



Carolina Beach Newsletter

March-April 2016

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Town of Carolina Beach Newsletter! Our goal is to provide valuable information on the latest town projects, employee highlights and upcoming events.

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Spring is Coming and Businesses are Blooming!

As the weather begins to warm up, the entrepreneurial spirit is rising! Staff has seen a wave of business applications and inquiries since the New Year. Our town is becoming an attractive place for businesses to locate according to the numbers. A total of 17 new businesses (and growing) have opened up or are in the process of opening. Here is a list of new businesses that have already opened up and are ready to serve the citizens and visitors of Carolina Beach.

- Flaming Amy's - 1140 N. Lake Park Blvd.
- Spectrum Paint Store - 1401 N. Lake Park Blvd.
- Olde Salty's - 103 N. Lake Park Blvd.
- Med First Immediate Care - 1328 N. Lake Park Blvd
- Weathered Cottage – 807 N. Lake Park Blvd.



There are going to be a lot of grand openings before the start of summer. Here is a list of businesses that are in the development stages. The list continues to grow as we get closer to Spring with several retail spaces still available and a few prime commercial lots to build on.

- Buzz's Roost - 8 Pavilion Unit 1 on the Boardwalk •

- Fin's Island Buffet - 300 N. Lake Park Blvd.
- Assertive Gym - 1300 N. Lake Park Blvd.
- Go Sauce Yourself - 11 Boardwalk •
- Kupboard Grocery - 901 CBAN (it's back!)
- Holy Smokes BBQ - 718 N lake Park Blvd.
- Sands at the Beach - 8 Pavilion Unit 5 on the Boardwalk
- Jersey Mikes – 910 N. Lake Park Blvd.
- Huddle House – 201 S. Lake Park Blvd.
- Harris Teeter – 1000 N. Lake Park Blvd.
- Family Arcade – 810 N. Lake Park Blvd.
- Skywalker Flyboards – Freeman Park

Rebuilding After the Fire - One Year Update

Last year, the Carolina Beach Fire Department responded to numerous devastating fires that damaged several buildings beyond repair. The time and effort it takes to assess the damage and clear the site, settle with the insurance company, and deal with all the government regulations can leave many wondering if they should rebuild. Despite the long and drawn out process, the homeowners and business owners of Carolina Beach effected by these fires have decided to do just that!

Steel support beams are all that remained after a fire destroyed a home at 415 Oceana Way. Now the owners are in the process of building a 3,870 sq. ft. home.



The owners of the Sands IV condo building have chosen a contractor and submitted plans to the Town of Carolina Beach to rebuild the 12 unit condo building.



A house on Annie Dr. near the Snow's Cut Wildlife ramp was damaged in a fire beyond repair. The property remains vacant, but the owner plans to rebuild on the lot.



The owner of a house on Virginia Ave that caught fire decided to rebuild this past year.



The Arcade Building was issued a permit last month to repair the fire damage it received.



Town Activities

Boardwalk Northern Extension

The Town has a contractor in place to start building the new boardwalk expansion! Look for construction to start later in March. The project is planned for completion in mid-June.



Town Wide Pedestrian Plan Coming Soon

Award announcements are expected in the near future on a grant application submitted to NCDOT in November for \$25,000 – \$40,000 for the development of a town-wide pedestrian plan. If funded the project will involve hiring a consultant and appointment of a steering committee to guide the Town through the 12 to 18 month plan development process. The project will include analysis of existing sidewalks, greenways and multi-use paths and several public workshops to assist in prioritizing pedestrian system needs.

Recycling at the Beach

On February 12th, Town staff submitted a grant application to the NC Dept. of Environmental Assistance for 30 new “twin bin” recycling/trash receptacles for parks and public areas. The Town has made great strides in expanding its recycling program over the past several years by upgrading curbside pick-up from small bins to 90 gallon roll-out containers, adding approximately 30 double and triple sideload bins in the popular beachfront Boardwalk area, and increased public awareness efforts.

The emphasis is now shifting to creating parallel access at away-from-home (AFH) locations, “twinning the bin” at all public parks, sports fields, festival/special event sites, marinas and public beach access facilities, and the overall central business district.

If funded the grant will cover half of the \$59,000 cost for the bins that will be placed at Carolina Lake Park, Mike Chappell Park, the Town Marina, Canal Dr. public parking lots, and Carolina Beach Ave. North and Hamlet Ave. beach access, parking, shower/restroom facilities.

It is estimated that this program would divert 20,250 pounds of recyclable materials (primarily PET beverage containers) away from landfill disposal per season.



Police Body-Worn Cameras

A grant application for 30 body-worn cameras (BWC) for the Carolina Beach Police Department was submitted to the NC Dept. of Public Safety - Governor's Crime Commission on January 29. There were no Town matching funds required for the proposal. If approved the \$23,811 request will fully fund purchase of the cameras and support equipment. Award announcements are expected in late March-April.

