by our location.

Look for Day at the Docks and Radio Hatteras next year.

Agencies working on threatening oceanfront erosion

Last Thursday, September 15, David Hallac, Superintendent of the National Parks in Eastern North Carolina, delivered a presentation to the Coastal Resources Commission.

The presentation was titled "Impacts of Oceanfront Development Adjacent to America's First National Seashore." It was filled with dramatic photos of houses falling in the Atlantic Ocean and miles of debris littering the beaches.

The presentation also showed destroyed septic tanks and drain fields.

As a result of his presentation, Coastal Resources staff will begin drafting new rules about septic system installation along the ocean front.

Also, an interagency committee has met once and will like meet four more times to deal with the jurisdictional issues caused by rapid erosion along Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches.

Speed limits changed on NC 12

On September 15, the traditional date, NCDOT changed NC 12 speed limits back to normal.

Speed limit signs in Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon and Frisco now read 45 miles per hour.

The speed limit in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore between Avon and Buxton and Frisco and Hatteras is 55 miles per hour.

Be mindful of pedestrians and bike riders. Stop at crosswalks, please.

Hey folks, we had a really good time at Day at the Docks but are really tired this Sunday. Plenty more information about Hatteras Island is found on [Island Free Press dot org](http://IslandFreePress.org).

Now, be safe out there. Stay well. Thanks for listening to this brief news summary and to this community radio station. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, September 11, 2022.

Overwash and high rip current risk comes from Hurricane Earl

At four high tides starting Thursday evening, Hurricane Earl swells pushed Atlantic Ocean water over the pushed up dunes at the old S-Curves north of Rodanthe. The old road is now covered in sand. Fortunately, the new Rodanthe Bridge avoids this area.

Other Rodanthe locations impacted by Hurricane Earl swells are Seagull Street and East Corbina Drive, which are both north of the roundabout. Also overwashed were Ocean Drive and South Shore Drive, which are south of the Rodanthe Pier. On South Shore, a house was snatched from Thursday night's high swells by house movers. Two more permits have been issued by the National Park Service to move houses back from the oceanfront on South Shore Drive.

The National Park Service issued the following advisory just after Noon September 9, 2022:

“Cape Hatteras National Seashore visitors should avoid the beach between the north end of Rodanthe and South Shore Drive until early next week, when ocean conditions are expected to improve.

“Avoiding the approximately two-mile stretch of beach is recommended due to ocean overwash, rough surf and debris from nearby houses, including open and damaged septic tanks on the beach. Additionally, house moving activities are occurring on multiple properties near the beach.

“Distant Hurricane Earl has produced ocean overwash on Seashore beaches since yesterday, [Thursday] and is forecast to continue impacting beaches through this weekend.”

Dare commissioners act on several measures

At the Dare County Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, the board passed several measures affecting Hatteras Island.

The board approved recommendations from its Capital Improvements Plan Committee to address Emergency Medical Services stations, public works compounds in Buxton and outside Manteo, a Youth Center in Manteo and Parks and Recreation facility improvements.

On Hatteras Island, EMS station in Buxton will be upgraded and eventually the Rodanthe station will be addressed.

The Buxton Public Works transfer station for trash will be reconfigured.

The Fessenden Center in Buxton will receive over \$5 million in basic repairs and program upgrades.

The board approved contracts with Woda Cooper and Coastal Affordable Housing to move forward with building essential housing.

Woda Cooper will build 100 units on land just outside Manteo and in Nags Head.

Coastal Affordable Housing has promised 300 to 400 housing units and is looking for one large parcel and multiple parcels.

Interestingly, on Monday, September 6, the commissioners agreed to shut down Seagull Street that runs along the Oceanside of the Mirlo Beach subdivision. The street accesses oceanfront houses and owners want to move the houses back toward remnant of NC 12. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Seagull Street was flooded with ocean water from Hurricane Earl swells. In the consent agenda, the commissioners agreed to add 2,500 more feet to the Avon-Buxton water main replacement project. The cost to replace the constantly breaking water main is now \$1,296,040.

The commissioners agreed to send an application for a \$200,000 tourism impact grant to the Dare County Tourism Board. The Outer Banks National Scenic Byway and Frisco Buxton

Pathway Committees have applied through the State of North Carolina for an almost \$2 million grant. If that grant is awarded the Tourism Board funds will be used for matching funds the national grant.

Find Frisco-Buxton committee members at Day at the Docks, Saturday, September 17.

Hatteras Island Meals receives grant

The Outer Banks Community Foundation board of directors approved \$65,150 in third quarter Community Enrichment grants to eight nonprofits.

Hatteras Island Meals received one of those grants. The organization provides nutritious, hot meals to homebound Hatteras Island residents each weekday. Last year, the organization delivered 10,000 meals. Hatteras Island Meals Board chairman Mike Tidd says “There's a need and we're meeting it head-on. We plan to continue doing just that.”

Hatteras Island Meals is conducting its fall Raffle. Look for Hatteras Island Meals at Day at the Dock in Hatteras Village on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

Dare school board meets Sept. 13 at First Flight High

The Dare County Board of Education Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, will be held at First Flight High School. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. and is open to the public. It will also be broadcast live via YouTube on the Dare County Schools Website at daretolearn.org. Prior to this regular meeting, the school board will hold an hour-long closed meeting.

The school board has also announced a closed meeting for Wednesday, September 14 starting at 9 a.m. at the System's administrative offices in Nags Head.

At the public meeting, Interim Superintendent Steve Blackstock will present accountability results for last school year.

Cape Hatteras Elementary exceeded growth, had a 58 performance grade and earned a letter grade of “C.” Cape Hatteras Secondary met growth, had a 61 performance grade and also a letter grade of “C.”

Day at the Docks happens Saturday, September 17

The day is full of displays, community organizations, entertainment, a chef fish taco contest, children's fishing tournament and lots, lots more as Hatteras Village celebrates watermen and fishing heritage.

The day's events kick off at 10 o'clock. Exhibits will be ready to go at that hour plus all sorts of interesting things to do.

For children, a bounce house is set up at Oden's Dock. The fish print T-shirt is at Foster's. The youth fishing tournament starts at 1 so register before that hour at Jeffrey's.

On the main stage, entertainment starts around 10. The seafood throw down begins at 2.

The concrete marlin contest happens at 11. The chowder cook-off, benefitting the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation runs from 11 to 1.

It's a great day for celebrating the Spirit of Hatteras village.

Radio Hatteras will be there.

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Today, United States and North Carolina flags fly at half-staff as the nation honors the life of Queen Elizabeth II and remembers the 21st anniversary of 9-11.

This day honors the victims and families left behind from terrorist attacks and the heroic sacrifices of first responders.

This morning, volunteer firefighters from Hatteras Island stations walked from the new Buxton fire department to the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in remembrance of those very brave and strong first responders.

Be safe out there. Stay well. Come to Day at the Docks. Thanks for listening to this news summary and this all volunteer community radio station. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, September 4, 2022.

Happy Labor Day Weekend

Welcome to folks are visiting Hatteras Island for the last three-day weekend of the summer. While Monday is a day off for many, it is not for Dare County employees driving residential garbage trucks.

Dare County's Department of Public Works has announced the residential trash collection will operate on its normal schedule Labor Day Monday.

That means black trash cans will be picked up in Hatteras, Frisco and Buxton tomorrow, Labor Day Monday. On Tuesday, the regular schedule continues with trash pickup in Avon, Salvo, Waves and Rodanthe.

However, Dare County offices are closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day. This includes the Dare County C&D Landfill and the Buxton Transfer Station.

Dare commissioners meet Tuesday

On Tuesday, September 6, 2022, Dare County Board of Commissioners gathers for its only scheduled meeting in September.

The agenda for Tuesday includes 19 agenda items and 18 consent agenda items.

Several items apply to Hatteras Island.

The commissioners will hold a hearing on closing Seagull Street in Rodanthe. The street is on the Oceanside of Mirlo Beach subdivision. The closing is requested by property owners so that beachfront houses can be moved toward the remnant of NC 12.

The commissioners will take up a request from the Frisco-Buxton Pathway and Outer Banks National Scenic Byway committees. The commissioners are asked to forward a request to the county's Tourism Board for a \$200,000 Tourism Impact Grant to be used as matching funds if a national grant application is approved.

Notable among the items is the Capital Improvements Planning Committee recommendation about EMS Stations, Public Works on Roanoke Island and in Buxton, Parks and Recreation facilities and the new Youth Center in Manteo.

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee met with Oakley Collier Architects.

As to Emergency Medical Stations, Hatteras Island has two. Station 3 is located at the Frisco-Buxton line. It is slated for \$1.38 million, which includes expanded parking for staff, repurposing the laundry room for a workout area and repainting the existing roll-up doors.

The station is Rodanthe is a partnership with Chicamacomico Banks Fire and Rescue Department. A design has not been determined at this time.

The Buxton Transfer station off Buxton Back Road needs to be made compliant with North Carolina's Division of Water Quality rules. A placeholder of \$1 million is indicated in materials.

The proposed site plan shows the site uses rearranged, particularly the recycling function.

The Parks and Recreation Plan reports on the status of existing facilities and provides additional construction. The county's financing model for the issuance of Limited Obligation Bonds for all this work shows that Parks and Recreation plans would be implemented in 2028.

For the Fessenden Center, the plan proposes basic repairs at \$2,966,225 and program upgrades at \$2,035,500. The plan calls for space to be added to the front of the building for additional offices and showers. Space is added to the side of the gym for storage. For the exercise room, additional space will add 1,150 square feet for exercise and dance and two new storage closets. New decking is added at the back of the building to create a new exit from the gym. Additional parking is shown along the entrance road. The exterior building envelop would be repaired, exterior windows replaced, gym roof leaks fixed, gym floor replaced. Outside the plan calls for resurfacing the tennis courts, repaving the outdoor basketball court and sodding the baseball infield and adding irrigation.

On the seashore beaches

On the Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches, 2022 sea turtle nests have marked the second highest season since the 1970s.

The Island Free Press reported the record.

As of September 1, seashore staffers have counted 375 sea turtle nests.

The highest number of sea turtle nests recorded was 473 in 2019.

Sea turtle nesting is finishing up, but nest hatchings are occurring frequently. Seashore rangers invite people to watch a sea turtle nest excavation.

Call the excavation program hotline at (252) 475-9629 to find out when and where the next nest excavation is scheduled. Notice is only one day in advance.

The shorebird season has ended, according to the September 1, 2022 Resource Management Field Summary. All chicks have fledged. American oystercatchers fledged five chicks. One piping plover chick fledged. Colonial waterbirds fledged 254 chicks.

Four felonies reported on Hatteras Island in August

The Dare County Sheriff has issued the August felony blotter for unincorporated Dare County.

The report shows four crimes on Hatteras Island, two on Roanoke Island, one in each of the following: Wanchese, Martins Point, Manns Harbor, and Colington.

Crimes reported on Hatteras Island are:

On August 4, Larceny by Employee was reported in the 46000 block of NC 12 in Buxton. The employee was stealing from the business. The matter is under investigation.

On August 5, Forgery and Uttering was committed in the 26000 block of NC 12 in Waves. The subject purchased items with counterfeit money. The matter remains under investigation.

On August 19, embezzlement occurred in the 40000 block of NC 12 in Avon. Employees were stealing money from a business. The matter remains under investigation.

August 25, an assault with Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury occurred in the 47000 block of Flowers Ridge Road in, Buxton. The victim was assaulted causing serious injuries. The victim refused to cooperate.

Insurance offered for non-owner occupied residences may go up

The North Carolina Department of Insurance received a dwelling insurance rate filing from the North Carolina Rate Bureau on Thursday, August 18 seeking a statewide average increase of 42.6%, requesting 19.6% effective April 1, 2023 and a 19.2% increase effective April 1, 2024. The rate filing follows the dwelling policy rate filing the Department of Insurance received from the Rate Bureau in December 2020, where the Rate Bureau requested an overall increase of 18.7%. That filing resulted in a settlement for an overall average rate increase of 7.6%.

Dwelling insurance policies are not homeowners' insurance policies. They are offered to non-owner-occupied residences of no more than four units, including rental properties, investment properties and other properties that are not occupied full time by the property owner.

