

# Focus on Currituck

The Official Newsletter of Currituck County Government

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## Exciting Developments Coming to Currituck Regional Airport Include ECSU Flight School

Many residents may not be aware that Currituck County is home to a thriving - and growing - airport. Though no commercial flights are available at the facility, Currituck Regional Airport receives a significant amount of private air traffic every year.

Currituck's is one of 62 publically owned airports in North Carolina. The airport features a 5,500 foot runway and averages more than 30,000 takeoffs and landings each year.

The airport is a state and federally supported facility. In 2024, Currituck received a \$4 million grant from the Transportation Reserve Directed Fund that is

being used to construct a new set of hangars that will house 10 aircraft. In addition, more space will be cleared and prepared for additional hangars. This growth is vital, as the customer waiting list for hangar space includes more than 70 aircraft.

Another exciting project is Currituck County's partnership with Elizabeth City State University, which is expanding its popular Aviation Sciences program. The county conveyed land to ECSU, which will use state grant funding to construct a classroom facility and hangar with access to the airport's taxiway. ECSU plans to house a number of its airplanes full-time

in Currituck County. A March groundbreaking ceremony signals the start of construction for the "Currituck Flight School".

The flight school will create more educational and career pathways for county residents, alongside programs offered in Currituck County by the College of the Albemarle. Look for updates as this project progresses!



## Looking Ahead: Board of Commissioners Developing Strategic Plan to Guide Future Progress

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners took its first steps towards developing a Strategic Plan during its retreat in early February at the Public Safety Center.

Forming a Strategic Plan is a key initiative of the Board of Commissioners and the process will lead the Board to a shared vision that guides decision-making, aligns resources with priorities, and provides direction for short and long-term work plans.

As an initial step, Commissioners developed three important components of the Strategic Plan during its retreat. The Board crafted a mission statement, wrote a vision statement, and

identified four core values to guide decision making. These items were officially adopted by the Board of Commissioners during its February 17, 2025, meeting.

Future steps in the strategic planning process will include identifying long-term goals and short-term action strategies. The public will be engaged through online information and town hall meetings to be scheduled at various locations throughout Currituck County.

Information related to the Strategic Plan will be maintained on the Currituck County website, [www.currituckcountync.gov](http://www.currituckcountync.gov), as it is adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

### CURRITUCK COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Mission Statement

Currituck County is committed to preserving our heritage and providing quality services while maintaining a safe, healthy, and thriving community for all.

#### Vision Statement

A sustainable, economically diverse environment that preserves natural resources and strengthens livelihoods.

#### Core Values

Stewardship  
Sustainability  
Transparency  
Flexibility

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection in April

Currituck County will hold the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on **Saturday, April 12.**

County residents may bring items to these collection sites:

#### **Public Safety Center**

125 College Way,  
Barco, NC, 27917

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

(Shred truck 10 am-1 pm)

#### **SOBX Water Plant**

734 Ocean Trail  
Corolla, NC, 27927

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The collection event will be held on April 12, rain or shine.  
\*Turn to page 3 for more information.

## Health Clinic Offers Local Primary Care

Currituck County residents have an excellent healthcare resource available that offers a primary care provider. The Currituck County Health Department, located in the Governmental Center at 2795 Caratoke Hwy, Currituck, NC, 27929, is open to all county residents.

Clinic services include sick visits, immunizations, family planning, health education, behavioral health counseling, hearing and vision screenings, and maternal health. For more information, contact the health clinic at 232-2271.

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[www.CurrituckCountyNC.gov](http://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.

## Check Out the Latest Job Openings @ Currituck County

Find your next career with Currituck County Government and experience the reward of serving your community. Employees receive excellent benefits such as competitive salaries, health insurance, 401K contribution, and wellness programs. Current job openings are listed on the county website.

For more information, call the Human Resources Department at 232-3228.

## Cost Sharing Program Aims to Lower Feral Cat Numbers

Currituck County Animal Services encourages citizens who care for feral cats to join the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. The TNR program is a cost-sharing initiative that eventually lowers the county's feral cat population through spaying and neutering.

