

News From Southern Shores Town Hall

Friday, May 22, 2009

Town Offices Closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2009.
Town Council and Staff wishes everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day.

Town Council Meeting Tuesday, May 26, 8 AM, Pitts Center
for more information go to [Agenda](#).

American Legion Services

The American Legion will be holding Memorial Day services Monday, May 25th at the Southern Shores Cemetery at 9:00 AM. Flags will be placed at all veterans' gravesites. Many of our veterans have been awarded the Bronze, Silver and Purple Heart medals and some were prisoners of war. The Mayor and Town Manager will be in attendance and the public is urged to attend.

From the Town Manager:

CANALS MAINTNENCE DREDGING PROJECT

Please see the updates to yesterday's message in our efforts to clarify misunderstandings related to this vital project.

- **(NEW)** We previously reported that the Town has expressed interest in one site for possible purchase or lease and that the owner was unresponsive. Late Thursday afternoon, May 21st, the Town Attorney received an unsigned 20 page proposal from this entity. The document is presently under review by the Town Attorney and Town Council – further details will be provided as they develop.
- **(NEW)** The Town is exploring the viability of utilizing three (3) privately owned sites for the placement of dredge spoils one (1) of which could be permanent and two (2) that would be temporary - **discussion with those property owners continues.
- **(NEW)** Town staff including; the Town Manager, Town Engineer, and Council's assigned representative Council Member Jodi Hess, are working this issue every business day and frequently on weekends. This project holds an extremely high priority and is being handled as such.
- **(NEW)** Town Council will select and retain the services of a Project Manager as soon as it is verified that a viable project exists, e.g. once an appropriate spoils site is under contract and the state permit is certain to be issued.
- The Town was successful in overcoming the legal challenges of the State's denial of a permit to conduct the dredging.
- In pursuing its permits, the Town has and is working with fourteen (14) agencies; ten (10) State and four (4) federal.
- The Town was successful in having the US Coast Guard declare the main channel as a hazard to navigation. The fact that emergency vessels, Coast Guard and Marine

Police, are severely limited in their ability to navigate, was one of the several factors in the Town's success in its legal challenges to the State. Dredging the main channel has always been a part of the overall dredging plan.

- Every reasonable attempt has been made to keep the citizens informed regarding this project. To-date, the Town has regularly included a report on the status of this project at Town Council Meetings, information was included in previous Broadcast messages and posted on the Town's website, Town officials have made presentations at various association meetings, and formal presentations have been made by the Town Attorney, Town engineer, and the Town's Environmental Consultant. Previously state officials have also made presentations at Council Meetings - regrettably many of these meetings were poorly attended.
- The State will not allow the construction of a "sand island" to place the spoils.
- To-date, the State has not permitted a project to remove spoils by barge.
- The construction and use of a temporary spoils dewatering and transfer site is required if we are to truck the material out-of-town; it cannot simply be loaded into trucks directly from the pipe.
- Dredging contractors have declined to "bid" on the project to-date due to the uncertainty of obtaining the final permit and the Town's inability to identify a spoils location. Therefore many technical specifications, methodologies, and costs remain unknown.
- Permit conditions restrict the type of dredging to Hydraulic. Mechanical Dredging is not permitted further complicating land application and material handling.
- Filling the distal end of canal(s) is not a permissible option.
- Hydraulic dredging can be done in a classic earthen berm or into geo-bags, a more costly but less invasive process, a process that is under serious consideration.
- The Town was well represented by Council Members Jodi Hess and Jim Pfizenmayer at the May 20th SSCA meeting. Mayor Smith and Mayor Pro Tem McDonald were out-of-town at previously scheduled business engagements set before the SSCA rescheduled their meeting.

HICKORY TRAIL UPDATE

RPC completed the application of asphalt this week in "one pull". The significance being that there are no seams which are traditionally weak spots in any road surface. Additional fine grading and other finishing touches will continue next week.

E. HOLLY TRAIL UPDATE

Tree removal, relocation of certain utilities and other preparatory matters has been completed. Final work will begin next week.

