

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, February 23, 2025.

Winter Weather hits

It's cold out there, but the sun is shining. No snow fell on Hatteras Island last week.

The National Weather Service issued a Cold Weather Advisory Thursday morning.

And so it was. Early Friday morning, the wind chill was measured at 17 degrees at the Billy Mitchell airport.

For Duck in Dare County, the snow total was 3 to 4 inches and elsewhere in northern Dare County, snowfall was less.

The winter storm watch started Wednesday, February 19.

On Hatteras Island, rain was forecast and actually came.

Hatteras Island public school students had two remote learning days. No trash was picked up because the dump in Bertie County was closed.

Business news reported

The business news this week focuses on the performance of the Hatteras Island real estate market during January 2025.

Performance results for any single month give us limited information about what is happening overall in the real estate market. However, the January 2025 results are an encouraging way to start the New Year with all but one of the major residential market indicators registering positive numbers, writes Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka.

The number of homes for sale was up 76.1 percent over the January 2024 supply of properties.

Residential sales increased 20 percent above the first month of last year.

Selling prices remained strong with the median residential sale price reported as \$653,500.

Properties under contract to be sold also reported an increase.

On the other hand, except for an increase in the number of properties for sale, the performance in all major categories in the undeveloped lot market was either flat or negative.

The winter months are historically not a strong time of the year for lot sales.

In other measures of the Hatteras Island economy, meal tax receipts for the full 2024 year were down 0.46% from the level reported in 2023.

Occupancy tax receipts in 2024 were down 12.3 percent from the previous year, confirming anecdotal reports of a slow year in the rental industry.

Hatteras Island Baseball League receives big contribution

The Hatteras Island Baseball League received a \$1,500 donation from the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association.

The league offers baseball to 130 local boys and girls from Rodanthe to Hatteras Village with three levels of play: 8 and under, 10 and under, and 12 and under. The season runs from mid-March until the end of the school year.

The league develops baseball talent and acts as a feeder program for the Cape Hatteras Middle School and High School baseball and softball teams.

Games are played at Burrus Field in Buxton, with the Fessenden Center field used for practice, and the program combines with teams from Ocracoke as well. The Beach Buggy Association's donation will go towards baseball equipment, uniforms, umpire fees, and field maintenance for the upcoming 2025 season.

Fessenden Center closed Monday for at least six weeks

The gymnasium located inside the Fessenden Center will be closed for a period of at least six weeks beginning on Monday, March 3, while the facility's roof and siding are replaced.

Administrative offices located within the Fessenden Center will be open and operate normally during this time. All fitness classes scheduled to be held in the gymnasium will be moved to the activity room until the roof and siding replacement project is complete.

Pickleball play will still be available on the facility's outdoor courts, which are open for use daily from dawn until 10 p.m.

While the roof and siding replacement project is underway at the Fessenden Center, patrons should also expect some closures to sections of the parking lot to occur.

Rootle Roadster Tour coming to Buxton

Children and Youth Partnership is bringing the Rootle Roadster Tour to Buxton on Saturday afternoon, March 8 from 1 to 4 at Cape Hatteras Secondary School in Buxton.

In addition to partnering with PBS Kids NC, other partners include Hatteras Library, the Hatteras Island Ocean Center, the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, and many more

The afternoon in the gymnasium will be filled with fun and exploration for children and their families, with hands-on activities, games, demonstrations and resources. Check it out at facebook dot com slash events slash 6047 1753 5686 889. It a long number. Here it is again.

A ServSafe class with an exam is offered this March. An exam only session is offered in April.

The Environmental Health Unit of Dare County Department of Health & Human Services is hosting a ServSafe class with an exam this March and an exam-only session in April. The ServSafe certification is open to individuals working in the food service industry and verifies that a manager or person in charge has sufficient food safety knowledge to protect the public from foodborne illness.

The two-day class will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 and Thursday, March 20, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dare County Administration Building (Room 168), located at 954 Marshall C Collins Drive in Manteo. The cost for the class with the exam is \$180 and includes the book and exam sheet. Registration closes March 1, 2025.

The exam-only session will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Dare County Administration Building (Room 168). The cost for the exam is \$75 and includes the exam sheet only. This session is for individuals who are either recertifying or do not wish to take a structured class before the exam. Registration closes April 1, 2025.

In order to enroll in either session, the fee (per individual) can be paid in person at the Dare County Northern Beach Office at 2514 S. Croatan Hwy in Nags Head, or by calling the Environmental Health Unit at 252.475.5080 and paying via credit card. Spanish, Korean and Chinese exams can be ordered; however, they must be requested when you register. You must arrange to pick up your books at the Dare County Northern Beach Office in Nags Head. For more information, please contact the Environmental Health Unit at 252.475.5080 or Nancy Smith (instructor/proctor) at either 252-475-5054 or nancy dot smith @dare nc dot gov

Waterfowl festival postponed to March 21 and 22

The 2025 Hatteras Village Waterfowl Festival that was planned for this weekend, February 21-22, has been postponed to the weekend of March 21 and 22 due to weather concerns. More information about the event can be found on the Hatteras Waterfowl Festival Facebook page or the event's website at [hatteras on my mind dot com slash HVCA slash Waterfowl Festival](http://hatteras.onmymind.com/slash/HVCA/slash/WaterfowlFestival).

Celebrate Reading in Rodanthe

On Saturday morning, March 1, the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association (RWSCA) will host its annual celebration of reading from 10 to 11:30 at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building.

Promoting literacy across every age and interest, the event highlights reading as fun and important to an engaged community.

While earlier celebrations focused on younger children with a "Dr. Seuss Birthday" party theme, the event has grown to include readers of all ages.

Once again, community members are invited to bring books to swap. Book lovers often have too many for their shelves, so pay it forward and share a favorite read.

Board member and long-time organizer April Contestable notes that "All books left after the event will help to fill our Little Libraries in the Villages."

Activities include a Book Swap for all ages, Pop-Up Library, courtesy of Michelle Lord, Hatteras Library Branch Manager, Snacks and Activities and Door Prizes which are Gift certificates to Buxton Village Books for all ages.

The civic association invites the entire island community to join the celebration.

Register for Senior Games

Registration for the 2025 Dare County Senior Games and Silver Arts is now open! Dare County residents ages 50 and older are invited to register to participate in the 37th annual Dare County Senior Games, which will be held from Saturday, April 12 to Friday, May 9.

Coordinated by the Thomas A. Baum Senior Center in Kill Devil Hills in partnership with the Virginia S. Tillett Community Center in Manteo and the Fessenden Center in Buxton the Dare County Senior Games are an Olympic-style sporting and arts event during which participants compete in everything from pickleball, swimming and shuffleboard to painting, bowling and woodworking.

Individuals may register online by visiting [Dare NC dot gov slash Senior games](http://DareNC.gov/slash/SeniorGames). Printed registration forms for the 2025 Dare County Senior Games are available at the Fessenden Center 46830 N.C. 12 in Buxton.

Regular registration ends on Friday, March 21. Late registration, which includes an additional fee, will take place from Saturday, March 22 to Friday, March 28.

If assistance is needed with registration, contact the Thomas A. Baum Senior Center at 252-475-5635.

Now, stay safe out there. Thanks for listening to this news summary. This is Radio Hatteras.