

News From Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, August 21, 2009

From the Town Manager

Hurricane Bill

The Town and County are closely monitoring Hurricane Bill as it passes west of the area over the next few days. Though the storm is well offshore, we do expect high surf and **dangerous** rip currents. Click [here](#) for more information from the National Hurricane Center.

The forecast track for Bill remains consistent, thus keeping the storm well off the coast. OBX concerns are beach erosion, high surf and dangerous rip currents through Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. High tides will be around 9AM & 9PM starting on Friday. Areas that typically flood from over wash due to high surf will be affected.

SAFETY FIRST!

No Swimming when Red Flags are flying:

Due to the high surf and dangerous rip currents, the red flags are flying. **It is unsafe and illegal to swim.** Go to [Red Flag flyer](#) for more information.

Weekend Travel Advisory for Hatteras Island

Hurricanes create dangers even when they do not directly impact land. Dare County Emergency Management is asking visitors to be mindful of Hurricane Bill and warn of the likelihood of ocean over wash along areas of Highway 12 on Hatteras Island which may cause temporary closures of the roadway during periods of high tide. Travelers to Hatteras Island are asked to adjust their arrival and departure times to avoid high tide. Saturday high tides will be at approximately 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Please contact your real estate company for information on road conditions or call Dare County Emergency Management at 252-475-5655.

Charlie Read, Town Manager

From the Canal Dredge Project Manager – Update:

The Bid Documents and associated plans were issued to prospective bidders on Wednesday, August 19th. We mailed, and in some cases hand delivered, twenty one (21) sets of documents. The interest in our project has been very encouraging, with companies as far away as Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Alabama, and Florida requesting Bid Packages. The hope is that we will get a number of them to the pre-bid conference August 31st and that a majority of those attending will actually submit a bid.

We are still waiting for a few permits but are confident, based on conversations with the individuals involved, that they will arrive about the time of our pre-bid conference. Our Stormwater Management Permit arrived on Thursday August 20th. We are getting close to having the last one we need at the state level.

While there are no guarantees, each of these permits being “in-hand” brings us closer to our goal of dredging at least a good portion of the canal system.

Our new schedule is as follows:

August 31st 9:00 am Pre-Bid Conference – Pitts Center

September 21st 3:00 pm Bid Opening

September 22nd Public Information Presentation immediately following the 8:00 AM Town Council Meeting (about 10 AM)

Thanks to all of you who have taken time to email your questions and concerns. As before, you can reach me at (252) 619-5996 or (E) jwbobx@embarqmail.com.

Tom Bennett, Project Manager

School Starts

Kitty Hawk Elementary School (KHES) classes start Tuesday, August 25th. School hours are 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM; traffic will be the heaviest at 7:40 AM through 8 AM and again at 2:15 PM through 2:45 PM. In addition to school personnel, Southern Shores Police Officers will be on hand to assist with traffic control. The reduced school speed limits will be in effect and strictly enforced. REMINDER: there is no parking across the street on Pintail Trail or in the Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department parking lot which must remain open for responding volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel.

Special Notice to Chicahawk Residents:

Beginning August 24th through September 25th Dominion Power will be replacing the Bulk feeder cable on the east side of Trinitie Trail. This work will begin at the Bridge on Trinitie Trail and will proceed north to Chicahawk Trail. This area has been the source of the many power outages this summer in Chicahawk. Dominion Power will be working within its utility right of way while performing this upgrade. The work will be performed underground however minor clearing of the surface may be required to measure the depth of the cable from the surface. Your Patience is appreciated.

Dates to Remember:

- Town Council meeting, Tuesday, August 25, 8 AM. [Agenda](#)
- **Rescheduled**, Canal Dredge Project presentation conducted by the Project Manager and Town Engineer will be held immediately following the 8:00 AM September 22nd Council meeting.

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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