Garbage Summer Schedule Starts June 1st

May 25, Memorial Day, Garbage will be picked up. Effective Monday June 1, garbage pickup will be every Monday and Friday through September. Please put your collection cans out the night before and pull them back from the curb after collection. Garbage collection begins at 3:00 AM. Garbage or recycling placed outside of or on top of the cans

cannot be collected. If you own a rental unit please be sure the above instructions are posted prominently in your cottage for guests to see. **You can pick up a refrigerator magnet at Town Hall. Remember: Roll Out/Roll In – 24!!**

Reminder: **No Recycling Pickup, Monday, May 25.** Effective June 1 recycling pickup will be every Monday through September.

Summer Lifeguard Service Begins

Surf Rescue has started life guard services along our Atlantic Ocean beaches. Lifeguard stands will be staffed at Hillcrest Drive beach and at Chicahawk Trail beach. There will also be two roaming patrols on 4-wheel ATV's. Lifeguards are on duty daily from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

- If you don't swim well, stay at shallow wading depths.
- Watch for sudden drop-offs and stay within sight of a lifeguard at a manned lifeguard stand.
- Red "No Swimming" flags are flown along the oceanfront in the summer months when conditions are determined to be too hazardous for swimming. No swimming is allowed while the red flags are being flown. Fines may be levied.
- Watch for rip currents. If caught in a rip current, don't panic or swim against the current. Swim parallel to shore until you break out of the current. Never underestimate the hazard of rip currents. ([Click here for more information](#)).
- Surfers must have a leash physically attached to their surfboard and the other end looped around the user's ankle or wrist.

Seeking Your Opinion

Let us know how you feel about banning plastic bags by [emailing](#) the Town your comments. The State Senate approved [Bill 1018](#), banning the use of most plastic shopping bags in the three northeastern coastal counties of; Dare, Currituck and Hyde. The Bill now goes to the State House for consideration.

Under the bill's provisions, merchants could no longer provide customers in the three select counties with a plastic bag unless the bag is reusable or is used to wrap unpackaged portions of fish, meat, poultry or produce. If the bill passes, retail stores could supply customers with paper bags made from recycled material. The feeling by some is that the paper bags are more costly and that additional cost will of course be passed on to the consumer. These coastal counties are among those being hit with higher insurance rates and now our grocery bills will likely increase as well.

Low Cost Rabies Clinic DOGS & CATS

For Dare County residents only, Dare County Animal Shelter, 1031 Driftwood Dr. Manteo
Monday, May 18 – Friday, May 22, 8:30 AM - 5 PM; until 7 PM on Wednesday.
COST: \$5.00 = 1 YEAR RABIES SHOT

Problem with Broadcast Email

Our email provider had some issues last couple of weeks and some may not have received their broadcast May 8th. Anytime you feel you have missed a broadcast go to the town website under [broadcast](#).

Chipping ** Last Month of Chipping until September******

The Chipper will be in Sector #4 the week of May 25 (last time until September) and your brush should be placed out by Monday morning. **DO NOT PLACE ANY MORE BRUSH OUT AFTER MONDAY MORNING.** Visit the [Town website](#) for more information on the Town Chipping Program.

****NO SCHEDULED CHIPPING IN JUNE, JULY, or AUGUST****. Persons placing their brush out for chipping during this time frame will be required to remove it from the Town's Right-of-Way. *****Failure to do so will result in the Town bringing in the chipper for an unbudgeted service and the offender will be charged at the rate of \$175 per hour for that service.**

Dates To Remember:

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- Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 26
- Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 8 AM, Pitts Center [Agenda](#)

If you need a police officer, anytime day or night, please call Central Communications at 252-473-3444. Write that number down or pick up a free sticker at Town Hall. Keep this number by your home phone and put it on your cell phone.

For more information, contact the Southern Shores Town Hall, 252-261-2394, 252-255-0876 (fax), info@southernshores-nc.gov , www.southernshores-nc.gov .

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