



TOWN OF KITTY HAWK

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Manager's Newsletter

Town of Kitty Hawk

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Town of Kitty Hawk

The Town of Kitty Hawk participated in April Sexual Assault Awareness Month by wearing blue to kick off the month of community events. Every 68 seconds a person is sexually assaulted in the US, and every 9 minutes that person is a child. The Outer Banks Hotline has developed a month long awareness campaign, **Community for Hope**.

100 for Hope is a fundraising campaign designed to create teams of members with a goal of collecting \$100 per team, ultimately achieving a community goal of \$10,000.

Ribbon on the Ridge, Saturday, April 29 starting at 11 am to 2:30 pm is being held at Jockey's Ridge State Park to commemorate victims and survivors of sexual assault and to celebrate the efforts from the Community of Hope Campaign. This event is open to the public. For more information contact Stephanie at 252-473-5121 or via email at stephanie@obhotline.org



Town Calendar

Town Council Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 2023, 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Memorial Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed
Monday, May 29, 2023

Town Council Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2023, 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Town Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Independence Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed
Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Town Council Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2023, 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Town Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 2023, 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 6:00 pm
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Schedule Your On-Demand Large Item Pick Up Today

The Town of Kitty Hawk Public Works Department is now scheduling appointments for on-demand large item pick up. The pick up is available to all residential properties up to four times per year. For large item pick up guidelines, please [click here](#).

To schedule a pick up, please contact the Public Works Department at (252) 261-1367. You may also complete the online form by following this link: [Large Item Pick Up Request Form](#).

YOU MUST REQUEST A PICK UP. DO NOT PUT ITEMS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY WITHOUT DOING SO. LARGE ITEM PICK UP ENDS ON MAY 20, 2023 AND WILL RESUME AFTER THE SUMMER SEASON IN SEPTEMBER.

If you are able, we encourage you to take your items to the Recycle Center at 4190 Bob Perry Road.

Kitty Hawk Police Department Building Update



Demolition has been completed on a portion of the future Police department building located at 5200 N. Croatan Highway.

The Town is still finalizing the design schematic and identifying essential spaces in the building. At a Special Town Council meeting on April 17, 2023, Council instructed staff to focus on renovating

existing space and work to minimize new construction.

The council also voted to transfer \$2,500,000 from the Town’s unassigned fund balance to the Police Building Fund that currently has a balance of \$1,356,025.

Land Use Plan Update

At its April 13 meeting, the Kitty Hawk Planning Board was briefed on the status of the Future Land Use Plan update. Jake Petrosky, of Stewart Inc., reported after compiling input from residents during public engagement meetings as well as the community survey, we are currently in the plan drafting stage.

A draft Future Land Use Map and a draft vision and goals have been developed and were presented to the Planning Board as well. The next public engagement meeting has not yet been scheduled, but will tentatively be held in late May. The draft Future Land Use Map and slideshow presented to the Planning Board may be viewed by visiting the Town website at: <https://www.kittyhawknc.gov/land-use-plan-update/>



Did you know that this year has been designated as the Year of the Trail in North Carolina? Town of Kitty Hawk encourages you to get out and explore the trails in the NC Coastal Reserve right here in town. [For more information follow this link:](#)

Walmart provides grant to Kitty Hawk Police Department



Lt James Helms, Mayor Craig Garriss, Dare County Commissioner Steve House, Councilwoman Charlotte Walker

Lisa Lovelace of Walmart presented the check to Lt James Helms at the Walmart grand reopening recently.

Lt Helms was accompanied by Mayor Garriss, Councilwoman Walker and Sgt Gard at the event. These funds will be used for specialized training.

Dare County Commissioner Steve House, Lt James Helms, Det Jeff Gard man the Kitty Hawk Police Department booth.

The Kitty Hawk Police Department applied for a community grant through Walmart in the amount of \$1,500 in recognition of their efforts in strengthening commitment to the community.



