

2023 general Schedule for Information and Announcements:

SUNDAY

5 p.m. “The Weekly News Summary”

DAILY

11:30 a.m. Event PSAs

8 a.m. Activities of the Day

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

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

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1:30 p.m. Dare County messages

7 p.m. Night Skies

:15 and :45 Station Announcements

Emergency Bulletins:

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

Announcements at :15, :30 and :45

NEWS:

Weekly news summary for the day after Ophelia, September 24, 2023.

It's a beautiful morning on Hatteras Island.

The sun is warm. The sky is Carolina Blue. The wind is West at 9 miles per hour with gusts to 17. At least dozen kiteboarders are out on the sound at the Salvo Soundside Beach. Be careful. Water is on the loop road.

NC 12 is clear except for a few spots.

Around 7 this morning, N C DOT posted this: "Good Sunday morning! The entire length of NC12 is open and passable with a little residual sand and standing water in some areas. Continue to drive carefully... and enjoy! Barring developments, this will be the final Ophelia update."

At 5 a.m., the Weather Prediction Center said that the 5 o'clock public advisory was its last on this system.

On Hatteras Island, the second half of Ophelia put Pamlico Sound water on NC 12 in particular places and in low-lying yards on the sound on Saturday afternoon. For the most part, that water is gone. It's obvious that Ophelia stole some sand on the soundside, at least in Salvo.

Soundside water is still high. The system is not over yet. The wind changes direction around 6 o'clock Monday morning when it goes west for a dozen hours. The wind is predicted to be around 8 miles per hour.

Announcements as a result of Ophelia

"Good news. We have resumed normal ferry operations." The Hatteras-Ocracoke ferries started running this morning, Sunday, September 24, at 8 a.m.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and Wright Brothers National Memorial are reopening all facilities, except for the Cape Point Campground, at normal times, September 24.

Cape Point Campground is flooded and may reopen in the coming days.

Visitors should avoid entering the ocean until conditions improve. Check the daily beach conditions forecast at Love the beach respect the ocean dot com.

Beach drivers should use caution, particularly around the hours of high tide, if attempting to travel along off-road vehicle routes on Hatteras and Ocracoke islands.

Now for some other news

The state has a budget

The North Carolina General Assembly adopted a budget almost three months after the due date. The final vote was taken shortly after midnight Friday, September 22, 2023, in the House. Soon after the vote, Governor Roy Cooper said he will let the bill become law without his signature. He called it a bad budget, but because of the Medicaid expansion will allow it to become law.

That portion of the 625-page budget will grant access to health care for 600,000 North Carolinians.

Teachers and state employees receive an average 7% raise over the next two years. School bus drivers receive an additional 2% and State Highway Patrol officers 11% more. Raises are retroactive to the start of the fiscal year, July 1.

The Raleigh News and Observer published a leaked draft budget late Monday, September 18. By Tuesday, local officials were angry by an inclusion in the budget.

Labeled “Dare County Affordable Housing,” the section 24.8 sets aside local development ordinances for all towns and the county when considering new construction using the \$35 million for affordable housing.

Section 24.8 sets aside development regulations, such as planning board review and zoning and subdivision regulations.

It makes Towns like Manteo and Kill Devil Hills required to provide utilities like wastewater treatment within a mile of the treatment plant.

Manteo commissioners passed a resolution opposing the section. Nags Head commissioners agreed to a letter signed by the town’s mayor.

“To be very clear,” writes Nags Head Mayor Ben Cahoon, “our objection is not to essential or workforce housing. Our objection to this bill is the usurpation of local authority.”

Under the rules by which the budget was passed, no changes could be made to the document.

Chicamacomico Life-Saving Service team goes to Maine

On Wednesday last week, volunteers with the Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station loaded a 1,000 pound cart and assorted other historic items on board a rented truck.

The destination was Kittery, Maine, over 700 miles away.

The truck arrived and was joined by 11 other participants who flew to the location.

The breaches buoy team had been invited to demonstrate the Beach Apparatus Drill at the re-opening of the Wood Island Life-Saving Station after an \$18 million dollar restoration and at the annual conference of the U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association.

The team arrived and practiced two times on Friday.

On Saturday, the team performed the drill perfectly. Keeper Larry Grubbs aimed the shot correctly through the opening.

For more information, visit the Island Free Press.

Consider serving on a Marine Fisheries commission advisory committee.

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission is looking for commercial and recreational fishermen, scientists, and other interested parties to sit on various fisheries advisory committees.

Two regional advisory committees – Northern and Southern – and three standing advisory committees – Finfish, Habitat and Water Quality, and Shellfish/Crustacean – review matters referred to them by the commission, such as draft Fishery Management Plans and Coastal Habitat Protection Plans. Committees may also bring fisheries issues pertaining to their region or subject matter to the commission’s attention.

The Marine Fisheries Commission chairman appoints members to these committees for three-year terms. Several terms will expire in January.

To qualify to serve on a committee, applicants must not have had a significant fisheries violation within the past three years.

Individuals interested in serving as an adviser should be willing to attend meetings at least once every two months and actively participate in the committee process, which includes reviewing scientific documents and issue papers to make recommendations on management strategies.

Advisers who complete the necessary paperwork will be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in relation to their official duties.

Application forms are available online, but addresses are entirely too complicated for radio. So, call 252-726-7021 and ask for an application. All applications must be submitted by Nov. 1, 2023.

That's all for this week folks. Stay safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for September 17, 2023.

Hurricane Lee sends dangerous waves

In preparation for Hurricane Lee, NCDOT maintenance crews did a “dune tune” in Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. The big yellow machines piled up more sand on the dunes.

On Monday, September 11, surfing conditions were perfect. At least 100 vehicles parked along NC 12 in the refuge to take advantage of the high smooth swells.

The surf deteriorated after that. As the hurricane crept slowly north, the waves grew agitated.

Four high tides worried workers. Thursday night, Friday morning and night and Saturday morning.

Yes, some ocean water and sand was on NC 12 in the refuge and between Frisco and Hatteras.

But Hatteras Island's Main Street remained open throughout the storm.

On Wednesday, a water spout visited off-shore Rodanthe and stayed longer than usual.

NCDOT crews worked on secondary roads like Ocean Drive, in Rodanthe, and the Mirlo Beach area where ocean water coursed down Corbina, across NC 12 and almost to the Pamlico Sound.

In Avon, the tide came up to the base of the dune but not over it. Instead, wave power pushed ocean water through the dune under houses and into yards. At the south end of Avon, some dune was reportedly breached.

By Friday morning, Hurricane Lee was at 35 degrees north latitude, the same as Hatteras Island. Except Lee was out at sea. The storm moved rapidly north.

Hatteras Island primary fall festival, Day at the Docks, was canceled.

But, anglers at the Rodanthe pier were pleased. On Friday night, over 30 drum were reeled in. By mid-morning Saturday, another 15 had been caught. Apparently, the fish love the agitated surf.

Real estate market remains basically unchanged

Looking at the year-to-date residential market indicators through August of this year against the same period in 2022, the general trend is downward. All major market indicators posted negative results, writes Tom Hranicka, Radio Hatteras business correspondent.

The median sale price of houses for January through August was unchanged from July at \$575,000. The monthly median standalone sale price for August was down to \$550,000.

The limited inventory of properties for sale continues to be the biggest market challenge, says Hranicka. The number of houses available for purchase on the entire island has been in the 70 to 78 range since January. This is an opportune time for owners who have considered selling their homes to take action while the supply of competing properties for sale remains low, says Hranicka.

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

Properties under contract to be sold have consistently been 35 to 45 per month so far in 2023. This number is the leading indicator of future sales.

As long as the supply of homes for sale is limited, prices can be expected to remain elevated though some softening in prices has emerged beginning in February.

Like the residential market, the major market indicators for undeveloped lots trended downward through August with one major exception. The median sale price of lots is continuing to rise, recording a 16 percent increase last month over August 2022.

The available supply of lots for sale, the sales of undeveloped lots and the number of lots under contract to be sold are below 2022 levels. However, the median sale price through August remained unchanged from July at \$145,000.

Other measures of the health of the Hatteras Island economy show that through July Meal Tax Receipts were up 4.3 percent but occupancy tax receipts were down 3.9 percent, reflecting continued weakness in the island's rental market.

CERT installing disaster release phone service

As a current project for Hatteras Island, Hatteras Island Community Emergency Response Team is implementing disaster relief phone recovery services using Starlink. This service will be free to anyone within a certain distance of the Team's equipment. The service emits a wi-fi signal that replaces normal telephone service.

Phones using the service are actually making wi-fi telephone calls. Is your phone set up for wi-fi calling? Being familiar with how to set this feature up on your device, prior to a fiber issue, is very important.

Take a few minutes and check how to enable this option on your phone!

The Team will be posting updates on its Facebook page when Starlink is in place.

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative helped fund the project with a donation of \$5,750 which was matched by CoBank, a national cooperative bank serving rural areas.

The project includes purchasing trailers, generators, and communications equipment to operate six satellite internet access points capable of providing internet and phone service at specific locations around the island during a communication outage. For additional information, visit [Island Free Press](#).

Shellfish harvesting open

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Proclamation PA-83-2023 returned all shellfish harvesting waters in Hyde, Dare, New Hanover and Onslow counties to status prior to the August 31, 2023, temporary closures.

The proclamation was effective at sunrise, Friday, Sept. 15, 2023.

Certain areas in Onslow, Hyde, Brunswick and Pender counties remain closed. Areas mentioned as closed are the Intracoastal Waterway, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, West Bluff Bay, Juniper Bay and Tubbs Inlet area. Check the proclamation for coordinates for exact demarcation of the closed areas.

At Fessenden Center

The Glow in the Dark Nerf Wars event is coming up November 9! Kids ages 5-13 can be registered for an hour of neon glowing Nerf fun in the gym! Check out the details on The Fessenden Center's Nerf Wars event page!

Fill out form for mosquito spraying

Feel like mosquitoes are out of control!

To get mosquito spraying, go to [Darenc.gov](https://www.darenc.gov). Under departments select public works. Under public works, go to mosquito control. Fill out form.

Get flu and COVID shots

People 6-months and older are encouraged to get the fall COVID-19 vaccine with their flu shot. The updated COVID-19 vaccine is designed to match the changed virus and help protect people from serious illness, hospitalization and death.

COVID 19 infections are increasing according to the state's Respiratory Virus Dashboard. This year, for the first time, there is also an RSV vaccine to protect people 60 years and older. In addition, there is a new medication that can protect infants under 8 months and some older babies at increased risk of severe illness with RSV.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit [My Spotnc.gov](https://www.myspotnc.gov), call the CDC-INFO Contact Center at 800-CDC-INFO or visit [ncdhhs.gov/LHD](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/LHD) to contact a local health department.

Beach night driving possible from most seashore ramps on Hatteras Island.

On September 15, night driving restriction were lifted at many Off Road Vehicle ramps in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Some ramps will still have night driving restrictions. To find out which ones, visit [go dot nps dot gov slash beach access](https://www.nps.gov/beachaccess).

On Saturday, the following routes with directions were closed to night driving on Ramps 30 south; 38 may be limited; 43 north and south, not allowed; 44 north not allowed; east 48 open one-tenth of a mile to night driving, 1 and a quarter mile west open; 49 north and south not allowed.

National Park Service warns that some beach routes may be impassable due to erosion from Hurricane Lee and night driving may be re-implemented.

Speed limits in villages has changed

On Sept. 15, 2023, speed limits in Hatteras Island villages increased to 45 miles per hour from the seasonal limit of 35. On Hatteras Island, speed limits are reduced during the summer. Speed limits are increased to 45 miles per hour in Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon and Frisco and increased to 55 miles per hour between Avon and Buxton and Frisco and Hatteras.

Changes in trash collection; commercial on Monday on Hatteras Island

Weather interfered with trash collection on Friday, Sept.15.

No commercial trash was collected on Hatteras Island due to road conditions caused by distant Hurricane Lee.

Public Works Department expects to resume its normal schedule next week, with commercial trash collection on Hatteras Island scheduled to take place on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023.

Water and sand on the roadways also prevented Dare County Public Works from collecting residential trash at the houses located north of the roundabout in Rodanthe. Public Works expects to resume its normal residential trash collection schedule next week, with residential trash in this area to be collected Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023.

All residential trash in the villages of Waves, Salvo and Avon was collected on schedule. As was residential trash in the areas of Rodanthe located south of the roundabout.

State coastal commission to hold specially called meeting in New Bern Sept. 21

The North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission will hold a specially called meeting Sept. 21 at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, 203 South Front Street, New Bern. A public input and comment period is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. At the chair's discretion, comments may be limited to three minutes per person. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Agenda items for the commission meeting include consideration of a variance for oceanfront setbacks.

Public hearings are scheduled on Minimum Growing Season for vegetation; on general permit time period extension; on exception for lots platted after 1979; and on CAMA permit fee increases

CPR class offered by Rescue Squad

Hatteras Island Rescue Squad will offer a public CPR class on **Thursday, Sept. 21** at 6 o'clock at the squad's Station in Buxton.

The address is 48103 NC 12.

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

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

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

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

Pre-registration is required.

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

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

Fishy 5K run results

On Saturday morning, the Fishy 5k engaged folks for a run or walk or stroll through historic Hatteras village.

