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Be Prepared Throughout Hurricane Season!

The Atlantic coast hurricane season continues through November 30, so all Currituck County residents should remain vigilant. Major threats to our area from tropical storms and hurricanes include strong winds, heavy rain, flooding, and storm surge. Even storms that pass by off the coast usually create dangerous ocean conditions and rip currents.

Currituck County Emergency Management encourages all

residents to "Make A Kit & Have A Plan". Visit the Emergency Management section of the county website for preparation information or call staff at 232-2115 if you have questions.



Hurricane Erin

Stay In The Know, Even When You're On the Go

Currituck Alert is Currituck County's mass notification system that keeps citizens informed with timely text messages about important situations, such as hurricane alerts. Signing up is easy! Just text CTUCKALERT to 888-777.



Important Storm Preparation Reminders

- Maintain an emergency safety kit for your family and pets
- Review your emergency plan with all family members
- Make checklists for securing your property
- Make sure insurance policies are up-to-date
- Store important documents in waterproof containers
- Make a plan for pets and farm animals
- Discuss possible evacuation plans with relatives and friends
- Monitor trusted sources of information for updates and alerts, such as the National Hurricane Center
- Currituck County does not have pre-storm shelters, so please heed any evacuation orders that are issued

Hurricane Preparedness
Take Action Today

weather.gov/hurricane

- Determine your risk from water & wind
- Begin preparing now, before a storm
- Learn how to understand hurricane forecasts and alerts
- Learn what to do before, during, and after a storm

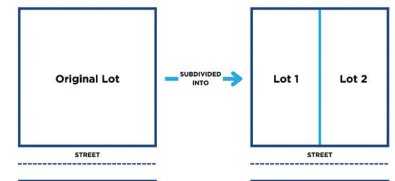
Trivia: How Many Lots Does It Take To Make A Subdivision?

Generally, a subdivision is understood as a neighborhood or residential area where a large piece of land has been divided into smaller lots for homes, with streets, sidewalks, and utilities planned as part of the development.

But did you know that in North Carolina, a subdivision typically happens any time a single piece of land is divided into two or more lots? So, if you split one lot into two, that usually qualifies as a subdivision under state and local rules. Simply recording a new lot by deed does not necessarily create a legal, buildable lot.

All land divisions must be reviewed for compliance with zoning and subdivision regulations, and unapproved divisions may not be recognized for development or permitting purposes.

If you are interested in subdividing property in Currituck County, contact the Planning and Inspections Department at 232-3055 to understand the regulations pertaining to dividing property.



Learn More About Local Landmark Status for Historic Properties

The Joseph S. Dey House was recently designated as a Currituck County landmark. Located at 2757 Caratoke Highway, it is a well-preserved example of vernacular I-House architecture rooted in traditional British folk design. The home is an example of simple yet distinct architecture prevalent in the Mid-Atlantic rural community.

A local historic landmark is a property so designated by the Board of Commissioners as one of special significance due to its architectural, archaeological, historical, and/or cultural importance.

Landmark designation can offer benefits such as eligibility for tax

incentives and recognition of a property's cultural significance. The Historic Preservation Commission maintains an inventory of properties of historical significance that are eligible to apply for local landmark designation.



If you are interested in applying for landmark status for your own historic property, please contact Patrick C. Leary at 232-6032.

Help Pipes Keep Flowing... Don't Use Your Toilet as a Trash Can

Help reduce sewer blockages and overflows by being mindful of what you flush down toilets. Making sure that only human waste and toilet paper are flushed can save valuable time and money on repairs.

Following is a list of common items which should **NOT** be flushed down a toilet. They cause blockages in pipes and lead to expensive repairs, often on the homeowner's property.

- Feminine products and applicators
- Dental Floss
- Q-tips and cotton balls
- Food, fats, oils, or grease
- Diapers
- Paper towels and tissues
- Cigarette butts
- Cat litter
- Chewing gum
- Hair
- Pills and medicines
- Band aids
- Bleach, paint or chemicals
- Rags

Don't let your pipes get clogged!



- Flushable wipes. They do not degrade and cause blockages
- Baby wipes and cleaning pads

Deep Well Boosts Mainland Water Plant

The new deep well serving the Mainland Water Treatment Plant in Maple can pump up to 1,350 gallons per minute of raw water into the reverse-osmosis treatment facility.

