

Focus on Currituck

The Official Newsletter of Currituck County Government



Summer 2024

New Website Points Public To Mainland Events and Businesses

Residents and visitors in Currituck County have a new online resource to direct them to events and businesses located in the county's mainland region and Knotts Island. The new Mainland Event Calendar and Business Directory is now available at <https://mainland.visitcurrituck.com>.


The site connects residents and visitors to resources that support mainland Currituck economic growth and development. Business listings are powered by Google Places and utilize geofencing technology. Business owners have access to resources for relocating, expanding, or

opening new businesses in the county. While perusing events, users can search by type, date, or location. The site also provides information on various communities located on the mainland, as well as Gibbs Woods and Knotts Island.

Mainland businesses and civic and social organizations may submit events for inclusion on the calendar. A listing policy is available on the site.


The county's existing event calendar for the Outer Banks area of Corolla remains available at <https://www.visitcurrituck.com>.

Start Exploring



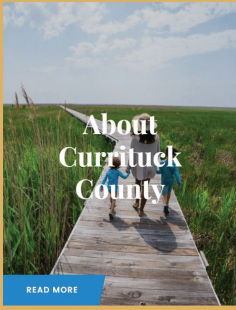
Upcoming Events

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Parks & Recreation Accepting Youth Sports Registrations

Parents may register their children for several upcoming youth sports offered by Currituck County Parks and Recreation, including the following:

- Fall Soccer. Registration deadline: July 29
 - Girls Fall Volleyball. Deadline: July 29
 - Tackle Football. Deadline: July 29
 - Flag Football, Cheerleading. Deadline: Sept. 23
 - Basketball. Deadline: Nov. 12
- Visit the county website for complete information and online registration. Contact Parks & Recreation at 232-3007 if you have any questions.

Narrative Budget Explains Spending Plan for FY 2025

Currituck County staff prepared an easy-to-read narrative budget that explains the county government's financial plan for Fiscal Year 2025. The Currituck County Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan is available for viewing on the county website.

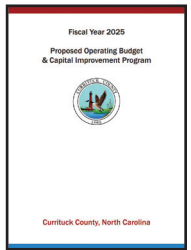
The narrative budget format is easy to follow and provides insight to the various funds that comprise the county budget. It also gives information on policies and procedures that guide the budgeting process for staff and the Board of Commissioners.

Readers can find information on each department within county government and view information on recent accomplishments and future plans. Each department section includes a financial chart that compares current spending with previous fiscal years.

Revenues and expenditures are clearly explained, so citizens can see where their tax dollars are going. Approximately 37% of the county's operating budget will fund public safety and approximately 20% will be spent on education. Citizens can also learn about current and future capital improvement projects planned throughout the county.

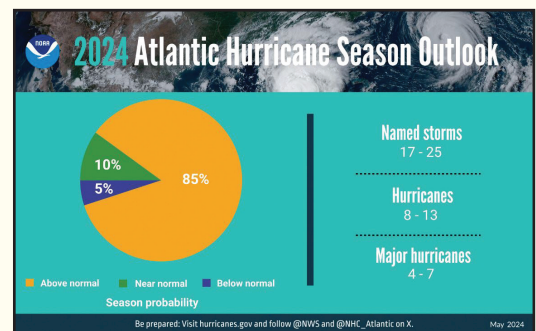
Traditional line-item financial charts for all funds are also included in the document's appendix.

The narrative budget is provided to offer better transparency into the county's financial management. Citizens are encouraged to read the narrative budget and become familiar with the FY 2025 spending plan.



BUSY HURRICANE SEASON PREDICTED BY NHC

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) forecasts an active 2024 hurricane season for the Atlantic Ocean. With that in mind, Currituck County advises all residents and property owners to stay ready!



Turn to page 8 for useful preparedness information.

Find Your Calling with Currituck County!

Join our excellent team of professionals and serve your community! Currituck County provides employees with many benefits, including:

- Competitive salaries
- Health insurance
- 401K contribution
- Employee wellness programs
- Professional development

Find a list of current job openings and applications on the county website. Anyone with questions may call Human Resources at 232-3228.



