

# DUCK TALES

SPRING 2023

## A Note from the Mayor...

On behalf of myself as Mayor and the entire Duck Town Council, I hope that you and your families and friends are safe and well. Over the last year the Town has continued the return to normalcy. In 2022, we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Incorporation and saw the return of a full summer event schedule, including the 4th of July Parade and Community Celebration. The Duck Jazz Festival also returned in 2022 to the biggest crowd yet. The Town of Duck continues to be financially stable and secure.

As I reflect on my twelve years as Mayor and fourteen years on Council, I wish to personally express my sincere appreciation to the four former Mayors, former and present Council members, Board and Committee members and the excellent Town Staff we have had over the last twenty-one years. The Town's accomplishments have been exceptional with many more significant projects planned for this year, including the completion of beach re-nourishment, raising a segment of Duck Road with new sidewalks, the living shoreline project, and the acquisition of a beach front property for governmental beach nourishment / maintenance and public safety use.

Duck remains an eclectic coastal community, a well-known international destination and yet, at the same time, a unique and friendly-community Town. We continue to wish you well and look forward to seeing everyone over the coming season in the Town of Duck!

- Mayor Don Kingston

## GROUNDING IN OUR VALUES, WE ARE ABLE TO SOAR TO SUCCESS.

As a respectful and open workplace, we support a culture where all employees have an avenue to share ideas, meet their professional goals, and help create solutions to continuously improve our service to each other and our community.



*Town of Duck Staff worked together to adopt the set of core values seen above. These values shape our work and our interactions with each other and the community.*

## Beach Nourishment

FIND THE LATEST  
BEACH NOURISHMENT  
INFORMATION ON



MORE BEACH TO  
**LOVE**  
OUTER BANKS SHORELINE MANAGEMENT

After completion of the 2017 Beach Nourishment Project, the Town of Duck has endured multiple coastal storms, including Hurricane Dorian, Hurricane Florence, and several destructive seasonal Nor'easters. These coastal systems have contributed to the erosional state along the Town's oceanfront, requiring the town to plan for a renourishment project to maintain a quality and protective coastline.

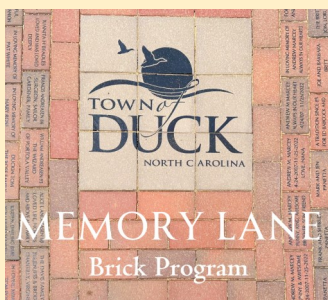
Dare County executed a contract with Weeks Marine to construct the 2022 (expected to be finished late May 2023) project from 128 Skimmer Way to the northern end of the US Army Corps Field Research Facility. One of the most frequent questions we receive regarding beach nourishment is why the 2017 project area is receiving nourishment in the current project.

The location for adding sand was identified by engineering studies that looked at historic erosion rates along the entire beach in Duck. The chosen location provided the greatest benefit to the beach and, more importantly, provided protection to property and infrastructure. By protecting the portion of the beach that has the highest rate of erosion, the connecting beaches benefit as well. The Town contracts with Coastal Protection Engineering to perform annual profile surveys to monitor shoreline health and plan for future beach maintenance, which is planned in five-year intervals.

Updates will continue to be shared via the Town's website, weekly eNewsletters, and social media channels. For more information including updates, survey data, and pre-construction plans, please visit: [bit.ly/3Dj0b3c](https://bit.ly/3Dj0b3c).

The Town of Duck holds a special place in the hearts of many. Families and friends gather here to celebrate reunions, weddings, anniversaries, and more! Commemorate yours with a personalized, engraved brick. Each engraved brick is personalized to keep those precious memories alive.

Brick orders will be collected throughout the year for one large order to be placed annually in January and installed in the spring. Leave your mark in the Duck Town Park! For ordering information visit [bit.ly/3myTxQD](https://bit.ly/3myTxQD).



