

## Weekly News Summary for Sunday, October 6, 2024.

Today, we start with a brief weather report. The tropics are quite busy currently with named storms in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. Hurricane Kirk will remain well east of Eastern NC but will bring powerful long period swells, rip current risk, and marine hazards into next week. Elevated water levels and strengthening swell may lead to ocean overwash issues for vulnerable locales. Persistent northerly winds may lead to minor sound-side coastal flooding around the time of high tide. Tropical Storm Milton is forecast to rapidly strengthen as it moves generally northeastward across the Gulf of Mexico. By mid-week, the storm should be at or about major hurricane status as it strikes Florida's west coast.

**Hurricane Helene's** destruction and loss of life is overwhelming. Multiple efforts are underway to send items needed. From Dare County, numerous first responders and law enforcement officers have deployed to Western NC. Last weekend, a medic unit with 4 medical first responders headed for Rutherford County. On Sunday, 3 telecommunicators and 5 sheriff's deputies went to Henderson County. The Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative sent a 5-person crew plus a bucket truck which is now deployed to Blue Ridge Energy, which has 8,000mi of line that needs rebuilding. 10 cooperatives from NC, MD and VA are working on the Blue Ridge system. Others assisting are Lee Electric, a helicopter company, and 4 tree contractors. Dare Co Sheriff's Deputies were deployed to the western part of NC, to provide aid to those in need in McDowell and Henderson Counties.

**On Fri, Oct 4,** an advisory against swimming was posted at a sound-side site, Salvo Day Use Area. State officials found bacteria levels in the water that exceed the state's and Environmental Protection Agency's recreational water quality standards. Test results of water samples taken on Oct 1 and 2 indicate bacteria levels that exceed the state and federal action levels for Tier 2 non-daily use sites. Swimming areas are classified based on recreational use and are referred to as tiers. A notice states that this advisory is not a beach closing, nor does the advisory affect the entire Salvo area. Swimming advisories are for waters within 200' of the posted sign. State officials will continue testing the site and will remove the sign and notify the public when the bacteria levels decrease to levels below the standards.

**Dare County Sheriff has issued** the Sept 2024 blotter recording felony crimes committed in unincorporated areas of Dare County. A total of 13 crimes are listed. Eight of those crimes occurred on Hatteras Island. Four happened on Roanoke Island and one in Colington. These are the eight crimes on Hatteras Island.

**Sept. 8:** Breaking and Entering. 48000 block of Quidley Lane, Buxton. While the victim was incarcerated, two suspects broke into the victim's camper and stole personal items. Upon further investigation the suspects were apprehended and arrested. Stolen items were recovered. **Sept. 11:** Arson. 40000 block of NC 12, Avon. Building intentionally set fire to. Under investigation. **Sept. 11:** Breaking and Entering. 46000 block of Diamond Shoals Dr., Buxton. Unknown suspects broke into the victim's shed and stole tools and personal items. Upon further investigation the suspects were identified and criminally charged. Stolen items were recovered. **Sept. 17:** Felonious Restraint. 40000 block of Harbor Rd, Avon. Victim reported being taken against their will by the suspect. The victim was later located safe in Manns Harbor. Charges have been issued for the suspect. **Sept. 17:** Breaking and Entering Motor Vehicle. 41000 block of Ocean View Dr, Avon. Money, medication, and sunglasses stolen from an unlocked vehicle. **Sept. 18:** Larceny of a Chose in Action. 40000 block of NC 12, Avon. Check stolen then counterfeited. The bank stopped the transaction. **Sept. 25:** Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. 41000 block of NC 12, Avon. Unauthorized transaction discovered on a business account. The bank is investigating further. **Sept. 26:** Breaking & Entering a Motor Vehicle. 52000 block of NC12, Frisco. Money stolen from unlocked vehicle.

**The Island Free Press is reporting** intensified petroleum contamination at Buxton Beach over the last weekend.

A section Buxton Beach at the end of Old Lighthouse Rd has been closed to the public for over a year. Two offshore hurricanes eroded the shoreline and revealed leftover infrastructure from a 1956-2010 military base, as well as sporadic strong petroleum smells. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team arrived Sept 11 but did not encounter a petroleum releases. A contractor arrived Sept 20 and the Savannah District team left the site. While the Corps reported that no odors or sheens were noticed while their team was in the area in mid-Sept, that all changed on Fri, Sept 27, and these new issues became progressively worse through Mon, reports the Island Free Press. Go to Island Free Press for lots of additional details.

**Work to replace the Slash Creek Bridge** on NC12 in Hatteras Village starts Mon, Oct 7. The \$4.5 million project will replace the 68-year-old structure with a 2-span cored slab bridge. During the bridge replacement project, barricades will be placed at each end of the bridge. The detour route is along Eagle Pass Rd. All work is expected to be completed by May 2025, weather permitting. Motorists are advised to exercise caution, follow all posted signs, and adhere to the detour route around the work zone.

**The Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation's** Annual 5K race is scheduled for Oct 12 at 9:00 at Sun Realty in Avon. Registration begins at 8. The race has been renamed in honor of Donna Peele, a beloved founding member of the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation who lost her own battle with breast cancer Oct 14, 2023. Wear your pinkest outfit to honor Donna. The cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the race. Children 12 and under are \$15. Children in strollers are free. Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the Oct 12 event at [hicf.org](http://hicf.org).

**Next weekend, the Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station** will mark the 150th anniversary of the first 7 life-saving stations in NC. In 1874, funds were appropriated by Congress to build 7 stations along the coast of NC. Chicamacomico was the first station to be operational. It is the only station that functions as a history center with museum and outbuildings AND has the 1874 building on the grounds. The anniversary celebration and commemoration will be held on the grounds of the Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station in Rodanthe. On Sat, the day starts at 9:00 with the flag raising and the National Anthem. At 2:30, a commemoration service starts with speakers and patriotic music. United States Coast Guard District 5 Commander Jay Vann will offer the keynote address. Superintendent of the National Parks in Eastern North Carolina Dave Hallac will also offer remarks.

On Sunday after various events, several history tours have been arranged. For additional information, go to [Chicamacomico.org](http://Chicamacomico.org)

**The NCBBA would like to acknowledge** volunteers who helped with the Fall Adopt-A-Beach event at Ramp 23 last Saturday. The beach was completely cleaned of all liter and debris from NC12 to the beach, 1-1/2 miles north and 1-1/2 miles south. A total of 35 volunteers participated. 20 were non-NCBBA members, and 20 first time volunteers. Eight trucks drove out on the beach with one pulling a trailer. Food and refreshments were once again provided afterwards. The weather and tide cooperated to make it a fun day for all. New friendships were made and all agreed giving back to our OBX beaches is a fulfilling experience. Join us for the next Adopt-A-Beach on Saturday, December 7th.

**Stay safe out there. Remember western North Carolina. Thanks for listening. This is Radio Hatteras.**