The Board of Commissioners appropriated \$20,000 to fund the TNR program and address concerns brought forth by citizens.

"Starting a TNR program is a vital way to protect the health and safety of our wildlife populations. Feral cats need veterinary care, human supervision, and oversight to prevent long-term issues and explosive growth. The program also provides an opportunity

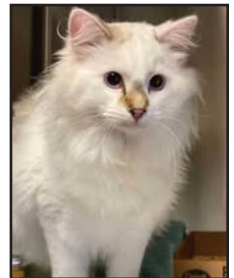
for the county to partner with nonprofits and veterinarians to provide these services at a fraction of the cost," said Selina Jarvis, Currituck County Commissioner.

To participate in the TNR program, citizens who provide food, water, and/or shelter for feral cats must register with Animal Services as a feral cat caregiver. Caregivers collect feral cats in humane traps provided by Animal Services for transport to a local veterinarian. After the cats are spayed or neutered, caregivers return the cats to the location where they were originally trapped.

Currituck County is partnering with Eastern Shore Animal Hospital in Grandy to provide spaying/neutering services,

rabies vaccines, vaccinations for Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia, ear-tipping, and post-operative pain medications. Each package of feral cat veterinary care costs \$125. Currituck County will contribute \$100 and citizens will pay \$25.

Interested citizens may contact Currituck County Animal Services at 453-8682 or visit the Animal Shelter for assistance. Information and registration forms for the Trap-Neuter-Return program are available online at [www.currituckcountync.gov](http://www.currituckcountync.gov).

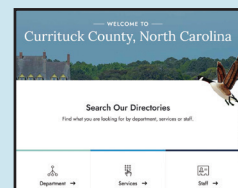


## Utilize County Website to Find Services

Citizens have a great deal of information available to them at [www.currituckcountync.gov](http://www.currituckcountync.gov). The county website includes department information, services, staff contacts, events, public meeting calendars, budgets, and much more.

Use the "Services" tab on the

homepage to help you find specific items of interest or utilize the search box by typing in key words. Information on all services offered by the county is available online.



## Follow Our New Facebook Page!

Currituck County Government recently launched a new Facebook page, after technical issues forced the termination of the old page. Find us now at [www.facebook.com/CurrituckCountyGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/CurrituckCountyGovernment).

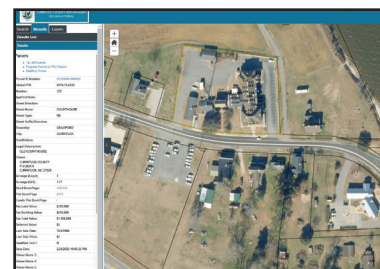
## GIS Online Map Features New Imagery

The Geographic Information Services (GIS) staff recently upgraded the interactive online map with new aerial photographs. The map, available for public use, now includes high-resolution images taken in 2024 by the North Carolina Orthoimagery Program.

The Interactive Online Map is a free tool that provides a wealth of information. Users can search for a property by address, owner's name, street name, global PIN, and Parcel ID number. Property information includes acreage, tax land value,

tax building value, property boundaries, owners, and last sale date. Both overhead and street-view images are available.

Find the map on the county website at <https://currituckcountync.gov/geographic-information-services>.



## Local Veterans Have Resource on Staff

Military veterans living in Currituck County are invited to speak with Rob Cain, the Veteran Services Officer for Currituck and Camden counties, about possible benefits they are entitled to and not yet receiving. Cain is a certified officer who can help veterans navigate the system and receive what they have earned through their service.

To set up an appointment, contact Rob Cain at 435-4593 or email [robert.cain@currituckcountync.gov](mailto:robert.cain@currituckcountync.gov).

# Saturday, April 12 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection

## Collection Sites

### Public Safety Center

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### SOBX Water Plant

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10:00 am - 2:00 pm

This annual collection event is sponsored by the Currituck County Board of Commissioners, NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Currituck Cooperative Extension and LGFCU, with Ecoflo, Inc. providing certified household hazardous waste collection.

