



TOWN OF KITTY HAWK

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Manager's Newsletter

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Town Begins “Leave Only Footprints” Campaign

In 2019 the Town Council adopted an Ordinance that prohibits beach equipment such as tents, chairs, and umbrellas to be left on the beach overnight. The Town of Kitty Hawk adopted this Ordinance to protect the safety and welfare of the general public. As a courtesy, the Town is notifying all beachgoers that any items left on the beach after sunset may be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the Town.



LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS

The “LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS” campaign is encouraging all beachgoers to remove all items at the end of each day in addition to properly disposing of waste. The Town invites everyone to enjoy our beautiful beaches but “Leave Only Footprints” at the end of day.

If there are any questions regarding this Town ordinance please contact Andy Stewart at 252-261-3552.

[To view the complete ordinance, click here](#)



BE SAFE. BE SMART. HAVE FUN.



Town Calendar

Town Recreation Committee Meeting
July 28, 2020 —6:00 pm

Virtual Hurricane Preparedness Forum
Wednesday July 29, 2020—10:30 am
See page 4

Town Council Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2020—6:00 pm

Town Council Meeting Broadcast, Spectrum Cable 191
Thursday and Sunday following the meeting—1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Planning Board Meeting
2nd Thursday after Council Meeting
Next Meeting—August 13, 2020, 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Labor Day Holiday
Town Offices Closed
Monday, September 7, 2020

Next Large Item Pick Up
Monday, September 14, 2020



Reminder from the
Kitty Hawk Police
Department

When it's warm outside, it is
HOT in your car. Do not
leave your pets in your car.

Outside Temperature	In Car After 10 Minutes	In Car After 60 Minutes
68°	81°	115°
75°	88°	122°
82°	95°	129°
90°	102°	136°
97°	109°	144°

Kitty Hawk Begins Beach Re-Nourishment Planning

The Town is in the beginning stages of planning for the 2022 Beach Re-Nourishment Project and has contracted with Coastal Protection Engineering out of Wilmington, NC. The Town anticipates beginning the permitting phase with all environmental agencies beginning this year.

The project will be in conjunction with Dare County, Town of Southern Shores, Duck, and Kill Devil Hills. A collaborative approach to re-nourishment reduces the overall costs of the re-nourishment project. Municipal Service District taxes remain unchanged.

The Town will be working closely to disseminate information to residents and visitors well in advance of the scheduled construction. For more information please visit our website or to be added to the Town of Kitty Hawk Beach Nourishment list serve please email mclopton@kittyhawktown.net.

Where to Find Reliable Information on COVID-19

It is important for community members to access reliable sources of information. Be wary of clicking on any links that you do not recognize, especially ones that might be emailed to you from an unknown source.

For regularly updated information on COVID-19 in Dare County and the state, and information about how to protect yourself, your family and our community, please visit:

[Dare County](#)

[NC Dept of Health and Human Services](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[Complete list of the Governor's Executive Orders](#)

"Avoid the Knock"

Act Now to Complete the Census for your Household!

Starting on/about August 11th, Census workers will begin knocking on the doors of every household in Kitty Hawk that has not completed their 2020 Census.

Complete the 2020 Census for your household now to avoid the knock!

Do the 2020 Census online: <https://my2020census.gov/>.

Do your Census by phone seven days a week 7:00am - 2:00am EDT: 1-844-330-2020 (English) or 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish).

All you need is your address to respond online or by phone, and it only takes a few minutes to complete the Census. You can also complete the Census by mail if you received a questionnaire delivered to your home. Complete it by phone, online or mail right now to avoid a Census worker having to come to your door.

**CENSUS
AND
CHILL**

COUNT ME IN!

EVERYONE
COUNTS
CENSUS
2020

**It has never
been easier to
respond to
the census.**

It is quick, easy and confidential.
You can respond:

 **Online**  **By Phone**  **By Mail**

All while binge watching your TV!

**Respond today at 2020census.gov
or call **844-330-2020****

Shape
your future
START HERE >

United States®
**Census
2020**

SURF'S UP PRESENTS

Coastal Clean up

Join us in making a change!



Make sure to bring
Sunscreen and Refreshments

Bags & Gloves Provided

July 25, 2020

9:00 - 11 a.m.

