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Nags Head Adopts Community- Driven Budget for Growth and Improvement

We are grateful to those who completed the town-wide survey last summer. With a 36% response rate, your feedback was invaluable. Quality of life, satisfaction with municipal amenities, and the town's government were evaluated. The results also highlighted strengths and areas for improvement, while identifying priorities for planning and resource allocation. The input has been crucial as a planning resource.

Our Board of Commissioners held a retreat in the fall of 2023 to review the survey results and collaboratively develop a strategic plan that embodies a shared vision and commitment to Nags Head's future. Your input was also pivotal in shaping the plan, which is available at NagsHeadNC.gov/StrategicPlan.

Numerous initiatives and projects included in the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 budget respond directly to the action items outlined in the strategic plan. The allocations in this budget underscore our commitment to enhancing services and infrastructure through an economical, strategic approach.

Before we delve into the exciting initiatives ahead, we'd like to update you on the progress of two ongoing multi-year projects.

After nearly 14 months of construction, we were thrilled to open the first new facilities at our Public Services complex in June: the administration building and an upgraded, user-friendly bulk item and brush collection yard. Construction is still ongoing for the remaining buildings, but progress is moving along.

Another crucial multiyear project, the replacement of outdated water meters with advanced digital technology, is nearly complete. Property owners can monitor their water usage through a portal at MyWaterAdvisor2.com and a free app, called MyWater Advisor 2.0.

For more details, view the full budget at NagsHeadNC.gov/Budget.

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS AHEAD

The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, which was adopted with no changes to tax or water rates, continues our aggressive approach to implementing maintenance plans for infrastructure and replacement schedules for equipment. Facility improvements and upgrades to enhance quality of life and to respond to community needs are also included. Furthermore, there is a concerted focus on our workforce, including a series of total rewards initiatives that holistically consider how to make the Town a great place to work. Below is a summary of the major initiatives.

NEW OCEAN RESCUE HOUSING

- New housing units are slated for construction at 425 West Health Center Drive, providing crucial support for our Ocean Rescue personnel.

INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS

- Multi-Use Path Upgrades: A \$650,000 grant will fund improvements to the South Virginia Dare Trail multi-use path.
- South Memorial Avenue Project: Funded partly by a Golden LEAF grant, this project includes drainage system upgrades and road paving (\$791,852 general fund portion).
- Stormwater Projects: Thanks to a nearly \$3 million grant from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, innovative stormwater solutions are coming to south Nags Head.
- Waterline Replacements: Eighth Street and Driftwood Street on South Memorial Avenue (\$501,500).
- Sidewalk Enhancements: West Baymeadow Drive and West Windjammer Drive (\$271,300).

BEACH AND PUBLIC ACCESS INITIATIVES

- Planning continues for the 2027 beach nourishment project, including vegetative sprigging, sand fencing, and other stabilization measures.
- Dune walkovers at Holden and Juncos Streets will be replaced (\$384,380).

EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

- Expect new police cars equipped with AEDs and a new front load sanitation truck among the replaced equipment.

EMPLOYEE REWARDS AND DEVELOPMENT

- Cost of Living Adjustment: A 4% increase is included.
- Performance-Based Merit Program: An additional 1% is budgeted for this new initiative.
- Career Progression Funding: Continued support for within-grade increases and career development.

STAFFING ADDITIONS

- The budget includes a new sanitation equipment operator and a part-time seasonal employee for summer events, as well as increased funding for the Fire Department's part-time staff pool.

Nags Head Celebrates a Year of Progress with Numerous Completed Projects



Over the past year, the Town has made remarkable strides, completing several key projects aimed at enhancing our community infrastructure, public spaces, and environmental stewardship. In addition to our Public Services Complex project and the smart water meter installations, beach and sound access infrastructure and amenities have been, and continue to be, priorities, with projects completed that provide upgraded facilities that ensure a more comfortable and enjoyable experience. These projects include:

- Replacement of the bathhouse at the Epstein public beach access just south of our town hall
- Renovation of the dune walkover at the Loggerhead beach access, just north of our town hall
- Improvements to the volleyball court at the Bonnett beach access
- Installation of one million dune sprigs to protect our dunes
- Renovation of the pier and gazebo at our estuarine access on the US 64 causeway

Along with our beach and sound access infrastructure, we repaired or resurfaced 46,890 square feet, or over eight basketball courts, of multi-use paths to ensure smooth routes for cyclists and pedestrians. Street resurfacing has also been another major focus, with several streets receiving much-needed attention to enhance safety and drivability.

