



TOWN OF KITTY HAWK

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Town Manager Message

As we move into the heart of the summer season, I'd like to take a moment to thank our residents, visitors, and dedicated staff for making this such a vibrant and active time in our Town.

Summer brings more than sunshine and beach days – it also marks the busiest time of year for many of our public services. Our Ocean Rescue team, along with Police, Fire, and EMS, are working tirelessly to ensure everyone's safety, both on land and along our beautiful shoreline. Please remember to follow posted safety guidance at the beach, stay hydrated, and be mindful of traffic and pedestrian activity as our roads and walkways see increased use.

We're also excited to share that the Police Department has officially moved into its newly renovated headquarters at 5200 N. Croatan Highway. This upgraded facility enhances their ability to serve the community efficiently and supports the growing needs of public safety in our Town. Congratulations to Chief and the entire team on this major milestone. An open house will be announced for this fall.

In June, the Town Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, and we officially begin the new fiscal year this July. This budget reflects our continued commitment to responsible planning, future investment, and high-quality services for all who live in and visit our community.

On behalf of all of us at Town Hall, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer. Whether you're a year-round resident or just visiting for the season, thank you for being part of what makes our Town such a special place. Stay safe, stay cool, and enjoy the season.

Sincerely,

Melody C. Clapton

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Town Calendar

Independence Day- Admin Offices Closed
Friday, July 4, 2025

Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Planning Board Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Planning Board Meeting (if needed)
Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Town Council Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Planning Board Meeting
Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Planning Board Meeting (if needed)
Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Labor Day- Admin Offices Closed
Monday, September 1, 2025

Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Planning Board Meeting (if needed)
Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Town News

Christian Antonis promoted to Chief Building Inspector



We are pleased to announce the promotion of Christian Antonis to the position of Chief Building Inspector for the Town of Kitty Hawk.

Christian has been a dedicated staff member since 2019, bringing knowledge, professionalism, and attention to detail to each project. Christian has played a key role in ensuring that new construction, renovations, and infrastructure projects meet the highest standards of safety and compliance.

Please join us in congratulating Christian on this well-deserved promotion. We look forward to his continued contributions in this role!

Town News

Board of Adjustment Update

Three newly appointed members of the Board of Adjustment were sworn in Tuesday, July 1, 2025 ahead of the scheduled meeting. Mark Perry and Fran Dunn took their oaths as regular members and Justin Langley took his oath as an alternate member.



During the July 1, 2025 Board of Adjustment variance hearing, the Board heard requests from the representative from Royal Farms for variances to three zoning requirements including rear yard setback, lot coverage maximum, and open space minimum.

After a healthy discussion and deliberation, the Board ultimately voted to deny the requested variances. The Board unanimously agreed that the strict application of the ordinance did not create an unnecessary hardship, which is one of the required findings for granting a variance.

At this point, it is unclear whether Royal Farms will modify their site plans to comply with the ordinance requirements or if they will abandon that location instead.

From the Finance Department

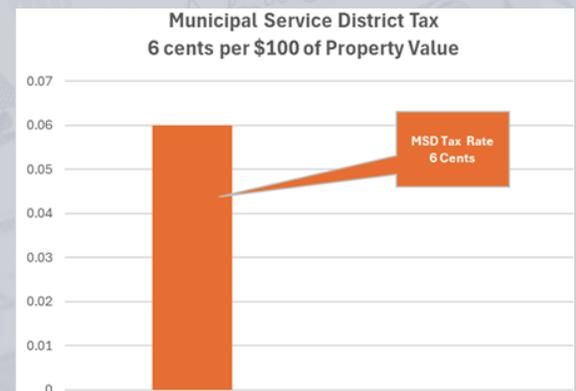
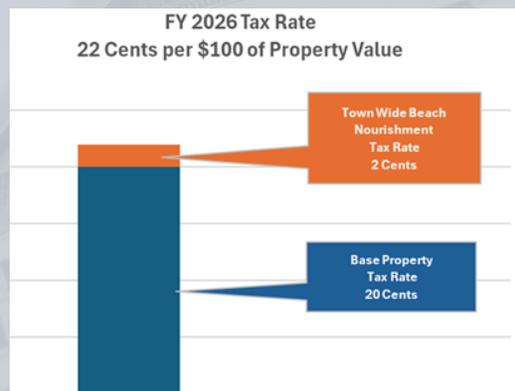
2025-26 Fiscal Year Tax Rate

Understanding the 2025-2026 Tax Rate

Following the adoption of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget, the town's property tax rate has been adjusted. Prior to the revaluation, the town's tax rate was 30 cents per \$100 of assessed value. After the revaluation, the town has set a new tax rate of 22 cents per \$100, which includes 2 cents town-wide for beach nourishment.