Currituck County Government

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<https://co.currituck.nc.us/currituck-alert>
- Meeting Schedules & Agendas:
www.CurrituckCountyNC.gov

Contact information for each department is available on the county website. To meet with county staff, please call to make an appointment.

Lasher Earns MESH Certification

Currituck County's Risk Management Administrator recently earned a professional development certification from the state of North Carolina. Victor Lasher is now certified as a Public Sector Manager of Environmental, Safety and Health. This designation is granted by NC State University, the Safety and Health Council of North Carolina, and the NC Department of Labor.

As Risk Management Administrator, Lasher develops and implements many safety protocols and standards to keep Currituck County employees safe on the job. He works closely with state agencies to

provide safety inspections and address worker compensation claims and accident reports to prevent financial penalties for the county. He also partners with county departments, such as Fire-Emergency Medical Services, in promoting safe practices to prevent employees from being exposed to infectious diseases.

More information on the county's Risk Management program is available on the county website.



Smack Joins Corolla Planning Office

Currituck County welcomes Christine Smack, who recently began employment in the Planning and Inspections Department. She is assigned to the Corolla Office as Planner I.

Smack brings an abundance of knowledge and experience to her position in Currituck. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Before coming to Currituck, she worked as a staff

Engineer at Tidewater Utilities, Inc., based in Dover, Delaware.

Now that she is in Currituck, Smack will be an asset to the busy Corolla community as she assists citizens and businesses with their planning needs. The Corolla office can be reached at 453-8555.



Social Services Staff Steps Out for Child Abuse Prevention

Employees from the Department of Social Services participated in a public awareness campaign to promote the need for increased prevention of child abuse. National Child Abuse Prevention Month was recognized in April and staff took part in a walk at the Judicial Center complex while wearing blue.

Child abuse prevention strategies and services offered by Social Services protect children and support parents, guardians, and caregivers. If you know of or suspect a situation of child abuse, contact Social Services at 232-3083 for a confidential report.



Citizens Academy Enjoys Successful Third Year

In April, Currituck County concluded the third cohort of its Citizens Academy. This popular program offers 12 weekly classes for citizens to learn about services and operations from many county departments. During the 2024 Citizens Academy, a class of approximately 30 county residents met with a total of 21 departments, the County Manager, and Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

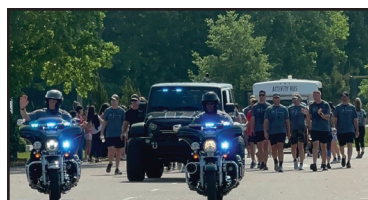
The Citizens Academy visited several county facilities to allow class participants an inside look at offices and equipment. Sites visited included the Public Safety Center, Historic Courthouse, Mainland Water Plant, Detention Center, Cooperative Extension, Animal Shelter, Currituck Senior Center, and Judicial Center. During each presentation, department heads and staff explained their responsibilities, provided tours, displayed equipment, and answered many questions.

The 2025 Citizens Academy will be held from February to April. Look for registration to this free program to begin around the first of December.

Sheriff's Office Joins Torch Run to Support Currituck Special Olympics

Currituck County Sheriff Matt Beickert, Chief Deputy Jeff Walker, and several other members of the Sheriff's Office showed their support for the local Special Olympics during the Law Enforcement Torch Run on May 8.

Deputies joined Special Olympic athletes to make the run from Currituck County High School to the Public Safety Center in Barco's Community Park. Members of the public also participated and came out to show their support for these amazing Special Olympic athletes.



Foster Parents Needed! Contact DSS

There are local children in Currituck County who need a stable, caring home. Please consider becoming a foster parent and filling a significant role in a child's life.

Children are placed in foster care for a variety of reasons. Some have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. Others have parents who can no longer care for them due to medical reasons. Regardless of the reason, each child that is placed in a good foster home has a better chance at a successful and happy future.

Currituck Social Services offers free training and continued support for foster parents throughout the child's placement. Learn more about foster parenting by contacting the Department of Social Services at 232-3083.

