



TOWN OF KITTY HAWK

First in Flight

Volume XIII, Issue 1

June 24, 2016

Manager's Newsletter

Town of
Kitty Hawk
101 Veterans Memorial Drive
Po Box 549
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
(252) 261-3552

Inside this issue:

FY 16-17 Budget	1-2
Town Calendar	2
Town Hires New Finance Officer	2
Beach Nourishment Update	3
Fireworks in Kitty Hawk	3
Hurricane Season Information	4
NEST Educational Signs	5
Special Medical Needs Registry	5
Highway Safety	6
Town Information	6

Council Approves FY 16-17 BUDGET



A community where the past protects our future.....

On June 6, 2016 the Town Council conducted a public hearing and adopted the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget for the Town of Kitty Hawk. The fiscal year for the Town begins July 1, 2016 and runs thru June 30, 2017. The great news for our residents this year is that there is **no** increase in the Town's tax rate. The total operating budget for the Town is \$7,949,281.

The FY 16-17 budget focuses on creating an environment that encourages quality service delivery to our residents, maintains existing infrastructure and equipment, and continues funding exceptional services for our residents. The highlight of this year's budget is the funding of the beach nourishment project scheduled for the Town of Kitty Hawk in June/July of 2017. This project will cost \$18,855,878 with 75% of the funding being funded by the Dare Beach Nourishment Fund.

The budget provides for \$387,600 in capital purchases in an effort to continue the maintenance of our existing facilities and equipment. The purchases include \$83,100 for a new broom tractor, \$90,000 for street resurfacing, \$63,000 to replace two police patrol vehicles, and \$18,500 for the purchase of three self-contained breathing apparatuses for the Fire Department. In addition to capital purchases, the budget also funds the replacement of six part-time firefighters with six full-time positions which complies with the Affordable Care Act mandate. The addition of full-time positions will aid the Town in protecting its investment in training and equipment costs as a result of historically high turn-over among part-time firefighters seeking full

FY 2016-17 Budget (Continued from page 1)

-time positions with other agencies.

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 several years ago as a result of the Town’s vulnerability to natural disasters and flooding.

In conclusion the theme of this year’s budget is “A community where the past protects our future” as a result of the Town’s long and rich history. Remembering our past and planning for the future is important in protecting our resilient community. The Mayor, Town Council, and Staff are excited about this upcoming fiscal year and continuing to make Kitty Hawk a better place to live, work, and play.

(A detailed fiscal year 16-17 budget can be located at www.kittyhawknv.gov)

Town Calendar

Town Offices Closed

Monday, 4th of July

Town Council Meeting

1st Monday of each month, except on Holidays

Tuesday, July 5—6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Planning Board Meeting

2nd Thursday after Council Meeting

Next Meeting—July 14th —6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Town Council Meeting Broadcast, Charter Cable 191

Thursday and Sunday following the meeting—1:00 pm & 7:00 pm



Town Welcomes Liliana Noble as Its New Finance Officer



Liliana joined the Town on March 30, 2016. She moved from the Dare County Reginal Airport where she worked for almost 8 years as the Finance Officer. Prior to the airport, she worked for the Dare County Department of Social Services for two years. Liliana also has 12 years of banking experience and holds a Bachelors In Business Administration from the University Santiago de Cali and an Associates of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. She has also attended classes at the UNC School of Government in Municipal Accounting. Liliana moved to the Outer Banks in 2006 when she married her husband, a general contractor and longtime resident of the Outer Banks.

Beach Nourishment Is On It's Way!!

The Town has finalized the contract with Great Lakes Dredging and Dock Company to provide Beach Nourishment Services. This project is a joint effort between the Town of Duck, Town of Kill Devil Hills, and Dare County. It is currently scheduled to take place in the summer of 2017.

The Town will be working diligently 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.



Most Fireworks Illegal in North Carolina

As we prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, the Town of Kitty Hawk Police and Fire Departments would like to remind residents and visitors that most fireworks are illegal and can cause injury and property damage.

The possession or discharge of most fireworks that explode, spin, fly, jump in the air, or leave the ground in any way are prohibited by North Carolina law. Illegal explosives include but are not limited to firecrackers, ground spinners, Roman candles, bottle rockets, and mortars. Violation of the law, can result in a class 2 Misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and/or 30 days to six months in jail.



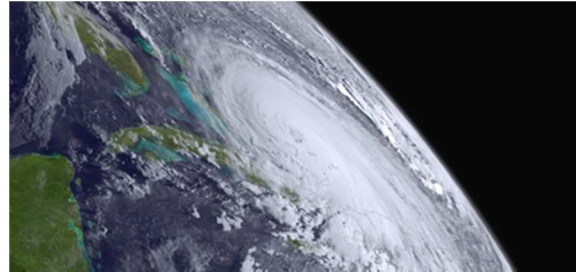
Explosive fireworks, which are sold legally in other states, are illegal in North Carolina.

