



# TOWN OF KITTY HAWK

*First in Flight*

## Manager's Newsletter

### Town of Kitty Hawk

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## Town Council Adopts 2022-23 Budget with No Tax Increase

On June 6, 2022 the Town Council conducted a public hearing and adopted the balanced Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget for the Town of Kitty Hawk in the amount of \$11,033,617. The fiscal year for the Town begins July 1, 2022 and runs thru June 30, 2023. The adopted budget keeps the tax rate at .34 cents per \$100 valuation and requires no tax increase for FY 2022/2023.



The FY 2022-2023 budget focuses largely on maintaining the Town's existing infrastructure and places a strong emphasis on financial accountability to the tax payers in the Town of Kitty Hawk. The budget provides for \$453,102 in capital purchases to continue maintenance of our existing facilities and equipment. In addition, the budget continues to set aside funding for the new Police Station building currently planned to be constructed on four town owned lots located on US 158 and Bennett Street. At this time, the project has no commencement date and funds are being set aside to limit the amount of financing needed for this project in the future.

It should also be noted that this budget continues to maintain the Town's Emergency reserve in the amount of \$3,500,000. This fund was established by the Town Council as a result of the Town's vulnerability to natural disasters and flooding.

The Mayor, Town Council, and Staff are excited about this upcoming fiscal year and invite you to review a copy of the adopted FY 2022-2023 budget by visiting the Town's website at [www.kittyhawknc.gov](http://www.kittyhawknc.gov).

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## Town of Kitty Hawk Fire District Receives New Rating After Inspection

Property owners in Kitty Hawk could see a decrease in fire insurance premiums thanks to the improved rating by the North Carolina Department of Insurance/Office of the State Fire Marshal.

On June 27, 2022 Commissioner of Insurance Mike Causey announced that the Kitty Hawk Fire Department had advanced its fire rating from a 4 to a 2. This rating will take effect on October 1, 2022.

The inspection, conducted by officials with the Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), is required on a regular basis as part of the North Carolina Response Rating System (NCRRS). Among other things, the routine inspections look for proper staffing levels, sufficient equipment, proper maintenance of equipment, communication capabilities, and availability of a water source.

The NCRRS rating system ranges from one (highest) to 10 (not recognized as a certified fire department by the state), with most rural departments falling into the 9S category. While lower ratings do not necessarily indicate poor service, a higher rating does suggest that a department is overall better equipped to respond to fires in its district. Higher ratings can also significantly lower homeowners' insurance rates in that fire district.

"I'd like to congratulate Chief Talley for the department's performance and for the hard work of all the department members," said Commissioner Causey. "The citizens in the Town should rest easy knowing they have a fine group of firefighters protecting them and their property in case of an emergency."

Town Manager, Andy Stewart said "achieving a Class 2 ISO rating is a validation of the effort put forth by Chief Talley and his dedicated staff, who work hard for our Town every day. We are very proud of our Fire Department."

State law requires OSFM officials to inspect departments serving districts of 100,000 people or less, which makes up all but twelve of the state's fire districts.



## Monday with the Mayor Was A Great Success

On Monday, June 13, Mayor Craig Garriss hosted the first Monday with the Mayor Session. Town Manager Andy Stewart provided a presentation on current initiatives and projects within the Town. Citizens were able to ask questions and interact with Mayor Garriss, Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt and Town Staff. One citizen stated that the gathering was both meaningful and informative. He encouraged everyone to attend the future sessions.



### Join Us for the Next Monday with the Mayor

**Monday, September 12, 2022**  
Presentation Begins at 9:00 a.m.

**Join Mayor Craig Garriss and  
Councilwoman Charlotte Walker**

**Kitty Hawk Town Hall**

Great Opportunity to meet with the Mayor and fellow citizens as well as Town Staff.



