



Duck Tales

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New Sidewalk at the playground entrance

Town Moves Forward with Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Over the past year, visitors and residents in Duck have enjoyed the opportunity to use the first phase of the pedestrian improvements along the east side of Duck Road through Duck Village. Safety and traffic flow have been improved as thousands of pedestrians have been able to walk on the new sidewalk and avoid walking in the shoulder of the road.

taken place during the winter/early-spring months to minimize impacts on local businesses and property owners. The Town of Duck has received generous grants from the Dare County



Retaining wall at Town Park

Tourism Board to help fund each phase of the Duck Village pedestrian improvements. Duck Town Council has funded the remaining portion of the projects from the town's general fund.

The Town of Duck has also contracted with RPC to repave a section of the Duck Trail bicycle/walking path north of Waxwing Lane and a section between the Sanderling Resort to Station Bay. Due to unforeseen delays in the spring, this work will be completed in the fall. These new sections will be repaved with concrete. Over time, as additional sections of the Duck Trail are repaved, the Town will shift toward a concrete surface to improve function and durability and lessen maintenance costs.

For questions about the completed and upcoming bicycle and pedestrian improvements, you can email Director of Community Development Joe Heard at jheard@townofduck.com or Town Manager Chris Layton at clayton@townofduck.com.



New Sidewalk by the Water tower

Construction of the second phase of the Duck Village pedestrian improvements will conclude by the end of May. RPC Contracting is adding a dedicated bike lane, landscaped strip, and sidewalk along the west side of Duck Road from the existing crosswalk at Aqua Restaurant & Spa northward to the newly installed crosswalk at Resort Realty/Dune Road. The second phase of construction, like the first phase, has

The Town continues seeking grants and other sources of funding to help defray construction costs for the third phase of the Duck Village pedestrian improvements. This phase will take place on the east side of Duck Road between Duck Deli and the Ships Watch neighborhood. Design of the third phase is nearing completion by VHB Engineering and will likely be bid toward the end of the summer.



Before and after grading for new sidewalk in front of the Town Hall

Town of Duck

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In 2016, representatives of the N.C. Floodplain Mapping Program (NCFMP) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) first presented information about the newly proposed flood maps for Dare County. The towns have recently been informed that revised flood maps may be provided to Dare County in late 2019 for implementation by early 2020. Preliminary flood map changes in the Town of Duck show a significant reduction in the number of properties located in A or V zones. Figures provided by the NCFMP show the number of structures located in a V flood zone decreasing from 397 to 255 (a 36% decrease). The number of structures in an A flood zone are proposed to decrease from 882 to 187 (a 79% reduction). These figures show that a significant number of property owners may benefit from reduced insurance rates and lower development standards.

Many people have noted that the reduction of properties within A and V flood zones seems contrary to scientific findings regarding sea level rise and observed flooding during recent storms. Officials with Outer Banks towns and Dare County have presented concerns about the large number of properties being shifted from V zones to A zones, from A zones to X zones, and significant lowering of the base flood elevation in remaining A flood zones.

Property owners may understand their location in an X flood zone to mean that they have very minimal or no risk of flooding. This perception of very low or no risk may cause owners to drop flood insurance. This decision to drop flood insurance can lead to uninsured damages

during future flooding events and significant insurance rate increases if a property is reclassified in a flood hazard zone in the future. In addition, the potential reduction in minimum building elevation and other standards

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may encourage the construction of significant improvements without flood prevention measures in areas that could be at risk of flooding. Damages to these improvements could cause hardship to property owners and negatively impact the community's future flood insurance rating.

In recognition of these challenges, planners and floodplain managers from Outer Banks towns and Dare County have met with local homebuilders, engineers, surveyors, realtors, and insurance agents to develop plans addressing some of these concerns. The first step was the development of a public educational campaign entitled "Low Risk is not No Risk." A website was created to provide information to Dare County residents and property owners about issues associated with flooding, how to minimize flooding damages, and acquiring flood insurance. This information is also available on the Town of Duck's website: townofduck.com/community-development/floodplain-info/.

"LOW RISK" Is Not "NO RISK"

- Latest information on updated flood maps
- Explanation of different flood zones and associated risks
- Subscribe to receive emails
- Video gallery

- Request flood zone designation for your property
- FAQs



OBXFloodMaps.com



Flooding caused by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016

The Town recommends owners visit this webpage and encourages owners to maintain their flood insurance policies. Coupled with educational efforts, Dare County and each of the towns are considering the adoption of development standards that would maintain a minimum building elevation standard (even in X flood zones) to help mitigate the impacts of significant changes anticipated with the adoption of the new flood maps. In an effort to develop a well-reasoned and acceptable approach with these amendments, Outer Banks planners have involved the Outer Banks Home Builders Association, Outer Banks Association of Realtors, local engineers, and local surveyors in discussions about potential solutions to these concerns. In late 2019, the Town of Duck Planning Board and Town Council will be considering development standard alternatives to address these concerns and provide protection for the interests of property owners and the greater community.