Anyone with questions may contact the Public Works Department at 232-2504.



## Typical Items Collected

Aerosols, antifreeze, household batteries, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, alkaline and acidic cleaners, pool chemicals, fertilizers, weed & feed, pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, fluorescent light tubes, mercury, oil-based paints, paint thinners, wood filler, adhesives, caulk.

## Unacceptable Wastes

Includes latex paint, commercial hazardous waste, explosives, ammunition, smoke detectors, asbestos materials, biohazardous waste, infectious waste, needles/syringes, radioactive materials. *EcoFlo, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any waste deemed unsafe to handle or unsuitable for the collection.*

## Property Tax Relief Deadline: June 1

Tax relief is available for lower income homeowners in Currituck County who are at least 65 years old or are permanently disabled. Up to 50% of a property's assessed value can be exempted.

To qualify, the homeowner must meet all of the following:

- Is a Currituck County resident; and,
- Income for 2024 was less than \$37,900 (including taxable and non-taxable social security, wages, disability payments, retirement, interest, annuities, IRA distributions, pensions, capital gains) and,
- Be at least 65 years old, or totally and permanently disabled. (A physician's certification of disability is required for homeowners less than 65 years of age).

Tax relief is also available for disabled veteran homeowners and surviving spouses who have a total and permanent service-connected disability. Up to \$45,000 of the property's assessed value is exempted. To

qualify, the homeowner must meet all the following:

- Is a Currituck County resident; and,
- Has a 100% service-connected disability; and
- Separation of military service was honorable or under honorable conditions; and,
- Obtains a Disabled Veteran certification from a NC State or Local Veteran's Service Center. (Form NCDVA-9).



For more information or to obtain an application, please contact the Currituck County Tax Department at 232-3005 ext. 6037. Forms are also available online at: <https://currituckcountync.gov/tax/tax-forms/>.

## Save the Date: Under the Oaks

Make plans to attend the Under the Oaks Arts Festival on June 17-18 in Historic Corolla Park. The festival will be open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on both days.

This annual event is presented by the Department of Travel and Tourism. The Under the Oaks Arts Festival is a juried fine art show which offers a colorful array of vibrant artworks on the grounds of the Whalehead in Historic Corolla. This popular festival brings together a collection of talented artists, and attendees can expect to find paintings, prints, photography,

pottery, jewelry, woodworks, and much more.



This event is free and local food concessions are available, as well as a silent art auction that is open to the public. This is a great opportunity to pick up some local treasures that are truly one-of-a-kind.

## Tourism Offers Local Event Grants Program

Applications are being accepted for the Event Grants program for 2025. This program, administered by the Travel & Tourism Department, assists non-profit organizations and for-profit businesses in producing quality events that attract visitors to Currituck County.

Funding awarded can be used for expenses outlined in the Event Grants guidelines. Grants awarded to individual events will not exceed \$20,000.

Applicants must be in Currituck County or partnering with a local organization. All events must be held in the county and open to the public.

Applications will be accepted until April 15. For a complete list of program guidelines, go to [www.visitcurrituck.com/business-resources](http://www.visitcurrituck.com/business-resources). Anyone with questions may contact Tameron Kugler at 435-2947 or email to [tameron.kugler@currituckcountync.gov](mailto:tameron.kugler@currituckcountync.gov).

## Operation Santa Provides Holiday Joy for Hundreds

Thank you to everyone in the community who participated in the 2024 Operation Santa Claus! Directed by the Department of Social Services, Operation Santa utilized a generous amount of donations to provide holiday assistance to hundreds of Currituck County residents.

For the 2024 Christmas holiday, Operation Santa provided presents for 616 local children. Operation Santa also provided food baskets for 52 senior citizens in the county.

This incredible success was made possible through public donations. In 2024, Operation Santa received \$16,685.43 in donations from individuals, businesses, and community groups. Donations also provided

\$8,325 in gift cards that were used to buy groceries for the senior citizens' food baskets.

