
Ocean City Beach Citizen's Council

Newsletter
3rd Quarter 2012

Ocean City.....A Dream Realized!

Community News

Re-entry Passes Reminder

Ocean City will need to renew their re-entry passes this year. Passes are available now. **Please return the old passes.** Passes can be picked up at Town Hall Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m, and the Town also accepts requests through the mail. Send a copy of a current utility bill (with NTB address), a signed and notarized Re-Entry Pass Application (attached), a self-addressed stamped envelope and the old passes to:

North Topsail Beach Town Hall
Attn: Re-Entry Pass
2008 Loggerhead Court
North Topsail Beach, NC 28460

Proposal for Surf City Bridge

For information on the proposed replacement bridge visit:

www.ncdot.gov/projects/topsailislandbridge/#id91

Beach Funding Workshops

In 2011, Coastal Planning & Engineering completed a beach management project design and obtained a 30-year permit for the five project phases. Phase I is expected to begin soon using existing funds. But the funds will not carry us through and we need to refill the account to be ready to implement our beach program.

Please attend the beach project funding workshops and help plan. Some of the questions the workshop will address are: How much money do we need to save? How do we do it? The past presentations are on the NTB website <http://www.ntbnc.org/Pages/Workshops.aspx> just click on Presentation on the right of the page.

The next workshop is October 6, 2012.

Great Beach Items

The Therapik



Therapik® is based on a very simple, scientifically proven principle. Most insect venom is thermolabile (sensitive to heat). Therapik®'s patented technology delivers heat in the specific temperature range necessary to neutralize the venom from over 20,000 different species of insects and sea creatures. Visit www.therapik.com

The WeMo



WeMo is a family of simple, ingenious products that allow you to control home electronics from anywhere. Turn them on or off, trigger them with motion, even put them on a schedule.

WeMo lives on your smartphone and uses your home WiFi and mobile internet. Setting up and using it is a snap. WeMo truly is your home at your fingertips

Visit www.belkin.com/wemo

The Fish are Jumping!

Recently a good number of Pompano and Sea Mulletts were caught. Spanish Mackerel, Blue Fish, Spot, Black Drum, Spade Fish, Flounder, Speckled Trout, Red Drum and Sheephead are also being caught.

Did You Know?

Need a Reflective 911 Address Markers?- The North Topsail Beach Volunteer EMS/Rescue, Inc. are handling the 911 Blue address signs. The cost is \$20.00 per sign and includes the 4x4 post and installation. Just put the address down you want on the sign and it will be made at the station. They can't help if they can't find you. Make the check out for \$20.00 to NTB Vol. EMS/Recuse Inc. and send to:

Attn: Chief George Moore
North Topsail Beach Vol. EMS/Rescue, Inc.
2008 Loggerhead Court
North Topsail Beach, NC 28460

Vegetation Pick-Up Schedule

All grass clippings, mulch, leaves, straw and vines must be in paper lawn and leaf bags (available at local hardware stores). **NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE PICKED UP.** Tree limbs must be no longer than 6 feet in length and no larger than 6 inches in diameter. All vegetation must be at the right-of-way for pick up. Debris from lot clearing (ex. to build a home) is not included

September 24 - September 28, 2012

November 26 - November 30, 2012

February 4 - February 8, 2013

April 29 - May 3, 2013

Off Season Solid Waste and Recycling Schedule Now in Effect

Tuesday ONLY Solid Waste Pick Up

Every other Friday Recycling Pick UP

See calendar at

<http://www.ntbnc.org/Documents/LFD%20LH%202012%20Solid%20Waste%20Recycling%20Schedule%20Rev%20091012.pdf>

Fall and Winter Events on the Island

The **Topsail Chili Festival** is confirmed for Friday and Saturday, November 16 & 17 in beautiful Sneads Ferry, at the Sneads Ferry Community Center, there will be Live Entertainment, a Beer Tent, Bounce Room Arts & Craft Vendors, and of course...**CHILI!!!**

The Topsail Historical Society will hold it's annual **Autumn at Topsail Festival** on October 20 and 21th. For a schedule of events visit <http://autumnwithtopsail.com/index.php/schedule/>

They will also host the **The 7th Annual Jingle Bell Ball**, an Evening of Dinner, Dancing, and Cocktails to benefit [The Historical Society of Topsail Island](#) on December 1st @ 6:30PM

Ocean City Cookbook

The Council is requesting that the community submit their favorite recipes for inclusion in a cookbook.

Please submit your favorite recipe to info@oceancitync.com by December 15, 2012. The cookbook will include recipes from the original "Ms. Winnie's Ocean City Seafood Cookbook"

Art Prints of the Community

Artist Betsy A Cutler has done several art prints of the community!



Ocean City Fishing Pier



The Beach is This Way



Topsail Island Old Sign

The art prints are available at www.betsy-cutler.artistwebsites.com. All art prints retail for \$44.

Once upon a time, there were four people. Their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody.

Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it.

So consequently, Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place

Hurricane preparedness

For coastal residents who have not already done so, the time to begin acquiring shutters and protection for your home is before hurricane season starts. All openings of your home need to have protection to keep fierce winds and rain out of the building. Experience proves that a home that does not have protected openings is at grave risk for serious damage.

Identify loose items located outside, such as lawn furniture, grills, toys, yard equipment, etc., that should be brought inside before a storm. When picked up by high winds, these items can become deadly missiles.

Examine your home to see if hurricane straps and connectors were installed to roof trusses, rafters and framing members. Homes that do not have such protective reinforcement are at risk of losing roofs and walls to strong hurricane force winds. (www.ncdps.gov)

Also visit www.readync.org for additional information and checklists.

Helpful Hints

Care and maintenance of you HVAC unit

The extent with which you can keep sand and salt mist from collecting in you unit corresponds with its longevity. Even if you have chosen a stainless steel cabinet or heavy gauge galvanized metal cabinet. It is a good idea to regularly rinse off the cabinet to clean away any salt mist or sand that may have collected in the fins and coil or other exposed component inside the unit. Rinsing the unit can be done with a garden hose or by adding a pop-up sprinkler head that sprays the condenser unity each time the lawn is irrigated. You can also spray on a water-resistant, marine-grade corrosion inhibitor to minimize exterior corrosion. (The Complete Photo Guide To Coastal Maintenance)

Winterizing Coastal Homes

Keep your central heat set on the lowest temperature setting, normally 40 or 50 degrees Fahrenheit. This will prevent your inside water lines, ice-maker lines and toilets from freezing. The heat will reduce the humidity inside the house and help prevent mold and mildew. If you expect the temperatures to drop below freezing and you decide to turn your central heating system off, you may need a professional to fully drain and winterize all plumbing. Begin by shutting off the main water supply coming into the house. Open and leave all faucets and exterior hose bibs to allow water to drain, including water lines and toilets. Flush the toilets and then pour **nontoxic** antifreeze in the tank and the bowl. Also, add antifreeze to all shower, tub, and sink drains. Have your plumber drain your hot-water heater, ice maker, washing machine, and dishwasher lines. Also, drain all exterior showers, sinks, and sprinkler systems.

Install tape over the keyhole cylinder to prevent salt air and moisture from entering the lockset.

Unplug all electronics and non-essential appliances.

Turn off non-essential circuit breakers.

Notify police department that you will be absence during the winter. Courtesy House Check Lists are available through the NTB Police Department. Go to the following website <http://ntbnc.org/pd.aspx>, and click on download request form.



From "The Complete Photo Guide To Coastal Maintenance"

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Join the discussion forum and post your discussions/comments. For instructions on joining send us an email

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