Statistics Show Deputies Vigilant in Keeping Community Safe

Currituck County is well-served by an active and dedicated Sheriff's Office that works 24/7 to protect citizens in our community. In the four-month period of January 1 to May 1, the Sheriff's Office received 22,820 calls.

These calls included:

- 3,049 citations and

- ordinance violations
- 910 service/issue paperwork
- 337 sexual deviance/investigation devices searched
- 254 careless and reckless driving
- 193 wrecks
- 184 fraud/larceny
- 176 domestic/fight calls
- 159 warrants

- 42 drug charges
- 32 DWI

Citizens can keep up with information and announcements from the Currituck County Sheriff's Office on the department's Facebook page, at <https://www.facebook.com/currituckcountysheriff>.

"Thank You!" to Primary Election Workers

Kimberly Twine, Elections Director, and the Currituck County Board of Elections recognized the dedication and commitment of election poll workers who served during two recent Primary Elections.

"Throughout the long hours and myriad challenges faced, the professionalism, diligence and resilience of our poll workers shone brightly," said Twine.

Poll workers were responsible for setting up polling stations and assisting voters. According to Twine, the care and patience exhibited by poll workers is invaluable to ensuring that every eligible voter in Currituck County is able to exercise their right to vote.

"Their commitment exemplifies the

true spirit of civic duty and is an inspiration to us all," said Twine.



Become a Poll Worker!

If you are interested in working the November General Election, contact the Board of Elections office at 232-2525.



Election Sticker Design Contest Open for Young Artists

To all young Currituck County artists: You are invited to participate in the 2024 "I Voted" Sticker Contest. Any Currituck County artist up to age 18 may submit a sticker design by **July 19**.

Top artists and the winning sticker designer will have an opportunity to be recognized by the Currituck County Board of Elections and the Currituck County Board of Commissioners. The winning sticker will be distributed during the November Presidential Election to all voters in Currituck County.

Learn more about design guidelines and submission directions by calling the Board of Elections office at 232-2525 or find information on the county website at <https://currituckcountync.gov/board-of-elections>.



Visit Historic Corolla Park for Fun Weekday Events

The Currituck County Tourism Department offers exciting outdoor summer events that local families can enjoy at Historic Corolla Park. This is a beautiful setting on the Currituck Sound and provides plenty of space for free parking and events.

Summer events held at Historic Corolla Park include:

Cornhole Tournaments

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm from June 12 to September 11. Teams compete in a double elimination



tournament with a limit of 16 teams. Competitors must register as a team, with an entry fee of \$20 per team. Cornhole boards and bags are provided.

Corolla Cork & Craft

Wednesdays, 3:00-7:00 pm, from June 12 to September 11. Enjoy local wine, beer, cocktails, live music, and curated local craft artisans Admission to this event is free. Beer, wine, food, crafts and cocktails will be available for purchase.



You may purchase beer and wine by the glass or by the bottle. There will be no free tastings at this event.

Free Yoga Classes

Thursdays at 7:30 am, June 6 to September 5. An all-levels, 60-minute Yoga class includes guided meditation, breath work, and a series of seated and standing postures. Bring a yoga mat, beach towel or tapestry, plenty of water, and sun protection.



Volunteers Welcome at Local Fire Departments

Learn about the many ways you can participate as a volunteer at one of Currituck County's volunteer fire departments! There is a variety of roles for volunteers, from manning a hose at an active fire scene to helping at events.

Each one of Currituck's volunteer fire departments would benefit from additional volunteers. Visit your local fire station to learn about volunteer opportunities, or call the county's volunteer coordinator at 232-7746 ext. 4001.

Water Plant Expansion Increases Treatment Capacity

On May 8, the Water Department had a successful start-up of the third reverse osmosis water treatment train at the Mainland Water Treatment Plant. This addition can produce 750,000 gallons per day of treated water.

Combined with a new well supplying additional raw water to the Mainland Water Treatment Plant, Currituck can provide a reliable 2.25 million gallons per day of potable water to Mainland water customers. Thanks to the many Currituck County employees who helped make this project successful!

Currituck County completed a similar expansion at the Southern Outer Banks Water System. The treatment plant there was also expanded by an additional 750,000 gallons per day. These two projects are part of the county's commitment to improving infrastructure and planning for continued growth in the future.

