

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, July 6, 2025.

Independence Day on Hatteras Island was good. In Hatteras Village the parade was a blast. Golf cart parade winners were: Most Patriotic (Fish Fry); Most Creative (Wrong Brothers); Most Humorous (Mario Carts). Almost 600 parade attendees visited the grill for hotdogs and hamburgers.

At the Avon pier, lots of people watched the fireworks. The show is organized by the Avon Property Owners Association and has financial support from the Dare County Tourism Board and corporate and individual donors on Hatteras Island. And a fish fry was held. The show cost \$37,000. Please remember that next year when the hand goes out for donations.

On Thursday, July 3, Hatteras Island Meals accepted a \$4,500 grant from Food Lion Feeds, the store's philanthropic platform focused on hunger relief and addressing hunger in local communities.

Food Lion's General Manager, Crystal Cary, presented Cape Hatteras Food Pantry Director Cathy Diemer the check, with volunteers from the pantry, Hatteras Island Meals, Food Lion, and the Frisco Volunteer Fire Department and Avon Food Lion workers in attendance.

In January 2025, Hatteras Island Meals assumed responsibility for the Cape Hatteras Food Pantry, which provides those most in need with groceries and other household staples. The food pantry is staffed by volunteers.

For more information on Hatteras Island Meals and the Cape Hatteras Food Pantry, including volunteer or donation opportunities, visit Hatteras Island Meals' Facebook page or email [hatteras island meals @ gmail dot com](mailto:hatteras_island_meals@gmail.com).

Death on Frisco beach. John Joseph Csanadi, 67, of Nanuet, New York, died the afternoon of June 23, 2025, while swimming in the Atlantic Ocean near Frisco, North Carolina. Resuscitation measures were attempted on the beach near Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Ramp 49 but were unsuccessful.

A 911 call was received at 2:51 p.m. A bystander saw a man face down in the water without floatation. Bystanders rescued Csanadi and brought him to shore and immediately performed CPR along with the Hatteras Island Ocean Rescue staff.

Also responding to the incident were Dare County Emergency Medical Services staff and Cape Hatteras National Seashore Rangers.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore extended condolences to the victim's family and friends.

On July 3, Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman Robert L. Woodard sent a letter to elected leaders from coastal North Carolina counties proposing the formation of a Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition.

Woodard writes a coalition would allow North Carolina's coastal counties to address critical issues with a unified voice.

The letter states: "As coastal counties, we share a deep connection to our working waterfronts and the hardworking men and women who make their living from our coastal waters. Our commercial fishing industry is not only a vital part of our economy, it's also an essential part of our heritage and identity. With the recent controversy surrounding House Bill 442, which was fortunately defeated in the House, it has become clear that we must be proactive in defending and supporting this vital industry. It's likely we will see similar legislation resurface in the future, along with other issues that directly impact our commercial fishermen and coastal communities."

The U.S. Coast Guard announced the renaming of its operational districts from numerical to geographic designations. Within this Service-wide renaming initiative, Coast Guard Fifth District will now be known as Coast Guard East District.

Renaming operational districts revises a numbered system established during World War II, when the Coast Guard operated as part of the Navy to ensure alignment between the services.

Coast Guard East District has the following states: North Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and part of Pennsylvania.

New jobs for two Dare Officials. Two Dare County officials have assumed expanded leadership roles, reports the Island Free Press.

Director of Health and Human Services Sheila Davies has been named Deputy County Manager, assuming oversight of several additional departments and services, including Library Services, Parks and Recreation and Public Services. Davies has been the Health and Human Services director for the county since 2014.

Dustin Peele has been named Assistant County Manager and expands his duties to include oversight of the Public Works and Planning departments. Peele will continue to serve as the county's project manager and purchasing operations, a role he has had since 2021.

A native of Hatteras Island, Peele officially began his service to Dare County in 2014, when he was hired as a purchasing agent for the Finance Department. He was named County Employee of the Year in 2023.

In a three-year study mandated by the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Collaboratory has released its findings on the state's coastal and marine fisheries.

The Legislative Study of Coastal and Marine Fisheries, launched in 2022, was initiated in recognition of two key anniversaries in coastal policy: the 25th anniversary of the state's Fisheries Reform Act of 1997 and the 50th anniversary of the Coastal Area Management Act of 1974. With \$1 million in state funding, the North Carolina Collaboratory brought together researchers from UNC-Chapel Hill, East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, and UNC-Wilmington.

Their directive was to assess the long-term viability of 13 critical marine species and evaluate the habitat and policy structures that support them. The report was submitted to the legislature on June 30, 2025, along with a transmittal letter and a promise of a more extensive implementation report by year's end.

The Island Free Press has an extensive article about the report.

Dare County Sheriff's Blotter of June felony crimes for unincorporated Dare County in June 2025 has been issued. Six crimes are listed with half on Hatteras Island, one each on Roanoke Island, Colington and Martins Point. Hatteras Island crimes listed on the blotter are as follows.

June 10: Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. 47000 block of Dippin Vat Rd., Buxton. Victim sent scammers \$1,300 through Apple Pay and Zelle as part of a missing jury duty scam.

June 18: Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. 40000 block of NC 12, Avon. A \$40,000 payment was sent to the wrong account after the recipients email was compromised. Under investigation.

June 26: Forgery. 42000 block of Askins Creek Dr., Avon. Checks altered and forged. Under investigation.

On Tuesday, June 24, 2025, enacted legislation switched appointment power for local board chairs from Governor to State Auditor. Historically, the governor's party held majorities on the state and local boards of election. Stein has filed suit, but the change goes forward as allowed by the Court of Appeals.

The new boards will be sworn in Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at noon.

Did you experience the brief, very brief, power outage on Wednesday, July 2? Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative lost power for about four minutes. A lightning strike hit the northern Hatteras Island villages and at the same time Dominion Power had a breaker issue due to stormy weather. In the western most area of Buxton the electric only flickered for a few seconds, causing folks to reset their clocks.

This is Radio Hatteras.