On how the rate request may affect the coastal area, look for details on the Island Free Press. That article also includes where to send comments.

Passenger ferry to Ocracoke operates in September

The *Ocracoke Express*, the passenger ferry to Ocracoke, will extend its operating season through September 30. The season was previously slated to end on Labor Day.

Beginning Sept. 6, the passenger ferry will operate on a Tuesday through Friday schedule, the most popular days for Ocracoke day trips. The schedule is

From Hatteras: 9:30, 1 o'clock and 4:30

From Ocracoke: 11 and 3 o'clock, and 7:30

Day at the Docks returns

The opening evening is Friday, September 16 a 6:30 p.m. Seafood Under the Stars, six course Chef-Prepared Dinner at the Hatteras Civic Center. Tickets are limited.

Saturday, September 17 is the big day. Activities start at 10 o'clock in the morning along the docks in Hatteras village.

The day is filled with demonstrations, dock chats, entertainment on the stage and numerous special events.

Come chat with us at the Radio Hatteras display.

That's all for this week. Keep checking the weather for we are entering the height of hurricane season. Be safe out there. Stay well. Thanks for listening to this all volunteer, community radio station. This is Radio Hatteras

Weekly news summary for Sunday, August 28, 2022.

Dare County Schools open Monday, August 29.

Interim Superintendent Steve Blackstock reports that that teachers and staff are excited, ready, energized and enthusiastic about this school year.

For drivers on NC 12, starting Monday, big yellow school buses will travel NC 12, a two lane state highway. When the school bus stops, all drivers must stop. Yes, it can be frustrating but those buses are carrying our island children. Keep them safe.

Dare County Board of Education is searching for a new superintendent. The deadline for applications from interested candidates is September 1.

Dare school board has scheduled a closed meeting September 6, 2022. Late last week, the Outer Banks Voice reported that the school board had received nine applications for the superintendent position.

The next school board meeting will be held September 13 at First Flight High School. The meeting starts at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Dare County school system has 13 vacancies for certified teachers. The system's website shows Cape Hatteras Secondary needs high school teachers for math and science.

The system's Human Resource Director Oliver Holly indicates housing is a crucial issue. If you or someone you know might have housing available, call Holly at (252) 480-8888. Buxton teacher housing is full.

The North Carolina School Superintendents' Association is reporting that across the state, 4,469 certified teacher vacancies exist. Those 4,469 teaching vacancies are out of more than 90,000 teaching positions statewide.

Kinnakeet Shores wastewater treatment plan under emergency operator.

The Kinnakeet Shores Wastewater Treatment Plan has been assigned an Emergency Operator, Carolina Water Service, Inc.

Both The Coastland Times and Island Free Press reported the move by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Years of neglect by plant owner Outer Banks/Kinnakeet Associates led to a moratorium on new wastewater connections in Kinnakeet Shores, a soundside subdivision in Avon. The sole officer of the corporation is Ray E. Hollowell.

The repair estimate is \$1 million.

Under the emergency appointment, rates will increase substantially.

Homeless cat program starts

Operation Homeless Cats, a community effort to spay and neuter homeless cats in Dare County, will launch on Monday, August 29, 2022. The goal is to create a manageable population of cats in Dare County and prevent a repeat of the current overcrowding at local shelters.

The program was created as a partnership with Dare County and the Outer Banks SPCA. Other non-profit groups participating include Feline Hope, Friends of Felines – Hatteras Island, Spay and Neuter Today, Feline Fix Foundation, Coastal Humane Society, and Winston's March Animal Rescue.

Dare County has allocated \$70,000 to the program. The Outer Banks Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will add \$30,000.

Under the program, traps will be set throughout the county in the next six months in high volume areas as well as in other targeted areas where homeless cats are identified as living. Employees and volunteers will set, check and collect the traps throughout Dare County. The cats will then be taken to local vets for alteration and vaccinations, and safely returned to their point of origin. All cats will be ear tipped to indicate that they have been altered.

Domesticated cats that live outdoors may unintentionally be trapped. Stay aware when the program is in your area.

To report homeless cats that need to be addressed, contact the Outer Banks SPCA at 252-475-5620.

New ABC store for Buxton

A new Alcoholic Beverage Control store is slated for Buxton, reports the Island Free Press. The current store opened in 1987 in Osprey Shopping Center. The existing store is too small. The new store with 6,000 square feet will be across NC 12 next to Dollar General in Buxton.

New Exhibits at Frisco Museum

A new and improved exhibit on the tribes of the Outer Banks at the Frisco Native American Museum & Natural History Center is nearing completion, and is expected to open to the public soon.

The Frisco Native American Museum & Natural History Center is located at 53536 N.C. 12 in Frisco, and is currently open from 10:30 in the morning until 5 o'clock, Tuesday through Sunday.

Don't fuss about bridge work

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative's contractor New River Electric continues to make good progress on installing transmission cables on the Rodanthe Bridge. Those daytime lane closures allow New River Electric employees to safely pull cables. The new transmission cables will carry electric power to Hatteras and Ocracoke islands.

On the national seashore beaches

South Point, Cape Point and South Beach have reopened to beach driving after hosting a variety of nesting shorebirds this season.

Six more sea turtle nests have been located on Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches. Sea turtle nests now total 370. Hatteras Island beaches account for 290 nests. As of August 25, 127 nests have hatched.

Fisheries proclamations

On August 31, commercial harvest of red snapper in South Atlantic waters closes, reports NOAA Fisheries.

The closure applies to both state and federal waters for vessels that have a federal commercial or charter vessel or headboat permits.

Recreational season for red snapper is already closed.

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Proclamation FF-43-2022 opens the Atlantic Ocean commercial flounder season a minute after midnight, September 1. A 100-pound trip limit is set for vessels using trawls.

Happening

The Dare County Board of Commissioners Capital Improvements Planning Committee will meet Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 10 a.m. in Room 238, Dare County Administration Building, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo.

The committee is meeting to evaluate EMS station projects and review the Parks and Recreation Study.

On September 2 and 3, Lighthouse Local Artists will present a monthly Arts and Crafts show at Lighthouse Assembly of God Community Center, across from the tennis courts at Cape Hatteras Secondary School. The show runs from 10 to 3.

This is a long way off, but exciting

On November 13, a 79-foot tall Red Spruce tree from Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina will be at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and on view from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.

The tree is the 2022 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree.

The tree starts its journey across North Carolina on November 5. The Fort Raleigh stop is the last one in North Carolina.

The event is a partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the Town of Manteo.

Sports at Cape Hatteras Secondary

The Lady Hurricanes volleyball teams host Manteo on August 29 and First Flight on August 31.

The Junior Varsity matches start at 4:30 and are followed by the varsity matches.

The varsity soccer team plays Currituck County High in Barco on September 2, starting at 5 o'clock.

Be safe out there. Stay well. Thanks for listening to this all-volunteer community radio station which is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, August 21, 2022.

Miss Katie arrives and new legislation calls for Oregon Inlet study

On Friday, August 19, just after noontime, the shallow draft hopper dredge Miss Katie sounded her fog horn and on the careful command of Captain Jeffrey Garrison swung around to sidle up to its berth in Wanchese Harbor.

The Miss Katie is home. She's home after a seven-day voyage from Morgan City, Louisiana. She's home to keep Oregon and Hatteras inlets and other waterways dredged. She's 156 feet long, and 35 feet wide. She draws four feet three inches, empty, and eight feet fully loaded. She'll hold a 1,000 tons loaded. She can fill the hopper in 30 minutes. Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman Robert Woodard proclaimed "This is historic, unprecedented." He said "It's one of the greatest days in the history of Dare County." The Miss Katie shows off the first public-private partnership to build a dredge. The partnership between Dare County and EJE Dredging Service built the \$15 million vessel. The county's Oregon Inlet Task Force watched the shipbuilding and will direct its calendar of operations.

Dignitaries gathered at the dock site to welcome the Miss Katie. Dare commissioners Woodard, Wally Overman and Steve House joined by others caught a charter boat out to the Miss Katie and enjoyed a smooth eight-mile ride to Wanchese Harbor. On shore, commissioners Ervin Bateman and Jim Tobin were present. State officials Bobby Hanig, Norm Sanderson and Keith Kidwell were present. Former state senator Bill Cook attended. U.S. Senators Thom Tillis and Richard Burr were represented by Trey Lewis and Betty Jo Shephard.

The day for watermen was not over.

In the afternoon, United States Representative Greg Murphy held a press conference to announce the introduction of legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Army to conduct a feasibility study for the project for constructing a dual jetty system at Oregon Inlet, and for other purposes. The legislative text is not yet available. The bill was introduced at 11 o'clock Friday. Its assigned number is H. R. 8728.

Murphy acknowledged that Oregon Inlet was the most studied inlet in the United States. Some 23 agencies have jurisdiction for the inlet, said Murphy. He's asking the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Interior to find a way for Oregon Inlet to have some route permanency for its users.

Beach nourishment finished on Hatteras Island

Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company announced that the last load of sand for the Buxton beach nourishment project was placed at approximately 7 o'clock, Tuesday evening, August 16, 2022. The dredge *Liberty Island* delivered the last load a little more than a mile north of the northern boundary of Buxton village. The total contract volume of 1.2 million cubic yards has been completed after 50 days of construction.

Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company used America's largest dredge, the *Ellis Island*, to begin the Buxton project on June 30. The *Ellis Island* worked in Buxton for a total of 17 days and placed approximately 668,000 cubic yards of sand along the shoreline. This volume is equivalent to about 56 percent of the total project volume.

The second dredge, *Liberty Island*, started pumping sand in Buxton on July 26, 2022, after completing the Avon beach nourishment project. During nearly 20 days of working in Buxton, the dredge placed about 532,000 cubic yards of sand. This volume is equivalent to 44 percent of the total project volume.

Over the next few days, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co. will remove the landing point, the shore pipes and the equipment from the beach and store them in the designated staging area near

the Buxton beach access. The contractor estimates that all equipment will be transported out of the area by truck over the next two weeks.

Perhaps real estate is shifting

Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka has looked at real estate market indicators on Hatteras Island for January through July this year.

He writes: "there is continuing evidence that the market is shifting away from the strong growth patterns that we have seen over the past few years."

Three observations support this statement:

The available supply of homes and condominiums is increasing at a fairly slow pace.

The number of residential sales has dropped almost 32 percent over the same months last year

The leading indicator of future sales called properties under contract to be sold, is down 37.3 percent.

One indicator that still has market watchers undecided is the median resident sale price.

Nationally, Hranicka writes, a number of large metropolitan areas are seeing significant price drops. On Hatteras Island, the median price has risen to \$625,000.

One reason for this upward trend may be the market profile, writes Hranicka. Only 21 percent of island homes available for purchase are priced below \$500,000.

He cautions, the dynamics of Hatteras Island real estate sector can be different in many ways from what's happening in metropolitan areas.

Somewhat surprisingly, July statistics for undeveloped lots reflected some weakening. From January through July, the number of undeveloped lots, those sold and those under contract trended down.

This is usually a time when buyer interest turns to lots so new homes can be built over winter and ready for the rental market next spring.

On a monthly basis, Hranicka looks at two other measures of Hatteras Island's economy.

Meal tax receipts through June were down 4.5 percent compared to last year perhaps as a result of restaurants reducing the number of meals served due to staff shortages and increasing pick-up orders.

Occupancy tax receipts on the other hand were up a little over 9 percent.

On the beaches

The National Park Services resource report shows that as of August 18, the American oystercatcher and piping plover beach season is finished.

This season 45 oystercatcher nests were counted. Five chicks fledged.

For the piping plover, five nests resulted in one fledged chick.

Colonial waterbirds still have 10 chicks on the beach. For this season, 790 nests were counted resulting in 252 fledged chicks, with 128 of those chicks on Hatteras Island.

Now, sea turtle nests are starting to hatch. As of August 18, 364 nests have been counted and 80 have hatched.

Seashore biologists excavate hatched nests, counting empty eggshells and collecting unhatched eggs for research. Occasionally live and dead hatching are found. Nest excavations add to the databases for the seashore and North Carolina.

Interested in finding out when and where an excavation will take place? Call the excavation program hotline at (252) 475-9629. The excavations are now going on. Notice is only one day in advance.

