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Town Seeking Grant Funds to Construct Connector Trail in Kitty Hawk Woods Reserve

The Town of Kitty Hawk has applied for grant funding under the Division of Parks and Recreation Trails program to construct a connector trail from the Kitty Hawk Park to an existing 1.8 mile Birch Lane Trail located in the Kitty Hawk Woods Reserve.

The proposed trail connection project consists of 490 linear feet of additional trail network that will consist of a natural walking path and a 6' wide elevated boardwalk to traverse low lying areas. The proposed connector trail provides a more recognizable access point to the 1.8 mile Birch Lane Trail and also allows for the utilization of existing parking and restroom facilities at the Kitty Hawk Park.

If the Town receives grant funding, it is estimated that the project would be constructed at the beginning of 2019. The Kitty Hawk Town Council, Dare County Board of County Commissioners, Recreation Committee, and the Local Advisory Committee for the Reserve have all been supportive of the project.



COUNCIL ADOPTS FY 2018-2019 BUDGET

On June 4, 2018 the Town Council conducted a public hearing and adopted the balanced Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Operating Budget for the Town of Kitty Hawk in the amount of \$9,703,157. The fiscal year for the Town begins July 1, 2018 and runs thru June 30, 2019. The adopted budget keeps the tax rate at .34 cents per \$100 valuation and requires **no** tax increase for FY 2018/2019. The Town continues to dedicate .04 cents of the town-wide property tax to the Beach Nourishment Fund along with the additional .12 cent tax for properties located within the Municipal Service District.

The FY 2018/2019 budget focuses largely on setting aside funds for future capital projects and maintaining existing Town infrastructure. The budget provides a total of \$853,200 in capital purchases with \$345,000 earmarked for future projects. Some major capital projects funded in FY 18/19 include the construction of a Living Shoreline along Moore Shore Road, street resurfacing, and necessary capital purchases for Town Departments.

The budget continues maintaining an emergency reserve in the amount of \$3,500,000 which places the Town in a strong financial position.

In conclusion the theme of this year's budget is "Paving the Way for Future Generations". This theme was selected as a result of the Town's efforts in setting aside funds today for the benefit of future generations to come. The Mayor, Town Council, and Staff are excited about this upcoming fiscal year and continuing to make Kitty Hawk a better place to live, work, and play.

(A detailed fiscal year 2018/2019 budget can be located at www.kittyhawknk.gov)

Town Calendar

Town Council Meeting

1st Monday of each month
Next Meeting - August 6, 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Planning Board Meeting

2nd Thursday after Council Meeting
Next Meeting—July 19; 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 31; 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Town Council Meeting Broadcast, Charter Cable 191

Thursday and Sunday following the meeting—1:00 pm & 7:00 pm





LOVE THE BEACH
RESPECT THE OCEAN
#LOVETHEBEACHRESPECTTHEOCEAN

Join Notification System Providing Updated Beach Conditions by texting
“JoinOBXBeachConditions” to 30890.

Over the past several months, local officials on the Outer Banks have been working together to develop innovative ways to share beach safety information with residents and visitors. Expanding the use of social media to deliver quick, focused messages on beach hazards like rip currents, marine life, and shorebreak from a local’s perspective, was seen as a way to get information to those that need it most, individuals that may not realize the dangers associated with ocean swimming.

Using the catch phrase “Love The Beach Respect The Ocean”, CurrentTV developed video public service announcements that feature locals offering tips for staying safe while at the beach. Since Memorial Day these short videos, featuring local lifeguards, surf photographers and pro surfers, including Noah Snyder, Bo Raynor, and Quentin Turko, have been shared on social media and air on Charter Spectrum Cable encouraging everyone to “Live like a local - love the beach, respect the ocean.”

To view the PSAs, [click here](#). In addition, frequent tweets and other social media posts are shared by Dare County, the National Park Service (Cape Hatteras National Seashore), various towns, and rescue squads using the hashtag #LoveTheBeachRespectTheOcean.

Knowing that easy access to beach forecasts and conditions is often challenging, especially for Outer Banks visitors, Dare County Emergency Management explored using the County’s Alert and Notification System to send National Weather Service Alerts and beach condition reports from local ocean rescue services to anyone that wants them on their mobile device.