For more information contact Certified Flood Plain Manager Sandy Cross or Dir. of Community Development Joe Heard at the above emails.

Town of Duck Community Development

Town Initiates Land Use Plan Updates

The Town of Duck Land Use Plan (LUP) is a valuable document that includes a variety of goals, objectives, actions, and guidelines relating to issues encountered by the Town. The LUP serves as an important policy document guiding decisions by the Planning Board and Town Council. For example, when considering a zoning change for a property, the plan is consulted to determine if commercial use is envisioned for that area. When new standards are proposed in the Town's ordinances, the proposal is reviewed for consistency with goals and objectives established in the plan. Many of the Town's significant public investments (beach nourishment, boardwalk, sidewalks, etc.) were identified and prioritized as recommendations in the current plan.

The current LUP for the Town of Duck was adopted in 2005. During the subsequent 13 years, many of the original recommendations have been implemented, new and unforeseen issues have arisen, and the Town has developed new ways of thinking about certain issues. It is important for the Town to update the existing plan to better address issues and opportunities currently facing the Duck community as well as those that may arise in the future.

Duck Town Council has budgeted funds for the services of a planning consultant to facilitate the LUP update process and prepare an updated plan. Following selection of the consultant, The Town Council will appoint seven members of the Duck community to serve on a Land Use Plan Advisory Committee. This committee will provide input to the consultant during the planning process and development of the plan.

The Town will seek to obtain as much input as possible from all Town stakeholders during the development of the Land Use Plan. The chosen consultant will be tasked with finding ways to reach all the stakeholders in Town – residents, property owners, business owners, visitors, and others – to gain an understanding of the interests and perspectives as the plan is updated. The Town will be providing opportunities for public input through public meetings, surveys, and other means as the plan is developed over the next year.

For more information contact Joe Heard at jheard@townofduck.com

Land Use Plan Advisory Committee

The Town of Duck is seeking two at-large community members interested in serving on the CAMA Land Use Plan Advisory Committee during the development of an updated plan for Duck. The Advisory Committee will work with Town staff and the planning consultant to facilitate the planning process and provide input during the Land Use Plan update. The expected timeline for service is approximately 12 months, beginning in June 2019. Scheduling will include approximately five committee meetings with staff and consultants during the process.

To apply for an at-large committee position, please submit an application to the Town Clerk. Copies can be requested by contacting lackerman@townofduck.com.

Duck to Conduct Hazard Vulnerability Study

Over the next year, the Town of Duck will be partnering with the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines at Western Carolina University to assess the vulnerability of structures and roads in the Town to coastal hazards and sea level rise. Once completed, this project will provide the Town with valuable information as Town leaders consider policies and physical improvements to make Duck a more resilient community in the future.

The project comes at little expense to the Town of Duck. A \$20,000 grant from the N.C. Division of Coastal Management (NCDQM) will cover 75% of the project cost. Half of the matching funds will be provided through donated in-kind services by Western Carolina University.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Survey

The Town of Duck, in cooperation with Dare County and the other municipalities within the county, has started the process of updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current plan, which is now part of the Albemarle Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Albemarle RHMP), expires in June of 2020. The update will be developed as an Outer Banks Regional plan with Dare and Currituck Counties. Because updating the plan relies heavily on public notice and participation, our Hazard Mitigation Planning Consultant has developed a website as well as public survey. Updates related to the plan may be found at www.OBX-HMP.com and we would welcome your participation in the developed public survey. The survey participation deadline is June 14, 2019 and can be completed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OBX-HMP>. If you would prefer to complete a hard copy, please contact the Town's Floodplain Manager, Sandy Cross at scross@townofduck.com.

Town of Duck Community Development

End Notes...

Inspector's Corner

Building Inspector, Steve McMurray, would like to remind pool owners of their responsibility to maintain a pool barrier consistent with the code requirements existing when the pool installation was completed. Maintaining these requirements will greatly reduce the chance of accidents.

