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## Manager's Newsletter

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**Town of Kitty Hawk – Online Auction**

The Town of Kitty Hawk is having an online auction from October 26th through November 4th. Please visit [www.townofkittyhawk.org](http://www.townofkittyhawk.org) or [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) for more information.

**Kitty Hawk Woods Reserve Local Advisory Committee to Meet October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**WHAT:** Local Advisory Committee Meeting for the Kitty Hawk Woods Coastal Reserve

**WHEN:** 6 p.m. Oct. 26

**WHERE:** Town of Kitty Hawk Fire Department, 859 West Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk, N.C.

The advisory committee for the Kitty Hawk Woods Coastal Reserve will hold its annual meeting at 6 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Town of Kitty Hawk Fire Department, 859 West Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk, N.C. The meeting is open to the public.

The committee of local residents, partners and leaders provides the N.C. Coastal Reserve staff with guidance and feedback regarding management of the reserve.

The Kitty Hawk Woods Reserve is located on the Outer Banks, in the center of the village of Kitty Hawk bordering the Currituck Sound. The site encompasses a total of 1,877 acres of maritime deciduous swamp, forest, and marsh. The town of Kitty Hawk, with a conservation easement with the state, owns 461 acres.

**THE KITTY HAWK HERITAGE DAY COMMITTEE  
THANKS OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS FOR THEIR HELP IN MAKING  
THE KITTY HAWK HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL A RESOUNDING SUCCESS**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PROMENADE -- BRIAN AND ELIZABETH NEWMAN  
AND OUR HERITAGE DAY EXHIBITORS AND VOLUNTEERS**

**PLEASE SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO OUR COMMUNITY SPONSORS**

ABC Towing	Ace Hardware, Kitty Hawk
Albemarle & Associates, Ltd.	Applebees
Atlantic Sewage Co.	Awful Arthurs
Barkley Plumbing	Bay Disposal Recycling
Beach Mart (Wings)	Ben Franklin
Charlie's Family RV Park	Chips Wine and Beer Market & University
Coastal Provisions Market	College of the Albemarle
Community Care Clinic of Dare	The Cook Shop
Dairy Queen	Daniels Homeport
Dare County EMS	Dare County Water Department
Dare County Youth Council	Décor By The Shore
Duck Donuts	Dusty Rhoads HVAC
First Flight High School Jazz Hawks	Grass Roots Lawn & Garden Care
Gray's	First Flight High School Honor Society
Harris Teeter of Kitty Hawk	Henry's Beef & Seafood, Inc.
Hines, Inc.	Holiday Inn Express Kitty Hawk
The Home Depot	Hurricane Mo's Beachside Bar & Grill
Interfaith Community Outreach	Island Bookstore
Islander Flags	Jim's Soft Pretzel Bakery
Jolly Roger	Joe Lamb
John's Drive In	Johnson, Burgess, Mizelle & Straub
K-Mart	Kitty Hawk Car Wash
Kitty Hawk Carpets	Kitty Hawk Garden Center
Kitty Hawk Kites	Kitty Hawk RV Park
Kitty Hawk Watermen	Kohl's
La Fogata Restaurant Mexicano	Leah's Landscape Services
Liberty Tax Service	Lighthouse Church
Lost Colony	Movie Gallery
NC Coastal Reserve	NC Wildlife Officers (Boat & Display)
OB Center for Dolphin Research	Ocean View Window Cleaning
Outer Banks Hauling	Outer Banks Hospital Gift Shop
Outer Banks Music Showcase	Outer Banks Running Club
The Peanut Shop	Pizzaz Pizza
Play N Trade	The Promenade
Puzzles Pranks & Games	Sail Ministries
Sandy Beach Tours	Sarah Sieffert
Sea Cove Motel	Seascape Golf Course
Sharp, Michael, Graham & Evans	Southern Insurance
Sportsplex	Stormont & Co.
Storytellers	Rodney Kemp
Willie K. Billy Brown	Nellie Healy
Suzanne Tate	TLC Insurance
Tropical Smoothie Café	Try My Nuts
US Coast Guard	US Fish & Wildlife /Red Wolf
US Fish & Wildlife/Alligator Rv &Pea Island	US Postal Service, Gene Garrison, Harbinger
Victory Chevrolet	Wal-Mart
Western Sizzlin'	Wright Brothers National Memorial
Wright Property Management	