Winners were announced as follows:

1st Place Male: Tie 20:48 Liam Van Druen and Shank Austin

1st Place Female: 23:09 Angela Gray

2nd Place Female: 24:54 Gabby Baker

1st Place Youth Male: 30:04 Fletcher Forrest

2nd Place Youth Male: 37:56 Cole Seamon

1st Place Youth Female: 25:00 Esme Cartwright

2nd Place Youth Female: 25:20 Sylvia Syrrist

Run organizers express thanks to all the runners, walkers, donors, and volunteers.

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

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Hurricane Lee is making its way across the Atlantic.

On Sunday morning, the storm had slowed to nine miles an hour going northwest. Maximum sustained winds are 105 miles per hour.

The National Hurricane Center expects some strengthening then decreasing wind speeds. The storm is expected to make a turn to the north.

The National Weather Service's Morehead City office has issued the following hazardous weather outlook for Monday through Saturday this week:

“Powerful swell from Hurricane Lee will bring dangerous surf conditions, including strong rip currents and large waves, to Eastern North Carolina beaches through much of the coming week. There is potential for additional impacts including ocean overwash and coastal flooding late week as well, depending on the eventual track and strength of Lee.”

On Thursday, Hurricane Lee pushed to Category 5 strength. On Friday, the storm dropped to Cat 4 on Friday and to Category 3 on Saturday. This morning, Hurricane Lee is a Category 2 storm.

Two deaths this week

This week, two visitors died in water-related deaths, one in Avon and another near Ramp 55 at the southern end of Hatteras Island. Ocean conditions were rough.

In the early afternoon on Labor Day, Ferozan Walizai, 28 years old from Washington, D.C., died in a water-related incident in front of the village of Avon in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. A witness said Ferozan was overtaken by a wave. A bystander and waterboarder helped bring the woman to shore. CPR was unsuccessful.

Mid-morning Tuesday, September 5, Leonard M. Oxley, 68-year-old man from Hillsboro, Ohio, died in a water-related incident off southern Hatteras Island in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The incident took place near off-road vehicle ramp 55. Two bystanders saw Leonard starting to go under and swam out to pull him to shore. CPR was unsuccessful.

A welcome, unexpected sighting

Hurricane Idalia was instrumental in relocating groups of American flamingos from their Florida and Mexico homes. Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge was one place that the long-legged birds ended up.

Birder and photographer Jeff Lewis posted the original sighting on Saturday afternoon, September 2.

He saw 11 birds of the famed birds and posted that the pink ones were adults, which number three. The remainder are gray juveniles.

People have come from some distance to see these long-legged, long necked bird, which have been exploring the refuge's south pond and Oregon Inlet area.

Recreational water quality site under advisory

State officials lifted a precautionary advisory against swimming issued due to Tropical Storm Idalia. The precautionary advisory was issued Aug. 31 after Tropical Storm Idalia passed the Carolina's, because excessive rains and flooding can cause high levels of bacteria in the water that can make people sick.

Floodwaters and storm water runoff can contain pollutants such as waste from septic systems, sewer line breaks, pet waste, wildlife, petroleum products and other chemicals

The precautionary advisory was lifted for all ocean-side swimming sites in Dare County and others. Test results of water samples taken from these waters show bacterial levels meet the state's and Environmental Protection Agency's safe swimming standards.

One swimming site in Dare County remained under an advisory that was issued prior to the storm, and a new advisory was issued for an additional Dare site.

A swimming advisory issued on July 9 at Jockey's Ridge sound-side access remains in place.

A swimming advisory was issued for Sandy Bay sound-side access in Frisco, part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and remains in place this Sunday morning.

Bird's-eye view of Dare County now available.

The Dare County Geographical Information System Department has launched a new Bird's-Eye Viewer Map that allows users to easily visualize the various geographical, economic, and socio-demographics of Dare County—and to learn more about how this information has changed over time.

The area overview portion of the Bird's-Eye Viewer Map details the total number of square miles that Dare County comprises in both land and water, as well as the total number of parcels within the county, the number of incorporated towns, and the number of unincorporated communities.

The new map also shows Dare County's current population, median age, median household income, median home value, median cost of rent, and percentage of the population in the labor force. In addition, the Bird's-Eye Viewer Map highlights how these statistics have changed each decade since the 1970s and allows users to view the local statistics in relation to both North Carolina and the United States as a whole.

A wealth of additional information about Dare County and its residents is available via the Bird's-Eye Viewer Map. Go to Dare N C dot gov and punch the GIS link at the very top of the opening page. The Bird's-eye view link is the second one.

During the past week, NCDOT ferry operations on the Hatteras-Ocracoke route were interrupted due to mechanical issues with the passenger ferry. Service was resumed. Then the vehicle ferry operations were interrupted.

If you are travelling by ferry to Ocracoke, it's best to call ahead to make sure ferries are running. The number at the Hatteras Dock is 252-996-6000.

A glimpse of bag history

On September 10, 2017, the Weekly News Summary reported on the repeal of the plastic bag ban. Citizens had shown up at the Dare County Board of Commissioners meeting to protest the legislation passed on August 31, 2017.

The plastic bag ban had been in existence since 2009.

Then State Rep. Beverly Boswell introduced the repeal legislation. Sen. Bill Cook and Boswell voted for repeal.

Dare County's commissioners and elected boards in Dare's beach municipalities passed resolutions opposing the repeal. The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce opposed the legislation. The North Carolina Retail Merchants Association lobbied for passage.

Flounder rules set out; effective September 15

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Proclamation FF 31-2023 sets the 2023 recreational flounder fishery season, creel, and size limits and prohibits the harvest of flounder using recreational commercial gear in accordance in internal coastal and joint fishing waters and Atlantic Ocean Waters..

The short season opens at one minute after midnight, Friday, September 15 and closes at one minute before midnight Friday, September 29. It's a 15-day season.

One flounder per person per day is the creel limit. It is unlawful to possess flounder less than 15 inches total length. Harvesting flounder with Recreational Commercial Gear License is illegal.

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Proclamation FF 32-2023 addresses the southern flounder commercial fishery in internal coastal and joint fishing waters and Atlantic Ocean waters.

Commercial season rules are effective one minute after midnight, Friday, September 15, 2023.

Mobile gear is inclusive of all fishing gears except pound nets.

Northern Management Area runs from the North Carolina-Virginia border to Davis and Club House on Core Banks. Season opens October 3 a minute after midnight.

Large mesh gill nets can only catch flounder Tuesday through Thursday each week. All other gears are allow seven days a week.

Harvest will close by proclamation.

Southern Management area runs to the South Carolina-North Carolina border. Regulations are the same.

Flounder fishing with pound nets is divided into three management areas.

Northern Management Area runs from North Carolina/Virginia state line to the north end of Pea Island. The season opens September 15 at the usual time.

Using pound nets and with a standard commercial fishing license and a recreation standard commercial fishing license, a fishing operation can only harvest 1,000 pounds. If more than one license, the limit is 2,000 pounds.

Central area runs from Pea Island south to the Cedar Island Ferry.

Season starts a minute after midnight October 1, 2023. Possession limit for one license holder is 2,000 pounds. For more than one license, 4,000 pounds

Southern Management Area runs to the North Carolina/South Carolina border.

Season stars October 1 but will less harvest. One license can possess no more than 500 pounds; two licenses can have 1,000 pound.

If fishing in the Atlantic, the gear must be trawl.

It is unlawful to fail to render a flounder pound net set inoperable during the closed flounder season.

Day at the Docks happens this Saturday, September 16.

The annual gathering starts on Friday with Seafood Under the Stars, an elaborate seafood dinner. The event was close to being sold out last week.

On Saturday, the celebration of the fishing heritage of Hatteras village is on display. Boats, the concrete marlin contest, a kid's fishing tournament at Oden's Dock this year, a chowder cookoff from 11 to 1 are all part of the day.

This year, Day at the Docks celebrates its 20th year for the community event, designed to recover from Hurricane Isabel and celebrate the village's maritime heritage.

Scheduled activities include the early morning Fishy 5K and the Seafood throwdown. Visit government and community displays and tents. Look for the Radio Hatteras tent in the Community Organizations area.

The full day of activities finishes with the blessing of the fleet as the sun sets at 6 o'clock.

Day at the Dock organizers are closely watching Hurricane Lee as are the rest of us on Hatteras Island.

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

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, September 3, 2023

Idalia brings rain

Tropical Storm Idalia brought torrential, wind-driven rain and soundside and ocean flooding to Hatteras Island.

The watery event kicked off Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, with the National Weather Service tracking two storms: Hurricane Franklin and soon-to-be Hurricane Idalia, reports The Coastland Times.

Hurricane Franklin did not visit Hatteras Island. Instead, the storm system caused high surf advisories and warnings about dangerous beach conditions to be issued during the week leading up to the tropical storm. Early in the week, however, surfing conditions were perfect between Buxton and Avon.

As predicted, the storm's fury visited Thursday, Aug. 31.

Total rainfall for Frisco from the National Weather Service shows 5.78 inches. Wind speed topped out at 24 miles per hour sustained and with a 55 mile-per-hour gust at 11:10 a.m. The top gust in Rodanthe hit 60 miles per hour.

The National Weather Service reports rainfall in Hatteras village at slightly over 7 inches and in Buxton, just shy of 7 inches.

Rain clogged roadways and yards. Dare County Sheriff deputies issued timely reports about trouble spots filled with rainwater along NC 12.

At Thursday night's high tide, ocean waters swirled across vulnerable areas in Rodanthe like Ocean Drive, Corbina Drive and oceanfront properties in Mirlo Beach. NC12 remained open and passable with areas of blown sand and standing water. Deep areas of standing water occurred between Hatteras and Frisco at Sandy Bay, in front of Village Marina in Hatteras Village, a Salvo subdivision and around Waterfall Park in Rodanthe. Late Thursday afternoon, shallow patches of rainwater covered northbound lanes on NC 12 in Avon, Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo.

Cape Hatteras Seashore takes storm action

On September 1, after the tropical storm passed by, Cape Hatteras National Seashore reopened all facilities, except for Cape Point and Ocracoke campgrounds which are unusable due to excessive rainfall. The campgrounds reopened at 3 p.m. To make campground reservations, go to recreation dot gov. All facilities were shut on Aug. 31.

Take note: The Cape Hatteras National Seashore has implemented the red flag warning system. When red flags are flying at the lifeguarded beaches, stay out of the ocean water.

Portions of NC 12 considered vulnerable to erosion and overwash by national seashore staffers are:

- Southern Hatteras Island – between the villages of Hatteras and Frisco
 - Central Hatteras Island – along the northern boundary of Buxton and along Ocean View Drive in Avon
 - Northern Hatteras Island – along N.C. Highway 12, old N.C. Highway 12 and several side streets in northern Rodanthe, and between the Pea Island Visitor Center and Basnight Bridge.
- Travelers can monitor road conditions at drivenc.gov or on Facebook NCDOT NC 12.

No major power problems

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative experienced no major issues. On mid-morning Thursday, about 100 members were without power. That was the highest point for outages. Throughout the storm, scattered outage occurred but never more than the mid-morning total.

Hatteras Ferry Operations.

The Hatteras-Ocracoke vehicle ferry stopped running on Thursday, August 31, after a very early morning run from Ocracoke to wait out the storm.

On Friday, September 1, at 10:30, vehicle ferry operations resumed.

On Saturday morning, NCDOT Ferry Division announced the resumption of passenger ferry service between Hatteras and Ocracoke.

For answers to questions, call 252-996-6000.

Dare County schools closed for storm

On Thursday, Dare County students had a remote learning day. On Friday, no school was scheduled though teachers had an option work day. On the calendar, schools were to be dismissed after half a day on Friday anyway.

Schools are back in session Tuesday, September 5, after Labor Day.

Stretch of beach closed in Buxton due to storm erosion

On September 1, Cape Hatteras National Seashore temporarily closed a stretch of beach between the Buxton Beach Access at the old Coast Guard station and the area of the Buxton jetties.

Seashore staff implemented the closure after substantial post-storm beach erosion was observed and reports of a strong smell of fuel were received from visitors.

Beach erosion caused by distant Hurricane Franklin and Tropical Storm Idalia has exposed potentially hazardous infrastructure from a former military site at the end of Old Lighthouse Road in Buxton.

A super secret installation was built by the U.S. Navy in 1955 to 1956. Exposed are the foundation of the Terminal Building, six-inch diameter cables and two main anchor points. The station was used to monitor Soviet submarines during the Cold War. The cables stretched for 70 miles offshore.

Today, seashore visitors are asked to stay out of the closed section of beach until the area is further assessed and reopened for public use.

Structure fire in Hatteras during storm

In Hatteras village, at 10:43 Thursday morning, firefighters from Hatteras, Frisco, and Buxton Volunteer Fire Departments, responded to the report of a structure fire on Kohler Road.

Within 10 minutes, firefighters were at the unoccupied house and put out in an estimated 15 minutes. No injuries were reported. For more detail and photos, go to Island Free Press.

Historical hurricane also hits Hatteras August 31

Tropical storm effects from Idalia visited Hatteras Island August 31.

Exactly 20 years before, Hatteras Island was hit by Hurricane Emily which clipped Hatteras Island as a Category 3. Up to 10 feet of storm surge ran ashore from the Pamlico Sound side of Hatteras Island, reports the National Weather Service.

In Buxton, top wind speed was 75 miles per hour with a gust at 107 miles per hour.

The maximum rainfall recorded was 7 and a half inches at Buxton.

Two swimming deaths in rough surf occurred at Nags Head on September 1.

At the time, a preliminary damage estimate for North Carolina was \$35 million dollars, mainly on Hatteras Island.

Hurricane Emily damaged 553 dwellings beyond repair in eastern North Carolina.