The photo below shows county employees working with the equipment contractor to pack each new train tube with microfiltration membranes.



Currituck Schools Work Closely with County Gov on Incident Training

Officials from Currituck County Schools and county government public safety departments have held multiple sessions this spring to review and enhance safety plans related to a serious incident occurring at a county school.

For years, the schools have worked with the Sheriff's Office, Fire-Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, and 911 Communications to plan and train for an active shooter or other type of critical incident. Each school has a set of documented plans to help guide staff throughout such an incident and coordinate with the emergency responders.

A primary focus of this year's training is the post-incident reunification process that would occur to reunite parents with their children. As one can imagine, this would be a complex procedure, with many factors to consider.

Currituck personnel have been working closely with experts

from On Target Preparedness, a firm that specializes in emergency planning for critical incidents. On Target led staff through scenarios that involved the need for a mass emergency response and reunification at an off-campus location.

Discussion topics included specific roles and responsibilities of school staff, notifying parents and the public, deciding upon a reunification site, and safety and protocols at the reunification site. These types of tabletop exercises help staff identify specific needs and develop action plans.

While everyone certainly hopes these emergency plans are never needed, the school system and county government are working in tandem to be prepared.



Senior Centers Staying Active through the Summer

Currituck County's Aging and Senior Services Department offers fun and informative activities at three locations in the county. Senior centers are located in Barco, Knotts Island, and Powells Point. Each site provide free activities for county residents age 55 and older.

Below is a list of some upcoming programs planned for July, August, and September. For a full list of classes, trips, and activities, visit the county website at <https://currituckcountync.gov/senior-services/>.

July

- String Art craft class (2-week session)
- Bunco and dinner
- Tidewater Winds concert
- Mystery Trip (Barco/Powells Point centers)
- Farmers Market (voucher recipients)
- Health Education program
- Bonsai (Knotts Island center)

August

- Annual Sock Hop
- Sea Glass craft class (Moyock Library)
- Rivers Casino trip
- Norfolk Tides night baseball game trip
- "Stocking Your Pantry with Homemade Spices" by Sheila Gregory
- Farmers Market (voucher recipients)
- 6 week Drumming class (Barco center)

September

- Annual Volunteer Banquet (by invitation)
- Mystery Bingo
- "Fall Gardening" by Chris Blaha and Shelia Gregory
- Colonial Downs trip
- Norfolk Tides night baseball game trip
- Corolla Yoga

- Corolla CPR & First Aid presentation
- Goodbye to Summer Luau (Knotts Island center)

Aging in Place Conference

Aug. 22 at Camp Cale in Hertford. Topics covered will include Medicare, Advance Directives, Wills, Trust, and Pre-funeral arrangements.

The Currituck Senior Center will have specific details on registration and transportation in the July Senior Center Newsletter.

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior Program

Sept. 12, 10:30 am at the Barco center. This program teaches how to decode behavioral messages, identify common triggers, and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavior challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

This program serves as a precursor to the start of a new monthly **Alzheimer's Support Group** that will take place at the Currituck Senior Center in Barco every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30 am. Call 232-3505 for more information.

Interested in a Book Club or Walking Club?

The senior center in Barco is establishing an "Interest Only" list of names that may want to participate in a Book Club or Walking Club in the future. If you would like to participate in either club, call the senior center at 232-3505 to place your name on the list.

If a new activity or service is established in the future, all details will be provided in the Senior Center Newsletter.

Currituck County Senior Centers

Currituck Senior Center & Administrative Office
130 Community Way
Barco, NC 27917
232-3505

Knotts Island Senior Center
126 Brumley Road
Knotts Island, NC 27950
232-6106

Powells Point Senior Center
8011 Caratoke Highway
Powells Point, NC 27966
491-8173

Find updated information on programs and events at <https://currituckcountync.gov/senior-services>

Sign up for the free Senior Center newsletter!
Call 232-3505.

What it means to be a Home Delivered Meals Volunteer

"When I moved to Moyock, I wanted to get involved in the community and I wanted to volunteer. That's when I found the HD Meals Program. I love it! This is what I really want to do."