**Hear about Town projects and Initiatives, Ask Questions?  
Make Suggestions?**



# Town Calendar

## **Town Recreation Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 6:00 pm  
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

## **Town Council Meeting**

Monday, August 1, 2022, 6:00 pm  
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

## **Planning Board Meeting**

Thursday, August 11, 2022, 6:00 pm  
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

## **Labor Day—Town Offices Closed**

Monday, September 5, 2022

## **Town Council Meeting**

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 6:00 pm  
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

## **Monday with the Mayor**

Monday, September 12, 2022, 9:00 am  
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

## **Planning Board Meeting**

Thursday, September 15, 2022, 6:00 pm  
Kitty Hawk Town Council

## **Town Staff Working to Maintain Emergency Preparedness**



Town staff have begun the annual process to review the current Town Emergency Preparedness Plan.

A continually updated plan will ensure that the Town is ready and trained for any type of emergency situation that occurs.

## Beach Nourishment To Begin in Kitty Hawk Very Soon

Weeks Marine, the Beach Nourishment Project Contractor will be completing work in Kill Devil Hills within the next week. As this occurs, the work will begin in the southern most portion of the Town and continue northward.

For the most up-to-date information, an interactive map, or to sign up for email updates, please visit the Dare County Beach Nourishment Site below.



**For Information About the Town's 2022  
Beach Re-Nourishment Project Visit  
[www.morebeachtolove.com](http://www.morebeachtolove.com)**

## Tony Edwards Promoted to Police Sergeant



Tony Edwards was promoted to Police Sergeant on May 20, 2022. He joined Kitty Hawk Police Department in November of 2021. He brings over 20 years of Law Enforcement and leadership experience to the position.

Congratulations Tony!

Sergeant Edwards receiving his new badge from his spouse, Jamie

## Local Business Donates Beach Wheelchair to Fire Department Program



Special Thanks to Kitty Hawk Fire Department Volunteer Christopher Marik of Ocean Atlantic Rentals for donating another beach wheelchair. This allows the Fire Department to provide a valuable service to our residents and visitors.

For more information about this service, please contact the Fire Department at (252) 261-2666

## Kitty Hawk Police Department Collects Eighty Pounds of Unwanted and Unused Prescription Drugs During Operation Medicine Drop

In cooperation with Safe Kids NC and The US Drug Enforcement Agency, The Kitty Hawk Police Department held a Pill Take Back Event on April 20, 2022.

"Operation Medicine Drop (OMD) is a FREE drug take-back program that gives people a safe and secure way to dispose of unwanted over-the-counter and prescription medications. We're sharing this resource to raise awareness about medication safety opioid prevention and help decrease substance misuse."

The Kitty Hawk Police Department collected approximately 80lbs of unwanted and unused prescription pills and medications this year.

Remember the Police Department has a drop box in the lobby year-round where you can dispose of medicines. This ensures they are disposed of properly, do not leech into our community water supply or end up in the wrong hands.

***Medications are the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths among children***



Stay Up To Date With Town Meetings and Videos

Subscribe to the Town's YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TownofKittyHawk>

# SUMMER SAFETY

## CAR TEMPERATURE PET SAFETY CHART

**How long does it take for a car to get HOT?**



Outside Temp (F)	Inside Temp (F)	
	10mins	30mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

**DOGS DIE EVERY SUMMER**  
In minutes your car temps are deadly!



VeterinaryClinic.com



### DANGERS OF DIGGING HOLES ON THE BEACH

- ☀ Beaches are Less Navigable for Lifeguards
- ☀ Holes Can Cave In Causing Serious Injuries and Even Fatalities
- ☀ Unsuspecting Walkers and Runners Can Fall In, Causing Twisted Ankles or Worse

**Please Don't Dig**



## Summer Kick Off Picnic

Council members, Town staff from all departments, and volunteers, gathered at the Fire Department for a delicious meal prepared by the Firefighters.

*It is true, if you want good food eat a meal prepared by a Firefighter.*



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



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