

Focus on Currituck

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U.S. President, County Contests Highlight 2024 Election

Currituck County voters have a say in a wide range of contests during the 2024 General Election. The ballot includes many races at all three levels - local, state, and federal - and features the United States Presidential Election.

At the local level, Currituck County races include four seats on the Board of Commissioners, three members of the Board of Education, Register of Deeds, and a Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor.

Find a complete list of all election contests on the county website, in the Board of Elections section at <https://currituckcountync.gov/board-of-elections>.

*Turn to page 2 for more 2024 Election information

Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, Oct. 5

3 SPECIAL EVENTS AT ONE SITE!!

*Race on the Runway

*Planes & Plows

*Sheriff's Office Community Night Out

A full day of fun!
Turn to page 3 for info.



Quarter Cent Sales Tax Referendum on November's General Election Ballot

Voters asked to consider additional revenue source to fund public safety in Currituck County

A referendum on the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot will ask citizens to vote "For" or "Against" implementing a quarter cent local sales and use tax. If voted for, revenue generated by the quarter cent tax will fund public safety services.

The Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on July 15, 2024, to conduct the referendum. The North Carolina General Assembly grants counties the authority to levy, subject to voter approval, an

additional one-quarter cent county sales and use tax through Article 46 of Chapter 105 of the NC General Statutes. To date, 47 counties have done so.

The sales tax rate is currently 6.75%, of which Currituck receives a 2% share and the state receives 4.75%. If the quarter cent sales tax is voted for, the rate will be 7.00% and Currituck's share will increase to 2.25%.

QUARTER CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM

WHY IMPLEMENT THE QUARTER CENT TAX?

The Board of Commissioners hopes to ease the county's reliance on property tax revenue to fund county services. The property tax rate is \$0.62 and property tax collections make up 65% of funds in the current operating budget. The quarter cent sales tax can be a resource that prevents, or limits future increases to the property tax rate.

HOW MUCH REVENUE WILL BE GENERATED?

The quarter cent sales tax will generate approximately \$2,370,000 annually, based on current sales tax collections. By comparison, one penny of Currituck County property tax generates \$843,704.

CERTAIN PURCHASES ARE EXEMPT.

The quarter cent sales tax will NOT apply to several items such as unprepared food (i.e. groceries), gasoline, prescription medicines, certain agricultural supplies and motor vehicles.

WHAT ITEMS ARE AFFECTED?

The quarter cent sales tax will apply to items such as prepared food and drinks (restaurants or stores), clothing, household supplies, and electronics.

HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE USED?

The additional revenue will help meet the needs of public safety services. Examples include maintaining a school resource officer position for every school, purchasing new vehicles and apparatus, ensuring competitive salaries for employees, and providing emergency responders with the best life-saving equipment.

USE TOURISM TO THE COUNTY'S ADVANTAGE.

Nearly 1/3 of all sales tax revenue come from visitors. Currituck's successful tourism industry annually attracts thousands of people to the county. By implementing the quarter cent sales tax, EVERYONE - residents and visitors - will help fund county services.

WHAT IS THE VOTING PROCEDURE?

The November 5, 2024, General Election ballot will include the following question:

One-Quarter Percent Local Sales and Use Tax	
Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes.	
<input type="radio"/>	For
<input type="radio"/>	Against
End of Ballot	

A majority vote in favor of "For" allows the Board of Commissioners to levy the tax.

WHEN WILL IT TAKE EFFECT?

The Board of Commissioners must adopt a resolution, in a public meeting, to levy the tax. After that resolution is adopted and submitted to the state, along with election results, Currituck would begin collecting revenue from the quarter cent sales tax on April 1, 2025.



