

Weekly News Summary for November 9, 2025.

Weather watch. The National Weather Service in Morehead City has issued a Freeze Watch for late Monday evening through Tuesday morning.

The Freeze Watch covers Dare County Mainland and East and West Carteret County. Freezing temperatures as low as 32 degrees are possible.

Frost and freeze conditions could kill crops, other sensitive vegetation and possibly damage unprotected outdoor plumbing. Take steps now to protect tender plants from the cold.

The National Weather Service in Morehead City reports that Cape Hatteras broke the record for rainfall amount on November 3 with 5.21 inches. Previous record for the date was 3.87 inches set in 1979.

A word about Debris cleanup in Buxton. Cape Hatteras crews will continue to collect debris over the coming weeks using a combination of manual labor, heavy machinery, and a mechanized beach rake. A significant amount of smaller debris remains lodged in back-dune wetlands and a large pond south of Buxton Village, while lighter materials have been reported as far away as Ocracoke Island and Cape Lookout National Seashore.

In coordination with the Seashore's efforts, Dare County has announced that its storm debris removal contractor, Dupon, will return to Buxton on Monday, November 17, to conduct an additional cleanup operation. Property owners in the affected areas are asked to move all storm-related materials to the east-side right-of-way along Old Lighthouse Road by Sunday, November 16, to ensure safe and efficient collection. Residents are reminded that once collection crews have cleared an area, no additional debris should be placed at those locations.

As Hatteras Island continues to face frequent storms, the Buxton Civic Association is formalizing a volunteer network to help coordinate community-led cleanup efforts. Cleanup following Hurricane Erin's impacts in August has evolved into a larger, resident-driven initiative designed to fill gaps between county and federal responses. To streamline future efforts, the association is compiling a volunteer email list to notify residents of upcoming cleanup schedules, supply needs, and safety guidelines. Residents wishing to join the list should email buxtoncivic@gmail.com.

Brief summary of the Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition meeting of Nov 5 in Morehead City. Chairs of the four committees established last month—Education, Fishing Limits and Water Quality, Legislative, and Predation Management—provided updates on their initial work and priorities.

During the meeting, the coalition appointed two additional consultants: Jess Hawkins, former Chief of Fisheries Management with the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, and Dare County Board of Commissioners Vice Chairman Steve House. They join Glenn Skinner in providing experience and insight to the coalition.

The coalition also voted to submit two formal resolutions to the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries—one opposing proposed limits on landings of Blue Crabs and another expressing opposition to proposed management changes affecting Sheepshead. All attendees were invited to share public comments before the close of the meeting. View the meeting recording on the Carteret County Government's YouTube channel.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is undertaking a series of emergency dune reconstruction and roadway repair projects along key sections of N.C. 12 on Ocracoke, Pea Island, and north of Hatteras Village following repeated ocean overwash during a late October coastal storm.

On Hatteras Island, NCDOT has initiated an emergency protective dune reconstruction contract that spans three vulnerable areas: the Canal Zone and the Pea Island Visitor Center area, and the Sandy Bay section between Frisco and Hatteras Village.

The projects are designed to rebuild sections of dune that were impacted by the late October storm's high surf. Work includes excavation, borrow material transport from designated stockpiles, grading, and the fine finishing of the dune profile to restore protective elevation along the highway corridor.

Construction in these sections will continue under a single-lane closure until completion. The timeline is weather-dependent, but officials say crews are prioritizing restoration before the next round of winter storms to ensure continued highway access.

SNAP update. Initially, North Carolina was instructed to issue 65% of the monthly allocations of SNAP benefits. The state started doing that this week. A court in Rhode Island issued an order to fully fund the food assistance, and the federal administration appealed the order and was granted a stay by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, who issued a temporary administrative stay to pause a lower court's order for full benefits, which allowed time for the full court to consider the issue. This was a temporary measure to give the Trump administration's appeal time to be heard, while the lower court had initially ordered the government to fully fund the benefits after a federal shutdown. As it stands now, the stay remains in place.

