

Nags HEAD LINES

Town of Nags Head, NC



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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM MANAGER

Greg Sparks



Welcome to the first edition of Nags HEAD LINES, the Town of Nags Head's monthly electronic newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide our residents, second homeowners, and visitors with information on Town services, upcoming events, and important issues. This newsletter complements our weekly email broadcasts.

I am Interim Town Manager Greg Sparks; I started with Nags Head in late June 2020. In December 2019, I retired as the city manager of Eureka, California after a 40-year career in local government primarily in Minnesota, Colorado, and California. My wife and I have family in Durham, NC and we are very excited about making our home in North Carolina. I was initially hired to serve a five to six-month term until a new town manager could be hired, but Nags Head's Board of Commissioners requested that I stay on until June 2021.

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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM MANAGER

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A big thank you to former Town Manager Cliff Ogburn for his 12 of service; we wish him well in his new position as the manager in Southern Shores. In addition to Cliff's departure, we also want to thank Public Works Director Ralph Barile, who retired at the end of September, after a 38-year career in Nags Head. Ralph was here through all the hurricanes, nor'easters, and every other challenge that came through Public Works. Thanks, Ralph, for your dedication and commitment to our residents and visitors!

These are challenging times for the United States, North Carolina, the Outer Banks, and Nags Head. The COVID 19 crisis is a continuing threat that impacts how our business community provides services as well as how we provide governmental services. We have been able to keep Town Hall open throughout the pandemic but have encouraged limited public access. One area where public services were curtailed due to the pandemic was Ocean Rescue as we were unable to hire a full complement of lifeguards this summer due to restrictions put in place nationally on work visas. We prioritized our busiest beach locations and have been able to extend the season.

This past spring, we anticipated major impacts to our tourism industry, but after travel restrictions were removed in mid-May, the Outer Banks went on to have a great summer season with visitation for the fall projected at all-time highs. However, not all sectors of the economy have returned to normal. Restaurants, fitness centers, movie theaters and many other businesses are at reduced occupancy based on state guidelines. The Board will revisit the Town's budget this fall; I anticipate they will consider addressing capital projects that had been put on hold.

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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM MANAGER

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On the personnel front, we are experiencing several management changes in the organization this year. We have hired a new human resources manager who will be starting in early October, and we are in the final stages of hiring a public works director. We will report more on these hires in your November newsletter.

The Mayor, Board of Commissioners, and employees of Nags Head are here to serve you. We are striving daily to make Nags Head the premier beach destination resort on the east coast.

Sincerely,
Greg L. Sparks
Interim Town Manager





NAGS HEAD POLICE SPOTLIGHT ON...

Officer Terry Flaughter



If you follow any of the Outer Banks social media sites, you may have read a recent Facebook post praising a Nags Head police officer. We want to give you a little background on the post and the officer mentioned in it.

On September 12, 2020, Nags Head Police Officer Terry Flaughter stopped at a local business when he saw someone changing the American flag on the business's flagpole. He was not asked to do this, but simply saw an opportunity to lend a hand. After helping to raise the new flag, Terry went a step further and volunteered to help properly fold the flag that was being retired.

What motivates Terry? He's been serving his country and local communities since he was 18 years old first as a U.S. Marine and then as a law enforcement officer.

Terry served two tours in Afghanistan, garnering awards for his service including: Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Marine Corps Good Conduct, Medal, National Defense Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal x 2 awards, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon x 3 awards and NATO-ISAF Medal.

After leaving the military, Terry worked for the Washington and Tyrrell County, NC Sheriff's Offices. In November 2019, we were happy to have him begin his career with Nags Head's Police Department.

Terry is a true patriot and, as evidenced by the recent Facebook post, will jump at the chance to help those in the community he serves, while ensuring respect for the American flag and the historical traditions of our country. Those of us at Nags Head's Police Department are proud and honored to serve with him.

At left, Officer Flaughter uses his acting skills in a post about speeding on the Police Department's Facebook page, @nagsheadpolicedepartment.



WHAT'S NEW IN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Beach Driving & E-Billing

Beach Driving October 1 - April 30

Four-wheel drive, state-inspected vehicles with a proper Town permit (which costs \$25), are allowed on the beach in both Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills from October 1st through April 30th each year.

For more information on beach driving in Nags Head, please call Nags Head's Town Hall at 252-441-5508. For more information on beach driving in Kill Devil Hills, please call their police department at 252-449-5537.

