

**News From Southern Shores Town Hall  
Friday, October 30, 2009**

*Happy & Safe Halloween*

*Spooktacular Day!*

Our little ghost and goblins will be out and about this Saturday evening, so please be extra cautious and alert when driving around town and make an effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check around your property for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.

Remind children to stay together in groups and no treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an Adult at home.

**From the Town Manager:**

**Special Thanks:**

Mayor Smith and all of Town Council extend their gratitude to Patty Allen for bringing donuts to the last council meeting. Yes they were good, I “tested” three of them.

**Beautification:**

I am working closely with Kitty Hawk Town Manager, John Stockton and Dominion Power. Dominion is required by federal safety regulators to remove or re-locate the Crepe Myrtle Trees from under the Power Transmission lines along NC 158 in front of the Duck Woods Country Club.

Tom Bennett, our Canal Project Manager is also an expert horticulturist and a committee member at DWCC – he is helping coordinate this project and with the re-location of the Crepe Myrtles and the installation of replacement plantings, I am confident in a successful outcome for the Town of Southern Shores, Town of Kitty Hawk, and the DWCC. Please call us with your questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Charlie Read, Town Manager

**From the Canal Dredge Project Manager-Update**

The best news is that we had a successful bid opening on Tuesday, Oct. 27. The bidder was a local company, Sampson Contracting, Inc. The bid amount was just about \$1.7 million, which is under the amount budgeted, but more than was anticipated when we applied for the matching grant. The contract proposal will be presented to the Town Council on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> for their approval.

To accomplish the work required for this project, Sampson Contracting will team up with Piedroba Dredging, a Florida company with experience using the hydrocyclone technology.

We still have a few obstacles to overcome, all of which have been addressed in earlier updates. They include a final approval of our Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Relocation Plan, and the acceptance of the hydrocyclone for dewatering the spoil material. We are hopeful that the regulatory authorities will expedite their approval.

Finally, the question arose, once again, about the boats in slips and whether or not they should be removed. As indicated in last week's update, you would be well-advised to remove them from the water, or relocate them temporarily to another location, not part of the phase one dredge.

Also, the most recent thinking is, that for public safety reasons, the east side of the North Marina will be closed to visitor and ramp traffic during the dredge period.

As always, your questions and thoughts are welcome. You can reach me at 252 619-5996 or [jwbobx@embarqmail.com](mailto:jwbobx@embarqmail.com)

### **Vote: Election Day**

Southern Shores Voters will be electing a Mayor and a Council Member on Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The polls at the Pitts Center will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Early voting ended today at the Baum Center in Kill Devil Hills. You can still vote tomorrow, Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> in Manteo at the Dare County Board of Elections located at 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information, contact Melva Garrison Director of the Dare [County Board of Elections](#) at (252) 475-5631.

### **Town Council Meeting Changed**

Southern Shores Town Council meeting has been moved to Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, due to the election.

**The Mayor's Chat** will also be held Wednesday, November 4, beginning at 6 PM.

### **Change Your Clocks, Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries**

It's that time of year again! Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (at 2:00 AM) is the day you turn your clocks **back** 1 hour to standard time. It is also a great time to change your smoke detector batteries and then test every detector in your home. Hint: When you go to bed Saturday night, turn your clocks back so you have the correct time Sunday.

## **PINE WOOD NEMATODE**

The Town has authorized Atlantic Tree to make one last round of chipping & disposal of Pine Tree debris infected with the Nematode, which is currently taking place. Previously we worked hand-in-hand with the SSCA to dispose of this debris. Homeowners choosing to remove any of these trees from their properties will need to make their own arrangements for disposal at their cost.

### **Chipping**

The Chipper will be working Sector #1 the week of November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All brush in Sector #1 should be out by Monday morning. Section #2 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, November 3rd**

Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, polls are open 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM, Pitts Center

Mayor's Chat, Wednesday, November 4, 6 PM, Pitts Center

Town Council Meeting, Wednesday, November 4, 7 PM, Pitts Center, Agenda

Wind Generation Group Meeting, Thursday, November 5, 3 PM, Pitts Center

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