We've also renovated the lobby and reception area in town hall, which is now a brighter and more functional space for visitors and town staff alike. Not in town or prefer to conduct your business online? Be sure to explore two significant enhancements to our online services: a more user-friendly payment system and the ability to effortlessly request services or report issues. Both features are conveniently accessible from the homepage of our website at NagsHeadNC.gov.

These improvements are crucial for maintaining the town's quality of life and supporting our growing population.

For a video summary of last year's major projects, visit [YouTube.com/TownofNagsHead](https://www.youtube.com/TownofNagsHead).

Understanding the True Dangers of Hurricanes: Beyond the Category

When it comes to hurricanes, many people tend to focus on a storm's category as an indicator of its potential danger. However, this narrow focus can be misleading. While the category of a hurricane, based on the Saffir-Simpson scale, measures sustained wind speeds and potential wind damage, it does not account for some of the deadliest impacts of these storms: storm surge and flooding.

Storm surge, the abnormal rise of water generated by a storm over and above the normal high tide, is often the most lethal aspect of a hurricane. Even a tropical storm can produce destructive surge. For example, Tropical Storm Michael, in 2018, caused two to four feet of soundside flooding in Nags Head. Prior to that, Hurricane Irene in 2011 proved that a Category 1 storm could still be devastating, pushing disastrous surge onto Nags Head's soundside. Reflecting its importance, the National Weather Service now forecasts for storm surge, issuing watches/warnings and potential storm surge maps through the National Hurricane Center website at NHC.NOAA.gov.

Storm Surge Watch – Issued when life-threatening inundation from rising water is possible within the specified area within 48 hours.

Storm Surge Warning – Issued when there is danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water within the specified area within 36 hours.

To help the public better understand the hazards of storm surge, brightly colored poles are placed throughout the county. Each color represents three feet of water above ground level. A display next to each pole explains how the colors correspond with the National Hurricane Center's flood inundation map. One such pole can be found at our estuarine sound access on the US 64 causeway.

Torrential rains from hurricanes can also lead to flooding. This can occur far from where the hurricane makes landfall, affecting areas hundreds of miles away. In 2016, heavy rain from Category 1 Hurricane Matthew's rainfall severely flooded homes and businesses in Nags Head despite making landfall several hundred miles away.

Know your flood risk. Find out if your home is in a flood zone by visiting NagsHeadNC.gov/Flood. Insure your home even if it is not located in a flood zone; it typically takes 30 days for



flood insurance to take effect. Due to the Town's participation in FEMA's Community Rating System, Nags Head property owners receive a 25% reduction in flood premiums. More information can be found at NagsHeadNC.gov/Flood. For more information on flood insurance, visit FloodSmart.gov.

On the NagsHeadNC.gov/Flood website you'll see that we regulate the elevation of all homes. Our minimum elevation is nine feet anywhere in town, which is called our local elevation standard, which was determined based on prior history and flood levels.

By taking these steps and staying informed, we can minimize the impact of hurricanes and flooding on our community.

For more comprehensive information on hurricane preparation, visit Ready.gov/Hurricanes.

STAY INFORMED, STAY SAFE

- Subscribe to receive emergency alerts from Dare County Emergency Management at OBXAlerts.com.
- Sign up for the Town's emergency notification system to receive real-time alerts and updates. Visit NagsHeadNC.gov/NotifyMe and choose the information you would like to receive.
- Ensure Government Alerts are enabled on your phone.



