

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, March 1, 2026.

Frisco intent on setting up a civic association

Frisco residents will form a civic association. After presentation of information and discussion, Pamela Lassiter, who helped organize the meeting, asked for a show of hands for those wishing to move ahead.

Almost all of the 46 Frisco residents in attendance raised hands. The vote took place Feb. 25, 2026, at the Fessenden Center in Buxton.

Dare County commissioner Mary Ellon Ballance started the meeting with descriptions of a civic association, a tax district and a homeowners association. Ballance has created a committee composed of presidents of the existing civic associations on Hatteras Island. She invited Natalie Kavanagh to represent Frisco. Ballance asked for three items from each village.

From the first Ballance committee meeting, Kavanagh ticked off the top three items on all agendas: child care, housing and NC 12.

For Frisco, she added flooded roadways after rain storms; poor cell signals since August 2025; and help for the Frisco Fire Department.

Ballance reported that she is meeting with Dustin Peele, Assistant County Manager, to review options for parking at the Buxton soccer field and then visit the Frisco Fire Department, which has drawings completed for a grant.

Between the first and second meetings, a group met to craft a proposed Mission Statement and Values for Operation.

Angela Ballance presented the Mission Statement:

“The Frisco Civic Association works to preserve and protect our village’s heritage, support the well-being of our community by advocating for infrastructure and essential services for the safety of all. The association will strengthen community spirit by sponsoring events that benefit both residents and visitors.”

Amanda Van Dyke presented “Values for Operation: Community First, Service and Volunteerism, Collaboration, Transparency and Practical Action.

The meeting concluded with a presentation about the Outer Banks National Scenic Byway committee actions and sidewalk grants.

Another committee will be formed to draft bylaws, form committees and set priorities for projects. A date for a future meeting has not been set.

Coastal Resource Commission takes up overwashed septic systems and sandbags

The state’s Coastal Resource Commission met last week in Atlantic Beach and delved into septic rule changes.

Pat O’Keefe writing for the Island Free Press wrote “the National Park Service has reported 106 septic tank washouts along Cape Hatteras National Seashore since 2024 — 76 in Buxton and 30 in Rodanthe.

The commission directed staff to do more research and report back in April.

Additionally, in a separate article, O'Keefe reports that the Coastal Resource Commission unanimously voted to change the dimensions of sandbags used to protect NC 12. The existing sandbags did not perform at the Pea Island Visitor Center.

For lots more details read O'Keefe's articles at the Island Free Press dot org.

Sports report

Two northeast North Carolina girls teams have made the fourth round of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Basketball playoffs.

Locally, the First Flight girls team, seeded second, moves to the fourth round of 4A basketball by defeating Uwharrie Charter Academy 71 to 60 on Saturday, February 28. The fourth round will be played at First Flight's home court on Monday evening, March 2 at 7 o'clock. The opponent is Clinton (21-1, 10-1).

The Bear Grass girls team swept into the fourth round by defeating East Columbus 53-51. Bear Grass will play Falls Lake Academy on Monday, March 2. The place and time of the contest are not yet determined. Bear Grass plays in the 1A bracket along with Cape Hatteras, Ocracoke, Mattamuskeet, Columbia and Hobgood.

Manteo boys team made it to the third round. However, Manteo lost to Warren County 54 to 42 on Saturday.

Weather roundup

Today, March 1, is meteorological "spring." It starts March 1 and ends May 31. Traditionally, the start of spring is March 20, the spring equinox.

However, March 1 is the day that the sun most directly hits the equator and both daylight and night have an equal 12 hours.

Information on NC 12

On Monday, February 23, at 5 o'clock in the morning, soundside flooding was reported in multiple areas overnight. Hatteras Village, Frisco from Mare Vista down to Piney Ridge (Gingerbread House area), Avon Village area and north.

By 9:15, NC 12 from Oregon Inlet to Hatteras Village was mostly clear of water. Salt water remained on both lanes in south Hatteras village.

Thanks for the reporting from Hatteras Island Community Emergency Response Team on Facebook.

On February 24 and 25, runners and walkers were on NC 12 day and night. The hardy souls were participating in the Swammie Shuffle 200 marathon. The race course ran 100 plus miles from Sandbridge Beach in Virginia Beach, Virginia, through the Outer Banks to the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and the return trip.