On July 3, Emergency Management established a text to join group allowing anyone to subscribe by simply texting “Join OBXBeachConditions” to 30890. Subscribers will receive beach related NWS Alerts issued 24 hours a day for the Outer Banks. Users will also receive condition reports posted by ocean rescue personnel.

In addition to text to join, anyone can sign up for Dare County Alerts and Notifications at www.darenc.com/emergencyalerts

KITTY HAWK POLICE Reminders

Check Out the New SUV Patrol Car



Please be aware of the
Crosswalks on NC 12 and use
caution when approaching the
crosswalks.

Remember Your 9 pm Routine

GOOD EVENING OUTER BANKSSSSSSSSSSSS!!!

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS? YES, IT'S 9 PM. TIME TO
LOCK THOSE DOORS AND TURN ON THOSE OUTSIDE LIGHTS.**





Fire Department Report

Joint Training Exercises

The Kitty Hawk Fire Department and Ocean Rescue along with Dare EMS held joint training at the Bath House to prepare for various potential emergencies occurring at the beach. This training event proved highly beneficial in reinforcing good habits and identifying areas needing improvement. Special thanks to Dare EMS for all their efforts and assistance.



In addition, Kitty Hawk Fire Department hosted a 2-day training event that established and reinforced foundational firefighting skills. A video highlighting the training event can be viewed on CurrentTV.



[To Watch Town Videos Click](#)

Kitty Hawk Ocean Rescue Report

KHOR had a great training academy with a mix of new and old guards coming together to bond as a team, learn hazards, and get certified in USLA Advanced Lifesaving and Emergency Medical Responders.



Since the start of the season through June there have been 29 emergency calls. The calls were water rescues in rip currents, spinal and medical injuries, paddle boarders and rafters pulled out to sea and a missing person on the beach.

KHOR has been actively educating Kitty Hawk Beach goers and have given ocean safety talks at Seascape Orientation meetings each Monday morning to approximately 50 people each session.

Moore Shore Road Living Shoreline Project Nearing Construction



The Town of Kitty Hawk has partnered with NC Coastal Federation, NC DOT, Dare County Soil and Water, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as well as private landowners to design a living shoreline project for Moore Shore Road. This project will help to stabilize the shoreline along Moore Shore Road and create new marsh habitat.

Over the last two years the project partners have worked to develop a design that will build resiliency in the shoreline, secured all necessary grant funds, including a significant contribution from the Town of Kitty Hawk, and acquired the necessary permission to complete the project. The project required a CAMA major permit due to the scope of the work, final approval is anticipated very soon. Construction will begin shortly after all permits and contracts are in place and is expected to be complete by the end of 2018. For more information on Living Shorelines please visit: <https://www.nccoast.org/protect-the-coast/estuarine-shorelines/>

Fire fatalities are on the rise and have doubled since this time last year. Since January 1, 2018, Eighty three North Carolinians have lost their lives to fire and many more have had life changing burn injuries.

Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

Reentry Instructions Reminder

In the event of an evacuation please be reminded on the County's reentry process.

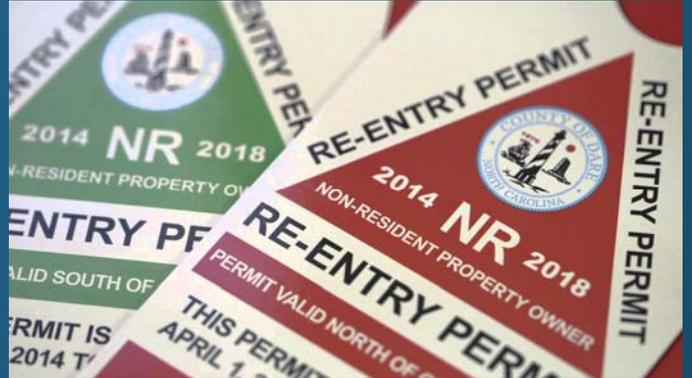
A staged reentry process will be used by the Dare County Control Group to facilitate an orderly reentry. No one will be denied entry with proper identification.

