



TOWN OF KITTY HAWK

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Town Manager Message

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While the end of summer is always a little bittersweet, fall on the Outer Banks brings its own kind of magic. This past summer was a productive one for our Town. We completed renovations and moved into the new Police Building, our Ocean Rescue Team represented Kitty Hawk with great professionalism during the season, and Public Works worked tirelessly to keep our town clean, mowed, and in good repair. I've also heard many kind words from residents and visitors alike about the courtesy and professionalism of our Fire and Police teams while on calls. We are proud of the work they do every day. Our leadership team and staff have also been hard at work strengthening the Town's emergency management plans and building greater resilience for the future.

Fall is also a time to enjoy the beauty of the Outer Banks and connect through events, festivals, and fairs. Building a strong sense of community is one of our Town's top priorities, and I encourage you to take part in the Town's many upcoming events:

- Thursday, October 9, 5:00 p.m. – Join the Kitty Hawk Police Department and Town Hall staff at College of the Albemarle's Trunk or Treat.
- Saturday, October 11, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. – Keep It Clean Kitty Hawk: a fun morning of community cleanup and camaraderie.
- Saturday, October 11, 2:00 p.m. – Faith in Blue Sand Sculpture with the Kitty Hawk Police Department at the Bath House.
- Thursday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. – Movie Night: bring your chairs and blankets to Town Hall for a showing of Halloweentown.
- Thursday, October 30, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. – Outer Banks Health will be offering free flu shots and wellness checks at Town Hall.
- Tuesday, December 17, evening – Our much-loved Christmas Motorcade returns to ring in the holiday season in festive style.

You will find more information about these events in this newsletter and on the Town's newly designed website and our Social Media pages.

In addition, we have a municipal election on Tuesday, November 4. The League of Women Voters will host a Candidate Forum at Town Hall on Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. I encourage you to attend, meet your local candidates, and make your voice heard. As we move into this beautiful season, I look forward to seeing you at these events and celebrating all that makes Kitty Hawk such a special place to live.

Sincerely,

Melody E. Clapton

Town Calendar

Town Council Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6 pm

College of the Albemarle Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 5 pm

Keep it Clean, Kitty Hawk! Trash Clean Up

Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 10:00 am

Faith and Blue Sand Sculpture Contest

Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Dare County LWV Candidate Forum

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Outdoor Movie Night

Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Outer Banks Health Coach Flu Shots

Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 10:00 am

Town Council Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Veterans Day- Admin Offices Closed

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Thanksgiving- Admin Offices Closed

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Friday, November 28, 2025

Town Council Meeting

Monday, December 1, 2025 at 6 pm

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6 pm

Santa's Motorcade

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6 pm

Christmas- Admin Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Friday, December 26, 2025

Town News

Keep it Clean, Kitty Hawk! Fall Trash Clean Up



Join us for a community-wide effort to keep our town beautiful. Keep it Clean, Kitty Hawk is happening on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 PM, and we need your help!

What to Expect:

- Meet at Town Hall for your assignment and safety brief
- Help clean up designated areas around town
- All cleanup supplies provided
- Enjoy a free lunch afterward as a thank you for your hard work!

Follow this link to sign up online to volunteer:
<https://bit.ly/46jOXsz>

Faith and Blue Sand Sculpture Contest

Kitty Hawk Police in collaboration with Kitty Hawk Baptist Church, Lighthouse Church, Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church, and OBX Catholic Parish - Holy Redeemer By the Sea are hosting a sand sculpture contest in support of the National Faith & Blue Weekend.

There will be multiple age groups and prizes within each category.

Join us for fun and fellowship on October 11, 2025 from 2:00pm - 4:30pm at the Kitty Hawk Bath House Beach Access.

For more information or to register please contact Lieutenant Helms at (252) 261- 6915 or email James.Helms@KittyHawkNC.Gov

Faith & Blue Weekend Sand Sculpture Contest

October 11, 2025
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Kitty Hawk
Bath House Beach Access

ALL ARE WELCOME






FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT
 (252) 261-6915 OR EMAIL JAMES.HELMs@KITTYHAWKNC.GOV

Town News

League of Women Voters Candidate Forum



CANDIDATE FORUM

Get to Know the Candidates
Before Election Day - November 4th!

Town of Kitty Hawk Forum
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
7 - 8:30 PM
Kitty Hawk Town Hall
101 Veterans Memorial Drive
Kitty Hawk

Submit Questions with your name and Town
to lwvdareforums@gmail.com by 10/4
or bring your questions with you!

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF DARE COUNTY
www.lwvdarenc.org

The League of Women Voters of Dare County is hosting a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Smith Meeting Room, located in Kitty Hawk Town Hall at 101 Veterans Memorial Drive.

