

From the Mayor:

HISTORIAN DAVID STICK WILL BE REMEMBERED

The Town of Southern Shores along with many others on the Outer Banks, mourn the passing of our first mayor and friend David Stick who died Sunday at the age of 89. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

CANALS MAINTENANCE DREDGING PROJECT – May 26, 2009

Your Town Council, the Town Manager, Town Staff, Town Engineer, and Council's assigned designee Council Member Jodi Hess are working on the Canals Project every business day and frequently on weekends. This project holds an extremely high priority for all of us at Town Hall and it should be a high priority for every citizen and property owner in Southern Shores as well.

The Town has been successful in overcoming the legal challenges of the State's denial of a permit to conduct the dredging as well as other challenges that have threatened this project. Unfortunately, one major challenge remains, that being the identification of a suitable dredge spoils site. The Town has been thwarted in its endeavors to find such a spot by the very people it will benefit. The Southern Shores Civic Association, Chicahawk Property Owners Association, and a vocal minority of residents have taken measures to deny the Town use of land that could serve the Town's needs.

The Town has made many attempts to inform our citizens about this project. The Town has regularly included a status report at Town Council Meetings and we've included information in Broadcast messages and posted it on the website. Town officials, including me, 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 - sadly many of these meetings were poorly attended.

It is time for the citizens of Southern Shores to come together on this issue and do what is best for the Town as a whole and not capitulate to the vocal minority. I am asking you to get involved, contact the SSCA and CPOA and tell them to support the Town in its efforts with the Canals Project. It is worth remembering that the SSCA transferred ownership of the canals to the Town for the specific purpose of getting them dredged and they did so without providing any of the resources needed to succeed - well its time for them to become part of the solution not part of the problem.

Thank you!

Don Smith, Mayor

From the Town Manager:

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a solemn day of national remembrance of our fallen heroes. I am proud to report a larger than usual attendance at the American Legion ceremony held at the Town's cemetery yesterday. Mayor Smith, Council Member Pfizenmayer, and I were pleased to see so many people who remember and honor the true meaning of Memorial Day.

I arrived today to criticism that the Town's flags were not flown at half-staff in honor of Memorial Day – not true – I personally lowered and raised the flags per the proper etiquette as detailed in the Flag Code, that being that the flags are returned to full-staff at 12-noon.

Charlie Read, Town Manager