Recent expansions of the Mainland Treatment Plant and the Southern Outer Banks Water System are two more ways we're working to provide better service for customers!



Did You Know? In NC, Counties Do Not Build or Maintain Roads

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is responsible for all modes of transportation in North Carolina. This includes highways, rail, aviation, ferries, and bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

North Carolina is divided into 14 regions – referred to as highway divisions – in which the NCDOT's Division of Highways distributes the duties of building and maintaining state-owned bridges and highways.

Each region has an office – referred to as a division office – that receives support from various sections and units within the Division of Highways. Each Division is headed by a Division Engineer. Currituck County is in Division 1.

By state law, road construction and maintenance falls under the jurisdiction of NCDOT. Since Currituck County does not construct or maintain roads, all roads in the county are either constructed and maintained by NCDOT or are privately constructed and owned.

How do I know if my road is state maintained?

Visit NC OneMap - NCDOT State Maintained Roads online to determine if your road is state maintained.

My road is not a state road. How do I get my road added to the state system?

Private roads are the responsibility of the owner/developer or property owners. To request the NCDOT take over maintenance of non-system roads, the property owners along the road must petition the NCDOT to add it to the state's system. To obtain a petition and instructions for submission, contact the NCDOT Division 1, District 1 Field Office at 621-6400.

Who do I contact about state-maintained road maintenance issues?

The NCDOT Currituck County Maintenance Yard at 421-7200.

Where do I report an obstructed view at an intersection?

The NCDOT Currituck County Maintenance Yard at 421-7200.

Why It's Important To Keep Stormwater Ditches Clear

Stormwater management in Currituck County is a challenge that is complicated by low elevations, flat topography, high groundwater tables, and poorly drained soils. Keeping ditches clean is essential for effective stormwater management and preventing problems like flooding, erosion, and damage to roadways.

Ditches are designed to carry and redirect water. When ditches become filled with vegetation, sediment, or trash they lose their effectiveness because they cannot hold as much water and cannot provide effective flood protection to adjacent land or

roadways. Property owners play an important role in keeping ditches clean and clear.

Property owners should:

- Mow ditches to maintain proper water flow and prevent overgrowth that can block drainage. Well-maintained grass also helps filter stormwater naturally.
- Keep ditches clear of debris and trash. Especially during fall months, remove fallen leaves, branches, and organic debris that could obstruct water flow or create temporary dams.

- Never dispose of yard waste, chemicals, oil, or other materials in ditches. These can harm water quality and create blockages.



Trash/Recycling Waiver Applications Due 12/31

Applications for this year's Trash/Recycling Fee Waivers are being accepted now through December 31 for low-income homeowners. Eligibility is based on household income and the number of individuals living in the household. Proof of income is required.

Applications are available at: <https://currituckcountync.gov/tax/tax-forms> or by calling the Currituck County Tax Department at 232-3005 (ext. 4054). Annual applications are required. Applications will not be accepted after December 31.

Volunteer Fire Service Provides Immeasurable Benefits to You & the Community

It's true, volunteer fire service is vital for county fire protection and provides immeasurable benefits. Volunteer fire service is critical in rural communities like ours. **The services that volunteer fire departments provide save the community money by relying on unpaid volunteer time.** The expense of an alternative, county-wide paid fire service would be passed along to citizens as a property tax increase.

About volunteer fire service

There are five volunteer fire departments (VFD) in Currituck County: Moyock, Crawford Township, Lower Currituck, Corolla, and Carova Beach. Each of these departments responds to emergency calls within their respective districts and operates independently from Currituck County Fire-EMS. Fire-EMS provides county-wide emergency medical services and also maintains a paid fire service presence in the Knotts Island and Corolla communities. The paid fire service is funded through an

additional fire service district tax which is levied on and paid by residents living in those districts.

Currituck County contracts with and provides funding to each volunteer fire department for operational and capital expenses. Operational expenses include training, vehicle maintenance, fuel, utilities, insurance, uniforms, and turnout gear. Examples of capital expenses include extrication tools, gas meters, and thermal imaging cameras. The current year county budget funds approximately \$1.8 million to volunteer fire departments which equates to 2 cents of the annual 62 cent property tax.

