

# **News From Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, August 7, 2009**

## **Town Council Meeting**

The Town Council met Tuesday, August 4. [Meeting highlights](#) are available for public review. The next Town Council Meeting is Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the Pitts Center followed by a Canal Dredge project presentation by the Project Manager and Town Engineer.

## **From the Mayor:**

### **Emergency Management Tabletop Exercise**

I am pleased to announce that our Town continues to take pro-active measures to ensure Emergency Preparedness. As Town Manager Charlie Read reported at the last Council Meeting, the Town of Southern Shores and the Town of Nags Head are jointly holding a tabletop training exercise on Thursday, August 13, 2009 beginning at 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Pitts Center.

Southern Shores and Nags Head both have “post-storm clean-up” contracts with DRC Emergency Services who is providing this professional development opportunity to the elected officials, leadership element, and employees of the two towns at no cost. Walter Maestri, former Emergency Manager of New Orleans, will be conducting the exercise which will consist of a major hurricane scenario. The Mayor, Town Council, town staff, Police and Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department will participate. This is an all-day program and Town Hall will be closed.

### **Police**

Please join me, Town Council, and the Town Manager, in congratulating the following Southern Shores Police Officers on their elevation to Senior Police Officer status: Mike Torres, Missy Clark, and Jeremy Hemilright. Chief Kole and Lieutenant Terry presented the awards at the Town Council Meeting Tuesday night. Well done you make us proud!

Don Smith,  
Mayor

## **From the Town Manager:**

### **Maintenance**

Although the number of inquiries is small, I wish to remind all citizens that we’ve had a lot of rain this summer – accordingly grass, particularly Goose Grass, has been growing at an incredible rate. All town grass has and will continue to be mowed regularly.

The large rainfalls have provided us with the opportunity to monitor the effectiveness of the new rain basins on Hickory and E. Holly. We've observed some erosion and together with our Town Engineer and the Contractors we will make the appropriate repairs.

I would like to reassure our residents that when construction projects such as the full-depth rebuild on Hickory and E. Holly cul-de-sac are completed, final payment is withheld until such problems are rectified at which time the Town Engineer and Town Manger release the final funds.

We also received inquiries regarding the frequency of power outages and interruptions this year to-date. The Chief Building Inspector, Alvin Rountree, is scheduled to meet with Dominion Power to get answers to this question, have the problems resolved, and report back to our citizens.

Charlie Read  
Town Manager

### **From the Canal Dredge Project Manager – update:**

On Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> I traveled with the Town Manager, Charlie Read and Town Engineer, Joe Anlauf to Washington, NC for a meeting with the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources to review our stormwater and soil erosion sedimentation permit applications – this meeting proved to be beneficial to our cause. The feedback from the reviewers was positive and constructive. We submitted the express permit applications on Wednesday of this week and expect the permits to be issued within two weeks. We are still waiting on final approval from two of the federal agencies, but hope to have a positive answer by Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our target dates for the next month or so are:

- August 12 – Issue bid documents
- August 24 – Pre-Bid Conference
- August 25 – Public Information Meeting immediately following the 8:00 am Town Council Meeting
- September 11 – Bid due date

The above dates are keyed to the receipt of certain permits and could vary slightly. We will keep you posted. **Please plan to attend the August 25<sup>th</sup> Public Information Meeting to hear the project plan explained in some detail.**

Finally, on Thursday, Council Member Hess and I met with the SSCA Board to discuss the need for access to certain SSCA canal-front properties. This access will allow the dredge contractor to store needed equipment and materials in close proximity to the canal system. In addition, it will allow them to place a barge or barges into the canal. The properties discussed are the east side of the North Marina, Loblolly Marina, and the Azalea Lane

property. The SSCA Board welcomed us, was receptive to our request, and showed genuine support in helping us to move this project forward. We thank them for their help.

You may continue to reach me with questions or comments at (252) 619-5996 or (E) [jwbobx@embarqmail.com](mailto:jwbobx@embarqmail.com)

Tom Bennett,  
Project Manager

## **No Dogs on the Beach**

PLEASE - we seek your voluntary compliance with the Town Ordinance! Sorry but no dogs on the beach at any time of the day until September 15<sup>th</sup>. Town staff has received many complaints about dogs on the beach, some on leashes other not, early morning and evening.

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

G.S. 105-164.13C provides an exemption for certain items of tangible personal property sold between 12:01 A.M. on the first Friday in August and 11:59 P.M. the following Sunday. For 2009, the dates are Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Clothing, footwear, and school supplies of \$100 or less per item; school instructional materials of \$300 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. 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 Offices will be closed to participate in the joint Emergency Table Top Exercise, Thursday August 13 8:30 – 5 PM.
- The next Town Council Meeting is Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the Pitts Center followed by a Canal Dredge Project presentation conducted by the Project Manager and Town Engineer.

*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](mailto:info@southernshores-nc.gov) , [www.southernshores-nc.gov](http://www.southernshores-nc.gov) .

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