

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, July 7, 2024.

2024 Hatteras Village July 4 Golf Cart Parade a wild success

Hatteras Village hosted a grand 11th annual July 4th Golf Cart Parade and cookout on the 4th, sponsored by the Hatteras Village Civic Association.

Some 52 carts signed up but another four joined in late as the parade moved through the village for a total of 56 carts participating.

The lineup started at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, moved up Highway 12 towards Lee Robinson General Store and looped around the village, cutting off at Eagle Pass and heading back to the museum.

The carts were decked with the patriotic finest with some taking a more creative decorum. One cart was decorated as a pirate ship blowing smoke from its gunwale; another sported a skeleton in trunks on a boogie board touting a sign that read “Burned to the Bone!” Others traveling in the parade were a “Mario Cart,” another adorned with white flowers and ladies in white, a mermaid cart and a shout out to the Blue Angels, along with an assortment of others.

Prizes are given for Most Creative, Most Humorous and Most Patriotic. Winners of the \$50 cash prizes this year were:

Most Creative: Michelle Thomsom, Pirate Ship

Most Humorous: Scott Oby, Island Vibes

Most Patriotic: Bobby Schlagle, Giant Eagle Driver

A cookout with free hot dogs and hamburgers took place at the village center. The cookout started at 5:30 p.m., some 30 minutes before the parade began.

Many volunteers helped with the cookout and parade. Salutes go to:

—Grill meisters Nick Stutts, KD Jackson, Sam Midgett and Charles Parker who cooked almost 600 burgers and dogs.

—Ashley Jackson and family who stuffed and delivered dinner

—Elli Aiken oversaw the works

—Judges were Sandy Rosell, Nathan and Anne Mitchell Snead.

—Laurie Parker and Kristina, Tracy and Jo and Nancy worked the corral of carts.

“Thanks to all who came out and watched, and especially to those who decorated a cart and came and participated! We LOVE this village tradition,” writes Karla Jarvis, President of the Hatteras Village Civic Association, which sponsors the cookout and parade.

Fireworks at the Beach

The Annual Independence Day Fireworks at the Beach at the Avon Fishing Pier brought a large crowd together to enjoy beauty in the sky.

The show started at 9 o'clock on Radio Hatteras with information about sponsors and fireworks and the new Pyrostar fireworks provider. The fireworks show started with the Star Wars theme music at 9:15, launching from the very end of the Avon Pier.

The Avon fireworks show was sponsored by the Avon Property Owners Association, and funded in part by the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau. This event was additionally made possible through

cooperation with the National Park Service, and donations from the Hatteras Island business community and its residents, property owners, and guests.

Information on Slash Creek Bridge in Hatteras

North Carolina Department of Transportation released the following information about the replacement of Slash Creek Bridge on NC 12 in Hatteras village.

Crews will begin the process of replacing the aging Slash Creek Bridge on N.C. 12 in Hatteras Village this fall, under terms of a \$4.5 million contract awarded last week by the N.C.

Department of Transportation.

The 68-year-old bridge has been deemed structurally deficient due to deteriorating substructure conditions.

The contract, awarded to Smith-Rowe LLC of Mount Airy, N.C., calls for construction to begin no sooner than Sept. 9, 2024 and end no later than May 22, 2025.

N.C. 12 will be closed to through traffic in Hatteras Village when the project begins. A detour route will be established on Eagle Pass Road, which will be resurfaced both before and after the bridge is replaced.

June 2024 Crime Blotter of unincorporated Dare County released

Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie released the June 2024 Blotter for felonious crimes in unincorporated sections of the county.

Crimes numbered 17 with Colington at six; Roanoke Island four; Wanchese and Frisco two each; and Salvo, Buxton and Hatteras one each.

Obtaining property by false pretense was cited five times and financial card fraud/theft three times.

On Hatteras Island, the following five crimes were listed:

June 5: Financial Card Fraud. 52000 block of NC 12, Frisco. Unauthorized charges on a financial card. Charges occurred overseas and the bank is reimbursing the money.

June 7: Financial Card Theft. 50000 block of NC 12, Frisco. Financial card stolen and used without authorization. Suspect identified through surveillance video. Under investigation.

June 19: Larceny. Lighthouse Road and Flambeau Road, Hatteras. Beach equipment reported stolen after it was left unsecured in the sand dunes overnight.

June 20: Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. 26000 block of Bluebeard Road, Salvo. Subject sent scammers large amounts of money in Bitcoin as part of a property scam.

June 25: Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. 46000 block of NC 12, Buxton. Check altered and deposited in a different account. Under investigation.

On the Beach

On July 6, 2024, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore reported the following for sea turtles: 154 Loggerhead nests, 1 green turtle nest, 2 Leatherback nests and one Kemp's Ridley.

On July 2, 2024, Cape Hatteras National Seashore reported the following for shorebirds:

American oystercatchers: six active nests and 14 chicks on Ocracoke Island

Colonial waterbirds: 178 active nests with 88 on South Point Ocracoke and 76 on Hatteras Island; 54 chicks with 26 at South Point and 24 at Cape Hatteras.

Piping plover: one active nest on South Point Ocracoke and two chicks
Wilson's plover: no active nests, but five chicks on South Point Ocracoke.

Dare school board calls for public hearing July 10 on Early College

The Dare County Board of Education will meet in special session Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 5 o'clock at First Flight High School, to conduct a public hearing and public comment session and to provide and receive information regarding the Dare County Schools Early College.

For general information about Early College, visit daretolearn.org/our-schools/early-college.

The agenda as posted on the Dare County Schools website as of July 2, 2024, is as follows:

- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Early College Presentation
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Superintendent's Closing Remarks
- VI. Adjourn

On the Dare County Schools website, the Early College information page has Frequently Asked Questions and Answers, covering a wide range of topics.

Members of the Dare County Board of Commissioners will be present at this meeting.

Dare County Schools announced teachers and classified employees of year

At Cape Hatteras Elementary School, Beverly Hagy is Teacher of the Year and Jane Allen is Classified Employee of the Year.

At Cape Hatteras Secondary School, Alicia Minns is Teacher of the Year and Melinda Cartwright is the Classified Employee of the Year.

Congratulations!

Balloon Ban

On Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 9 in the morning, the Dare County Board of Commissioners will begin its mid-July meeting. On the agenda, not yet published, will be a public hearing on an ordinance banning the release balloons.

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

Following the close of the hearing, the Board may choose to act on the proposed ordinance, make revisions based on citizen input or subsequent Board discussions; or delay action until a later date.

Upcoming

A **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9 from 11 to 4 at the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club on 47231 Light Plant Road, Buxton. Go to [Red Cross Blood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule an appointment.

On Thursday, July 11, the **Buxton Civic Association** will hold a public meeting at 7 o'clock at the old Buxton Fire Station.

Drought

On Monday, July 1, 2024, 2.13 inches of rain were recorded in Rodanthe. That's the last rainfall of any consequence in the three villages.

In North Carolina, nearly 75% of North Carolina is facing moderate to severe drought. Dryness is leading to widespread crop losses in 10 North Carolina counties currently facing severe drought, according to the latest data released by the state's Drought Management Advisory Council.

Most of those worst-hit areas are east of I-95.

It's happened quickly. Less than a month ago, only 10 counties were in a drought, classified as the lowest drought level of "abnormally dry," according to the council.

But June was the driest month on record for a handful of places in the state.

Dare County is currently in moderate drought. The Drought Management Advisory Council recommends minimizing nonessential uses of water.

Now, stay safe out there. Be cautious with outside fires, please. Thanks for listening to this news summary. This is Radio Hatteras.