

News From Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, October 9, 2009

From the Town Manager:

MAINTENANCE:

I would like to thank everyone for their patience as we've re-landscaped the center median on East Dogwood. As you will see when passing by, the area is being groomed for the winter. Next spring we expect a fuller, more attractive display of low-maintenance and cost-effective Weeping Love Grass and Wildflowers.

The Town Engineer and I met with RPC Contactors on Hickory Trail to examine stormwater runoff. RPC is preparing a solution which they will submit for approval that will likely include a re-rolling of the shoulders to facilitate more effective runoff as well as the installation of a slotted drain between the two drop inlets which will reduce the volume of stormwater running down hill into the residential area. We will keep you updated on their progress.

Our Public Works Department has been pressure-washing the Pitts Center in preparation for painting. Earlier this month, they re-stained the decks, walkways, and benches at Town Hall as a follow-up to last year's total repaint.

PINE WOOD NEMATODE:

We previously reported on trees in-town infected with the Pine Wood Nematode. The infestation attacks older trees that are dying naturally. The Town of Southern Shores is working closely with the Southern Shores Civic Association in addressing this matter. The SSCA provided the Hillcrest Beach parking area as the collection site for affected trees with a firm deadline of Thursday, October 8, 2009. Because burning is not an option, the Town and SSCA have joined forces to have the affected trees chipped and the debris removed in an approved manner.

REAL MEN WEAR PINK:

Mayor Don Smith and I have received positive feedback after we took the challenge and then in-turn challenged the men of Southern Shores to wear pink every Friday in October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our entire Town Council enthusiastically supports this worthwhile cause and in her role as one of the guys, Jodi Hess is also wearing a pink shirt. Town Clerk Carrie Gordin prepared pink ribbons so our uniformed police can show their support for this great cause.

After sending the challenge around Southern Shores, I sent it to my colleagues statewide and the response has been great. Manteo Town Manager Kermit Skinner sent me a pink Town of Manteo Tee-Shirt that I will wear proudly. The goal is to send a visual message encouraging women to schedule their yearly mammograms. According to the American Cancer Society, the best defense against breast cancer is early detection. For more

information about the Cancer Resource Center or to see how you can help with the fight against cancer, call the Outer Banks Hospital marketing department at 449-9184.

Charlie Read, Town Manager

From the Canal Dredge Project Manager – Update

We held our second bid opening on Thursday, Oct. 8. As those of you who read these updates know, we were unable to open bids earlier because we did not have the required minimum of three bidders. The state statutes allow opening fewer than three bids on a re-bid, such as we just conducted. At this opening there were two bids. Unfortunately, there were irregularities in both bids, requiring that neither be accepted. We plan to bid the project again with a bid opening on Oct. 20. If another re-bid is necessary, it will take place on Oct. 27th.

We continue to deal with delays, many of them beyond our control. It's important to keep reminding ourselves, "We are closer than ever."

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

Wireless Telecommunications Tower Workshop

Wednesday, October 14th, 7:00PM in the Pitts Center, the Wireless Project Team will hold a community outreach workshop. This is the last chance for citizens to participate in an open ended roundtable discussion about cellular service in town and to provide input to the proposed ordinance before it goes to a public hearing where public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person.

A public hearing has been scheduled for November 04, 2009. Following this public hearing the Town Council will vote to or not to approve the [proposed ordinance](#). This vote may be taken the same night as the Public Hearing or at a subsequent Council Meeting. To view the proposed ordinance go to [Draft](#), copy are also available at Town Hall.

The objectives of this workshop are to:

- Present the Wireless Project Team's draft ordinance.
- Discuss the proposed language in the ordinance and the logic behind it.
- Answer questions and to listen to public comments and concerns.

One Stop Voting Starting October 15th

If you are not able to vote on Election Day (November 3) or want to vote early, you can at the following locations:

- Baum Center, 300 Mustian Street, Kill Devil Hills, Monday-Friday, October 15 – October 30 from 10AM to 2PM.

- Dare County Board of Elections Office, 200 Ananias Dare Street, Manteo, Monday-Friday, October 15 – October 31 from 8:30AM to 5PM, Saturday, October 31 from 8:30AM-1PM.

You can also register at the same time as you vote early. Call the Dare County [Board of Elections](#) Office at 475-5630 for more information.

Chipping

The Chipper will be working Sector #2 the week of October 12th. 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:

- **No Recycling pickup October 12th.** Recycling pickup is first and third Monday.
- Wireless Telecommunications Tower Workshop, Wednesday, October 14, 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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