

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, November 10, 2024.

Dare's commissioners agree to submit grant for Frisco pathway. At the request of the Outer Banks National Scenic Byway committee and Frisco-Buxton Pathway committee, the Dare County Board of Commissioners agreed to submit a National Scenic Byway Grant Application. The grant application proposes to build 1/2mi on the Oceanside of NC12 from Sno-Balls&Ice Cream to the Billy Mitchell Rd that leads to the Frisco Airport, the Frisco Nat'l Park Service Campground and Beach Access Ramp49. Frisco & Buxton are the only villages without completed paved multi-use pathways. The 5ft wide concrete pathways provide safe space for walkers, runners and biking. The pathway will be installed in the NC12 right-of-way and separate from traffic lanes. The 1/2mi pathway is estimated to cost half-a-million dollars with the Dare County Tourism Board contributing \$100K for the required matching funds.

Cape Hatteras Electric continues replacing poles. Next week, Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative will be continuing its work to replace transmission poles in Frisco. This will require temporary lane closures on NC12 between the hours of 6-7:30 at night, Monday through Thursday, November 11-14. The cooperative is replacing about 60 transmission poles. The project's contractor River City Construction is contracted to replace 34 wooden transmission poles on the Avon South circuit with concrete poles. The contractor is also replacing 25 wooden poles in Frisco and Hatteras with concrete poles. The traffic closures could last up to 20 minutes as each new pole is delivered to the work sites. These large concrete poles require a crane to offload, stated the cooperative in an update.

General Election results. As a result of the Nov 5 election, Republicans now control all seats on the Dare County Board of Commissioners and Dare County Board of Education. Almost 74% of eligible voters cast ballots in this election. Dare County voters also supported Republican candidates on all state and federal races. Commissioners live in specific districts but are elected countywide.

Commissioners-elect will be sworn in December 2, 2024, and they are:

District 1: Carson Creef; District 1 for the unexpired term: Mike Burrus; District 2: Robert L. "Bob" Woodard Sr., the incumbent; District 3: Steve House, the incumbent; District 4: Mary Ellon Ballance from Hatteras village.

Remaining as commissioners are Rob Ross and Ervin Bateman

Elected to the Dare County Board of Education are: David Twiddy at large; Justin Bateman from District 1; Lisa Lloyd from District 2; Kenny Brite from District 4, which is Hatteras Island. Brite lives in Avon. Remaining on the Board of Education are Ron Payne, Matt Brauer and Barry Wickre. Board members will be sworn in Dec 9, 2024.

Fessenden Center Gym named for Danny Couch. At the Nov 4 Dare County Board of Commissioners meeting, Chairman Bob Woodard announced that the gymnasium located within the Fessenden Center in Buxton has been named the Daniel C. "Danny" Couch Gymnasium in the longtime Commissioner's honor. A lifelong Hatteras Island resident, Danny has been involved in the public service arena for roughly 30yrs, and has spent the past 8yrs as Hatteras Island's representative on the seven-member Dare County Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Woodard presented Certificates of Appreciations to the three outgoing commissioners whose terms will expire in December 2024. Vice Chairman Wally Overman, Commissioner Danny Couch and Commissioner Bea Basnight were each recognized for their dedication and service to the Dare County community during the current board's final November meeting before these three commissioners' respective terms conclude next month. The conference room located within the Dare County Department of Health & Human Services Building in Manteo has been named the Walter L. "Wally" Overman Conference Room in honor of Vice Chairman Overman.

Cape Hatteras Secondary School's production of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child: High School Edition will happen again next weekend. The production has gained rave reviews. Cape Hatteras Secondary was chosen to be the first school in the state to put on this production. Come see talented students bring this magical story to life. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Ticket sale locations are at the front office of Cape Hatteras Secondary, the United Bank in Buxton, Scotch Bonnet Fudge & Gifts in Frisco, and at The Froggy Dog Restaurant in Avon. Show times are at 7 o'clock, Friday November 15 and Saturday November 16

Parks and Rec's assessment survey is due November 22. The needs assessment survey will be used to gather feedback about the community's preferences for recreational offerings. Survey results will aid in the prioritization of future Dare County Parks and Recreation projects, programming and initiatives. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, November 22, 2024. Dare County residents and property owners are strongly encouraged to provide their input by participating in the needs assessment survey before it closes. Go to [Survey monkey.com slash the letter r slash dare rec survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dare-rec-survey) to share your vision, concerns and ideas for improving recreation in our community!

