

News From Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, October 16, 2009

From the Town Manager

DOMINION POWER: In response to a request from Mayor Don Smith, DOMINION Vice President Ken Barker and Government Affairs Manager Bryant Brooks will make a **public presentation** to the Town Council and our citizens at the Tuesday, October 27th Council Meeting. Their presentation will focus on citizen inquiries and the expression of desire by some, to install underground power lines and will include a question & answer session.

REAL MEN WEAR PINK: Mayor Don Smith and I continue to receive positive feedback to our challenge that other men join us in wearing pink every Friday in October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. With only 2 Fridays remaining our goal is to help the American Cancer Society send a visual message encouraging women to schedule their yearly mammograms. 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

The next bid opening is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 10 AM. We are reasonably certain there will be two bidders involved, but as before; we must have three bids to open as this is considered a “new bid”. Should we not have three bids; the project will be re-bid with an opening on Tuesday, October 27. At that time we are permitted to open the bids, regardless of the number. This process unfortunately creates delays and will force us to push our start date for dredging into mid to late November. Barring some unforeseen regulatory constraints, we still expect to be able to dredge all of the waters included in our phase one dredging plan.

The plan at this time includes the use of the east side of the North Marina for the dewatering equipment and truck access for removal of the dewatered material. This use, in all probability, will impact the availability of the boat ramp as well as trailer parking. In addition, the canal into and through the North Marina will be blocked, or partially blocked, particularly during the dredge of the main channel.

Follow-up broadcasts will contain more information relative to dredge depths and widths, as well as suggestions on how to avoid damage to boats or property. We continue to deal with obstacles that could disrupt our plans. Some minor, which we handle as expeditiously as we can; other, involving regulatory agencies, which are not so easily reconciled. We will work to resolve them all as we move ahead.

I would remind each of you that there is a brief update of our current status given at each council meeting. The next Council meeting is Tuesday, October 27 at 8 AM. As usual, you can reach me 252-619-5996 or jwbox@embargmail.com. Tom Bennett

Reminder: 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.

Early Voting Began Yesterday:

Election Day is Tuesday November 3rd. Early voting began yesterday. If you want or need to vote early, you may do so at the following locations: Elections Office in Manteo, Baum Center in Kill Devil Hills, and the Fressenden Center in Buxton. These voting centers are open Monday - Friday, October 15 – October 30, 2009 from 10AM to 2PM. You may also vote at the Elections Office in Manteo on Saturday, October 31st.

Please call the Dare County [Board of Elections](#) Office at 475-5630 for more information.

Chipping

The Chipper will be working Sector #3 the week of October 19th. All brush in Sector #3 should be out by Monday morning. Section #4 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:

- **Recycling Pickup, Monday, October 19th**
- Planning Board Meeting, Monday, October 19, 7 PM, Pitts Center, [Agenda](#)
- Wind Generation Meeting, Thursday, October 22, 3 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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