

Weekly News Summary for Sunday, November 3, 2024.

The State Board of Elections is reporting that the total turnout for the 2024 general election now exceeds 4 million voters and represents a turnout of 51.2% of North Carolina's registered voters. On Election Day, voters must cast their ballot at assigned precincts. Precincts in Dare County will be open Tuesday, November 5 from 6:30 in the morning to 7:30 at night.

On Hatteras Island, precinct locations are Chicamacomico at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building; Avon at the Avon Volunteer Fire Station; Buxton at the Fessenden Center Annex; Frisco at the Frisco Volunteer Fire Station; and Hatteras Village at the Village Civic Center.

Voters must show an acceptable photo ID when checking in at voting sites on Election Day.

For more information, including candidate information, sample ballots and current North Carolina photo ID requirements, go to DareNC.gov/Elections. **Questions?** Contact the Dare County Board of Elections office at 252-475-5630 or Elections@DareNC.gov.

The polls for the 2024 General Election will close at 7:30 at night on Tuesday, November 5. Unofficial 2024 General Elections results can be found on ER.NCSBE.gov once polls have closed. According to the state's Board of Elections, unofficial precinct results are expected to be reported between 8:30 and midnight on Election Day, and the data will be updated every 5 to 10 minutes.

The Cape Hatteras Secondary School invites the community to its Annual Veterans Celebration on Friday morning, November 8. All local veterans, active-duty service members, and their families are welcome to join this special day of gratitude and remembrance. The event starts at 9am with a complimentary breakfast in the school's cafeteria. Breakfast is prepared by students in Foods and Nutrition classes. At 10:00, a ceremony in the gym will honor veterans and remember those lost this year. For more information, contact Keith Durham at durhamKE@daretolearn.org.

On Veterans Day, Monday, November 11 all County Offices and facilities will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

Offices and facilities—including the Buxton Transfer Station—will reopen and operate with regularly scheduled hours Tuesday, Nov 12.

Residential trash collection for the week of Monday, Nov. 11 through Friday, Nov. 15 will take place as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 11 - CLOSED for Veterans Day. No trash collection.
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 - Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras
- Wednesday, Nov. 13 - Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon

And then, the regular pickup schedule is in place:

Commercial dumpster collection for Hatteras Island will be picked up Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Friday, Nov. 15. The Dare County Library in Hatteras Village is also closed on Veterans Day.

Current Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie and Chief Deputy Jeff Deringer will retire at the end of the sheriff's current term, Dec. 7, 2026.

The two county law enforcement officers were initially scheduled to retire Dec. 1, 2024, but Sheriff Doughtie changed his mind, and said he will serve out the remaining two years of his term of office.

Deringer will be staying with Doughtie, reported the Chief Deputy.

Buxton Postmaster Donna Parker was celebrated for her service to Hatteras Island on the day of her official retirement. A surprise ceremony was arranged by family, friends and colleagues at the Buxton Post Office this past week. Parker was presented a Dare County Proclamation by current commissioner Danny Couch. The proclamation thanks her for exceptional service. Parker has served as postmaster in Buxton since 2014.

On Oct. 29, the Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative unveiled its new operations building to members. Islanders came to visit. For the Open House, the bays served as a place to sit and enjoy Crazy Johnny's Barbecue and check out the gift bags. Outside, a long line awaited a bucket truck ride offered to all ages. The New two-story building came at a cost of \$2.5 million. It has five bays for bucket and line trucks. Attached to the bays are two roomy stories of space. On the first floor, a dozen linemen and supervisors have assigned desks with computers and offices.

Upstairs is a huge room and a big kitchen. For the first time in a long time, the entire staff of Hatteras Island's electric provider will be able to attend an all-staff meeting at the same time. The room and kitchen are also designed to feed lots of workers who come to help the Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative recover from storm damage. And showers are available. Throughout the rooms, winning photos from the cooperative's annual contest grace the walls.