Around 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, August 17, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Ramp 44 opened to Cape Point. A small closure remains in place next to south beach.

Representative Bobby Hanig Unanimously Selected To Fill State Senate Vacancy

On the evening of August 18, the Republican County Committees at the North Carolina Senate District 1 Convention voted unanimously to send Representative Bobby Hanig's name to Governor Roy Cooper to fill the vacancy left by Senator Bob Steinberg's resignation on July 31. Hanig, a Republican small business owner, is serving his second term in the General Assembly. He said "I am grateful for the unanimous support from each County party member. I believe my record of fiscal management, advocating for students and families, and standing up to help families helped secure my recommendation."

The North Carolina Republican Party will send a letter to Cooper with the recommendation that Representative Bobby Hanig be appointed to fill out the remainder of Senator Bob Steinberg's term in Senate District 1 which ends in January 2023.

After serving in the United States Army, Hanig settled in Currituck County, where he has lived for thirty years. Hanig founded two companies. Prior to his service in the General Assembly, Hanig, from Powells Point, was the Chairman of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners. Senate District 1 currently includes Dare County along with 10 other counties.

Under the newly drawn election maps, Hanig in November's General Election, is running for the senate seat in District 3 which will represent 10 counties, but not Dare County. Hanig is opposed by Democrat Valerie Jordan from Warrenton.

In the North Carolina Senate District 1, Norm Sanderson is the Republican who will represent Dare, Hyde, Pamlico and Carteret counties. He is unopposed. Sanderson defeated Steinburg in this year's primary election.

Marine Fisheries Commission update

Three new members of the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission members took the oath of office and participated in their first meeting Aug. 17 and 18.

Governor Roy Cooper announced three new appointments to the commission. Donald Huggins will fill an at large-seat. Doug Rader fills the scientist seat and Ana Shellem will represent commercial fishermen.

In business, the Commission tabled further action on the Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 until its November business meeting.

The action followed lengthy discussion that primarily focused on gill net prohibitions in the upper Neuse and Pamlico river systems, reports a media release from the Division of Marine Fisheries. After two failed votes to adopt the amendment, the Commission determined more consideration was needed before final adoption of the plan was considered.

The commission also asked the division to update its 2017 white paper on false albacore; adopted an update on river herring; set the annual cap for commercial fishing licenses at 500; and reelected Doug Cross as vice-chairman

Hallac to talk about endangered oceanfront housing in Rodanthe

David Hallac, Superintendent of National Parks of Eastern North Carolina, will talk about endangered oceanfront housing in Rodanthe on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The talk will be held at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building, 23646 NC 12, Rodanthe, opposite the historic Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station.

The Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association is sponsoring the talk.

The public is invited to attend.

This year, three houses on Ocean Drive, Rodanthe, have collapsed on Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches sending debris southward as far as Buxton.

Chamber music set for Cape Hatteras Secondary, August 25 at 7:30

The joy and beauty of classical music returns to Cape Hatteras Secondary School in Buxton with the 8th Annual Surf and Sounds Chamber Music Series.

Cape Hatteras Secondary School will host the Surf and Sounds series on Thursday, August 25.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free for all.

Oboist Jaren Atherholt will accompany Luke Fleming on viola, Jacob Fowler on cello and Siwoo Kim on violin in a program that will feature two selections from Mozart:

The Don and Catharine Bryan Cultural Series and the Dare County Arts Council sponsor the series for Hatteras Island and the Outer Banks.

Stay safe out there. Be well. From all of us at this community radio station, thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, August 14, 2022.

Hatteras Village Civic Association will soon operate the Ocean Center

In November, the Hatteras Village Civic Association will assume ownership of the Hatteras Island Ocean Center, located in northern Hatteras Village,

In recent years, Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia has operated the Ocean Center, which was created by Eric Kaplan in 2013.

The college has operated the center with students serving as summer interns. Hampden-Sydney has decided not to continue operating the center.

Kaplan brought people together and the non-profit Hatteras Village Civic Association agreed to oversee the operation with the help of current director Shirley Wicker.

Additionally, the agreement with Kaplan includes the donation of a 4.6 acre marsh with a boardwalk behind the center to Hatteras Village. The marsh will be overseen by the civic

association. The marsh land was originally donated to the Ocean Center by Lou and Linda Browning.

Car chase, wreck, search and capture happens in Avon

Late morning Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, a car chase, a wreck, a search and capture happened in Avon.

A Dare County Sheriff's deputy, with lights and siren going, attempted to stop a vehicle for traveling in excess of 100 miles per hour heading north on NC 12, reported a media release from the sheriff's office.

At the U.S. Post Office in Avon, the suspect "barely made it around" a stopped Toyota Tundra. "The deputy following could not and struck the vehicle," states the media release.

At 11:28 a.m., State Highway Trooper S.J. Whiting arrived at the Avon Post Office to investigate the officer-involved wreck.

At the scene, the deputy refused medical treatment. Two people in the Toyota were transported to The Outer Banks Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

No charges have been filed in the collision.

Meanwhile, the suspect continued on "but was found a short time later in the village of Avon thanks to citizens calling in with information," states the release.

The release states the driver and two others were found in a wooded area near the vehicle's location.

After investigation, Noah Cooper Huneycutt, driver, 20 years old, from Suffolk, Va., was arrested and charged with felony Fleeing to Elude and misdemeanors Careless and Reckless, Fail to Yield to Blue Light and Siren, Driving Left of Center, and 105 in a 45 mile per hour zone. Honeycutt is being held on a \$15,000 secured bond.

Those requiring medical care were released from the Outer Banks Hospital, reports the media release.

Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie wrote, "We would like to thank North Carolina Highway Patrol and National Park Service for their assistance in locating the vehicle and driver."

Buxton beach nourishment almost finished

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co. has announced that dredges *Ellis Island* and *Liberty Island* made significant progress this past week. As of Wednesday, August 10, 2022, over 90 percent of the total contracted volume of 1.2 million cubic yards of sand has been placed in the Buxton beach nourishment project area.

The project is expected to be completed this upcoming week.

On Tuesday evening, August 9, the dredge *Ellis Island* left the job site to heading for Norfolk, Virginia, after working in Buxton for six days. The dredge *Liberty Island* will finish the rest of the project.

On the national seashore

On Thursday, August 11, Cape Hatteras National Seashore staffers installed a pedestrian corridor to the Cape Point area along the east-facing shoreline. The corridor is a very short walk from the current off road vehicle boundary south of south of Ramp 44. Ramp opens at 6:30 in the morning and closes at 9 at night.

Additionally, almost four tenths of a mile of south facing beach to the west of Cape Point is open to pedestrians after a short walk down Bypass Road (look for signs near the dune line). Cape Point is temporarily closed to beach driving due to several unfledged colonial waterbird chicks in the area. Cape Point will reopen as soon as these chicks have fledged.

Resource report for Cape Hatteras beaches

On August 10, those colonial waterbirds fledglings at Cape Hatters number 28. Elsewhere on Hatteras Island, fledglings counted were 128. On Ocracoke, the number was 32. Colonial waterbirds still have a dozen active nests, with 10 of those on Ocracoke.

One piping plover fledgling is noted.

On August 10, five American oystercatchers fledglings were counted.

Sea turtle nests on the seashore on Aug. 10 numbered 350 with 34 hatched. Over half the nests are on Hatteras Island.

Lighthouse pathway project underway

Local non-profit Outer Banks Forever, the non-profit partner of Outer Banks National Parks, announced its biggest undertaking to date — the “Pathways to Your National Parks” project. This project will generate a new paved, multi-use path on the grounds of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse running from the entrance off NC 12 to the lighthouse.

The pathway will connect to the existing Buxton Back Road pathway that currently ends at Cape Hatteras Secondary School. Eventually, the Lighthouse pathway will connect to the planned Frisco-Buxton pathway.

A newly released video posted on Island Free Press features David Hallac, Superintendent of the National Parks of Eastern North Carolina, Outer Banks Forever Board President Trip Forman and Outer Banks Forever Executive Director Jessica Barnes.

In the video, Hallac says contractors are preparing for the strategic design process that includes determining which sides of the entrance road the pathway should be built and exactly how wide it should be for public use.

Ocean water quality advisory at ramp 55 lifted

Last Wednesday, August 10, state recreational water quality officials lifted a water quality swimming advisory at Ramp 55 opposite the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras Village.

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

The advisory was posted August 4 at the public beach access. The sign advising against swimming or otherwise coming into contact with the water will be removed.

Outer Banks Film *Call Sign Romeo* Wins Awards at IndieFEST

The feature film *Call Sign Romeo* has won several international awards at the IndieFEST Film Awards. The film was filmed on location on the Outer Banks of North Carolina,

Producer/Director Raymond Wallace reported that the film *Call Sign Romeo* received an Award of Merit for Viewer Impact: Entertainment Value, an Award of Merit for ‘Latin / Hispanic’ representation and an Award of Recognition for ‘Native American/Aboriginal Peoples’

Director Wallace uses local Outer Banks scenery to full advantage, like the Wright Brothers Memorial, Jockey's Ridge, Jennette's Pier, and many others. The film can be seen on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays evenings at 7 o'clock at RC Theatres Kill Devil Hills 10 through Labor Day weekend. More information about the film and how to purchase tickets in advance can be found on the film's website, CallSignRomeo dot com.

New North Carolina snapper record set offshore Hatteras

The North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries reported Thursday, August 11 that it had recently certified a new state record cubera snapper.

Thomas M. Madsen, of Byram, New Jersey, caught the 58-pound, 8-ounce fish offshore of Hatteras on August 3.

The previous state record cubera snapper weighed 58 pounds and was caught offshore of Beaufort Inlet in 2016.

Madsen's fish measured 49.5 inches total length, which is from the tip of the snout to the tip of the compressed tail, and had a 41-inch girth.

Madsen was fishing with Captain Tyler Fleetwood onboard Sea Dream Fishing Charters out of Hatteras Landing Marina.

This coming week, Nora's Wish in Rodanthe is celebrating the Good Old Days.

On Monday, August 15 at 5 o'clock, a birthday Fish Fry celebration will honor of Nora Midgett Herbert's birthday and that of Robert Midgette. Clifford Swain will be singing.

Tuesday, August 16, is the 104th anniversary of famed Mirlo Rescue with interpretation and book signing of Shipwrecks of the Outer Banks, by James Charlet. The event takes place from 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, stop by Nora's Wish for complimentary Clam Chowder during open hours 10 in the morning to 6 in the evening.

Thursday at 2 o'clock is the famed Historic Life-Saving Beach Drill reenactment at Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station, just up the street from Nora's Wish. Drive-along village history tours are offered at sunrise and sunset.

Finish the week on Friday with some homemade peach ice cream available from 10 in the morning to 6 in the evening.

Cape Hatteras Volleyball season has started.

On Thursday last week, Cape Hatteras varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams hosted scrimmages with First Flight and Manteo

On Monday, August 15, Camden County High School brings both junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams to Buxton. The junior varsity game starts at 4:30 and the varsity game at 5:30.

No wake zone proposed for Oregon Inlet Marina and U.S. Coast Guard station

From August 18 through September 1, 2022, Cape Hatteras National Seashore invites public input on a proposal to establish a Motts Creek No Wake Zone. The zone encompasses the U.S. Coast Guard's Station Oregon Inlet and the Seashore's marina, boat ramps and kayak launch near Oregon Inlet.

A public meeting will be held from 6 to 7 o'clock, Thursday evening, August 18 at the Dare County Administration Building, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Room 168, Manteo. The Seashore is interested in establishing a No Wake Zone at Motts Creek primarily as a safety measure to reduce the likelihood of an accident or injury caused by boats under power or throwing a large wake in a congested area with multiple user groups.

Marine Fisheries Commission meets this week

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission will meet in-person August. 17 and 18 at the Courtyard by Marriott, Jacksonville. The meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

The meeting begins at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, August 17 for public comment and at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 18 for the business meeting.

The YouTube link will be posted on the Marine Fisheries Commission Meetings webpage, where agenda information can also be found.

Agenda items include:

- A presentation on the annual Fishery Management Plan Review.
- Final approval of the Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2.
- Final approval of the River Herring Fishery Management Plan Information Update.
- Establishing the annual cap on the number of Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses available through the Eligibility Pool.
- Electing a vice-chairman.