## **Smoke Detector Check Change Your Clocks – Change Your Batteries**

Fire Chief Lowell Spivey is reminding everyone to make a potentially lifesaving change when they move their clocks back on Sunday, November 1: **Change the batteries in your smoke detectors.** Only a “working” smoke detector can save lives. By taking the time to change the batteries and by testing them monthly, you may save your life, the lives of your family members, and your property if fire breaks out in your home.

If you require assistance in replacing the batteries in your smoke detector/s, please contact the Kitty Hawk Fire Department, 261-2666.

### **Kitty Hawk Fire Department Association 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Shoot Saturday, November 14, 2009 9 a.m.**

Place: Promenade on the Driving Range  
Cost: \$3.00 per shot  
Prizes: Hams, Turkeys, Oysters, Cash 50/50, Rounds

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served.

For more information, please contact Bob Bent, KHFD, 252-261-2666.

We hope to see you there!

### **Landfill Ban on Plastic Bottles Takes Effect October 1, 2009**

A statewide ban on the disposal of plastic bottles into landfills will take effect on October 1, 2009. The Town of Kitty Hawk accepts plastic bottles for recycling - along with many other items – at Town's Recycling Center. For more information on Recycling Center locations and materials accepted, Contact the Public Works Department at 252-261-1367. You may also check the Town's web site, <http://townofkittyhawk.org>.

Remember the Town of Kitty Hawk is contracted with Outer Banks Hauling to offer curbside recycling. This service is a fee of \$8.95 per month. To sign up for this recycling service contact Outer Banks Hauling at 252-480-6699.

## **Buy a Brick – Monument to a Century of Flight**

Because of continuing interest, the courtyard of the Monument to a Century of Flight will be opened once for installation of new engraved bricks where there are now blanks. Buy a brick for the Monument to a Century of Flight. Inscription is 2 lines, 18 characters or spaces per line. Price is \$100 per brick. Order forms are available at the Kitty Hawk Town Hall (261-3552) or contact Pat Eure, PO Box 1232, Kill Devil Hills, NC. Deadline is October 26, 2009.

## **Kitty Hawk Woods Coastal Reserve Hosts October Nature Hikes**

This fall, enjoy a naturalist-guided walk through Kitty Hawk Woods Coastal Reserve. Explore the flora and fauna of this prized maritime forest and catch a glimpse of some of the last remaining true wilderness in the Outer Banks. This moderate hike for adults and children ages seven and above will begin at the end of Ridge Road in Kitty Hawk. Closed-toed shoes and bug spray are recommended. Reservations are not required.

Nature hikes in Kitty Hawk Woods are currently scheduled for:

Date: Sundays, Oct. 11, 18 & 25 (more dates may be announced soon)

Time: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Ridge Road Trailhead, Kitty Hawk Woods Coastal Reserve  
From U.S. 158, turn onto West Kitty Hawk Road, and follow for approximately 2 ¾ miles. At the cemetery turn right onto Ridge Road and follow until road takes sharp right turn. Trailhead will be visible at turn. For site map see <http://www.nccoastalreserve.net/About-The-Reserve/Reserve-Sites/Kitty-Hawk-Woods/82.aspx>

For more information contact Northern Sites manager Bo Dame at 252-261-8891. For more information about the Kitty Hawk Woods Coastal Reserve, visit the Reserve's website at [www.nccoastalreserve.net](http://www.nccoastalreserve.net).