The race was held for two charities which address veteran suicide and other veteran issues.

Primary Election is set for Tuesday, March 3. VOTE

Polls are open from 6:30 to 7:30 on Tuesday, March 3. Voters must present a photo ID, such as a driver's license, ID issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles or by the Dare County election office, a United States passport, or state or local or charter school ID.

Island polling places are:

Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building

Avon Volunteer Fire Station

Fessenden Center Annex in Buxton

Frisco Volunteer Fire Station

Hatteras Civic Center.

Cape Hatteras Anglers Club will host Bingo games on Wednesday evenings of March 4 and March 18 at the club house located at the end of Light Plant Road in Buxton. Doors open at 6 o'clock, with bingo games beginning promptly at 7 o'clock. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early, as participation is limited to 150 players and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. No outside food or beverages are permitted. A selection of soft drinks, snacks, popcorn, and complimentary coffee are available.

Read Across America Community Celebration Saturday March 7

The Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association is hosting its annual Read Across America celebration of books, stories, and the joy of reading.

Readers and story lovers of all ages are invited Saturday morning, March 7, from 10–11:30 at the RWS Community Building, 23646 NC Hwy 12, Rodanthe.

This family-friendly event includes variety of activities designed to spark curiosity, encourage literacy, and bring neighbors together. Planned activities are a Book Swap and Giveaway, pop up library with Hatteras Librarians, fun games, and a pop-up community book club, used a "Book Club in a Bag," from the Hatteras Library. The one-day book club is reading "Remarkably Bright Creatures." A brief ceremony will honor Gee Gee Rosell, the long-time owner of Buxton Village Books.

Waterfowl Festival in Hatteras Village

On Saturday, March 7 Hatteras village hosts the 2026 Waterfowl Festival. Events start at 11 o'clock at two locations, the village's Civic Center and the Ocean Center. Raptors are featured twice. A Duck calling competition starts at 2 at the Civic Center. It's all free.

Be My Neighbor Day!

Daniel Tiger is coming to Hatteras Island on Saturday, March 7, 2026 for Be My Neighbor Day! This tigertastic FREE event celebrates kindness and what it means to be a caring neighbor.

Join in the fun 1 to 4 on Saturday, March 7 at Cape Hatteras Secondary School for lots of fun meeting neighborhood helpers, enjoy free crafts and activities, and connect with local community resources. The event is sponsored by Children and Youth Partnership for Dare County.

Really Free Market

Really, Really Free Market is open Saturday, March 7, from 9 until Noon at the Avon Fire Station. The market has been open for more than a decade. Everyone is welcome at this free event.

Scholarship deadlines

The Outer Banks Community Foundation has 80 scholarships available, including 10 new ones. The application deadline is 11:59 p.m., March 2, 2026. Go to obcf.org for the scholarship portal.

The Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative has three scholarships available for graduating seniors who want to attend a four-year college, a two-year community college or a technical or vocation school. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 per semester. Applications are available at the Cape Hatteras Secondary School guidance office, or at the Buxton headquarters on Light Plant Road, or online at [CHEC dot coop slash scholarships](http://CHEC.coop/scholarships). Deadline is March 16.

Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman Robert L. “Bob” Woodard Sr. will deliver the **2026 State of the County** presentation twice in March, in Kill Devil Hills and in Buxton.

As announced previously, Woodard will first present the 2026 State of the County during a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 8:45 at Captain George’s Seafood Restaurant in Kill Devil Hills. The cost to attend the breakfast meeting is \$10 per person.

To provide a more convenient option for Hatteras Island residents and property owners, Woodard will deliver the State of the County presentation again at 10 o’clock Saturday morning, March 21 at Cape Hatteras Secondary School, located at 48576 N.C. Highway 12 in Buxton.

The Buxton presentation is not a different program. The presentation is themed, “Reviewing a Year of Progress in the Land of Beginnings.”

Doors open at Cape Hatteras Secondary School at 9:15 and the presentation begins at 10.

There is no charge to attend the Buxton event, and it is open to the public; however, advanced registration is encouraged for planning purposes. For more information, and to register online for the 2026 State of the County presentation in Buxton, visit [Dare NC dot gov slash S O C](http://DareNC.gov/SOC)

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.