As part of the revaluation process, the Town calculated a revenue-neutral rate of 19 cents. This is the rate that would have generated the same total revenue for the town as before the revaluation, assuming no change in the town's budget or spending.

However, the new rate adopted by the town – 22 cents – is above the revenue-neutral rate, meaning the Town will collect more revenue than before, even though the tax rate is lower than the original 30 cents. This can happen because property values have increased overall, so a lower rate applied to higher values can still result in more total revenue.



In summary:

- Old tax rate: 30¢ per \$100 assessed value
- Revenue-neutral rate: 19¢
- New tax rate: 22¢
- Reason for difference: Property values rose; the town opted for a rate above the neutral level to support additional revenue needs.

From the Finance Department

Congratulations to Liliana Noble



We're proud to recognize Liliana Noble, the Town's Finance Officer, for recently passing the Financial Planning and Budgeting exam—one of four required to earn the Certified Finance Officer designation through the North Carolina Government Finance Officers Association (NCGFOA).

This rigorous certification program enhances the public finance profession across the state and requires a combination of professional experience, continuing education, and four exams covering:

- Governmental Accounting
- Financial Planning and Budgeting
- Cash Management and Investments
- Financial Management

Liliana has completed the required coursework through the UNC School of Government and now has just one exam left to complete the certification.

Please join us in congratulating Liliana on this major achievement and in wishing her continued success on the final step of her certification journey. We're lucky to have her leadership in our Finance Department!

Kitty Hawk Public Works Department



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be reminded that Large Item Pick Up has ended for the summer season and will resume in September. Any items placed in the right of way will be tagged as a violation. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at info@kittyhawknc.gov or give us a call at 252-261-3552.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation!



KITTY HAWK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policing in Paradise!

Sergeant Tara Poulin Named Officer of the Quarter

Kitty Hawk Police Department is proud to recognize Sergeant Tara Poulin for earning Officer of the Quarter for Q2 of 2025! We thank her for exemplary service to our community and the Town of Kitty Hawk. Criteria for consideration includes productivity, leadership, community engagement, customer service and involvement. The leadership team collectively agreed that Sergeant Poulin demonstrated excellence in all five criteria.



Kitty Hawk Police Department

Policing in Paradise!



We are HIRING

We are hiring experienced law enforcement officers!

- Career Development Plan
- Excellent Medical, Dental, Vision Benefits
- NC LEO Retirement Pension Program
- Extra 5% match for 401K Program
- 14 Paid Holidays & Overtime

Are you ready to make a difference in your community?

The Kitty Hawk Police Department is committed to community policing. We pride ourselves as being part of the community we serve.

Come be a part of the premier department on the beach in a team of dynamic, diverse police professionals committed to excellence.

Salary Depending on Experience and Qualifications

Apply Here!

KITTY HAWK FIRE RESCUE

Summer Safety Tips

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- »»» Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- »»» The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- »»» Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- »»» Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- »»» Never leave your grill unattended.
- »»» Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- »»» There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- »»» If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- »»» Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- »»» There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- »»» When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards

