

Weekly news summary for February 9, 2025

Buxton Civic asks for shoreline stabilization

At the February 2 meeting of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, members of the Buxton Civic Association delivered a presentation titled, “Eroding Trust, Building Resolve,” which detailed how coastal erosion exposed former military structures at the Buxton Beach Access, leading to petroleum contamination. The Buxton community took action to address the issue. As part of the presentation, Buxton Civic Association members expressed the need for shoreline stabilization, stressing the importance of protecting NC 12, which serves as Hatteras Island’s lifeline. Presenters mentioned repairing the jetties to help mitigate erosion or securing state legislation to make repairs.

To view the presentation, go to DareNC dot gov slash home slash Show published document slash 15184. For the status of the remediation, go to DareNC dot gov slash Buxton F U D S. And remember, the Buxton Civic Association is holding a mid-day Mardi Gras celebration at Café Pamlico in Frisco, Saturday, February 22 from 3 to 6. Tickets are \$10.

Special Use Permit changes

The Dare County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt a proposed text amendment to the Dare County Zoning Ordinance. The amendment, which was recommended by the Dare County Planning Board, establishes guiding standards for Quasi-Judicial review of Special Use Permits. These changes allow the Dare County Board of Commissioners to consider broader impacts on neighboring properties and to impose conditions on Special Use Permits when necessary, ensuring a more thorough evaluation of Special Use Permit applications and development proposals, based on evidentiary support.

Brief traffic stoppages in Avon

As work continues to replace nearly 60 transmission poles, drivers may experience brief traffic delays on NC 12 in Avon as new poles are delivered over the next two weeks, according to an update from Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative.

“Our contractor, River City Construction, will require northbound lane closures on Highway 12 in Avon while transmission poles are delivered and offloaded, beginning Monday, Feb. 10, and continuing through Thursday, Feb. 13, and Monday, Feb. 17, through Thursday, Feb. 20,” stated the update.

“Traffic will alternate using the southbound lane during these deliveries.

River City Construction is working to replace 34 wood transmission poles on the Avon South circuit with concrete poles, and reconductor the Avon South circuit. They are also replacing 25 wood poles in Frisco and Hatteras with concrete poles.

House moves down NC 12

After a year of planning, a former Waves home made a trek north to its new Rodanthe location, following a roughly mile-long route along NC 12, reports the Island Free Press.

The move was completed with the help of Barry Crum of Crum Works Inc., Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative, Spectrum, and safety escorts from the Dare County Sheriff's Office, and the journey took only 90 minutes or so to complete.

Howard Adams is the owner of Neptune's Kitchen and Dive Bar in Rodanthe and Howard's Tap Shack in Avon. Like every business owner on Hatteras Island, Adams has difficulty recruiting employees, mainly because they can't find a seasonal or long-term places to live.

Read more about the house transit on [Island Free Press](#).

Statewide Flu-related deaths are 117 so far this season

On Feb. 5, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services updated its weekly Respiratory Virus Summary Dashboard. The dashboard shows an increase in flu activity and flu-related deaths, bringing the total number of deaths this season to 117.

"Taking preventative measures against flu and other respiratory illnesses like getting vaccinated, regularly washing hands, covering your cough and staying home when sick are important to help protect you and your family," says the State Epidemiologist Zack Moore

Influenza is spreading widely throughout the state and is likely to peak in the coming weeks.

Early testing and treatment with an antiviral drug can help prevent respiratory infections from becoming more serious.

Rescue Squad receives donation

Recently, the Hatteras Island Rescue Squad received a \$500 check from the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association. Rescue Squad Chief Jack Scarborough accepted the donation at squad's station in Buxton.

The Hatteras Island Rescue Squad is on the beaches of southern Hatteras Island during the summer months, as the roughly 30-member volunteer team patrols the shoreline from Memorial Day until Labor Day.

The Beach Buggy Association is a non-profit organization established in 1964.