- Exterior barrier must be 48" high, measuring from grade. Pool access gates and doors are included in this measurement.
- Self-closing gates must have a minimum 54" latch height.
- Any exterior door leading from the home into the pool area must have an alarm.
- Sand buildup, vegetation control, etc. should be addressed and corrected by the owner as needed.



Sand buildup reduces the barrier height and must be addressed.

Attention Oceanfront Property Owners

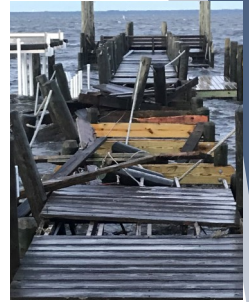
The Town recently sent out emails and letters regarding the Dune Planting and Sand Fencing project. Authorizations on file will expire on June 30, 2019. The letters sent out requested that you return a newly signed authorization so that we may continue planting beach grass and sea oats on the dune in front of your property. If you have not received this letter and authorization, please contact Sandy Cross at scross@townofduck.com or 252-255-1234. If you have received the letter and have not returned the authorization, please do as soon as possible. You can send the authorization to Sandy Cross via postal delivery, scanned email or fax delivery at 252-255-1236. We want to continue working to assist nature in building and preserving dunes which provide natural storm damage protection, but we need your authorization to continue doing so.



Beach grass provides natural storm protection for dunes

Soundfront Contact Database

As part of the Town of Duck's Hazard Mitigation Planning, the Town is continuing to compile a database of soundfront property owner contact information to notify them when storms and storm damage occurs. The goal of this effort is to ensure that structures are repaired or secured in a timely manner to improve public safety and to limit potential damage to other structures. To add your information to this database we ask that you contact the Town's Permit Coordinator, Sandy Cross, at (252) 255-1234 or scross@townofduck.com, to provide your name, telephone number and email address.



Damage caused by Tropical Storm Michael in Fall 2018

Plants Across the Sand

The Town just completed the second season of its volunteer-based beach grass planting program to help stabilize the beach. Last year, volunteers focused on supplementing the contracted plantings in the nourishment area which was completed the fall of 2018. With Town Council and great public and volunteer support, the program stepped outside of the nourished beach area this year. Fourteen (14) planting dates were completed and, despite the planting season ending early due to a shortage of plant availability, volunteers still managed to plant nearly 90,000 sprigs across 3,700 linear feet of beach. With anticipation that the program will continue we are continually working to build our volunteer base. Most scheduled plantings last about 60 to 90 minutes, with 90 minutes being the maximum.



Volunteers planting beach grass outside of the nourishment area

If you are interested volunteering your time, please contact Sandy Cross at scross@townofduck.com or 252-255-1234 for information on dates, times and locations. Duck is built on participation and community involvement so let us help preserve its unique nature through some fun environmental stewardship. You might find that it's also a great way to get out to the beach in the off season, meet new folks and develop relationships with your neighbors.

Town of Duck Public Relations

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The 15th Annual 4th of July Parade and Community Celebration is on for 2019! Taking place on Thursday, July 4 at 9:00 a.m. the annual one-mile parade route begins at the crest of the hill on Scarborough Lane, continues toward the ocean turning left onto Ocean way, then heads down Christopher Lane, concluding at Pamela Court. **NO part of the parade will take place on NC12/Duck Rd.** Immediately following the parade, make your way to the Town Park for refreshments, live music by Just Playing Dixieland, and the awarding of parade trophies.



Best Community Entry:
Caffey's Inlet Hamlet

Parade registration is now open on the Town website! Float/Group registration is free; however, advanced registration is required. Please note some new safety rules in the parade information. While handing out giveaways is permitted, the **THROWING** of any giveaways is prohibited. Children under the age of 5 may ride on a float but are **NOT** allowed to walk along side. For complete rules and information please see the Town of Duck 4th of July website.



The Duck Jazz Festival presented by PNC brings high quality jazz performers from around the nation to the Town of Duck for this annual special event held on Columbus Day weekend. The public is invited to attend this free, non-ticketed festival taking place at the Duck Town Park October 12-13, 2019. Events are being planned for the weekend both at the Duck Town Green and at individual businesses throughout Duck Village. Interactive educational events for children and adults will be offered leading up to the festival weekend. A community concert takes place on Saturday, October 12, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. featuring Andrew Sanchez & His Hip Six. Enjoy a full day of jazz on two stages in the Duck Town Park on Sunday, October 13. This year's festival artists include Caroline Davis, Sidecar Social Club, Benny Green Trio, Triangle Youth Jazz Ensemble, and more. For details on this year's performers and events, visit duckjazz.com, follow Duck Jazz Festival on Facebook and Twitter, and use #duckjazz on your posts and pictures!