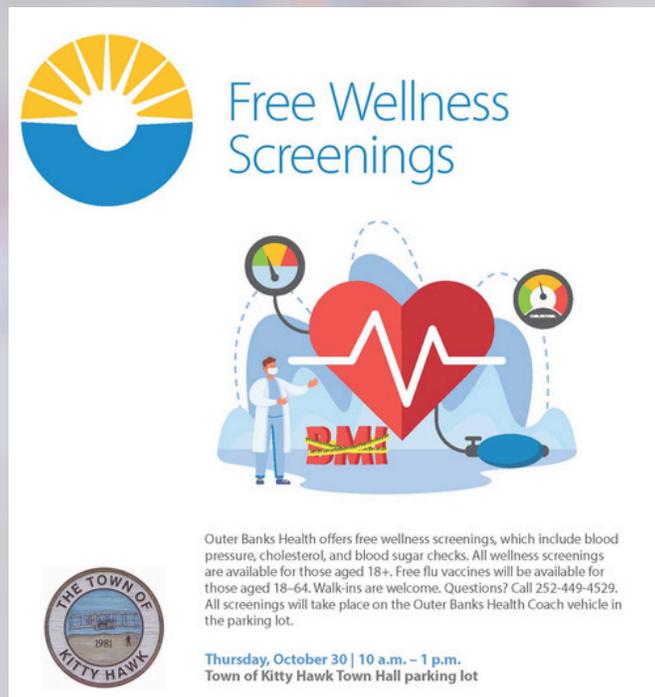
The Candidate Forum is a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the candidates running in the November 4th Town of Kitty Hawk election.

The public is encouraged to attend the forum and submit questions in advance by emailing lwvdareforums@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and town in your email.

Outer Banks Health Coach Wellness Screenings and Flu Shots

The Outer Banks Health Coach will be on site at Town Hall Thursday, October 30, 2025 to provide free wellness screenings, which include blood pressure, heart rate, cholesterol, blood sugar, and body mass index, as well as health coaching to the public. Flu vaccines will also be available for participants 18 - 64 years of age.

All screenings will take place on the Outer Banks Health Coach vehicle.



Free Wellness Screenings

Outer Banks Health offers free wellness screenings, which include blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar checks. All wellness screenings are available for those aged 18+. Free flu vaccines will be available for those aged 18-64. Walk-ins are welcome. Questions? Call 252-449-4529. All screenings will take place on the Outer Banks Health Coach vehicle in the parking lot.

Thursday, October 30 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Town of Kitty Hawk Town Hall parking lot

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Town News

Santa Claus is coming to Kitty Hawk!



The Town of Kitty Hawk is excited to announce our Third Annual Santa’s Motorcade! Get ready for holiday cheer as Santa trades in his sleigh for a ride with our first responders and Town staff.

On Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm, keep an eye (and an ear!) out as Santa and his helpers cruise through Kitty Hawk neighborhoods spreading joy, waving to families, and bringing smiles to kids of all ages.

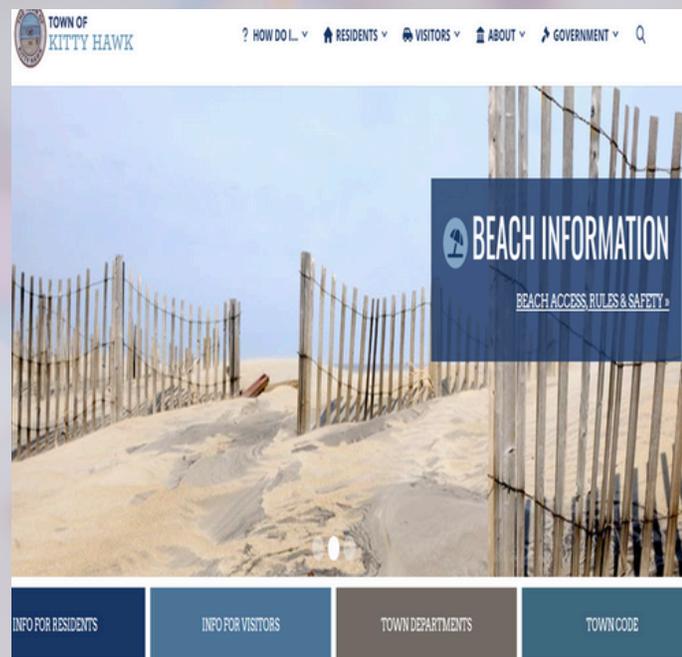
It’s a wonderful way to celebrate the season, and we can’t wait to share the holiday spirit with you!

Town Website Update

We are excited to announce the launch of the Town’s newly updated website, designed to provide our community with improved access, transparency, and ease of use.

With streamlined navigation, modern design, and mobile-friendly functionality, the updated website makes it easier than ever to stay informed about Town services, meetings, and community events.

This important step reflects our commitment to open communication so that every member of our community can connect and participate!



From the Finance Department

Fiscal Year 2024–2025 Financial Highlights

The Town has concluded the 2024–2025 fiscal year in a solid financial position, despite a few challenges on the revenue side. Prudent fiscal management, strong investment earnings, and disciplined spending allowed the Town to meet its financial obligations while funding critical capital projects—all without incurring any debt.