In addition, Currituck County employees generated \$1,705 for Operation Santa through a "blue jeans on Fridays" fundraiser. Employees could choose to donate \$2 each week in exchange for permission to wear blue jeans to work on Friday. This fundraiser began in the fall and continued each week through December.

Operation Santa is a wonderful program that strives to help all county residents enjoy a happy Christmas holiday. Look for information on this program in the fall, or contact Social Services to learn how you can get involved at 232-3083.

## Currituck Schools' CTE Program Helps Shape Students' Futures

Currituck County Schools' Career and Technical Education Program creates pathways to success by equipping students with the skills and experiences needed to "Enroll, Enlist, or Employ". In the 2023-2024 school year, students earned 1,371 industry-recognized credentials, nearly doubling the previous year's total.



With opportunities such as the CTE Internship Program, Career Fairs, access to Paxton Patterson College and Career Ready Labs, and the Be Pro Be Proud mobile experience, and partnerships with the College of The Albemarle and Currituck Chamber of Commerce, students are empowered to explore their passions and develop essential

skills. Annual events like Digging into Agriculture Day, the FFA Plant Sale, and CTE Signing Day celebrate student achievements.

The CTE program embodies the district's commitment to developing the whole student and ensuring that each student is ready for the future.

CCS invites stakeholders to join us in shaping the future workforce! Whether by joining our CTE Advisory Committee, hosting a student intern, or exploring partnership opportunities, your support makes a lasting impact. Visit the district website, [www.currituck.k12.nc.us](http://www.currituck.k12.nc.us) to learn more.



## Sheriff's Office Responded to 67,000+ Calls in 2024

The Currituck County Sheriff's Office was very busy keeping our community safe in 2024. During the year, deputies responded to 67,302 calls for law enforcement services throughout the county.

The reason for the highest number of calls was traffic stops. In 2024, deputies made 10,447 traffic stops. The category for the second-highest amount of calls was citations and ordinance violations, with 8,910.

In relation to traffic stops, the Sheriff's Office recorded 172 DWI stops. Deputies also responded to 537 wrecks during the year.

Additional calls for law enforcement included:

- 797 warrants/arrests
- 520 fraud/larceny
- 389 domestic/fight calls
- 131 drug charges
- 14 high risk calls
- 13 water rescues

Currituck County is very fortunate to have a professional and highly-trained Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Matt Beickert. The department's leadership also includes Chief Deputy Jeff Walker, Captain Neel Smith, Captain Kevin McCord, Lieutenant Garland Akers, Lieutenant Swany Dudley, and Lieutenant Jesse Taylor.

Anyone with questions about services provided by the Sheriff's Office may call 453-8204 for more information.



*Apollo, one of the K9 officers at the Sheriff's Office, experienced his first snowfall earlier this year.*

## Southern Outer Banks Water System Brings Additional Capacity Online

Currituck County successfully completed an expansion of the Southern Outer Banks Water System's reverse-osmosis treatment plant. This project increases capacity and helps to ensure the availability of treated water for customers in Corolla.

An additional section was added to the reverse-osmosis treatment apparatus, bringing forth an increase in capacity of 750,000

gallons per day. In addition, an emergency generator and automatic transfer switch were installed to provide working capability and reliable service during any power outages that may occur in Corolla.



*Above: County staff and installation crew at the Southern Outer Banks Water Plant.*



*Left: A crane was used to hoist the new equipment into place at the treatment plant.*

# Don't Get Hooked by Phishing! Seniors Must Be Aware of Scams

Senior citizens are a frequent target of online scams. In 2023, individuals aged 60 and older reported losses exceeding \$3.4 billion due to scams, an 11% increase from the previous year. The average loss per victim in this age group was approximately \$33,915.

“Phishing” is when a scammer tries to trick you into giving out your personal information, passwords, Social Security numbers or bank account details. They usually do this by sending a fake email or text message that looks like its from a company or person you trust such as a bank, online store, or even a friend. The message might say there is a problem with your account or that you’ve won a prize and then ask you to click a link.

## How to Spot Phishing

- Urgent language like “Act Now” or “Your account will be locked”.
- Suspicious links or attachments.
- Unexpected requests for personal information.

