

Weekly news Summary for Sunday, March 15, 2026.

The National Weather Service reports the predicted Monday, March 16 storm has the potential to be a significant severe weather event.

Monday afternoon and evening, storms will be capable of producing damaging wind gusts and strong tornadoes and large hail. A line of thunderstorms along the front will cross from west to east Monday evening. A Potential for supercells to develop out ahead of the front through the day exists.

On Monday, the strongest winds outside of storms occur ahead of the front for the coast and Outer Banks from 6 o'clock to midnight. Hazardous marine conditions are possible.

A high surf advisory has been issued until 2 in the morning on Tuesday, March 17. Six to 9 foot waves are expected in the surf zone. Beaches at risk to southeasterly wave directions will be most impacted. The weather service warns of minor ocean overwash for vulnerable areas.

Lots of activity on Hatteras Island

Saturday, March 14, 2026, dawned sunny with low wind and three major Hatteras Island events. On the Cape Hatteras baseball diamond, the Sandlot Tournament kicked off at noon. Play lasted until around 7 o'clock with ceremonies concluding around 7:30. Two teams traveled a distance to play in the tournament: Pamlico County and Panther Creek.

For the first time in tournament history, all teams won a game which resulted in a tie. Under the agreed upon rules, the tie breaker was which team allowed the fewest runs, an emphasis on defense. The winning plaque went to Panther Creek.

At one o'clock, a memorial service was held for Gee Gee Rosell, owner of Buxton Village Books. The Parish Hall at Our Lady of The Seas Catholic Church in Buxton was completely filled with folks standing around the walls. A buffet called "Gee Gee's Table" was provided by preparers from Little Grove United Methodist Church, friends and family. Gee Gee's brother presided over the presentations, starting with his own memories and followed by others. It was a moving two hours.

Then at 4 o'clock, the Dedication Ceremony for the Braxton B. Hall Auditorium was held at Cape Hatteras Secondary School. The ceremony was a celebration of Hall's life of encouraging students and a celebration of the arts that he so loved.

The Cape Hatteras Secondary Band performed three selections. A new group called the Hatteras Harmonics sang an arrangement of American The Beautiful. The high school's drama club presented a selection from "Grease," dancing was involved as it was with "Do Re Me" from the upcoming spring production of The Sound of Music. Eliska Nuzzo and Owen Austin sang "Corner of the Sky" from Pippin.

For the finale, Blake Taft chose "From Now On" from The Greatest Showman. Principal Beth Rooks concluded the event. School Board members and Dare Schools Superintendent Steve Basnight attended the event.

Large Item Pick-up for unincorporated Dare starts March 23

The Dare County Public Works Department has announced that large item pickup for the unincorporated areas of Dare County will begin on Monday, March 23, and run continuously for approximately 12-15 days.

The large item pickup will be performed by a private contractor, Dupon Trucking LLC, Raleigh. There will be a strict one pass only for each area, enforced due to budgetary and time constraints. Citizens are therefore asked to pay close attention to the guidelines that indicate which specific types of items will be accepted during the upcoming large item pickup and should place their items on the roadside in piles that are sorted by type.

In order to ensure all of your accepted items are picked up on the first and only pass, do not place any materials on the roadside after the start of the large item pickup, which is Monday, March 23.

This one pass only large item pickup will take place in unincorporated areas of Dare County only, which includes all villages on Hatteras Island, including Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras.

Items will remain at the roadside throughout the duration of the large item pickup period until the private contractor reaches your area and is able to collect them. If the private contractor does not take an item, it has been rejected and therefore must be disposed of at your own expense.

The exact dates upon which items will be collected from specific locations will be determined by the private contractor; therefore, the Dare County Public Works Department will be unable to provide specific information regarding pickup dates and locations in advance of the collection period.

Accepted Items: Appliances (remove doors from refrigerators); furniture, mattresses and box springs, scrap metals, automobile parts, used tires with rim removed. All items must be sorted into separate piles based on their type.

Prohibited Items:

The following items **will not** be collected: old clothing, shoes, cardboard, yard-clearing debris, construction and demolition materials; Boats, trailers and jet skis; Propane tanks and fire extinguishers.

Any hazardous materials like oil-based paint, pesticides can be taken to the hazardous waste collection event on Friday afternoon May 15 from 2 to 4 o'clock at the Buxton transfer station.

America 250 partnership

Radio Hatteras and Cape Hatteras Elementary School announce an America 250 partnership. Beginning Monday, March 23, 2026, students from Cape Hatteras Elementary will begin telling stories of historic interest. At noon and again at 6 o'clock on Mondays and Wednesdays, 30-second broadcasts researched, written and voiced by Cape Hatteras Elementary students will be played on Radio Hatteras. Listen in!

And to catch Hatteras Island up-to-date on the America 250 celebration, a Faire is planned for Saturday, April 18 in Downtown Manteo and Roanoke Festival Park.

This milestone celebration will feature a variety of vendors, live music, historical reenactments and storytelling, art displays, educational programming, community exhibits, family-friendly

activities and patriotic festivities that highlight Dare County, the “Land of Beginnings,” and our enduring spirit of innovation and discovery.

Activities will take place throughout downtown Manteo from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., before transitioning to Roanoke Island Festival Park for the All-American Show—an evening celebration featuring headlining musical acts and a special performance highlighting Dare County’s rich history.

Free tickets will be required for the evening performance at Roanoke Island Festival Park due to venue capacity. Tickets are available online at Dare 250 dot org slash faire, with an “e.”

Speaker Series sponsored by the Rodanthe Waves Salvo Civic Association features local author Jan Dawson on Monday evening, March 16 at 6 o’clock. She’ll tell folks how to write a book.

RWS Community Building Board meets March 18

Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo Community Center Board is meeting Wednesday evening, March 18 at 6 o’clock at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building at 23646 NC 12, Rodanthe. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss bike pathway landscaping, maintenance and repairs and a budget amendment for new doors.

On **Saturday morning, March 21**, Bob Woodard, chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, will deliver the 2026 State of the County Report. Doors at the Cape Hatteras Secondary School auditorium, open at 9:15. The program starts at 10 o’clock.

Now, be safe out there. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.