

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, February 1, 2026.

In Dare County, **this winter weather storm** has brought snow, wind, cold temperatures, overwash, some power outages and a collapsed house on Tower Circle Road in Buxton.

Dare County Emergency Management urges residents and visitors to stay home and stay safe as hazardous conditions persist across the area. A state of emergency remains in effect for all of the county. The action enables local officials to take action to protect public health and safety.

Avoid unnecessary travels. Roads could look clear but could easily be ice-covered.

Emergency services remain active and prepared to respond as conditions allow, but response times may be delayed due to weather impacts.

The community's cooperation and patience are appreciated as crews work to address storm impacts. Staying home and minimizing travel is the best way to protect yourself and allow emergency personnel to do their jobs safely.

Dare County closes offices and facilities for Monday and Tuesday

Freezing temperatures will continue for the next several days, keeping roads icy and making travel extremely dangerous across Dare County. Staying off the roads helps keep everyone safer and allows NCDOT crews and emergency responders to do their jobs more quickly and effectively.

Around 2 o'clock Sunday, about 1,100 customer accounts throughout Dare County are without power. Utility crews are working as quickly and safely as possible to restore service. Residents are encouraged to report outages directly to their power provider.

All Dare County offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, February 2, 2026 and Tuesday, February 3, 2026. In addition, Dare Public Works, which provides trash collection for the unincorporated areas of Dare County, has announced that both residential and commercial trash collection services scheduled for Monday, February 2 and Tuesday, February 3 have been cancelled.

Conditions will be reassessed on Tuesday afternoon, February 3 to determine whether operations can safely resume on Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

House collapse in Buxton

“Earlier this morning, an unoccupied, privately-owned house collapsed in Buxton at 46201 Tower Circle Road. For public safety, the Seashore advises everyone to stay away from the collapse site and the surrounding beach area, due to potentially hazardous debris. The beach is

closed in front of the entire village of Buxton,” reports a statement issued by Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The house was built in 1979, has four bedrooms, one full bath and two half baths. The two-story house with 1,960 square feet was valued at \$165,100.

Due to the presence of threatened oceanfront structures, portions of the beach in Rodanthe and Buxton are closed. The beachfront closures are as follows: From East Point Drive south to Surfside Drive in Rodanthe, and from the north end of Buxton to near off-road vehicle ramp 43.

Dare commissioners meet

The Dare County Board of Commissioners meeting (previously scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2026) has been rescheduled to Thursday morning, February 12, 2026, at 9 o'clock.

The agenda is packed with interesting items.

Parks and Recreation Sales Tax Referendum

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee met on January 26, 2026 and voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to consider including a one-quarter cent sales tax referendum on the November General Election Ballot to finance the Parks & Recreation Recommendations & Implementation Plan developed by McGill & Associates. This plan was created using the data from a countywide survey that was carried out in the Fall 2024.

Fixing Hatteras Medical Center property

During the Board of Commissioners January meeting, the need to stabilize parts of the southern and eastern sides of the Hatteras Medical Center property was discussed. Two quotes to complete that effort. One quote is for the engineering, design, and permitting required. The other quote is for the labor and material needed to remove a few trees and place approximately 200 linear feet of riprap along the shoreline in the designated areas. A map shows the areas where the stabilization efforts will be focused.

Parking at Buxton Soccer Field

The current parking at the teacher housing/soccer complex in Buxton is causing pedestrian safety concerns. Often times, during sporting events, vehicles are parking along the Buxton back road on the shoulders of both the east and west-bound lanes, blocking the pedestrian sidewalk. During the last meeting, it was decided that staff needed to get pricing to expand the existing number of car parks. Commissioner Balance has also received several letters of support for this project from community members. The cost to permit, design, and bid this project is \$24,000.

Amendments to Capital Improvements

To review and adopt capital project ordinances amendments for the Dare County and Dare County Schools Capital Improvements Plans on the recommendation of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. The County amendments increase the Pickleball budget by \$145,000 for the collaborative Event Site Project with the Tourism Board. The Schools' amendments increase the budget for the Manteo Field House by \$130,170 and move-up the start of a playground project originally planned for FY27.

Dare County Schools cancel school on Monday

Dare County Schools will observe a Snow Day on Monday, February 2, 2026. There will be no classes or remote learning for students tomorrow.

All staff members should plan to work remotely.

All school buildings will be closed tomorrow, and all after-school activities are cancelled, including ASEP, practices, and sporting events.

Stay safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.