The FDA Expands Warning to Consumers About Toxic Yellow Oleander in Certain Botanical Weight Loss Products

Recently, the Maryland Department of Health began sampling and testing weight loss products labeled as Nuez de la India after one person in the state reported the consumption of a Nuez de la India product and was hospitalized.

Nuez de la India is marketed as India nuts or seeds, which are generally understood to be nuts from the flowering tree, commonly known as candlenut, candleberry, Indian walnut, kemiri, and varnish tree.

Additional analyses in Maryland and by the FDA revealed that the Nut Diet Max and Todorganic seed products contained cardiac glycosides and other characteristics consistent with yellow oleander, and not nuts.

Additional analysis found Nut Diet Max brand Nuez de la India capsules contained cardiac glycosides consistent with yellow oleander. The FDA has expanded its safety alert to include this product.

On August 25, 2023, one manufacturer of these products, Todorganic Inc., located in Middleburg, Florida, initiated a voluntary recall of its Nuez de la India Seeds after FDA analysis

determined that the seeds appeared to be yellow oleander. The product was distributed online through the Amazon, eBay, and Walmart platforms.

Smoked Sausage recalled

On September 2, Hillshire Brands Company, a St. Joseph, Missouri, establishment, recalled about 15,876 pounds of blended meat and poultry smoked sausage products that may be contaminated with bone fragments. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service made the announcement.

The ready-to-eat blended meat and poultry smoked sausage items were produced on June 14, 2023. The products recalled is the 14-ounce vacuum packed package with one rope of "HILLSHIRE FARM SMOKED SAUSAGE MADE WITH PORK, TURKEY, BEEF" with a use by date of November 11, 2023, printed on the front of the package. The product subject to recall bear establishment number EST. 756A. These items were shipped to retail stores in California, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The problem was discovered when Hillshire Brands notified the food safety agency that it received consumer complaints regarding bone fragments in the product. Also, the federal agency received one consumer complaint regarding this issue.

Sheriff's blotter shows two felony crimes in August on Hatteras Island

On August 6, a breaking and Entering a Motor Vehicle occurred on the 39000 block of Wahoo Circle, Avon. A dispute happened over a vehicle blocking a driveway. No charges were filed. On August 28, an obtaining property by false pretenses happened in the 42000 block of Askins Creek Drive, Avon. A land purchase scam where money was stolen occurred. The crime is under investigation.

For the first time in 16 years, a leatherback sea turtle nest successfully hatched on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches, with 19 hatchlings making their way to the Atlantic Ocean. The leatherback sea turtle nest on Ocracoke Island was discovered June 19, 2023, and the nest with 93 eggs was found in the early morning hours during a routine turtle patrol.

Because the nest was right at the high tide line, park biologists relocated all of the eggs to a safer spot on the beach.

After 70 days of incubation, 19 baby sea turtles finally emerged starting Monday night, August 28 reported the national seashore.

For photos of the nest site and additional information, visit [Island Free Press](#).

An aviation lab is launched at Wright Brothers for First Flight High program

Dare Schools and the National Park Service are collaborating on an Aviation Lab and program. Starting September 5, two dozen juniors and seniors at the First Flight High School will build an airplane using Tango Flights aviation and STEM curriculum. The project will take two years to complete. At the end, the student-built airplane will be FAA tested and certified before taking off from the Wright Brother National Memorial airport.

Now, stay safe out there. Thanks very much for listening this community radio station. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, August 20, 2023.

Dare Tourism Approaches \$2 Billion

On Friday, August 18, The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau announced that visitor spending in Dare County increased 8% last year to an all-time high of \$1.97 billion according to new County Level Visitor Expenditures study released by the NC Department of Commerce.

Dare County retained its Number 4 position out of North Carolina's 100 counties.

The 8% growth rate is a more sustainable rate of growth compared to tremendous increases felt by the community during COVID, says the media release from the Visitors Bureau.

The study shows tourism-based employment at 12,000, nearly half of all Dare County jobs, states the release.

In the release, Lee Nettles, Executive Director, pointed to the Dare County Tourism Board's work on the Long-Range Tourism Management Planning (LRTMP) which demonstrates "the Board's commitment to responsible growth, recognizing and managing the negative impacts caused by tourism."

But, island real estate market continues downward trend

The weekly news summary's monthly real estate market update continues to trend downward. The limited inventory of properties for sale continues to be the biggest market challenge, writes Radio Hatteras Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka. Since January, the number of homes available for purchase on the entire island has been in the 70 to 77 range.

The number of residential properties sold each month on the island has ranged from 15 to 30 with most months reporting sales numbers in the low 20s.

So far this year, properties under contract to be sold have consistently been between 35 and 45 contracts.

Looking at the real estate action by price range shows the largest number of sales during the first seven months were between \$400,000 and \$600,000. The biggest surprise was that 28 of the sales were for \$1 million dollars or more.

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

The median sale price of houses for January through July was \$575,000. On a stand-alone basis for July the median sale price was slightly higher at \$594,000.

Last year, 92% of the value of the real estate that was sold on the island was derived from residential sales and 8% came from sales of undeveloped lots.

Like the residential market, undeveloped lot indicators are trending downward. One major exception is the median price of lots is continuing to rise, recording a 16% increase in July.

The available supply of lots for sale, the sales of undeveloped lots and the number of lots under contract to be sold are below 2022 levels. The median sale price through July was \$145,000.

Other measures of the island's economy show that through June, meal tax receipts were up 7 percent, but occupancy tax receipts were down 5.5 percent, reflecting continued weakness in the rental market, writes Hranicka.

Dredging permit for Hatteras Inlet may be delayed

On Monday, August 14, the Dare County Waterways Commission held its monthly meeting in Buxton. A full report is found on the Island Free Press.

Low-key changed to testy as the commissioners learned that a requested Dare County permit for dredging in Hatteras Inlet may be delayed while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completes a new inlet management plan.

Water quality swimming advisory lifted for sound-side site in Dare County

Last week, the Weekly News Summary reported that a water quality advisory was posted at Sandy Bay soundside access between Frisco and Hatteras village due to high bacteria counts. The advisory was posted August 10.

On August 15, state recreational water quality officials lift the advisory and the sign advising against swimming, skiing or otherwise coming into contact with the water was removed.

Hatteras and Ocracoke islands experienced a brief power outage Tuesday

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative announced a 30-minute outage on August 15 at 10:30 in the morning. The outage was required to repair a broken ground on the transmission system.

The outage lasted 10 minutes.

Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station acknowledges Mirlo Rescue

On Wednesday, August 16, Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station hosted a flag-raising ceremony honoring the station's 1918 crew on the day of the Mirlo Rescue.

Descendants of the original crew members were present while Jackie Wenberg, a descendant of Zion S. Midgett, raised the American flag. Descendants and attendees then recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A wonderful breakfast buffet was offered.

In other station news, the station's 1874 Lifecar is at the National Park Service's restoration facility in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. The facility constructed a special room to contain lead paint during the removal process, which involves flour grade walnut shell. The restoration process may take up to two years.

In September, Chicamacomico's Surf Team will participate in the reopening of the Wood Island Life-Saving Station in Kittery Maine.

The Chicamacomico surf team will perform the breeches buoy drill at Wood Island Station and advise the Wood Island Station's surf team. Chicamacomico's team will transport all of its equipment to Maine for the demonstration.

To fund the trip, the Chicamacomico Historical Association is seeking donations which can be forwarded to P.O. Box 5, Rodanthe, NC 27968.

Death in Hatteras village

On Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, deputies with the Dare County Sheriff's Office, Dare County Emergency Medical Services staff, and Hatteras Island Rescue Squad members were dispatched to a call for service in the 57000 block of Kohler Drive in Hatteras village, reports a media release from the Dare Sheriff's Office.

The deputies made contact with a person and comments were made about a body in a residence. When deputies arrived at the location, they found Luther Dudley Burrus III, 68, deceased in his residence.

Investigators from the Dare County Sheriff's Office and a Medical Examiner responded to the scene and conducted a death investigation. The cause of death in this case is currently unknown pending an autopsy which is expected to occur later this week. The investigation is ongoing.

Burrus retired in February 2016 as a parks maintenance worker with the Dare County Parks and Recreation Department.

Rodanthe Bridge wins award

Three North Carolina Department of Transportation projects recently received regional 2023 American's Transportation Awards along with others in neighboring states, reports the Island Free Press.

The Southern Association of State Highway Transportation Officials chose this year's regional winners from a pool of 19 projects nominated by nine states in the region.

NCDOT submitted one project for each of the three contest groups and size categories, and all three won. The Rodanthe bridge project received top honors in Operations Excellence for a medium sized project. Additionally, the FINMAN-T flood warning system for transportation won in the Best Use of Technology and Innovation small category. The third project was associated with the East End Connection I-885 in Durham.

Once the regional competitions are completed, twelve finalists composed of the three highest-scoring projects from each region will be revealed.

National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day is Aug. 21

On Aug. 7, 2023, Dare County's Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution declaring August 2023 Overdose Awareness Month.

Scheduled for Monday, Aug. 21, 2023 is a National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day. So far on 2023, the Drug Enforcement Administration has seized 46.4 million pills and 6,900 pounds of powder fentanyl.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is about 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. It is inexpensive, widely available, highly addictive, and comes in a variety of colors, shapes and forms, states the DEA.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 110,511 people in the United States died of drug overdoses and poisonings in 2022. Almost 70 percent of those deaths involved synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

The Dare resolution calls on "people of Dare County to observe this month by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the importance of Overdose Awareness."

State's Marine Fisheries Commission meets

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission will meet in-person August 23 through 25 at the Hilton North Hills in Raleigh. The meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

The meeting begins at 6 o'clock Wednesday, August 23 for a public comment session. The business meetings start at 9 o'clock Thursday, August 24 and Friday, August 25.

Another public comment session is set for 9 o'clock Thursday.

To submit written comments, go to the Marine Fisheries commission meetings webpage for the form. Deadline is 4 o'clock, tomorrow, Monday, August 21.

Agenda items include:

--A presentation on the Annual Fisheries Management Plan Review.

--Discussion and possible vote on the proposed Mutilated Finfish Rule.

--Setting the annual cap for the number of Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses available through the Eligibility Pool.

Chamber music series at Cape Hatteras Secondary, Thursday August 24

The Don and Catharine Bryan Cultural Series invites you to the Cape Hatteras Secondary School on Thursday evening, August 24 at 7 o'clock for a performance at the Ninth Annual Surf and Sounds Chamber Music Series. The free concert features acclaimed musicians performing works by Ravel and Beethoven. The Buxton visit is one of four performances around Dare County. Additional information at Bryan Cultural Series dot org.

Open Houses set for island schools

Students and their families are invited to attend the Open House for their schools for the upcoming year. The Open Houses provide an opportunity to prepare for the first day of school, find classrooms, meet teachers, and ask questions about the upcoming school year.

Open houses are set for Thursday, August 24 at both schools.

At Cape Hatteras Elementary, the Open House runs from 2 to 5 o'clock

At Cape Hatteras Secondary, the Open House runs from 4 to 6 o'clock

First day of school is Monday, August 28.

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

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Cape Point now open to beach drivers and pedestrians

Cape Point has reopened to beach drivers and pedestrians.

The famed fishing beach was shut down June 28 and reopened late morning August 8 for a 41-day closure for nesting shorebirds.

The closure is the shortest since 2012, when the beach management plan was put in place, aside from 2017 when Cape Point was not closed.

Last year, the closure lasted 84 days. In 2018, the closure was 122 days.

Off-road vehicle ramps 43 and 44 to Cape Point are open from 6:30 in the morning to 9 at night daily.

For this season at Cape Point, two American oystercatcher nests were located but no chicks or fledglings appeared. Overall the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, two fledgling American oystercatchers were produced on Ocracoke Island.

For piping plovers, no chicks were born this season from five nests, none of which were at Cape Point.

Colonial waterbirds still have 21 active nests in the seashore. At Cape Point, three fledglings were counted. A total of 18 fledglings were counted throughout the seashore as of August 10.

Turtle nests are now hatching.

As of Aug. 12, 2023, along Cape Hatteras seashore beaches 350 sea turtle nests have been located. As of Friday, August 11, Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge staffers counted 41 sea turtle nests.

National Weather Service issues heat advisory

Abnormally hot and humid weather is expected to produce heat indices between 105 and 115 degrees today through Tuesday.

It's already hot. Around 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the heat index in Frisco registered 100 degrees.

Strong thunderstorms with heavy rain and gusty winds were possible this evening, and again late Monday and Tuesday.

The heat advisory goes through 8 o'clock tonight.

It's been dry this week. From Wednesday through Saturday, no precipitation was recorded at Frisco. On Thursday, more than a tenth of an inch of rain was recorded in Rodanthe.

On Hatteras Island's south-facing beaches, a high risk of rip currents was posted on Thursday.

While on the weather topic,

NOAA scientists have increased their prediction for the ongoing 2023 Atlantic hurricane season from a near-normal level of activity to an above-normal level of activity.

Forecasters think that current ocean and atmospheric conditions, such as record-warm Atlantic sea surface temperatures, are likely to counterbalance the usually limiting atmospheric conditions associated with the ongoing El Nino event.

NOAA forecasters have increased the likelihood of an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season to 60%, increased from the outlook issued in May which predicted a 30% chance.

NOAA's update to the 2023 outlook now calls for 14-21 named storms with winds of 39 miles per hour or greater, of which 6-11 could become hurricanes with winds of 74 miles per hour or greater). Of those, 2 to 5 storms could become major hurricanes with winds of 111 miles per hour or greater).

