

News From Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, September 18, 2009

From the Town Manager

Maintenance

As reported before, we initiated an experimental low maintenance Wildflower and Weeping Love Grass planting on the median strip of East Dogwood earlier this spring. Although we've received several compliments, the job is not yet done. Because this is the planting's first year; mowing, weeding, watering and other maintenance is still required. The mowing is scheduled to be done soon consistent with the beginning of autumn. Thanks for your patience – we fully intend this to not only be cost-effective but to be naturally beautiful.

From the Canal Dredge Manager – Update

Earlier this week the decision was made to delay the bid opening for our project. A few of the bidders had asked that we consider this to allow them more time to complete samples testing and bid preparation. Recognizing the complexity of the job and not wanting to lose any potential bidders, we agreed to extend the bid opening date to September 28th.

There are a number of unanswered questions about how this project will unfold. Many of them will be resolved after we have selected our dredge contractor. One thing that is reasonable certain, however, is that the Phase I canal from Fairway Drive on the South, to its distal end on the north will need to be free of obstructions. This would include boats, floating or fixed lifts that extend into the proposed channel dredge width, and trees and vegetation. Obviously, the more narrow the canal, the more critical this becomes.

We will be advising you, as our dredge start date nears, if it appears that you may have a boat or structure at risk. The current plan is to remove overhanging limbs or branches that extend into the canal, as well as a number of trees that extend over the water. We will be surveying this situation over the next week or so to determine ownership and responsibility for removal of the obstructions.

Our public information meeting is still on schedule for September 22nd immediately following the 8 AM Town Council Meeting. Hope to see a full house.

As always, you can reach me with questions or comments at 252-619-5996 or jwbobx@embarqmail.com.

Tom Bennett

Pine Wood Nematode

You may have noticed some of the pine trees turning brown and dying. These trees have been infected with [Pine Wood nematode](#). The infestation basically affects old trees that will be dying naturally. Dare County is providing a one time disposal of the diseased pine trees only. Trees must be taken to the designated area in the SSCA Hillcrest Parking lot by the deadline of October 8, 2009. The burning of these trees will be scheduled for October 9, 2009.

Town Council Meeting & Canal Update

Town Council's regularly scheduled meeting, Tuesday, September 22 at 8 AM in the Pitts Center. Go to [Agenda](#) for more information. A Canal Maintenance Dredge Project update will follow this meeting.

Large Item Pickup October 8th

Mark your calendars; Thursday, October 8th Dare County will conduct the Fall large item pickup in Southern Shores. For more information go to "[Large Item](#)". Please don't put items out earlier than the week prior to October 8th.

General Election Timeline for Dare County

- You can now request an absentee ballot to be mailed for the November General Election. For more information go to their website [Board of Election](#) or call 475-5630.
- October 9 – Last day to register, change your party affiliation or your address. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by - or hand delivered by this date.
- October 15 – One-stop voting begins.
- October 27th at 5:00 p.m. – Last day to receive absentee requests by mail.
- October 31 – One-stop voting ends.
- November 2 – All voter absentee ballots must be in the Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m.
- November 3 – General Election Day – 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming NC Missions of Mercy FREE Dental Clinic for adults.

Dare County is holding a dental clinic for adults October 23-24 for more information go to [Poster](#) or call Silvia De Angelis, Public Health Educator, Dare County Department of Public Health, Phone- (252) 475-5036.

Chipping

Please DO NOT place your brush out until the week before your sector. Public Works will be mowing the right of ways on those sectors not scheduled and therefore must have clear access.

The Chipper will be working Sector #4 the week of September 21st. All brush in Sector #4 should be out by Monday morning. Section #1 must wait until the week of September 28

to start putting their brush out for chipping the week of October 5th. There will be no chipping the fifth week in September. 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.

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Dates To Remember:

- Planning Board Meeting, Monday, September 21, 7 PM, Pitts Center [Agenda](#)
- Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 8 AM, Pitts Center, followed by a Canal Dredging update presentation, [Agenda](#)

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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