### **By Town Ordinance:**

#### **ROLL OUT** to curb:

Night before or no later than 5:00 a.m. day of collection

**ROLL BACK** under or alongside house: no later than midnight on the day of collection.



## **Ordinance Enforcement**

At the direction of the Town Council, Town Staff are making improvements on the enforcement of ordinance provisions related to the storage of trash on residential properties and the placement of trash and/or recycling carts at the street for pick-up.

Visit [bit.ly/3SP8uKz](https://bit.ly/3SP8uKz) for more information on Town residential curbside services.

Sign up for OBXAlerts on our website and choose “Duck Trash & Recycling” to receive text messages about trash and recycling delays or schedule changes.

## **Residential Curbside In-Season Schedule**

- **Trash:** Monday & Friday May 1 to September 30
  - **Recycling:** Mondays May 1 to October 31
- ⇒ **Please be sure that your cans are 2 feet away from each other and 3 feet away from other objects.**

## **Address Change?**

If your mailing address has changed, please notify the Town of Duck and Dare County. To submit a change of address form to Dare County, visit [bit.ly/41JDMGt](https://bit.ly/41JDMGt).

To notify the Town of Duck of changes of address, email, and/or phone number, contact Jim Gould [jgould@townofduck.com](mailto:jgould@townofduck.com) or Melissa Felthousen [mfelthousen@townofduck.com](mailto:mfelthousen@townofduck.com).

## **Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP)**

Phase III of the RCCP began with a Neighborhood Stormwater Management Study to investigate causes and potential solutions for five flood-prone areas in the Town of Duck. Public input was received in December 2022 prior to the geotechnical analysis and development of viable stormwater management options. A preliminary report and menu of solutions were presented at the Town Council Annual Retreat. The results of the second public survey and March 30 Open House will be presented to the Town Council at the May 3 Council meeting.

Thank you to everyone that shared their input. The information was critical in the development of the study report. More information about the RCCP can be found at [bit.ly/3TLtFxo](https://bit.ly/3TLtFxo).

## **Duck Trail Improvements**

The Duck Trail between Blue Heron and Waxwing Lane is getting a facelift! Construction is currently underway, replacing a small landscaping retaining wall and the asphalt trail with a new wall and concrete path. Small swales will also be added along the trail, where space allows, to reduce the potential for standing water. This will complete the trail replacements in the Sanderling area and this fall you will likely see improvements along the south end of Town.



### **BEACH FURNITURE REMINDERS**

Unattended items on the beach before 8 am or after 5 pm are prohibited

Remove items entirely every day

Unattended items left between 5 pm to 8 am will be removed and disposed of as litter

Do not walk/ play on the dunes

Tents cannot be any larger than 12'x 12' or taller than 9'

Tents, cabanas, or sunshades must be spaced 10' apart

THESE RULES ALLOW FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE TO SAFELY SHARE THE BEACH AND ALLOW EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ROOM TO WORK.



## **Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) Grant**

While we continue to patiently await final notice of the FEMA grant award, The Town has completed final design and engineering for the infrastructure improvements in the quarter-mile stretch of Duck Rd. in the Northern section of Duck Village. Final permits are expected this spring. Construction could begin as early as this summer with road improvements to follow in late 2023.

### **Project Goals:**

- Living Shoreline
- Sidewalk Extension
- Elevation of Duck Road





## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

**Hurricane season** is June 1 through November 30. Now is a great time to review your hurricane plan, including evacuation, communication, and insurances.

For more information, visit the Storm Preparedness webpage on the Town's website at [bit.ly/3cUocAt](http://bit.ly/3cUocAt) and [ReadyNC.gov](http://ReadyNC.gov).