Ballance in Rodanthe Monday night

At 5 o'clock Monday evening, February 10, 2025, the Rodanthe Waves Salvo Civic Association will host Commissioner Mary Ellon Ballance as part of its 2025 Speaker Series.

Elected as Dare County Commissioner in November 2024, Ballance is a business owner in Hatteras village. She previously served as Hatteras Island's representative to the Dare County Board of Education, and was president of the Cape Hatteras Booster Club, among other volunteer and leadership roles.

Come out to meet and discuss current topics of concern to you and our community with the commissioner.

Ferry Division looking for seasonal workers Feb. 12

The North Carolina Ferry Division is looking for seasonal and permanent employees for its busy summer season.

All job seekers are welcome to attend a career fair February 12 in Manteo to learn about and apply for a new and rewarding career with the Ferry System.

The career fair, hosted by the Ferry Division and College of the Albemarle, will be from 10 to 3 p.m. at the College of the Albemarle – Dare Campus, 205 U.S. 64 South in Manteo.

Applications will be accepted for all positions at all experience levels, including entry-level parking lot attendants, office staff, maintenance tradespeople and credentialed vessel crew.

Temporary and full-time permanent positions are available.

Those interested in attending the job fair should bring resumes, references and supporting documents. Representatives from the Ferry Division will be on hand to accept applications and explain the various positions available and opportunities for advancement.

For more information or temporary position applications, call 252-370-5573 or email ferry HR at ncdot dot gov.

Free dinner in Avon Thursday

On Thursday evening, February 13, a free community dinner in Avon is offered at St. John United Methodist Church, 40336 McMullen Road. Serving starts at 5 o'clock and goes to 6:15. Come out and break bread and enjoy a home-cooked meal!

Coastal Federation Oyster Roast this Saturday

Join the North Carolina Coastal Federation for a laid-back oyster roast at Oden's Dock in Hatteras Village on Saturday, February 15, from 1-4.

Tickets are \$55 and are on sale now at [nc coast dot org slash event slash hatteras-island-oyster-roast](http://nc.coast.org/event/hatteras-island-oyster-roast). Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended, as this event has previously sold out. At the door ticket sales may be limited or not available.

This community event celebrates local seafood and a healthy coast. Proceeds from the event will benefit the North Carolina Coastal Federation's oyster education and restoration programs.

State Marine Fisheries Commission meets in Dare County in February

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission meets in person February 19 through 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail, Kitty Hawk. The meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

The meeting begins at 6 o'clock, Wednesday, February 19 and at 9 in the morning Thursday, February 20; and on Friday, Feb. 21. The commission will hold public comment sessions at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, and at 9 on Thursday morning, February 20.

Prior to the meeting, at 4 o'clock, Wednesday, February 19, NOAA Fisheries will give a presentation on the Marine Recreational Information Program and hold a question-and-answer session with the commissioners and Division of Marine Fisheries staff.

Agenda items for this meeting include:

- Approval of the draft Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4 for public and advisory committee review;
- Final adoption of the Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1;
- Review of public comment and selection of preferred management options for the Oyster Fishery Management Plan Amendment 5 and Hard Clam Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3;

- Final adoption of rules on Simplifying pot marking requirements; False Albacore Management, Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact
- An update on the Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 Adaptive Management.

Those who wish to speak may sign up at the hotel prior to the public comment period in which they wish to speak. Bring 12 copies of handouts.

The YouTube link will be posted on the Marine Fisheries Commission webpage. After the meeting, a recording will be posted online.

Pop-up Library in Rodanthe February 20

The Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building will host a pop-up library event with staff from the Hatteras Library on Thursday morning February 20, from 9 until 11.

Hatteras Library personnel will bring a selection of library materials for all ages to the RWS Community Building for visitors to browse and borrow. Folks can also sign up for a library card, or put books on hold for the Hatteras Library's next visit.

Children's librarian Ms. Tammy will also host an all-ages children's program from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. The event is open to all Hatteras Islanders. The Community Building is located at 23646 N.C. Highway 12 in Rodanthe.

**Remember Valentine's Day is Friday, February 14. And, stay safe out there.
Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.**