What does being a "volunteer firefighter" mean?

A volunteer firefighter is a community member who



provides fire protection and other emergency response services in their spare time from a primary job, but there is so much more to it than firefighting! A common misconception is that a person must be a firefighter, or have the ability to become one, to support a local VFD. Departments also need members to provide scene support, community outreach, fundraising, and administrative support.

We're committed to preserving volunteer fire service. Here's how you can help:

Keep our tax rate steady by getting involved with your local volunteer fire department. There are so many ways to get involved and support your local VFD.

Maybe you want to provide on-scene traffic support.

Are you someone who enjoys interacting with others? Fundraising or public outreach would be a great fit for you.

Maybe you enjoy number-crunching and record-keeping? Great, your local VFD would love to have your administrative support.



The possibilities are endless, and we need your help.

Anyone interested in learning more should contact our Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator, Jason Sample. We would love to connect and let you know how you can serve and strengthen our volunteer fire departments. Come join us!

We can help you get started! Contact:
Jason Sample
Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator
232-7746
jason.sample@currituckcountync.gov

Ready to Run? Candidate Filing Will Be Here Before You Know it!

Date	Time	Event
Mon., Dec. 1, 2025	12:00 P.M.	Candidate Filing Begins
Tues., Dec. 16, 2025	5:00 P.M.	Deadline to Withdraw Notice of Candidacy
Fri., Dec. 19, 2025	12:00 P.M.	Candidate Filing Ends

Office	Contest on the March 2026 Primary Ballot	Filing Fee	Term Length
US Senate	Statewide	Files with State	6 Years
US House of Representatives	District 01	Files with State	2 Years
NC Supreme Court Associate Justice	Seat 01	Files with State	8 Years
NC Court of Appeals Judge	Seat 01 Seat 02 Seat 03	Files with State	8 Years
NC State Senate	District 01	Files with State	2 Years
NC House of Representatives	District 001	Files with State	2 Years
NC Superior Court Judge	District 01, Seat 02	Files with State	
NC District Court Judge	District 01, Seat 01 District 01, Seat 02 District 01, Seat 03 District 01, Seat 04 (Unexpired)	Files with State	4 Years
District Attorney	District 01	Files with State	4 Years
Currituck County	Commissioner At-Large Commissioner District 03 Commissioner District 05 Clerk of Superior Court Sheriff	*1% Base Annual Salary Applies to all County races in 2026	4 Years Applies to all County races in 2026
Currituck County School Board	At-Large Crawford TWP Poplar Branch TWP	*1% Base Annual Salary	4 Years

Information is accurate at time of printing however subject to change.

*Denotes filing with Currituck County Board of Elections Office. You must pay the filing fee when you file a Notice of Candidacy. The fee is payable by cashier's check, money order, personal check, or campaign check. Bring your NC driver's license or photo ID for notarization. The Board of Elections Office has two notaries on staff for filing.

For candidate qualifications and requirements, visit the NC Board of Elections website at www.ncsbe.gov. Notice of Candidacy forms are available at the Board of Elections office and online at www.ncsbe.gov.

Mandatory Compliance Training for North Carolina Candidate Committee Treasurers is available online at www.ncsbe.gov. In-person Mandatory Compliance Training will be held at the Public Safety Center on September 25, 2025. To pre-register visit <http://www.ncsbe.gov/Campaign-Finance/training>.



With the 2026 Election year approaching, stay up to date on all things Elections-related by scanning this QR code for a direct link to the Currituck County Elections page, visit us on Facebook at Currituck County Board of Elections, or give us a call at 232-2525!

Saturday, October 11: Race on the Runway followed by Planes & Plows

Come out to Currituck Regional Airport on Saturday, October 11, for two exciting community events: Race on the Runway and Planes & Plows. Both events will be fun for the whole family!

The **Race on the Runway** includes 10K and 5K races, along with a one mile fun run. The 10K and 5K races begin at 8:30 am and the one mile run begins at 9:30 am. Runners will enjoy a course that includes the airport's taxiway, roads, and trails. Medals will be given out to all finishers.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Kids First Inc., a regional organization that works with abused children. For race registration and additional information, visit <https://tarmac10k.com>.