Board of Commissioners

- District 1:
Bob White, Chairman, 453-3040
- District 2:
Selina Jarvis, Vice-Chair, 207-6994
- District 3:
Mike Payment, 619-7565
- District 4:
Paul Beaumont, 207-4220
- District 5:
Owen Etheridge, 455-0586
- At Large:
Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, 339-3531
- At Large:
Kevin McCord, 435-3721

Send an email to the entire Board of Commissioners:
commissioners@currituckcountync.gov

- Interim County Manager:
Rebecca L. Gay, 232-2075
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Megan E. Morgan, 232-0300
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Leeann Walton, 232-2075
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www.CurrituckCountyNC.gov
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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.

Currituck Selects New Voting Machines

Voters will cast ballots using the new ExpressVote secure, paper-based ballot marking system from Election Systems & Software. After a review of available products, Currituck election officials determined the ExpressVote system provides a fully auditable voting solution that is accurate, secure, and accessible to all voters. Just as importantly, the equipment is easy for both poll workers and election officials to navigate and manage.

ExpressVote equipment is ADA-compliant and uses touch screen technology to produce a paper ballot. Votes may be cast using the touch screen, detachable keyboard, or with ADA support equipment. Voters may review their selections for accuracy before submitting their ballot.

The new devices will be utilized at each voting precinct for the November 5 General Election.



“We are thrilled to introduce these new ballot marking devices to Currituck County, making voting easier and more accessible than ever before to every voter,” said Kimberly Twine, Currituck County Director of Elections.

Important Dates

- Sept. 6: Absentee ballots are available
- Oct. 11: Voter registration deadline
- Oct. 17: Early voting begins
- Nov. 2: Early voting ends
- Nov. 5: Election Day
Polls open 6:30 am - 7:30 pm

Photo ID will be required!

Find a list of all polling sites on the county website at www.currituckcountync.gov.

If you have any questions about voting, contact the Currituck County Board of Elections at 232-2525.

Dinterman Wins “I Voted” Election Sticker Design Contest

The Currituck County Board of Elections is excited to announce Kylee Dinterman as the winner of the first “I Voted” Sticker Contest. Dinterman is a student at Currituck County High School. Her design beautifully captures the spirit of Currituck County and features the iconic stars and stripes in red, white, and blue.

“We are thrilled to showcase the creativity and civic engagement of our youth through this contest,” said Kimberly Twine, Director of Elections. “We can’t wait to see these stickers worn proudly by voters on Election Day.”

Dinterman was recognized for her success by the Board

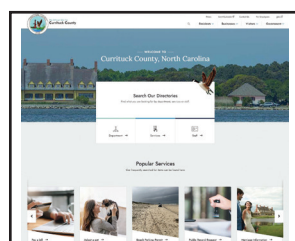
of Commissioners during its September 16 meeting.



Currituck County Launches New Government Website

Online visitors to CurrituckCountyNC.gov will see a new county government website that features many user-friendly tools and attractive designs. The site was launched in July and provides several upgrades over the previous version.

to determine which features are most-used by citizens and tailored the new site to those needs. The result is a clean, professional website that makes it easier for users to find what they need and conduct business with the county.



The transition to the new website was led by the Information Technology Services Department. Over several months, ITS staff worked

2025 Citizens Academy Registration will Open in December

Registration for the popular Citizens Academy will be made available to county residents in December. The 2025 course will run from February 6 to April 24, meeting on Thursday nights from 6:00 - 8:15 pm.

The Citizens Academy provides residents with opportunities to meet county staff, learn about departmental operations and services, and tour county facilities. The class size will be limited to 30 participants.

Departments scheduled to participate include County Manager, Human Resources, Finance, Tourism, Planning & Inspections, Public Works, Airport, Register of Deeds, Tax, GIS, Emergency Management, 911, Senior Services, Parks & Recreation, Fire-EMS, Social Services, Cooperative Extension, Animal Services, Water, and the Sheriff’s Office.

Anyone with questions may call Public Information at 232-0719.

Saturday, October 5th = 3 Special Events at One Site!

All events will take place at Currituck Regional Airport, 264 Airport Road, Maple, North Carolina 27956

1 Lace Up for Race on the Runway

Start off an awesome Saturday with a fabulous new event, the "Race on the Runway."

