

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, June 28, 2026.

Weather Update From the National Hurricane Center.

A broad low pressure area is expected to form offshore of the southeastern coast of the United States Monday or Tuesday. Gradual development of the system is possible thereafter while it drifts westward.

Happy July Fourth

Only approved July 4 fireworks are in Avon

The Avon Fishing Pier is again hosting the fireworks display, scheduled to launch Saturday, July 4, at 9:15 p.m.

The fireworks display, permitted by the National Park Service, launches from the end of the Avon Pier. The contractor PyroStar, puts on about a 20 minute show.

The fireworks are visible all along Avon beach. Parking adjacent to the launch site is limited, so visitors are encouraged to walk, bike, or carpool to the closest beach access.

Hatteras Island's annual Independence Day celebration is sponsored by the Avon Property Owners Association (APOA) and is funded in part by the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau.

The event is additionally made possible through generous donations from the Hatteras Island business community and its residents, property owners, and guests.

Tune into Radio Hatteras at 101.5 FM at 9 o'clock for words about the program and history of fireworks. Music continues through the fireworks show and concludes with words from the sponsor.

Additional events

Golf Cart Parade and Cookout in Hatteras village set for July 2

Celebrating its 13th year in 2026, the annual Golf Cart Parade will once again roll through Hatteras Village on Thursday, July 2, with dozens of decorated carts expected to cruise through the village in one of Hatteras Island's most popular summertime traditions.

The parade starts at 6 o'clock, with participants lining up at 5:45 p.m. near the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in southern Hatteras Village before looping through the village along N.C. Highway 12.

Anyone can enter the parade, whether they decorate their own golf cart or rent one for the event.

A free community cookout will be held July 2 from 5:30-7:30 at the Hatteras Village Community Center. The cookout is open to residents and visitors and will feature free burgers and hot dogs, while offering a central spot to watch the parade as it travels through the village. Parade winners are expected to be announced during the cookout festivities.

Take a Run, July 3 at 7 o'clock in the morning

Join Barrier Island Group for the 3rd Annual 4 for the 4th, Friday morning, July 3 at 7 o'clock. Run or walk four scenic miles through Kinnakeet Shores in Avon.

The event supports Hatteras Island Meals, Hatteras Island Community Emergency Response Team, Chicamacomico Life Saving Station, and Mighty Milly's fight against leukemia.

Learn more at BarrierIslandGroup.com.

Dare offices closed Friday, July 3; trash collection has no changes

All Dare County offices and facilities will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Offices and facilities will reopen and resume regular operating hours Monday, July 6, 2026.

These scheduled holiday closures include the Dare County C&D Landfill, Manns Harbor Transfer Station, Buxton Transfer Station and Manteo Recycle Yard. These facilities will reopen and operate with regularly scheduled hours Monday, July 6, 2026.

Dare County Public Works which provides trash collection for unincorporated areas of Dare County including Hatteras Island has announced that there will be **no changes to the Dare County Public Works trash collection schedule for the week of Independence Day 2026.**

All areas where trash collection and sanitation services are provided by the Dare County Public Works Department will therefore operate on normal schedule during the week of Monday, June 29, 2026 through Friday, July 3, 2026.

Additionally, the Saturday commercial residential trash collection for the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras that began on Saturday, May 30, 2026, will also continue through Labor Day.

Now some news

Avon beach nourishment update as of June 23

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company announced that on Saturday, June 20, 2026, its hopper dredge, *Liberty Island*, completed sand placement within the northern portion of the Avon beach nourishment project area.

With work in the northern section complete, the contractor began moving south from Pampas Drive toward the project's southern limit near Greenwood Place. On Monday, June 22, 2026, the *Liberty Island* departed the site in Avon for Norfolk, Va., to undergo maintenance. Great Lakes hopper dredge *Amelia Island* was expected to finish sand placement in Avon.

Based on current progress, Great Lakes estimates that the remaining work can be completed within the next 10 days, weather permitting.

Since beach nourishment operations began on Thursday, May 28, 2026, about 289,228 cubic yards of sand have been placed on the beach—representing roughly 77% of the project's total volume. To date, approximately 65% of the planned one-mile project area has been completed. Beachgoers are reminded to use caution around active construction areas and follow all posted signage and instructions from project personnel.

Little change in business indicators

The business news this week focuses on the performance of the island's May real estate market. The major residential market indicators for January through May show very little, if any, meaningful change from the April results, reports Business Correspondent Tom Hranicka. To give the individual categories more perspective, consider the following benchmarks. Slightly fewer properties are for sale, but still over 200.

The number of homes sold was lower than in April. Since 2023, April sales results have been the highest of any other month in the year. This may reflect buyers purchasing properties prior to the start of the rental season to maximize their annual income.

The median sale price of homes sold remained in the mid \$500,000 to the mid \$600,000 range. Residential properties under contract were strong. When looked at in comparison to past years. The 2026 consecutive monthly under contract results since February have been the highest in the past three years.

