



# FOCUS ON CURRITUCK



A report to the community by Currituck County Government

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## New animal shelter in county's vision

For years, the Currituck Animal Shelter has provided local families with wonderful pets while taking in numerous strays and abandoned animals. And as Currituck County continues to grow, the shelter's adoption rates and intake rates increase each year.

Space is a premium at the current shelter facility, located on Airport Rd. It contains only 14 dog runs and houses most cats in a single room. Despite facing constant overcrowding, the shelter has been very successful. It generates an adoption rate for adoptable animals of approximately 85-88%.



The shelter is operated by the Animal Lovers Assistance League (ALAL) and offers excellent services for its pets. These include vaccinations, deworming and placing microchips in each pet. Pets also come with 30 days of free health insurance. Dogs are tested for heartworms, cats are tested for FELV-FIV and animals are spayed or neutered.

As a result of county growth, a new animal shelter is on the horizon. Land has been designated for a larger facility to be located at the Community Center complex in Barco, next to the Cooperative Extension facility and the YMCA building that is currently under construction.

Some features anticipated in a new shelter include more pet accommodations, animal intake areas, separate areas for sick or newborn pets, space for dog training and education programs, and private areas for humans to meet and interact with prospective adopted pets. A public dog park is also in the Community Center plans, to be located behind the shelter.

*Turn to page 6 to learn more of the Currituck Animal Shelter and the Animal Lovers Assistance League.*

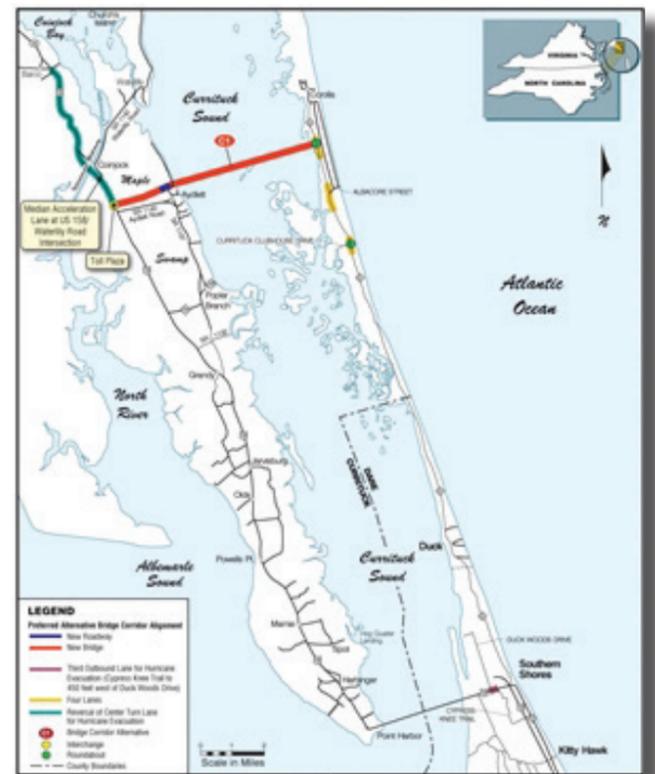
## Turnpike Authority unveils preferred plan for Mid-Currituck Bridge

The North Carolina Turnpike Authority released its Preferred Alternative for the proposed Mid-Currituck Bridge project on February 7, 2011. The bridge would be a seven-mile, two-lane span across the Currituck Sound and would include tolls.

On the Outer Banks side, the Mid-Currituck Bridge would intersect N.C. 12 between the first phase of the Corolla Bay subdivision and the northern end of the Monteray Shores subdivision.

On the mainland, a toll plaza would be built at the U.S. 158 interchange, along with a two-lane bridge over Maple Swamp between the interchange and the community of Aydlett. Aydlett Road would remain open to local traffic and current left turns will be maintained at Waterlily Road and U.S. 158.

The project's Final Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be released this summer, with final federal approval expected by fall 2011. Preliminary project costs are estimated at \$660 million. The bridge is scheduled to open for traffic in 2016. More information can be found on the project website, at [www.ncturnpike.org/projects/Mid\\_Currituck](http://www.ncturnpike.org/projects/Mid_Currituck).



## UNDER CONSTRUCTION! Projects taking shape

Construction and/or renovation of various Currituck County facilities is underway. Heading the list, and attracting the most public attention, is the Community Center's YMCA building.

Motorists traveling along Shortcut Rd. can see the structure rising next to the Cooperative Extension center. Considerable progress is being accomplished on the site, including the framing of the indoor and outdoor swimming pools.