- Tarmac 10K, 8:30 am
- Flight Deck 5K, 9:30 am
- 1 mile Taxi Trot, 10:00 am



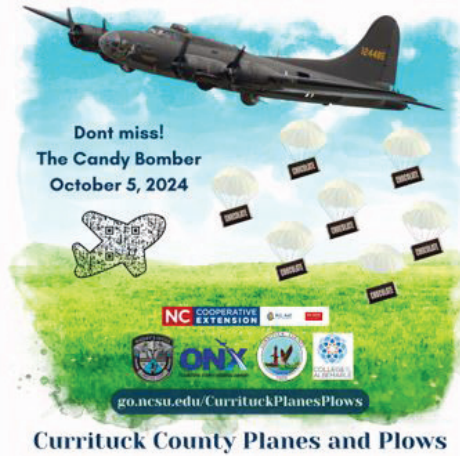
Visit www.tarmac10k.com to sign up. All proceeds will benefit KidsFirst Inc. This race is held prior to Currituck's Planes & Plows, so hang around for plenty of other festivities.

2 Celebrate Currituck's Heritage at Planes & Plows

Following the Race on the Runway, Currituck County Planes & Plows will open its gates to the public at 11:00 am. From then until 5:30 pm, enjoy an array of agricultural and aviation exhibits, interactive displays, contests, music, food trucks, and activities for all ages.

Explore the fascinating world of farming and aviation, and get up close with some impressive machinery and aircraft. It's a day of discovery and learning for the whole family. New this year are the agriculture olympics and a visit from the famous Candy Bomber. Don't miss out!

Anyone with questions may call Cooperative Extension at 232-2261.



3 Stay for Sheriff's Night Out

Cap off a great day by learning about public safety and meeting Sheriff Matt Beickert and members of the Sheriff's Office during the Community Night Out, beginning at 5:30 pm.

Enjoy games, a car show, bounce houses, K9 demos, SWAT airsoft activities, vendors, giveaways, and more. The event has a Halloween theme, so kids can come dressed in costume for candy treats.



Bonus

Stop by the Animal Shelter and Receive 50% off Adoption Fees

Located just down the street from the airport, in Community Park, the Currituck Animal Shelter has friendly dogs and cats waiting for a home. Stop by to meet the staff and some adorable pets!

Data Reveals Significant Economic Impact of Tourism

Currituck County continues to enjoy substantial benefits from the local tourism industry. Data released by Visit NC shows the economic impact from visitors to Currituck County is among the highest in the state.

Currituck received a 4.3% increase in visitor spending from 2022 to 2023 and ranks 14th in visitor spending among North Carolina's 100 counties. In 2023, the tourism industry generated more than \$570 million in direct tourist spending in the county.

The tourism industry also benefits the local workforce. In 2023, 2,502 tourism jobs were created locally. Worker income and paychecks totalled more than \$115 million in 2023.

County residents and property owners benefit through the taxes generated by tourism. This revenue helps keep the county tax rates at reasonable levels, as sales tax and occupancy tax revenues can help fund local services.

The local tourism industry has steadily grown through the past two decades. In 2003, the amount of direct visitor spending was right around \$100 million. By 2015, direct visitor spending reached the \$200 million mark. In

2020, direct visitor spending was just under \$400 million and has continued to rise to current levels, exceeding \$500 million.

For more information on the economic data report, go to www.visitnc.com.

On an Average Day in 2023

Tourist Spending in Currituck County:

- Generated \$104,657 in combined state and local tax revenues
- Created \$59,726 in local tax revenues
- Created \$44,931 in state tax revenues
- Generated \$315,342 worker paychecks

Yearly 2023 Tourist Activity in Currituck

- Generated \$573,350,000 per year in direct tourist spending
- Produced \$115,100,000 per year in worker income & paychecks
- Generated \$38,200,000 per year in combined state & local taxes
- Generated \$21,800,000 per year in local county tax revenues
- Generated \$16,400,000 per year in state tax revenue
- Created 2502 jobs per year (2.67% increase over 2022)
- 2023 Tourist spending increased 4.3% over 2022

Look for '25-26 Access Permits in December Mail

Property owners should receive their 2025-2026 Currituck County Access Permits in December. Two permits will be mailed to each property owner according to information on file with the Tax Office. They will be valid for 2025 and 2026.