The Hatteras Island Rescue Squad will offer a public CPR class Tuesday, November 19 at 6 o'clock at the Squad's Station at 48103 NC 12 in Buxton. This one night, three hour class will cover adult, child and infant CPR and use of an AED. The class is open to property owners and residents over 12 years old of Hatteras Island. Minors must be accompanied by a parent.

The cost of the class is \$12 per student and includes the cost of your American Heart Association certification card and a pocket mask which will be yours to keep at the end of the class. Attendance and completion of the class is \$5 if you do not need an AHA certification card. Payment must be in cash in exact change on the night of the class.

Due to the overwhelming response to many of our classes, pre-registration is required. Call our Station at 252-995-5490 and leave your name, a contact telephone number and the number of students wishing to attend. When you leave your message, speak slowly and clearly so we are able to get your information. You will be contacted to advise you if space is available for you to attend.

Walk-ins are welcome on a space available basis in the event of vacancies or cancellations.

The Surfin' Turkey 5K and Puppy Drum Fun Run is open for registrations. The run returns to Hatteras Village on Thanksgiving Day for its 13th year. Early sign ups indicated that this year will be one of the biggest turnouts yet. 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 the scenic course in 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 and Puppy Drum Run](https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Hatteras/SurfinTurkey5KandPuppyDrumRun) The Surfin' Turkey 5K starts at 8 in the morning, while the Puppy Drum Fun Run launches at 9 on Thanksgiving morning

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). The event is hosted by the Hatteras Island Youth Education Fund. Since 2011, the Fund has awarded more than \$600,000 to Cape Hatteras Elementary and Cape Hatteras Secondary Schools and has funded hundreds of different initiatives. In October, the Fund awarded more than \$30,000 to fund grants, including but not limited to the construction of a sensory garden, field trips, and two new sand volleyball courts.

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. "Without your support, the pantry will be unable to meet the needs of our island community," said Food Drive organizer, Linda Browning. "Monetary donations are always appreciated, and they're 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.

Be sure to check expiration dates of food items before donating. If the item is out of date, throw it out.

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

During the public meeting at the Fessenden Center in Buxton November 4, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, invited the attendees to take a survey to gauge interest in establishing a Restoration Advisory Board for the Buxton Naval Facility, a Formerly Used Defense Sites property located within Cape Hatteras National Seashore of North Carolina.

To take the public interest survey, visit [surveymonkey dot com slash the letter r slash buxton public interest survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/buxton-public-interest-survey). The deadline for submission is Dec. 4, 2024. The Buxton Civic Association is supporting the formation of a Restoration Advisory Board and urges Buxton residents and others to complete the survey.

The Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association is hosting a holiday pet photo fundraiser on two Sundays on November 17 and November 24.

The “Pawidays” event will be held at the scenic Salvo Day Use Area, and a \$20 donation gets participants a 20-minute photo session with their favorite furry family members, and 3-5 edited photos to share.

Appointments are necessary, and folks can sign up for their pet-friendly photoshoot by emailing Sabrina pawz at yahoo dot com.

And remember the association’s Pie and Bake Sale, Wednesday, November 27 from 10 to noon at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building.

Ferry Schedule changed. The annual switch to the regular off-season winter schedule for the Hatteras-Ocracoke Ferry Route happened Tuesday, November 5. The change reduced daily departures on each side from 26 to 18. Generally, departures from Hatteras happen at the top of the hour and from Ocracoke at the bottom of the hour during the day. The schedule changes at nighttime.

Sports. In the first round of state playoffs, Cape Hatteras Secondary School’s boys soccer team defeated Tarboro 2 to 1 Saturday night in Buxton. Scoring goals for Hatteras were Axel Valencia Hernandez and Brody Paddock with an assist by Graham Stutts. The Hurricanes will take on Voyager Academy on Tuesday at a time to be determined.

Cape Hatteras Anglers Club tournament. The 66th Annual invitation tournament concluded Friday night with an awards banquet. The world’s largest surf fishing tournament attracted 120 teams with six anglers each, for 720 tournament participants.

Winning the top prize was local team Outer Banks Sportsfishers. In the second round of fishing, Les Lockhart landed a 51-inch red drum that earned the team 103 points. That catch propelled the team into first place.

Christmas parade in Hatteras village. The Hatteras Village Civic Association is taking signups for Christmas Parade to be held December 14 at 2 o’clock. Please sign up by December 7 so the parade organizers can plan. Go to [hatteras events @ yahoo. Com](mailto:hatteras_events@yahoo.com).

Be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.