After the races conclude, enjoy family fun at **Planes & Plows**, which is open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Planes & Plows will include a festive parade, airplane flyovers, aviation displays, children's activities, vendor booths, agricultural demonstrations, music, food, and Candy Drop!

Parking is free for both events, along with free admission to Planes & Plows. For more information, visit the Cooperative Extension website at <https://www.ces.ncsu.edu>.



Check Out Upcoming Events at Currituck's Three Library Branches

Moyock Public Library

126 Campus Drive
Moyock, NC 27958
435-6419

All Ages Programs

Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Drop off a decorated pumpkin, Oct. 6-10.
Holiday Mini Portraits: Dec. 5. Free 20-min. family portrait sessions at Moyock Farm Market. Registration begins Nov. 17.
Gingerbread Village: Dec. 6, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Games and crafts.

Fall Story Time

Preschool: 3-5 yrs, Tuesdays, 10:00 am.
Toddler: 18 mos-3 yrs, Thursdays at 10:00 am.
Farmer's Market Story Time: 2-6 yrs, Oct. 20, 10:00 am, Moyock Farm Market.

Children's Program, all ages

Spooky Camp Night: Oct. 10, 4:00 pm. S'mores, creepy crafts, and stories.
Lego Club: Nov. 10 from 3:30-5:30 pm. Drop in and create!
Holiday Craft Bag: Dec. 15-19. Grab a surprise holiday craft bag.

Homeschool Programs, age 6-11

Frida Kahlo's Art: Oct. 15, 2:00 pm.
Stellar Sharks: Nov. 19, 2:00 pm. Shark week in November.
Conversational Spanish: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 2:00 pm. Learn beginner Spanish. For ages 8-12.

Teen Programs, age 12-17

It's Just a Bunch of Hocus Pocus: Oct. 22, 4:00 pm. Crafts, tricks, and treats.
Teen Homeschool: Coding with Python, Oct. 17, 10:00 am.
Teen Advisory Board Launch: Nov. 13, 4:30 pm. Join our new Teen Advisory Board! Share your book recommendations and program ideas.
Talk to the Hand: Nov. 20, 4:30 pm. 90's style jewelry and keychains.

Adult Programs, age 18+

Halloween Sign Painting: Oct. 4, 1:00 pm.
Halloween Candy Bucket Painting: Oct. 8, 10:00 am.
Barn Squares: Oct. 14, 3:00 pm.
Photography Club: Oct. 16, Nov. 13 at 3:00 pm.
DIY Cookie Mix Gift Bags: Oct. 23, 2:00 pm.
Tech Tuesday: Computer Basics: Oct. 28, 2:00 pm.
Creative Writing Workshop: Nov. 1, 1:00 pm.
Gilmore Girls Craft & Trivia Night: Nov. 6, 5:30 pm.
What's this A.I. thing?: Nov. 8, 10:00 am.
Latin Cooking: Nov. 12, 3:00 pm. Homemade tortillas and quesadillas.
Book Club: Nov. 14, 2:00 pm.
Tech Tuesday: Canva Christmas Cards, Nov. 18, 2:00 pm.
Holiday Cookie Recipe Swap: Dec. 1-20. Swap your favorite cookie recipe and receive a free recipe book!

Paint Holiday Glass Ornaments:

Dec. 9, 3:00 pm.
Holiday Gift Tags: Dec. 11, 2:00 pm.
One-on-one Tech Help: Wednesdays from 2:00 -5:00 pm.

Corolla Public Library

1123 Ocean Trail
Corolla, NC 27927
453-0496

Children's Programs, all ages

Creepy Crawlies: Oct. 6, 11:00 am

Adult Programs, age 18+

Fall Painting: Nov. 10, 12:00 pm. Paint a fall sign.
Christmas Ornament: Dec. 10, 12:00 pm. Paint wooden ornament.

Barco Public Library

4261 Caratoke Hwy
Barco, NC 27917
453-8345

Fall Story Time

Toddler: 18 mos-3 yrs, Tuesdays at 10:00 am.
Preschool: 3-5 years, Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

Baby & Me

Birth-18 mos., Fridays at 10:00 am

Homeschool Programs, age 6-11

Oct. 30: 2:00 pm: Create a festive mask with LaWanda Anderson.
Nov. 20: 2:00 pm: Broughton Goodson, Agriculture Extension Agent, learn about agriculture and how food and fiber is grown.