Community Events and Celebrations

Dowdy Park has become a vibrant community hub that comes alive with a variety of events throughout the year. The park offers residents and visitors opportunities to enjoy local culture and foster connections within our community. Whether it's through entertainment, wellness activities, or festive celebrations, the park provides opportunities for families and friends to gather, enjoy themselves, and strengthen communal bonds. Below are events at Dowdy Park you may like to attend. Note that the popular summer farmers' markets are not mentioned below as they are held from mid-June through mid-August, coinciding with Nags Head Elementary School's summer break.

FALL 2024

YOGA TUESDAYS

7:30 am through October 22

MOVIE NIGHTS

October 4 at about 7 pm, and November 1 at about 6:30 pm. The times vary depending on the setting of the sun. Check NagsHeadNC.gov/DowdyParkEvents for the latest information.

HOLIDAY MARKETS

November 9, 30, and December 14, 9 am – 12 pm; December 5, 4 - 7 pm

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Community Caroling, and Visit from Santa – November 30, 5 - 7 pm

CANDY CANE HUNT

Date to be determined.

WINTER 2025

WINTER MARKETS

January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12, 9 am - 12 pm

The event schedule is subject to change. Be sure to follow Dowdy Park's Facebook page at

Facebook.com/Dowdy Park, Instagram page at Instagram.com/DowdyPark, or visit NagsHeadNC.gov/DowdyParkEvents.

OTHER EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

October 1 at Dowdy Park, 5 pm – 7 pm

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK YOUTH OPEN HOUSE

October 10 at Douglas A. Remaley Fire Station 16, 5 pm – 8 pm

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

November 11 at Town Hall, 11 am

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 19, 2025 at Dowdy Park, 10 am – 12 pm

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

May 26, 2025 at Town Hall, 11 am

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

July 4, 2025 at Nags Head Pier, 9:25 pm

Become a Volunteer Firefighter!



Nags Head Fire and Rescue is a dedicated team of skilled professionals who respond to approximately 1,000 emergencies each year. Our team consists of 24 full-time firefighters, supported by a group of volunteers and part-time staff. Together, we work to save lives, control fires, and provide crucial assistance to those in need.

Are you interested in making a meaningful impact?

We offer uniforms, protective gear, and comprehensive training to all our team members. By joining our fire and rescue team, you become a vital part of our community. We have opportunities for both volunteer and part-time positions, with stipends available for volunteers.

Take the next step toward becoming a local hero!

For more information, visit NagsHeadNC.gov/Employment or call us at 252-441-5909.

Nags Head Police Turn to Social Media to Help Curb Red Light Violations

Nags Head’s police department is taking an innovative and engaging approach to tackle a common traffic issue: red light violations. Recognizing the power of social media, the department has launched a creative campaign to raise awareness and change driver behavior.

In addition to the traditional warnings and citations, the police department is using humor and creativity to get messages across. Their social media posts feature catchy slogans, memes, and light-hearted comments that highlight the dangers and consequences of running red lights. For example, their social media followers are asked to guess which intersection they’ll be at today, with a quip about how running late for work is not an excuse for running a red light. By presenting serious information in an entertaining format, the department aims to capture the attention of a wider audience, especially younger drivers who are more active on these platforms. In addition, these posts are interactive, encouraging community participation. The posts not only inform but also engage residents in conversations about road safety, fostering a sense of community responsibility.

Since the launch of this social media initiative, the department has noticed an increase in public awareness and discussions about traffic safety. These creative posts are being widely shared, expanding their reach beyond the local community. While it’s too early to measure the long-term impact on red light violations, the initial response has been overwhelmingly positive, with many appreciating the approachable and relatable communication style.

By leveraging the power of social media, Nags Head’s police department is not only addressing red light violations but also building a stronger connection with the community. Their fun and educational posts are a testament to how law enforcement agencies can adapt to modern communication trends to effectively promote safety and compliance.



Discovering the USS *Huron*: Nags Head's Historic Shipwreck



In maritime history, few stories resonate as much as that of the USS *Huron*, a steam-powered sloop of war that met its tragic end off our coast in 1877. One of the last three iron warships constructed by the Navy, the remains of this historic vessel lie just 250 yards off the beach at the Bladen Street public beach access, north of Nags Head Pier, serving as a testament to both the dangers of the sea and the resilience of naval history.