NOAA provided these ranges with a 70% confidence.

These updated ranges include storms that have already formed this season.

Water quality swimming advisory issued for Sandy Bay near Frisco

On August 10, an advisory against swimming was posted at a sound-side site in Dare County by the state's Recreation Water Quality Program staff.

The advisory is for Sandy Bay sound-side access near Frisco, within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Test results of water samples taken on August 8 and August 9 indicate bacteria levels that exceed the state and federal action levels.

This advisory is not a beach closing, nor does the advisory affect the entire Frisco area.

Swimming advisories are for waters within 200 feet of a posted sign.

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

State recreational water quality officials sample 215 sites throughout the coastal region, most of them on a weekly basis, from April to October. Testing continues on a reduced schedule during the rest of the year, when the waters are colder.

Soft Serve on the Go Ice Cream recalled

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in collaboration with state and local partners, are investigating an outbreak of *Listeria* infections

potentially linked to Soft Serve On The Go ice cream cups produced by Real Kosher Ice Cream of Brooklyn, New York.

Do not eat, sell, or serve recalled Soft Serve On The Go ice cream cups. Food and Drug Administration's outbreak investigation is ongoing, says an announcement dated August 10. The notice indicates that the product was distributed to retailers in North Carolina and 18 other states.

Real Kosher Ice Cream has voluntarily recalled all flavors of Soft Serve On the Go 8 ounce cups.

National Aviation Day is Saturday, August 19; events planned at Wright Brothers

We know Wright Brothers National Memorial is up the beach, but...on National Aviation Day, Saturday, August 19, admission is free.

Some interesting activities are planned. The Outer Banks Repeater Association will demonstrate HAM radio and its history along the Outer Banks.

The memorial is staying open at night.

At 6:15, go for a ride like the Wright brothers! Bring a bike and helmet and learn about why the Wright brothers chose this area in 1900 and how the site has changed over the years. Meet at the bicycle rack in front of the visitor center.

At 7:15, see the sun set during a walk with a ranger to the top of Big Kill Devil Hill. Meet on the back patio of the visitor center. It's a quarter mile walk each way.

At 8:15, take in a movie under the stars. The First Flight Foundation is presenting a special outdoor showing of Disney's animated movie, "Planes." Bring blankets and chairs.

Upcoming this week:

On Tuesday, August 15, join Cape Hatteras Elementary Principal Rachel Benton for Popsicles with the Principal.

Come to the school's playground between 9 and 10 or 3 and 4.

The next day, Wednesday, August 16, teachers and staff in Dare County Schools start the new school year with an Optional Workday. Required workdays start August 21. The first day of school is Monday, August 28.

On Wednesday morning, August 16, at 9 o'clock, an American Flag raising ceremony will be held at the Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station in Rodanthe.

The ceremony honors the Mirlo Rescue of August 16, 1918.

A breakfast buffet will be served after the ceremony on the porch of the site's 1911 station.

To RSVP for the ceremony, call 252-987-1552.

On Thursday, August 17, the Beach Klub at Avon's Koru Village is hosting an evening concert to benefit the hardworking Hatteras Island Rescue Squad.

Doors open at 7 o'clock.

Funds are for a new jet ski for the rescue squad.

Live music by Raygun Ruby. Over \$1,000 in raffle prizes.

Ticket Price in Advance is \$10 and at the door, \$15

Tickets available to purchase in person at Spa Koru and Pangea Tavern or online at Koruvillage.com

Congratulations to local Pelican award winners

Last Saturday, August 5, the North Carolina Coastal Federation presented 2023 Coastwide Pelican Awards to John Griffin in Salvo and Bill Husted in Manteo for their work on the North Carolina Oyster Trail; and coastal engineer Brian Rubino for designing, permitting, and installing living shorelines. And for the northeast sector, Blue Water Grill and Raw Bar in Manteo was selected for its Restaurant to Reef partnership and for its collaboration with the federation's fall and spring oyster farm tours. And Radio Hatteras volunteer Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy received a Pelican Award for her decades of reliable coverage of coastal environmental issues.

The ceremony attended by 200 people was held in Morehead City and followed by the Coastal Federation's Taste of The Beach, which was attended by over 500 people.

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

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, August 6, 2023.

Ocracoke Express in service

At 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, N C DOT announced that the Ocracoke Express will resume normal operation on Saturday, August 5. To use the passenger ferry, make an online reservation at [ferry dot ncdot dot gov](http://ferry.dot.ncdot.gov) or call 1-800 BY FERRY

Planned maintenance shut down the ferry on August 1. But unplanned delays kept the passenger ferry out of service.

Crime Blotter for July for unincorporated Dare County

Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie has released the July 2023 Felony Crime Blotter for unincorporated portions of the county.

A total of 13 crimes are reported. Hatteras Island had five crimes reported in four villages. Listen to the dates and crimes.

July 4: Breaking and Entering Motor Vehicle on Costen Light Court, Avon. Purse stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

And on July 4, a Larceny on NC 12 in Avon. Unauthorized withdrawals from victim's bank account. Money was sent overseas.

On July 7, Breaking and Entering Motor Vehicle on NC 12 in Buxton. A variety of items stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

And on July 7, a Larceny on Kings Point Drive in Frisco. Construction material reported stolen from a job site.

On July 14, Larceny of Boat from Dory Road in Salvo. An 18-foot boat was reported stolen from victim's yard.

Get a voter ID at Dare's board of elections in Manteo

To comply with the state's new voter ID requirement, voters can now get free IDs at local county board of elections.

The free IDs will be available during business hours any time until the last day of early voting through Election Day.

Voters will need to provide their name, date of birth, the last four digits of their Social Security number, address, email and phone number and have a photo made.

The Dare County Board of Elections is in the county's administration office in Manteo and is open from 8:30 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon.

The IDs will be valid for 10 years.

Most voters have a North Carolina driver's license, which is an acceptable form of photo ID for voting. Those voters do *not* need to obtain a separate ID from their county board. Other common forms of acceptable ID include, passports, military or veterans ID cards issued by the federal government, and college student and public employer ID cards that the State Board approved for use in voting.

North Carolina Number 1 in Business

For the second year in a row, CNBC has named North Carolina as the top state for Business in 2023.

On August 1, Governor Roy Cooper celebrated the achievement with business and education leaders at Central Piedmont Community College.

The governor will host a series of events that will highlight North Carolina's strong and diverse workforce and community colleges.

On July 11, CNBC named North Carolina as America's Top State for Business in 2023. The CNBC study looks at 86 metrics in ten categories of competitiveness. North Carolina ranked #1 in workforce and highly in the economy, technology and innovation, and access to capital categories. Since 2017, North Carolina has placed in the top five of state rankings four times. Earlier this year, North Carolina also won Site Selection Magazine's Prosperity Cup for the third year in a row, which recognizes the competitiveness of state-level economic development agencies and their success in landing capital investment projects.

This year, North Carolina also won Area Development magazine's 2023 Platinum Shovel Award which recognizes states that went above and beyond the gold standard for investment and job creation and received Business Facilities magazine's State of the Year award after a historic year of economic development and job growth.

Dare County Board of Commissioners meets Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, starting at 9 a.m.

The board meets in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the county's Administrative Complex, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo.

The commissioners will consider a five-year Capital Improvement Plan recommended by the board's Capital Improvement Plan Committee.

A public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on the S-13 and S-14 Supplements to the Dare County Code of Ordinances. The items in the supplements contain amendments to the Dare County Code of Ordinances adopted since January 2022.

The commissioners will consider a Special Use Permit Application for a cluster home development in Avon after a Quasi-Judicial public hearing set for 9 a.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Two proclamations will be considered, one for Child Support Awareness Month and Overdose Awareness Month.

The commissioners are asked to approve a letter of support for a NCDOT application for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) discretionary grant program. This grant is to conduct a Study for the 11 miles from the Oregon Inlet bridge to the north end of the Rodanthe Bridge.

Hatteras Islanders can offer public comments from the Fessenden Center Annex on Buxton Back Road.

It's here!

It's fig season ya'll!!!, proclaimed the Facebook page for Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.

The museum would love to share fig recipes.

Originally from western Asia and the Mediterranean, it's believed figs were brought to Ocracoke by the first English settlers, sometime around 1715.

Despite being called a fruit, a fig is technically a syconium—a tiny group of inverted flowers growing inside a pod.

The fig is a symbol of peace and prosperity.

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative gives grant

Cape Hatters Electric Cooperative presented the Cape Hatteras Secondary School with a grant made possible through the CoBank Sharing Success Grant Program. CoBank is a national cooperative bank that serves rural areas.

The cooperative gave \$4,250 to the secondary school, which was met with an additional \$4,250 from CoBank, for reconstruction and improvements to the press box at the soccer field on the Buxton Back Road.

The funds will help purchase material and pay for labor to upgrade and enclose the existing press box so electronics for the scoreboard, speakers and camera equipment can be stored. The field is home to one co-ed middle school team and CHSS's varsity boys and girls teams. The field is also used for several youth soccer camps and community games for alumni and adults.

This donation was made possible through CoBank's "Sharing Success" charitable contribution program, which celebrates the vital role that cooperatives play in individual communities across the country, reports the Island Free Press.

Upcoming events

Cape Hatteras Elementary School's PTO is looking for volunteers for this year's Fall Festival. If you are interested in helping, reach out via the organization's Facebook page.

Cape Hatteras Secondary students who will be dually enrolled in the secondary school and College of The Albemarle must show up on Wednesday, August 9, from 10 to 11 in the morning for orientation. The meeting will be held in the school's cafeteria.

Shake Hatteras II Music and Arts festival is Monday, August 7.

This is Salvo's Homegrown Hometown Annual Outer Banks Grassroots community gathering. We've got LIVE MUSIC all day. We've got Art Vendors.

The festival starts at 2 p.m. at Tina's Tavern.

And added to this year's festivities is the Inaugural Shake Hatteras Taco Cook-Off Challenge. We're following the footsteps of our sister event Shuck Hatteras only this time we're featuring TACOS. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Chicamacomico Banks Water Rescue Team.

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

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, July 30, 2023

It's hot!

On Thursday and Friday afternoons, the heat index recorded in Frisco reached over 100 degrees between 1 and 7 o'clock.

On Thursday afternoon between 1 and 7, the heat index stayed over 100 degrees and topped out at 102.

On Friday afternoon, five of the seven hours recorded over 100 degrees on the heat index. The top temp was 101.

On July 27, the World Meteorological Organization reported that the first three weeks of July have been the warmest three-week period on record and the month was on track to be the hottest July and the hottest month on record.

In a media release, the organization said the temperatures have been related to heatwaves in large parts of North America, Asia and Europe, which along with wildfires in countries including Canada and Greece, have had major impacts on people's health, the environment and economies. According to the released data, July has also recorded the highest-ever ocean temperatures for this time of year.

Water connection and development fees rise

Dare County Water Department is increasing its connection and development fees for new customers.

The move increases the cost of building on Hatteras Island and other areas of incorporated Dare County, reports Tom Hranicka, Business correspondent for Radio Hatteras.

The water connection fee is charged once to recover the costs of the meter itself and now the charges associated with the installation.

For a 3/4 -inch meter, the usual size for a single family house, the connection fee is now \$2,010 if the connection is on the same side as the supply line and \$2,404 if the supply line is across the street. This goes into effect August 1, 2023.

The development fee is a one-time charge which is assessed for the new meter's impact on system capacity and infrastructure.

For a 3/4-inch meter, the fee goes up \$877 to \$3,282. The increase will go up gradually at 12% per year for three years. The new fee goes into effect January 1, 2024.

At January 1, 2024, the total cost for hooking up to the Dare County water system will range from \$5,292 to \$5,686.

The new rates were established after an independent consultant determined that Dare County water connection fee did not cover costs of meter installation nor accurately assessed the impact of a new connection on the system.

The connection fee and development fee have not been increased for the past 12 years.

Dare County capital improvement plan committee changes project timeline

Dare County's Capital Improvement Plan Committee rearranged major capital improvements at its meeting July 20, 2023.

Generally, several projects are delayed. For Hatteras Island, the first project happens in Fiscal Year 2026.

Currently underway are a new Emergency Medical Services station in Southern Shores and a new hangar with crew quarters for Dare MedFlight. A partnership project is underway with Kill Devil Hills for a fire station and Emergency Medical Services station No. 1.

Slated for Fiscal Year 2025 are an Emergency Medical Services station expansion at Kitty Hawk; work at the Manns Harbor Fire Department with the county's Emergency Medical Services station; and building a new Manteo Youth Center.

In Fiscal Year 2026, the county is slated to implement plans for public works facilities in Manteo and in Buxton. The cost for upgrading the Buxton transfer station is \$5,900,000.

Left in Phase IV, without specific fiscal years, are the Emergency Medical Services buildings in Manteo and Frisco at \$2.4 million and a new Emergency Medical Services facility, possibly in partnership with Chicamacomico Banks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.

Also Phase IV work is slated for the county's Parks and Recreation facilities.

Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum new display

A World War I era naval gun previously stood in front of Wakestone, the Raleigh home of Josephus Daniels who was U.S. Secretary of the Navy from 1913 to 1921 is now in Hatteras village. The Krupp gun is believed to be a German L/30 quick-firing 88-millimeter deck gun. It was installed on the front porch of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum on Friday, July 21, 2023, with the help of a crane. Carolina Stone Setting from Cary delivered the artifact which sits on the museum's front porch.

