



Manager's Newsletter

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Town Council Meeting Highlights

The Town Council Met on Monday, January 7 and here are some of the highlights of the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, Joel Johnson was sworn in as the Town's new Police Chief. Chief Johnson assumed this role upon the retirement of Chief David Ward. Chief Johnson has over 20 years of law enforcement experience and has worked with the Kitty Hawk police department since 1999. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Fairmont State University, is a Graduate of the 239th session of the FBI Academy and holds numerous certifications from the NC Department of Justice Academy. We ask that you help us in welcoming him to this role.



Chief Johnson with his wife Amy and his four children being sworn in.

During the meeting, Town Council held a public hearing for a public use permit to expand the existing motor vehicle repair business in Units I and J of the Quail Run business center at 500 Sand Dune Drive. The proposed expansion would add one service bay (with two lifts) office space and employee bathroom in Unit K. The business would continue to service and repair vehicles for the applicant's other business – Wild Horse Adventure Tours as well as the general public. The applicant also was seeking approval to add a small vehicle rental service.

After members of the public expressed concerns about the effects of this expansion on the surrounding community, council decided to deferr their decision until their next meeting on February 4.

Council also set a Public Hearing for February 4 to discuss a proposed amendment to Section 42-527 concerning Small Wind Energy Facilities by allowing up to four (4) wind turbines with a maximum height of 70 feet on a single property for an electric public utility research project.

In addition, Town Council discussed possible Offshore Wind Turbines being considered by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. The Bureau is currently

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conducting public meetings to inform people about the Call in the Federal Register to gauge the offshore wind industry's interest in acquiring commercial leases. One of the proposed areas for a wind farm is located six miles off the shore of Kitty Hawk. Should the offshore wind turbine farm materialize, there may be a need to provide transmission lines in Kitty Hawk. As a result of this information, the council approved a resolution to inform the North Carolina Bureau of Energy Management that the Council does not agree with the wind turbines being located six miles off the coast and requests that the wind turbines be placed at least twenty miles off the coast. In addition the resolution asked that Council be notified of any plans to install a transmission line from the wind turbines to the existing infrastructure in Kitty Hawk.

Charlene Allen was introduced as the Town's new Finance officer. Ms. Allen assumed the Finance Officer role after the retirement of the Town's previous finance officer, Mike Eubank. Ms. Allen



Charlene Allen with John Stockton,
Town Manager

comes to the Town with over 16 years of combined experience in local government including the Town of Manteo, Town of Nags Head, Town of Kill Devil Hills and East Carolina Behavioral Health. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from East Carolina University, is a CPA candidate and Candidate for Certification as Municipal Finance Officer.

In addition, the Town Manager informed council that the CAMA permit application has been submitted for as part of the Town's Stormwater Management Projects. An application has also been submitted to NCDOT for the encroachments within the NC 12 right of way that are related to this project.

The Manager also reported to Council, that per the State's recent Supreme Court Ruling making electronic gaming operations illegal, that electronic gaming machines have been removed from Winks Grocery Store in Kitty Hawk. The Town attorney is handling any collection efforts that may result if the Town decides to collect on outstanding fines that were accumulated while the machines were being operated against the Town ordinance.

The Town Council also approved a resolution allowing staff to proceed with an application for a Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant that will allow the Town to proceed with the storm drainage improvements between the highways.



Please Note Holiday Trash Schedule

Dare County will be observing Martin Luther King Day on January 21. As a result, the Town's trash collection will take place on Tuesday, January 22 and Thursday, January 23. There will be no trash collection on Monday, January 21.

Fire Department Emergency Calls – December 2012

During the month of December 2012, there were 66 calls for emergency service. The breakdown is as follows:

Assist invalid	20
Automatic/mutual aid	1
Dispatched and cancelled en route	1
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1
Medical emergencies	34
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	1
Passenger vehicle fire	1
Power line down	1
Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
Watercraft rescue	1

2012 Police Department Activity Report

CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITY 2012	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR TO DATE	%OF IN-CREASE / DE-CREASE AS COMPARED
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	7	8	6	18	21	20	24	28	11	21	14	8	186	-1%
RESIDENCE CHECKS	225	167	55	59	43	26	27	39	70	46	132	132	1021	2%
GIVE/RECEIVE MUTUAL AID	10	3	5	6	6	16	14	15	4	8	10	2	99	-4%
CITATIONS ISSUED	99	71	94	71	98	169	166	123	126	94	86	81	1278	-7%
WARNINGS ISSUED	131	115	125	86	108	134	174	119	127	76	67	108	1370	2%
FOOT PATROL	101	84	90	64	48	75	79	67	71	60	74	82	895	1%
BUSINESS CHECKS	437	368	322	360	264	334	281	332	361	279	334	303	3975	20%
ARRESTS	36	10	20	31	29	73	64	45	50	26	29	29	442	25%
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	48	20	15	26	23	56	38	44	22	33	16	20	361	33%
OPERATIONS REPORT	1246	961	918	884	856	1069	957	996	914	841	910	995	11547	12%
TOTAL ACTIVITY	2340	1807	1650	1605	1496	1972	1824	1808	1756	1484	1672	1760	21174	11%

Successful “Booze It and Lose It” Campaign Comes to Close

The Kitty Hawk Police Department just completed its seventeenth annual *Holiday Booze It and Lose It* campaign in partnership with other area law enforcement agencies and the NC Governor’s Highway Safety Program. The longest traffic safety campaign of the year provides step up alcohol enforcement in all 100 counties in North Carolina with checking stations, saturation patrols, and public awareness on the Internet, radio, and TV. This year’s campaign resulted in 1,674 checking stations, 11,771 saturation patrols, 2,654 DWI arrests, 493 DWI arrests for persons under the age of 21. Some critics have said that this stepped up effort in seeking out drunk drivers takes away from the crime fighting responsibilities of local officers. The reality is that in the United States over 13,000 people die each year in alcohol related crashes and \$5 billion is suffered in losses due to injury and property damage. The statistics of this recent campaign and many others like it prove that traffic safety enforcement goes beyond the traffic stop and has a direct impact on crime in the area that it is conducted. In this recent holiday campaign officers across the state arrested 3,009 wanted fugitives, recovered 184 stolen vehicles, issued 3,543 drug citations, and made 1,868 felony arrests.



