

# News From Town Hall

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## Message from the Mayor:

In December your Town Council hired a new Town Manager, Charles Read. Charlie, his wife Alice and their son Chuck have been residents of our town for approximately 7 years. Mr. Read was chosen after carefully reviewing numerous resumes and the consensus was with his extensive business background and his various leadership positions he was the best candidate for the position.

As we face difficult economic times, it is important to have a Town Manager who understands the importance of investigating our town budget and finding more cost effective ways to operate. Recently we were able to reduce the cost of chipping by discontinuing the program for the months of June, July and August saving us approx \$28,000. The consensus was no chipping during the summer made it easier on our Public Works Department mowing of the right-of-ways, etc, there were also concerns regarding safety with all our pedestrian and vehicle traffic. So please do not put out piles of brush during the summer and help our town look great. In reviewing of our recycling during the off season the decision was made to go to the first and third Mondays vs. every week which not only saves thousands of dollars but many felt recycling every week was not necessary nor cost efficient. The next saving was with the life guard service. Our Town Manager, in discussions with the owner of the service, was able to reduce the cost by ten percent with little, if any, reduction in service. These three contracted services recognize the state of the economy and are working with us. They realize money does not grow on trees.

We have also had some changes in personnel and our staff has done a great job. Our current staff is smaller, but by working as a team we are getting more done and more efficiently. Thanks to all.

Let me briefly discuss the Dredging program. As you are probably aware our permit was turned down and we are now in the process of having our attorneys work on the appeals/variance process.

This was disappointing and in my view another example of a runaway bureaucracy delaying what must be done. In closing, we will continue to fight for the canal dredging.

**Don Smith**

## Canal Dredging Project Update

The Town received denials of the permit to move ahead with the canal dredging by two State agencies, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The reasons given were due to submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) in our canals and the Ginguite Creek and the associated canal system are being an inland primary nursery area (PNA).

According to George Wood, an environmental consultant engaged by the Town to assist with the project, the denials have potentially wide ranging impact for all coastal counties in North Carolina, and should be challenged.



In addition to the regional impact of these decisions, the Town could also be greatly harmed by these decisions. The canal dredging project is necessary in order to ensure the viability and navigability of the canal system running throughout the Town.

The Town is committed to moving forward with the project. The Town's attorneys, John Leidy and Ben Gallop of the firm Hornthal, Riley, Ellis & Maland, are studying the legal options available to the Town. These options include an appeal and hearing before an administrative law judge and a request for a variance, which would be submitted to and decided by the Coastal Resources Commission. The Town's attorneys do not expect these processes to be complete until the end of 2008. Additional appeals to a local superior court and appellate court are possible, depending on the outcomes in these administrative proceedings. As a result, the dredging project is unlikely to proceed until 2009, at the earliest.

# A Community of Volunteers

### **\*\*New Chipping Schedule\*\***

The Chipping contract has been amended for brush to be chipped nine months out of the year with **no chipping in June, July and August.** Any piles out those months will have to be moved off the Town right-of-way at owners expense. Thank you for your cooperation and below are some ground rules for you to follow.

- Only small quantities of brush cut by the homeowner will be chipped. This service is not for contractors or anyone doing major lot clearing.
- Piles can be up to 15' long by 4' high, with all cut ends facing toward the road, within 10' of the road. Do not stack near utilities or fire hydrants.
- Individual limbs can be up to 8' long with a maximum limb diameter of 5".
- Do not place anything other than limbs, vines and branches out to be chipped. No leaves, grass clippings, lumber, roots, stumps, string, concrete, rocks, etc.
- Chips are available for delivery to residents by calling Town Hall 261-2394. Place a sign saying "chip" where you want them dumped (not in Town right-of-way).



### **Southern Shores Turning 30 in April 2009!**

The Town Council seeks people who want to help with the Town's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2009. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will design and help implement events celebrating Southern Shores turning 30 year old. If you would like to serve on the Anniversary Committee, or have ideas of the celebration please contact the Town Hall at 252-261-2394 or [info@southernshores-nc.gov](mailto:info@southernshores-nc.gov).

#### **Visit our Web Site:**

For information on Town events and programs, ordinance changes, minutes of meetings, calendar of events and other information, go to :

[www.southernshores-nc.gov](http://www.southernshores-nc.gov)



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### **Garbage and Recycling Schedule**

**Fall/Winter Schedule:** Now thru May 31; garbage every Monday, recycling first and third Monday.

**Summer Schedule:** May 31 thru Sept. 30; garbage pickup every Monday and Friday and recycling pickup every Monday.

#### **Magnets with Schedule are available at Town Hall**

Cans are to be set out at curbside spaced **at least 3 feet apart** so the automatic arm on the truck can pick them up. All garbage and recycling should be placed inside the appropriate can (green/black for garbage, maroon/blue for recycling) not outside on the ground or on top of cans.