The museum in Hatteras village is still closed to the public while renovations to the gallery are completed. It is anticipated that the museum will reopen by the end of the year

Ocracoke Passenger Ferry Season Extended Through Labor Day

The N.C. Department of Transportation's *Ocracoke Express* will extend its operating season through Sept. 4. The season was previously slated to end on July 31, reports the state's ferry division.

The Ocracoke Express was confined to the docks on July 7 while waiting for a repair part. It resumed operation July 19.

On Tuesday, July 18, Jed Dixon, Ferry Division interim director, said the passenger ferry service would stop July 31 since the General Assembly has not adopted a state budget for this fiscal year.

On July 27, 2023, that closure date changed to the end of Monday, Sept. 4, Labor Day.

The Ocracoke Express makes three-round trips daily between Hatteras ferry dock and Silver Lake on Ocracoke.

A media release reports that on Aug. 1, the vessel will go out of service for previously scheduled maintenance that is expected to last one or two days. After that, the *Ocracoke Express* will resume its daily schedule.

Avon now welcomes

A “Welcome” sign at the north entrance to Avon is back, thanks to the generosity of the members of the Avon Property Owners Association, reports Island Free Press.

The new replacement sign was built by Coastal Impressions to match the “Welcome” sign at the south entrance of Avon, and it was painted by local artist, Vicky Lowe.

The original sign was stolen. The new sign was built and installed at a cost of approximately \$3,000.

The new Avon sign is just one of the many projects the Avon Property Owners Association manages for the Avon community. Other projects include the weekly Farmers Market, the 4th of July fireworks display, the red ‘beach trash’ cans, and maintenance of many of the ocean boardwalks. For more information, visit the website [avon p o a dot org](http://avonpoa.org).

Be careful in the water

On Friday, July 28, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services warned North Carolinians to be aware of potential dangers of having wounds or cuts open to saltwater or brackish water. This July, three deaths in the state have occurred due to *Vibrio* (**vee bree ow**) infections.

Vibrio are bacteria that normally live in warm seawater or brackish water found in an estuary or salt marsh. People with open wounds, cuts or scratches can be exposed to these bacteria through direct contact with seawater or brackish water. *Vibrio* can also cause disease in those who eat raw or undercooked oysters and shellfish.

Since 2019, eight of the 47 reported cases among North Carolina residents have been fatal. Two of the most recent cases had scratches that were exposed to brackish water in North Carolina and another east coast state. The third case also had brackish water exposure in North Carolina, however, the individual also consumed personally caught seafood that was not shared nor commercially distributed.

If you start to see signs of a skin infection after contact with brackish waters or seawater, contact your health care provider. Other symptoms can include diarrhea, stomach pain, vomiting, nausea, fever and chills.

Find more information on *Vibrio* at [cdc dot gov slash vibrio](http://cdc.gov/slash/vibrio).

Gauges will warn of flooding

To provide critical and real-time information regarding changing water levels in specific geographic locations, a series of Flood Inundation Mapping and Alert Network flood gauges have been installed throughout Dare County.

Sign up to receive text alerts if water levels in your area begin to rise due to storm surge, which can occur on both the soundside and oceanside of the communities of the Outer Banks.

To sign up to receive alerts for rising water levels, visit [F I M A N dot n c dot gov](http://FIMAN.nc.gov).

For more information about storm surge on the Outer Banks, visit [Dare N C dot gov slash E M](http://DareNC.gov/slash/EM).

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

Weekly News Summary for July 23, 2023.

Dare commissioners partially fund a Rodanthe nourishment study

Dare County Board of Commissioners will partially fund a Rodanthe Beach Nourishment Feasibility Study.

The decision at the July 17, 2023, board meeting came with strings attached.

U.S. Rep. Greg Murphy wrote a letter dated June 16, 2023, to Board of Commissioners Chairman Robert Woodard regarding the required feasibility study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a beach nourishment project in Rodanthe.

The letter indicated that “the minimum cost of the feasibility study is \$3 million.”

The letter states that the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 requires “half the cost of the study must be incurred at the state and local levels.”

At the board meeting, Robert L. Outten reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which will conduct the study, agreed to proceed incrementally. For example, the first stage is a Cost-Benefit Analysis. If that’s negative, the study stops. If it is positive, the study continues.

Woodward immediately said “get it in writing.”

The money, up to \$1.5 million, will come from the Beach Nourishment Fund, which has sufficient funding.

The time frame for the study is three to five years, said Outten.

Dare commissioners commit \$1 million to build teacher housing in Kill Devil Hills

The Dare County Board of Education has let it be known that it is having difficulty hiring teachers because of a lack of housing. The school board said the Dare Education Foundation can expand the teacher housing complex in Kill Devil Hills to construct 9 to 12 housing units.

However, the foundation is \$1 million short for project funding.

Outten recommended using the county’s fund balance. “The County has sufficient funds in Fund Balance to move necessary funds,” wrote Outten in the item explanation.

The board unanimously approved spending the \$1 million to build the housing. “This is money well spent,” said Outten.

Attending the meeting on behalf of the school board were Board Chairman Ron Payne and board members, Matt Brauer and Mary Ellon Ballance, and Dare Schools Superintendent Steve Basnight.

Dare commissioners allocate opioid settlement funding

Dare County commissioners allocated \$424,188 in opioid settlement funds for Fiscal Year 2024 in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the State of North Carolina and Dare County and local governments participating in the settlement agreement.

The resolution allocates the funding through four authorized strategies and includes the amount authorized, description of the program, project or activity and the provider. The time period for use of funds is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

First Strategy: Recovery Support Services. \$64,188 for post-overdose response coordinator through Dare County Health and Human Services

Second Strategy: Evidence-based Addiction Treatment. \$50,000 for tuition for treatment fees for providers Changing Tides Addition Center and Dare Challenge Addition Center.

Third Strategy: Criminal Justice Diversion. \$100,000 for Recovery Court Coordinator through Dare County and North Carolina Courts

Fourth Strategy: Criminal Justice Diversion. \$50,000 for linking jail population to resources needed, counseling services, co-pays, entry fees, rehab costs, clothing, med assistance and healthcare through Dare County Detention Center.

Fifth Strategy: Naloxone Distribution. \$150,000 for supply of Naloxone and Fentanyl test strips to the community through Dare County Health and Human Services.

Sixth Strategy: Recovery Support Services. \$50,000 for addressing community recovery supports for transportation assistance to recovery groups, counseling appointments, rehab, food, clothing, healthcare needs and medications through Dare County Health and Human Services

Two-car collision with multiple injuries in Frisco

On Saturday, July 15, 2023, a two-car collision occurred on NC 12 near Frisco Mini Golf and Go Karts.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol responded to the wreck about 11:13 p.m.

David Godinez, 34, of Woodbridge, Va., was travelling north in 2019 Toyota Tacoma on NC 12. He crossed the centerline to pass a slower vehicle in front of him. He collided head on into Sarah Dobbin, 42, from Wilmington, N.C., who was traveling south on NC 12. She was driving 2012 Honda CRV, reported The Coastland Times.

After the collision, Godinez fled the scene on foot leaving behind his two sons, ages 11 and 13, reports the State Highway Patrol.

Riding in the Dobbin vehicle were three passengers, two 11 year-olds and one age 8.

Dare County Emergency Medical Services responded. Dare MedFlight flew one person from the scene to a Norfolk hospital. Another person was transported to The Outer Banks Hospital and flown by Nightingale to a Norfolk-based hospital. Two people were transported to The Outer Banks Hospital for medical treatment, reported The Coastland Times.

David Godinez made contact with the State Highway Patrol on July 18. He was arrested on the following charges: four counts of Felony Serious Injury by Vehicle; Felony Negligent Child Abuse-Serious Bodily injury; Felony Hit and Run; and three Misdemeanor charges including Child Abuse, Driving While Impaired, and Speeding

On Friday afternoon, July 21, Godinez remained in custody in the Dare County Detention Center under a \$275,000 bond.

Passenger ferry between Hatteras and Ocracoke now operating

The Ocracoke Express Passenger Ferry resumed passenger ferry operations on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

The initial July 6 suspension of service was due to a problem with the starboard hydraulic steering pump.

The Ocracoke Express passenger ferry departs from Hatteras ferry terminal at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Departures from Ocracoke Silver Lake Terminal are scheduled for 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The vessel owned by the state and launched in 2022 is a 100-passenger, catamaran-style ferry with 96 interior seats, an upper deck with 26 additional seats, two wheelchair tie-downs, 16 bicycle racks, wireless internet access, and a concession area, reports the Island Free Press.

Congratulations

Dare County Deputy Sheriff Aaron Felton was recognized with a service pin presentation at the Dare County Board of Commissioners meeting Monday, July 17, 2023 for 25 years of service. For the last 10 years, Deputy Felton has served as the School Resource Officer at Cape Hatteras Elementary School.

Sheriff Doug Doughtie made the presentation and said about Felton, “he’s a good guy and loves kids.”

Dare County announced that William Nash is now the Public Utility Director for the Dare County Water Department. Nash served as assistant director for the last four years and was promoted on the retirement of long-time director Pat Irwin.

Tourism Board grant applications deadlines spelled out

The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau will be accepting the following Grant applications for its next award cycles. Only Dare County non-profits and governmental units are eligible to apply.

Event Grant Applications accepted August 1 through 15. This grant program is to help create events that drive overnight visitation to the Outer Banks in less than peak months, which are September 7 to June 15

Tourism Impact Grant applications accepted September 1 through September 30. This grant is designed to help Governmental Units and Nonprofit organizations located in Dare County with programs or services needed due to the impact of tourism. These grants are disbursed on a reimbursement basis. Awards over \$50,000 require a match. All Tourism Impact Grant applicants must contact the Grant Administrator prior to submitting an application to describe the project and determine eligibility.

Dare commissioners will hold hearing on special use permit for cluster housing in Avon, August 7.

The commissioners will conduct a Quasi-Judicial Hearing at 9 a.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable on Special Use Permit application 5-2023 submitted by William David Stowe for a Cluster Home Group Development on Parcel 014690002 in Avon. Copies of the site plan can be obtained from the Dare County Planning Department. If you have questions or comments call 252-475-5873 or email noah dot Gillam at dare n c dot gov.

Bids for Lighthouse pathway

The National Park Service is accepting bids on a federal government contract to construct a paved multi-use pathway from the intersection of N.C. Highway 12 and Lighthouse Road in Buxton to the Cape Hatteras Light Station. Interested businesses have until 4 o’clock, on August 21 to submit bids via the System for Award Management website.

A site visit for interested contractors is set for Tuesday, August 8 from 11 to 1.

The project, called Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Road Trail, is to construct about a one and quarter mile multi-use pathway running parallel to Lighthouse Road in Buxton and along the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse’s move path toward the current location of the Cape Hatteras Light Station. The project will also integrate several locations for educational exhibits and rest areas along the pathway.

For questions on this contract solicitation, contact Damon Griffin at [damon underscore griffin at nps dot gov](mailto:damon_underscore_griffin@nps.gov)

Noted:

Hatteras Island's legendary educator and surfer Ray Gray, who passed away in April 2023, was honored at this year's Surfing for Autism event as the recipient of the Eric Gardner Memorial Award.

The award, which is given to a Surfing for Autism volunteer who has made an impact on the organization, was presented to Gray's partner of 24 years, Paulette Boyden, at the event's annual banquet on Friday evening, July 14.

Gray was a lifelong educator, serving as a tennis coach, science teacher, assistant principal, and elementary school principal on his native Hatteras Island. He was also locally famous as an avid surfer, enjoying sessions on the north side of the first jetty in Buxton, named "Ray's Rights." Ray's greatest joy was helping to support and educate children on Hatteras Island and miles beyond and it was this skill set that brightened the annual Surfing for Autism event since its inception.

About hurricane preparation

The Special Medical Needs Registry is a list of individuals throughout the county who require assistance with medical care and/or personal care during an evacuation for a hurricane or while sheltering during a storm due to any physical and/or mental impairments those individuals may have.

The Special Medical Needs Registry is updated and maintained by the Dare County Department of Health & Human Services Social Services Division, whose staff works diligently to ensure that these individuals are properly assisted before, during and after a storm.

For more information about Dare County's Special Medical Needs Registry, visit darenc.gov/SpecialNeeds or call the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services at 252-475-5500 and ask for Beth Bradley or Adult Services.

Be safe out there. Thanks for listening to this community radio station. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly News Summary for July 16, 2023.**Look for weather flags at the Hatteras Weather Bureau Station**

"There it is," proclaimed Hatteras villager Bruce Ballance.

On Monday, July 10, 2023, the Ballance "dream" of a new village weather tower came true.

A replica of a coastal warning display tower is now in place at the U.S. Weather Bureau Station in Hatteras village. The new tower rests on the footings for the first one erected.

The tower, sometimes called a storm signal tower or the weather tower, was part of an early network to warn ships of hurricanes.

Ballance and Ernie Foster were two Hatteras villagers who spoke to the crowd gathered for the first flag raising.

D.M. Gray III was the last paid person to raise the weather flags. On Monday, he walked to the tower, grabbed the line, and raised a square, white flag, indicating “fair” weather.

Speaking at the ceremony were David Hallac, Superintendent, National Parks of Eastern North Carolina; Danny Couch, Dare County Commissioner, Hatteras Island; Jessica Barnes, Director, Outer Banks Forever; Lee Nettles, Executive Director, Outer Banks Visitors Bureau; Erik Heden, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service-Newport/Morehead City.