- Jan, 77

Learn about volunteering! Call the Senior Center at 232-3505.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Investing in Mackay Island NWR and Currituck NWR

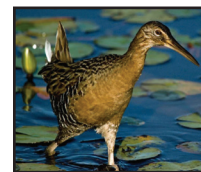
Two National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) in Currituck County have been selected as participants in a federal initiative to protect and restore coastal ecosystems. The Department of the Interior will disburse funding included in the Inflation Reduction Act to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to be used for projects that promote coastal resiliency and climate adaptation.

Projects identified include two within Currituck County.

At Mackay Island NWR, a living shoreline construction will reduce wave action, trap sediment, and protect high priority sites for wildlife. It will also help protect valuable marsh and wetland habitats to improve water quality and lessen severity of storm surge flooding.

Mackay Island includes nearly 10,000 acres, most of which is located on Knotts Island. The refuge has recorded 187 species of birds, including the King Rail

(photo), and is also home to a variety of reptiles, amphibians and mammals.



At the Currituck NWR in Corolla, a living shoreline construction will stabilize and slow the loss of marsh habitat on Monkey Island, as well as reducing wave action and trapping sediment.

Learn about visiting these natural

wonders on these websites:

• Mackay Island NWR - www.fws.gov/refuge/mackay-island

• Currituck NWR - www.fws.gov/refuge/currituck



Extension Programs Plant Seeds of Knowledge

Visit the Cooperative Extension website for a complete list of upcoming classes and events, including the following:

Family & Consumer Sciences

Medicare Counseling

If you are soon to be on Medicare and feel overwhelmed with your options, schedule an appointment with one of our trained counselors to help you sort through your options. Visits are by appointment only.

Fermentation Series

Join us for a series of fermentation classes in September and October including sauerkraut, kimchi, and more. All participants will go home with a starter culture and a kit to help their fermentation be a success.

ServSafe Food Service Managers Training

Currituck and Camden County are teaming up to offer the ServSafe Manager Certification 14-hour course and test several times this year. Join us in September at the Currituck Extension Office

4-H & Youth Development

Summer Fun 2024

The 4-H Summer Camp Program is open for registration. There are a wide variety of whole and half day camps, providing several opportunities that will interest your kids and help keep them engaged during the summer months. We are excited to again offer Camp Mesowannago 4-H Day Camp in the various communities within the county.

Super “STEM” Week

Aug. 5-16. A series of interactive STEM workshops. Makey Makey circuit building, Scratch and Arduino Coding, AI activities and Parrot Mambo Drones are all on the agenda. Details and registration links are on our website.

Fashion a Fish

Sept. 13. Learn about fish habitats, types of fish in local habitats, and what happens when a habitat changes slowly or catastrophically.

Participants will learn how aquatic animals adapt to changes and will fish in the ponds.

Cloverbud Adventures

Sept. 13, ages 5-7. Healthy Cloverbuds: Fitness, Fun, & Healthy Choices. Activities are designed for our youngest 4-H'ers.

Kayaking the Perquimans River

Sept. 14. Explore our natural environment while kayaking the beautiful waterways of northeastern NC. Wildlife, water and wetlands provide an abundance of interesting experiences and a beautiful landscape for learning.

Happy Trails Horse Camp

Sept. 27. Learn basic horsemanship and care of horses with some light riding. Participants will also learn about other horse related activities like horse bowl and horse judging.

Currituck 4-H Poultry Show

Sept. 27. Join us for a day filled with feathered fun, friendly competition, and creative expression. This year's show will feature exciting activities and competitions for youth of all ages, highlighting the beauty and diversity of poultry. Look online for workshops leading up to the Poultry Show.

Agriculture

Terrariums

Craft a lush oasis at a July terrarium class, where you'll learn how to design, plant, and care for your very own miniature garden enclosed within glass. Each participant will leave with a beautifully crafted terrarium.

Northeast Agriculture Expo

July 25 at TBS Farms in Perquimans County, 1178 Lake Rd, Hertford, NC, 7:45 am - 1:00 pm. Test plots will focus on soybean and corn production. The event starts with a trade show, followed by educational tours of the research plots and grain bin economics, and a catered lunch.

