

## **News From Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, July 31, 2009**

**Town Council Meeting** will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2009 7 PM in the Pitts Center go to [Agenda](#) for more information.

### **From the Mayor - SUMMER SAFETY**

On Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, a runner was killed by a lightning strike while jogging on the beach. This tragedy serves as a reminder that we must be careful while enjoying the beautiful amenities of the Outer Banks. Golf courses and beaches are among the worst places to be during a thunder & lightning storm. Summer weather can change rapidly with storms blowing-up quickly and with little warning. If you hear thunder or see lightning seek shelter immediately. For more information on thunderstorms and safety go to [Lightning](#).

I join all of Town Council in wishing you a safe and happy summer.

Don Smith, Mayor

### **From the Canal Dredge Project Manager – Update**

This has been an interesting week. While we continue to move forward with the necessary steps over which we have control, there seem to be new obstacles to our schedule and even to our project every few days. We need to keep reminding ourselves that this is a major undertaking, in scope and complexity, and we should expect setbacks. Some of the agencies we need to work with do not have the same sense of urgency that we do. In simplest terms we are still waiting for some critical permits. The Town Manager, the Town Engineer and I will be traveling to Washington, NC on Monday for a meeting to review our storm water and soil erosion sedimentation permit applications.

In addition, we are still waiting a positive response from National Marine Fisheries and the Army Corp of Engineers. This is probably more detail than many of us need, and I mention it only to give you some perspective as to a few of the challenges we face. Hopefully, in my next update, we will have resolved some of these issues and be a little further along in our efforts.

Special thanks to our Town Engineer and Town attorney as they continue to put forth exceptional effort on our behalf. Without their support, counsel and patience we would be hard-pressed to even have the hope of a project. As before, you may reach me at 252-619-5996 or [jwbobx@embarqmail.com](mailto:jwbobx@embarqmail.com).

Tom Bennett, Canal Dredge Project Manager

**Reminder \*\*Tax Free Weekend**

North Carolina G.S. 105-164.13C provides an exemption for certain items of tangible personal property sold, **Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**. Clothing, footwear, and school supplies of \$100 or less per item; sports and recreation equipment of \$50 or less per item, computers of \$3,500 or less per item; and computer supplies of \$250 or less per item will be exempt. Clothing accessories, jewelry, cosmetics, protective equipment, wallets, furniture, items used in a trade or business, and rentals are not covered by the exemption and will be subject to the applicable tax. For more information, go to ["tax free"](#). It is also tax free weekend in Virginia, for more information go to [VA tax free](#).

### **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:**

- Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 4, 7 PM, Pitts Center [Agenda](#)

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