At the end of the week, it's National Aviation Day Friday, August 19. Celebrations will be held at the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kill Devil Hills and the Dare County Regional Airport on Roanoke Island.

For a line-up of events at both locations, go to [OBX forever dot org](http://OBXforever.org).

Now, be safe out there. Stay well. Thanks for listing to the Weekly News Summary. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, August 7, 2022.

Structure Fire in Salvo calls out volunteers

At 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, Aug. 3, multiple 9-1-1 calls to Dare Central sent the Chicamacomico Banks volunteer firefighters to Duck Village Outfitters on NC 12 in Salvo. When the first ladder truck arrived, firefighters encountered heavy fire at the back of the building. The fire extended into the interior of the building.

Firefighters searched the building but found no people. A cat was later found alive and uninjured. Some 15 firefighters from both Chicamacomico stations responded to the fire call. No firefighter injuries were reported.

Avon volunteer firefighters responded with mutual aid.

Dare County Sheriff deputies handled traffic control and an Emergency Medical Services crew carefully watched firefighters.

Fortunately, the four people who lived at the store and two employees were not harmed. However, “the residents have lost everything they had, and have nowhere to live, and the employees who have families to support need help,” states a GoFundMe account.

The account set up by Emily Masters is titled “Please help! Locals lost everything in fire.”

A donation box has also been placed in the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Post Office.

Avon sign stolen

Last Sunday, the sign that says “Welcome to Avon, Historically Named Kinnakeet” was reported stolen from the north end of Avon. The sign is about six feet by four feet and bolted to posts that were left behind.

This sign is part of letting those who come here know where they are but also a little history lesson as well.

The Avon Property Owners Association is now offering a \$1,000 reward leading to the arrest and conviction of the people who stole the Welcome to Avon Sign.

If you have any information on who may have taken this sign, contact the Dare County Sheriff's Office at 252-475-5980, Monday through Friday 8:30 to 5 or Dare County Communications Center at 252-473-3444 anytime.

Sheriff's Blotter July 2022

Stealing an Avon sign is a crime. Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie has released the felony crime blotter for July 2022.

Overall for unincorporated Dare County, ten cases were listed. Roanoke Island had four cases, East Lake two, and one case each in Salvo, Buxton, Rodanthe and Colington.

On July 11, two firearms were stolen from a residence in the 100 block of Gareth Circle on Roanoke Island. The case remains under investigation.

Here are the three July 2022 Felony Blotter cases on Hatteras Island

July 13: Breaking and Entering and Larceny in 27000 block of Sprintsail Court, Salvo. Unknown subject broke into a house under construction. The residence was vandalized and a beach chair stolen. Under investigation.

July 19: Larceny in 46000 block of Flowers Ridge Road, Buxton. Jewelry reported stolen from a vehicle. Under investigation.

July 23: Obtaining Property by False Pretenses in 24000 block of Atlantic Drive, Rodanthe. Rental scam. Upon further investigation it was determined the crime occurred outside of this jurisdiction.

Trap, Neuter, Release feral cat program funded

On Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, Dare County commissioners were told the feral cat population in Dare County is about to explode.

Because of that impending explosive increase, Outer Banks SPCA President Laurie Amatucci asked for an emergency measure to launch a campaign to trap, neuter and release 1,000 feral cats.

Here and across the country, neutering numbers declined during the pandemic, exaggerating population growth.

The commissioners committed \$70,000 to the program. Outer Banks SPCA will contribute \$30,000.

Island Free Press has an extensive report on the Board of Commissioners conversation about the feral cat situation and how to adopt one of over 130 kittens now in the Animal Shelter on Roanoke Island.

Time to get ready

For the first time since 2017, there were no named hurricanes in June or July. And, so far this year, there have only been three named tropical storms at all. Just one of them, Colin, reached the Carolinas, but it barely qualified.

A slow start to hurricane season doesn't mean it's time to let anyone's guard down.

As an indicator, on August 6, the National Hurricane Center identified a tropical wave off the west coast of Africa. It has a 30% chance of developing into a tropical cyclone in five days.

And NOAA's Climate Prediction Center reported August 4 that atmospheric and oceanic conditions still favor an above-normal 2022 Atlantic hurricane season.

Peak hurricane months are August through October.

That's the lead into this: August is Preparedness month in North Carolina

So, it's time to review emergency plans and update emergency supply kits.

A family emergency supply kit should include three to seven days of supplies including food, water, medications, flashlight with batteries and items such as face masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, as well as any supplies needed to support infants and family pets. Always take pets with you when evacuating.

North Carolina is an active state for many types of disasters, including hurricanes, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms. In 2021, the state experienced 21 tornado touchdowns, 109 flood incidents and 344 severe thunderstorms with damaging wind and 101 hail events.

Severe storms are not the only natural disasters that affect that state. Wildfires, earthquakes and man-made disasters are also a possibility.

North Carolina's Know Your Zone program establishes pre-determined evacuation zones in twenty coastal counties simplify and improve evacuation execution in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm. All of Hatteras Island is Zone A

Beach nourishment update

In Buxton, as of August 5, over sixty percent of the 1.2-million cubic yard contract volume has been placed on the beach. Nourishment in front of the Village of Buxton is completed.

The rest of the volume will be placed north of Buxton along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

The nourishment project in Avon is complete.

Passenger ferry back in service

On August 3, the *Ocracoke Express* passenger ferry between Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands resumed service with the 1 o'clock departure from Hatteras.

The passenger-only ferry had been out of service since July 27 with mechanical issues

Passengers may once again make reservations for the *Ocracoke Express* online at ncferry.org or by calling 1-800 BY FERRY.

Water quality advisory issued for Ramp 55

On August 4, the state's Recreational Water Quality Program issued an advisory against swimming at the public ocean beach access ramp 55 off Museum Drive in Hatteras village.

State recreational water quality officials found bacteria levels in the water that exceed the state's and Environmental Protection Agency's recreational water quality standards.

The advisory was based on five samples taken with a 30-day period. The running monthly average of a bacteria group was 47. The standard is 35.

The advisory is not a beach closing, nor does the advisory affect the entire Hatteras area.

Swimming advisories are for waters within 200 feet of a sign that was posted on August 5.

State officials will continue testing the site and will remove the sign and notify the public again when the bacteria levels decrease to levels below the standards.

Competitions opened for 2022 N.C. State Fair

Blue ribbon seekers get ready because the 2022 N.C. State Fair competitions are now open. If you think your artwork, honey, livestock, cooking, canned food, flowers or decorating skills are prize-winning, then don't miss this year's deadlines to enter. New competitions this year include ink pen decorated seashells and artwork inspired floral arrangements.

Most entry deadlines are Sept. 15. Exhibitors must have registered prior to the entry deadline.

Entry forms can be mailed in or exhibitors can enter online using ShoWorks (S h o W o r k s) an online application system that is widely used at fairs across the country.

For more information go to ncstatefair.org and click on competitions.

Last Hootenanny set for August 11

The last Summer Full Moon Hootenanny in Hatteras village is set for August 11, 2022 from 7 to 9 o'clock. Featured vocalist is Mary Joy McDaniel.

The event is held on the lawn at the community center next to the Dare County Library.

Bring a chair and your own refreshments.

For those of our listeners who may not have heard, Bob Barris passed away last week.

Bob had a captivating and interesting resume of interests and activities that spanned the spectrum from surfing to charter fishing to cooking to writing and, of course, 37 years as a successful real estate agent. Bob graciously lent his talent to Radio Hatteras. Every Fourth of July, Bob voiced the introduction and finish for the coordinated Avon Fireworks show. Bob will be missed by all who knew him.

Now, stay safe out there. Be well. Thanks for listening to this weekly news summary. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly news summary for Sunday, July 31, 2022.

On the morning of July 28, the new Rodanthe Bridge southbound lane opened at 11:40. And 40 minutes later the northbound lane opened.

Finally, a paint truck and a crew finished the last remaining item that delayed opening. The views to the east and to the west are spectacular. Dashboard cameras don't show the views.

The new 2.4-mile bridge extends over Pamlico Sound between the southern end of the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge and the village of Rodanthe, bypassing a section of N.C. 12 that is extremely vulnerable to ocean overwash. Construction of the \$155 million project began in July 2018.

The bridge speed limit is 55 miles per hour, like the Oregon Inlet Bridge. As traffic approaches the roundabout in Rodanthe, the speed limit drops to 45 and then 35 before entering the roundabout connecting to N C 12.

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative will continue its work installing the cables under the bridge, which will replace the overhead power lines that currently run parallel to N C 12. This work may require intermittent daytime lane closures in the coming weeks.

After the cables are attached, pavement and sandbags on the bypassed section of N C 12 will be removed, allowing it to return to its natural state. The road removal project is expected to be complete by the end of November

The Rodanthe bridge is the third new bridge to be completed on N C 12 in the last five years. The Captain Richard Etheridge Bridge over New Inlet was completed in 2017, and the Marc Basnight Bridge over Oregon Inlet opened in 2019.

Avon beach nourishment finished; Buxton pumping resumed

At 11 o'clock at night July 26, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co. delivered the last load of sand to the Avon beach.

One million cubic yards of sand was pumped on the Avon beach from Due East Road to the southernmost boundary of Avon. A frontal dune six feet above the dry-sand beach was also constructed. The project covered 2 and a half miles.

Demobilization started immediately. The newly nourished beach was graded and smoothed and reopened the morning of July 27. The project started June 19 and, supported by good weather, was completed in 39 days.

The Buxton project resumed pumping July 28 after the dredge returned from Norfolk for repairs, maintenance and refueling. The project started June 30 and will cover almost three miles. It is expected to be completed mid- to late-September.

Search for Dare Schools superintendent starts August. 1

The formal search for a new Dare County Schools Superintendent kicks off Monday, August 1, 2022.

At a special July 28 meeting, the full Dare County Board of Education approved a search packet including a position profile, a stakeholder survey and an Application for Superintendent of Schools.

Prospective candidates have until Sept. 1, 2022, to file the application.

The public has until Aug. 15 to participate in the survey. Survey results will be used to construct candidate interview questions.

The board's new attorney, Rachel Hitch with Poyner Spruill, Raleigh, attended this meeting.

Completed candidate applications will go to her.

Applications and surveys will be available at dare to learn dot org.

Ocracoke Express not running

The Ocracoke Express passenger ferry departures between Hatteras and Ocracoke are cancelled until further notice the North Carolina Ferry Division reported on July 27. The stop is due to an unforeseen mechanical failure.

Pre-paid passengers are being notified and refunded.

For updates, contact the Hatteras Ferry office at 252-996-6000

The regular summer Ocracoke/Hatteras vehicle Ferry Schedule is operating.

Another Recall

On July 30, Conagra Brands, a Russellville, Ark. establishment, recalled about 120,000 pounds of frozen beef products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced. The product contains egg, a known allergen, which is not declared on the product label.

The frozen beef products are labeled as beef and broccoli but contain orange chicken. These items were produced on May 26 and May 27, 2022. The following product is subject to recall: 22-oz. plastic bag packages containing "P.F. Chang's Home Menu Beef & Broccoli" with lot code "5006 2146 2012" and "BEST BY MAY 21 2023".

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "P115" on the side panel above the nutrition facts.

This product was shipped to retail locations nationwide.

Another Scam

The state's Department of Justice is reporting a recent surge in scam calls to North Carolinians. These scammers pose as hospital employees and attempt to steal personal information or money from unsuspecting patients and caregivers.

If you get one of these calls, follow these tips:

Don't rely on area codes or caller ID to determine if a caller is trustworthy.

Know that hospital officials will never call you to ask for sensitive information.

If you receive a suspicious call, notify the hospital and the Department of Justice office.

Call the Consumer Protection Division at 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

Priority ramps open at 6:30 in the morning

Cape Hatteras National Seashore's priority Off Road Vehicle ramps will open at 6:30 in the morning starting on August 1.

All other designated oceanside ORV ramps open at 7 a.m.

Priority ORV ramps within the National Seashore on Hatteras Island are ramps 25, 27, 43, 44, 48, and 49.