Permits are available at the following locations:

- Nags Head Town Hall, 5401 S Croatan Highway 8:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Kill Devil Hills Town Hall, 102 Town Hall Drive 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Nags Head tackle shops (only cash or checks are accepted)

For more information visit nagsheadnc.gov/beachdriving.



Our summer population seems to have extended into the fall. Please drive extra cautiously and expect more people to be on the beach now than have been in years past.

Please also drive on the oceanside of the sand fence.

**NOW
EMAILING
TAX/WATER BILLS &
BUSINESS LICENSE &
REGISTRATION
RENEWALS &
CERTIFICATES**



WHAT'S NEW IN TOWN ENGINEERING

Phase 8 Multi-Use Path Construction Now Complete!

Leave Your Car at Home!

Phase Eight of the South Croatan Highway west side multi-use path is complete after a years' worth of planning, design, permitting, and construction! Thank you for your patience as we completed 2.3 miles of ten foot-wide accessible path south of Jockey's Ridge State Park. The completion of this critical project links the west side path to a larger network of sidewalks and trails throughout town, providing access to key commercial and recreational amenities such as beach and sound accesses, the Soundside Event Site, Jennette's Pier, and shopping and dining areas.

The Town has worked for many years to develop pedestrian and bicycle facilities for the safety, convenience, and enjoyment of everyone. While drafting the Town's 2012 Parks and Recreation Plan, public surveys indicated residents and visitors believed there was a critical need for pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. Therefore, in July of 2014, the Town adopted a Pedestrian Plan that used extensive public involvement to identify and prioritize a series of pedestrian enhancements throughout. An extension of the multi-use path ranked as a high priority towards achieving these goals.

Due to the overall length of the improvements, Phase Eight was divided into three sections with each section consisting of a unique set of features addressing the constraints and opportunities specific to that segment of the path.

Phase 8A

West Soundside Road to West Danube Street

(Including a six foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of South Croatan Highway between Dune Street and Deering Street)

The northernmost phase integrates vertical and lateral separation from the highway for enhanced pedestrian safety, while a pedestrian bridge maintains existing drainage flow. In addition, low-impact development techniques, which were incorporated into the design, manage and treat stormwater runoff. A parallel water main was installed in conjunction with the path work to connect to a companion project to the north.



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WHAT'S NEW IN TOWN ENGINEERING

Phase 8 Multi-Use Path Construction Now Complete!

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Phase 8C (We know 8B should come before 8C, but humor us, we have a reason.)

West Danube Street to West Seachase Drive

In the middle of the project area, Phase 8C's location permitted the installation of a storm sewer system network, in addition to preserving the existing vegetation fronting the Old Nags Head Cove neighborhood. A concrete curb and gutter section physically separates vehicles from pedestrians. Several depressed path sections are used to maintain existing drainage patterns. Vegetative swales span the frontage of the Outer Banks Mall to capture and manage stormwater runoff at its source.

Phase 8B

West Baymeadow Drive to Gull Street

Phase 8B applies a combination of measures employed in 8A and 8C in addition to addressing other challenges. The significant change in topography between the edge of the roadway and right-of-way margin was a critical factor in dictating the placement of the path. The result is a meandering effect in the southern part of this phase, similar to the existing path placement within the Soundside Event Site. An integral curb is installed along the backside of the path where the supporting backslope steepens for increased safety. Drainage improvements extend the length of this phase to include vegetative swales, roadway catchments, and storm sewer pipe extensions.

Project funding includes a short-term restricted fund grant from the Outer Banks Tourism Board and financing through the Town's parks and paths capital reserve fund. Thank you to the Outer Banks Tourism Board for their generous support and continued partnership.

We appreciate everyone's patience during construction, which, unfortunately, extended well into the summer. We hope you have the opportunity to try out the new path.

For additional information, visit the Town's website at nagsheadnc.gov/BikePedestrian-Paths.



WHAT'S NEW IN FIRE AND RESCUE

Drive Through Open House October 8

NAGS HEAD FIRE RESCUE DRIVE THROUGH OPEN HOUSE



October 8, 2020- 4:00 pm-7:00pm

Fire Station 16 5314 S. Croatan Hwy. Nags Head

Free educational materials

Equipment displays

Fire trucks

Police cars

Trash trucks

Ocean rescue

Excavators

Ambulances



For questions please call 252.441.5909

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

October is Community Planning Month

October is **National Community Planning Month**, which is the perfect time to highlight the important role of planning to our community.