- Poor grammar and spelling.

## What You Should Do

- Don’t open any suspicious links or attachments.
- If you do, close the window or application that opened immediately.
- Run a virus scan.
- Change your passwords immediately.

## Examples of Computer Scams

- Unsolicited calls or pop-ups claiming problems.
- Urgent warnings about a computer virus.
- Requests for remote access.
- Claims to be “certified Microsoft technicians”.

## What to Do

- Power off the device.
- Run a virus scan when the device turns back on.

## Worse Case Scenarios

- Contact affected companies immediately, such as banks.
- Monitor financial statements and report suspicious activity.
- Alert credit bureaus.
- Consider professional help.

## Parks & Recreation Accepting Registration for Youth Sports

Now is a great time to sign up children for participation in youth sports offered by Currituck County Parks and Recreation. Playing a team sport helps keep children healthy and provides them with many opportunities to learn valuable life skills such as teamwork, communication, and respect for others.

Parks and Recreation is currently accepting registration for Spring baseball, softball, and T-ball. The registration period closes on March 24, so act now to sign up your child if you have not done so already.

Registration for Fall sports will open on May 12. The Fall sports offered in 2025 will include soccer, girls volleyball, flag football, cheerleading, and tackle football. Registration will also open for youth basketball.

Citizens may submit their registrations online, by mail, or in person at the Parks and Recreation office. The online registration portal may be accessed on the county website.

Anyone with questions may contact the Parks & Recreation office at 232-3007.

# Support Group Open for Caregivers of Persons with Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month and is open to all county residents. Meetings are held at 10:30 a.m. at the Currituck Senior Center, 130 Community Way, Barco, NC, 27917. Please register if you would like to attend by calling 800-272-3900 or signing up online at [tinyurl.com/caregiverssupportgroup1](https://tinyurl.com/caregiverssupportgroup1).

Caregiver support groups are crucial because they provide a safe space for caregivers to share

their experiences and receive emotional support from others who understand the challenges of caring for someone with dementia.

The group is led by a trained facilitator. Each meeting is a safe space for participants to develop a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues, learn coping skills, share feelings and concerns, and learn about helpful community resources.

## Get to know your Aging/Senior Services staff: Latesa Moore, Barco Site Manager

Years served: 12

Age: 49

Kids: 3

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite type of movie: Horror

I love: Opera and classical music

Favorite thing to do in spare time: Board games

Best thing about my job: Meeting all of the different people!



## Senior Centers Plan Many Events

### April

- Norfolk Tides day game
- Albemarle Senior Games Pickleball Tournament
- Wright Brothers presentation by Paul Carr
- Wright Brothers Memorial day trip
- Bingo & Dinner

### May

- Norfolk Tides day game
- Mother's Day Luncheon
- Albemarle Senior Games Showcase
- Head Boat Fishing Trip
- Bunco

### June

- Father's Day Coffee & Donuts
- Elder Abuse Walk
- Under the Oaks Arts Festival day trip
- Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives lunch trip
- Senior Picnic

You MUST wait until activities are scheduled in the Senior center monthly newsletter to register. The programs listed here are currently in the planning stages and subject to change.



For a complete listing of all available monthly programs, please sign up to receive our MONTHLY newsletter for FREE by calling 232-3505 or by visiting [currituckcountync.gov](https://www.currituckcountync.gov).



### Spring Story Time

Story Time for Preschoolers, Toddlers, and Baby & Me are available. Call for registration.

### Children's Programs

- Earth Day: April 5 at 1:00 pm.
- Cinco De Mayo: May 5 at 4:00 pm.

### Homeschool Programs, ages 6-11

Nature Photography with Dan: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 2:00 pm.

### Teen Programs, ages 12-17

Soap Making: April 24 at 4:30 pm.

