

Weekly summary for Sunday, October 12, 2025.

About the coastal storm

The National Weather Service announced that the low pressure system affecting Hatteras Island will meander offshore and eventually move northeast later on Monday.

On Saturday, N.C. 12 on Ocracoke from the ferry terminal to the National Park Service Pony Pens was closed due to heavy ocean overwash. No current estimated time of reopening was provided. Ocracoke Island ferry service was also suspended.

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Debris cleanup

The National Park Service, a Dare County contractor, volunteers, and privately hired contractors moved debris from beaches in Buxton in advance of the weekend's storm.

National Park Service removed 363 pick-up trucks loads of debris. Some 98% of large debris has been removed from 2.5 miles of beach. The small pieces will take more time.

The collected debris was piled in the life-guarded beach parking lot. The pile is estimated to be 300 feet long, 30 feet wide and 7 feet tall.

Volunteers from the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association and Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men have worked alongside park service staff.

The county's contractor, Dupon Trucking LLC from Raleigh, arrive after noon on Wednesday. The contractor moved down Old Lighthouse Road removing debris piles collected on private property.

A lively board meeting of the Buxton Civic Association took place Wednesday evening.

"Board members and residents voiced growing frustration over the worsening erosion along Buxton Beach and a shared determination to "change the narrative" about the community—one that, they argue, has been shaped more by sensationalism and misunderstanding than by science," writes Joy Crist in the Island Free Press. The article traces the history of the heavily engineered shoreline. Go to [island free press dot org](http://islandfreepress.org) to read the extensive report.

Annual island wide food drive underway

The Annual Island-Wide Food Drive to benefit the food pantry housed at the United Methodist Church in Buxton is now underway. It will run through Dec. 31.

This drive is the largest push of the year for food donations—and monetary ones, as well.

If you don't have time to shop, consider making a monetary, tax-deductible donation. Please make your check payable to Hatteras Island Meals with "Cape Hatteras Food Pantry" on the memo line, and mail it to Hatteras Island Meals, P.O. Box 854, Buxton, NC 27920.

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