Lt James Helms receives the grant from Lisa Lovelace from Walmart.

Fire Department Promotions

Chris Davis promoted to Fire Captain

Chris is a Virginia transplant to the Outer Banks. He and his wife Mia moved to Colington at the end of 2019 after spending 30 years vacationing in OBX. They have a five-year-old son, Oliver, who loves the beach and loves the firehouse.

Chris started working part-time for the Town of Kitty Hawk while being employed full-time as a Firefighter/ Paramedic/ Specialist in the City of Newport News.

Chris found a home at Kitty Hawk Fire Rescue and decided to make it his goal to move his career to the town. Chris accepted a full-time position as a Lieutenant in August of 2022 and has never looked back.

We congratulate Chris on his well-deserved promotion.



Mia, Oliver and Chris

Chris Zach promoted to Fire Captain

Chris started his career in Sayreville, New Jersey as a volunteer firefighter carrying on the family tradition started by his great, great grandfather in 1916.

With over 20 years in fire service, Chris has spent almost 18 years with the Virginia Beach Fire Department.

Much of this time Captain Zach was assigned to the Vbfd busiest companies including Engines 18, 16 and Rescue 2. as part of the technical rescue team.

Chris also served as a volunteer firefighter for the Smithfield, Virginia department .

He is also a rescue technician assigned to FEMA VA TF2. In addition, he has taught "REaL" Fire Training since 2017.

He started with KHFD part time in August of 2022.

Chris Zach



Fire Department New Talent!



Tobi at work!

Tobi Wild joins the Fire Department

Tobi grew up in Suffolk, Virginia but has always loved the Outer Banks, making it her home a few years ago.

Tobi was raised in a first responder environment with both of her parents working in the field.

She enjoys her role as she can connect with the community in different ways and has always enjoyed helping others in a time of need.

Tobi joined us full time in April!

Police Community Involvement

Community Incident Response Outreach

Detective Jason Rigler created a Critical Incident Response presentation designed for community outreach.

This presentation provides security assessments and assists in setting standards for community leaders to mitigate outcomes from a critical incident such as an active shooter.

Following the presentation, Detective Rigler spends time with community leaders and stakeholders to review their plans. Call us at 252-261-3895 if you are interested in this session.



Detective Jason Rigler

Kitty Hawk Methodist Church

March 29, 2023

Police Department Celebrations



Left to right: James Helms, Interim Police Chief, Jeffrey Gard, Detective Sergeant, Melody Clifton, Town Manager, Craig Garriss, Mayor

The Town of Kitty Hawk is excited to recognize Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Gard for his 25 years of service to the town and the citizens of Dare County.

Sergeant Gard specializes in traffic enforcement and criminal investigations. During his tenure with the Kitty Hawk Police Department, he has completed over 3,500 hours of extensive law enforcement training specializing in criminal investigations. Through his training he has achieved designations such as Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Training & Standards.

This year, Detective Sergeant Gard was awarded the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Institute Trilogy Award as well as many professional awards for recognition of years of service, commendations, and the employee of the year in 2020.

We are pleased to have Detective Sergeant Gard serving the Town of Kitty Hawk and Dare County and look forward to his continued service to our community.

Fire Service Road Completed!

The Town of Kitty Hawk is pleased to announce the completion of the fire access road, connecting Otila Way with the Covered Bridge Road.

Barnhill Contracting worked in cooperation with the NC Coastal Reserve and Department Environmental Quality we are now able to easily access the homes in this area in the event of a fire or other emergency situation.