While night driving restrictions are in place, all vehicles must be off oceanside beaches each night by 9 o'clock. Restrictions on driving after 9 p.m. will start to be lifted on September 15, if there are no sea turtle nests remaining along an ORV route.

To check the status of ORV routes, visit [go dot nps dot gov slash beachaccess](http://go.dot.nps.gov/beachaccess)

On July 28, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Resource Management Field Summary showed six American oystercatcher chicks with two at Cape Point; 152 fledgling Colonial Waterbirds with 113 on Hatteras Island; and one piping plover chick at South Beach.

Sea Turtle nests totaled 297 with 200 on Hatteras Island. Five sea turtle nests have hatched.

Monday, August 1, boys soccer players meet

On Monday, August 1 at 6 o'clock in the evening, Cape Hatteras Secondary boys varsity soccer players along with parents are due at the soccer field on Buxton Back Road for a mandatory meeting.

United States Coast Guard Day is Thursday, August 4

August 4 is set aside to honor the establishment of the United States Coast Guard.

On August 4 in 1790, the Revenue Cutter Service as created in the Treasury Department by Congress. The job of 10 cutters was to enforce tariff laws.

The name Coast Guard came about in 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the Life-Saving Service, well known on Hatteras Island. Two more agencies were added: the Lighthouse Service in 1939 and the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection in 1946. In 1967, the United States Coast Guard was transferred to the newly formed Department of Transportation, where it remains today.

Really, Really Free Market is back August 6

The Really, Really Free Market in Avon is returning and starts with its first summertime market on August 6 from 9 in the morning to Noon at the Avon Fire Station on Harbor Road.

The Really, Really Free Market started more than a decade ago, and became a valuable resource for islanders in need after several historic storms.

Everyone is welcome at this free event, where all are encouraged to give, receive, and create on their own terms. The public is invited to arrive with goods, services, skills, performances, stories, crafts, food, games, music, clothing, furniture, plants, and resources to share with others in the community.

Donations are always accepted the morning of the event, but are not required.

Check out the Really, Really Free Market on Facebook for information on upcoming markets.

Weather Report

On July 29, the National Weather Service issued a heat advisory for Hatteras Island.

In Frisco, the heat index values reached 104 just before 2 o'clock. That high heat index value was bracketed by 100 degree values.

On Monday, drier conditions are expected. Thunderstorms are possible in late afternoon. Heat indices will rise to 100 to 105 degrees with continued humid conditions.

Tuesday through Friday, the National Weather Service expects coastal locales to remain dry.

Above normal temperatures are expected with heat indices between 100 and 105.

Be safe. Drink plenty of water and stay in air-conditioned rooms. Limit time outdoors or seek shade frequently.

Now, stay well. Thank you for listening to this weekly news summary and this all volunteer station. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary, for Sunday, July 24, 2022.

Water main break between Buxton and Avon

Around 6 o'clock on the evening of July 21, Dare County's Water Department was notified of a water main break between Buxton and Avon.

The break is in the area of weak pipe, where four breaks have occurred in recent times.

At the time of the break, William Nash, Assistant Public Utilities Director, reported that the Avon water tower had 20 feet of water, which is almost full. The pressure in the system remained strong.

Water department workers closely monitored the consumption of water in Avon. No call for conservation was necessary.

Hatchell Concrete, the contractor that has been responding to breaks, loaded equipment and headed out from Manteo.

The water line repair work was finished about 3 o'clock Friday morning.

The water department's water plant, located in Frisco, sends water from Frisco to Avon and Frisco to Hatteras. In the national seashore area between Buxton and Avon, the water department has installed valves to shut off the water supply to Avon when a break occurs.

These reports of water main breaks between Buxton and Avon may end soon. A contractor, Basnight Construction, won a bid to install new pipe a mile out on each side of the weak area. The contractor is awaiting delivery of pipe. Once pipe is in hand, construction will start.

Rodanthe Bridge opening delayed by equipment problems, again

A new line painting contractor is on the job now. Oglesby Construction, with headquarters in Norwalk, Ohio, is the new line painter. But an equipment problem stopped the work.

On Tuesday, July 19, the Oglesby crew started work at 8 a.m. The first two test stripes only needed minor adjustments. The paint was the right thickness. The stripe was the right width.

The Oglesby crew painted the yellow center line on the bridge and approaches. The Oglesby crew painted the white northbound lane edge, reported The Coastland Times.

Painting stopped for the evening. The next morning, painting started on the southbound lane.

The painting crew noticed the paint was not drying and stopped almost immediately rather than continuing. Only about 40 feet of white line was painted and that has been removed. The on-the-bridge crew suspects the problem to be a pump for the catalyst that goes in the paint. So, the truck headed to the mechanical shop in Norwalk, Ohio, for pump repair.

Beach Nourishment in Buxton and Avon updated

Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co. announced the dredge *Ellis Island* left Norfolk after repairs maintenance and refueling on Friday. The work and transit time took a week.

The current plan is for the *Ellis Island* to begin work on the Town of Nags Head's beach nourishment project. If any issues are found during the testing process, the *Ellis Island* will leave Nags Head and head to Buxton to resume the beach nourishment operations that were previously paused.

If testing goes well and the dredge *Ellis Island* remains in Nags Head, then the *Liberty Island* will be assigned to the Buxton project once the Avon project is completed and the dredge takes time to refuel.

With this scenario, work in Buxton would likely resume on Thursday, July 28, or Friday, July 29, 2022, reports the More Beach to Love webpage.

Task force on medical care appointed by Manteo commissioners

On Wednesday evening, Manteo's Board of Commissioners created a 10-member Medical Family Practice Task Force to address the health care crisis on Roanoke Island.

Malcolm Fearing, appointed task force chairman on July 6, presented a slate of candidates to the Manteo commissioners.

Task Force members are:

Tess Judge, Chair of The Outer Banks Hospital Board of Directors

Amy Montgomery, Senior Administrator of Operations at The Outer Banks Hospital

Kevin Phillips, pharmacist, Island Pharmacy, Manteo

Lisa Wheless, counselor, liaison with Dare County Schools

Beulah Ashby, retired county employee, former member of The Outer Banks Hospital Board of Directors.

Jim Tobin, Dare County commissioner, representing District 1 including Dare County Mainland and Roanoke Island with Manteo and Wanchese.

Sheila Davies, Director, Dare County Health and Human Services.

Randy Fenninger, a retired health attorney and public policy advocate.

Vice Mayor Betty Selby and new Manteo Commissioner Tod Clissold were nominated to the Task Force by Manteo's board of commissioners.

The primary care crisis on Roanoke Island is due to lack of medical practitioners in Vidant's Manteo office.

The Outer Banks Family Medicine in Avon is part of the Vidant system, which is now called ECU Health.

Steinburg resigns; supports Hanig

In mid-July, State Senator Bob Steinburg announced he will step down from the North Carolina Senate on July 31.

Steinburg is supporting State Representative Bobby Hanig to fill the Senate seat. Hanig is already running for the new seat.

Steinburg from Edenton served three terms in the House and was in his second senate term at the time of his resignation. Steinburg lost to State Senator Norm Sanderson of Pamlico County in the Republican primary in May. The two senators were placed in the same district during redistricting.

Sanderson has no opposition in the general election this November.

Hanig, a Republican from Powells Point, is serving his second term in the N.C. House of Representatives.

Steinburg's replacement will be nominated by a committee of Republicans from each of the 11 counties in the First Senate District. The nominee is then submitted to the governor for approval.

Scam notice

Dare County Sheriff sent out a repeat scam notice.

Scammers calling themselves the Sheriff's Office are working again, warned Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie.

The caller tells the telephone answerer that a court date set for jury selection was missed. The caller will tell how to purge yourself from the warrant by paying money. At some point, the caller asks for a cash card from a business to pay the money.

If a call back number is given, you get an answering machine which answers as the Sheriff's Office and it gives you three options which sounds like an official call and it is not!

Don't be drawn in and lose money.

The Sheriff's Office will not ask for money over the phone.

If you have a question, call the Dare County Sheriff's Office at (252) 475-5980.

Sheriff J. D. "Doug" Doughtie

Cape Hatteras National Seashore starts a new program on Monday, July 25.

Called Kayak with a Ranger, the two-hour program features exploration of Pamlico Sound and its marshes.

The program is offered on Mondays and Fridays starting at 8:30 in the morning. The location will be announced at registration, which is required.

Call (252) 475-9622 to register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

Dare County's 5-on-5 Committee will meet Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 2 p.m. in Room 185, Dare County Administration Building, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive in Manteo.

The purpose of the gathering is to meet with the Interim Superintendent Steve Blackstock and to discuss issues related to Dare County Schools.

The 5-on-5 Committee is composed of five people from Dare County including three commissioners, the county manager and finance director and five from the school system with three school board members, the interim superintendent and interim finance director.

Be safe out there. Stay cool during this very hot weather. Thanks for listening to this news summary prepared and delivered by volunteers. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, July 17, 2022.

Beach nourishment is moving quickly.

Supported by good weather, both the Avon and Buxton beach nourishment projects are moving nicely toward completion.

At the end of the week, contractor Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company was winding up pumping north of the Avon Pier. The crew was scheduled to move equipment and shore pipes south of the pier and begin pumping to fill the last 3,000 feet of nourishment work.

As of Friday, July 15, the projected ending is seven to ten days away.

In Buxton, the southern portion of the project, about 25 percent of the project, is completed from Tower Circle to the first groin. After the southern section of the project area was completed, shore pipes were removed, and the newly nourished beach was graded and completely opened to the public on the morning of Tuesday, July 12.

If visiting that area of the beach and swimming in the water, be careful around the groin. It is invisible when the tide is coming in or the waves are high. The National Park Service has marked the site with a warning sign on the beach.

Equipment was moved northward to begin pumping.

Rodanthe Bridge opening uncertain

Painting subcontractor T.M.I. is still having equipment trouble.

This past week, the long-line painting truck returned to the bridge site. Paint that did not meet specifications has been removed from the bridge surface.

On Tuesday, around 4 p.m., the truck was to run a test. The paint was warmed but the truck would not shift into drive or reverse.

Seto's hauled the massive truck to its garage. The truck was then hauled to Raleigh.

Prime contractor Flatiron is investigation legal avenues, reports The Coastland Times.

On the brighter side, Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative started pulling four strands of cable through already-installed conduit. New River Electrical is the contractor for the cable pulling.

When the bridge does open, single lane traffic will be required to complete cable installation.

Real estate market shifting

Looking at real estate market indicators on the island for January through June, Radio Hatteras Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka writes evidence continues to indicate that the market is shifting away from the growth trends seen over the past few years.

Factors influencing the market slowdown include:

- An increase in the number of residential properties for sale
- A decline in the number of houses being sold
- Interest rate increases making properties more expensive and contributing to a decline volume of mortgage applications.
- A decrease in the number of houses under contract to be sold.

Interestingly, writes Hranicka, the median sale price of residential properties on Hatteras Island continues to rise. Through June, the median residential sale price was \$620,000.

The topic of whether selling prices will continue to rise is unsettled both locally and nationally.

A number of major metropolitan areas are starting to see decreases in residential selling prices. At the same time, some market observers think prices will continue to rise because buyer demand exceeds supply.

It is somewhat challenging to attempt to correlate these national trends with what is happening in the local resort market because purchases here are to a large extent discretionary, writes Hranicka. This resort market does not have a meaningful number of first time home buyers whose decisions can be heavily influenced by concerns linked to higher mortgage interest rates. In the undeveloped lot market, recent reports show decreases in the number of lot sales and those under contract.

It remains to be seen if a small decrease in lot sales in the first six months of the year is an aberration in the upward pattern or if it is the start of a moderating trend in the lot market, writes Hranicka.

Two more measures the island's economy, one down, one up

After a very strong performance during 2021, meal tax receipts through May were down 5.6 percent compared to last year. This seems to run counter to the observation of waiting lines at many restaurants, commented Hranicka

Occupancy tax receipts turned in another positive performance. Through May, the increase is 12 percent over the first five months of 2021.

Meal and occupancy tax collection reports lag a month behind real estate industry results.

Help available at 9-8-8

Starting yesterday, people in mental health crisis can dial 9-8-8 to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and get immediately connected to trained crisis counselors 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The new three-digit number provides a faster, easier way to get help already available.