The active and engaged community of Duck is a part of what makes this town unique. This support is the reason that the town is able to host the many free family friendly events throughout the year. We are always looking to add volunteers to help at all events including summer events, beach plantings, 4th of July, Jazz Festival, and more. Whether you live in town, in the area, or love to visit and want to help, you are welcome to volunteer. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the volunteer email list, contact Betsy Trimble at the email above.

Sponsorship Opportunities

The Town of Duck offers a variety of FREE events throughout the year, made possible by the support of our sponsors. From Nature on the Boardwalk, to Summer Events, to the Duck Jazz Festival, there is sure to be a fit for your business in any season. Sponsor benefits may include your name or logo on Duck web and social media platforms; direct customer engagement with handouts or speaking opportunities at events; or sponsor mentions in radio, print, or other marketing. Contact Christian Legner or Betsy Trimble at the emails above for more information.



We all love the quiet and slower pace of the off season in Duck. However, we also cannot wait for SUMMER!! Between the warm weather, the beach days, and the FREE family events at the Town park* there is truly something for everyone in Duck! You asked for more, and you got it. This year we have many returning favorites, but also a few new surprises. Read below for all the fun events that are planned for the 2019 summer season. **Please note that magic and variety, while free, require advanced tickets.** Distribution centers are listed with the descriptions. Visit us at www.townofduck.com/special-events/ for details on all the Town of Duck events.



Comedy Variety Shows Brought to you by Urban Cottage, a comedy hypnotist, percussion duo, and juggler come to us for select dates at 10:00 a.m. These shows are ticketed events with pick-up location at Urban Cottage (1169 Duck Rd) beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday the week of the show. See website for dates and details.

NEW!

Nature Out Loud! This fun and interactive children's concert will not only have the family on their feet and dancing but will also educate about the wild world around us. Taking place at 10:00 a.m. in the Duck Amphitheater see the website for dates.



Returning to the Green...

Yoga on the Green Once again brought to you by Village Realty, Village Yoga takes over the Town Green at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday from June 11- September 3. This class is great for all skill levels!



Dynamic Flow on the Green "Movement is medicine." Led by local trainer DL Althoff of Move Unbound /OBX Fitness Collective and brought to you by Ships Watch Realty. This fun and playful movement-based practice is great for all skill levels. Mat and shoes are optional. Class is every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. from June 12- September 4.

Returning to the Amphitheater...

Children's Interactive Theater Bring the whole family for these fun, educational, and interactive shows on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy a performance of the Mystery of the Lost Colony, presented by Carolina Designs Realty, or live animal interactions with the NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island, presented by The Village Table & Tavern. Programs change weekly, so be sure to check out the website for the schedule.



Hula Hoop & Play This fun class is great for the children and the "children at heart". Village Realty brings local hoop instructor Kara Consolvo to the Green at 9:00 a.m. (please note new time) from June 20- August 15 (excluding July 4th). Hoops are provided, but please feel free to bring your own!



Concerts on the Green Pack up the family, coolers, and lawn chairs and head to the Town Green for some free live music! Generously presented by the Duck Merchants Association and The Sanderling Resort, a variety of bands will take to the stage every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. from June 13- August 29(excluding July 4th). See the Town website for details and the 2019 line-up.

Movies on the Green They're back! When the sun sets the big screen comes to life for select dates this summer. See the Town website for dates and movie titles.



OBXtreme Magic Show Watch and be amazed with world-renowned illusionist Clive Allen. A summer favorite sponsored by Towne Bank, Clive returns to the Amphitheater stage on Wednesdays for another summer. Pick up your FREE tickets at Kellogg Supply Co. across the street from the Town Hall starting Mondays at 7:00 a.m. Please see the website for



Story Time Bring the little ones to the steps of the Paul F. Keller Meeting Hall on Friday mornings from July 5- September 6 at 10:00 a.m. to hear some fun stories provided by Island Bookstore or Duck's Cottage & Books.

*** In the event of rain, activities will be moved inside the Paul F. Keller Meeting Hall**

Town of Duck

Public Relations End Notes...



Summer Kick-Off Concert- What better way to start off the summer than with a concert? The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band from Cherry Point, NC will take to the stage on the Town Green on May 27 at 6:00 p.m. for a concert the whole family will enjoy!



Town of Duck Lecture Series

In November 2018, the Town kicked off a series of lecture programs with “John Henry Bias: Financial Success in a Time of Great Prejudice and Depression” presented by Elizabeth City State University Professor Glen Bowman. This successful first program was followed in January, February, and April by presenters from Coastal Studies Institute, The Pea Island Preservation Society, and authors Kevin Duffus and William Cohan. The series will continue through June 2019 and resume in the fall.