The Cape Hatteras Secondary's varsity soccer team claimed the 2024 Conference Crown Wednesday, Oct 30, with a 3-2 win over Mattamuskeet.

Sophomore Brody Paddock scored the Hurricanes first goal with 26 minutes left in the first half.

With 42 seconds left in the first half, Mattamuskeet's Diego Beltran scored the Lakers' first goal.

Just over two minutes into the second half, Paddock scored again and put the Hurricanes ahead by one. Bryson Parker scored the Hurricanes next and last goal with around 23 minutes left to play.

Mattamuskeet fought back. With seven minutes left, Beltran scored the last goal for the Lakers.

The Hurricanes will play another match Monday, Nov. 4. The first round of North Carolina Athletic Association Soccer Playoffs is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9, at a time yet to be determined.

Contractor Yorkshire Industries, of New York, New York, begins a \$1.7M parking lot paving project at Seashore's Oregon Inlet Marina. The resurfaced parking lot will be elevated to address flooding issues, and the parking lot striping and drainage system will also be repaired.

Upcoming closures due to the five-month paving project:

- The road-based fueling station will be closed for roughly 45 days, starting Nov. 4, 2024.
- Access to the public kayak launch will be closed for about 60 days, starting Dec. 9, 2024.
- Access to the Oregon Inlet Campground's RV dump station will be closed for about 60 days, starting Dec. 9, 2024. Campers should make other arrangements during this time.

Access to water-based marina charters, the public boat ramps and Oregon Inlet Fishing Center's replacement facility, restaurant and tackle shop, are not expected to be impacted by the paving project.

The project is expected to be completed by March 31, 2025.

As a reminder, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, will host a public meeting at the Fessenden Center, Monday, November 4, from 7 to 9 in the evening. The meeting will provide information about establishing a Restoration Advisory Board as an option to keep community members updated on the actions taking place at the Buxton Naval Facility, a Formerly Used Defense Sites property located within Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The Fessenden Center is located at 46830 North Carolina 12, Buxton. Following the opening remarks and a presentation, attendees will be able to visit with various subject-matter experts from the Corps of Engineers and other agency stakeholders to gain a better understanding of the project.

Speed Limits have changed and a couple of beach access Ramps are open. The speed limit on NC 12 near the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center changed from 45 to 55 miles per hour. The seasonal speed zone on Pea Island is only for the area next to the Visitor Center. The speed limit will return to 45 miles per hour in the spring of 2025.

Seasonal speed limit reductions go into effect around May 15 on NC 12 in Hatteras Island's villages and along certain sections of NC 12, where summertime traffic is high.

Also, Beach Access Ramps 23 which is south of Salvo and 34 north of Avon are now open.

Thanksgiving Meal Basket Donations - Hatteras Island info. The Fessenden Center staff in collaboration with the Dare County Social Services Division is working to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal at no charge to qualifying families on Hatteras Island this season. The Fessenden Center has requested gift cards from the island's grocery stores.

Donations by check or cash will also be accepted. Make checks payable to the Dare County General Fund with "Thanksgiving basket donation" noted on the memo line and mail checks to Fessenden Center, P.O. Box 859, Buxton, N.C. 27920.

These donations will be used to purchase all food and supplies for the Thanksgiving meal baskets. Submit donations to the Fessenden Center, which is located at 46830 N.C. Highway 12 in Buxton, by Wednesday, November 13. For more information, call Annelise Wilcox at 252-475-5764.

In Hatteras Village, A Tides and Tales Beach Clean is set for Saturday, November 9 from 8:30 to Noon. Grab supplies at Ramp 55, the Ocean Center or the Library in Hatteras Village. Pick up trash on beaches and sidewalks and leave full bags in open area for pickup. Then go to the library, wash up, chow down and drop off supplies.

Be safe out there. Remember to VOTE. This is Radio Hatteras.