

# News From Southern Shores Town Hall

## Friday, August 14, 2009

### From the Town Manager

#### Emergency Training

I am pleased and proud to report on the success of yesterday's Emergency Management training exercise. The all-day event was truly beneficial to the attendees and ultimately to our constituents. The class consisted of "students" from the towns of Nags Head and Southern Shores. It was so valuable you can rest assured that I will schedule another session next year.

The table-top exercise was designed around a major hurricane strike on the OBX - beginning with a 10-day lead and extreme weather forecasts. The exercise progressed through all developmental stages until landfall and the subsequent recovery. Each participant was tasked according to their assigned duties within their Town's Emergency Management Plan (see ours on the Town's website).

DRC Emergency Services provided this professional development opportunity at no cost to the towns as part of their service package – TOSS and Nags Head have post-storm clean-up contracts with DRC. Mayor Smith and I met with their Director of Training, Walter Maestri, Ph.D, after the seminar regarding several initiatives to secure FEMA funded Emergency Management Grants. Today the Mayor and I met with Council Member Hess and the Town will be pursuing these potential grant opportunities with the assistance of Doctor Maestri and their Project Manager Tony Swain.

#### Emergency Planning

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

Charlie Read,  
Town Manager

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

This has been a week to test our patience. Our bid documents and plans are ready to issue to the prospective bidders. We have the necessary agreements in place to allow us to move forward, but we are still waiting a final go ahead from two critical federal agencies. We are reasonably sure their approvals will be forthcoming, but without knowing the conditions they might impose, we are reluctant to issue the bid documents, at least for a few more days.

Hopefully, within that time we will have their answer, and will still have time to bid, review bids and let a contract for a Fall '09 dredging.

On the upside, we do have a number of dredge and general contractors who have indicated their intentions to bid our project. Also on a positive note, today we received our Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Permit from NCDENR. It was expected, but it is still good to reach these milestones. As usual, you may reach me with questions or comments at 252-619-5996 or [jwbobox@embarqmail.com](mailto:jwbobox@embarqmail.com) . Tom Bennett

## **Email Problems**

Sorry, yesterday we had no incoming emails. The problem has been fixed however if you sent town staff emails and did not receive an answer please resend it so we may be of service. Sorry for the inconvenience!

## **Chipping \*\* NO Chipping until September\*\***

**DO NOT PLACE ANY BRUSH OUT. \*\*NO SCHEDULED CHIPPING IN JUNE, JULY, or AUGUST\*\*.**

## **Dates To Remember:**

- **Cancelled** Planning Board Meeting, Monday, August 17
- Planning Advisory Group Meeting, Monday, August 17, 7 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.

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