For full details, visit our events calendar. When approved by presenters, videos are shared on CurrentTV and Town of Duck’s YouTube account. All events are free and open to the public.

Select lectures are sponsored by the Bias Speaker Series, supported by the John H. & Frances Lane Bias Foundation, Inc. (The Bias Foundation), in collaboration with the Town of Duck. The series will offer presentations throughout the year by educators, scientists, and community leaders on a variety of topics.

Upcoming Spring Lectures:

May 23: “Brothers Like These” hosted by the Dare County Arts Council

June 26: “The South in Color: A Visual Journal” by UNC Chapel Hill Professor of History William Ferris



Darrell Collins and Keeper James retell the story of Richard Etheridge and his Pea Island Lifesavers.



*Eve Turek & Jeff Lewis
Photography on
display until late April*

2019 Rotating Art Show

The Town of Duck Wall Décor Committee organizes rotating displays of art by local artists. Each show runs for three months and is on display Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of the Town Hall.

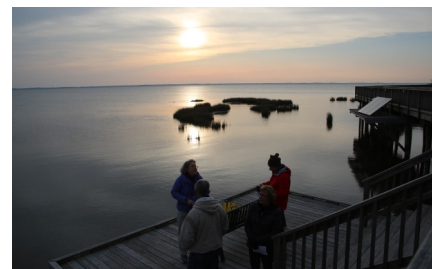
- ◆ Photography Exhibit by Eve Turek and Jeff Lewis—through April 24, 2019
- ◆ Linus Quilt Exhibit – May 3 through July 24, 2019
- ◆ Batik Exhibit by Robin York & Students— August 2 through October 23, 2019
- ◆ Watercolor Exhibit by Robert Wiltshire— November 1, 2019 through January 29, 2020

Nature on the Boardwalk

Enjoy a stroll along the soundside boardwalk to check out wildlife, local plants, and participate in some citizen science with and NC Aquarium educator.

- ◆ Tuesday, April 23, 2019– 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Tuesday, April 30, 2019– 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, May 8, 2019– 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Tuesday, May 14, 2019– 6:30 p.m.

Although free, space is limited. Call or email the Town office to register.



Sunset Nature on the Boardwalk

Duck Police

Chief John Cueto
Lt. Jeff Ackerman
Sgt. Melissa Clark
Sgt. Jason Rigler
MPO Tara Poulin
MPO Jason Garrett

Welcome Officers Naquin and Armstrong!



Officer Justin Naquin



Officer Timothy Armstrong

MPO Joe Knight
MPO Tammy Bybee
PO Chuck Edwards
PO John Gilreath
PO Justin Naquin
PO Timothy Armstrong

The mission of the Town of Duck Police Department is to provide the community with the highest quality law enforcement services. In doing so, the police department recognizes its members as *"its most valuable resource"* and continues to attract professional, competent, and caring officers. With the support of the Town Council, the Town of Duck Police Department added two new police officers. Both officers have impressive careers with nearly twenty years of collective law enforcement service with North Carolina police agencies. They have completed all necessary North Carolina Training Criminal Justice Education & Training Standards Commission requirements and have proven very effective and efficient officers. Most importantly, Justin and Tim are a "good fit," and they have been welcomed by all personnel, town staff and community members.

-Chief John Cueto

Officer Justin Naquin joined the Greensboro Police Department in January 2008. There, he became a General Instructor and, ultimately, a SCAT (Subject Control and Arrest Techniques) and Rapid Deployment (Active Shooter) Instructor. After starting his career with the Greensboro PD in patrol, he eventually moved to the Downtown Response Team. In this Proactive Unit he made a substantial number of arrests of priority one offenders. He was then promoted to Detective on the Department's newly formed Street Crimes Unit, tasked with charging the city's known violent offenders with weapons crimes.

In July of 2017, Justin brought his experience and training to the Outer Banks with the Nags Head PD. One year later, he came to what he hopes will be his permanent home, the Town of Duck Police Department. He hopes to give as much to the officers here as he will receive from their experience and knowledge. Fun fact: Justin is also an ordained minister.

Officer Timothy Armstrong joined the Winterville Police Department in 2008. After four years with Winterville, he joined the Nags Head Police Department in 2012. Officer Armstrong joined the Town of Duck in August 2018. He earned an associate degree in Criminal Justice from Pitt College, and is currently completing all the requirements for his Advanced Certificate.