## **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Changes Effective October 1, 2009**

### **Why are all of these changes being made?**

The NFIP has implemented these changes in order to prepare for future flooding events and to lessen the burden on taxpayers of paying for future flood damage. To ensure the viability of the program it is necessary to have premium levels that correspond to the risk that is being assumed. Most insurance carriers impose annual rate increases on products such as auto insurance, homeowners insurance, etc. and some insurance carriers may

refuse coverage to certain high risk prospects, in order to continue to thrive. However, unlike other forms of insurance, the NFIP, whose policies are sold through various insurance companies and agents, will not refuse to offer coverage as a result of multiple claims or any large sustained loss. The NFIP continues to provide reasonable rates to people who purchase flood insurance to protect their homes and businesses against the Nation's number one natural disaster.

On October 1, 2009, important changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will take effect. There will be an increase in rates, the standard deductibles, and the basic insurance limits. These combined changes will result in an average premium increase of 8 percent. The increases will apply only to policies that are written or renewed after October 1, 2009. Please read the additional information below which provides more detail and explanation regarding these significant October changes.

The standard deductible of \$500 is being discontinued for all properties. The new standard deductible for Post-FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) properties will be \$1,000 and Pre-FIRM properties will be \$2,000. Owners of Pre-FIRM properties have the option to buy back the \$1,000 deductible within 60 days of the renewal of their flood insurance policy. Otherwise, deductibles cannot be reduced midterm unless required by the mortgagee. It is important to remember that there is a 30-day waiting period unless it is a requirement for loan closing. In most cases the deductible is only a fraction of the average flood insurance claim, which can be substantial.

Just as with other lines of insurance with high claim potential, such as wind insurance, it is not unusual for minimum deductibles to increase to foster the soundness of the program. The NFIP's previous deductibles were in place for almost a decade. In taking inflation into consideration over time, the new standard deductibles being changed effective October 2009 are comparable in value to the previous deductibles when they were first established.

The basic insurance limits are also increasing for all categories of buildings and contents:

- The basic limit for 1-4 Family Dwelling Coverage will increase from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Additional insurance limits are \$190,000 for a total limit of \$250,000.

- Other Residential Building Coverage basic limit will increase from \$150,000 to \$175,000 with additional insurance limits of \$75,000 for a total limit of \$250,000.
- Non-Residential Building Coverage will increase from \$150,000 to \$175,000 for the basic limit. Additional insurance limits are \$325,000 for a total of \$500,000.
- Residential Contents Coverage basic limit will increase from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Addition limits are \$75,000 for a total insurance limit of \$100,000.

Non-Residential Contents Coverage basic limit will increase from \$130,000 to \$150,000.

Additional insurance limits are \$350,000 for a total insurance limit of \$500,000. The emergency program building coverage will remain unchanged. For 1-4 family dwellings this coverage is \$35,000 and for other residential and non-residential it is \$100,000.

Emergency program contents coverage for residential is \$10,000 and nonresidential is \$100,000.

The premium increases vary by Zone. V Zones are coastal high-velocity zones and will have larger rate increases as a result of the Heinz Center's Erosion Zone Study, which clearly indicates that current rates significantly underestimate the increasing hazard from steadily eroding coastlines. The premium increases by zones are as follows:

### **V Zones**

- V Zone premiums will increase 10 percent.

### **A Zones**

- A Zones, which are non-velocity zones that are primarily riverine zones, will increase by 8 to 10 percent.
- Post-Firm AE Zones will increase 10 percent.
- Pre-FIRM AE Zones premiums will increase 10 percent to decrease the amount of subsidy in our Pre-FIRM rate.

### **X Zones and Miscellaneous**

- X Zones, which are zones outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, will have an increase of 8 percent for a Standard Risk Policy and no increase in premiums for a Preferred Risk Policy (PRP).
- Mortgage Portfolio Protection Program (MPPP) will have an increase in premiums of 10 percent.

For more information about the NFIP, please visit [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov). Please feel free to contact us with your questions or concerns at [info@femaflodsmart.com](mailto:info@femaflodsmart.com)

## **Opportunities to Participate**

### **Town Council Meeting - Recessed**

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 9 a.m.

### **Heritage Day Committee – Wrap Up Meeting**

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 6 p.m.

### **Town Council Meeting**

Monday, November 2, 2009 at 6 p.m.

### **Planning Board Meeting**

Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 6 p.m.

*(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)*