Longterm renters will be able to obtain access permits by submitting an application with proof of lease.

Access permits are needed to utilize the trash and recycling centers. They are also used as a beach parking pass and a re-entry permit after evacuations.

Senior Centers Maintain Busy Schedule into Fall Season

Currituck County's Aging and Senior Services Department offers fun and informative programs at facilities in Barco, Knotts Island, and Powells Point. Each center provides free activities for county residents age 55 and older.

These are some of the planned activities coming up. For a full list of classes, trips, and activities, visit the county website at <https://currituckcountync.gov/senior-services>. Please call 232-3505 if you have any questions!

Currituck Senior Center Annual Health & Wellness Day

Oct. 16, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Participants can get a Flu shot, receive information from vendors on health, finances, local and state services, and much more! This is a great opportunity to see what your community has to offer while gaining valuable information and resources to serve your needs. Door Prizes and a FREE box lunch will be provided. Registration is required. Call the Senior Center (Barco) at 232-3505 between Sept. 23 – Oct. 10.

AARP Drivers Safety Course

Nov. 12, 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Gain useful information and possibly save money on your auto insurance by completing the AARP Drivers Safety Course. This is an instructional class only, with no driving. It will be held at the Currituck Senior Center in Barco. Cost is \$20.00 for AARP members and \$25.00 for non-members. Registration and pre-payment are required. Call the Senior Center (Barco) at 232-3505 between Oct. 23 – Nov. 8.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

Currituck Senior Center will host an Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30 am, at the Barco Senior Center. The support group is only for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Registration is required at Tinyurl.com/Currituck919. You may also call the senior center at 232-3505 or email the group facilitator Ellie Galloway at elliegalloway1105@gmail.com.

Do you want to give back to your community? Consider becoming a Home Delivered Meals Volunteer!

Home Delivered Meals volunteers are the backbone of our program and the reason we are able to serve Currituck County homebound seniors with hot meals Monday through Friday. Volunteers play a key role in providing seniors not only with a meal but offering much needed socialization and smiles! Who doesn't need a smile? You may be the only person that they see all day!

Volunteer schedules are flexible to meet our volunteers' needs. The average route requires 1 hour of your time and you can volunteer as little or as often as you want. There are currently ten routes throughout Currituck County serving approximately 65 homebound seniors. Please call one of the senior centers for more information on becoming a volunteer. Sharing your time with a senior neighbor is very rewarding!

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>

Did You Know?

The Senior Center offers:

- Congregate and Home Delivered Meals, Monday - Friday
- Free and low-cost trips
- Wellness events
- Educational presentations
- Regional Senior Games participation
- Free services such as AARP Tax Prep, health screenings, and blood pressure checks
- Transportation through ICPTA
- Socialization through activities such as card games, Bingo, classes, and sports
- Volunteer and community outreach opportunities
- Evidence-based programs
- Referrals to partner agencies for health, support, and home services
- and much more!

For a complete list of programs, sign up to receive our FREE monthly newsletter! Call 232-3505 or sign up on the county website, at www.CurrituckCountyNC.gov.

Get to Know: Lorraine Fitchett

Site Manager, Powells Point Senior Center

Years Served: 8 years

Age: 59

Spouse: John, married 11 years

Kids: 5

Grandkids: 6

Favorite Color: Fuschia Pink

Favorite Thing To Do: Sing

Fun Fact: Learned to waterski at 6 years old

Best Thing About My Job: "I get to be creative and I love my seniors!"



Seniors created July 4th crafts at the Currituck Senior Center.



Seniors at Knotts Island made unique bird feeders during a summer workshop.