Traffic Safety Officer Chad Pennell speaks with a motorist during one of the department’s recent checking stations.

Town Calendar

Planning Board Meeting—Thursday, January 17, 2013—CANCELLED

Town Council Meeting—Monday, February 4, 2013—6:00 PM



The Government Channel (Channel 20) programming is now available online, 24 hours a day via live stream. Watch Town Council Meetings and all county programming by visiting www.darenc.com.

North Carolina Tag and Tax Together Program Begins in 2013



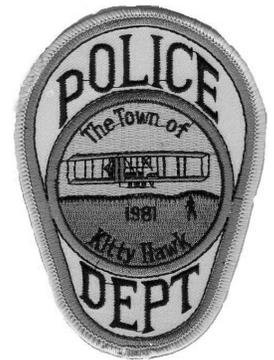
North Carolina's new vehicle Tag and Tax Together program was designed to collect vehicle property taxes along with registration renewals and to conveniently pay them together.

If the address on your vehicle registration is current, you will receive a statement that lists both vehicle registration fees and taxes due. Vehicle owners will receive this statement about 60 days prior to their vehicle's registration expiration.

Beginning in 2013, your annual vehicle inspection, registration renewal and vehicle property tax will be due the same month each year. Only one payment – made either in person, online or by mail – is required to pay both the annual tag and tax for your vehicle (Inspection fees are still paid to the inspection station). For more information please visit <http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/vehicle/tagtax/>

Law Enforcement TIP:

The Outer Banks has experienced a dramatic increase in thefts from automobiles that are unlocked in the past year. Officers of the Kitty Hawk Police Department recommend that you lock your car when not in use. Also, remove all valuables from the car or place them in the trunk. It only takes a few seconds to lock your doors and will save you a lot of headache in the long run.



KITTY HAWK HIRES TWO NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS

We are happy to announce that the Town has hired two new department heads due to the retirement of two of our valued employees. As of January 1, 2013, Mike Eubank retired from service as the Town's Finance Officer and David Ward retired as our Police Chief.

With David's departure, Joel C. Johnson became the new Chief of Police for Kitty Hawk. Joel has been in law enforcement for the last 17 years and employed with the Kitty Hawk Police Department for the last 11 years. Chief Johnson was serving as Sergeant in the Kitty Hawk Police Department prior to being promoted to Chief of Police. According to Chief Johnson, being Chief of Police is a substantial responsibility. Chief Johnson believes the Chief of Police has to be a media spokesperson, head investigator, and lead program coordinator to provide the kind of public service needed to maintain an adequate Police Department.

Charlene Allen became the new Finance Officer replacing Mike Eubank who retired as of the 1st of this year. Charlene has sixteen years of experience in Local Government including the Town of Nags Head, the Town of Manteo, and the Town of Kill Devil Hills. Charlene's most recent position with the Town of Nags Head was as an Accounting Supervisor where she supervised and directed the operation for the Nags Head Finance Department. Her last position was a hands on professional and administrative position. Bringing a strong financial background to Kitty Hawk will provide the financial management necessary to give Kitty Hawk someone who can adequately manage the Town's finances.

The Town staff and the Town Council welcome Chief Johnson and Finance Officer Charlene Allen to their new positions.

Dare County Listing Notice



North Carolina law requires that all personal property within the jurisdiction of the state is subject to taxation unless it has been specifically excluded by statute.

Aircrafts, boats, mobile homes, and business equipment, furnishings and fixtures are considered personal property that must be listed for personal property tax each year during the regular listing period. The listing period for 2013 is from January 15th to February 15th. Listing any of the types of personal property shown above involves providing the Dare County Tax Listing Department with a year

built, make, model, serial number, and description of the property, along with the purchase price. The value of the property for tax purposes is established from this information.

Registering watercraft with the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Boat Registration Division does not list that property for tax purposes with the Dare County Tax Listing Department.

Registering an aircraft with the Federal Aviation Administration does not list that property for tax purposes with the Dare County Tax Listing Department.

If you own an aircraft, boat, or mobile home that was listed in Dare County prior to January 1, 2013, you should receive a tax listing form by mail during the week of January 15, indicating the type of property listed, and the assessed value.

Business listing forms are mailed to all known businesses.

If you do not receive a listing form, and you are the registered owner(s) of any of the property types shown that are located in Dare County, you should call 475-5951 or 475-5950, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to list the property and establish an account. To list mobile homes, please call 475-5958.

Alligator Bridge Closing Set for Early April And Delays to Be Expected Before and After Closing

The US 64 bridge over Alligator River is expected to be closed to highway traffic from April 2 until noon April 14. Motorists can also expect intermittent lane closures and short delays as early as February 25 and extending until May 3. Motorists will be advised by the roadside signs to take alternate routes US 158 or US 264 during the closure period.

***Kitty Hawk Fire Department is
 Recruiting Volunteers
 Incentives Available
 Call 252-261-2666 for more
 information.***



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