Officer Armstrong is a well-rounded Officer, with much of his career spent in special units and divisions. He has been with the DARE County SWAT Task Force for 4 years and is responsible for serving high-risk warrants and other special tasks. In his free time he enjoys surfing and fishing and loves his cat Charly. One of his favorite past times is to show recordings of his cat's tomfoolery to coworkers. Officer Armstrong is a true asset to the Town of Duck Police Department and he has expressed gratitude for this opportunity.

Ride To Hope



Officer Joe Knight

On May 12, Master Patrol Officer Joe Knight, along with 450 others, will complete a 250-mile bicycle ride with the Virginia Division of Law Enforcement United (LEU). The three-day ride starts on May 10 with each officer honoring a fallen officer. This is forever commemorated with an engraved wristband and a flag attached to the bicycle with the fallen officer's name and end of watch date. "The ride may seem impersonal with 450 others on the journey, but this really brings things into perspective," Joe said.

Every rider is tasked with raising money prior to the ride which is used to help fallen officers' families and the law enforcement community. LEU uses generated funds to run camps for fallen officers' children, maintain the Officer Down Memorial Page, scholarships, training and grants to budget constrained agencies, and awareness campaigns.

This will mark the tenth year that LEU has organized the Ride to Hope and Joe is honored to participate in the milestone road event. This year also marks the 10-year anniversary of Nags Head Sgt. Earl Murray's line of duty death. The ride will not be easy but keeping those officers who have laid their lives on the line will be a significant motivator to finishing the ride. Officer Knight values the opportunity to honor these men and women and to meet their families at a post-ride event on May 12.

Master Patrol Officer Joe Knight is a valued member of the Duck Police Department and has served both the Town and Eastern North Carolina as an IPMBA (International Police Mountain Bike Association) Instructor. We are pleased to have him represent the Town of Duck Police Department and the community in his quest to carry the name and memory of Officer Luke Nihart, who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2010 and to honor our own local fallen hero Sgt. Earl Murray.

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Duck Fire

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Cpt. Jeffrey Del Monte
Cpt. Jared Smith
Cpt. Trey Batschelet
Lt. Anthony Bartolotta



Welcome Cameron, Noah, and Jose!



MFF Jake Dempsey
FF Brandon Boyd
FF Noah Parsons
FF Jose Ramirez
FF Cameron Whitaker
Ad. Asst. Nicole Martin

*Pictured left to
right: Cameron Whitaker,
Noah Parsons, Jose*

In the last edition of Duck Tales, I spoke of Duck Fire's history and how we arrived at the thriving combination fire department that serves the community today. Both career and volunteer firefighters are depended upon to respond to all calls for service. Timely response to emergencies in the community and the safety and health of our firefighters remain our priorities. To support our mission, the Town Council approved three additional firefighters. In September of 2018 we welcomed these new members to the Duck Fire family after a hiring process that included skills-based testing and an interview. Once hired, they completed rookie training and have now successfully completed their probationary period. Please join us in welcoming to the Town of Duck Jose Ramirez, Cameron Whitaker and Noah Parsons.

Jose Ramirez

My name is Jose Ramirez, I was born and raised in the south side of Chicago but moved to Kill Devil Hills in October of 2009 where I began my freshman year of high school. During high school I worked in construction with my father as well as in multiple restaurants. On my free days during the summers I'd hang out with my friends and, after multiple wipeouts and faceplants, I learned how to surf. After graduation from First Flight High School I began working in the restaurant business. During this time I met Chief Talmadge from Roanoke Island Fire Department who is now one of my Chiefs. I have been volunteering for Roanoke Island Fire Department for the past four years. Nowadays if I'm not building homes, serving you a drink, or fighting fire; I'm learning how to hunt and fish. Moving to and living in the Outer Banks gave me a better opportunity at life that I am thankful for every day. Fun fact: I recently found out that I only know my tools in Spanish.



Cameron Whitaker

My name is Cameron Whitaker, one of the new guys with the Duck Fire Department. I would like to say I have loved my new career here at Duck Fire so far and truly feel as though I have joined an entirely new family. When I found my new passion (firefighting) my dream was to turn that passion into a career. I started volunteering with Hatteras Volunteer Fire Department on my 16th birthday (10 years ago) and have never looked back. In 2013 I was promoted to Lieutenant, which was early but has been a great learning experience. After graduating Cape Hatteras High School in 2012 I attended East Carolina University where I graduated in 2017 with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Outside of the Duck Fire Department I am an owner/operator of Tradition Fishing, established in 2015, and co-owner of RW Duck Guide Service. In my spare time I hit the slopes in the winter, plan fishing trips to exotic places, and enjoy restoring old boats (even though I do not like sanding). I consider myself very lucky to make this all possible. Hatteras Island is truly a unique place and living there has daily struggles that have become second nature. Hurricanes, road washouts, living off the grid, and everything closing at 7pm keeps things interesting. In turn, it provides me with some of the coolest things in the world. I can enjoy the outdoors everyday, whether its fishing or hunting, all while having some of the best views and daily commutes on earth.