Regional Public Beach Access

3840 N Va Dare Trail, Kitty Hawk, NC
27949

For more information

Text ocean to 31996

OR

Scan the QR code below



Dare County and the National Weather Service to Host Virtual Hurricane Preparedness Forum

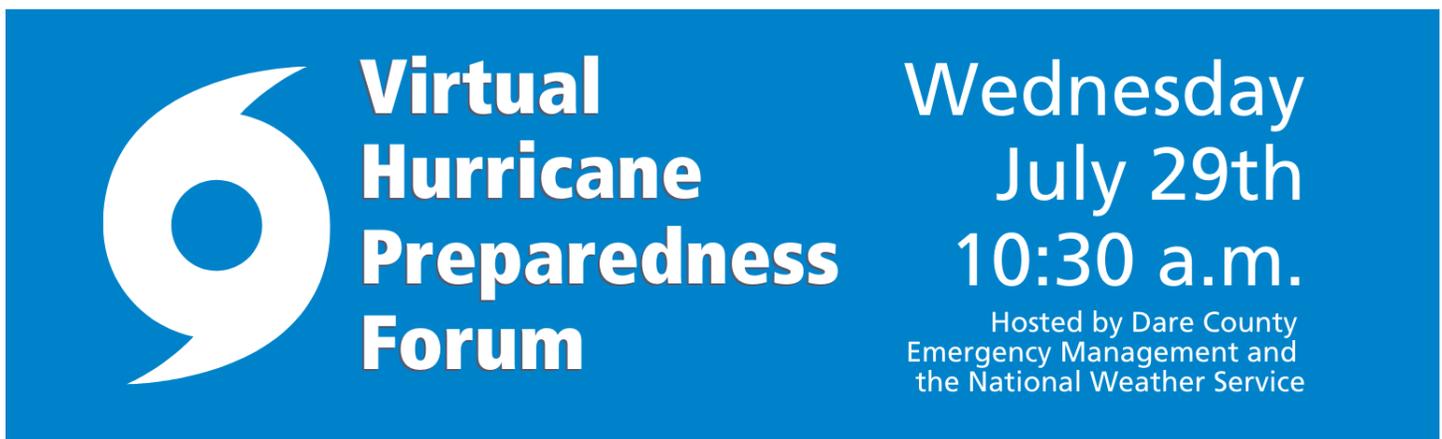
The virtual forum will take place on Wednesday, July 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Dare County Emergency Management Director Drew Pearson will be joined by Erik Heden, the NWS local Warning Coordination Meteorologist, for a virtual Hurricane Preparedness Forum on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

The forum will discuss important information on personal preparedness actions and updates on weather service forecast products. Topics will include adapting preparedness efforts to meet the challenges presented by COVID-19 and why it's important to never just focus on the category of a storm but instead focus on the impacts. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Register for the virtual forum [here](#). Internet access is required.

Emergency preparedness starts with you.



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Hosted by Dare County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service

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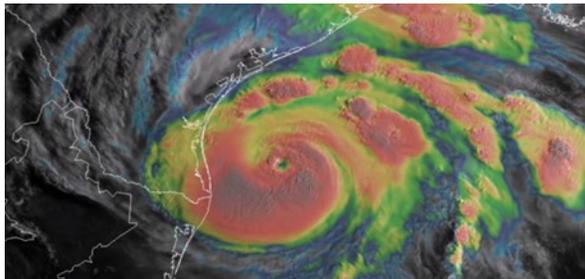
Renovations are Complete on the Kitty Hawk Bath House

Watch the latest video about the Renovations by following this link.

[Kitty Hawk Bathhouse Renovations](#)



Forecasters Predict an Above Normal 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season

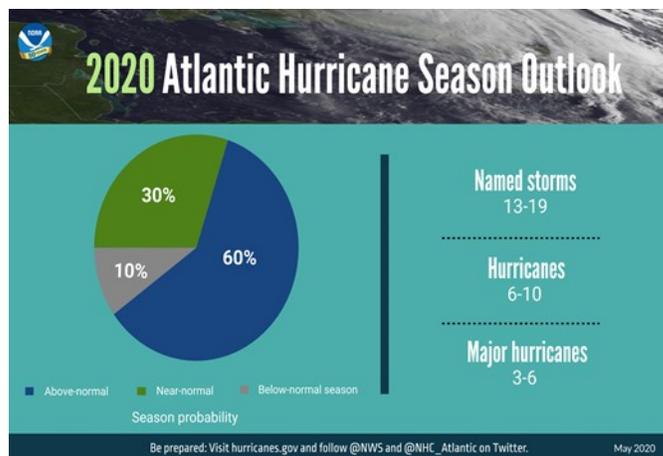


May 21, 2020 - An above-normal 2020 Atlantic hurricane season is expected, according to forecasters with NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service. The outlook predicts a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season and

only a 10% chance of a below-normal season. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30.

NOAA's Climate Prediction Center is forecasting a likely range of 13 to 19 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. An average hurricane season produces 12 named storms, of which 6 become hurricanes, including 3 major hurricanes.