*The outdoor swimming pool at the YMCA.*

The Community Center building will include a YMCA, Senior Center, Parks and Recreation offices and regional healthcare space. It should be completed by December 2011.

In addition, the county is expanding the taxiway at the Currituck Regional Airport and renovating the Corolla Visitor's Center. The taxiway should be completed by the end of July. At the Visitor's Center, renovations on the restrooms and lobby will be done by April, in time for the summer tourist season.



## Eason retires after nearly three decades in Social Services

Carolyn Eason, a Social Worker III with the Currituck County Department of Social Services, retires at the end of March after twenty-eight years of service.

During her career in Social Services, Carolyn has worn many hats within the department. She began in September 1983 as a part-time employee with the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Carolyn was then hired as a full-time Income Maintenance caseworker. She worked in the food stamp unit for approximately six months and followed that with a year in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children unit.

Carolyn found her true calling when a Social Worker position became available. In this role, Carolyn has specialized in Adoptions, Foster Care Placements, and Licensure & Recruitment of Foster Homes. Her work has had a positive impact on many families in Currituck County.

The Department of Social Services has a history of commitment to achieving safe, permanent placements for foster children. Carolyn's philosophy is that permanence must be achieved as quickly as possible in order to minimize trauma to the children.

She is a certified MAPP (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) trainer, and conducted at least one training session annually to prospective foster and adoptive parents. She took the lead on various Adoption Awareness Month celebrations. Perhaps the most rewarding measure of her success was demonstrated during reunions of former foster children, their adoptive parents and former foster parents.

Carolyn had plenty of memorable moments while working at DSS. Some are really good like the opportunity to work with people she considers friends. Others are not so good, like being bitten by two dogs and chased by a rooster, a turkey, cats, birds and even a duck. It's ironic that she plans to adopt a dog from the shelter upon her retirement.

When asked about the highlight of her career, she said "It was getting her co-workers and clients to see the

humor in life." Carolyn's efforts at Social Services have not gone unnoticed. Many in the department and community appreciate the work she has done over the years.



*from Vickie Moore, Carolyn's supervisor since 1990:*  
"Carolyn's sense of humor is legendary among all staff members and others she works with. She shares her humorous nature when situations at work are the bleakest. Her unique sense of humor with impromptu comedic skits will be greatly missed. Her best moments are when she gives a prepared speech - she always gets a laugh from everyone! I'll really miss her and her expertise in adoption policy and law as well as foster care licensure."

*from Kathy Romm, Director of Social Services:*  
"I thank Carolyn for 28 years of dedication to the foster children in this county. It is a great advantage to families and children in foster care when they have one social worker through-out our work with them. I know she will continue to serve and volunteer in her community after retirement. I will miss her sense of humor and her knowledge of the adoption laws and program."

Carolyn's final thoughts on her retirement:

Like the poet said . . .  
"Stop work? I don't think so!  
Now the work truly begins  
Mountains to climb  
Rivers to swim  
Oceans to sail  
Roads to follow  
Dreams to turn into reality."

## Jones fills role as Family & Consumer Science agent

Currituck County Cooperative Extension welcomed Olivia Jones as the newest member of its staff on February 7, 2011. Olivia fills the void left by the retirement of former Family and Consumer Science agent, Georgia Kight.

Olivia is a graduate of Appalachian State University. She holds a bachelors degree in Family and Consumer Sciences, Secondary Education. Olivia served in various leadership roles for the N.C. Association of Family and Consumer Sciences' Student Unit during her tenure at Appalachian. She also student taught at North Stokes High School in Danbury, NC.

"Olivia's interests, education and personality make her an ideal fit for this job," says Cameron Lowe, Cooperative Extension Director. "We are very excited about the dynamic she will add to our staff team and the opportunities she will provide the public."

Olivia will be responsible for overseeing the Family and Consumer Sciences program with Currituck Cooperative Extension. In Currituck County, families receive research-based answers to their day-to-day challenges. Family and Consumer Science staff is ready with answers on indoor air quality, managing a family budget, helping families improve their eating habits, or dealing with the special concerns related to early childhood, parenting, or aging.

"I am really looking forward to learning new things about the job and about Currituck County," Olivia says. "I am ready to get very involved and make a difference in this community."



## Seniors' sewing group completes decorative quilt

A group of ladies at the Currituck Senior Center spent nearly a year sewing a quilt by hand. The quilt, shown left, was completed just prior to Christmas 2010 and includes several scenes which depict some of the many activities available at the Senior Center.