Planning & Inspections Department Announces Staff Promotions

The Planning and Inspections Department recently celebrated the promotion of two staff members. Heather Corbell was promoted to a Planning Technician position in July and Kirk Smith was elevated to the position of Building Inspector in August.

Heather joined county staff in 2018 at the Department of Social Services.



From 2022-2023 she worked in the Water Department, and transitioned to the Planning staff in 2023 as a Permit Technician. In her new role, Heather will support citizens with their planning and zoning needs.

“Heather’s extensive experience and deep understanding of our county’s operations make her a valuable asset to our team. We are confident that Heather’s skills and dedication will greatly benefit our community as we continue to grow and develop,”

said Bill News, Director of Planning and Inspections.

Kirk started working with the county in February as a Code Enforcement Officer. He will use his strong professional background to help the county’s efforts in growth and development. Kirk has more than 26 years of relevant experience, including a distinguished career in the United States Navy. He has an extensive background in quality assurance, maintenance, and operations.



“Kirk’s commitment to excellence and his strong professional background will be invaluable assets as we continue to support and oversee Currituck County’s growth and development. We are confident that his skills and experience will greatly benefit our team and the community we serve,” News said.

Trash Container Ordinance Updated for Off-Road Area

The Board of Commissioners amended the Code of Ordinances Section 11-29, which addresses trash container storage. The amendments are intended to reduce the number of intrusions by wild animals.

Residential units in the off-road area that utilize a commercial trash pickup service must have an animal-proof enclosure to store trash containers. Specifications and examples can be found on the county website, in the Planning section.



Off-road property owners or residents who dispose of their own solid wastes at a county solid waste convenience site are not required to have a trash container enclosure.

In the off-road area, each residential unit must have a minimum of four trash containers and one recycling container. Vacation properties must have one trash container per bedroom, with a minimum of four and maximum of ten containers. Vacation rentals must also have one recycling container for every three trash containers. Trash must be removed from the property at least two times per week.

Currituck Schools Welcome Students Back for 2024-25

In August, Currituck County Schools welcomed a record number of students and staff for the 2024-2025 school year!. With a commitment to student success, CCS embarks on Year 4 of its comprehensive District and Curricular Strategic Plans.

Last school year, the North Carolina Department of Instruction honored CCS with the Purple Star Award designation, recognizing its military-friendly practices and commitment to military students and families. CCS also proudly became a Blue Ribbon Award Winner for communication, receiving silver and gold recognitions

from the North Carolina School Public Relations Association. More recently, CCS announced its district-wide Cognia Accreditation.

Community members may volunteer by helping in a classroom, mentoring a student, or supporting extracurricular activities. Contact a nearby school to learn how to volunteer. CCS also encourages citizens to attend Board of Education meetings. The meeting schedule is available on the district website at www.currituck.k12.nc.us. For the latest news, updates, and events, follow CCS on social media.

Watch out for school buses on the road and help keep students safe!

North Carolina's law on stopping for a school bus
All traffic must stop for a stopped bus, unless it is on a road of four or more lanes with a median or center turning lane. In those instances, oncoming traffic does not have to stop because children will not be crossing the road to reach the bus. Traffic following a bus must always stop with the bus. If in doubt, always stop for a stopped bus.

- Two-lane road**
All traffic from both directions must stop.
- Two-lane road with a center turning lane**
All traffic from both directions must stop.
- Four-lane road without a median separation**
All traffic from both directions must stop.
- Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation**
Only traffic following the school bus must stop.
- Road of four lanes or more with a center turning lane**
Only traffic following the school bus must stop.

Source: N.C. Department of Transportation
CASSANDRA SHERILL/JOURNAL

Code Reminder: Parking of Certain Vehicles in Residential Areas

Citizens should be aware that parking certain types of vehicles in residential districts may violate the Code of Ordinances.

Heavy Trucks, Trailers, and Major Recreational Equipment

The continual parking on streets or in residential areas is prohibited for vehicles with more than two axles or exceeds 13,000 lbs or 2.5 tons of GVWR. Recreational vehicles may be stored in the rear yard of a personal residence, at least 10 feet from all lot lines.