The Wreck of the USS *Huron*

On November 24, 1877, the USS *Huron* departed from Hampton Roads, Virginia, bound for Havana, Cuba. Navigating through a stormy night, the ship ran aground, claiming the lives of 98 of its 134 sailors, and becoming a poignant chapter in maritime lore.

Commander George P. Ryan, *Huron's* captain, who was lost with the ship, reportedly exclaimed to another officer, "My God! how did we get here?" when it grounded. Ensign Lucien Young swam ashore, sent a bystander to the telegraph station at Kitty Hawk to call for help, and then hiked three miles to retrieve lifesaving equipment and supplies. For his actions, he was awarded the United States Coast Guard's Gold Lifesaving Medal. Seaman Antonio Williams received the Medal of Honor in 1879 for his "courage and fidelity during the loss of his ship."

Two months after the tragedy, eighty-five men died when the vessel *Metropolis* ran aground twenty-three miles north of where the USS *Huron* accident occurred. The two disasters prompted Congress to appropriate funding to build additional lifesaving stations along the North Carolina coast and to increase their length of operation.

Preservation and Recognition

In recognition of its historical significance, the wreck site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This designation not only honors the ship and its crew but also acknowledges its importance as a cultural and educational resource. In 1991, the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources took a significant step forward by designating the wreck as North Carolina's first Historic Shipwreck Preserve. Known today as a Heritage Dive Site, this initiative aims to protect *Huron's* remains while promoting responsible diving and historical tourism.

Exploring the Heritage Dive Site

Located conveniently near the Bladen Street public beach access, visitors can explore the legacy of the USS *Huron* through various means:

Diving and Exploration

For divers, the wreck offers a unique opportunity to witness a piece of history submerged in shallow waters. Accessible from the beach, the site provides a glimpse into the maritime technology of the late 19th century. Unfortunately, the wreck can at times be covered by sand. In addition, you'll need a day of clear water to get a good view of the ship.

The USS *Huron* and other shipwreck sites in North Carolina waters are protected by state and federal law. It is illegal to remove artifacts or disturb a shipwreck site without a valid permit. If you observe an unusual or important artifact, please do not disturb it. Note the artifact's location and report it to the North Carolina Office of Archaeology's Underwater Archaeology Branch or local authorities. All divers should follow safe scuba-diving practices. It is strongly recommended that visitors check on conditions with a lifeguard before swimming out to the wreck. No one should ever swim or dive alone!

Exhibit

Not keen on diving? No problem. A newly improved informational exhibit is housed under a gazebo at the Bladen Street beach access. It serves as an educational resource for visitors curious about our maritime heritage.

A Living Connection to History

The USS *Huron's* wreck site stands as a poignant reminder of the risks faced by sailors of yesteryear and the enduring impact of maritime disasters. Whether diving into the ocean or exploring the exhibit from shore, visitors can immerse themselves in the rich history of this historic shipwreck.

Source: North Carolina Office of State Archaeology

Exploring Nags Head Safely: Essential Tips for Walking and Biking

Given our temperate weather, natural beauty, and extensive network of paths, walking and biking are popular ways to explore Nags Head. However, enjoying these activities requires awareness of local laws and initiatives designed to ensure safe navigation throughout the town.

Understanding and adhering to traffic laws is essential for maintaining safety. The Watch for Me North Carolina program highlights several important laws that apply to pedestrians and cyclists in our state. Here are some regulations you should know before heading out.

- Pedestrians have the right of way at all crosswalks and intersections. However, they must ensure it is safe to cross before doing so AND they must clearly indicate that they intend to use the crosswalk. Also, pedestrians should not assume vehicles will stop and must look both ways before entering the crosswalk.
- North Carolina traffic laws treat bicycles as vehicles and bicyclists as drivers of vehicles. As such, bicyclists are required to ride on the right side of the road, in the same direction as traffic, and use hand signals when turning or stopping. In addition, they must obey all traffic signs and bikes must be walked through crosswalks, not ridden.
- Bicycles must be equipped with a front white light and a rear red light, or reflector, when riding at night. This equipment is crucial for visibility and safety. Additionally, all bicyclists under the age of 16 are required to wear a helmet. While helmets are not legally required for adults, wearing one is strongly encouraged as it significantly reduces the risk of head injuries in the event of an accident.



