

## **Weekly news summary for Sunday April 6, 2025.**

### **Large Item Pickup starts tomorrow.**

Dare County's large item pickup starts tomorrow. If you have items, listen to the news and then take your items to the curb. The directions say have everything out on the road by April 7.

### **Advisory Board appointed for Buxton beach**

The Restoration Advisory Board members have been selected for the Buxton Formerly Used Defense Site property, a former Naval facility located at the end of Old Lighthouse Road.

The 11 members of the RAB are as follows: Mary Ellon Balance, Brett Barley, Sheila Davies, Alyson Flynn, Michael Gould, Betsy Gwin, Brian Harris, Meaghan Johnson, Stewart Nelson, Carla Reynolds, and Lat Williams

The first board meeting is scheduled for April 10 at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. The meeting will be held at the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club at 47231 Light Plant Road in Buxton.

Although the group is not a decision-making group, members of a Restoration Advisory Board can influence the cleanup decisions through discussions of ideas, concerns, questions, and by providing direct feedback to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and regulatory agencies.

The next step for the Buxton property is a comprehensive soil and groundwater sampling project.

### **Revaluation notices mailed**

The Dare County Tax Appraisal Department has mailed the 2025 revaluation notices containing the updated appraised value for property to all Dare County property owners.

The total value of those properties is about \$27.5 billion. When the county's properties were last reappraised five years ago in 2020, the tax base was \$15.9 billion.

Upon receiving a revaluation notice, property owners who disagree with the new assessed value may file an informal appeal with the Dare County Tax Department. The informal appeals process remains open until the Dare County Board of Equalization & Review convenes, at which point it is their duty to review and decide on appeals. Details on submitting an appeal are included in the revaluation notices and can also be found online at [Dare NC dot gov slash Revaluation](http://Dare NC dot gov slash Revaluation). That webpage also has additional details.

Contact the Dare County Tax Department at 252-475-5940 with questions.

The Dare County Board of Commissioners will set the new ad valorem tax rate for the annual budget when it adopts the Fiscal Year 2026 budget in June. New property tax bills will be mailed this summer.

### **Burn ban lifted in unincorporated Dare County which includes Hatteras**

Dare County Fire Marshal Steve Kovacs has announced that the Burn Ban that was issued on Friday, March 21, 2025 has been lifted for the incorporated Dare County, effective beginning at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, April 2, 2025).

With the burn ban lifted, residents and property owners in the unincorporated areas of Dare County are permitted to resume the responsible burning of yard debris; however, Dare County Fire Marshal Steve Kovacs reminds residents and property owners to exercise caution and adhere to fire safety regulations when conducting outdoor burns.

To ensure public safety and prevent the risk of wildfires, all burns must be attended at all times. A reliable water source or appropriate fire suppression tools should be readily available, and upon completion, the fire must be fully extinguished.

Additionally, only natural yard debris—such as leaves, branches and other vegetative materials—are permitted for burning. The burning of trash, lumber, furniture or any other non-organic materials remains strictly prohibited in Dare County.

The statewide ban was lifted April 1, 2025.

### **March felony crimes listed**

Dare County Sheriff's blotter for felony crimes in March 2025 has been released. These are the crimes listed for Hatteras Island.

Ten crimes are listed and half are from Hatteras Island. Roanoke Island has three crimes listed. Martin's Point and Colington have one apiece. Five crimes are listed as "under investigation."

March 8: Larceny. 50000 block of Timber Trail, Frisco. Subject reported household items stolen after being evicted from the residence. Under investigation.

March 12: Breaking and Entering. 48000 block of Daniel Lane, Buxton. Victim reports money and medication stolen from a camper trailer.

March 13: Breaking and Entering Motor Vehicle. 47000 block of NC 12 Hwy., Buxton. Medication reported missing from an unlocked vehicle.

March 14: Larceny. 53000 block of NC 12, Frisco. Tools reported stolen from an enclosed trailer.

March 24: Financial Card Fraud. 25000 block of Sea Vista Court, Waves. Email account was hacked resulting in other accounts being compromised. Under investigation.

### **Dare County Sheriff's Office Investigates Breaking and Entering Incident**

On the morning of April 1, 2025, deputies with the Dare County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a breaking and entering in the Buxton area. Upon arrival, the suspect, identified as Taylor Jarvis, had already fled the scene.

Following an investigation, deputies gathered evidence to establish probable cause for the suspect's involvement in the crime. As a result, arrest warrants were issued.

Taylor L. Jarvis, 22, from Frisco, was charged with Felony Breaking and Entering and Felony Destruction of Evidence. He is currently being held in custody at the Dare County Sheriff's Office Detention Center without bond.

### **Register your child for Kindergarten April 9 at Cape Hatteras Elementary School.**

To make Kindergarten registration easier a Kindergarten Kick-Off Event is set for Cape Hatteras Elementary April 9. Parents and soon-to-be Kindergarteners are invited to visit the school anytime between 5 and 6:30 in the afternoon.

Bring these documents: birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, Dare County Schools Medical History Form, NC Health Assessment Transmittal Form, Dare County Registration Affidavit, and Dare County Schools Custodian's Affidavit of Residency. A notary will be on-site during the event to help with completion of documents. Computers will be available to fill out the documents.

### **Mobile Home insurance going up; another auto hike proposed**

A settlement has been reached between insurance companies and state regulators that will lead to a rate hike for insurance policies that cover mobile homes in North Carolina starting later this summer.

Rate increases on fire and comprehensive policies vary depending on location.

