

News From Southern Shores Town Hall

Friday, July 10, 2009

From the Mayor:

As I reported at Tuesday's Town Council Meeting, we have our CAMA Major Permit for the Canal Dredge Project. I wish again to express my appreciation to my colleagues on Town Council and every member of the Canal Maintenance Dredge Project team for their outstanding efforts and I congratulate you all on our tremendous victory!

With our permit and spoils dewatering site contract in-hand, we will move forward quickly with Phase I of the project. At the same time, we can not lose sight of Phase II. Accordingly, the team will begin making plans and taking measures to ensure the success of this important next stage of the process. To that end, I will be personally appealing again to the Southern Shores Civic Association to assist the Town in locating the best possible dewatering site for Phase II. I will be attending the SSCA meeting on Monday July 13, 2009 and I urge all SSCA members to attend and to support my request to have the board have a full membership vote to allow the town use of yet to be determined SSCA property for future dewatering needs.

Don Smith, Mayor

From the Town Manager:

It is indeed a pleasure to add my congratulations and to express my gratitude to everyone involved in obtaining the vitally important CAMA Major Canal Dredge Permit – well done!

As we begin preparing for Phase I, I urge all citizens, especially those who have canal front property to stay alert for messages from Tom Bennett our Canal Dredge Project Manager. Several measures will be required of those property owners to ensure an uninterrupted process, including but not limited to; removing certain trees and other obstructions and relocating boats before the dredging cycle commences. Please see Tom's message below.

Beautification: I recently received some questions regarding the Town's new low-maintenance landscape projects. As I previously reported; earlier this spring the Town's Public Works Department planted Lovegrass and Wildflower seeds on East Dogwood Trail and Lovegrass at the Chicahawk Parking lot. Please be patient – both have germinated and we will continue to support the successful growth of these new plantings with the expectation that once fully developed this project will reward us with cost-effective, aesthetically appropriate beauty.

From the Canal Dredge Project Manager - UPDATE:

We have the CAMA Major Permit! Congratulations to Town Council and the entire team who have worked so hard and so long to achieve this wonderful milestone.

The past two weeks or so have seen two significant milestones in our continued efforts to finally get our canals dredged. First was securing the lease with the Stones which allowed us to actually file for our CAMA Major Permit and then receipt of the actual permit late Tuesday afternoon July 7, 2009.

The project continues to be a bit of a moving target and we have much to do before we actually start to transfer spoils material – but we are on our way. We still need additional permits, the blessing of the Army Corps of Engineers, and many long hours by the Town Engineers to finalize bid documents. We hope to have these documents ready to issue to prospective bidders by early August with a bid opening in September. We expect the successful bidder to start preparations and mobilization to start the project in October. These are best estimates - - please keep in mind that much of this preparation is during tropical storm season and while we may not suffer any serious setbacks, they are always a possibility.

As we move forward with our present Spoils Dewatering Site, a significant portion of our canal system will be impacted by piping, barges, and other equipment and these waterways will in all probability not be navigable for possibly as long as three months. Boat owners would be well advised to remove their boats from the impacted canals and to begin making plans to do so without delay. We will keep you advised of the route(s) to be taken by the barges and dredge piping well in advance.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention that our success in finally moving the project forward must be attributed to significant effort on the part of our Attorney, our Engineers, our Town Manager and Town Council, and the cooperation of the Stone family of Southern Shores Realty.

Finally, I am glad to be part of this project and appreciate the support I have been shown by my fellow residents and the Members of Town Council. I look forward to working with all the members of this team and I believe strongly that we can make this project happen.

If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at (E) jwbobx@embarqmail.com or (252) 619-5996, or leave a message for me at Town Hall.

Tom Bennett, Canal Dredge Project Manager

Coexisting with the Wildlife in Southern Shores

The wildlife in town adds to the charm of the area and many people enjoy them. We recently received two complaints regarding foxes and one about deer. We have done extensive research and made referrals to the NC Dept. of Wildlife and Dare County Animal Control on this matter. These animals are protected and the state has a host of applicable regulations pertaining to this matter. Unless they are sick or considered dangerous you should do nothing. However one thing people are doing that does not help Mother Nature is feeding them. DO NOT FEED wild animals. For more information go to [Wildlife](#) or go to [Foxes](#) for information on how foxes behave when they have a den close by.

BBPR Alert: NC Bill could jeopardize Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge - Urgent Action Requested:

The NC House sent a bill to the Senate which would put all NC Toll Authority Projects back under the control of NCDOT. We need to act quickly and let Senator Marc Basnight and Governor Purdue know that such a bill could jeopardize the Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge Project. The Mayor and Town Council have already advised the Governor, Senator Basnight, and Representative Spear that they oppose such legislation or executive action.

Attached is a copy of the [bill](#). Such a change would result in the possible dissolution of the Turnpike Authority, jeopardizing the progress that has been made toward getting the MCSB built on schedule.

Please contact Governor Perdue (governor.office@nc.gov) and Senator Basnight (Marc.Basnight@ncleg.net) or call at (919) 733-6854 to let them know how concerned you are with the possibility that the construction of the MCSB will be affected by NCDOT taking over the responsibilities of the Turnpike Authority.

Quick turnaround is a must, since movement on the Senate side will more than likely happen this week.

Chipping ** NO Chipping until September**

DO NOT PLACE ANY BRUSH OUT. **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 \$180 per hour for that service.

Dates To Remember:

- SSCA General Membership Meeting, Monday, July 13, 7 PM, Pitts Center

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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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