Novelty items, including sparklers, caps for toy pistols, snake and glow worms that emit a snake-like ash when burning, and trick noisemakers, are legal. But keep in mind that all fireworks have the potential to cause injury if not properly handled and should always be kept away from children and pets.

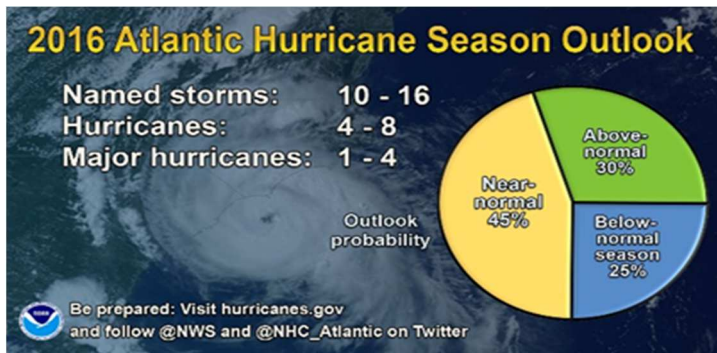
All fireworks, illegal and legal, also pose a significant threat to property, especially when the weather is hot and dry. In addition to brush, houses and businesses composed of wood frame construction, surrounded by combustible landscaping, provide the perfect fuel for a fast moving fire sparked by fireworks.

Viewing public displays handled by professionals is the safest way to enjoy fireworks on the Fourth of July.

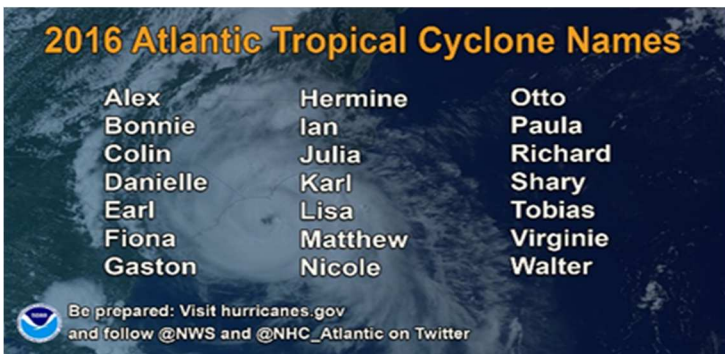
Near-normal Atlantic Hurricane Season Most Likely This Year



May 27, 2016 NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center says the 2016 Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 through November 30, will most likely be near-normal, but forecast uncertainty in the climate signals that influence the formation of Atlantic storms make predicting this season particularly difficult.



NOAA predicts a 70 percent likelihood of 10 to 16 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 4 to 8 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 1 to 4 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher). While a near-normal season is most likely with a 45 percent chance, there is also a 30 percent chance of an above-normal season and a 25 percent chance of a below-normal season. Included in today’s outlook is Hurricane Alex, a pre-season storm that formed over the far eastern Atlantic in January.



“This is a more challenging hurricane season outlook than most because it’s difficult to determine whether there will be reinforcing or competing climate influences on tropical storm development,” said Gerry Bell, Ph.D., lead seasonal hurricane forecaster with NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center. “However, a near-normal prediction for this season suggests we could see more hurricane activity than we’ve seen in the last three years, which were below normal.”

In addition, El Niño is dissipating and NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center is forecasting a 70 percent chance that La Niña — which favors more hurricane activity — will be present during the peak months of hurricane season, August through October. However, current model predictions show uncertainty as to how strong La Niña and its impacts will be.

“While seasonal forecasts may vary from year to year — some high, some low — it only takes one storm to significantly disrupt your life,” stated FEMA Deputy Administrator Joseph Nimmich. “Preparing for the worst can keep you, your family, and first responders out of harm’s way. Take steps today to be prepared: develop a family communications plan, build an emergency supply kit for your home, and make sure you and your family know your evacuation route. These small steps can help save your life when disaster strikes.”

Article from www.noaa.gov Go to www.ready.gov for information on how to be prepared, to develop a family communications plan, and how to build an emergency supply kit

N.E.S.T. Installs Educational Signs at Kitty Hawk Beach Accesses

The Network for Endangered Sea Turtles (N.E.S.T.) has installed educational signs about the nesting and protection of endangered sea turtles at beach accesses throughout Kitty Hawk beaches. The signs also show the phone number for reporting turtles or nests on the beach. These signs were made possible through a grant from the Dare County Tourism Board. The signs were installed by volunteers Rick Jones, Ray Griffin, and Shelly Tarleton. Volunteers also patrol the beach in the mornings looking for signs of turtle nesting or turtles in distress. For more information about N.E.S.T., visit them online at <http://www.nestonline.org/>.