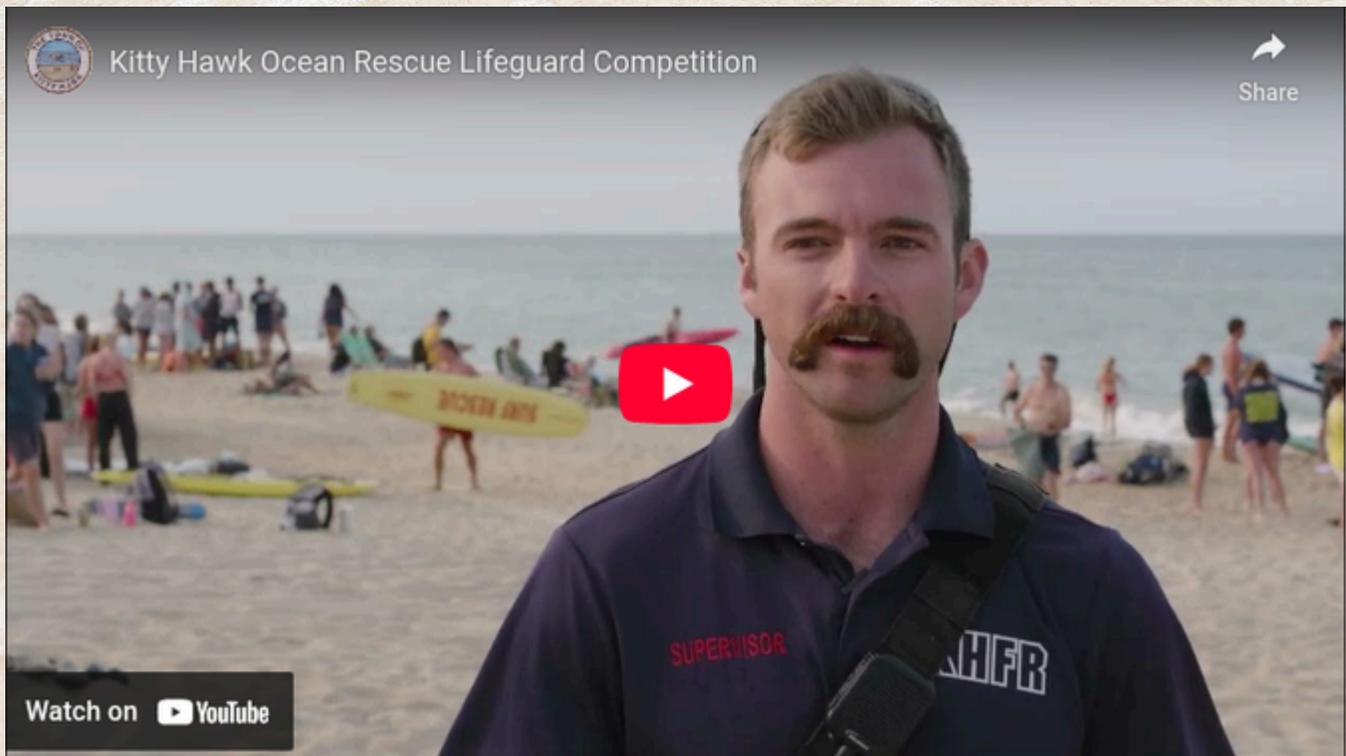
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KITTY HAWK OCEAN RESCUE

Kitty Hawk Lifeguard Competition

This year's Kitty Hawk Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Competition was a thrilling display of skill, strength, and teamwork- and we captured it all in our latest Destination Dare video!

Dedicated lifeguards from each town came together to showcase the training and commitment that keep our beaches safe every day. Watch the video below and be sure to say hi when you see the Kitty Hawk Ocean Rescue team on the beach!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Follow us on Facebook!

Click Here



The Town of Kitty Hawk has launched its official Facebook page! Follow us to stay connected to the latest community news, events and meeting announcements.

Receiving warnings for dangerous weather events can save your life. OBXAlerts is a platform through which you can register for alerts and notifications from Dare County and the towns of Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head and Manteo.



**LOVE THE BEACH
RESPECT THE OCEAN**

To receive beach-related weather alerts from the National Weather Service and text alerts from Outer Banks ocean rescue services...

Text "OBXBeachConditions" to 77295

Kitty Hawk Town Council & Leadership

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The Town of Kitty Hawk's newsletter is sent via email to anyone who would like to receive it. Hard copies are available at Town Hall. The newsletter does not present or represent opinions of the Town Council.

For the Town's current Trash Schedule and latest updates, click here: <https://bit.ly/4fMLfus>

Don't forget about our Recycling Center located at 4190 Bob Perry Road!