1. **Review your risk.**
2. **Know your evacuation plan.**
3. **Check your disaster supplies.**
4. **Make copies of important paperwork.**
5. **Prepare to secure outdoor items as needed.**
6. **Go over your plan with family and friends.**

## 2023 Town Park Happenings

### On the Green

Fitness  
Concerts  
Movies

### In the Amphitheater

Variety Shows  
Edutainment  
OBXtreme Magic

### Around the Park

Story Time  
Chalk Art Fun



PRESENTED BY PNC BANK

**October 7-8, 2023**

For events information, visit <http://bit.ly/3My0E6G>.



**APPLY FOR REENTRY PERMITS ONLINE**  
RESIDENTS | PROPERTY OWNERS | BUSINESSES

### Volunteer Beach Planting Stats:

No. of Plantings: 23	Volunteers: 93
Linear Ft. Planted: 5,100	Hours Worked: 290
Over 100,000 sprigs in the sand!	

### Safe Travels!

Spring is here! With summer quickly approaching, we are seeing vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic steadily increasing on Duck Road. As you travel through Town this season, we hope you enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. However, we also want you to stay safe!

With over 60,000 vehicles, in addition to pedestrians and cyclists, traveling in Duck weekly during the summer season, it is important to stay alert. Whether you are driving, walking or cycling, here are a few tips for safely traveling in Duck:

- Hands free only! Stay off of devices
- Obey speed limits
- Don't drink and drive
- Stay alert! Be aware of your surroundings
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks

Throughout the season, your Duck Police Officers will remain visible and proactive in the enforcement of traffic laws to keep everyone safe. We hope you enjoy your time in Duck and look forward to seeing you in Town. Remember, there is no need to speed!



### Fire Safe Landscaping

The Town of Duck is a beautiful place to live, work, and visit. The environment that surrounds us is lush, but also fragile. With wind as a part of everyday life, wind-driven fires are an ever-present hazard. All it takes is a spark. Here are some steps you can take to keep your property more fire safe:

- Clear dead leaves or vegetation from roofs & gutters
- Ensure 5 feet between structures and branches, shrubs, and/or mulch
- Ensure 3-foot clearance surrounding any hydrants
- Keep at least 14-foot clearance vertically from street to trees

If you notice a hydrant overgrown or blocked by landscaping, please let us know so that we may clear the area. Thank you for doing your part in keeping our community fire safe.

If you wish to do more, we are always looking for volunteers! Please contact us at 252-261-3929 to learn more.





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## Connect

**WEBSITE:** [TownOfDuck.com](http://TownOfDuck.com)

**WEEKLY E-NEWS:** Sign up easily on our [website](#).

### SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook: [TownofDuck](#) and [DuckJazzFestival](#)

Instagram: [@townofduck](#)

Twitter: [@DuckOBX](#)

**YOUTUBE:** [DuckPR](#)

*Share your photos with #DuckNC for a chance to be featured on our pages.*

### General contacts:

- Administrative Office: 252-255-1234

[info@townofduck.com](mailto:info@townofduck.com)

- Duck Fire Department: 252-261-3929

[info@duckfire.org](mailto:info@duckfire.org)

- Duck Police Department: 252-261-1112



Sign up for OBXAlerts and set your profile to receive Town and County alerts, including subjects like trash collection delays, Duck specific alerts, and more.

Visit <http://bit.ly/3nua4FW> to register.

## Get Involved

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

First Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (Regular Meeting) and third Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. (as needed).

### BUDGET SCHEDULE:

- April 19– Mid-Month Work Session
- May 3– Public Hearing for Draft 2024 Budget
- May 17– Mid-Month Council Work Session
- June 7– Adoption of 2024 Budget

### PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting) and fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (as needed).

*Meetings are live-streamed on our YouTube channel where you can also find recent meeting videos.*

### VOLUNTEER

There is no better way to meet new people and give back to the community!

There are many ways to volunteer throughout the year.

Visit [bit.ly/3KcqnXP](http://bit.ly/3KcqnXP) to learn more.

### Upcoming opportunities:

Summer Events  
4th of July Parade  
Duck Sweep  
Duck Jazz Festival