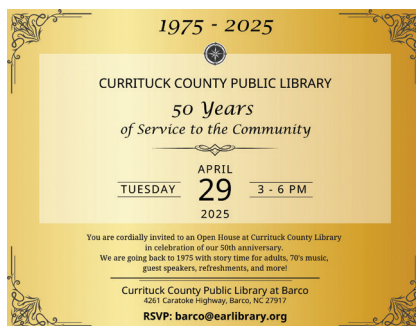
### Adult Programs, ages 18+

- Life in Focus gallery exhibition: April 3 at 6:00 pm.
- Paint a Wooden Spring Craft:

- April 8 at 3:00 pm.
- Photography Club: April 10, May 1 at 3:00 pm.
- Genealogy for Beginners: April 15 at 2:00 pm.
- Ancestry Library Basics: May 6 at 2:00 pm.
- Mastering the Art of Lawn Care: May 8 at 3:00 pm.
- Leatherworking: May 10 at 1:00 pm.
- Native Plants: May 13 at 3:00 pm.
- Pastels with Dan: May 14 at 3:00 pm.
- Book Club: May 23 at 2:00 pm.
- Photography with Bruce Copeland: June 10 at 3:00 pm.
- Bob Ross Inspired Painting: June 25 at 3:00 pm.

## Public Invited to Currituck Library's 50 Year Anniversary Celebration

County residents are invited to attend the Currituck Public Library's 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 29 at the Barco Library. Enjoy adult story time, 70's music, and more! Contact the library to RSVP at 453-8345 or email to [barco@earlibrary.org](mailto:barco@earlibrary.org).



### Spring Story Time

Story Time for Preschoolers, Toddlers, and Baby & Me are available. Call for registration.

### Children's Summer Book Club

Join us to discuss Odder by Katherine Applegate. Thursdays at 2:00 pm June 19 - July 24. Registration is required.

### Homeschool Programs, ages 6-11

- Financial Literacy w/Loretta: April 10 at 2:00 pm.
  - Owls w/Sharon Meade: May 8 at 3:00 pm.
- Registration required.

### Programs for All Ages

- Bingo Games: April 10, May 22, June 26 at 3:00 pm.
- "Bored" Game Afternoon: April 22, May 8, June 24 at 3:00 pm.
- Afternoon with the Easter Bunny: April 17 at 3:00 pm
- Mother's Day Craft Packets: May 1-10.

- Father's Day Craft Magnet: June 2-14.

### Teen Programs, ages 12-17

- ECU Health Career Opportunities: April 15, May 14 at 4:00 pm.
- I Survive platform for teen mental health: April 30, May 28 at 4:00 pm.
- Ink Marbling on Coasters: June 20 at 3:00 pm.

### Adult Programs, ages 18+

- Digitize Your History: April 11, May 9 at 10:00 am.
- Cryptocurrency - Beyond Basics: April 12 at 10:00 am.
- Murder Mystery Afternoon: May 13 at 3:00 pm.
- Wire Jewelry Creations: May 15 at 2:00 pm.
- Talent Talk with ECU Health: May 20, June 19 at 11:00 am.
- Photography with Bruce Copeland: June 3 at 3:00 pm.
- Bob Ross Inspired Painting: June 12 at 3:00 pm.

Find all Currituck Library event information at:

### Adult Programs, ages 18+

- Photography with Bruce Copeland: June 18 at 10:00 am.
- Bob Ross Inspired Painting: June 19 at 3:00 pm.

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## Community Readiness Tip: Spring Clean Your Safety Kits

An emergency safety kit is one of those things that gets tucked away and forgotten about. But it's important to ensure that everything inside it is up to date and ready to go. It's time to spring clean your safety kit!

### Review Your Kit's Contents

Know what you have. It should include water, non-perishable food, first aid supplies, flashlights, radio, multi-tool, clothes, blankets, medications, important documents, and cash.

### Check All Items

Examine expiration dates on food and medicine. Replace as needed and ensure that first aid supplies are usable.

### Test and Replace Batteries

Make sure flashlights and radios are functional. Test all batteries and replace as needed.

### Update Personal Information and Documents

Check important documents and contact information.

### Refill Medications & Special Needs Items

Fill prescriptions, special medical needs, and allergy lists.