The project was locally driven, said Jessica Barnes, Director of Outer Banks Forever, the official non-profit partner for the three national parks in Dare County.

Lee Nettles, Executive Director, Outer Banks Visitors Bureau, said the weather tower project was about building community.

Outer Banks Forever and the Visitors Bureau/Dare County Tourism Board combined to fund the project. Outer Banks Forever asked for a \$34,595 Tourism Impact Grant, which was granted.

Outer Banks Forever made the project happen.

The final bill from contractor Hoosier Windmills LLC was \$39,875. Outer Banks Forever will pay the difference between the grant and the bill, \$5,280. The National Park Service purchased the weather flags which will be raised each day. That bill was \$300.

David Hallac led off the comments with a review of the station’s history. The building was originally constructed in 1901 and through its existence has hosted a variety of uses. It currently serves as a welcome center operated by The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau. The center provides information on attractions, events and directions and houses historic weather information.

Beach update on special birds and sea turtles

As of July 13, 2023, the Resource Management Field Summary is showing a disappointing shorebird season on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

American oystercatchers set 43 nests. Only 2 active nests remain and both of those are on Ocracoke. Two chicks are on the beach with one fledgling.

Colonial waterbirds show 315 active nests with 27 chicks and no fledglings at this time.

Piping plover produced five nests on the seashore. None are active. No chicks or fledglings were produced.

Wilson’s plover had no nests at all.

As of July 15, 2023, national seashore workers have counted 226 nests, with 210 loggerhead sea turtle nests, 12 green turtle nests, three Kemp’s Ridley nests and one leatherback.

Last year, sea turtle nests totaled 379.

Real estate sector continues decline

The business news this week focuses on the first half of the calendar year.

Residential indicators through June of this year versus the first half of 2023 show a dominant trend of general market decline.

All major indicators with the exception of the selling price posted significantly negative results.

The median sale price of houses was \$572,500 down almost 8 percent from January through June of last year.

The supply of houses for sale has been in the 70 to 80 range. Properties under contract to be sold were down about 30 percent during the first half of the year with an average of about 40 houses per month being scheduled for closing.

The undeveloped lot market once again reported mixed results. The number of properties for sale and those that were sold were substantially less than during the January through June timeframe in 2022.

The number of lots under contract through June showed a slight improvement and the median sale price of lots recorded a 16 percent increase.

Business correspondent Tom Hranicka writes “as long as the supply of houses for sale is limited, prices can be expected to remain elevated.”

Cluster housing proposed for Avon

On July 6, the Dare County Planning Board forwarded a cluster home group development project to the County Commissioners.

The proposed project is slated for 1 and a half acres off Old Main Road in Avon.

The proposal calls for seven two-bedroom houses with each having 900 square feet.

The proposed project is expected to be on the commissioners meeting agenda on August 7.

Passenger Ferry not operating

Last week, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Passenger Ferry did not depart from the Hatteras terminal at all. Mechanical issues are the reason for cancelling all departures.

Those with questions or for more information, call 252-996-6000.

Kite in transmission line

Last Sunday, July 9, a kite got away from its owner. The kite became entangled in the Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative’s transmission line between Avon and Buxton.

Fortunately, no one was injured.

Cooperative linemen were able to remove the kite without an island outage.

Remember this: If you ever see something entangled in the cooperative’s equipment, DO NOT touch or try to remove it yourself. It is likely energized. Immediately call 911 or our outage line 866-511-9862.

Before gearing up and letting your kite soar, remember to “Look up and live.” Check the immediate area around and above you to make sure there are no electric power lines in the immediate vicinity. Coming too close or making contact with electric lines can result in loss of electric power, serious personal injury and possibly loss of life.

Hatteras Harbor Breakwater shoaling cleared

The Island Free Press is carrying a full report of the July meeting of the Dare County Waterways Commission.

Of special note is the completion of an emergency dredging project requested by the commission and Dare County. The special purpose hopper dredge Murden cleared shoaling from the breakwater in Hatteras Harbor. The work started June 30 and concluded July 2. For more Waterways Commission action, go to Island Free Press.

Notable events this week and looking forward

Fair Haven United Methodist Church hosts vacation Bible school

Vacation Bible School starts Monday evening, July 17 and runs through Friday, July 21. The gathering takes place from 5 to 8 o'clock at the Fair Haven Church, 24240 Tradewinds Dr., Rodanthe.

At the free event, dinner and snacks will be served.

St. John United Methodist Church hosts its third annual church bazaar.

The all-day, community bazaar is set for Thursday, July 20 from 8 in the morning to 8 at night. The United Methodist Women will be selling homemade biscuits and sausage gravy in the morning, followed by barbecue at lunch, and a fish fry dinner.

Throughout the day, live music will be played along with games. A huge yard sale and silent action will take place.

The annual bazaar serves as a fundraiser toward Ret's Retreat, a new building project that will create a retreat center for local youth

The St. John United Methodist Church is located at 40336 McMullen Road in Avon village, and everyone is welcome to come visit throughout the day to join in the fun.

Day at the Docks is Sept. 16, 2023.

Organizers have issued a call for volunteers.

If you are interested, email hatteras uninterrupted at g mail dot com

Foster Parenting classes begin in September 2023

The Dare County Department of Health & Human Services will be offering Foster Parent Training classes starting Sept. 5, 2023. The 10 weekly classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. in Manteo.

Completion of these classes is one of the requirements to becoming a foster parent; other requirements will be discussed and completed during the classes.

At any given time, there are 20 to 50 children in need of foster homes in Dare County, commented Kelsey Fernandez, Foster Home Licensing Social Worker. "These children come into foster care under no fault of their own. We hope you'll consider making a difference in the life of a child by becoming a foster parent."

For more information about foster parenting, contact Kelsey Fernandez at 252-475-5524 or Kelsey.Fernandez@darenc.gov to register for the training classes.

Remember Live Like a Local. Love the Beach. Respect the Ocean.

Be safe out there. Stay well. Thanks for spending part of your afternoon with us. This is Radio Hatteras.

Weekly news summary for Sunday, July 2, 2023.

On Saturday afternoon, the National Weather Service in Morehead City warned of dangerous heat index values through Wednesday. The combination of high temperatures and humidity

brings about heat index values from 96 to 98 degrees on Hatteras Island. On the Mainland, the heat index will reach into the hundreds.

The worst of the heat is forecast for Monday afternoon.

New weather tower installed at Weather Bureau in Hatteras village

A coastal warning display tower (weather tower) was recently installed at the U.S. Weather Bureau Station in Hatteras village, thanks to Cape Hatteras National Seashore's philanthropic partner, Outer Banks Forever, and the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau.

A short ceremony to celebrate the return of the weather tower and several other site improvements is scheduled for 11 o'clock, Monday morning, July 10 at the U.S. Weather Bureau Station in the center of Hatteras village.

The U.S. Weather Bureau, predecessor to the modern-day National Weather Service, established several weather stations and observation posts in North Carolina as part of a national network of weather stations throughout the late-1800s and early-1900s. Construction of the weather station in Hatteras was completed in 1901 and commissioning occurred on Jan. 1, 1902.

In the absence of modern early warning systems, weather stations like the one in Hatteras helped predict rough seas and severe weather. Weather observers often had just hours or minutes to warn residents of approaching storms using flags flown from the weather tower, and sirens.

The new weather tower in Hatteras replaces a tower that was removed in the 1980s after it collapsed.

The U.S. Weather Bureau Station in Hatteras, located at 57190 Kohler Road, operates as a welcome center by the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau through a partnership agreement with Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Staff from the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau plan to fly weather condition flags when the building is open to the public.

New lifeguard service now at Rodanthe Beach Access

Cape Hatteras National Seashore has partnered with Dare County to add lifeguard services at the Rodanthe Beach Access. Lifeguards will staff the location seven days a week, between 9 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon. The service started yesterday and runs through August 11.

On Hatteras Island, three beach locations have lifeguards:

- Rodanthe Beach Access, 23731 NC 12, Rodanthe
- Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Beach Access, Adjacent to the old Cape Hatteras Lighthouse site, and
- Frisco Beach Access, located just south of Frisco Village

Cape Point Closed.

On June 27, Cape Point was closed to off-road vehicles and pedestrians to protect an American Oystercatcher chick and least tern nests due to hatch soon.

When exiting Ramp 44, beach drivers must drive north. Pedestrians can walk along Bypass Road for just about three tenths of a mile to gain pedestrian shoreline access west of Bypass Road for about a quarter mile.

The June 29 Field Report shows one American oystercatcher chick at Cape Point, one somewhere on Hatteras Island and three on Ocracoke.

Colonial waterbirds have 49 active nests at Cape Point and 89 elsewhere on Hatteras Island.

One piping plover chick is on South Beach.

Sea turtles nests total 119 with 2 on Bodie Island, 76 on the seashore's Hatteras Island beaches, 41 on Ocracoke and 15 on Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge beaches.

Dare school board meets

Dare County's Board of Education met briefly this past week before the end of the fiscal year. On Thursday, the board adopted a series of amendments to the existing budget and approved an interim budget for the new fiscal year, which started July 1. The interim budget is a usual occurrence because the General Assembly has not adopted a state budget and is not expected to until the end of July.

Also on Thursday, system administrators attended an online Early College webinar presented by the state's Department of Public Instruction. On June 12, Dare's Board of Education agreed to send a Letter of Intent to the state avowing the system's intent to set up an Early College in Dare County.

A many-layered approval process will follow the receipt of the board's application which is due October 4. If approved, the Dare Early College may start for ninth graders in Fall 2024.

July Forth celebrations and Public Fireworks display

10th Annual Golf Cart Parade.

Hatteras Village's 4th of July celebration features the 10th Annual Golf Cart Parade, which begins at Teach's Lair Marina at 6 o'clock. Any and all golf carts are welcome, and participants are encouraged to deck out their carts with patriotic flair.

Participants can just show up at Teach's Lair Marina by 5:45 on July 4.

The Golf Cart Parade is free to enter. Spectators can watch the fun along N.C. 12 from Teach's Lair Marina to Eagle Pass Road.

Community Cookout

Hatteras village residents and visitors are also invited to come get a fresh-off-the-grill burger or hot dog at a free community cookout at the village center from 5:30 until 7:30 on July 4. Chips and drinks will also be available.

In Rodanthe, Chicamacomico Banks volunteer firefighters and water rescue people are feted with an annual appreciation cookout. Last season, Chicamacomico Banks Water Rescue pulled 164 people from the ocean.

Public Fireworks Display

The Independence Day Fireworks show in Avon is scheduled for Tuesday, July 4.

The fireworks display, permitted by and in cooperation with the National Park Service and Dare County, will begin at 9:15 from the end of the Avon Pier.

The ensuing show, orchestrated and presented by the contractor PYROTECNICO, typically lasts about 20 minutes.

The fireworks are visible all along the Avon beach.

Parking adjacent to the launch site is limited, so visitors are encouraged to walk, bike, or carpool to the closest beach access.

Visitors are advised to avoid surfing or swimming within 500 feet of the pier in any direction, as it is highly dangerous and the Dare County Fire Marshal could call off the event due to any unsafe conditions.

In 2022, people in the water near the Avon Pier caused about a 15-minute delay in the fireworks show, according to event organizers.

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.

Radio Hatteras will provide patriotic music for an hour starting at 9 o'clock. Tune to 101 point 5 FM from Buxton or 99 point 9 FM broadcasting from Rodanthe.

Don't blow it this 4th of July; leave the lighting to the pros. Except for permitted public displays, fireworks are illegal on Hatteras Island.

Red snapper season announced

The state's Division of Marine Fisheries will collect Red Snapper carcasses from recreational fishermen during the July 14 through 15 Red Snapper mini-season.

The year-round freezer locations on Hatteras Island are Oden's Dock in Hatteras and Frisco Rod and Gun, Frisco.

Anglers may keep one fish per person per day. No minimum or maximum size limit is set.

The commercial Red Snapper season will open at 12:01 July 10, 2023, with a 75-pound gutted weight trip limit. The season will close at 12:01, January 1, 2024, or when the commercial quota is met (whichever comes first).

Recreational flounder season set

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries has announced that the 2023 recreational flounder season will open at 12:01 in the morning September 15 and close at 11:59 at night September 29.

That's a 15 day season.

The season opens with a creel limit of one per day and a 15-inch total length minimum size, which apply to both the recreational hook-and-line and gig fisheries.

Harvest of flounder with a Recreational Commercial Gear License is prohibited.

The commercial southern flounder seasons will be announced separately.

Community Markets

Three community markets are operating this season. All markets feature a variety of local artists and crafters.

Tuesdays, Avon Farmers Market from 9 to 1 located next to the Vacasa office along NC 12.

The market has regional farmers. Runs through September 12. On Facebook at Avon farmers market

Wednesdays, Tri Villages Market from 9 to 1 located at the Camp Hatteras Conference Center in Waves (and/or outside on the soundside lawn),

The event is held rain or shine, thanks to Camp Hatteras' indoor conference center.

Thursdays, Old Trent Market, 9 to 2 in front of Frisco Woods Campground in Frisco

Stays open into the fall. On Facebook under FriscoWoods.

On Wednesday, July 5, at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building, a Dare County Pop-up library will set up. Come browse, get a library card, check out a book, talk to librarians from 10 to noon.

Free meals for all children 18 and younger are offered Monday through Thursday at Cape Hatteras Elementary School from 11:30 to noon. All meal must be eaten on site. Breakfast runs from 7:30 to 8 in the morning. The service runs through July 27.