30-year fixed rate mortgage interest rates remained above six percent after the Federal Reserve took no action to reduce interest rates during their most recent meeting.

The undeveloped lot market in May continued to show mixed results.

In other news associated with the Hatteras Island economy, meal tax receipts through April of this year were down 1.53 percent in comparison to the first four months in 2025. Occupancy tax receipts for April were down 4.95 percent relative to last year.

Feline Illnesses Surfaced at Outer Banks SPCA

The Outer Banks SPCA has recently identified several illnesses impacting the kittens and cats here at our shelter. Since mid-June, kittens began showing symptoms such as lethargy, unsteadiness in their movement, diarrhea, and general signs of weakness. While the actual illnesses have yet to be determined, extensive veterinary consultation and laboratory testing indicates the illnesses to be viral in nature.

Temporary Shelter Closures:

In order to ensure that we are only placing healthy cats and kittens up for adoption, the SPCA will be closing our cat rooms to the public for the remainder of the week. During this time, we will not allow visitors in the cat rooms, and we will temporarily pause all cat intakes and adoptions. The SPCA will reevaluate the situation Monday, June 29, and provide further updates. To help protect the pets in the community, follow these important guidelines any time you choose to bring a new pet into your home from any source:

- **Vaccinate Immediately**
- **Quarantine New Additions**
- **Watch for Symptoms** If you have a cat under six months old that begins acting lethargic, unsteady, has diarrhea, or any other signs of weakness, take them to your veterinarian immediately.

Billy Mitchell airport closes Sept. 8 for repaving

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Announces Closure of Billy Mitchell Airport for Repaving Beginning Sept. 8, Cape Hatteras National Seashore will close the Billy Mitchell Airport (HSE) to accommodate a runway pavement rehabilitation project. The project will provide full resurfacing of paved areas, new reflective paint, and new tie-downs and anchors, improving visitor safety and enhancing the overall visitor experience.

The park expects the project to last 90 days. Updates to the project schedule, including starting and ending dates, will be provided on the Seashore's website. The North Carolina Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation is contracting and overseeing the paving project on behalf of the Seashore.

The National Park Service's First Flight Airport and Ocracoke Island Airport, and the Dare County Regional Airport will be available for daily flights during the runway paving project.

Dare commissioners to hold public hearing on Kratom

The Dare County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 9 a.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, to consider an ordinance that prohibits the sale of Kratom products to individuals under 21 years of age and prohibits the sale of adulterated Kratom products within Dare County.

This rule was adopted by the Dare County Board of Health and Human services, effective April 1, 2026. The ordinance and supporting documents are available for review at darenc.gov/government/legal-notice.

Comments may be made during the public hearing, which will be held in the Dare County Board of Commissioners meeting room at the Dare County Administration Building, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, North Carolina. Comments may also be submitted via email to dcbooc@darenc.gov.

Following the close of the public hearing, the Board may take action on the proposed ordinance, revise the ordinance based on public input or subsequent Board discussion, or defer action to a later date.

No Dare Planning Board meeting

The agenda for the Dare County Planning Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, July 7, 2026 at 6 o'clock shows no new business to discuss. Notice received from the Planning Department indicated the Board's July meeting has been canceled. The next scheduled meeting is Aug. 4, 2026.

Fessenden Center opportunity

The OBX Carolina Blue Tour is coming to the Parks and Recreation in Kill Devil Hills July 24. This is the UNC Tarheel Men's Basketball Team for the 26-27 season! Through a gracious donation, the Fessenden Center has a table reserved to take 10 kids to this event for free. This is available to kids aged 8-12 years old who are residents of Hatteras Island. The Fessenden Center will transport the kids up and back from the event. The center will take names until 5 o'clock on July 10 and then do a drawing on July 13 to select Tarheel kids. Call 252-475-5650 to add your child to the list if interested.

The Frisco Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a BBQ fundraiser Friday, July 3, starting at 10:30 at the Frisco Woods Campground parking lot. Enjoy great food, enter a raffle for a gift basket, and grab a limited-edition 50th anniversary T-shirt. All proceeds help build a new firehouse. Come out and show your support!

Cape Hatteras Elementary School has partnered with local ice cream shops for the second year of Reading is Sweet. Staff members will visit five different ice cream shops to distribute free books and Cape Hatteras Elementary students can enjoy a cool treat. The program starts Tuesday, July 7 at Village Conery Ice Cream and Yogurt on NC 12 in Salvo. Show up between 2 and 3 o'clock. Additional Tuesday stops include Avon, Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras.

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative has released a five-minute video about Robbie and Brayan's trip to Guatemala to provide electricity to a community. Take the time to watch. [CHEC dot coop](http://CHECdotcoop.com).

Now, be safe. Remember fireworks are illegal to possess or detonate on all beaches within Cape Hatteras National Seashore, including those on Ocracoke Island and in Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Buxton, Frisco, and Hatteras Village. In addition, a Dare County ordinance prohibits all fireworks throughout Hatteras Island, where violations are punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor and carry a \$250 fine, plus court costs of \$183.

Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.