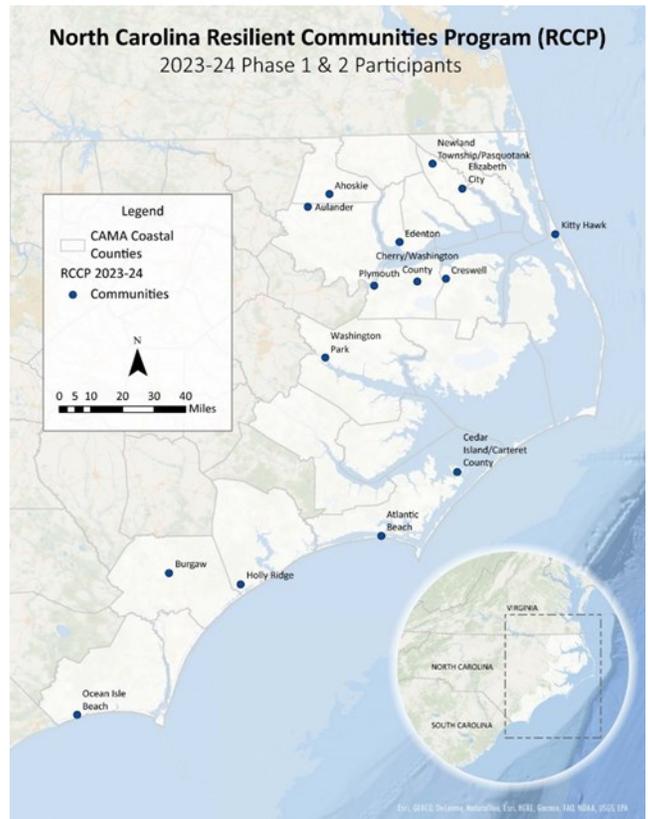


North Carolina Resilient Coastal Communities Program (NCRCCP)

Kitty Hawk has been accepted as one of fifteen coastal communities to participate in the 2023 NC RCCP program for Phase 1 and 2.

The Program aims to facilitate a community-driven process for setting coastal resilience goals, assessing existing and needed local capacity, identifying and prioritizing projects to enhance community resilience to coastal hazards.

This initiative, funded through the NC State Legislature and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, will provide funding to local governments to help overcome barriers in coastal resilience and adaptation planning, boost local government capacity, and support a proactive, sustainable, and equitable approach to coastal resilience planning and project implementation.



Do not forget to check the Town website for the current Trash Schedule and latest updates!

<https://www.kittyhawknc.gov/departments-and-services/public-works/garbage-collection/>



Annual Youth Fishing Tournament

Ages
6-13

Prizes
Awarded

Food
Provided



**Free
Event**

For Questions or to Register please contact Officer
Hubbs at kyle.hubbs@kittyhawktown.net

May 7, 2023 10am-2pm

Kitty Hawk Fishing Pier
5353 N Virginis Dare Trail,
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days



Dare County will host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the following three locations:*

NORTHERN BEACH COLLECTION Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Kitty Hawk Town Hall at 101 Veterans Memorial Drive, Kitty Hawk

BUXTON COLLECTION Friday, May 12, 2023 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Buxton Transfer Station at 47015 Buxton Back Road, Buxton

MANTEO COLLECTION Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Dare County Public Works at 1018 Driftwood Drive, Manteo

**This collection is for Dare County residents and agricultural community ONLY. Residents may use any of the three locations noted above.*

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS*:

- Paint, polishes & varnishes
- Paint related materials
- Turpentine
- Aerosol cans
- Adhesives
- Motor oil
- Antifreeze
- Fuel additives
- Household cleaners
- Herbicides, insecticides, etc.
- Gasoline
- Batteries
- Mercury
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Fluorescent lightbulbs
- Automotive batteries
- Small batteries
- Automotive fluids (brake, transmission, etc.)

CO-SPONSORED BY:



NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Pesticide Division



ITEMS THAT ARE TYPICALLY NOT ACCEPTED:

- Commercial, business and industrial waste
- Explosives
- Bullets
- Radioactive material
- 55 gallon drums of material
- Cylinders (other than propane & fire extinguishers)

*Mark all unlabeled containers.

For more information, please contact Doug Huff at 252-475-5843

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



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Town Website: www.kittyhawknc.gov

Town Council

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