The Cape Hatteras Hurricanes came out strong on the soccer field. The team secured a 2–0 victory against East Columbus High School. With incredible teamwork and heart, the Canes are advancing to the 3rd Round of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association State Playoffs! The match will be played on the soccer field off Buxton Back Road on Monday, November 10. Watch the school sign for the time or consult Facebook. No school Monday, Nov. 10. Parent-teacher conferences. And No school Tuesday, Nov. 11. Veterans Day.

Cape Hatteras Cross Country runners saluted. Congratulations to Gabby Baker and Quin Farrow! Both ran outstanding races at the State Championship. Gabby earned All-State honors with her impressive 9th-place finish in the 1A division, while Quin set a new personal record, beating his previous best by over a minute!

Community Senior Resource Fair set for November 15

Dare County's upcoming Community Senior Resource Fair is an informative and engaging event designed to empower older adults and their families with the tools and resources they need to live well and stay connected. Hosted by the Dare County Older Adult Services Advisory Council, this free event will be held from 10 to 2, Saturday, November 15 at the Dare County Youth Center at 602 Mustian Street, Kill Devil Hills.

Members of the public—including older adults, caregivers, friends and family members of all ages—are encouraged to attend the Community Senior Resource Fair, which aims to bring together a variety of local organizations, service providers and community leaders dedicated to supporting the well-being of Dare County's older adults. Learn how to stay active, informed and engaged. For more information about the Community Senior Resource Fair, visit [info dot DareNC dot gov slash SeniorFair](http://info.darenc.gov/seniorfair).

Help families on Hatteras Island enjoy a Thanksgiving meal this holiday season! Here's How to Donate for Hatteras Islanders: For those who wish to make monetary donations for Thanksgiving baskets, send checks to Fessenden Center, P.O. Box 859, Buxton, N.C. 27920 or contact Annelise Wilcox at 252-475-5764.

Thanks for Giving Coins for Cancer

The Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation announces its annual Thanks for Giving Coins for Cancer event, scheduled to take place at the Cape Hatteras Elementary School from November 17 to November 21. During this event, children are encouraged to bring in spare change with their parents' permission to help raise funds for the foundation. 100% of the funds raised support residents of Hatteras Island who are battling cancer.

Students will bring in change daily, and bills and checks are also welcome. At the end of the week, the totals will be tallied up, and the class that raises the most money will win a cupcake party and a trophy for their classroom. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about contributing to a worthy cause and supporting their community! For more information about the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation, visit [hicf dot org](http://hicf.org).

Sign up for Christmas parade

Holiday cheer and community spirit will take center stage in Hatteras Village on December 13. Entries are now being accepted for the 2025 Hatteras Village Christmas Parade, scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at 2 o'clock.

Organizers invite local businesses, non-profits, schools, families, and individuals to participate in one of Hatteras Island's most beloved holiday traditions. Cash prizes are awarded. Sign up at [hatterasevents at yahoo dot com](http://hatterasevents@yahoo.com).

Donate to the Food Pantry in Buxton

Consider donating to the Cape Hatteras Food Pantry. Donations may be made through the Hatteras Island Meals website or through our facebook link at [hatteras island meals dot org](http://hatteras-island-meals.org).

Checks may be mailed to Cape Hatteras Food Pantry, P. O. Box 854, Buxton, NC 27920.:

Cape Hatteras Food Pantry has food available to all in need. It is a local organization run by Hatteras Island Meals and is entirely run by resident volunteers and is not part of any government agency. CHFP is by appointment only. People may apply directly to Hatteras Island meals. Email [hatterasislandmeals at gmail.com](mailto:hatterasislandmeals@gmail.com) to make an appointment to visit the food pantry.

Applicants may also book an appointment through Dare County Health and Human Services. If you are already part of the scheduling for food pantry appointments, contact Jess at 252-475-9320 to schedule a regular appointment.

Now, be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.