Noah Parsons

I was born and raised in the heart of Kill Devil Hills. I was home schooled for half of my education then attended First Flight Middle and High School where I played football, lacrosse and wrestled. I have been a volunteer firefighter since November of 2015 and have served with both Nags Head and Southern Shores Fire Departments. In addition, I have been a lifeguard for the Town of Nags Head. Firefighting became interesting to me after experiencing four car accidents and a grill incident. I figured I should probably learn how to avoid that happening in the future. I am the second oldest of four siblings and I love doing anything outside, especially snowboarding or surfing.

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The Duck Fire Department is excited to have these three young motivated firefighters to work and train alongside us. It is a special time for all as Duck is their first career firefighting job. Their experience here will set the tone for the rest of their careers, a responsibility we do not take lightly. Duck Fire stays committed to providing the community a high quality of service and our new staff are a valuable addition to that commitment.

- Chief Donna Black

Beach and Ocean Safety Tips

Beach Rules

-  RED FLAGS MEAN OCEAN CONDITIONS ARE UNSAFE FOR ALL SWIMMERS.
-  CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE QUICKLY - NO FLAG DOES NOT MEAN NO RISK.
-  KNOW YOUR LIMITS & ASK A LIFEGUARD IF YOU'RE UNSURE.
-  NEVER SWIM ALONE.
-  DO NOT USE FLOATATION DEVICES AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR SWIMMING ABILITY.
-  CALL 911 IF YOU SEE A SWIMMER IN DISTRESS. DON'T BECOME A 2ND VICTIM.
-  PETS ARE WELCOME UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE OWNER. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET.
-  UNATTENDED PERSONAL ITEMS LEFT BETWEEN 5 P.M. & 8 A.M. WILL BE REMOVED AS LITTER.
-  KEEP AT LEAST 15' BETWEEN DUNES AND TENTS AND AROUND LIFEGUARD STANDS.
-  DO NOT TIE TENTS TOGETHER; KEEP 10' APART.
-  USE WALKWAYS & DESIGNATED BEACH ACCESSSES.
-  MONITOR AND REFILL ALL BEACH HOLES.

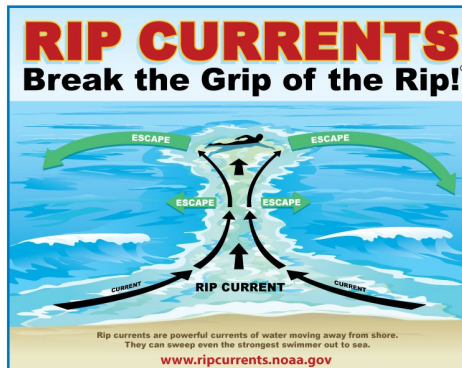
LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY
MAY 1 - OCTOBER 31
10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

ATV/TRUCK PATROL: MAY 1 - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
 LIMITED STANDS, PATROL: MEMORIAL DAY - MID-JUNE
 ALL STANDS, PATROL: MID-JUNE - MID-AUGUST
 LIMITED STANDS, PATROL: MID-AUGUST - LABOR DAY
 ATV/TRUCK PATROL: LABOR DAY - OCTOBER 31

LOVE THE BEACH
RESPECT THE OCEAN
 #LOVETHEBEACHRESPECTTHEOCEAN

TEXT "JOINOBXBEACHCONDITIONS" TO 30890
 FOR UPDATES FROM LOCAL LIFEGUARDS

VISIT WEATHER.GOV/BEACH/MHX FOR DAILY BEACH FORECASTS



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usia.org



Be Safe. Be Smart. Be Seen.
MAKE SURE DRIVERS
CAN SEE YOU.

Pedestrian and Bike Safety Tips

Walking or biking is a great way to see the Town of Duck! Help everyone stay safe with a few tips.

Pedestrians:

- Walk/run facing traffic on the sidewalks in the Village or on the multiuse path outside the Village.
- Use marked crosswalks and stay alert for vehicles.
- Wear bright clothing or use lights at night.
- Keep your pets on a leash and clean up after your pet.

