

News From Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, September 4, 2009

**Have a Safe and Enjoyable Labor Day Weekend
Town offices will be closed Monday, September 7th**

From the Mayor: Canals

I provided the following [response](#) to a letter published in the *Coastland Times* from the owner of the [Cove](#) and clarified any confusion his letter may have caused at the Tuesday, September 1st Mayor's Chat. I assure you that your Canal Maintenance Dredge Project team is working hard and is making great strides in ensuring a successful kick-off of Phase 1 later this fall.

Don Smith, Mayor

From the Town Manager:

Fly the Flag

Friday, September 11th is the eighth anniversary of one of our country's greatest tragedies. Please honor the memories of all who were lost that day, pay respect to their; families, friends, and loved ones, and pay tribute to those brave Americans who serve valiantly at home and abroad to protect this great nation and preserve our cherished liberties. I believe it is our patriotic duty to display the American flag outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States on this solemn day of remembrance.

Maintenance

The pulley mechanisms failed on both flag poles at Town Hall due to age and salt spray corrosion – replacement parts are on order and our new flags are awaiting their rightful place of honor.

Lock Your Doors

Our police have asked us to remind everyone to lock their cars, houses, and businesses. The August police report reflects an increase in burglaries and larcenies for the same period last year. In most cases, the vehicle or building was unlocked. Citizens should report strange activities by calling the non-emergency number 473-3444 or in the case of an emergency dial 911.

Charlie Read, Town Manager

From the Canal Maintenance Dredge Project Manager

The Pre-Bid Conference on August 31st went well. There were seven dredge companies and five general contractors in attendance. The Town Engineer made a power point presentation, showing the various sites available for dewatering and deposit of spoil material.

Following the presentation, the potential bidders visited all the sites being considered, not just for dewatering and disposal, but also for access to the canals. Most of those attending had expressed an interest in seeing the canals from the water, but the stormy weather did not cooperate. We expect most of them to return for water and bottom sampling as well as to revisit the various sites.

About a month ago a dredge contractor from Florida introduced us to a different method of dewatering spoil. This method has the potential, not only to reduce cost, but also to reduce the time required to dredge, which should result in less disruption to our canal system and to the majority of our residents. We will provide more detail on this method at our **Public Information Meeting on September 22.**

You can reach me with questions or concerns at 252-619-5996 or jwbobx@embarqmail.com.

Tom Bennett, Project Manager

Council Meetings & Mayor's Chat Recap

To see the summary of the August 25 and the September 1 Council meeting go to [summary](#). Go to [Mayor's Chat](#) for the recap of the September 1 Chat.

Chipping

The Chipper will be working Sector #2 the week of September 7th. All brush in Sector #2 should be out by Monday morning. Section #3 can start putting their brush out for chipping next week. Visit the [Town website](#) for more information on the Town Chipping Program. Chips are available, please contact [Sheila](#) with your address and place a sign off the rights-of-way where to put the chips.

Dates To Remember:

- Town offices will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.
- Trash and recycling will be picked up on Monday, September 7th as usual. Please remember to roll out Sunday night and roll in within 24 hours of pickup.
- **Life Guard Service is reduced to roving patrols after Labor Day.** Life Guard stands will not be manned after Labor Day.
- Planning Advisory Group meeting, Tuesday, September 8th at 7 PM, Pitts Center.

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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