Since 2012, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has partnered with REAL Crisis Intervention Inc. in Greenville to operate the NC Suicide Prevention Lifeline call center. In addition to providing trained crisis counseling, the call center also connects callers to help in local communities based on each caller's specific needs.

Yesterday, the call center added 24/7 chat and text response.

North Carolina's call center is one of the most responsive in the country. In May 2022, 98% of calls were answered in less than seven seconds, the second-best rate among the 50 states. The new 9-8-8 number is expected to bring up to 30% more calls per year, because it is easier to remember and access. The call center is adding more staff to make sure it is ready to handle the additional volume

Congress voted to establish 9-8-8 as the suicide hotline number in 2020. Setting up the new number is federally and state financed. The recently signed state budget allocated \$1.3 million in recurring funding to support the call center.

CNBC Named North Carolina as America's Top State for Business in 2022

On July 13, CNBC named North Carolina as America's Top State for Business in 2022.

"North Carolina is the best place in America to do business and the main reason is our people," North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper said. "This is a great honor, and we're going to continue to

work with our state legislature, businesses, education leaders and employees to build the talented workforce and resilient infrastructure needed to support the high paying jobs of the next generation.”

Last year, the state announced more than 24,000 new jobs and investments exceeding \$10.1 billion from companies in fields like biotechnology, computers, and electric vehicles.

Credit for economic development successes goes to collaboration among Cooper, the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Department of Commerce, and public and private partnerships.

The CNBC study looks at 88 metrics in ten categories of competitiveness. North Carolina ranked highly in the Economy, Access to Capital and Technology and Innovation categories. North Carolina has placed in the top 5 three times since 2017. The competitive rankings started in 2007.

CNBC’s Scott Cohn writes “Always a contender in CNBC’s annual state competitiveness rankings, North Carolina finishes on top for the first time.”

He writes “political leaders in the Tar Heel State keep managing to put partisanship aside to build the nation’s strongest economy.”

Other top finishers are Washington, Virginia, Colorado and Texas. This year’s Bottom State for Business is Mississippi.

On the beaches

This summer, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore staffers have located 240 sea turtle nests as for July 16.

Most are loggerheads but four nests are green sea turtles and then one nest each from the rarest leatherback and Kemp’s ridley sea turtles. In terms of net numbers, Hatteras Island leads the way for this national seashore.

American oystercatchers have seven chicks on the beach, with three on Bodie Island, two at Cape Point and two on Ocracoke.

Colonial waterbirds have 86 chicks with 28 fledglings.

One piping plover chick remains at the cape’s South Beach.

COVID-19 update

On July 14, the CDC painted Dare County with a high level of community risk.

The CDC instructs people in such areas to wear masks indoors in public, stay up to date with vaccines and booster shots and to get tested if symptoms occur.

North Carolina has not issued that advice as of July 16.

Dare County reported as of July 11, some 132 new cases of which 84 are residents. Active cases number 68. No hospitalizations are reported and no new deaths. The number of deaths in Dare County attributed to COVID since the start of the pandemic stands at 27.

Murphy Now Accepting U.S. Service Academy Nomination Applications

U.S. Representative Greg Murphy is now accepting applications for congressional nomination to the United States service academies. In most cases, the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy all require a nomination from a member of Congress. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply to more than one service academy by the deadline, Oct. 1, 2022.

Prospective applicants can learn more and apply by visiting Murphy's website gregmurphy.house.gov. Email ServiceAcademyNC03@mail.house.gov with questions.

This week, the Dare County Board of Commissioners meets at 5 in the afternoon in the commissioners meeting room, Dare Administrative Building, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo. The meeting is streamed on YouTube. Residents on Hatteras Island can comment directly to the commissioners at the Fessenden Center Annex on Buxton Back Road.

Remember Thursdays for Chicamacomico Life Saving Station

On Thursday, July 21, Angel Khoury, author of *Between Tides*, will be at Chicamacomico in Rodanthe from noon until 2 o'clock for a presentation and book signing.

Then at 2 p.m., the famed beach apparatus rescue drill is performed by the stellar crew at the Chicamacomico. The presentation is historically accurate.

Church Bazaar in Avon July 21

A Church Bazaar is set for Thursday, July 21, at St. John United Methodist Church in Avon. Bazaar activities run from 8 in the morning to 7 in the evening.

A bake sale and silent auction run all day.

A yard sale happens from 8 to 1.

Breakfast is served from 8 to 10 and features egg, cheese ham or sausage biscuits served with orange juice.

A barbecue lunch happens between 11:30 and 2 o'clock served by St. John youth.

From 5 to 7 o'clock, enjoy a fish fry inside the church with fish, coleslaw, baked beans, hushpuppies and desert.

The church address is 40336 McMullen Rd, Avon.

Now for a really difficult piece of news to report

At 11:19 Saturday morning, a boy seven years old was hit by a vehicle on NC 12 at Haulover between Avon and Buxton. The youngster was flown by Dare MedFlight to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk.

Child's family from Ohio was on its first day of visiting Hatteras Island. They stopped at the Haulover Day Use Area and the father and two children crossed the street to climb a dune and see the Atlantic Ocean.

Suddenly, a heavy downpour of rain happened. Panic set in, reported a North Carolina State Highway Trooper and the family started running for the car across NC 12. Despite shouts to stop at the road, the child kept running.

He was hit by a women, around 80 years old, from Texas. She was driving a 2018 Ford Explorer. No contributing factors and no impairment was present. No charges are filed.

Please keep all involved in this tragedy in your thoughts.

And be safe out there. Thanks for listening to this community radio station, which is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, July 10, 2022.

Hot weather on Hatteras Island

For two days this week, the heat index reached over 100 degrees.

On Tuesday, between 1 and 4 in the afternoon, the temperature hovered between 99 and 100.

On Friday, at 2:30 in the afternoon, the heat index hit 100 degrees. By 4:35, the heat index in Frisco was 105 degrees. An hour later, the heat index was still over 100 at 102 degrees.

Thunderstorms finally rolled in early Saturday morning. At 2 o'clock, the Frisco automatic weather station recorded 0.55 inch of rain with .37 inch added at 8 o'clock for a total on Saturday of nine-tenths of an inch of rain.

In Rodanthe, slightly over an inch of rain fell during the early morning hours.

More rain is predicted for Monday.

The prediction for Tuesday is partly sunny with a high of 90 degrees.

Search for new Dare Superintendent gets underway July 12

On June 30, Dare County Board of Education decided to conduct a superintendent search in house rather than hiring an outside consultant.

Board Chairman David Twiddy appointed board members Mary Ellon Ballance, Carl Woody and Susan Bothwell to a search committee.

Twiddy appointed Ballance as chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee for Superintendent Search. The committee will hold its first meeting Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 3:30 p.m., at the Dare County Schools Administrative Office in Nags Head.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the timeline, search process, and the vacancy announcement. The meeting is open to the public. However, no public comments will be heard by the committee at this time, states the official media announcement.

Ballance said during the agenda item "search process," the committee will discuss how it will receive public and stakeholder comments, reports The Coastland Times.

In consultation with Twiddy, Ballance named committee members.

Serving on the committee are principals Rachel Benton, Cape Hatteras Elementary School, who is the system's Principal of the Year; Tami Harper, Manteo Middle School; and Chuck Lansing, First Flight High School. Each of the trio represents one of the three geographic sections of the county and together each level of education is covered.

Serving from the Central Office are Assistant Superintendent Johanna Parker and the Dare system's new Human Resources Director Oliver Holley, recently Superintendent of Tyrrell County Schools.

Staffing the committee will be Holly King and Georgia Sellers.

Miss Katie dredge almost complete

The "Miss Katie" dredge is nearing completion, with sea trials scheduled to begin on July 18, followed by a long journey from a Louisiana construction site to the Outer Banks, reports the Island Free Press.

A project that has been in the works since 2016, the Miss Katie dredge will be able to operate in both Oregon and Hatteras Inlets up to 12 hours a day, and will be a county-managed resource to continually keep both inlets open.

The Dare County dredge Miss Katie was built in the Conrad Shipyard in Louisiana. E J E Dredging Service of Greenville, N.C., the private partner for the Miss Katie, is overseeing the construction, and will also be responsible for conducting dredging operations once the vessel is complete.

Assuming the final steps go according to plan, Miss Katie could be dredging Oregon Inlet by the middle of August, reports the Island Free Press.

Once Miss Katie is up and running, the dredging schedule will be managed by Dare County's Oregon Inlet Task Force.

Beach Nourishment update on July 8

For Avon beach, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company announced that the dredge *Liberty Island* arrived in Dare County on the morning of **Friday, July 8**.

Once a series of required state and federal tests and inspections are completed, the dredge is expected to begin pumping sand along the shoreline in Avon from a landing point located approximately 500 feet north of Avon Pier.

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co. plans to proceed heading south for 800 feet through Avon Pier and then reposition the pipe in order to pump sand toward the northern project boundary, which is located near Due East Road.

For the Buxton beach, on Thursday, June 30, the dredge *Ellis Island* began pumping sand along the beach from a landing point located near the south end of Tower Circle in Buxton. Beach nourishment operations will continue heading south toward the southern end of the project area, which is located near the original Cape Hatteras Lighthouse site.

To keep up with the two dredging projects, go to [More Beach to Love dot com](http://MoreBeachToLove.com).

Fishery action in two fisheries

On July 11 for state waters, retention of **shortfin mako shark** by commercial or recreational watermen moves to zero. The closure was effective July 5 for federal waters.

The closure affects commercial fishermen using longline, bottom longline or gillnet gear with a Highly Migratory Species permits; any recreational fishermen who target or catch shortfin mako sharks; and dealers who buy or sell sharks or shark products.

The recreational sector for **blueline tilefish** in federal waters of the South Atlantic will close one minute after midnight, **July 26, 2022**.

The fishery opened May 1 this year.

The 2022 recreational catch limit for the blueline tilefish is 116,820 pounds whole weight.

NOAA Fisheries projects the catch limit will be reached by July 26, and is closing the fishery to prevent the catch limit from being exceeded.

The action is reported in NOAA Fishery Bulletin 22-043.

Fourth of July on Hatteras Island

The week started with two great community events to mark Independence Day on the island.

The annual 2022 Hatteras Village Golf Cart Parade was successful.

Parade organizers told the Island Free Press that about 50 entries and a total of 53 carts, including the “pace cart,” participated in the July 4 event that started at 6 o’clock.

The parade began at Teach’s Lair Marina and cruised down NC 12 and around Eagle Pass Road. A village cookout followed the event at the Community Building, with supplies running out after more than 450 people were served, says the Island Free Press.

The annual Independence Day fireworks show at the Avon Fishing Pier started about 9:15. The 20-minute show launched from the very end of the Avon Pier.

The Avon fireworks show was orchestrated by the company PYROTECNICO, was sponsored by the Avon Property Owners Association, and was funded in part by the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau. This event was additionally made possible through cooperation with the National Park Service, and donations from the Hatteras Island business community and its residents, property owners, and guests. Radio Hatteras was pleased to again work with the sponsors.

Asking for help with suicide documentary

The Breaking Through Task Force has partnered with The Saving Lives Task Force, Be Resilient OBX, and Dare County Department of Health & Human Services to promote suicide awareness and education.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and throughout the month stories will be shared of individuals who have been impacted by suicide.

This project will include social media outreach and a documentary-style video focusing on the impacts of suicide in Dare County. The documentary will be aired at a special town hall event in September.

Roxana Ballinger, Saving Lives Task Force Co-Chair, said “A documentary seemed like the best way to help people understand how lives are impacted by suicide in Dare County.”

If you elect to participate, you do not have to be on camera; we can share your story anonymously and/or through social media postings.

If you have any questions about this project, contact Kelly Nettnin at 252-475-5036 or Kelly dot nettnin at dare n c dot com

Stay safe on Hatteras Island beaches.

The national seashore has Lifeguards on duty 9 to 5 daily at Old Lighthouse Beach and Frisco Beach. Pay attention to the Hatteras Island Rescue Squad which has members roaming the beaches from Avon to Hatteras and the Chicamacomico Banks Water Rescue Team with members patrolling the beaches in Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo.