All Ages

Bingo: 3:00 pm on Oct. 30, Nov. 20, Dec. 18.
Harvest Hullabaloo: Oct. 23, 3:30 pm, games, snacks, and crafts.
Thanksgiving To-Go Packets: Nov. 1-26: Pick up a Thanksgiving packet filled with game suggestions, activities.
Weekly Make & Take Crafts: Dec. 1-6: Recycle old Christmas cards and CDs into beautiful ornaments.
Dec. 8-13: Create a gem ornament
Dec. 15-19: Snowflake ornament.

Teen Programs, ages 12-17

Oct. 17: 3:30 pm, Paint a Pumpkin!
Nov. 12: 4:00 pm: ECU Health, provides career coaching on roles offered at ECU Health, chance for tours and shadowing opportunities.
Dec. 19: 12:30 pm: Gingerbread House Ornaments

Adult Programs, age 18+

Parkinson's Support Group: 2:00 pm on Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.
Language Resources: Oct. 9, 10:00 am
Puzzle Swap and Competition: Oct. 11, 10:00 am.
Hunt Clubs & Whalehead: Oct. 14, 2:00 pm.
Family Search Basics: Oct. 16, 10:00 am
Murder Mystery: Oct. 21, 2:00 pm
Fall Luminary Craft: Nov. 4, 3:00 pm
Ancestry Basics: Nov. 13, 10:00 am
DIY Holiday Cards: Nov. 14, 1:00 pm

Extension Offers Great Programs for All Ages!



NC Cooperative Extension, Currituck County Center, located at 120 Community Way in Barco, is open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Learn about agriculture, food and nutrition, 4-H youth development, environmental and natural resources, home and families, and community and rural development.

Upcoming programs include the following. Visit the Extension website for full details and registration or call 232-2261.

<https://currituck.ces.ncsu.edu>

Winterizing Plants Class

Coming in October. Learn to protect your trees, shrubs, and perennials from cold damage.

Backyard Greenhouse Class

Learn proper greenhouse installation, maintenance, and tips

for raising healthy plants.

Farm Forward: Niche Ag Conference - Nov. 14

Hands-on conference with production strategies, equipment techniques and many other skills.

Soil Sampling

Free testing service from April 1 to Nov. 30.

Homegrown & Handmade Contest

Oct. 11. Youth and adult divisions, arts & crafts, canned goods, homegrown gourds, and largest pumpkin. Free entry.

Using Local Food Series

Cook, preserve, and enjoy the freshest produce from our region.

Freeze Drying Class

Hands-on sessions to learn how to safety preserve foods.

Medicare Annual Election Period

Oct. 15 - Dec. 7, review and/or

change Part D, drug coverage. Meet with a trained Medicare counselor.

4-H Youth Council

Club for teens who want to make a difference. Learn leadership and citizenship. Meets 2nd Tuesday.

Discover 4-H Series

Interactive workshops for ages 5-10. New topic each month.

The Great Outdoors: Kayak

Oct. 16 - Currituck Sound
Nov. 6 - Pea Island

4-H Poultry Show - Oct. 3

Youth of all ages, three divisions, poster and arts contests. Prepare with a workshop on Sept. 11.

4-H Homeschool Explorers

Workshops to build real-world skills. Food and nutrition, plant science, and STEM. Cloverbud series special for ages 5-7.

Car Care Clinic - Oct. 20

Perform oil change, change

a flat tire, and other basic car maintenance skills. Ages 12-17.

Equine Science: Horse Bowl and Hippology

For youth to learn about equine industry and veterinary science. Sessions start on Sept. 25.

Dinah Gore Cooking Challenge

4-H teams prepare meals in 40 minutes, learn in a fun setting.

Save the Date Tree Lighting & Holiday Parade

A little elf has told us that Santa will be making his annual parade appearance in Currituck on Friday, December 5!

Come out for the tree lighting and stay for the parade festivities and community fun. Events held at Community Park in Barco.

Parks & Recreation:

Youth Sports Registrations Now Open

Youth flag football and cheerleading registration is open until September 22 for the following age groups: 5-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

Youth basketball registration is open until November 12 for the following age groups: 5-6 coed, 7-9 boys, 7-9 girls, 10-12 boys, 10-13 girls, and 13-16 boys.