Inoperable Vehicles

Each residential property is allowed only one on the property.

Junk Car Ordinance

A vehicle is considered abandoned if it is in the right of way longer than seven days, on county property longer than 24 hours, or on private property without consent longer than 2 hours. A vehicle is considered junked if it does not have a current license plate, is damaged or wrecked, cannot move under its own power, or is more than five years old and appears worth less than \$100. A lot can have no more than one vehicle which does not have a current license plate.

Anyone with questions may contact Code Enforcement at 232-3055.

Find Programs for All Ages at Cooperative Extension

The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Center in Currituck County offers a variety of informative and fun programs. Visit the Extension website for a complete list of upcoming events, including the following:

Family & Consumer Sciences

Make-Ahead Meals Class

Join us in October and learn how to prepare delicious, ready-to-go meals that save time and stress during busy evenings.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare Beneficiaries are eligible to review and/or change their Part D, drug coverage, every year from Oct. 15 - Dec. 7. We can help you navigate the election period, known as SHIP, Senior Health Insurance

Information Program.

- Call us at 232-2261 to schedule a consultation with a trained counselor.
- Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare coverages and enroll in new plans.
- Contact NC SHIP at 1-855-408-1212.

Save the Date: Holiday Parade

Dec. 6. Reindeer Games begin at 6:00 pm; Tree Lighting at 6:30 pm; and Holiday Parade at 7:00 pm. This year's theme is "Christmas Around the World." Anyone interested in participating in the parade may contact Sheila Gregory at Sheila_Gregory@ncsu.edu.

4-H & Youth Development

Cloverbud Adventures

Activities for ages 5-7. 2:00 pm on

- Oct. 11: SuperSafe Cloverbuds
- Nov. 22: Cloverbud Superstars
- Dec. 20: Cloverbuds Celebrate

The Great Outdoors: Kayak

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

- Oct. 14: Great Dismal Swamp
- Nov. 4: Historic Edenton

Agriculture

Demonstration Sites

Hands-on learning opportunities at sites that showcase a variety of agricultural and horticultural practices you can use at your own farm or landscape.

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. 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



Left: Currituck County delegates participated at the NC State 4-H Horse Show.



Right: Currituck County had many youth members deliver 4-H presentations.

Animal Services Department Fills Vital Role in County

The Department of Animal Services and Control operates the animal shelter and provides animal control services for the citizens of Currituck County. The staff handles all aspects of domesticated animal safety and welfare concerns, and ensures proper care and accommodations are provided for animals in the county.

The animal shelter has a dedicated staff that provides adoption of pets, processes the release of reclaimed pets, educates the public on animal care, and maintains a clean and

healthy environment for shelter pets.

Animal Control Officers are committed to enforcing the Currituck County Ordinances and the North Carolina General Statutes, such as the countywide restraint ordinance. Officers respond to emergency and routine calls for assistance, which includes investigating cruelty and neglect reports. They also investigate reports of animal bites and quarantine animals if necessary.

Volunteers are welcome to

perform various tasks, including socializing the cats, dogs, and other animals at the shelter. The shelter receives volunteers during the hours of 12:00 - 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Please call the shelter at 453-8682 to learn more.



See how to make a donation to the Animal Shelter and view the Amazon Wishlist at <https://currituckcountync.gov/animal-services-control/animal-donate>.

Volunteer with a Currituck VFD

Join one of Currituck County's volunteer fire departments and help increase community safety! There are many ways for volunteers to participate, from responding to an active fire scene or critical incident to helping at fundraising events.

Visit your local fire station to meet the staff and learn about volunteer opportunities. You can also call the county's volunteer coordinator at 232-7746 ext. 4001, for more information.

Kehlenbach Given Grace Austin Award

Dan Kehlenbach, a local photographer, is the winner of the Currituck Public Library 2023-2024 Grace Austin Award.

Established in 1999, the Grace M. Austin Award is awarded annually to a person or organization who has made exceptional contributions to the Currituck Public Library.