We have worked with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to install several crosswalks on South Virginia Dare Trail. These crosswalks are strategically placed to enhance pedestrian safety by providing clearly designated areas for crossing. Additionally, motion-activated solar lights have been installed at the busiest crosswalks. These lights ensure that pedestrians are visible to drivers, even during nighttime or low-visibility conditions, significantly reducing the risk of accidents. Remember, as stated above, pedestrians have the right of way at all crosswalks and intersections, but they must also ensure it is safe to cross before doing so. Additionally, they must clearly indicate that they intend to use the crosswalk.

For those using the path that runs along the east side of South Virginia Dare Trail, we have added stenciled speed limit and direction arrow markings. This clearly visible information will bring increased awareness to those unfamiliar with the rules of using the path, promoting a safer experience for everyone. Generally, a 10 mile per hour speed limit is recommended for this path. Any bike that operates higher than that limit should travel on the road, not on the path.

By staying informed about, and complying with, these safety measures and legal requirements, we can all help to ensure that Nags Head remains a safe and enjoyable place for everyone to explore on foot or by bike. As our town continues to grow and evolve, maintaining a focus on safety will be essential to preserving its charm and appeal.

Source: Watch For Me NC <https://www.watchformenc.org/>

Shedding Light on Light Pollution: How to Be a Good Neighbor

The Town of Nags Head has always cherished its dark night skies, a valued part of our natural beauty. But, with growing light pollution, it's crucial to protect this value.

Light pollution is the human-made alteration of outdoor light levels from those occurring naturally. It is primarily caused by excessive, misdirected, or obtrusive artificial light. This phenomenon not only obscures our view of the night sky, but it also disrupts ecosystems, affects wildlife, and impacts human health.

When we over-light, fail to use timers and sensors, or use the wrong color of light, we negatively affect many parts of our world. Migratory birds, pollinators, sea turtles, and mammals, including humans, are all impacted. For example, sea turtles can become disoriented by bright beachfront lights, leading them away from the sea. Birds that migrate at night can collide with illuminated buildings. Even humans suffer from disrupted sleep patterns due to excessive nighttime lighting.

Reducing light pollution is a collective effort, and being a good neighbor plays a crucial role. Here are some steps you can take:

- **Shield Your Lights:** Use shielded fixtures for all outdoor lighting to ensure the light shines downwards, not upwards or outwards. This simple change can dramatically reduce the amount of stray light entering the night sky.
- **Right Amount of Light:** Only use the amount of light needed. Excessive lighting is wasteful and harmful to wildlife. Consider dimming lights or using lower-intensity bulbs.
- **Timers and Sensors:** Install timers, dimmer switches, and motion sensors to ensure lights are only on when needed. Security lighting, for instance, can be more effective and less intrusive when equipped with motion sensors.
- **Turn Off Unnecessary Lights:** Make it a habit to turn off lights when they're not in use, both indoors and outdoors. This simple action can significantly cut down on light pollution and save energy.

Protecting the night sky starts with **YOU!**

1 Light only what you need



2 Use energy efficient bulbs and only as bright as you need



3 Shield lights and direct them down



4 Only use light when you need it



5 Choose warm white light bulbs



6 Join IDA!

We need your help to continue the fight against light pollution.



- **Use Warm Lighting:** Opt for lighting with a color temperature of 3000 Kelvin (K) or below. This reduces the amount of blue light, which is more harmful to many species.
- **Ensure your lighting remains confined to your property and does not shine into your neighbor's windows or onto the street.** By reducing light pollution, you contribute to a better community environment and foster good neighborly relations.
- **Community Efforts:** Work with your neighbors to ensure that outdoor lighting is wildlife friendly. Community involvement can lead to broader changes and greater awareness of the issue.

Light pollution is reversible, and each one of us can make a difference. By adopting these practices, you contribute to a healthier environment, support wildlife, and foster a sense of community responsibility.