Youth sports registrations may be submitted in person, online, or by mail. For more information, call Currituck County Parks & Recreation at 232-3007.

Get To Know Your Senior Services Staff

Stacy Joseph, Aging/Senior Services Director

Age: 50

Employed Since: 2008, 4-H; 2008-2010, Travel and Tourism; 2010-2013, Senior Center Asst. Coordinator; 2013-Present, Coordinator/Director

Spouse: Jason, married 31 years

Children: Alex, 28; Katelyn, 25; James, son-in-law, 26

Grandchildren: Raya, 6 months

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Things To Do: Grandbaby time is the best! Also having feet kicked up, reading a book, and traveling.

Things I Love: Dark chocolate, the scent of vanilla, cool fall days, naps, and music.

Best Thing About My Job: Helping folks and being told you made a difference in their lives.



Residents age 55 & Older - Get Involved at the Currituck Senior Centers!

You MUST wait to sign up until activities are scheduled in the Senior Center monthly newsletter. The activities below are in the planning stages and subject to change. For a complete listing of all monthly programs, please sign up to receive our free monthly newsletter by calling 232-3505 or by visiting www.currituckcountync.gov.

October

- Chrysler Museum and glass blowing demonstration
- Oktoberfest

- Williamsburg Outlets trip
- Butterbean Auction
- Fish Fry
- Health & Wellness Day/Flu Shots
- Pumpkin Carving Contest
- Fall in-house movie
- Nauticus/Wisconsin
- Medicare Presentation (Corolla)
- Community outreach projects
- Bell Choir performance
- Meherrin Indian Tribe Annual Pow Wow (Knotts Island)
- Harvest, Hops, and Cane (Powells Point)

November

- Norfolk Zoo visit
- Holiday Craft series
- Christmas Mouse and The Christmas Shoppe outing
- Health/Education presentation
- Monday Night Bunco
- Rivers Casino (Corolla)
- Bell Choir performance
- Elderly Food Basket Donation Drive
- Santa for Senior Donation Drive
- Elizabethan Gardens Winter Lights (Knotts Island)
- Gingerbread Cookie Day (Powells Point)

December

- In-house Christmas movies
- Post-holiday shopping
- Christmas Mystery Bingo
- Health/Education presentation
- Onley Place Holiday Show
- Senior Center Christmas Party
- Elizabethan Gardens Winter Lights
- Christmas Party Bell Choir Performance
- Cooking Class - Christmas cookies
- Men's Bass Pro Trip & Dinner

Family Caregiver Support Program Now Available in Currituck

Currituck Senior Services wants county residents to know there is a Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) available in our area!

A family caregiver is someone who provides unpaid care or support for a person age 60+ at home. The care recipient can be under the age of 60 if they have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or a related dementia condition.

The FCSP can offer a range of services to support family caregivers:

- Information on available

resources

- Support Groups and Workshops
- Respite care, which is a temporary break from caregiving responsibilities
- Supplemental services, such as incontinent supplies and liquid nutritional supplements

Please reach out to Stacy Joseph at Currituck Senior Services, 232-3505, or to Ashley Lamb, Family Caregiver Resource Specialist with the Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging, at 404-7090 or by email to alamb@accog.org.

County Residents May Pick Up Free Opioid Overdose Safety Kits

Currituck County has opioid overdose kits available that include Narcan, the overdose reversal drug. Materials for the kits are obtained through state opioid settlement funds distributed to counties.

Angela Lottman, Opioid Program Coordinator, oversees the distribution and can help individuals or community groups obtain the free kits.

Please contact Lottman at 273-9632. She can also provide information on additional resources available to the community.



Feral Cat Caregivers Encouraged to Partner with Animal Services

Currituck County is making progress with its new Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program for feral cats. Animal Services & Control began the TNR program in March and by June 30 had neutered 11 feral cats and spayed 20 feral cats.

TNR is a cost-sharing program between the county and private citizens who act as caregivers for feral cats (someone who feeds the cats, etc.). Caregivers collect feral cats in humane traps provided by Animal

Services and the county arranges for medical services. To cover the costs of neutering/spaying, the county pays \$100 and the caregiver pays \$25 per cat. Afterwards, the caregiver releases the cat back to the area where it was trapped.