Planning can be summed up as comprehensive, community-focused choices that enhance the spaces where people live, work, and play. While many may not realize it, planning has a significant impact on their daily life. From where they live, to how they commute, to the type of home they live in, planning plays a vital role in a person's life and well-being. Through effective planning and the work of the Town's professional planners, the Town has seen recent successes with the development of Dowdy Park, the extended west side multi-use path, a successful farmers' market, grants for improved public beach accesses, an expanded septic health program, and development of an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan, to name a few. Consider the following roles and benefits that planning can have, and reach out if you would like to identify the ways you can participate in planning activities benefiting our community:

- Planning helps create access and opportunity for all. Through planning, strategic investments in innovation and infrastructure can boost the economy and strengthen communities.
- Planners help create communities of lasting value. Planning helps leverage public and private funds that lead to business growth, job creation, robust infrastructure, and economically resilient communities.
- Planners are skilled at balancing the varied interests and viewpoints that emerge as a community plans its future.
- Planners work for the greater good. Planners work with professionals from different fields such as public health, recreation, and engineering to make communities safer, stronger, healthier, and more just.
- Planners have the unique expertise to comprehensively address the impacts of today's actions on tomorrow's communities.





WHAT'S NEW IN PUBLIC WORKS

Water and Home Winterizing/Bulk Trash

Don't Forget to Turn Off Your Water Source and Drain Your Pipes

When winterizing your home, don't forget to turn off your water source and drain your pipes.

But, don't tamper with your water meter. Instead, give Nags Head's Water Distribution Division a call; we'll be happy to shut your water off at the meter to prevent the possibility of pipes freezing and bursting.

You can reach the Water Distribution Division at 252-441-1122, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm.



If you need to report a water leak, please call our Water Plant at 252-449-4210 or 252-305-6067.

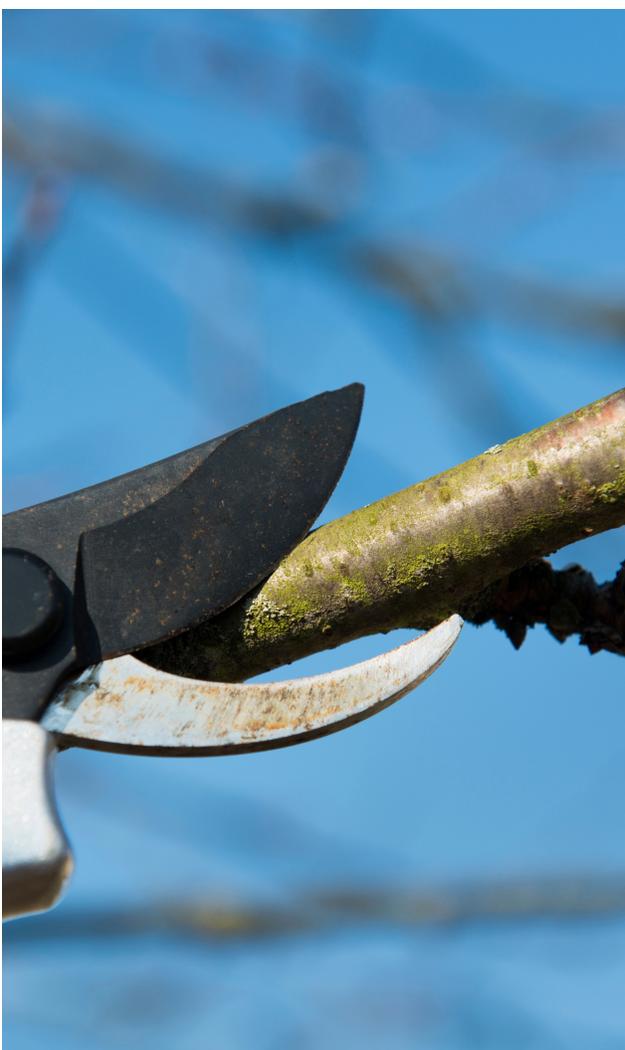
Curbside Bulk Item/Brush Collection

The curbside bulk item/brush collection service for homeowners and residents resumes October 1, 2020.

All year long, you can dispose of your furniture, white goods, yard brush, etc., at the Town's bulk item/brush collection yard, which is located on Lark Avenue, across from our Public Works facility at the north end of Nags Head. Note that a Town-issued sticker is required to use the collection yard.

NEW THIS YEAR

You will be able to track the progress of our collection services on our web site several times each week to determine in which neighborhood we are currently collecting items. Visit the [bulk trash section of our web site](#) for more information. Therefore, you no longer need to call Public Works to schedule an appointment to have your debris collected.