Dan is a passionate nature photographer with more than 30 years of experience behind the lens. By volunteering his time, talent, and dedication, he has enabled the Currituck Library to offer several new programs, including Introduction to Photography classes for adults, teens, and homeschoolers; Moyock's Adult Photography Club; and the Shutterbug Club for children.

Dan is also a pastel artist and poet, and has taught classes at the library. His dedication and support to the community has been remarkable and we are grateful for Dan's willingness to share his time and expertise with the citizens of Currituck County.



Upcoming Classes & Events at Currituck Library

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

Call for class information and registration.

Fall Story Time

Registration required

- Baby & Me (Infant-18 mos) Thursdays at 10:00 am on Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24
- Toddlers (18 mos-3 yrs) Tuesdays at 10:00 am on Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 12, 19
- Preschool (3-5 yrs) Wednesdays at 10:00 am on Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 13, 20

Homeschool Programs

Age 6-11, registration required

- Oct. 10, 2:00 pm: Fire Prevention Week with Fire-EMS Department
- Nov. 21, 2:00 pm: Painting techniques with artist LaWanda Anderson

Activities for All Ages

- Oct. 10, 3:00 pm: "Bored" game afternoon
- Oct. 24, 3:30 pm: Harvest Hullabaloo
- Oct. 25, 3:00 pm: BINGO
- Nov. 12-27: Thanksgiving To-Go activity packets.
- Nov. 21, 3:00 pm: "Bored" game afternoon
- Dec. 2-20: Weekly Ornament Make & Take

Tween/Teen Programs, age 12-17

- Oct. 11, 1:00 pm: Decorate pumpkins
- Dec. 20, 1:00 pm: Gingerbread houses

Teen & Adult Programs, age 14+

- Oct. 17, 3:00 pm: Jellyfish and watercolor painting
- Nov. 2, 2:00 pm: Murder Mystery Afternoon

Adult Programs, age 18+

- Fall Reading Challenge, Sept. 3 - Dec. 20
- Parkinson's Support Group: 2:00 pm on Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 with Jennifer Parker
- Oct. 2, 3:00 pm: Beginner Genealogy class
- Oct. 3, 3:00 pm: Composting
- Oct. 8, 1:00 pm: Medicare
- Oct. 15, 5:00 pm: Foster care
- Nov. 6, 3:00 pm: Genealogy Family Search
- Nov. 14, 3:00 pm: Houseplants
- Dec. 4, 3:00 pm: Ancestry Library

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

Call for class information and registration.

Fall 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

- Oct. 1 - Dec. 18: Stay & Play, infant - 3 yrs. Wednesdays at 9:00 am
- Oct. 7 - 12: World Space Week activity packets for pickup
- Nov. 8, 3:00 pm: STEAM
- Dec. 6, 3:00 pm: Happy Huladays crafts and games

Homeschool Programs

Age 6-11, registration required

- Oct. 16, 2:00 pm: Nocturnal insects
- Nov. 20, 2:00 pm: History of candy

All Ages

- Nov. 12, 3:30 pm: Orienteering and geocaching

Ages 10+

- Oct. 24, 3:00 pm: Paint skeletons, goblins & monsters

Teen Programs, age 12-17

- Oct. 22, 4:30 pm: Halloween peeps and graham cracker houses
- Nov. 14, 2:00 pm: Portrait photography
- Dec. 3, 4:30 pm: Make Oreo and chocolate ornaments.

Adult Programs, 18+

- Adult Photography Club, 3:00 pm on Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 12
- Adult Book Club: 2:00 pm on Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 13
- Oct. 10, 1:00 pm: Fall-themed cupcake decorating
- Oct. 15, 2:00 pm: Cool season grasses with Master Gardeners
- Nov. 19, 3:00 pm: Holiday wreaths using ribbons
- Dec. 10, 10:00 am: Adults with disabilities art class
- Dec. 12, 11:00 am: Decorate holiday cupcakes

All Branches

Barco, Corolla, Moyock

Genealogy_Kid's Kits

Pick up a kit that includes a family history booklet, family tree charts, family member interview questions, a family tradition worksheet and more. Bring your completed bingo card back to the library and receive a special surprise!

