

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

From the Town Manager:

HOLIDAY SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS:

I received this information from Senator Burr and share it with you knowing we, the citizens of Southern Shores, will share our holiday spirit and generosity with our troops serving overseas:

Holiday Care Packages:

The Holiday season can be an especially difficult time for our nation's servicemen and women who are stationed overseas away from their families. If you are interested in sending mail or care packages to our troops abroad this holiday season, please visit the websites below for more information.

USO Care Package program: <https://www.uso.org/donate/custom.aspx?id=850&<http://aiss.eneews.senate.gov/t/87239/4815726/2449/0/>>

America Supports You: <http://www.ourmilitary.mil/index.aspx<http://aiss.eneews.senate.gov/t/87239/4815726/2450/0/>>

Support Our Troops: <http://www.supportourtroops.org/<http://aiss.eneews.senate.gov/t/87239/4815726/2451/0/>>

Charlie Read, Town Manager

Recycling Holiday Schedule:

NOTE: Pickup originally scheduled for Monday January 4th has been re-scheduled by the service provider to **Saturday January 2nd**.

Council Meeting December 1 [Recap](#)

At the December 1st. meeting of Town Council, Mayor Hal Denny and Council Member George Kowalski were sworn into office to start their 4-year terms on Town Council. The Council also elected Council Member Jodi Hess as Mayor Pro Tempore. For a meeting summary got to [Recap](#).

From the Canal Dredge Project Manager-Update

This has been an interesting week. Four members of our "Dredge Team" as well as three representatives from our contractor's company drove to Washington, NC on Wednesday morning to meet with a number of people from the NC Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and other review agencies, such as NC Marine Fisheries.

Our meeting was positive in every respect. Their Director and Staff showed a sincere interest in the “new” method of dewatering dredge spoil material which we plan to use. They saw the benefits associated with not having to use the large land areas required with traditional “earthen berm,” the saving of trees by not having to clear these areas, as well as the cost savings allowed in being able to dewater much closer to the actual dredge itself. As a group, we were impressed by their cooperative spirit.

Our Town Engineer did an excellent job of presenting our plan to them, explaining how we intend to utilize the North Marina dewatering site. Within a few hours of our meeting we were advised by their Director that DWQ would have a letter recommending approval of our permit modification to the CAMA Permit Coordinator’s office by Tuesday, December 8th. Unfortunately, the Permit Coordinator will not be able to address the issuing of the permit until December 14th or later.

I have asked for a Special Meeting of the Town council on Wednesday, December 9th at 8am. They need to decide if we will begin the mobilization portion of the project while waiting for the final approval. We believe we can do this, saving 7 to 10 days, and giving the contractor the opportunity to begin dredging immediately upon receipt of the permit. We need these additional days now since we cannot dredge after February 14th, without an extension into the dredge moratorium. Most of this work will take place on the east side of the North Marina and may impact the use of the boat ramp after December 10th or so.

Within the next few days all slip holders and canal front property owners whose property abuts the canals within the first phase of the dredge will receive a letter explaining the schedule and what they should expect.

As always your questions and comments are welcome. You can reach me at (252) 619-5996 or jwbobx@embarqmail.com

Thank you, Tom Bennett

Wireless Telecommunications Tower

A second public hearing has been scheduled for January 5, 2010 for the Wireless Communications Ordinance [LDA 2009-08-01](#). There have been a number of changes to the draft ordinance from the first public hearing. Go to [Possible Sites](#) to see maps and information on possible wireless tower sites.

Town Website

Please change your bookmark/favorites for the Town website to www.southernshores-nc.gov. Some people have the old address that takes you to an old version. We are working on resolving this issue but it may be several weeks before it is redirected to the new web host.

Chipping

The Chipper will be working Sector #1 the week of December 7th. All brush in Sector #1 should be out by Monday morning. Section #2 can start putting their brush out for chipping. 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, December 7th**
- Planning Board Special Meeting, Monday, December 7th, 7 PM, Pitts Center, [Agenda](#), followed by the Planning Advisory Board. Please note Planning Board meeting for December 21 has been cancelled.
- Special Town Council Meeting, Wednesday, December 9, 8 AM, to address amendments to the Canal Maintenance Dredge Contract and other related issues and any other issues as may come before Council.

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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