Always check beach conditions:

Go to Love the Beach Respect The Ocean dot com for daily beach condition reports.

Type in O B X BEACH CONDITIONS to 77295 to register for daily Dare County beach condition text alerts.

Or visit Weather dot gov slash beach slash m h x and click the umbrella closest to your location to view a condition report.

Don't blow it this 4th of July; leave the lighting to the pros!

The best way to stay safe this July 4th weekend is to attend public fireworks displays put on by trained professionals. Avoid use of consumer fireworks, which can cause serious injury, burns, damage due to their unpredictability and light fires in houses and dry grasses.

On Hatteras Island, all fireworks are illegal.

Fill the holes

It is hard to imagine going to a beach and not playing in the sand. However, beach goers are digging deep holes and abandoning them. Don't do it. Fill the hole in to avoid serious injury to beachgoers, emergency response staff and sea turtles.

Now, be safe out there. Thanks so much for listening to this weekly news update.

This is Radio Hatteras.

Public Service Announcements:

9/28/2023. Insert when ready. Then at 11 a.m.

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather update.

A breach in the dune line at the Pea Island Visitor Center has been plugged. The breach happened two hours after high tide last night.

Pamlico Sound water has filled Eagle Pass Road, NC 12 at the Harbor and other areas of Hatteras Village.

A Coastal Flood Advisory is in effect until 10 tonight, an hour after high tide. One to two feet of inundation is predicted.

Beach hazards statement warns of dangerous rip current and large breaking waves in the surf zone.

Be careful out there. Love the beach. Respect the ocean. This is Radio Hatteras.

9/23/2023

Voice at 7:30 and 9 tonight and 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and Wright Brothers National Memorial are reopening all facilities, except for the Cape Point Campground, at normal times tomorrow, September 24.

Cape Point Campground is flooded and may reopen in the coming days.

Reservations and payments for camp sites at Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Oregon Inlet, Frisco and Ocracoke campgrounds can be made at www.recreation.gov.

Visitors should avoid entering the ocean until conditions improve. Check the daily beach conditions forecast at Love the beach respect the ocean dot com.

Beach drivers should use caution, particularly around the hours of high tide, if attempting to travel along off-road vehicle routes on Hatteras and Ocracoke islands.

9/23/2023.

Voice at 6:40 or there about, 7, 7:45 and 9 p.m., Sept. 23, 2023.

This is Radio Hatteras with an early evening storm update.

Ophelia has crossed into southeastern Virginia.

Tropical storm conditions are occurring over coastal Outer Banks.

Ophelia is located 50 miles south of Richmond. Maximum sustained winds are 40 miles per hour. The system is travelling north at 12 miles per hour.

A Storm Surge Warning is in effect for Hatteras Inlet north to Duck.

A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for Ocracoke Inlet to Fenwick Island, Delaware and Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds

At 5 o'clock, the center of Tropical Storm Ophelia is moving toward the north near 12 miles per hour.

Maximum sustained winds are near 40 miles per hour with higher gusts. Additional weakening is expected, and Ophelia is likely to become a post-tropical cyclone tomorrow.

A WeatherFlow station in Pamlico Sound recently reported a sustained wind of 37 with a gust up to 43 miles per hour.

The water could reach heights above ground somewhere if the peak surge occurs at the time of high tide. Hatteras Inlet to Duck 2 to 4 feet and Albemarle and Pamlico Sound 1 to 2 feet.

Tropical storm conditions will continue to affect portions of the coast of North Carolina and southeastern Virginia within the warning area through this evening.

Ophelia is expected to produce additional rainfall through Sunday night:

Now, the prediction that Pamlico Sound water will be pushed to the north is true. As the wind blows, more water pushes into low places on the soundside. Considerable water is on NC 12 at Brick Creek, which is in Salvo. NC 12 has now been closed with a detour through Colony at Salvo set up.

Water is creeping up from the sound into yards in Rodanthe. The prediction is 2 to 4 feet above ground level.

Dare County sheriff deputies have reported that NC 12 north of the Rodanthe Bridge has a foot of water on both sides of NC 12.

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

9/22/2023: Insert at 7:10 or after Liz's night sky announcement, 7:30 and 9.

This is Radio Hatteras with an early evening storm update.

Ophelia is about 165 miles south southwest of Cape Hatteras.

Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunters indicate that maximum sustained winds have increased to near 70 miles per hour with higher gusts. Little change in strength is forecast before landfall along the coast of North Carolina. Weakening is expected after landfall through the rest of the weekend.

Ophelia is moving toward the north-northwest near 13 miles per hour. This general motion is expected to continue during the next day.

A Hurricane Watch has been issued for the coast of North Carolina from north of Surf City to Ocracoke Inlet.

A Storm Surge Warning, Storm Surge Watch, Tropical Storm Warning are in effect for Hatteras Island or Pamlico Sound.

Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 275 miles from the center. A NOAA C-MAN station at Cape Lookout recently reported a sustained wind of 46 mph and a gust of 61 mph.

Wind is North Northeast in Rodanthe. It's blowing 37 miles per hour with gust to 47.

In Frisco, the wind is from the East at 22 miles per hour with gust to 43.

The combination of a dangerous storm surge and the tide will cause normally dry areas near the coast to be flooded by rising waters moving inland from the shoreline. The water could reach the 2 to 4 feet above ground somewhere in the indicated areas if the peak surge occurs at the time of high tide.

Ophelia is expected to produce 3 to 5 inches of rainfall in portions of eastern North Carolina with isolated higher totals around 7 inches into Sunday morning.

And, a side note. Governor Roy Cooper signed a State of Emergency in preparation for impacts from Ophelia. The Executive Order waives transportation regulations pertaining to the movement of livestock and agricultural products.

Stay safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 3 or shortly thereafter and 4, Sept. 22, 2023

This is Radio Hatteras with an early afternoon weather update.

The cyclone has become Tropical Storm Ophelia At 2 o'clock, Ophelia was about 185 miles south of Cape Hatteras.

Maximum sustained winds are 60 miles per hour. Tropical storm winds extend outward 275 miles.

A Storm Surge Warning is in effect. There is a danger of life-threatening inundation, from rising water moving inland from the coastline, during the next 36 hours.

A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect signaling conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area.

Present movement is north northwest at 12 miles per hour.

This general motion is expected to continue during the next day or so, followed by a slight turn toward the north. On the forecast track, the center of Ophelia will approach the coast of North Carolina tonight, and then move across eastern North Carolina, southeastern Virginia, and the Delmarva Peninsula Saturday and Sunday.

Remain well away from life-threatening surge having possible significant impacts.

Potential impacts from flooding rain are unfolding across eastern North Carolina now. Remain well guarded against life-threatening flood waters having possible extensive impacts.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

9/21/2023. Insert sometime before 8 and again at 9 and 10.

This is Radio Hatteras with a Thursday evening storm report.

A tropical storm warning and storm surge watch are in effect for all of Hatteras Island.

Tropical storm force wind could come as early as Friday morning with wind cranking up to 67 to 72 miles per hour Friday afternoon until Saturday evening.

Peak Storm Surge Inundation is for two to four feet above ground through Saturday afternoon. Potential exists for rapid water level rises on soundside Saturday or Saturday evening.

Rainfall amounts of 3 to 6 inches are possible.

The storm is about 420 miles south of Buxton with winds of 35 miles per hour. The system is moving north at 8 miles per hour.

On the beaches, dangerous rip currents and large breaking waves of 7 to 12 feet are expected in the surf zone.

A flood watch is also in effect from Friday morning through Saturday evening. Flash flooding caused by excessive rainfall is possible.

The local weather service in Newport/Morehead City repeats that uncertainty in track, size and intensity exists in its storm forecast.

Prepare now. This is Radio Hatteras

9/21/2023. Insert before 8 o'clock and again at 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.

This is Radio Hatteras with Storm Announcements on Thursday evening.

All Dare County Schools will have a remote learning day Friday, September 22.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Oregon Inlet, Cape Point, Frisco and Ocracoke campgrounds will close at Noon, Friday, September 22. The campgrounds will reopen once post-storm assessments are completed.

Additional seashore visitor facilities may close ahead of severe weather impacts.

For weather-related operational status updates for Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and Wright Brothers National Memorial, visit [go dot nps dot gov slash obx storms](http://go.dot.nps.gov/obx/storms).

Road, Ferry and Beach Travel

Hazardous conditions may exist tomorrow into the weekend along N.C. Highway 12 at the following locations:

--between the villages of Hatteras and Frisco

--along the northern boundary of Buxton and along Ocean View Drive in Avon

--along N.C. Highway 12, old N.C. Highway 12 and several side streets in northern Rodanthe

and between the Pea Island Visitor Center and Oregon Inlet bridge

Ferry services to and from Ocracoke Island are likely to be suspended for periods of time. Call 252-996-6000 or 6001 for current information.

Beach driving is not recommended over the next few days, particularly around the morning and evening high tides.

Due to the high risk for life-threatening rip currents and dangerous shorebreak, Cape Hatteras National Seashore urges visitors to avoid entering the ocean until conditions improve. View the daily beach conditions forecast at [love the beach respect the ocean dot com](http://love.the.beach.respect.the.ocean.com)

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert now, then 2, 3, 4, Sept. 21, 2023.

Very stormy weather on the way for Hatteras Island and Dare County

At 11:30 Thursday morning, the National Weather Service issued a local advisory about Potential Tropical Cyclone 16 impacting eastern North Carolina, including Hatteras Island.

A tropical storm warning and storm surge watch are in effect for all of Dare County and other counties.

The system is about 420 miles south of Morehead City with 35 mile per hour winds and moving north at nine miles per hour.

The impacts really, really depend on the track of the system, the center of which is not fully formed yet.

Life threatening storm surge is possible across all coastal areas. Surge is estimated at two to four feet. The impact map shows both ocean and sound sides of Hatteras Island for storm surge.

Tropical storm force winds could start impacting portions of eastern North Carolina by early Friday morning with strong winds continuing through Saturday. Maximum wind speeds estimated at 72 miles per hour in Rodanthe and 67 miles per hour in Frisco.

Heavy rain bands could produce localized rainfall amounts of four to six inches along Hatteras Island.

Isolated tornadoes could produce locally significant damage mainly across the Inner and Outer Banks and Down East Carteret County.

Dangerous marine conditions are also expected with very dangerous surf conditions along the beaches.

The timing for this storm is Friday through Saturday.

The next local advisory is expected at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Make preparations now. This is Radio Hatteras.

Voice at 7, 7:20, 7:45 p.m. Sept. 2.16.2023

This is Radio Hatteras with an early evening storm summary

Hatteras Island has two more high tides from Hurricane Lee. Tonight high tide is around 8:30 and tomorrow morning's is about 9.

The main concerns for Hatteras Island, says the National Weather Service, are ocean overwash and coastal flooding.

The center of still-Hurricane Lee is way off northern Virginia with 80 mile per hour winds. It's heading north at 20 miles per hour. Tropical storm force winds extend outward 345 miles.

The National Weather Service has the following notices still in effect:

A coastal flood warning until noon Saturday. Tonight winds will blow from the North with gusts to 22 miles per hour.

On Saturday winds are from the northwest with gusts to 18. Saturday night winds have shifted to the southwest with gusts to 16.

A High Surf Advisory remains in place until early Sunday morning. Large, dangerous waves are hitting Hatteras beaches. On Sunday, south winds blow. Sunday night late, a 50% change of thunderstorms visits Hatteras Island.

Tomorrow, Saturday, the Fishy 5K kicks off at 8 o'clock. Register at 7 at the Hatteras United Methodist Church. \$35 fee for charities.

There's no Day at the Docks tomorrow, but some vendors may be at Frisco Woods Campground starting at 10 in the morning.

Respect the ocean. While Lee has moved on, he left a turbulent ocean. Please stay out of the water. Rip currents are present in addition to dangerous waves.

Some salt water is on NC 12 either side of the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Slow down going through ponded water. It's the nice thing to do. It is not nice to speed through puddles spraying salt water on somebody else's vehicle.

Be kind. Stay safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 10, 11 and noon, Friday September 15, 2023.

This is Radio Hatteras with a Friday morning update on Hurricane Lee.

At 8 o'clock Friday morning, NCDOT said NC 12 was open! Hatteras Island's only highway had a little sand and some overwash, but it was very much open for travel.

This morning's high tide was around 8:30. Secondary roads like Ocean Drive and the Tradewinds Subdivision in Rodanthe and the remnant of NC 12 north of the Rodanthe Roundabout were flooded. In Avon, the morning's high tide was pushed through the dune on Ocean View but did not top the sandy barrier. Water was under oceanfront houses.

Crews from Manteo were working on the "Secondaries,"

The impacts of Hurricane Lee are not over. High tide tonight and again Saturday morning will come from different directions.

Now, the Fishy 5K will be run tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 16. It is usually the second event of Day at the Docks, but that 2023 event has been cancelled.

Sign up from 5 to 7 tonight Friday, Sept. 15 at the Hatteras United Methodist Church or a 7 in the morning at the church.

The Fishy 5k starts and ends at Hatteras United Methodist Church. The route loops through historic Hatteras Village. Runners and walkers of all skill levels welcome! The Fishy 5k will begin at 8 am. Entry fee is \$35.

Stay safe. Respect the Ocean. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 6:15, 7:15, 7:45 p.m. on September 14, 2023

This is Radio Hatteras with an early evening storm report.

Impacts from Hurricane Lee will increase, says the National Weather Service.