A hearing has been scheduled for this fall on a request by companies that offer auto insurance in North Carolina for another rate hike, two years after a settlement was reached on an increase of 4.5% in each of the last two years.

State Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey has set September 22 as the hearing date for the North Carolina Rate Bureau's proposed statewide average increase of 23%. Proposed increases for the Outer Banks are much higher.

Go to Island Free Press to read the articles by Sam Walker.

### **One report dropped for North Carolina Watermen**

Anglers who catch Bluefin Tuna and billfishes in North Carolina no longer need to report those catches to the state.

As of Tuesday, April 1, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Marine Fisheries has discontinued its Highly Migratory Species Catch Card Program.

Federal HMS Angling, HMS Charter/Headboat and Atlantic Tunas permit holders in North Carolina should now report their landings and dead discards directly to the National Marine Fisheries Service using one of the electronic options within 24 hours of completing the fishing trip. One way to report is by calling the HMS Permit Shop Customer Service Line at (888) 872-8862.

HMS Permit holders in North Carolina have been notified of this change by mail.

The NCDEQ Division of Marine Fisheries started the HMS Catch Card Program more than 25 years ago to help with federal data collection. At the time, there was no federal electronic reporting system. Today, however, the electronic reporting system is more efficient.

Anglers are still required to hold a valid Atlantic HMS permit to fish for or keep Atlantic tunas, billfishes, swordfish and sharks in federal and state waters.

More information on HMS reporting requirements can be found online at the [hmspermits.noaa.gov](http://hmspermits.noaa.gov) or contact Dallis Tucker at 252-948-3816

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Darren Moore, Dare County Schools Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year!

Moore, a marketing teacher at Cape Hatteras Secondary School, was selected by his peers for his outstanding contributions to the Career and Technical Education program and his dedication to preparing students for careers in marketing, business, and hospitality. He also serves as the school's Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) advisor, guiding students toward success in business and marketing.

Under Moore's leadership, Cape Hatteras Secondary DECA students have consistently been recognized at state and national levels for their innovation, professionalism, and expertise.

Through DECA competitions and programs, Moore helps develop emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management.

Moore will now represent Dare County Schools at the state level, competing for the North Carolina Association for Career & Technical Education (NCACTE) Teacher of the Year Award.

### **Congratulations to Hatteras Island Target Shooters**

The Hatteras Island Target Shooters worked hard preparing for the North Carolina Wildlife Commission District 1 Youth Hunter Educations Skills Tournament. The group competed with three teams, two senior and one junior. The Junior team got second in Hunter Skills. The Senior Black team received first in Hunter Skills, second in archery and amassed 3592 out of 4000 points to finish second in the district and earn an automatic bid to the state championship the last weekend in April. Brian Van Druten serves as coach.

### **And Big Congratulations to Jeffrey Del Monte**

On April 3, the Town of Duck announced the appointment of Jeffrey Del Monte as Deputy Chief of the Duck Fire Department.

Del Monte, who has served as Acting Deputy Chief since January 2025, was sworn into his new role during the Town Council Meeting on April 2, 2025. A dedicated fire service professional, Del Monte's career spans over two decades of service and leadership.

His journey into the fire service began in October 1997 when he joined the Buxton Volunteer Fire Department, where he continues to volunteer as Deputy Chief. Committed to his profession, he attended the Regional Fire and Rescue Academy at Wilson Community College in February 2001 to further his skills and training.

Del Monte officially began his firefighting career in April 2001 with the Town of Kill Devil Hills Fire Department. Seeking to serve both his profession and his country, he took on contract work in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving as a contract firefighter from January 2008 to August 2009. Upon his return, Del Monte joined the Duck Fire Department as a shift lieutenant in September 2009, playing a key role in the department's transition to full-time staffing. His dedication and leadership led to his promotion to captain in 2012.

He has also served as President of the Dare County Association of Fire Officers, an organization committed to advancing fire protection and prevention throughout Dare County.

Outside of his professional commitments, Del Monte is an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, and surfing. He resides in Hatteras, NC, with his wife, Erin, and daughter, Emma.

### **Happening this week**

Dare County Board of Commissioners meets Monday, April 7 starting at 9 in the morning in the Commissioners meeting room at the Administration Building in Manteo. To offer public comments, Hatteras Islanders can go to the Fessenden Center Annex off Buxton Back Road.

Two Hatteras Islanders are asking the commissioner to rezone parcels off NC 12 in Buxton. The parcels are currently zoned R-3 High Density Residential. The request is to rezone to C-3 Commercial.

The Board will hear a presentation about Hatteras Island Meals and the Cape Hatteras Food Pantry: Providing Hope and Fighting Food Insecurity on Hatteras Island.

Presenters include Aida Havel, Maria Gould, Hatteras Island Meals President, and Cathy Diemer, Director of Cape Hatteras Food Pantry.

Presenting the 2024-2025 Community Health Needs Assessment are Dr. Sheila Davies and Kelly Fleming.

Four items deal with state and federal levels of government.

Four proclamations will be presented.

### **Big Fish**

Get ready for the spring musical production, Big Fish, by the Cape Hatteras Secondary Drama Club.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

The tickets are on sale at the front office of Cape Hatteras Secondary School, the United Bank in Buxton and the Froggy Dog Restaurant in Avon. Proceeds support the school's Drama Club.

"Big Fish" will be performed Friday, April 11 at 7 o'clock, Saturday, April 12 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. at the Cape Hatteras Secondary Auditorium.

**Remember put large items out front for pickup now. Stay safe.**

**This is Radio Hatteras.**