Special Medical Needs Registry



In times of emergency, Dare County is able to provide assistance to residents with special medical needs. Special medical needs can include physical or mental health disabilities. Individuals with special medical needs could require care and assistance in order to meet basic needs during an emergency situation. People with special medical needs must plan carefully for disasters or other kinds of emergencies.

Examples of persons who may have special medical needs can include, but is not limited to: someone who uses a wheelchair, requires oxygen, or has a caregiving role. "This registry allows responders to know where individuals are in our community who may require special help during an emergency.

"This registry is a valuable tool for us to help those in need. The residents of Dare County should all be aware of the availability of this registry so that they can inform their friends and neighbors who may need assistance in a crisis," said James Wooten, Preparedness Coordinator with the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services.

If you or someone you know has special medical needs and could require assistance with emergency planning and/or evacuating in case of a hurricane, complete the Special Medical Needs Voluntary Registration form, available online at www.darenc.com/specialneeds or in Spanish at darenc.com/necesida des especiales, and mail it to Dare County Department of Health and Human Services, Social Services Division at P.O. Box 669, Manteo, NC 27954.

If you do not have access to the form online, forms can be picked up at Department of Health & Human Services Social Services Division. If you need assistance completing the registration form, please contact the Department of Health & Human Services Social Services Division at 252.475.5500.

The 2016 hurricane season began June 1 and ends November 30. Registering with the Department of Health & Human Services for Special Medical Needs will enable emergency responders to quickly locate participants as well as anticipate and plan for what type of assistance will be necessary. For more information on special medical needs registration, please contact, Katie McCarron, Adult Services Supervisor, at 252.475.5500 or mccarronk@dcdss.org.



Highway Safety Tips

Tips for Pedestrians

- Always use crosswalks when crossing the road. When crossing Highway 158 (the bypass), never use the center lane of the highway as a stopping point. With the high volume of traffic, it is very difficult for motorists to see a pedestrian in this location until it is too late.
- Pedestrians crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway. (General Statute 20-174.a)
- Use designated walking paths when possible.
- Wear bright colored clothing and flashers on your body when it is dark outside. The narrow lanes and shoulder on Virginia Dare Trail (often referred to as the beach road) are very dangerous for pedestrians at night. Sand along the shoulder may cause pedestrians to lose footing and step into the roadway. Please be extra cautious and always wear clothing and flashers to ensure visibility at dusk and at night.
- Pedestrians should always travel against traffic.
- Look both ways when crossing the road.

Tips for Motorists

- Bicycles are not required to ride on adjacent bicycle paths. Please share the road.
- When traffic-control signals are not in place vehicle drivers shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk. (General Statute 20-173.a)
- In the summertime, Virginia Dare Trail ("the beach road") is very busy with pedestrian traffic. The Town of Duck and the Town of Nags Head provide walkways for pedestrian traffic. In all other areas, please exercise extreme caution. You must yield to all pedestrians crossing at designated crosswalks.

For more information visit: <http://www.darenc.com/roadsafety/>

NIXLE Community Alert System

The Kitty Hawk Police Department is now utilizing a service that allows concerned citizens access to important and valuable community information, using the latest technology. Our agency will create and publish messages through the NIXLE Community Information Service. Nixle will then deliver this information to you instantly via text, email and/or web message. Notifications can also be accessed online at NIXLE's web site at www.nixle.com. The service is secure, reliable and easy for our group to use. YOU decide what information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone, email, or just simply over the web. Please register now at the company's main web site: www.nixle.com. There you can also access their Frequently Asked Questions. New communication forms continue to evolve and we believe this service will allow us to keep you informed in the most convenient, reliable way possible.

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



The Town of Kitty Hawk's newsletter is sent electronically to anyone who wants to receive it. Paper copies of the newsletter are available at Town Hall. The newsletter does not present or represent opinions of the Town Council.

Town of Kitty Hawk

101 Veteran's Memorial Drive
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

Phone: 252-261-3552

Fax: 252-261-7900

E-mail:

mclopton@kittyhawktown.net

Town Website: www.townofkittyhawk.org

Town Council

Mayor Gary Perry	(252) 261-5332	gerry@kittyhawktown.net
Mayor Pro Tempore Craig Garriss	(252) 261-4922	cgarriss@kittyhawktown.net
Councilwoman Lynne McClean	(252) 202-9672	lynne.mcclean@kittyhawktown.net
Councilman Ervin Bateman	(252) 202-1072	ebateman@kittyhawktown.net
Councilman Jeff Pruitt	(252) 261-9055	jpruitt@kittyhawktown.net

Town Manager

Andy Stewart (252) 261-3552 andy.stewart@kittyhawktown.net

Town Attorney

Steve Michael (252) 261-2126