The National Hurricane Center predicts that the center Hurricane Lee will be past North Carolina by 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The intensity of the storm has dropped. Wind speed at 5 o'clock was 85 miles per hour. The storm was moving north at 15 miles per hour.

The Coastal Flood Warning is in effect until noon on Saturday. Some 2 to 4 feet of inundation is expected. This will likely affect some portion of NC 12.

High Tide is around 8 o'clock tonight. Several places on the island have already experienced some overwash.

A high surf advisory is in place until early Sunday morning. Large breaking, life-threatening waves are hitting Hatteras Island beaches.

Beach hazards are numerous, including dangerous rip currents, beach erosion and strong longshore currents.

Gale Force winds are predicted on the open seas.

Maximum wind gusts are predicted to be 38 miles per hour in Rodanthe and 36 in Frisco.

Because of the weather and possible overwash of NC 12, Day at the Docks for 2023 has been cancelled.

Hatteras-Ocracoke Ferries have ceased operations due to adverse weather conditions.

Also, Hatteras Island Community Emergency Response Team has cancelled its work day set for Saturday.

The team is working on mobile trailers equipped with Wi-Fi to use in case the island cable is cut again.

Thanks Hatteras Island CERT!

Be safe out there. Respect the ocean. This is Radio Hatteras.

9/13/2023

Insert at 11, 12, 1, 2.

This is Radio Hatteras with a storm update.

The National Weather Service has issued a coastal flood watch for Hatteras Island.

Two to three feet of inundation above ground level is possible in low-lying areas near shorelines and tidal waterways.

The flood watch is in place from Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning.

A high surf advisory is in place until Saturday night. The weather service says large breaking waves 8 to 12 feet in the surf zone are possible.

Dangerous rip currents are present.

Public agencies and this community radio station urge all beachgoers to stay out of ocean waters.

Be safe. Respect the ocean! This is Radio Hatteras.

Inserted a little after 4 a.m., Aug. 31, 2023

6:30 a.m., Aug. 31, 2023

Insert 6:30 a.m. Aug. 31, 2023

Morning folks. This is Radio Hatteras with a storm update.

Hatteras Island is under a flash flood warning. Already four inches of rain have been measured at Frisco.

The National Weather Service says additional rainfall of 3 to 6 inches is possible. Turn around. Don't drown.

Here's the NC 12 report from the Dare County Sheriff's Office issued just past 5:30 this morning:

Oregon Inlet: About 2 inches of rain water are across both lanes of NC 12 just north of the Oregon Inlet Campground.

Pea Island: From Pea Island to the Marc Basnight Bridge, NC 12 is clear, but there is limited visibility due to blowing sand.

Buxton: Both directions of NC 12 are covered in sand, the first half mile north of Buxton.

Hatteras: Most of Hatteras Village has accumulated rain water on NC 12. About 8 inches of water are on the road in the area of Village Marina.

In Frisco at 6 o'clock, the wind was blowing 24 miles per hour from the southwest, gusting to 33 miles per hour.

NCDOT has suspended vehicle ferry service on the Hatteras-Ocracoke route. Operations will resume when it is safe to do so.

Please be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Inserted 8:30, Aug. 31,2023

This is Radio Hatteras with a morning storm update.

NCDOT reports that "NC 12 is open and passable. But this is NOT a day to get out on the roads. Standing rainwater, blowing sand and strong winds can be expected anywhere you go today.

High tide at Hatteras Inlet is 9:20 this morning. NCDOT says if you must drive today, do so with EXTREME CAUTION.

At Frisco, in the last five hours, 4 and a half inches of rain have been measured.

In Buxton, two and half inches of rain were reported by Dare County.

National Weather Service is predicting that the maximum wind gusts will be 49 miles per hour on Hatteras Island.

Dare Sheriff's deputies report that standing water in Hatteras village stands 88 inches in the area of Village Marina and, between Hatteras and Frisco at Sandy Bay the water stands between five and 10 inches deep.

Insert at 8:45, Aug. 31, 2023

This is Radio Hatteras with a storm report from Rodanthe.

Highest wind gust is 55 miles per hour.

About 3 and a half inches of rain has fallen today in Rodanthe.

Pamlico Sound waters have been pushed away from the sound's shoreline in Rodanthe. Since midnight, the wind has blown from the northeast or north northeast.

NC 12 and all side roads in the villages of Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo have standing water, reports Chicamacomico Banks fire chief.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 10:45 a.m., Aug. 31, 2023

This is Radio Hatteras with a mid-morning storm report.

State Transportation Department workers in big yellow machines are clearing NC 12 and working to shore up protective dunes.

If you must go out, be aware that the crews are working on the roads. Slow down and give the workers room to work.

It continues to rain on Hatteras Island.

In Frisco, by 8 o'clock 5 inches of rain had accumulated. At 9 o'clock, another six tenths of rain was added. By 10, the total rose by almost seven tenths. So from midnight, to 10 o'clock, 6 and three tenths inches of rain were recorded.

In Frisco, the wind was northeast at 24 miles per hour with gusts to 44.

Stay safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras

Insert at 2 p.m., Aug. 31, 2023.

This is Radio Hatteras with a Thursday afternoon storm update.

At 12:14 Thursday, the National Weather Service declared the heaviest rain had moved out of the area. Only light rain is forecast for the rest of the day.

The core of the strongest winds is over the Sounds and Coastal Waters, and will slowly move east of the area by late today. The National Weather Service remains concerned with elevated water levels, peaking through this evening in some areas, and remaining high through Friday night.

Rain water clogs the roadways. NCDOT reports no ocean overwash this morning.

Dare County Emergency Manager Drew Pearson writes that lots of standing rainwater is left on most roads with significant coverage of roads on Hatteras Island. It will take some time for the water drain off so please exercise caution if travel is needed," says Pearson.

NCDOT crews, as always, are on top of things. Give them a break and slow down where they are working. In addition to pushing sand and battling rain water, NCDOT crews are confronting high winds.

At Oregon Inlet, wind was clocked at 70 miles per hour this morning.

In Frisco at 1 this afternoon, wind was measured at 18 miles per hour from the northeast with gusts to 35 miles per hour. The temperature was 75 degrees.

Looking ahead, high tide this evening will be higher than this morning. Elevated water levels through multiple tides into Saturday morning are predicted.

Dare County sheriff's deputies report all roads in Dare County on Roanoke Island and the Beach are clear and passable. NC 12 remains open.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Voiced at 7:50 p.m. 8.30.23., Aug. 30, 2023

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather update.

In Buxton right now, it is hot and humid. It is not raining.

Idalia is now a tropical storm and is expected to remain so.

Currently, the storm is around Savannah Georgia. It is expected to move just off the coast of North Carolina on Thursday morning.

A Tropical Storm warning and Coastal Flood watch are in effect for Hatteras Island.

Heavy rain bands are embedded in the storm system. Four to six inches of rain is predicted for Hatteras Island.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Voice this at 9:15 p.m., Aug. 30, 2023

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather update.

The National Weather Service has issued a Tornado Watch for eight coastal counties, including Dare County.

The watch is in effect for the next seven hours, until 4 o'clock Thursday morning.

The National Weather Service has pointed out that Hatteras Island and other coastal locations have the greatest potential for significant flooding through Thursday. Driving conditions will become dangerous.

The current rain total prediction is now 8 to 10 inches in Rodanthe and 6 to 8 inches in Frisco.

Peak storm surge for Hatteras Island's east facing beaches is 2 to 3 feet. For Buxton to Hatteras village, it is one to 3 feet.

Maximum wind gusts are predicted to be 52 miles per hour in Rodanthe and 54 miles per hour in Frisco.

Remember, Hatteras Island's students will attend school remotely on Thursday and will have no school on Friday and Labor Day Monday.

All facilities of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore are closed Thursday. Campgrounds were emptied on Wednesday.

At 8:45 tonight in Buxton, some drizzle was coming down.

Stay safe. This is Radio Hatteras.

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather update at 11(Aug. 30, 2023)

At 11 o'clock tonight, it's still hot and muggy and not raining in Buxton.

Tropical Storm Idalia is about 15 miles Northwest of Charleston South Carolina.

The storm is moving northeast at 21 miles per hour. It will continue to move in that direction.

On a happy note, for the first time in decades, a tropical storm flag flew at the Hatteras weather bureau station in Hatteras village.

Stay safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Aug. 27, 2023 p.m.

Voice at 7 and 7:30 p.m. and that's all for tonight.

This is Radio Hatteras with a Sunday evening storm update.

The National Weather Service is tracking two storms for eastern North Carolina.

Hurricane Franklin will produce prolonged dangerous rip current and surf conditions and beach erosion that will start Monday and last through the week. Localized ocean overwash is possible along with heavy rain.

On Tuesday, Idalia (ee DAHL yuh) is forecast to become a Hurricane with a track into the northeast Gulf Coast. Tropical storm conditions may be felt here as early as Wednesday night but for sure on Thursday during the day.

Potential rainfall for Hatteras Island from Monday through Friday this week is four to six inches
Prepare now and be careful out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert at 6 p.m., August 13 .

This is Radio Hatteras with a hot weather update.

The National Weather Service's Heat Advisory remains in place until 8 o'clock this evening. The service has posted another heat advisory for Monday, from 11 o'clock in the morning to 8 o'clock at night.

On Sunday, around 11 o'clock, the heat index value in Frisco hit 102 degrees and increased to 106 degrees around 4 o'clock.

These hot temperatures and high humidity may cause heat related illnesses.

Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors. Young children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances.

Stay safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Broadcast at 11 a.m. and 12:30, Aug. 9, 2023

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather announcement for Thursday, August 9.

The National Weather Service reports an evolving weather event is coming toward eastern North Carolina.

Two rounds of thunderstorms are possible today. The first round will move through late morning or early afternoon, and may be marginally severe.

The second round may move through late afternoon through early evening, and could produce significant damaging winds, large hail, and a few tornadoes.

On Hatteras Island's south-facing beaches, a high risk of rip currents has been posted for south of Cape Hatteras and the beaches in Frisco, Hatteras village and Ocracoke. Swimming is not recommended. On

Hatteras Island east-facing beaches, a low rip current risk is in place for Pea Island, Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon and Buxton. Remember low risk does not mean no risk.

Be careful out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Heat Advisory 7.28-29.2023

Insert 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, July 27 and 28

This is Radio Hatteras with a heat alert.

The National Weather Service has issued a Heat Advisory for today, Friday, July 27 and through to Saturday evening, July 28, until 7 o'clock.

Heat Index values could reach 109 degrees. Temperatures are expected to peak between Noon and 3 o'clock both days.

Hot temperatures and high humidity may cause heat illnesses to occur.

Protect yourself and loved ones. Drink plenty of water. Apply sunscreen regularly. Dress in light-weight, loose fitting and light-colored clothes.

If you are working outside, take frequent breaks in the shade or air-conditioning.

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.

Insert July 3 and July 4 at 8 and 11 a.m.

July Forth celebrations and Public Fireworks display

10th Annual Golf Cart Parade.

Hatteras Village's 4th of July celebration features the 10th Annual Golf Cart Parade, which begins at Teach's Lair Marina at 6 o'clock. Any and all golf carts are welcome, and participants are encouraged to deck out their carts with patriotic flair.

Participants can just show up at Teach's Lair Marina by 5:45 on July 4.

The Golf Cart Parade is free to enter. Spectators can watch the fun along N.C. 12 from Teach's Lair Marina to Eagle Pass Road.

Community Cookout

Hatteras village residents and visitors are also invited to come get a fresh-off-the-grill burger or hot dog at a free community cookout at the village center from 5:30 until 7:30 on July 4. Chips and drinks will also be available.

Public Fireworks Display

The Independence Day Fireworks show in Avon is scheduled for Tuesday, July 4.

The fireworks display, permitted by and in cooperation with the National Park Service and Dare County, will begin at 9:15 from the end of the Avon Pier.

The ensuing show, orchestrated and presented by the contractor PYROTECNICO, typically lasts about 20 minutes.

The fireworks are visible all along the Avon beach.

Parking adjacent to the launch site is limited, so visitors are encouraged to walk, bike, or carpool to the closest beach access.

Visitors are advised to avoid surfing or swimming within 500 feet of the pier in any direction, as it is highly dangerous and the Dare County Fire Marshal could call off the event due to any unsafe conditions. In 2022, people in the water near the Avon Pier caused about a 15-minute delay in the fireworks show, according to event organizers.

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.

Radio Hatteras will provide patriotic music for an hour starting at 9 o'clock. Tune to 101 point 5 FM from Buxton or 99 point 9 FM broadcasting from Rodanthe.

On July 3, 4 and 5 at 8 a.m.

On Wednesday, July 5, at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building, a Dare County Pop-up library will set up. Come browse, get a library card, check out a book, talk to librarians from 10 to noon.

July 2, 2023. Voice at 6 p.m.

This is Radio Hatteras with a weather update.

The National Weather Service has issued a Heat Advisory for Eastern North Carolina.

Monday is forecast to be the hottest day of the year so far.

On Hatteras, the combination of temperatures in the 90s combined with high humidity will produce heat index temperatures of 99 in Rodanthe and 102 degrees in Frisco. Inland, the heat index is consistently in the 100s.

Late Monday afternoon, most likely after 5 o'clock, severe thunderstorms may break out across portions of eastern North Carolina.

For beach conditions, go to [love the beach respect the ocean dot com](http://love.the.beach.respect.the.ocean.dot.com).

This is Radio Hatteras.