Medical Drop-Box Coming Soon

Once installed it will be located in the vestibule entrance of the Police Department and can be accessed 24 hours a day 7 days a week in order to drop off unused or expired medication. Items that can be placed in the secure drop-box include non-narcotics, narcotics, over the counter medicines, herbals and veterinary medications. We will not be able to accept needles or sharps, and bio-hazardous materials. Carolina Beach Town Hall will be only 1 of 3 locations in New Hanover County that provide a drop off location.

New Training at Police Department Will Save Lives

Naloxone is an opiate antagonist, which reverses the effects of an opiate overdose. In an opiate overdose, the victim's respiratory system is compromised potentially leading to respiratory arrest and death. When people are trained in the signs and proper response to an overdose, a victim's life can be spared and a family's agony averted. Police officers will be fully trained on how to administer the Naloxone injection by the first week in March. Afterwards, they will each have the means to administer this injection and potentially save

more lives.



Fire Department Focuses on Prevention Training for Kids

Fire safety inflatables are very effective teaching tools. They provide fun learning experiences and dynamic mediums for community-based promotional events and educational opportunities. This house will assist our fire department with fire prevention education for children. The house comes with teaching tools which is great for teaching the importance of fire safety and prevention.

Meet Jake

Our new firefighter, Jake, is 9 feet tall! This high airflow design allows our firefighter to walk around inside Jake while remaining comfortable. We will have Jake join us during Fire Prevention Week at the Carolina Beach Elementary School and during Family Night Out.



Fire Department Training at the Harris Teeter Site

Plans for the Harris Teeter are still under review, but the Fire Department will be using the old Jubilee building on-site for training activities in March and April. During training there will be smoke and fire engines activity around the building. Below are the training activities that will be conducted:

- Training topics
- Scenario based exercises
- Search-Large area, search ropes
- Ground ladder
- Engine company/ladder company evolutions
- Forcible entry
- Hose line deployment with structure under "smoke" conditions
- 1410 evolutions
- Firefighter safety and survival- mayday, RIC, Rope/Ladder bailout, low profile, entanglement box, victim removal
- Pump training-drafting, drop tank, relay pumping, nursing, hydrant connection, foam
- ICS-communication, radios

Beach Wheelchairs Available!

The beach is a way of life for many Carolina Beach residents and visitors. Now the beach is even more welcoming to residents and travelers with disabilities and others with limited mobility who are looking for a relaxing or exhilarating day on the beach.

Through the efforts of Island Women, the Carolina Beach Parks and Recreation Department, Carolina Beach Ocean Rescue, and local residents, there are several beach wheelchairs available in Carolina Beach! All beach wheelchairs are available free of charge!

For those looking for a more exhilarating experience or would like to be closer to the sand, we added a WaterWheel chair for the 2016 season! Unlike our other chairs, the WaterWheel not only travels across sand but also floats so riders can actually go in the water on a calm day.



A Few Reminders: In order to better accommodate all of our beach wheelchair users, we ask that everyone follow these guidelines:

- Our beach wheelchairs are for sand only. Please avoid rocky or gravel areas.
- Please report any mishaps immediately. We want to ensure our beach wheelchairs are operating properly and safely for our users.
- Our beach wheelchairs must remain in Pleasure Island. If you will be leaving the island and require a beach wheelchair, other local agencies can provide you access to one.
- Please clean/rinse the beach wheelchair after each use and prior to returning to original location.

Locations: 5 of our beach wheelchairs are located at the lifeguard stands from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Locations for these beach wheelchairs are: Harper Avenue, Hamlet Avenue, Tennessee Avenue, Ocean Boulevard, and Alabama Avenue. Before or after Labor Day all beach wheelchairs are available at the Recreation Center for pick-up. We also have a couple chairs available for reservation and pick up at the Recreation Center from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. If you would like to reserve a beach wheelchair, please contact the Recreation Center at (910) 458-2977.



Upcoming Events



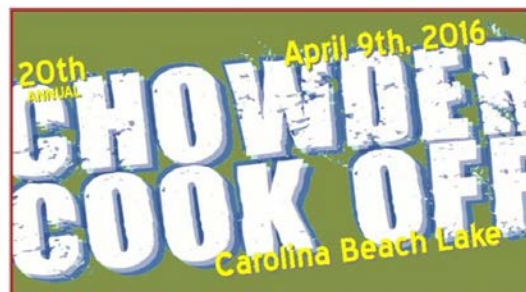
March 5, 2016
10 am - 5 pm
Carolina Beach Lake

<http://www.stepupforsoldiers.org/events>



The 12th Annual
STEVE HAYDU
ST. PATRICK'S DAY LO TIDE RUN

March 12, 2016 Carolina Beach, NC
<http://www.lotiderun.org/>





The Island Montessori Family School Association is excited to present a premier 5K/1 Mile color experience!
Saturday April 16, 2016
Mike Chappell Park
Online Registration: <https://its-go-time.com/tinted-turtle-trot/>



Holland Hustle

THE RACE **Sunday, April 24, 2016**
1:00 p.m. [Carolina Beach Elementary School](#)
Online Registration: <https://its-go-time.com/holland-hustle/>

Carolina Beach Employees

Service Above Self

Cpl. Stewart Henderson was awarded with the Service Above Self Award by the District Attorney on behalf of the New Hanover Rotary Club for his hard work and dedication to the Carolina Beach Police Department and Carolina Beach Elementary School.