Proper Identification includes:

Driver's License with Dare County Address
Current Tax Bill or Parcel Data Sheet with

matching current government issued id (To print/view a property tax bill or parcel data sheet, visit darenc.com/gis. Search for owner's name, address, tax parcel number, street name, or subdivision. Once you have selected a property, click the tax bill icon or the parcel data sheet icon to view/print.)

Reentry Permit - Please Note: No reentry permits will be issued within 72 hours of expected landfall of a storm on the Outer Banks. Reentry passes from previous years will not be accepted.



REENTRY STAGES

Priority One: Essential Personnel Essential personnel include essential utilities personnel, government personnel, medical personnel, and damage assessment personnel. Essential personnel will receive a Priority One Critical Personnel Pass for reentry from Municipal Mayors and the Chairman of the Dare County Control Group.

Priority Two: Permanent Residents & Essential Personnel for Critical Businesses Permanent Residents will be allowed reentry with a valid NC driver's license with a local address or a current Dare County property tax bill or parcel data sheet. Non-resident essential personnel of critical businesses such as food service/supply, pharmacies, banks, gas stations, property management, building supply and hotels will be permitted reentry only with a permit.

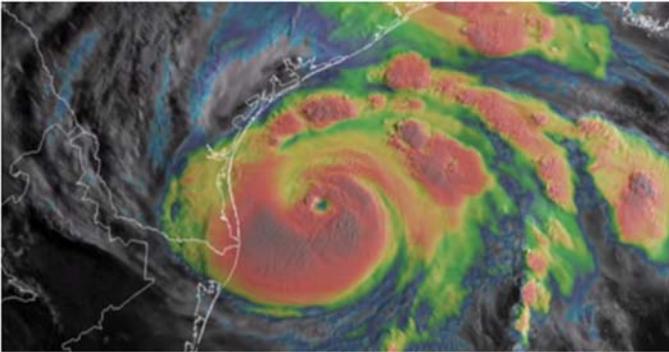
Priority Three: Non-Resident Property Owners and Non-Resident Employees of Non-Critical Businesses Reentry permits are mailed to non-resident property owners. Permits are issued one to a household based on tax registration information. There are two separate non-resident property owner permits; one for property owners North of Oregon Inlet and one for property owners South of Oregon Inlet.

NOTE: All Non-Resident Property Owner Permits (Green or Red Plastic Hanging Placards) with an April 1, 2018 expiration date remain valid until December 30, 2018. Contact Dare County Emergency Management (252.475.5655) if you are a non-resident property owner and have not received your reentry permit. Non-resident property owners can will also be allowed reentry with a current tax bill or parcel data sheet with matching current government issued id. Non-resident employees of non-critical businesses will be allowed entry with a reentry pass.

Priority Four: General Public and Visitors No reentry pass is needed for Priority Four.

For more information please visit <https://www.darenc.com/departments/emergency-management/>

Forecasters Predict A Near Or Above Normal 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season

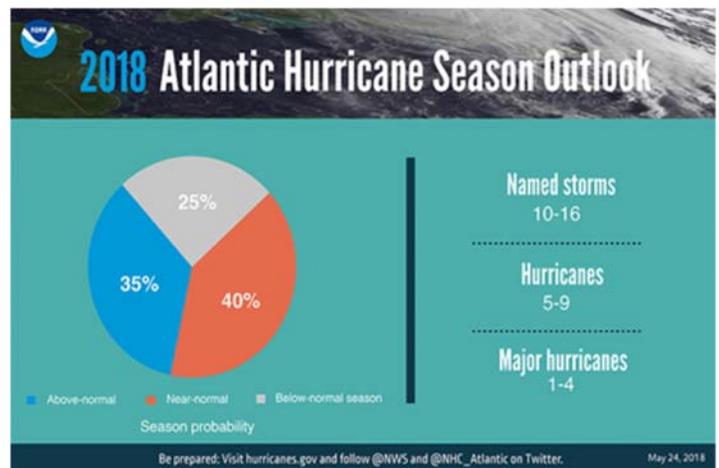


May 24, 2018- Forecasters predict a 35 percent chance of an above-normal season, a 40 percent chance of a near-normal season, and a 25 percent chance of a below-normal season for the upcoming hurricane season, which extends from June 1 to November 30.