Cyclists:

- Ride with traffic in marked bike lanes in the Village.
- May ride on the multiuse path outside the Village, passing pedestrians on the left.
- Use appropriate head and tail lights on your bicycle and wear reflective clothing at night.

Motorized vehicles, including electric scooters and bikes, Segways, and golf carts, are prohibited on trails and sidewalks in Duck.



Correct use of sidewalk and bike lane through the Village



Upcoming Meetings & Dates

FY 2020 Budget Schedule

May 1, 2019– Town Council regular meeting: Budget Presentation

May 15, 2019– Town Council Mid-Month meeting: work session

June 5, 2018– Town Council Regular meeting: Budget Public Hearing

*Additional work sessions may be added as required. Please check the Town events calendar for updates. All meetings will be available on YouTube as soon after the meeting as possible.

Town Council

All Town Council Meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Paul F. Keller Meeting Hall (Regular Meeting) and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. (as Needed).

Planning Board

All Planning Board Meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Paul F. Keller Meeting Hall (Regular Meeting) and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. (Only as Needed).



Recycling Tips



For recyclable materials to have a second life and create new products, they must be clean and free from contaminants. When trash makes its way into your recycling container, it reduces the likelihood that any of your items can be recycled. Improving the quality of your recycling is as easy as recycling **ONLY** clean bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.

Town of Duck residents, property owners, and businesses do a great job of recycling and keeping Duck clean and green. Help us spread the word to our visitors! For recycling educational and outreach materials, contact clegner@townofduck.com.

Bulk Waste Collection

The Town of Duck scheduled two bulk waste collections each year. The Spring collection date is Friday, April 26, 2019 and the Fall date is Friday, October 18, 2019. Items should be ready for pick-up no later than 5:00 a.m. on the scheduled bulk waste collection day.

Yard and vegetative debris must be bagged or CLEARLY tied into bundles of four (4) foot lengths or less weighing NO MORE than 50 pounds each. Waste Management does not use a truck with a mechanical arm and, therefore, the bundle MUST be manageable for a single person to handle. Storm and construction debris will not be collected.

Please see the Town website for more details on materials that will and will not be collected.

Residential Recycling and Trash

Residential Solid Waste Collection for the Town of Duck is provided by Waste Management, Inc. Solid Waste should be put in existing **BLACK AND BROWN** waste containers.

Collection days are as follows:

May 1st through September 30th; Mondays & Fridays (twice per week).

October 1st through April 30th; Mondays (once per week).

Residential Recycling for the Town of Duck is provided by Tidewater Fibre Corporation utilizing leased **BLUE** containers.

Collection days are as follows:

Every Monday from **May 1st through October 31st;**
1st and 3rd Monday of the month from **November 1st through April 30th**

♻️ RECYCLE ALL TOGETHER ♻️

PLASTIC Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars	METAL Cans
 Empty and rinse	 Empty and rinse
GLASS Bottles and jars	PAPER All paper, cartons and cardboard
 Empty and rinse	 Flatten cardboard
KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT	
	
<p>PLEASE DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!</p> <p><small>This brochure was made by the N.C. DEQ's Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS). For more information about recycling, call 1-877-623-6746.</small></p> 	

Construction and unbundled vegetative debris will not be collected





Stay Connected!



The Town of Duck strives to keep all constituents informed and connected to Town news and events. Thanks to social media and the internet, there are more ways to stay engaged.

WEBSITE: The Town of Duck's website is www.townofduck.com. It contains easy-to-find information regarding Town meetings, events, ordinances, zoning requirements, and services.

EMAIL LIST: The Town of Duck maintains an email list which provides weekly updates on meetings, events, and other news that occur between the printings of this newsletter. To be added to our list, please visit www.townofduck.com, click on "[Subscribe to E-Newsletter](#)" on the upper right side of the page, and use the automated form to subscribe.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Find us on social media for the most up-to date happenings in the Town. Facebook: [Town of Duck](#) and [DuckJazz Festival](#) Instagram: [@townofduck](#) Twitter: [@DuckOBX](#) and [@DuckJazzFest](#)

YOUTUBE: Find the latest video features on a variety of aspects of the Town of Duck as well as Town Council meetings at the YouTube channel [DuckPR](#).

Share your photos! Follow Town of Duck on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Share

REGROUP: This mass notification system keeps you informed during emergency situations. You can choose from text, email, and/or voice notifications. Sign up now at www.townofduck.com/regroup/



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