So far, 17 citizens have signed up to participate in the TNR program to help control the feral cat population. If you care for feral cats and would like to learn more, contact the Animal Shelter at 453-8682.

Fire-EMS First in Region to Utilize Advanced Airway Procedure

Currituck County Fire-EMS is proud to be the first EMS agency in northeast North Carolina to introduce a procedure that protects a patient's airway during critical emergencies.

Airway management is one of the most important steps in saving lives, especially for patients experiencing head trauma, stroke, or serious medical conditions that interfere with normal breathing. With this new protocol, a specially trained group of Currituck paramedics use carefully selected medications to make the process safer and more effective.

our team uses advanced video laryngoscopes, state-of-the-art equipment that improves accuracy and allows each procedure to be reviewed for quality and safety. Every use of this protocol is carefully monitored and reviewed at the local and state levels.



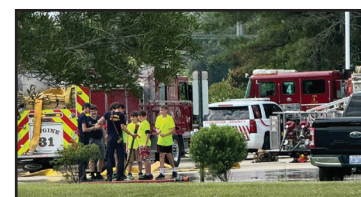
Staff has completed extensive training in the classroom and real-world hospital settings. By using a combination of medications that safely relax the patient, paramedics can place a breathing tube more smoothly and quickly to help protect the airway and provide the best possible support for breathing. To perform the procedure,

Since its launch on June 1, the procedure has proven to be a valuable tool in providing life-saving care to our community. Currituck Fire-EMS remains committed to bringing the latest innovations in emergency medicine to our citizens, so that when seconds count, our neighbors can count on us!

Public Safety Camp Highlights Roles of First Responders

The first Youth Public Safety Camp in Currituck County taught children about many public safety departments and the roles of various first responders. Each day of camp focused on specific experiences with different agencies.

Students were able to interact and learn from staff with the following county departments or partnering agency: 911 Communications, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, United States Coast Guard at the Air Station Elizabeth City, NC Forest Service, local fire departments, Nightingale Air Ambulance, and Fire-Emergency Medical Services. Thank you to everyone who participated in the camp!



Currituck Renews Storm Ready Status

Each year, Currituck County Emergency Management reviews its plans and operating procedures to make any necessary updates that will help it be prepared. This year, staff also renewed its StormReady® status with the National Weather Service. StormReady helps communities strengthen plans for all types of hazardous weather including hurricanes, tornadoes, and winter storms by improving local operations through:

- Clear, consistent weather messaging
- Multiple reliable ways to receive and share warnings
- Ongoing preparedness and outreach events

“While we can’t stop the weather, preparing in advance of the events and knowing the actions to take when severe weather hits

can help mitigate its impacts and ultimately save lives,” said Eric Seymour, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Wakefield.

Citizens are also encouraged to regularly review emergency plans, update supply kits, and follow trusted sources information in order to be prepared when weather strikes.



If you feel like you may need help getting “storm ready”, call Emergency Management at 232-2115.

Gregory Joins County Staff as Veteran Services Officer

Currituck County welcomed Noel Gregory to the team on July 21, 2025. She will serve our community as the Veteran Services Officer.

Gregory is a veteran of the United States Army and is a certified Veteran Services Officer of the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA).

She most recently worked at the NCDMVA office in Elizabeth City.

Gregory will help military veterans learn about their earned benefits and file claims with Veterans Affairs.

Contact her for an appointment by calling 435-4593.



Mid-Year Sheriff's Office Stats Show Variety of Response

The Sheriff's Office responds to a wide range of situations. A sample of mid-year statistics, taken from a total of 39,040 calls for service:

Traffic Stops: 6,678
Citations: 5,245
Warrants/Arrest: 583
Careless and Reckless Driving: 496
Wrecks: 372
Domestic: 274
Property Fraud: 210
County Ordinances: 193

The Sheriff's Office also responded to 122 DWI, 82 CID lab cases, 74 felony drug cases, and 9 water rescues.

Godsey Named District Building Inspector Of The Year

Rick Godsey, Chief Building Inspector for the Currituck County Department of Planning and Inspections, received a District Inspector of the Year award from the North Carolina Building Inspectors Association (NCBIA). The award was announced on July 22, 2025, during the NCBIA annual conference in Cherokee, North Carolina.