Creating Succulent Gardens

August succulent gardening class led by Manzer's Nursery. Participants will create succulent

planters bursting with color. All materials provided.

Fall Vegetable Gardening

August Fall Vegetable Gardening class, learn all you need to know to have success this fall.

Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification

NC Private Pesticide Applicator licenses expiring in 2024 need 2 hours of X credit and 2 hours of V credit by Sept. 30. Call Extension to see how many credits you have for the current license period. Currituck Extension will offer one X credit opportunity and one V credit opportunity prior to the end of September.

Master GardenerSM Volunteer Training

Consider becoming a part of the Extension Master GardenerSM volunteers! The program takes thirteen weeks to complete and meets twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, September - December.

**NC Cooperative Extension
Currituck County Center**
120 Community Way, Barco
232-2261

Cooperative Extension is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, for consultations on a variety of topics. We offer education and services in agriculture, food and nutrition, 4-H youth development, environmental and natural resources, home and families, and community and rural development.

Visit our website and social media for information and program registration:

- Website: currituck.ces.ncsu.edu
- Facebook: @CurrituckCES
- Twitter: @CurrituckCES
- Instagram: @CurrituckCES
- Youtube: @CurrituckCES
- Eventbrite: go.ncsu.edu/currituckeventbrite

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. Contact us no later than 10 business days before the event or visit.

Save the Date: October 5

- Planes & Plows •



- Race on the Runway •

Come join Currituck County, Currituck Regional Airport, and NC Cooperative Extension for “Race on the Runway,” a new running event on October 5, 2024. This special event includes a kids’ fun run, 5k, and the area’s only 10k. You’ll get to run on the airport’s taxiway and the service roads while planes are taking off and landing!

Visit www.tarmac10k.com to sign up. All proceeds go to a local group that works with children who have been abused or trafficked. Race on the Runway is held in conjunction with Planes and Plows, so enjoy plenty of other festivities after running.

Read all about it! Currituck Library Summer Programs

Summer Reading Program

Available at Barco, Corolla, and Moyock branches, June 12 - July 31.

- Children's Programs: Weekly story times (age 2-5); weekly events (age 6-11), and ReadSquared Digital Reading Log.
- Teen Programs (age 12-17): Road Trip to Adventure Reading Challenge
- Adult Program (age 18+): Wild Adventure Reading Challenge

Genealogy

- **Genealogy Clinic** - Help with your genealogical research. Call Barco or Moyock library.
- **Genealogy Kids' Kits** - Includes a family history booklet, family tree charts, family member interview questions, family tradition worksheet, and more.
- **Genealogy Courses on Demand** - Six videos available for individual viewing. Call Barco or Moyock library.

Follow us online!

Find the latest news from the Currituck Public Library by following @curritucklib on Facebook and Instagram.



Summer Reading Storytimes: Ages 2-5

<p>Moyock Library: Thursdays at 10:00 AM Registration is required and will begin June 10. Please call 252-453-8345.</p> <p>July 11: Beach July 18: Dinosaurs July 25: Pete the Cat</p>	<p>Barco Library: Tuesdays at 10:00 AM Registration is required and will begin June 5. Please call 252-453-8345.</p> <p>July 9: Arr...Pirates! July 16: Fabulous Frogs July 23: Fun at the Beach</p>
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<p>Barco Library</p> <p>July 10 at 3:00pm: Sharon Meade will teach us about the unique wildlife found in our backyards.</p> <p>July 17 at 3:00pm: Smokey the Bear celebrates his 80th birthday by sharing his story and tips for wildfire prevention.</p> <p>July 24 at 3:00pm: Learn about vermicomposting with Master Gardener, Joanna.</p>	<p>Corolla Library</p> <p>July 9 at 10:00am: Everyone is welcome to learn about beach photography with nature photographer, Dan.</p> <p>July 16 at 11:00am: The community is invited to learn about the history of lighthouses with Meghan Agresto.</p> <p>July 24 at 2:00pm: Nature Out Loud musician Paul encourages lifelong learning with music.</p>	<p>Moyock Library</p> <p>July 9 at 3:00pm: Learn about bees and how they help us.</p> <p>July 16 at 3:00pm: Smokey the Bear celebrates his 80th birthday by sharing his story and tips for wildfire prevention.</p> <p>July 23 at 3:00pm: Learn about vermicomposting with Master Gardener, Joanna.</p>
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Summer Reading Program Finale: Ages 6-11

Library Olympics: July 31 from 4:00-6:00pm at the Barco Library; The Barco & Moyock community are invited to end our Summer Reading Program with Olympic games, face painting, crafts, ice cream, and more!

