

News From Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, June 5, 2009

NO SCHEDULED CHIPPING IN JUNE, JULY, or AUGUST

Last Chance for Budget Input

Council will vote on the FY 2009-10 Budget at the Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 23rd at 8 AM. Go to [Budget Message](#) for more information. Email your [Input](#) to Council.

Joint Planning Board/Council Meeting

Planning Board and Town Council will be holding a working lunch meeting on Thursday, June 11th at 12 noon in the Pitts Center. Go to [Info](#) for meeting information and reports.

Emergency Planning

With the beginning of hurricane season, residents of Southern Shores are advised to plan ahead for safe travel and shelter in the event of a major storm. You are strongly urged to evacuate if and when ordered. Don't take chances with one of Mother Nature's most powerful, unpredictable phenomena. **No shelters are available on the Outer Banks and no services are likely during and immediately after a storm.** For more information about hurricane preparedness go to "[Prepare](#)".

Disaster Help Wanted

Volunteers are always needed after an emergency. If you want to volunteer please call 261-2394, stop by Town Hall, or email [Merrie](#). We will need medical services (doctors, nurses, EMT's), chainsaws and chainsaw operators (for downed trees, etc.), and general labor after a storm. If you volunteered last year you are still on the list as a Town Disaster Volunteer. **If you do not want to volunteer this year, please contact [Merrie](#) to be removed from the list.**

Town Council Meeting Recap

The Town Council met Tuesday, June 2. [Highlights](#) are available for public review.

SSCA Needs Volunteers

Have you thought about volunteering? The Southern Shores Civic Association is seeking candidates for the board of directors. Interested? Contact Claudia at the SSCA office at 261-8617.

Chipping ** NO Chipping until September**

The Chipper is finished until September. **DO NOT PLACE ANY BRUSH OUT.** 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 comply will result in the Town bringing in the chipper for an unbudgeted service and the offender will be billed directly at the contracted rate for that service.**

WEEKLY UPDATE - CANALS MAINTNENCE DREDGING PROJECT

- **(NEW)** Town Council approved the engagement of a Project Manager (consultant/contractor) to oversee the Canal Project this process will be finalized during the week of June 8th.
- **(NEW)** At their June 4th meeting, the CPOA granted the Town's request to utilize a narrow strip of property to provide access of dredging pipes during Phase I of the Canal Project.
- We previously reported that the Town expressed interest in purchasing a property and that the owner was unresponsive. On May 21st, the Town received an unsigned proposal which was determined to be unfavorable to the Town. The Town Manager re-contacted the seller on May 26th to determine his level of interest in selling the property "fee simple" to the Town, to-date neither he nor his attorney has responded.
- The Town is continuing negotiations with property owners and our attorneys are reviewing initial proposals. We are optimistic that we will be able to reach an agreement that will move the project forward this year. Once an agreement is in-place additional permitting will be required and the project will be PUT out to bid.
- This project holds an extremely high priority. Accordingly, Council's designee Jodi Hess, Town Manager Charlie Read, and Town Engineer Joe Anlauf are working this issue every day.
- The Town overcame 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 14 agencies; 10 State and 4 federal.
- At the Town's request, the US Coast Guard issued a Local Notice to Mariners advising that the main channel is a hazard to navigation. This Notice was a factor 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.
- 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.
- State 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 consideration.
- 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.

Dates To Remember:

- **Recycling Pickup, Monday, June 8**
- [Planning Board/Town Council Joint Meeting](#), Thursday, June 11, 12 PM, Pitts Center

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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