The District Inspector of the Year award is given to an individual within the association who has distinguished themselves through their dedication and professionalism, standing out as a role model within the organization. This award is NCBIA's second highest honor.

The NCBIA also recognized Godsey with a 10 Year Service Award. He currently leads a dedicated team of seven building

inspectors and code enforcement officers, setting a high standard for professionalism and service.

“Rick exemplifies excellence in public service. From his technical mastery and leadership to his community involvement and innovative outreach, he has made a meaningful impact on Currituck County,” said Bill Newns, Currituck County Planning and Inspections Director.

Godsey is one of fewer than 200 individuals statewide to hold Level III Inspector certification in all five trade areas and has also earned his FAA Drone Pilot License.



Coultes Honored with “Helping Hands” Award from NCACC



of County Commissioners (NCACC). The award recognizes outstanding public servants across the state who exemplify dedication, courage, and commitment to their communities.

Dave Coultes has been named a 2025 recipient of the “Heroic Hands” Award, presented by the North Carolina Association

Coultes, a custodian at the Judicial Center, was nominated for the honor by his fellow Currituck County employees. Many nominations commented on Coultes’ selfless dedication to his job as well as his friendly and helpful attitude towards co-workers and citizens who visit the courthouse.

Coultes is one of 25 Heroic Hands recipients across the state honored by the NCACC this year. Congratulations Dave!

Fire-EMS Helps Sentara with Hospital Move

In early August, members of Fire-Emergency Medical Services helped Sentara Hospital move patients into its new hospital in Elizabeth City. Staff utilized the medical ambulance bus to safely transport several patients.





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Focus on Currituck

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Fall 2025

**To: Currituck County Residents
and Property Owners**

Look inside for news and information from Currituck County Government!

Helping You Connect With Us! Currituck Adds Instagram Account

In an effort to reach a wider audience with its public communications, Currituck County Government began posting information on Instagram in August. Instagram provides an additional outlet for county news, alerts, photos, and video content.

Currituck's social media presence also includes accounts on Facebook, X, and YouTube. Our Currituck County Government Facebook page offers general announcements, while some departments utilize

their own Facebook pages for content more specific to their services.

The Tourism Department has a large suite of social media accounts aimed towards out-of-county visitors.

Follow us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/currituckcountygovernment>. You can find a listing of all social media accounts on the county website.



Travel & Tourism Unveils Website and Logo With New Branding

In late June, Currituck County Travel & Tourism, now branded as "The Northern Outer Banks," launched its newly redesigned website, offering an improved digital gateway to the region. The website showcases the area's key destinations—Corolla, Carova, the Mainland, and Knotts Island—through modern navigation, rich visuals, and new features like custom itineraries, event listings, and mobile-friendly design.

This launch follows the March 2025 rebrand and reflects the county's goal to clarify its coastal identity. The website enhances how travelers explore local highlights while promoting

the area's unique blend of nature and culture. Visit the new site at northernouterbanks.com.

There is also a new logo reflecting the Northern Outer Banks brand, which conveys our rich history, coastal charm, and natural beauty. The icon of the Corolla Wild Horses is a key figure for defining our destination. It also includes the curves of a sun that could be rising over the Atlantic or setting over the Sound.



Join Us For Local Litter Sweeps

NCDOT's Fall Litter Sweep is September 13-27. Currituck County employees are participating by picking up trash along roads near county facilities. You are invited to help out too!

NCDOT can provide supplies including gloves, trash bags, and pick up grabbers for community groups who would like to organize Litter Sweeps in their neighborhoods. This would be a great way to make a difference in our community and keep Currituck beautiful! For supplies, call the NCDOT maintenance office at 421-7200.

Find Your Career In Public Service

Currituck County Government provides excellent career opportunities. Employees receive several benefits, such as competitive salaries, health insurance, 401K contribution, and wellness programs. Discounted memberships are available for employees at some local organizations such as the YMCA.

Find a list of current job openings on the county website or contact the Human Resources Department at 232-3228 for more information.

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Find meeting schedules and agendas on the county website.

Contact information for each department is also available on the county website.