Before heading for the beach, check out the Rip Current advisory on the National Weather Service, Morehead City office.

Now, stay safe out there. Be well. Thanks very much for listening to this news program prepared and read by volunteers. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for July 3, 2022.

The 4th of July Fireworks show in Avon is ready.

The fireworks display, permitted by and in cooperation with the National Park Service, will begin at 9:15 p.m. on Monday, July 4th from a launch site at the end of the Avon Pier. The ensuing show, presented by the contractor Pyrotechnico, typically lasts about 20 minutes. Turn on Radio Hatteras 101.5 FM at 9 o'clock for pre-show highlights, acknowledgments, and a short history lesson. Patriotic music will fill the hour until 10 o'clock.

The fireworks are visible all along the Avon beach, reports Island Free Press.

Visitors are encouraged to walk, bike, or carpool to their closest beach access. Ramp 38 will be open.

Hatteras Island's annual Independence Day celebration is sponsored by the Avon Property Owners Association and is funded in part by the Outer Bank Visitors Bureau. The event is additionally made possible through generous donations from the Hatteras Island business community and its residents, property owners, and guests.

Ensure the safety of families, pets and property this Fourth of July by leaving the patriotic pyrotechnics to the professionals and enjoying the Avon show.

Hatteras Golf Cart parade starts at 6 o'clock

The patriotic Hatteras village Golf Cart Parade starts the Hatteras Island celebration of Independence Day.

The parade starts at Teach's Lair Marina and travels down NC 12 to Eagle Pass Road to return to the Marina.

A community cookout on the lawn at the Hatteras Library features free hot dogs and hamburgers. Food is available between 6 and 8 o'clock.

Anyone who has a cart and a little patriotic creativity can join in the fun. Show up at the marina at 5:45.

Buxton Beach Nourishment

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co. announced that, due to the development of Tropical Storm Colin in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 2, 2022, the dredge Ellis Island will suspend dredging operations in Buxton and head to port in Norfolk, Virginia.

The dredge has been performing beach nourishment operations in Buxton since the afternoon of Thursday, June 30, 2022. It will return to Buxton to continue beach nourishment along the shoreline once Tropical Storm Colin has passed.

For more detailed information, go to [More Beach to Love dot com](http://MoreBeachtoLove.com).

Interim superintendent for Dare County Schools sworn in

On Friday, July 1 at noon, Steve Blackstock was sworn in as Interim Superintendent of Dare County Schools. He will also serve as Assistant Superintendent.

He has most recently served in Hyde County Schools as director of Career and Technical Education, all K-12 instructional programs, testing and accountability, and served as interim superintendent. He has worked previously in Dare County schools for a total of 14 years.

In an email, Blackstock said he would spend July visiting each school, meeting with each principal, and informally meeting as many staff as possible. Understanding the context of each community in our district is essential to lead Dare's schools.

On June 30, Dare's Board of Education voted unanimously to initially search for a new superintendent in house.

On a 4-2 vote, the board switched board attorneys to the law firm of Poyner Spruill out of Rocky Mount. Those voting for the switch cited the "deep bench" of the law firm.

On the beaches

For the first time since 2012, a leatherback sea turtle laid a nest at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The Leatherback is named for its unique shell which is composed of a layer of thin, tough, rubbery skin

It is the largest of the sea turtles and have one of the longest migrations in the world. It ventures into the cold waters of the Arctic to hunt large jellyfish, its primary food source.

Adults are typically between 4 to 6 feet in length and weighing 550 to 1,545 pounds.

Leatherbacks nest at intervals of 2 to 3 years. These turtles can nest between 6 to 9 times per season, with an average of 10 days between nesting. Eggs will incubate in the sand for 50 to 78 days before hatching. Cape Hatteras National Seashore is at the extreme northern limit for nesting (with only a handful of nests over the last twenty years).

In the United States, the leatherback sea turtle is listed as Endangered under the U.S. Federal Endangered Species Act. Internationally, it is listed as Critically Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

Population estimate is around 35,860 nesting females. Male population numbers are unknown.

On July 2, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore reported 167 sea turtle nests on national seashore beaches, with 165 of those Loggerhead sea turtle nests.

On June 30, American oystercatchers chicks numbered seven with no active nests.

Colonial waterbirds have 90 chicks on the beach with 404 active nests. One chick has fledged.

One active piping plover nest is on South Beach below the Point. No plover chicks or fledglings are reported.

Marking the Rodanthe Bridge has paused again.

Last week, contractor T.M.I. Services was grinding up the previously applied markings.

A motor burned up.

The repaired equipment is due to restart the marking project on the Rodanthe Bridge on Tuesday, July 5. Weather-dependent painting will take one full day.

Fisheries rules posted

One newly amended marine fisheries rule was effective July 1. The change clarifies definitions and formalizes procedures for transferring ownership or subleasing of a shellfish lease.

As amended, Assignment of Shellfish Leases and Franchises defines a transfer as a permanent assignment of a shellfish lease or franchise, and it defines a sublease as a temporary assignment.

Next, North Carolina and NOAA announced limited openings for recreational and commercial red snapper seasons in South Atlantic federal waters.

For 2022, the recreational season for red snapper opens at one minute after midnight July 8, 2022, and closes at one minute after midnight, July 10, 2022 for a two-day season

The commercial sector will open for harvest at a minute after midnight July 11, 2022, and will close at a minute after midnight, January 1, 2023, unless the commercial annual catch limit is met or projected to be met before this date. The commercial annual catch limit is 124,815 pounds whole weight or 12,854 fish. The commercial trip limit is 75 pounds gutted weight.

The recreational annual catch limit is 29,656 fish. The recreational bag limit is one red snapper per person per day. This applies to private and charterboat/headboat vessels. The captain and crew on for-hire vessels may retain the recreational bag limit.

There are no minimum or maximum size limits for the recreational or commercial sectors.

Happening this week

Cape Hatteras National Seashore starts an expanded schedule of educational programs begins Tuesday, July 5 at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Among the new programs are:

Soundside Explorers at the Salvo Day Use Area every Thursday at 9:30 in the morning. The one and a half hour program for children requires registration. Call 475-9622 to register beginning the Saturday prior to the program.

History at the Weather Station also on Thursdays, but at 2:30 in the afternoon. Meet at the U.S. Weather Bureau Station in the center of Hatteras village.

Hatteras Island Quilters are hosting a quilt show on Thursday, July 7 and Friday, July 8 from 10 to 3 both days.

The show will be held at the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, 47231 Light Plant Road, in Buxton. Light plant Road is across from Conner's Market. The Anglers Club is located at the end of Light Plant road. Admission is free.

Barbecue dinner set

Next Sunday, July 10, a barbecue chicken dinner will be served at the Hatteras Village Civic Center. The dinner is fundraiser for the general scholarship fund for Cape Hatteras Secondary School students. Dinners will be served from 5 to 7 and feature barbecue chicken, mac and cheese, corn on the cob and biscuit for \$12 a plate.

4th of July Closings and services

Dare County Public Works **will** empty residential garbage cans on Monday, July 4, 2022.

However, Dare County offices will be closed and will reopen at 8:30 Tuesday morning Monday, July 4, 2022.

The Outer Banks Hospital's Urgent Care Centers in Nags Head and Kitty Hawk will be from 8 in the morning to 6 in the evening. The Hospital's Emergency Department is open 24/7, 365 days a year.

The Hospital's outpatient services, Outer Banks Medical Group practices and the Center for Healthy Living, will be closed Monday.

Radio Hatteras on July 4th

A special show is scheduled at 5 o'clock. For the eighth year, Radio Hatteras will broadcast volunteers reading portions of the Declaration of Independence and the voice of Braxton Hall commenting on each section. Braxton Hall died last month. Preceding the reading will be a remembrance of Braxton Hall.

Tune into Radio Hatteras at 9 o'clock for a pre-fireworks show followed by patriotic music during the Avon show. At 10 o'clock, the station features red, white or blue music.

Be safe out there. Thanks very much for listening to this news show and Happy Independence Day. This is Radio Hatteras.

Public Service Announcements:

9/30/2022

Broadcast live at 7:24 a.m.

Good morning! This is Radio Hatteras with an early morning road report.

At 6:30 this morning, NCDOT announced that NC12 remained OPEN with blown sand and rain on the roadway. Drive with EXTREME CAUTION if you must go out, as winds are gusting to 45 miles per hour in Rodanthe with rain. Crews will be out today to clear the road and shore up the dunes. Next high tide is at 11 o'clock this morning.

9/29/2022:

Insert at 10 and 11 tonight and again at 7 and 8 tomorrow, Sept. 30, 2022.

This is Radio Hatteras with an evening weather report.

The National Weather Service has issued a flood watch for Hatteras Island and 24 other areas in eastern North Carolina.

Periods of heavy rain associated with Ian will push across Eastern North Carolina from very early Friday morning into Friday night. Widespread rainfall of 3 to 4 inches with locally higher amounts is possible.

The 6 o'clock weather service briefing reports the wind will eventually shift to the southeast. The timing is around 7 o'clock Friday night.

People are urged not to enter or cross flowing water or water of unknown depth.

Motorists should not attempt to drive around barricades or drive cars through flooded areas.

Stay safe. This Radio Hatteras.

9/29/2022:

Insert the weather announcement at the top of the hour through 7 p.m. Insert cancelations at quarter after the hour, through 7:15

This is Radio Hatteras with a mid-day weather update.

The National Hurricane Center has issued a Tropical Storm Warning and a Storm Surge Watch for Dare County due to expected impacts from Tropical Storm Ian and two other systems in the area.

Winds in Rodanthe have been clocked at 43 miles per hour, close to the gust predicted by the National Weather Service of 50 miles per hour.

The potential for storm surge is two to four feet above ground somewhere within surge-prone areas; and 4 to 6 inches of rain, with locally higher amounts. These conditions are expected to persist into the weekend.

Strong winds and rough surf will result in an increased risk of strong rip currents. Even the most experienced swimmers are advised to stay out of the ocean due to the dangerous surf conditions. The state's transportation department reported this morning that NC 12 was open. Those who have traveled NC 12 through Pea Island National Wildlife refuge say blowing sand will stack up in mounds. Go slow. NCDOT equipment and men are scraping the travel lanes to keep sand from stacking.

Cancellations announced due to adverse weather

Dare County Schools students will have a remote day, Friday, September 30. All Thursday afternoon activities, including afterschool enrichment, are canceled.

The Fessenden Center in Buxton has canceled all outside activities for Thursday.

On Friday, the center will close at 5 o'clock and all practices are canceled.

On Saturday, October 1, all games have been canceled. Coaches will be notified when Dare County Parks and Recreation Department has determined a makeup schedule.

No Trash Collection on Friday for Hatteras Island

Due to high winds and possible ocean overwash, Dare County Public Works has canceled residential and commercial trash collection on Hatteras Island on Friday, September 30, 2022. Residents and visitors are advised to secure trash cans during the storm in order to avoid overturned cans and blowing trash.

Normal trash collection is anticipated to resume on Monday, October 3, 2022.

9/29/2022:

Insert when ready and at top of the hour through 11 a.m., Sept. 29, 2022

This is Radio Hatteras with a morning weather update.

The National Weather Service is now warning of a long duration hazardous weather event for Hatteras Island.

A coastal flood advisory is now in effect through Saturday. Ocean water 1 to 3 feet above ground is expected for low-lying areas north of Cape Hatteras. Soundside flooding of one to two feet is predicted for southern Hatteras Island.

A high surf advisory kicks in for tonight and Friday. Large breaking waves of 8 to 12 feet are expected in the surf zone. Dangerous rip currents are predicted for the surf zone. Stay out of the water.

Contributing to the impacts of Ian are a stalled front off the North Carolina coast and strong high pressure to the north.

Long duration northeast and east winds will contribute to coastal flooding. This morning, maximum wind gusts for Hatteras Island are forecast at 51 miles per hour.

Gale warnings are in effect for all marine zones.

Four to six inches of rain are forecast for all of eastern North Carolina.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast live at 9:02 a.m., Sept. 23, 2022

The National Weather Service issued a Coastal Flood Warning for Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands early this morning. The warning is in place until 8 tonight.