By being mindful of our lighting choices, we can all be better neighbors to each other and to the wildlife that shares our world.

For more information and resources on combating light pollution, visit [DarkSky.org](https://www.darksky.org).

The Importance of Water Quality in Nags Head

Nags Head is more than just a home; it's our sanctuary, our escape, and our connection to the natural world. People come to our community for many reasons, but one aspect is essential to our well-being: clean water in our ocean and sound.

Like many other communities, our water is facing numerous threats, from septic system pollutants and stormwater runoff to climate change impacts. These issues endanger our environment, pose health risks, and threaten our local economy.

The Outer Banks is experiencing higher groundwater tables and increasingly severe storms, along with development that is altering natural drainage patterns and increasing impervious surfaces. Nags Head is developing a comprehensive strategy to protect our local water resources, which includes the following approaches:

- **Groundwater Monitoring:** Real-time groundwater level and water quality monitoring.
- **Groundwater Management Systems:** Innovative approaches and advanced systems to manage and reduce groundwater levels, providing additional storage to manage stormwater during severe events.
- **Stormwater Management:** Preventive maintenance, infrastructure replacement, and nature-based control measures to manage and treat stormwater runoff.
- **Todd D. Krafft Septic Health Initiative:** Incentives to property owners for preventative maintenance and management of their septic systems.

Of these approaches, the Todd D. Krafft Septic Health Initiative relies on the participation of our property owners and residents to be effective.

Approximately 80% of the properties in Nags Head use on-site sewage or septic systems. Maintenance is essential for these systems to function properly and will also increase the system's lifespan, reducing the need for costly repairs. Unfortunately, if they fail, which happens due to age, overuse, or lack of oversight, they are required to be replaced.

The Septic Health Initiative offers free services and financial assistance for system pump-outs, repairs, or replacements. Homeowners and businesses with conventional septic systems with a capacity of less than 3,000 gallons per day can benefit from free inspections provided by the Town. We can locate your system, discuss concerns, inspect the components, and provide a report outlining issues and providing recommendations on maintenance and repairs.

If the inspection finds that your system needs pumping or repair, our staff can provide guidance on steps to perform the work and offer financial assistance provided by our program. Property owners can receive a \$150 credit toward future water bills for system pump-outs, valid 90 days from the pump-out date and available once every three years. We also offer low-interest loans for systems in need of repairs.

By participating in the Todd D. Krafft Septic Health Initiative and following best practices for environmental stewardship, we can preserve the natural beauty and health of Nags Head for future generations. Together, we can ensure that Nags Head remains a sanctuary for all.

Here are other ways you can help protect Nags Head's water quality.

LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING

Use Native Plants: These reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides.

Proper Fertilizer Use: Apply sparingly and avoid applying before heavy rains.

Rain Gardens and Infiltration

Measures: These absorb and filter runoff.

Vegetated Filter Strips: Use grass or natural vegetated areas to reduce stormwater velocities and filter pollutants.

LAWN CARE

Composting: This will enrich soil naturally and reduce the need for fertilizer.

Grass Clippings: Leave on the lawn to decompose.

WATER USE

Efficient Irrigation: Use drip systems to minimize runoff or rain sensors to manage use during wet weather periods.

Rain Barrels: Collect rainwater for re-use.

HOUSEHOLD PRACTICES

Proper Disposal: Dare County offers household hazardous waste disposal several times a year. Information about these events can be found on their website at DareNC.gov.

Pet Waste: Pick up and dispose of properly.

Septic System Maintenance: Follow the Todd D. Krafft Septic Health Initiative!

DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

Permeable Surfaces: Use permeable pavements such as turfstone or permeable pavers that allow water to soak in and keep it from leaving the property.

Sweeping: Remove debris and sediment around storm drains and swales to minimize accumulation and potential clogging.

Dive into Community Involvement!

Looking to make a difference in your town but unsure where to begin? Start by getting involved in a local town board or committee!