Genealogy_Courses on Demand

Six videos for individual viewing at Barco or Moyock.

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Trash/Recycling Fee Waivers Due Dec. 31st

The Tax Department will accept applications until December 31, 2024, for Trash and Recycling Fee Waivers for low-income homeowners. Eligibility is based on household income and number of individuals living in the household. Proof of income is required.

Applications are available online by going to: <https://currituckcountync.gov/tax/tax-forms> or by calling the Tax Department at 232-3005 ext. 4054.

Recycle Batteries in Designated Containers

Household and car batteries should not be thrown out with your trash or mixed with other recyclable materials because they may cause fires. Batteries should be placed in designated containers located at each trash and recycling convenience center. In 2023, Currituck recycled 3,740 lbs of household batteries and 40,356 lbs of car batteries.

Ask the site attendant for assistance if you do not know the battery container's location.





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Focus on Currituck

The Official Newsletter of Currituck County Government

Fall 2024

To: Currituck County Residents
and Property Owners

Look inside for news and information from Currituck County Government!

Stay Ready in Hurricane Season

Currituck County Emergency Management recommends that all residents and property owners remain vigilant throughout the 2024 hurricane season, which continues through November 30. Everyone should take time to prepare in case a storm tracks towards the area.

All households and businesses should have emergency safety plans that are reviewed and agreed upon by all members. Emergency safety kits should remain stocked with essential

goods and be handy in case they are needed. Preparation checklists should be made to make sure nothing important is forgotten. And evacuation plans should be considered in case the need to leave the county arises prior to a severe storm's arrival.

The Emergency Management Department staff has provided the reference guide below. County residents and property owners should supplement this list with their own important contacts.

Currituck County Reference Guide



currituckcountync.gov

Public Safety



Currituck County Emergency: 9-1-1
Currituck County Non-Emergency: 252-453-3633
Currituck Alert (mass notification system): currituckalert.com
Poison Control: 800-222-1222

Utilities



Dominion Energy: 888-667-3000 / dominionenergy.com / Dominion Energy App
Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation: 800-274-2072
Piedmont Natural Gas: 800-752-7504
Mainland Water Department: 252-232-2769
Southern Outer Banks Water System: 252-453-2620

North Carolina



Road Conditions: DriveNC.gov
Monitor Flood Gauges: Fiman.NC.gov
Safety Information / Sheltering: ReadyNC.gov

Local Weather



U.S. National Weather Service Wakefield:
weather.gov/akq

Currituck County Emergency Management
252-232-2115
emstaff@currituckcountync.gov

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Sheriff's Office Completes FBI Training Program

Members of the Currituck County Sheriff's Office participated in a successful training operation in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

Currituck hosted a weeklong event for the FBI's Law Enforcement Safety and Survival Training course. Participants included staff from several local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

This vigorous course is designed

to prepare officers with the necessary skill set to survive high risk situations in indoor and outdoor settings. Officers were tested in weapons manipulation and fundamentals, interior structure breakdowns, vehicular ambush and counter ambush, and open air operations.

The training course was funded entirely by the FBI and helps teach local law enforcement how to better respond and protect citizens.



Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball Registration Open



Families in Currituck County can sign up children to participate in the 2025 youth basketball season offered by Currituck County Parks and Recreation. The registration period is open until November 12, 2024. Teams will be organized by age group and gender.

The following divisions are planned:

- Age 5 - 6, coed
- Age 7 - 9, boys and girls
- Age 10 - 12 boys and girls
- Age 13 - 16 boys

Soccer All Stars: Nov. 9

Girls Volleyball All Stars: Nov. 16

Registration is available online at <https://currituckcountync.gov/parks-recreation> or in person at the Parks and Recreation office. Call the staff at 232-3007 if you have any questions.