Moderate to major ocean overwash of two to three feet above ground level on beachfront roads and properties near vulnerable dune structures is expected.

Around 7:45 this morning, NCDOT declared NC12 open and accessible throughout the Outer Banks. The announcement says “aside from some blown sand and rainwater in spots from last night's thunderstorms, the roadway is clear.”

Areas of concern for overwash are Pea Island, Rodanthe and Hatteras Village. At last night’s high tide, overwash was seen in these locations.

High Surf Advisory remains in place. Eight to 12 foot breaking waves in the surf zone are predicted.

In a beach hazard statement, the National Weather Service says dangerous rip currents and strong longshore currents will also be in the surf zone.

Be safe. Stay out of ocean water. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast live 6:35 p.m., 9.22.22

This is Radio Hatteras with a Hurricane Fiona update.

About 5:30 this afternoon, ocean water came over the dune on NC 12 south of Sandy Bay between Frisco and Hatteras.

Ocean water is also impacting NC 12 on the northend of Ocracoke.

High tide was around 6:15 at Cape Point.

The wind is blowing south in Rodanthe and southwest in Frisco. Gusts have been 35 in Rodanthe and 22 in Frisco.

Northwest winds will come tonight and bring gusts up to 45 miles per hour. Thunderstorms are possible tonight.

On Friday, the wind will shift to north and gust up to 45 miles per hour. The high is predicted to be 70 degrees.

Be safe out there. Be careful driving. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast at 6:50 p.m. 9.22.22

This is Radio Hatteras.

This message just came in for families with students in Cape Hatteras Elementary and Cape Hatteras Secondary.

This is Dare County Schools with an important announcement. Due to anticipated road conditions, Cape Hatteras Elementary School and Cape Hatteras Secondary School will operate on a 3-hour delay on Friday, September 23, 2022.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Sept. 21, 2022. Insert at 3, 4, 6 p.m.,

This is Radio Hatteras with a hazardous weather report

Dangerous Rip Currents and High Surf are expected Thursday into the Weekend. The National Weather Service writes minor ocean overwash is possible primarily on southeast-facing beaches

The National Weather Service in Morehead City reports that as Hurricane Fiona passes well offshore, strong rip currents are expected Thursday and into the weekend.

A threat for minor coastal flooding, beach erosion, and ocean overwash will be possible primarily on southeast facing beaches from Thursday into this weekend as swell from distant Hurricane Fiona impacts the area. The most vulnerable areas to overwash are those areas that lack dune structure.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms will move in late Thursday afternoon and early evening with some of these storms becoming strong to potentially severe in nature. Damaging wind gusts would be the primary hazard within the strongest storms.

Stay safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

September 9, 2022. Insert at 3, 4 and 5 o'clock, Friday:

This is Radio Hatteras with an afternoon update about Atlantic Ocean swells

A strong long period swell from Hurricane Earl will create dangerous rip currents through early next week. Do not go in the ocean.

A Coastal Flood Advisory continues for minor oceanside coastal flooding, possible through the weekend, mainly during times of high tide. The next high tide is around 7:30 this evening. Impacts from Hurricane Earl swells hit northern Rodanthe beaches on Thursday.

At high tide Thursday evening and Friday morning, Hurricane Earl swells pushed Atlantic Ocean water over the pushed up dunes at the old S-Curves north of Rodanthe. It's hard to see where the old road is. The new Rodanthe Bridge avoids this area.

Other Rodanthe locations impacted by Hurricane Earl swells are Seagull Street, East Corbina Drive, north of the roundabout. Below the Rodanthe pier, Ocean Drive and South Shore Drive felt the swells with overwash.

On South Shore, a house was snatched back from the ocean during Thursday night's high swells. Two more permits have been issued by the National Park Service to move houses back from the ocean along South Shore's oceanfront.

The National Park Service issued the following advisory just after Noon Sept. 9, 2022:

“Cape Hatteras National Seashore visitors should avoid the beach between the north end of Rodanthe and South Shore Drive until early next week, when ocean conditions are expected to improve.

“Avoiding the approximately two-mile stretch of beach is recommended due to ocean overwash, rough surf and debris from nearby houses, including open and damaged septic tanks on the beach. Additionally, house moving activities are occurring on multiple properties near the beach.

“Distant Hurricane Earl has produced ocean overwash on Seashore beaches since yesterday and is forecast to continue impacting beaches through this weekend.”

Be safe out there. This Radio Hatteras.

Sept. 8, 2022.

Insert when ready then at 10, 11 and 11:45 a.m.

This is Radio Hatteras with a mid-morning coastal flood advisory and rip current warning.

The National Weather Service has issued a coastal flood advisory for this evening and through the weekend. The weather service has also posted a high-risk warning for rip currents.

Hurricane Earl is sending strong long period swells toward all eastern North Carolina beaches. These swells bring dangerous rip currents to local beaches. A high-risk warning means beach goers should stay out of the ocean water.

Rip current risk peaks this weekend or early next week.

The coastal flood advisory is issued for minor oceanside coastal flooding mainly during times of high tide. The next high tide at Cape Hatteras is around 6:30 this evening.

Main impacts are predicted along the Outer Banks north of Cape Hatteras. The swells from Hurricane Earl are combining with persistent onshore winds, high astronomical tides and wave runup for possible ocean overwash north of Cape Hatteras in areas of vulnerable dune structure, reports the National Weather Service.

Stay safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

Sept. 8, 2022. Insert at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 3:30

Radio Hatteras has received the following message from Dare County Emergency Manager Drew Pearson.

“While we are under a coastal flood advisory with up to 2 feet of above ground inundation possible, the greatest hazard will be ocean conditions. Large swells will bring life-threatening rip currents and large breaking waves making conditions truly hazardous for swimming. Hazardous conditions will be with us throughout the weekend into early next week. Those that enter the water will put not just themselves at risk, but also the lives of ocean rescue personnel. With off season staffing levels in place, help may not be able to get to those that enter the water and find themselves in peril in time.

“Pearson’s message is stay out of the ocean until conditions improve.”

This is Radio Hatteras.

July 29, 2022. Insert at 11 a.m. and then 1, 3, 5 and 6:45.

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather update

The National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory for Hatteras Island and all of eastern North Carolina.

The advisory is in place for the island now and through 8 o’clock tonight.

Heat index values are predicted to reach 107 degrees on Hatteras Island.

Be safe. Drink plenty of water, stay in an air-conditioned room. Limit time outdoors or seek shade frequently.

Showers or thunderstorms may touch Hatteras Island this afternoon and evening.

On the beaches, a moderate rip current risk is in place until this evening.

Stay safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 7:15 7:30 and 7:45; 9 p.m., July 21, 2022

This is Radio Hatteras with a report of a water main break between Buxton and Avon.

Around 6 o'clock this evening, Dare County's Water Department was notified of a water main break between Buxton and Avon.

The break is in the area of weak pipe, where breaks have occurred before.

William Nash, Assistant Public Utilities Director, reported that the Avon water tower has 20 feet of water, which is almost full. The pressure in the system remains strong.

Water department workers are closely monitoring the consumption of water in Avon and will call for conservation measures in Avon if needed.

Hatchell Concrete, the contractor that has been responding to breaks, has loaded equipment and is already in transit from Manteo.

The water department's water plant, located in Frisco, sends water from Frisco to Avon and Frisco to Hatteras.

These reports of water main breaks between Buxton and Avon may end soon. A contractor, Basnight Construction, won a bid to install new pipe a mile out on each side of the weak area.

The contractor is awaiting delivery of pipe. Once pipe is in hand, construction will start. The pipe will be installed to the west of the existing pipe. Traffic will not be significantly affected.

This is Radio Hatteras.

Break in once when ready, July 22, 2022

This is Radio Hatteras with an update on the water main break

The water line break between Avon and Buxton on Thursday, July 2, is repaired.

The break happened around 6 o'clock. A Hatchell Concrete crew was immediately dispatched to repair the break.

The repair work was finished at 3 o'clock in the morning.

This section of water main has broken four times. The weak area plus a mile on each side will be replaced as soon as materials arrive and schedules permit.

Inserted 11 a.m. 12:30, 1:30, 5:30 p.m. July 6, 2022

This is Radio Hatteras with a Wednesday weather update.

An active week starts today, Wednesday, July 6. The National Weather Service cautions dangerous heat indices up to 105 degrees are expected Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, the heat index may approach or exceed 105 degrees.

Through Saturday, multiple rounds of strong to severe thunderstorms are possible as a very unstable atmosphere remains in place. Very heavy rain is possible with any of the storms, with the best chances for storms occurring during the afternoon through evening hours.

Winds will be from the southwest and blow 15 to 20 miles per hour, except during thunderstorms when winds can be much higher.

A cold front finally pushes through later Saturday or early Sunday ending the unsettled weather pattern and bringing relief from the heat and humidity.

Take precautions in the hot weather. Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check on others.

Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. When possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Schedule frequent rest breaks in shade or air-conditioned environments.

The weather service has also issued a beach hazard statement. On Wednesday, strong longshore currents which create dangerous swimming conditions are predicted for the surf zone south of Cape Hatteras.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast live at 11:25 p.m., July 2, 2022

This is Radio Hatteras with the last update on Colin

The storm system called Colin has weakened and has been downgraded to a tropical depression with no reintensification expected, reports the National Weather Service in Newport.

All Tropical Storm Warnings have been cancelled.

The weather system is about 140 miles west-southwest of Buxton.

The wind is blowing 35 miles per hour. The system is moving northeast at 7 miles per hour.

Showers moving onshore may produce locally heavy rainfall and Small Craft Advisory conditions will continue across the coastal waters south of Oregon Inlet into Sunday.

The National Weather Service is warning that dangerous rip currents and strong longshore currents in the surf zone will be present Sunday on Hatteras Island beaches. The most likely time for strong rip currents to occur is a couple of hours either side of low tide, which will occur around 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

This is Radio Hatteras.

Subject: Colin 7.2.22 at 6:55 p.m.

This is Radio Hatteras with an early evening storm report.

The National Weather Service in Newport is reporting that Colin remains a very weak tropical storm as it begins its slow track along the North Carolina coast.

At 5 o'clock, the storm center was located about 50 miles west southwest of Wilmington, North Carolina. Maximum sustained winds of 40 miles per hour. Present movement is northeast at seven miles per hour. Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 80 miles southeast of the center

For Hatteras Island the National Weather Service is predicting wind will be below tropical storm force. Peak Wind is now forecast at 20 to 30 miles per hour with gusts to 45.

This unexpected storm is reminder to keep a close eye on the weather. A slight variation in track, size and intensity can bring a change in forecast.

The weather service continues to forecast no storm surge for Hatteras Island. However, rough surf, coastal erosion, and life-threatening rip currents are possible.

Peak Rainfall amount is around one inch.

The weather situation is somewhat favorable for tornadoes.

A tropical storm warning remains in place for Pamlico Sound.

This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast live at 10:22, July 2, 2022

This is Radio Hatteras with mid-morning information about Tropical Storm Colin

Wake up for a lazy Saturday morning, check out the weather and find a tropical storm warning for Hatteras Island and North Carolina's eastern coasts.

Tropical Storm Colin formed overnight.

The storm center is located slightly inland in South Carolina.

At 8 this morning, Colin was about 240 miles west-southwest of Buxton. Winds are blowing at 40 miles per hour. Movement is northeast at 8 miles per hour.

The National Weather Service in Newport says Tropical Storm Colin will continue to move slowly northeast across the Carolinas today through Sunday.

For Hatteras Island, below tropical storm force wind is forecast. Peak wind is expected to be between 25 and 35 miles per hour with gusts to 45. Strong winds may arrive late this afternoon.

There is little to no threat of storm surge flooding. However, rough surf, coastal erosion, and life-threatening rip currents are possible. For today, a High Rip Current Risk south of Cape Hatteras is the warning.

Peak Rainfall Amounts will be around one inch.

The situation is somewhat favorable for tornadoes.

Dangerous marine conditions are expected across the coastal waters and Pamlico Sound tonight through Sunday afternoon. Offshore, seas could peak around six to eight feet.

National Weather Service and Hurricane Center updates will come throughout the day. The next local Hatteras Island forecast will be at 6 p.m.

This is Radio Hatteras.