

## **News from Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, January 29, 2010**

### **From the Town Manager:**

#### **STORM:**

Town Departments; Police, Fire & Public Works are taking measures to address the needs that the pending storm may present. With that said, we encourage everyone to stay home and avoid driving unless absolutely necessary. Please use extreme caution as ice, snow, and rain develop.

#### **SERVICE:**

The Town, in its continuing efforts to improve public services, is adopting a new schedule for our Public Works (PW) employees that will ensure that the PW function is provided seven days per week excluding holidays. The “new” PW schedule will begin during the first two weeks of February.

#### **TREES:**

Over the next few weeks many of the Crepe Myrtle trees located along the Right of Way from South Dogwood Trail to the vicinity of the Marketplace will be removed. Dominion Power is subject to strict federal height restrictions for trees under high power transmission lines and must remove any trees that do not comply.

Taking the lead, The Town of Southern Shores invited the Southern Shores Civic Association, Duck Woods Country Club, and Dare County Schools to work as a team to resolve this matter. Together we are coordinating with Dominion Power who will provide adequate funding for the Town to purchase a shorter variety of mature Crepe Myrtles as replacements and to engage a garden center to install the replacements. Tom Bennett, representing DWCC, is acting as our volunteer horticulturist and I am confident that the end result will be more pleasing than what currently exists.

*The following information is provided by Dominion Power:*

“In 2006 the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) adopted Transmission Vegetation Management Standard FAC-003-1 in response to the 2003 Northeast Blackout. The standard requires minimum clearances be maintained between vegetation and certain transmission lines in order to prevent outages from vegetation located on transmission rights-of-way. Strict adherence is mandatory. To ensure compliance with this standard, Dominion conducted a recent survey of all applicable transmission lines, including the lines extending through the Town of Southern Shores. The survey identified several trees in the Town that, due to their size, specie type, and location within the right-of-way, are no longer compatible with the transmission lines and will be removed.

Over the past several months Dominion has worked with various representatives from the Town of Southern Shores to develop a plan that will not only ensure compliance with the standard but one that will also reestablish compatible vegetation on the

transmission right-of-way. We sincerely appreciate the Town of Southern Shores' cooperation and understanding as we complete this important vegetation work.”

Charlie Read, Town Manager

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

Our contractor has continued to be challenged by the turbidity issue. To-date, they have been unable to effectively eliminate the fine silt from the water being discharged by the hydrocyclones. Despite baffles, screens, settling tanks and flocculants, they have been unsuccessful in achieving the water clarity levels anticipated by our permit. This explains the starting and stopping of the dredge. Since it is imperative that we not discharge water back into our canals unless it meets the standards, they have simply stopped the process, allowed the water in the basin to settle, put new measures in place and tried again.

For the past five days or so they have been investigating another method of silt control which should allow them to restart our project by this coming Sunday. Hopefully, the method they have chosen will allow them to go into a dredge "production" mode at that time. The hydrocyclones, which separate the water from the bulk of the solid material (or vice versa) were just unable to "pull-out" the very fine silt. The up-side is that the material we have produced in our "test" dredging has been excellent, relatively dry and easily transported with no contamination to the roads on our exit route. We are hopeful that these new measures will allow the project to finally move forward.

**JUST A REMINDER---- The North Marina site is closed to all non-dredge traffic until the project is completed! Your cooperation and patience are appreciated.**

As before, you can reach me at 252 619-5996 or [jwbobx@embarqmail.com](mailto:jwbobx@embarqmail.com).

Thanks, Tom Bennett

### **Free Seminar for Literacy Tutors**

In an effort to provide continuing education to trained literacy tutors, the Dare Literacy Council will conduct several in-service seminars throughout the year for its tutors. The first seminar is scheduled for Saturday, January 30 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Kill Devil Hills Library. The seminar will provide several teaching ideas that tutors can take with them to use immediately with their students. The brief seminar promises to be fun and informative.

Please pre-register by calling (252) 216-7773 or emailing [dareliteracy@gmail.com](mailto:dareliteracy@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars for future in-service seminars scheduled for Saturday, February 27 and Saturday, March 27. Times and topics are still to be determined, and the Dare Literacy Council would like to hear from its tutors about subjects they would like to see covered. Please contact the DLC with suggestions for upcoming seminars.

## Chipping

The Chipper will be working Sector #1 the week of February 1. 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, February 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **Planning Advisory Board Meeting, Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 PM, Pitts Center**
- **Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 PM, Pitts Center [Agenda](#)**

*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](mailto:info@southernshores-nc.gov) , [www.southernshores-nc.gov](http://www.southernshores-nc.gov) .

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