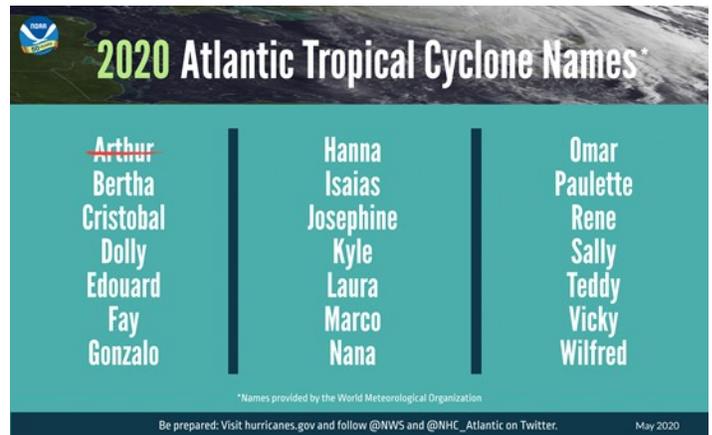
"As Americans focus their attention on a safe and healthy reopening of our country, it remains critically important that we also remember to make the necessary preparations for the upcoming hurricane season," said Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. "Just as in years past, NOAA experts will stay ahead of developing hurricanes and tropical storms and provide the forecasts and warnings we depend on to stay safe."



The combination of several climate factors is driving the strong likelihood for above-normal activity in the Atlantic this year. El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) conditions are expected to either remain neutral or to trend toward La Niña, meaning there will not be an El Niño present to suppress hurricane activity. Also, warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, coupled with reduced vertical wind shear, weaker tropical Atlantic trade winds, and an enhanced west African monsoon all increase the likelihood for an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season. Similar conditions have been producing more active seasons since the current high-activity era began in 1995.

2020 Hurricane Season (cont'd)

“NOAA’s analysis of current and seasonal atmospheric conditions reveals a recipe for an active Atlantic hurricane season this year,” said Neil Jacobs, Ph.D., acting NOAA administrator. “Our skilled forecasters, coupled with upgrades to our computer models and observing technologies, will provide accurate and timely forecasts to protect life and property.”



This year, as during any hurricane season, the men and women of NOAA remain ready to provide the life-saving forecasts and warnings that the public rely on. And as storms show signs of developing, NOAA hurricane hunter aircraft will be prepared to collect valuable data for our forecasters and computer models.

In addition to this high level of science and service, NOAA is also launching new upgrades to products and tools that will further improve critical services during the hurricane season.

NOAA will upgrade the hurricane-specific Hurricane Weather Research and Forecast system (HWRF) and the Hurricanes in a Multi-scale Ocean coupled Non-hydrostatic model (HMON) models this summer. HWRF will incorporate new data from satellites and radar from NOAA’s coastal Doppler data network to help produce better forecasts of hurricane track and intensity during the critical watch and warning time frame. HMON will undergo enhancements to include higher resolution, improved physics, and coupling with ocean models.

As the hurricane season gets underway, NOAA will begin feeding data from the COSMIC-2 satellites into weather models to help track hurricane intensity and boost forecast accuracy. COSMIC-2 provides data about air temperature, pressure and humidity in the tropical regions of Earth — precisely where hurricane and tropical storm systems form.

Also during the 2020 hurricane season, NOAA and the U.S. Navy will deploy a fleet of autonomous diving hurricane gliders to observe conditions in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea in areas where hurricanes have historically traveled and intensified.

As with every hurricane season, the need to be prepared is critically important this year.

2020 Hurricane Season (cont'd)

“Social distancing and other CDC guidance to keep you safe from COVID-19 may impact the disaster preparedness plan you had in place, including what is in your go-kit, evacuation routes, shelters and more. With tornado season at its peak, hurricane season around the corner, and flooding, earthquakes and wildfires a risk year-round, it is time to revise and adjust your emergency plan now,” said Carlos Castillo, acting deputy administrator for resilience at FEMA. “Natural disasters won’t wait, so I encourage you to keep COVID-19 in mind when revising or making your plan for you and your loved ones, and don’t forget your pets. An easy way to start is to [download the FEMA app today.](#)”

In addition to the Atlantic hurricane season outlook, NOAA also issued seasonal hurricane outlooks for the [eastern](#) and [central Pacific](#) basins.

NOAA’s outlook is for overall seasonal activity and is not a landfall forecast. The Climate Prediction Center will update the 2020 Atlantic seasonal outlook in August prior to the historical peak of the season.

Hurricane preparedness is critically important for the 2020 hurricane season, just as it is every year. Keep in mind, you may need to adjust any preparedness actions based on the latest [health and safety guidelines from the CDC](#) and your local officials. Visit the National Hurricane Center’s website at [hurricanes.gov](#) throughout the season to stay current on any watches and warnings.



Receive **real-time alerts** from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide.



Learn **emergency safety tips** for over 20 types of disasters, including earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes and more.



Locate open **emergency shelters** in your area and find **disaster recovery centers** where you can talk to FEMA in person.



Share alerts via text, email and social media.

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



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