Finale: July 31 from 2:00-4:00pm at the Corolla Library; The community is invited to celebrate the finale of our Summer Reading Program with crafts and refreshments!

Barco Library, 453-8345
4261 Caratoke Hwy.
Barco, NC, 27917

Story Time

Registration required

- Baby & Me (Birth-18 mos) Thursdays at 10:00 am on Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26
- Toddlers (18 mos-3 yrs) Tuesdays at 10:00 am on Aug. 27; Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24
- Preschool (3-5 yrs) Wednesdays at 10:00 am on Aug. 28; Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25

Children's Programs

Registration required

- Children's Summer Book Club: age 8-11, 2:00 pm on July 11, 18, and 25. Discussing When Sea Becomes Sky
- Homeschool Program: age 6-11, Currituck Airport, Sept. 26 at 2:00 pm

Family Events for All Ages

- Bingo - 3:00 pm on July 3, 30; Aug. 13, 28
- "Bored" Game Afternoon - 3:00 pm on July 11; Aug. 15
- History of Lighthouses - July 18 at 3:00 pm
- Grandparents Day Craft - Sept. 7 at 8:30 am
- Puzzle Swap - Sept. 14 at 10:00 am

Teen and Adult Programs

- Murder Mystery Afternoon: age 14+, Aug. 1 at 2:00 pm, registration opens July 22
- DIY Locker Magnets: age 12-18, Aug. 20 at 2:00 pm
- Wine Glass Painting: age 18+, Aug. 29 at 3:00 pm, registration opens Aug. 19
- Adult Fall Reading Challenge: Sept. 3 - Dec. 20
- DIY Terrarium: age 14+, Sept. 19 at 4:00 pm

Moyock Library, 435-6419
126 Campus Drive
Moyock, NC 27958

Story Time

Registration required

- Preschool (3-5 yrs) Tuesdays at 10:00 am, Aug. 27 - Nov. 19
- Toddlers (18 mos-3 yrs) Thursdays at 10:00 am, Aug. 29 - Nov. 21

Children's Programs

- Stay & Play: infant - 3 yrs, Wednesdays at 9:30 am, July 10 - Sept. 25
- New Shutterbug Club: age 8-12, with photographer Dan Kehlenbach, bring a camera if you have one. 3:00 pm on July 18, 25; Aug. 1
- Celebrate National Root Beer Float Day: Aug. 6 at 3:00 pm
- National Pet Rock Day: Sept. 3 at 3:00 pm

Homeschool Programs (age 6-11)

- Fall Equinox customs around the world, Sept. 25 at 2:00 pm

All Ages

- Sept. 28 at 2:00 pm, "Birds of Prey" with Nature's Nanny Wildlife Rehabilitation. Meet rescued birds.

Teen Programs (age 12-17)

- July 17 at 3:00 pm, Learn about Taiwanese culture, tea with Mrs. Holy from Waterfall Blossom Cafe.
- Aug. 22 at 4:30 pm, Make fun shrinky dinks, with snacks.

- Sept. 5 at 2:00 pm, Homeschoolers learn about botany and build plants with legos.