Chief Chris Spivey (left) and LT Anthony Marcucilli (right) present Cpl. Stewart Henderson with the Service Above Self award

Lifeguards

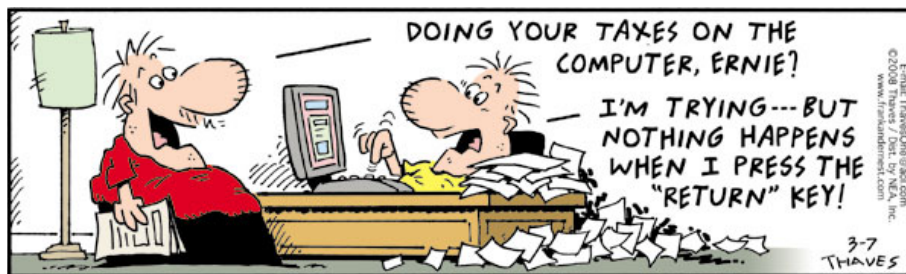
The Town of Carolina Beach will be holding Lifeguard tryouts on April 23rd and 30th at the UNCW pool. If anyone is interested please turn in an application to Town Hall. Once it gets closer to our season we will be able to provide more information.

Employee Spotlight



Lane Britt is a native North Carolinian who is originally from the Rocky Mount/Tarboro area. His family moved to Charlotte where he graduated high school. After high school Lane moved to Carolina Beach to go to Cape Fear Community College. He graduated in 2009 and went on to attend UNC Pembroke where he graduated in 2014 with a major in Business Management. He currently lives here on the island with his wife Annha. Lane enjoys fishing, golf and watching Nascar, but his true passion has always been working with the firefighting service. One of his first memories as a child was a kitchen fire at his home. Since then he has wanted to be a firefighter and around 10 years ago he was finally able to join the Carolina Beach Fire Department as a volunteer. In 2010 he was hired full time and has since worked his way up the ranks to Lieutenant. Lane enjoys working on the different platforms at the Fire Department, conducting training with his fellow firefighters, and the excitement of going out on a call to help others. Lane hopes to continue to learn and advance with the Fire Department and build on the prevention and response programs in place today.

Know Your Insurance - New Tax Forms



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Due to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), you will receive some new tax forms this winter that will provide you with information about the health coverage you had or were offered in 2015. The information below is a very brief summary of these forms, and what to do with them.

The forms you will receive are 1095-B and 1095-C. These new health care forms provide information that you may need when you file your individual income tax return. Also like for W-2, these new forms will be provided

to the IRS by your insurance company and your employer.

Form 1095-B – Health Coverage: Health insurance providers, such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield send this form to the individuals they cover, with information about who was covered under their plan and what dates. The deadline to provide this form to individuals was February 1, 2016. Use Form 1095-B for information on whether you and your family members had health coverage that satisfies the ‘individual shared responsibility provision’ of the ACA. Do not attach Form 1095-B to your tax return. Keep it with your tax records.

Form 1095-C – Employer Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage: This form provides information about the health coverage offered by your employer, and whether or not you enrolled in the coverage. The deadline to provide this form to individuals is March 31, 2016.

Use form 1095-C for information on whether you (or any family members) enrolled in Employer Provided Health Insurance. If Form 1095-C shows coverage for you and everyone in your family for the entire year (if you choose to cover them), check the full-year coverage box on your tax return. If there are months when you or your family members did not have coverage, determine if you qualify for an exemption or must make an individual shared responsibility payment. Do not attach Form 1095-C to your tax return – keep it with your tax records.

While these two forms are very similar, they contain some different information. Form 1095-B shows who in your family **enrolled** in health coverage and for what months. Form 1095-C shows coverage that your employer **offered** to you.

You will use the information on these two forms to verify that you, or your other qualified tax dependents, such as spouse or dependents had health coverage for each month during the 2015 calendar year.

It is NOT necessary to wait for form 1095-B or 1095-C before filing your taxes!

While we cannot provide tax advice, if you have any questions regarding these new tax forms, additional information is available by contacting Human Resources.

Carolina Beach Trivia!

Be the first to answer correctly and win a prize! All responses can be emailed to abby.lorenzo@carolinabeach.org

1. What is the oldest business operating on the Carolina Beach Boardwalk?
2. The first bowling alley in Carolina Beach, part of the Carolina Moon Pavilion, was located where?
3. Geographically, Pleasure Island consists of three incorporated Towns. What are they?



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