Evaluate your kit's storage location and make sure everyone knows where it is located. This should be part of your overall family emergency plan. Good communication is important to being ready!



Being in the Know is the Only Way to Go

### What Is It?

- Currituck County's mass notification system.
- A free service that sends alerts directly to you! Emergencies, weather warnings, utility outages, road closures, and other important information.

### Why Sign Up?

- **Real-time Alerts:** Receive emergency notifications and urgent news instantly.
- **Utility Notifications:** Know about planned outages, service interruptions, and restorations.
- **Community News:** Get local announcements, events, and important reminders.
- **Customized Preferences:** Tailor the alerts to your needs—receive only relevant notifications.

Scan this QR Code to sign up!



Currituck County  
Emergency Management



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- [emstaff@currituckcountync.gov](mailto:emstaff@currituckcountync.gov)
- [currituckalert.com](http://currituckalert.com)

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## Extension Welcomes New Agriculture Agent

NC Cooperative Extension announced the appointment of Broughton Goodson as the county's new Agriculture Agent. In this role, Broughton will lead initiatives that support the county's agricultural sector, provide expert guidance to farmers and growers, and oversee the pesticide education programs.

A native of Pitt County, Broughton brings knowledge

and passion for agriculture to the position. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Science with Minors in Agriculture Business Management and Bio & Agricultural Engineering Technology from North Carolina State University. He began his service on February 3.

"I am looking forward to closely working with farmers in Currituck County and continuing to advance programs that make

an impact at the farm level and beyond," Goodson said.

For more information about agricultural programming in Currituck County, contact Broughton Goodson at 232-2262 or [Broughton\\_Goodson@ncsu.edu](mailto:Broughton_Goodson@ncsu.edu).



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

Find program information:

- Website: [currituck.ces.ncsu.edu](http://currituck.ces.ncsu.edu).
- Facebook: @CurrituckCES
- X: @CurrituckCES
- Instagram: @CurrituckCES
- Youtube: @CurrituckCES
- Eventbrite: [go.ncsu.edu/currituckeventbrite](http://go.ncsu.edu/currituckeventbrite)

## Asbury Appointed to State Advisory Council

Linda Asbury, a Master Gardener and community advocate, has been appointed to the North Carolina State Extension Advisory Council. She will play a crucial role in promoting program impacts, developing resources, and serving as a vital liaison between county Advisory Councils and state administrators.



the opportunity to advocate with government and community leaders, promote program impacts, and ensure the relevance of Extension programming to meet local needs," Asbury said.

As a County Extension Advisory Member, she has been instrumental in shaping the strategic direction of our county's extension programs, offering invaluable insights, recommendations, and support.

"As a member of the NC State Extension State Advisory Council, I look forward to

## Extension's Martin Earns PACE Certification

Congratulations to Anna Martin, Extension Administrative Assistant, for earning the Professional Administrative Certification of Excellence (PACE) from the American Society of Administrative Professionals (ASAP). This certification demonstrates her commitment to professional growth and excellence in administrative operations.



The PACE certification is

awarded to administrative professionals who demonstrate expertise across four key areas: interpersonal communication, task and project management, computer and internet technology, and management skills.

"Achieving PACE certification reflects Anna's dedication to professional excellence and enhancing the operations and outreach of our Extension Office," said Cameron Lowe, Extension Director.

*Visit the Cooperative Extension website for program registration and a complete list of upcoming events, including:*

### Flower and Garden Show

April 12, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, free indoor/outdoor event. Includes vendors, educational courses, gardening demos and more.

### Summer Northeast Ag Expo

July 31 at Brothers Farm in Pasquotank. Look online for details.

### Discover 4H Series

Age groups 5-7 and 8-10. Hands-on activities. Topics include:  
April 4: Man's Best Friend (Dogs)  
May 9: Good Vibrations (Sound)  
June 9: Sports Around the World

### Jr. Bakers' Bread & Jam Camp

April 21-22, ages 8-12. Learn to make homemade bread and jam using culinary skills and teamwork.