“With the advances made in hardware and computing over the course of the last year, the ability of NOAA scientists to both predict the path of storms and warn Americans who may find themselves in harm’s way is unprecedented,” said Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. “The devastating hurricane season of 2017 demonstrated the necessity for prompt and accurate hurricane forecasts.”

The possibility of a weak El Nino developing, along with near-average sea surface temperatures across the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, are two of the factors driving this outlook. These factors are set upon a backdrop of atmospheric and oceanic conditions that are conducive to hurricane development and have been producing stronger Atlantic hurricane seasons since 1995.

NOAA’s suite of sophisticated technologies – from next-generation models and satellite data to new and improved forecast and graphical products – enable decision makers and the general public to take action before, during, and after hurricanes, helping to build a more “Weather-Ready Nation.” New tools available this year to assist in hurricane forecasts and communications include:



- ◆ NOAA’s fleet of earth-observing satellites is more robust than ever with the successful launch of the GOES-17 satellite in March. This satellite, along with the GOES-16 satellite – now GOES-East – contribute to a comprehensive picture of weather throughout the Western Hemisphere, allowing forecasters to observe storms as they develop.

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◆ The new polar-orbiting satellite, NOAA-20, will join the NOAA/NASA Suomi NPP satellite and use a suite of sophisticated instruments to gather high-resolution data from around the globe to feed NOAA's weather models, driving the 3-7 day weather forecast that is critical to preparedness and effective evacuations.

◆ The National Weather Service will run a version of the Global Forecast System (called FV3 GFS) with a new dynamic core alongside the current GFS model – often referred to as the American model – during the 2018 season. This will mark the first dynamic core upgrade to NOAA's flagship weather model in more than 35 years, representing the first step in re-engineering NOAA's models to provide the best possible science-based predictions for the nation.

◆ NOAA's hurricane-specific model – the Hurricane Weather Research and Forecast system – will be upgraded to offer greater resolution than ever before, increasing model resolution from 1.2 miles to 0.9 miles (2 km to 1.5 km) near the center of a storm. Additionally, the Hurricanes in a Multi-scale Ocean coupled Non-hydrostatic model was first implemented in 2017 and will undergo upgrades for the 2018 season to include greater resolution, new physics and coupling with ocean models.

◆ NOAA's National Hurricane Center will make the Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds graphics operational for this hurricane season. One graphic displays the “earliest reasonable” arrival time of tropical-storm-force winds, at which point further preparedness activities could be hindered. A second graphic displays the “most-likely” arrival time of tropical-storm-force winds.

"Preparing ahead of a disaster is the responsibility of all levels of government, the private sector and the public," said acting FEMA Deputy Administrator Daniel Kaniewski. "It only takes one storm to devastate a community so now is the time to prepare. Do you have adequate insurance, including flood insurance? Does your family have a communication and evacuation plan? Stay tuned to your local news and download the FEMA app to get alerts, and make sure you heed any warnings issued by local officials."

In addition to the Atlantic hurricane season outlook, NOAA also issued seasonal

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hurricane outlooks for the eastern and central Pacific basins. An 80 percent chance of a near- or above-normal season is predicted for both the eastern and central Pacific regions. The eastern Pacific outlook calls for a 70-percent probability of 14 to 20 named storms, of which 7 to 12 are expected to become hurricanes, including 3 to 7 major hurricanes. The central Pacific outlook calls for a 70-percent probability of 3 to 6 tropical cyclones, which includes tropical depressions, tropical storms and hurricanes.

NOAA will update the 2018 Atlantic seasonal outlook in early August, just prior to the peak of the season.

Article from www.noaa.gov

Visit <https://www.weather.gov/beach/mhx>

for the

**National Weather
Service Beach
Forecast**

Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage

[Weather.gov](#) > Beach > Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage

The map below is color-coded to indicate the forecast rip current risk level. Click on the beach area of your choice for more information, or click on the detailed beach forecast.

View the [product description document](#) for more information on the rip current graphic. Comments are currently being accepted.



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 Recruiting Volunteers
 Incentives Available
 Call 252-261-2666 for more
 information.***



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