Adult Programs (age 18+)

- July 19 at 2:00 pm: Moyock Book Club discusses Malibu Rising
- July 24 at 2:00 pm: Paint a fun beach-themed ceramic
- Aug. 15 at 3:00 pm: Photography Club, call for information, no experience or equipment required.
- Aug. 16 at 2:00 pm: Moyock Book Club discusses The Island of Sea Women
- Aug. 20 at 3:00 pm: History of photography, colorize photographs with Dan Kehlenbach.
- Aug. 29 at 3:00 pm: Create photo frame art using sea glass
- Sept. 14 at 2:00 pm: Taste BBQ while learning tips about BBQ with Pitmaster Bob Roberts from Redwood Smoke Shack.
- Sept. 17 at 3:00 pm: Create a fun pumpkin craft using yarn
- Sept. 19 at 3:00 pm: Art of portrait photography
- Sept. 24 at 2:00 pm: Make and taste Venezuelan arepas with Raegan from the Global Alliance Club
- Sept. 28 at 10:00 am: Moyock Book Club discusses Nobody Will Tell You This But Me

COA PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN CURRITUCK

The College of the Albemarle (COA) offers courses in Currituck County at the Public Safety Center and the Regional Aviation and Technical Training Center. Both of these facilities are located in Barco, within Community Park.

This allows many county residents to take classes at sites closer to home, rather than traveling to COA campuses in Dare County or Elizabeth City. For a list of courses offered in Currituck County, visit the school's website at <https://www.albemarle.edu>.



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To: Currituck County Residents
and Property Owners

Look inside for news and information from Currituck County Government!

Summer Brings Hurricane Season to Atlantic Coast

The months we were waiting for are finally here. Summer brings warm days, fun family trips, and much more. Unfortunately, it also brings hurricane season. Currituck Emergency Management encourages everyone to update your family's safety plan.

include flooding over roads and property and into buildings. Severe storms may also cause power outages, downed trees on roads, and structure damage to homes and businesses.



All residents should prepare to stay safe during the storm and to manage the aftermath if damages occur. Developing a safety kit and emergency plan **BEFORE** storms arrive are important steps to being ready and speed up the recovery process.

Some questions you can discuss together are:

- How will you receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- What is my evacuation route and where will we go?
- Is our emergency preparedness kit updated?
- How can we financially prepare for this?

FEMA provides excellent preparedness information, including the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit. Visit [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) to learn more.

Being prepared is the best way to enjoy summer

The Atlantic hurricane season is from June 1st to November 31st. Many forecasters are calling for an active hurricane season this year, so be ready!

Focus on the forecasted storm **IMPACTS** for Currituck County as opposed to the storm category. Local impacts in Currituck County frequently



Alert System Provides Key Updates When Needed

A great way to prepare is to sign up for Currituck Alert! This is the county's notification system and timely information will be shared directly to a text message, email address, and/or phone. Register today at www.currituckalert.com.

Hot Weather Safety Tips

Summertime in northeastern North Carolina can include many hot, sweltering days through a combination of high temperatures and humidity. All county residents should be aware of the stress that extreme heat puts upon your bodies while exercising or working outdoor in extreme heat. Older adults, children, and sick or overweight individuals are at the greatest risk of heat-related illnesses.

Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
<p>ACT FAST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to a cooler area • Loosen clothing • Sip cool water • Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve 	<p>ACT FAST</p> <p>CALL 911</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move person to a cooler area • Loosen clothing and remove extra layers • Cool with water or ice
<p>Dizziness</p> <p>Thirst</p> <p>Heavy Sweating</p> <p>Nausea</p> <p>Weakness</p>	<p>Confusion</p> <p>Dizziness</p> <p>Becomes Unconscious</p>
<p><small>Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</small></p>	<p><small>Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</small></p>

National Weather Service

What to Do

- Take frequent breaks when exercising or working outdoors.
- Stop physical activity and move to a cooler place.
- Loosen clothes and put wet cloths on your head and body.
- Get medical help right way if a person passes out or has other symptoms lasting longer than one hour.

Things to Remember During Extreme Heat

- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities.
- Wear loose, lightweight clothing.
- Use sunscreen and wear a wide hat to protect your face.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Never leave people or pets in a closed car. Animals can die of heatstroke within 15 minutes.
- Watch for warning signs such as cramps, elevated heart rate, and dizziness.
- Try to keep your home cool and know where you can go to get cooler or be in air conditioning.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors.

Stay informed of weather forecasts so you can better plan your days and activities during hot weather. The National Weather Service provide excellent information at www.weather.gov.