

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, January 18, 2026.

2025 Real Estate market compared to 2024

The business news this week focuses on the performance of the island's 2025 year end real estate market in comparison to 2024.

Looking at the trends, the best summary would be that residential numbers for this year are not much different than what we saw through 2024.

This is good news because it suggests that the local market is not declining, writes Tom Hranicka, Business correspondent for Radio Hatteras. In contrast, national reports indicate that the selling prices of homes have started to drop in some major metropolitan areas.

On the other hand, the undeveloped lot market on the island continued to show weakness.

The most significant news is that 30-year fixed rate mortgage interest rate was 6.15 percent at the end of December compared to 6.85% at the end of December 2024.

Interest rates have come down this year, but they are still in the lower 6 percent range. Forecasts for next year indicate some further declines, but not much.

The number of homes for sale peaked in April with 181 residential properties. That number has declined steadily with December reporting 123 for sale compared to 131 in December 2024. This means that the selection of properties available for buyers is not as large as it once was, says Hranicka.

The number of homes sold each month has remained reasonably steady with an average of 19 sales per month since January 2023.

The median sale price of residential properties remains unchanged between \$550,000 and \$650,000 with 2025 reporting a 1.9 percent increase over the year end 2024 price.

In other news related to the Hatteras Island economy, meal tax receipts through November were basically flat in comparison to last year, while occupancy tax receipts were down 4.3 percent reflecting weakness in the vacation rental market.

Record setting weekend at Cape Hatteras

January 9 – 73 degrees. Tied old record set in 1937

January 10 – 73 degrees broke old record of 70 degrees set in 2008 and 2020

January 11 – 71 degrees tied old record set in 2020

Dare County Sheriff's Office has published this public service announcement

A scam call is currently going around using deputies' names from the Dare County Sheriff's Office and making claims of false outstanding warrants and/or fines.

These calls may appear with "No Caller ID".

Do not provide any personal or financial information.

Hang up immediately.

And block the number.

If you are unsure or have questions, contact the Sheriff's office directly at (252) 475-5980.

Second Buxton beach home moved back

A second at-risk oceanfront house in Buxton has been moved using a modified relocation method, according to Barry Crum, owner of Crum Works Inc.

The four-bedroom, three-bath house at 46281 Old Lighthouse Road was moved by subcontractor Crum Works Inc.

Under the revised approach, pilings and foundation work were completed first to allow the house to be set directly onto its new pad, reducing the time the structure must remain exposed and elevated near the rapidly eroding shoreline. Crews utilized structural steel, large rollers and a unified hydraulic jacking system to move the home securely away from the ocean.

See more details at [Island Free Press](#).

State Ferry Division to Host Hatteras Career Fair Wednesday, January 21

Job seekers are encouraged to attend a career fair January 21 in Hatteras Village to learn about embarking on a new career with the North Carolina Ferry Division.

The career fair, hosted by the Ferry Division, is from 10 to 3 at the Hatteras Inlet Ferry Terminal, 59063 N.C. 12, Hatteras.

Tours of vessel to explain roles and responsibilities of various crewmembers are offered.

The career event is focused on finding temporary and seasonal employees for the upcoming summer season.

Second season of *The Outer Edge* debuted

The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau debuted the second season of the acclaimed series, *The Outer Edge*.

The public was invited to attend three free premieres from January 7 to January 9 at the R/C Kill Devil Hills Theater, Cape Hatteras Secondary School in Buxton, and the Pioneer Theater in Manteo. The Visitors Bureau reported a total of 465 people registered to attend.

Season two is a continuation with five new episodes in the spirit of the first season:

Go to [outerbanks dot org slash edge](http://outerbanks.org/edge) to view the individual episodes 7 through 11 for season 2.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day trash pick-up schedule

All Dare County offices and facilities will be closed Monday, January 19, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Dare County Public Works facilities are closed Monday, and will reopen and operate with regularly scheduled hours on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

With the holiday, Dare County Public Works has announced a revised collection schedule for residential and commercial trash collection.

The schedule for Hatteras Island is

No trash collection Monday, January 19

Tuesday, January 20: Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras.

Wednesday, January 21: Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon.

Thursday, January 22: Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras.

Friday, January 23: Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon.

Commercial dumpster collection for the unincorporated areas of Dare County, including Hatteras Island, will take place on Tuesday, January 20 and Friday, January 23, 2026.

Buxton Naval Facility Formerly Used Defense Sites Property meeting set

The Restoration Advisory Board for the Buxton Naval Facility Formerly Used Defense Sites property will hold a quarterly meeting January 22, 2026, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, 47231 Light Plant Road, Buxton, NC 27920. Doors open to the public at 5:15 p.m. During the meeting, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will provide the Advisory Board with an update on the current Buxton Naval Facility FUDS property environmental restoration projects.

The Restoration Advisory Board meeting is open to the public and attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions during the 15-minute Question/Additional Input time scheduled in the agenda for 7:15 p.m. To make optimal use of the time, community members are strongly encouraged to submit questions beforehand at Cesas-FUDS@usace/army/mil. Please submit any questions by Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2025.

Buxton Civic Association meets January 28

The Buxton Civic Association will hold its January public meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 7 o'clock at the Buxton Volunteer Fire Department, located next to NAPA.

The meeting will also serve as the association's annual member meeting. Organizers said the agenda will include updates from the past year, plans for 2026, and a discussion of the importance of continued community support.

Food and drinks will be provided by the association.

Residents will also have the opportunity to renew their annual membership or join for the first time. Annual membership costs \$35 and is open to Buxton residents, property owners, and long-term renters.

Info session about social media dangers

Parent Information Session set at Cape Hatteras Secondary for January 28 at 4:30 in the afternoon for a program on dangers of social media, how online predators operate, and warning signs for parents. Parents are urged to attend.

Path to School Readiness is set for February 5, from 4 to 5:30 at Cape Hatteras Elementary. Come anytime.

Roast for the Coast set for Saturday, February 7

The North Carolina Coastal Federation oyster roast for the coast happens Saturday, February 7 from 1 to 4 o'clock at Oden's Dock in Hatteras Village on Saturday, February 7, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. An oyster roast for the coast!

The event features all you can eat steamed oysters, clam chowder, corn bread, and other refreshments and a bake sale. Enjoy live music and a silent auction with many unique, regional items.

Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended, as this event has previously sold out.

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