Vote in the General Election!

VOTE

2020



EARLY VOTING

DareNC.com/earlyvoting

Monday - Friday, October 15 - 30, 2020
8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays, October 17 & 24, 2020
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31, 2020
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

-  Dare County Administration Building
954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo, NC 27952
-  Kill Devil Hills Town Hall Commissioners Meeting Room
102 Town Hall Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
-  Cape Hatteras Secondary School Auditorium
48576 NC Hwy. 12, Buxton, NC 27920



**ELECTIONS
JUST AHEAD**

Attention - Nags Head Residents

Note that voting will take place at Nags Head Elementary School (3100 S. Wrightsville Ave.) this year and NOT at the Board of Commissioners Room at Nags Head's Municipal Complex as it has in year's past.

If you are not a Nags Head resident, you can find a list of Dare County's other polling places at darenc.com/pollingplaces.

Nags Head's Longest-Tenured Employee, Ralph Barile, Retires

If you've spent any time in Nags Head at all over the last 38 years, you probably have met Ralph Barile, who is retiring from his position as our public works director on October 1, 2020.

When Ralph started as a street laborer with us on October 11, 1982, Disney World tickets were \$15 and EPCOT had just opened.

Ralph brought his Queens, NY accent and a fierce work ethic with him when he and his bride, Sandy, moved south. Over the years, as his professional responsibilities grew and his family expanded, Ralph remained deeply committed to Sandy, his children, Danny and Jennifer, and to his career and his fellow employees.

Ralph has weathered more literal and figurative storms than The Weather Channel's Jim Cantore and managed the development of more public spaces and infrastructure than any other Town employee. As a result, he's become our de-facto historian. We joke that he knows where the bones are buried, but in reality, he may only know where the dead whales (that have washed ashore), the shipwrecks, and the waterlines are buried (we hope).

Ralph's accomplishments are far too long to list here, so we'll just close with this ditty from baseball legend Yogi Berra: "When you come to a fork in the road...take it."

Take it, Ralph. It's your time. We'll miss you, but enjoy your retirement...you've earned it!



Boards and Committees



"Create a ripple of change by getting your feet wet!"

Want to get involved in your town, but aren't sure how to start? Get your feet wet by sitting on a Town board or committee.

- [Arts and Culture](#)
- [Board of Adjustment](#)
- [Board of Commissioners](#) (more information about this board can be found on page 14)
- [Community Watch Association](#)
- [Dangerous Animal Appeal Board](#)
- [Personnel Grievance Panel](#)
- [Planning Board](#)
- [Stormwater Committee](#)
- [Waste Reduction Task Force](#)

For more information, visit nagsheadnc.gov/boardsandcommittees. A listing of each board and committee is available, along with its members.



MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Board of Commissioners



From left are: Commissioner J. Webb Fuller, Commissioner Kevin Brinkley, Mayor Ben Cahoon, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Siers, and Commissioner Renée Cahoon.

Nags Head's Board of Commissioners meet the first Wednesday of each month at 9 am in the Board Room. An adjourned session is held as needed on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm (October through March) and at 7 pm (April through September). Agendas and more information are available on the Board agenda section of our web site.

Contact the Board

allmayorcomm@nagsheadnc.gov

View Meetings

Live on the day of the meeting at nagsheadnc.gov
on demand at youtube.com/townofnagshead



Town Management

Interim Town Manager
Greg Sparks

Deputy Town Manager
Andy Garman

Town Offices

Full Staff Directory

■ Town Hall

5401 S. Croatan Hwy.
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
[252-441-5508/info@nagsheadnc.gov](mailto:info@nagsheadnc.gov)

■ Public Works

2200 Lark Ave.
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
[252-441-1122/publicworks@nagsheadnc.gov](mailto:publicworks@nagsheadnc.gov)

■ Police

Emergency 911/Non-Emergency 252-473-3444

5401 S. Croatan Hwy.
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
[252-441-6386/police@nagsheadnc.gov](mailto:police@nagsheadnc.gov)

■ Fire and Ocean Rescue

Emergency 911/Non-Emergency 252-473-3444

Douglas A. Remaley Fire Station 16 (Headquarters)
5314 S. Croatan Hwy./24 hours
[252-441-5909/fire@nagsheadnc.gov](mailto:fire@nagsheadnc.gov)

Fire Station 21
8806 S. Old Oregon Inlet Rd./24 hours
[252-441-2910/fire@nagsheadnc.gov](mailto:fire@nagsheadnc.gov)

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