For a fee you may obtain additional trash cans by calling Dare County 475-5880. For additional recycling cans send or drop off a check by Town Hall for \$90.00 and the can we will be delivered. Rental properties with 4 bedrooms or less are required to have two trash cans. Rentals with 5 to 7 bedrooms are required to have three trash cans.

Reminder: Cans must be rolled out and rolled in from the curb within 24 hours of collection per Town Ordinance. Also, Garbage collection in the summer begins at 3:00 A.M.

### **ROLL OUT/ROLL IN -24**

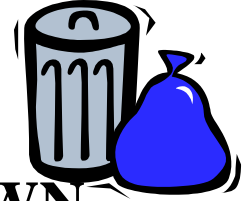
#### **A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

We are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful team of Town employees. Everything that takes place to make this town run, from the high visibility operations to those that take place behind the scenes, is done by a highly motivated professional. In each newsletter, I will highlight accomplishments or introduce employees so that you can get to know these dedicated professionals better and fully appreciate their contributions.

Today I'd like to commend to your attention some recent accomplishments of the Public Works Department: Tim Gregory, Harold Herndon, and Dave Foster approach each assignment with great enthusiasm and a positive can-do attitude. Over the past few months, they have taken on several in-house projects each of which resulted in saving the town time and money. For example: they have taken over the responsibility of cleaning town facilities, completed a remodeling project at the Police Station, installed a water heater in the Pitts Center. They have also taken over jobs that required outside cost such as; maintaining and servicing their vehicles, painting offices, repairing their equipment. When you see them please take a moment to express your gratitude.



# TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK APRIL 21 - 26, 2008 COME HELP CLEANUP OUR TOWN



- Stop by the Town Hall any day from April 21 through April 25 to sign up and pick up your collection bags.
- Collect trash and recyclables.
- Leave your bags at any street corner in Town, to be picked up by public works.



Join your fellow volunteers, Saturday, April 26,  
12 Noon at the North Marina for  
**THANK-YOU PICNIC**

(The picnic area at the Marina is located off of Sassafras Lane. Parking is limited, please car pool, walk or bike.)

## Hurricane Preparedness

**Keep Informed:** By being aware and staying tuned to local radio stations and television broadcasts, the general public is able to find out what to do, when to do it and where to go. **(Join the Town's broadcast email)** In addition, 24-hour-a-day storm information can be received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio.

**Evacuate early:** Plan to evacuate early, and keep a full tank of gas during the hurricane season. Learn the best evacuation route before a storm forms and make arrangements with friends or relatives inland to stay with them until the storm has passed. Leave early, in daylight if possible. Never attempt to drive during a hurricane. Wait until the all-clear is given after the storm. Avoid driving on coastal and low-lying roads. Storm surge and hurricane-caused flooding are erratic and may occur with little or no warning.

### Protect your belongings before you leave:

- Move your most valuable possessions that you can't take with you to higher points within your home.
- Turn off gas, water, electricity. Check to see that you have done everything to protect your property from damage and loss.
- Lock windows and doors.





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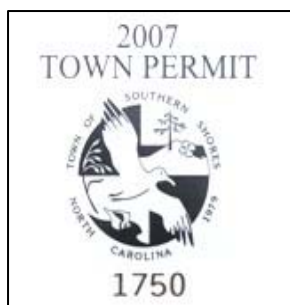
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### Town Parking

Make sure you have your 2007 Town Parking Permit (valid for 2008 and until further notice) on your vehicles before you head to the beach. The Town has a parking lot on Chicahauk Trail off of Ocean Blvd for use of Town property owners. You must have a Town parking pass to use this lot, SSCA & CPOA stickers and guest parking passes are not honored.

**\*\*There are NO 2008 permits.**



**\*\*If you already have an 2007 sticker you don't need to apply for a new one. The 2007 stickers are good until further notice. If you get a new vehicle or have just moved into Town, you must apply for a sticker.**



### News Flash: Large Item Pickup will be on Tuesday, April 22

Materials for the Large Item Pickup must be curbside by 6:00 A.M. on April 22 as there is no second day pickup. Do not put items out earlier than a week before the pickup. The following recyclable items will be picked up: used auto tires, used motor oil in spillproof containers, auto radiators, scrap metal like rims & motor parts and appliances. Please remove doors from refrigerators. ***The following items will not be collected:*** old clothes, construction debris-which means no building materials such as lumber. Also not collected are shoes, cardboard, tree limbs, stumps, leaves, yard-clearing debris and any hazardous materials (oil based paint/stains, pesticides, etc.) Water based paint can be picked up but it must be dried out.

**Whatever is not picked up on that day, must be removed promptly by the property owner.**