### Electric/Energy Camp

April 23-25, ages 11 & up. Learn about electricity and energy with hands-on activities and experiments. Explore the science behind power generation and sustainable energy sources.

### Overnight Horsemanship Camp

April 21-23 at the Rural Center. Learn horsemanship skills and showing techniques. Enjoy lectures, riding lessons. Hunt seat, western and gaming, dressage, and non-trotting.

### Kayaking

Series of outings for ages 8-14 to learn about regional waterways and have fun.

April 23: Merchants Millpond State Park

June 5: Historic Edenton

June 12: Merchants Millpond

### Fishing 101

April 25 for ages 8-13. Hands-on session covers basics of casting, baiting, and catching fish while learning about water safety and local fish species.

### Public Speaking/Presentations

Program to develop and practice an essential life skill in a positive and fun learning environment. Ages 8-18 research, write, and deliver a presentation of their choice. Ages 5-7 participate with shorter presentations. All may participate in County Activity Day on June 10 and District Competition on June 24, potentially qualifying for State Competition on July 21.

### Exploring the Great Outdoors

June 16-20 for ages 10-18.

Explore the wonders of life on the Outer Banks, from horseback riding to fishing to sandy beaches.

### Cloverbud Wildlife and Fishing

June 18 for ages 5-7. Explore the great outdoors at the Rural Center, learn about wildlife, fishing, and other outdoor activities.

### Sylvan Heights Bird Park

June 26 for ages 8-12. See parakeets, flamingos, eagles, and more. Learn about bird species, feed birds, and explore the park while completing a scavenger hunt.

Look on the Cooperative Extension website more news and events! Anyone with questions may call us at 232-2261.



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# Focus on Currituck

The Official Newsletter of Currituck County Government

Spring 2025

To: Currituck County Residents  
and Property Owners

Look inside for news and information from Currituck County Government!

## County Advisory Boards Provide Path for Citizen Participation



### CURRITUCK COUNTY STATEMENT OF INTEREST FOR ADVISORY BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County Address (if non-resident property owner): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Board(s) or Committee(s) on which you would like to serve:

Please Check ☒

- ☐ ABC Board
- ☐ Animal Shelter Advisory
- ☐ Vet Care/Admin ☐ Training
- ☐ Grant Writing ☐ Advocacy
- ☐ Board of Adjustment
- ☐ Fire & EMS Advisory Board
- ☐ Game Commission
- ☐ Historic Preservation Commission
- ☐ Jury Commission
- ☐ Land Transfer Tax Appeals Board
- ☐ Library Board
- ☐ Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- ☐ Planning Board
- ☐ Recreation Advisory Board

- ☐ Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- ☐ Social Services Board
- ☐ Tourism Advisory Board

Service District (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Boards and Committees (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications and reasons you would like to serve: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to: Clerk to the Board of Commissioners  
153 Courthouse Road, Suite 206  
Currituck, NC 27929  
Phone: 252-232-2075 Fax: 252-232-3551  
[Leeann.Walton@CurrituckCountyNC.gov](mailto:Leeann.Walton@CurrituckCountyNC.gov)

Administrative Use:

Date Appointed _____	Board _____	Term Expires _____	Type: Init/Unexp / 1 <sup>st</sup>
Date Appointed _____	Board _____	Term Expires _____	Type: 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup>
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Citizens who wish to be more involved in serving their community may consider applying for one of the county government's advisory boards. Applicants must be a county resident age 18 or older, and are appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

A paper application is provided here. An online application is available at <https://currituckcountync.gov/advisory-boards/>. Call the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners at 232-2075 if you have any questions.

### Join a Volunteer Fire Department & Help Your Community

Participating with one of Currituck County's volunteer fire departments is another great way to serve your community. Volunteers play a critical role in keeping our community safe and assisting citizens during emergencies.

Visit your local fire station to learn about volunteer opportunities, or call the Currituck County Volunteer Coordinator at 232-7746.

Volunteer fire departments

Carova Beach: 453-8690

Corolla: 453-3288

Lower Currituck: 453-2761

Crawford Township: 232-3313

Moyock: 435-2281