

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, November 24, 2024.

Buxton resident Brian Harris has won write-in election for the open seat for Dare County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. According to the North Carolina Board of Elections, 4,726 write-in votes were tabulated. The votes for Brian Harris were 2,672, for Bryan Harris 17 and for Walter Brian Harris 15. Brian Harris votes were well over 50% of the votes cast.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts are authorized to conduct Community Conservation Assistance Programs, wetlands restoration, erosion and sediment control, stormwater management, stream restoration, clean-up after natural disasters and arranging conservation easements.

Harris currently serves as a board member for the recently-formed Buxton Civic Association.

Weather. A Coastal Flood Advisory was in effect from 4 o'clock on Friday, November 22, until 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The advisory was issued by the National Weather Service, which also posted a Gale Warning and Small Craft Advisory.

The advisory, which called for a possible one to two feet inundation, was called due to predicted westerly winds. The wind did blow consistently from the west. In Frisco, the high wind gust was 36 miles per hour around midnight. In Rodanthe, the highest gust was 40 miles per hour around 2:30 early Saturday morning.

Late afternoon Friday, soundside water encroached on NC 12's southbound lane at Brick Creek in Salvo. Ditches were full at the north end of Avon and into the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

At 4 o'clock Saturday morning, Brian Van Druten posted an NC 12 report on Facebook:

From Buxton north, ditches are full on the north end of Avon and north to Little Kinnakeet. Some places (water is) slightly over the white line. "I took Colony (in Salvo) to avoid the Wind over Waves areas. Last thing to avoid is tide has spilled out of the ditch just south of REAL into the northbound lane."

As a result of Tropical Storm Helene, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has opened a grant opportunity for Dare County homeowners to elevate homes above base flood elevation through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Eligible properties include houses below base flood elevation, and located in Special Flood Hazard Areas or on a repetitive loss list. The agency considers a property to be a repetitive loss if it has had two or more flood insurance claims of over \$1,000 paid by the National Flood Insurance Program in any 10-year period since 1978. All property owners in Dare County that meet these criteria are eligible; however, due to the limited funding available, Dare County will prioritize primary residence homeowner applications.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program covers 100 percent of elevation costs. Applicants should be aware that the typical timeline from submitting an application to receiving the award is three to five years.

For more information about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program or the application process, please contact Dare County Grants and Waterways Administrator Barton Grover at 252-475-5628 or email Barton dot Grover at Dare NC dot gov.

Property revaluation set. The countywide Dare County property revaluation will become effective Jan 1, 2025. Dare County is currently on a five-year revaluation schedule, with the last revaluation implemented in Jan 2020.

Revaluation is the process of updating property values for all real estate in Dare County—including residential and commercial improved properties, as well as vacant land—to reflect current market value, which is the most probable price a particular property would bring at sale in an open and competitive market.

Over time, property values can change due to market conditions, development or other economic factors. Revaluation ensures that assessments reflect these changes so that taxes are based on the current market value of properties.

In an effort to provide Dare County's property owners with more detailed information about the revaluation Dare County has launched an informational webpage that can be accessed at Dare NC dot gov slash Revaluation. The webpage has a comprehensive overview of the process, a timeline for its completion, a comparable sales search tool and the answers to an assortment of frequently asked questions

Thanksgiving week trash schedule. All Dare County Offices and facilities will be closed Thursday, November 28, 2024 and Friday, November 29, 2024 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

These closures include the Dare County C&D Landfill in Manns Harbor, the Buxton Transfer Station and the Manteo Recycle Yard, which will reopen and operate with regularly scheduled hours on Saturday, November 30, 2024.

All other Dare County offices and facilities will reopen with normal operating hours on Monday, December 2, 2024.

The revised trash collection schedule for Hatteras Island is as follows:

There will be one residential pickup per area during the week of Thanksgiving:

Mond, Nov 25, 2024: Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras. Regular trash collection will resume on Mon, December 2, 2024.

Tues, Nov 26, 2024: Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon. Regular trash collection will resume on Tues, December 3.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, no residential trash collection is scheduled.

Commercial dumpster collection will take place on Monday, November 25, 2024 and Wednesday, November 27, 2024. Regular commercial trash collection will resume on Monday, December 2, 2024.

Island Museums open Wednesday, Nov. 27

The public is invited to attend the first-ever Hatteras Island Museums Open House Fall Extravaganza, which will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Explore your favorite Hatteras Island museums during this full-day event, including the Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station, Frisco Native American Museum, Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, and The Lost Colony Museum, as all four sites will all be open and offering special activities during the Wednesday open houses.

Want to try something new? Each site is also giving away recipes! Collect them all and create your own recipe books, and have fun at each museum's scavenger hunt.

The schedule for the open houses is as follows:

10 to 5: Chicamacomico Life Saving Station, Rodanthe (Admission)

Mel Poole returns with more tales at 11 a.m. and a scavenger hunt will take visitors to some great recipes.