The Town ended the 2024–2025 budget year in good financial shape. Even though it brought in less money than expected from taxes, strong interest earnings and smart spending helped keep things balanced.

Revenue: The Town collected about \$290,000 less than expected from shared taxes, but it earned about \$350,000 more than expected from investments.

Spending: Departments stayed within their budgets. The Town used savings (fund balance) to pay for big projects like the 158 Sidewalk Project and a new Police Department building, but the Town needed less from savings than originally planned.

Savings: By June 30, 2025, the Town still had nearly \$3.8 million in its unassigned fund balance, and \$3,500,000 in its emergency fund.

The Town's financial outlook remains strong. Investments in critical infrastructure were achieved responsibly, and the year closed with both a solid fund balance and no new debt obligations. This positions the Town well for future growth and continued investment in community priorities.

Capital Project Spotlight: New Police Department

The Town completed a new Police Department this year, and it was a big success. The project cost about \$8.9 million and was paid for without borrowing money. The money came from three sources: the General Fund - \$5,110,512, federal COVID relief funds - \$1,203,583 (ARPA), and \$2,620,274 that had been set aside for a joint EMS and Police facility.

Costs: About \$4.1 million was spent on the land and \$3.6 million on construction.

Results: The project was completed under budget, with only minor bills remaining to be paid, demonstrating careful planning and effective financial management.

Kitty Hawk Public Works Department

VEGETATIVE DEBRIS PICK UP



Vegetative debris pickup will begin October 13, 2025. This service is only available for brush cut by homeowners, not for contractors or landscapers.

Any pile exceeding 20 feet long and 4 feet high will be considered major lot clearing. Piles of brush should be placed within 10 feet of the roadside in front of your property only. Do not stack near utilities or fire hydrants.

Individual limbs can be up to 6 feet long with a maximum limb diameter of 4 inches. The width across the branches of a single limb cannot exceed 3 feet.

KITTY HAWK BATH HOUSE CLOSING

The Kitty Hawk Bath House will be closing for the winter season on Monday, October 27, 2025.

Mobile restrooms will also be removed at Bryd Street, Bleriot Street, and Luke Street beach accesses next Monday, October 27, 2025..



Kitty Hawk Public Works Department

LAVELLE JENKINS RETIRES, AGAIN!



Lavelle Jenkins has decided to hang up his hat once more, marking September 25, 2025, his official second retirement day!

Lavelle has been the friendly face and helping hand at the Kitty Hawk Recycling Center since his return in January 2016 after a short-lived retirement.

Previously, he was part of the Public Works Department from 1999 to 2015. Our community will surely miss his cheerful presence, but we're sending him off with best wishes for his encore retirement adventure from Kitty Hawk!

LARGE ITEM PICK UP

Public Works is now offering on-demand large item pick-up.

You can schedule a pickup by completing the form linked here: <http://bit.ly/4269fEL> or calling the Town Public Works Department at [252-261-1367](tel:252-261-1367).



KITTY HAWK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policing in Paradise!

Officer Ben Elko Named Officer of the Quarter

Kitty Hawk Police Department is proud to recognize Ben Elko for earning Officer of the Quarter for Q3 of 2025! We thank Officer Elko for his 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 Officer Elko demonstrated excellence in all five criteria.



Kitty Hawk Police Department

Policing in Paradise!



WE ARE HIRING!

EXPERIENCED & ENTRY LEVEL OFFICERS

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.

We offer competitive compensation and a great benefit package, including:

- NC Pension Retirement plan
- Medical, Dental, Vision, and life insurance at no cost to the employee
- 401K with LEO contribution of 5% and a Town Match of 2%
- 457 Deferred Compensation plan
- Health Savings Account
- Fourteen paid holidays
- Tuition reimbursement

SEE OUR [WEBSITE](#) FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

Policing in Paradise



KITTY HAWK FIRE RESCUE

Fire Prevention Week October 5-11, 2025

This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, October 5-11, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," works to educate everyone about using these batteries safely. The campaign stresses how important it is to BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

Charge into Fire Safety: 3 Steps

1. Buy only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.
2. Charge devices safely. Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.
3. Recycle batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit [call2recycle.org](https://www.call2recycle.org) to find a recycling spot near you.



KITTY HAWK OCEAN RESCUE

Ocean Rescue Update

With the fall season comes changes to the Kitty Hawk Ocean Rescue beach patrol staffing.

Currently, we have two lifeguards and one supervisor conducting roving patrols. Lifeguard stands have been removed from the beach. The last day for Ocean Rescue for the 2025 season will be October 15, 2025.

Thank you to our incredible Ocean Rescue staff for keeping our beaches safe and the public informed. We can't wait to see you next summer!

Summer 2025 Ocean Rescue Statistics

- Rescues: 21 incidents with 35 victims
- Major medical emergencies: 20
- Minor medical aids: 105
- Missing persons found: 8



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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Councilman, David Hines	252-573-9547	david.hines@kittyhawknc.gov
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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!

