

News from Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, January 8, 2010

From the Town Manager:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

I recently received a letter from Nags Head Town Manager, Cliff Ogburn, commending the Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance fighting a structure fire on January 2nd. Please join me in expressing true appreciation for what our dedicated emergency professionals; fire, EMS, and police do every day to protect and serve. This recent commendation of SSVFD reflects greatly on firefighters everywhere and serves to remind us how fortunate we are to live and work in the Town of Volunteers.

COLD SNAP:

Folks, it looks like we're headed into another round of severely cold weather with lows in the 20's at night. Please take steps to protect yourselves, pets, plants, and plumbing from this severe weather. Go to [Photo](#) to see a picture of the sound freezing over.

Charlie Read, Town Manager

From the Canal Dredge Project Manager-Update

At this writing, most of the machinery and equipment necessary to begin dredging is on site. Our contractor will be working through the weekend fusing pipe and assembling the final pieces to allow this long delayed project to finally begin. Our target start date is now Monday, January 11. Let's all keep our fingers crossed.

A number of you have asked about the ice, and how it may impact dredging. The contractor has been using the work barge to clear portions of the main channel and believes that it should not be a major hindrance to their efforts. The cold temperatures of the past week or more have certainly made working on the site for 8 to 10 hours a day a real challenge.

Some have asked about being able to use the main channel, with the dredge and pipe there and the ice gone. You can communicate with the dredge on VHF channel 6, 16 or 18 to determine whether or not the channel is navigable. Their call sign is "PMC Holmes Beach".

Once the dredge begins, our focus will change from one of "Let's make it happen." to "Lets make it happen and comply with the requirements of our permit." We still have standards to meet and maintain in order to move forward.

My thanks to the many of you who have taken time to email or phone with questions and words of support. Both are much appreciated. As before you can reach me at 252 619-5996 or jwbobx@embarqmail.com.

Tom Bennett – To see picture of the site and equipment go to [Dredge](#).

Literacy Tutor Workshop January 16

The Dare Literacy Council is in need of volunteer tutors. Tutors are trained to teach adults to learn to read, to improve their reading or math skills, to learn English as a Second Language or to prepare for their GED (high school equivalency). The Tutor Training Workshop will take place on Saturday, January 16 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church in Southern Shores. There is a \$25 fee which covers the cost of your workbook and lunch is provided.

Once trained, tutors will either work one-on-one with a student or in a class situation with small groups. Tutoring takes place at various locations throughout the beach and every effort is made to comply with a tutor's request for time and location. No teaching experience is necessary. Volunteers are also needed to help with fundraising, administrative work, publicity, workshop coordination, and more.

If you are interested in becoming a tutor, please register as soon as possible by calling (252) 216-7773 or emailing dareliteracy@gmail.com.

Dare County Arts Council Neighborhood Wine Tasting at Coastal Provisions Market on January 13th

The Dare County Arts Council invites Southern Shores residents to join them for a lively evening of art, wine, appetizers, live music, and neighborly cheer!

WHEN: Wednesday, January 13, from **6 - 8 pm**

WHERE: Coastal Provisions Market in Southern Shores Crossing

This event, the first in a series of gatherings that will be hosted in each town by the DCAC, encourages membership by reaching out to the communities that support it.

Discover what Dare County Arts Council has been up to lately, and how they have been serving the Southern Shores community. Call DCAC 473-5558 if you plan on attending.

The Dare County Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization committed to supporting the arts everywhere in Dare. For more information about the Dare County Arts Council visit www.darearts.org

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DEADLINE NEARS FOR SUMMER STATE GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

If you know of any NC resident who is attending a college, university, technical institute or community college they have until January 20th to apply for one of up to 65 paid state government internships available for summer 2010. For more information go to [Internship](#).

Chipping

The Chipper will be working Sector #2 the week of January 11th. All brush in Sector #2 should be out by Monday morning. Section #3 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. NOTE* Real Christmas Trees will be chipped by our chipping contractor as he does his normal once a week chipping. Please remove all decoration and wire, place out on the town right of way please secure from blowing into the street.

Dates To Remember:

- **No Recycling pickup, January 11**
- **SSCA General Membership Meeting, Monday, January 11, 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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