10 to 4: Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, Hatteras Village (Free)

Expand your recipe collection with great local recipes. Delve into the past with the Graveyard of the Atlantic's special edition scavenger hunt. Kids get a chance to do a craft in the morning.

10 to 5: Frisco Native American Museum & Natural History Center, Frisco (Admission)

Discover Native American history, countrywide and local. A Native-themed scavenger hunt will be fun and challenging. Grab some real Native recipes.

9:30 to 5: Lost Colony Museum, Buxton (Donation Requested)

You'll be tempted by cider to check out the museum, and learn about the Lost Colony mystery. Hoard some more recipes to try back home.

Reservations for all of the museums are not required. Contact each site for additional information.

Surfin Turkey 5K is happening Thanksgiving Day

The Surfin' Turkey 5K and Puppy Drum Fun Run will happen in Hatteras Village Thanksgiving Day. The event features cool swag for participants, a pancake breakfast, T-shirt, and the post-race celebration. Thanksgiving-themed costumes are encouraged, and folks can walk, jog, or run at their leisure through historic Hatteras Village.

All of the proceeds from the event support the students on Hatteras Island by providing equipment, materials and life changing experiences that would otherwise not be available through public funding.

Online registration is currently open at [Runsignup dot com slash Race slash NC slash Hatteras slash Surfin Turkey 5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Hatteras/SurfinTurkey5K) and Puppy Drum Run or simply show up before the run starts and pay the fee.

The Surfin' Turkey 5K starts at 8 in the morning, while the Puppy Drum Fun Run launches at 9 on Thanksgiving morning from the village's Civic Center.

For more information on the charity event or to donate to the organization, visit the Hatteras Island Youth Education Fund's website at [hatterasyouth dot com](https://hatterasyouth.com).

Support local artists

Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving at least 40 different artists and craft makers will be in the Buxton gymnasium at the Cape Hatteras Secondary School on NC 12 in Buxton for the Holiday Art and Craft Show.

The event sponsored by the Hatteras Island Arts and Crafts Guild runs from 10 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon both days.

Annual Food Drive underway

The 32nd Annual Island-Wide Food Drive to benefit the food pantry at the United Methodist Church in Buxton is underway and will run through December 31.

Monetary donations are always appreciated and are tax deductible. If you don't have time to shop, send a check to Cape Hatteras Food Pantry, United Methodist Men, P. O. Box 1591, Buxton, NC 27920." Questions? Give Linda a call at (252) 995-3662.

These are seven items in demand to shop for: Hearty soups, canned fruits and vegetables, SpaghettiOs, canned tuna, canned chicken, spam, jelly and peanut butter

Take these items to one of the following places: Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Parish Social Hall in Buxton (24-hr. drop-off box on the porch of the social hall, not the church), Frisco Market/Rod and Gun; Surf-or-Sound Realty in Avon or Salvo; Midgett Realty in Hatteras, Avon, or Rodanthe; Sun Realty in Avon; and United Bank in Buxton

Adults Holiday Gift Drive

Dare County Social Services Adults Holiday Gift Drive is underway in Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo.

The villages' Civic Association is sponsoring the drive to brighten the holidays for senior citizens in Dare County. Here are some of the New, Unwrapped items needed: toiletries, warm socks and socks with grippy bottoms, night lights, thermal tops and bottoms, adult coloring books, pencils and pens, large print crossword and puzzle books, candies and snacks and lap blankets.

Drop box locations are Hatteras Island Pet Resort and Rodanthe Thrift Shop or bring items to the civic association's Pie Sale Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to Noon.

The collection ends Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024.

The Hatteras Village Christmas Parade will happen on Saturday, December 14

The Hatteras Village Christmas Parade, celebrating its 33rd year, will be held on Saturday, December 14, at 2 o'clock.

This year, the parade will have a revised route in order to work around the closure of Slash Creek Bridge on N.C. Highway 12.

Mark your calendars to participate or watch the parade.

Entries are currently being accepted for the parade, and cash prizes are awarded for first, second, and third places, as well as for best golf cart entry. To get involved, email hatteras events at yahoo dot com.

The parade will start at the southern end of the Slash Creek bridge and proceed south to Eagle Pass Road, where the parade will turn and proceed toward NC 12 and the Hatteras Village Civic Center, where winners will be announced.

Pie Sales in Rodanthe and Frisco on Wednesday before Thanksgiving

The Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association is sponsoring a pie and pastries sale at the village's Community Building in Rodanthe. The sale opens at 10 o'clock and goes to noon. Proceeds benefit the association's scholarship fund which provides scholarships to all high school graduates from the villages.

And at the other end of the island, the annual Hatteras Island Toys for Tots Pie Sale starts at the Frisco Rod and Gun in Frisco. The sale will be ready at 9 o'clock. Proceeds purchase gifts for children on Hatteras Island.

On Monday, November 25, at 11 o'clock in the morning, produce will be available for free at the St. John United Methodist Church, at 40336 McMullen Road, Avon.

Now, be safe out there. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.