- Nags Head's Board of Commissioners is made up of members elected to staggered four-year terms. These non-partisan elections are held on the first Tuesday of November in odd-numbered years. Interested candidates can file for office through the Dare County Board of Elections. For more details, visit DareNC.com/Elections.
- The Arts and Culture Committee assists Nags Head's Board of Commissioners in promoting and supporting the town's artistic and cultural resources, integrating these elements into community life. The committee meets as needed every second Wednesday of the month at 12 pm on the second floor of town hall.
- The Board of Adjustment serves as a "quasi-judicial" body, handling variance requests and interpreting the Town's land use ordinances or zoning map as needed. Meetings are held as needed at 9 am on the second Thursday of each month in the Board of Commissioners room.
- Since 1995, Community Watch has been a resident-led initiative sponsored by Nags Head's Police Department. This program enhances safety, security, and quality of life by fostering collaboration between police and residents. Monthly meetings occur on the second Tuesday at 6 pm in the Board of Commissioners Room.
- The Planning Board, an advisory group appointed by the Board of Commissioners, reviews site plans, subdivision plats, special use applications, and zoning amendments. They then make recommendations based on their findings. This board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 9 am in the Board of Commissioners Room.
- The Personnel Grievance Panel offers a venue for employees to have their grievances and appeals heard in a fair and unbiased manner. The panel also suggests improvements to town procedures or policies and meets as needed.

Additionally, Nags Head's Board of Commissioners may form ad hoc committees to address specific town issues. These committees are temporary and are dissolved once their tasks are completed.

For more information, visit NagsHeadNC.gov/BoardsandCommittees. You can find a list of each board and committee, along with their members.

Town Meeting Calendar

All meetings take place at the Town Hall Complex at 5401 South Croatan Highway.

OCTOBER 2024

Wednesday, October 2, 9 am

Board of Commissioners
Board of Commissioners Room

Tuesday, October 8, 6 pm

Community Watch
Board of Commissioners Room

Wednesday, October 9, 12 pm

Arts and Culture Committee
2nd Floor of Town Hall

Thursday, October 10, 9 am (held as needed)

Board of Adjustment
Board of Commissioners Room

Tuesday, October 15, 9 am

Planning Board
Board of Commissioners Room

Wednesday, October 16, 9 am (recessed session held as needed)

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NOVEMBER 2024

Wednesday, November 6, 9 am

Board of Commissioners
Board of Commissioners Room

Tuesday, November 12, 6 pm

Community Watch
Board of Commissioners Room

Wednesday, November 13, 12 pm

Arts and Culture Committee
2nd Floor of Town Hall

Thursday, November 14, 9 am (held as needed)

Board of Adjustment
Board of Commissioners Room

Tuesday, November 19, 9 am

Planning Board
Board of Commissioners Room

Wednesday, November 20, 9 am (recessed session held as needed)

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TOWN GOVERNANCE

Nags Head is governed by a mayor and four board members elected to staggered, four-year terms.

The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9 am in the Board of Commissioners room at 5401 South Croatan Highway. A mid-month meeting, if needed, is held the third Wednesday of each month, also at 9 am. Meeting dates are subject to change, though this occurs rarely. The most current meeting information is on the calendar at NagsHeadNC.gov. Agendas are posted to NagsHeadNC.gov/BOCAgenda the Friday before each meeting. Meetings are livestreamed and a recording is available for viewing at YouTube/TownofNagsHead.

Contact the entire Board at AllMayorComm@NagsHeadNC.gov.



Board of Commissioners

Pictured from left to right: Commissioner Kevin Brinkley, Mayor Ben Cahoon, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Siers, and Commissioners Megan Lambert and Bob Sanders.

Town Management

Town Manager Andy Garman
Deputy Town Manager Amy Miller

Town Hall – Administration, Finance, Bill Payment, and Planning and Development
5401 S. Croatan Hwy.
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
[252-441-5508/Info@NagsHeadNC.gov](mailto:Info@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)

Public Services- Sanitation, Water Services, Facilities Maintenance and Garage, Bulk Trash Collection and Administration
2203 Lark Ave.
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
[252-441-1122/PublicServices@NagsHeadNC.gov](mailto:PublicServices@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)