The quilt can currently be viewed at the Currituck Senior Center. In the future, it will decorate the entranceway to the Senior Center wing of the county's new Community Center, which is currently under construction in Barco.



## Currituck honored for 'Going Green'

Currituck County was recently recognized for its "Going Green" Initiative, which began in 2008.

The Albemarle RC & D Council awarded Currituck County the "Outstanding Stewardship Award" for its commitment to implementing green development and sustainability strategies. Currituck hosted a "going green" trade show and has installed environmentally- friendly practices such as a cistern, bioretention area for parking lot stormwater and a constructed wetland at the Cooperative Extension Center in Barco.

For more information regarding the going green initiative, please contact the Currituck Planning Department at 232-3055.



*pictured above (L-R): Marshall Stevenson, Chairman of Albemarle RC & D; Holly White, Currituck County Planner; and Owen Etheridge, Currituck County Commissioner.*

## Ferrell brings home state award

Kim Ferrell, District Administrator for the Currituck Soil and Water Conservation District, was awarded the 2011 Outstanding District Administrative Employee of the Year.

Kim received her award in Asheville at the Grove Park Inn during the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's 67th annual meeting in January. The association's theme was 'Quality Leadership, the Key to Success'.



*Above, Kim Ferrell (right) receives her award from James Ferguson, president of the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation District Association.*

## Sheriff's Office seeks public help against rise in home break-ins



The Currituck County Sheriff's Office asks for the public's assistance solving a string of home break-ins occurring in the county and encourages all residents to keep homes and vehicles locked.

The break-ins are occurring most frequently at rear-facing and side doors that might not be visible to neighbors or have obstructed views by fences or tree lines. The back or side doors have been kicked in or pried open to gain access to the house. The majority of the break-ins are occurring in populated subdivisions and homes near a main highway.

The items most frequently taken from homeowners are jewelry, electronics, gaming systems, laptops and guns. Please take the time to record the serial numbers of your valuables and make every effort to keep these items hard to find.

Always keep an eye out for your neighbors and be vigilant of anyone in the area who doesn't belong. Pay close attention to what you would consider to be normal such as someone knocking on your neighbor's door, dogs barking, motion lights, people walking or a vehicle driving around in the area that doesn't belong there. If it doesn't look right, always call and have it checked out.

If you do see someone who you think may be breaking into a home or is suspicious, keep the person

in sight, if possible to do so safely, report what they are wearing, driving and, if they leave the area, the direction headed. The Communications Center will advise if they can keep you on the line until a Deputy can reach the area.

Be especially observant of vehicles or persons who appear to be looking around or hanging out in your neighborhood. Be alert to vehicles parked in areas where they normally don't belong. The time frames of most of the break-ins have been reported to be in the early evening hours.

This does not mean you shouldn't be on alert at all hours. Most of the victims were only gone from their homes for a short period of time. Changing of routine habits might be considered and may confuse a would-be robber.

You are the most familiar with your neighborhood and usually will know who does and does not belong or what appears to be suspicious. Please don't hesitate to report what doesn't look right. We need your eyes and ears and appreciate any assistance given to solve these crimes.

A reward is being offered for any information leading to the arrest of the persons responsible. Anyone with information about any of the break-ins is asked to call Currituck County Sheriff's Office Crime Line at 457-0383 or the Sheriff's Office at 453-8204. If you witness any suspicious activity, call 911 immediately.

## Join the Emergency Medical Services staff in celebrating National EMS Week



Please join Currituck County Fire-EMS in celebrating National EMS Week during May 15 - 21, 2011. Department personnel constantly strive to find new ways to serve the citizens and visitors to our community, and this week is no exception.

EMS-Fire personnel will be at locations throughout the county to celebrate the week by conducting free blood pressure checks, as well as answering health and safety-related questions. Fire-EMS personnel can analyze blood pressure and vital signs, both of which are extremely beneficial to the citizens in evaluating the effectiveness of blood pressure medications.

Blood pressure screenings are also available year-round at special events that include Fire-EMS, and at every fire station that houses an EMS crew.

Another service offered to citizens is called "File of Life". This is a card that can be completed by the citizen, family member, neighbor, or Fire-EMS crew.

This form is used in the case of a medical emergency to quickly relay vital information to the responding EMS crew.

Information such as known medical problems, allergies, medications, name, and date of birth are all included. The File of Life can be picked up at any local fire department, and the duty crew is more than happy to assist with filling out the form. These forms are strongly encouraged to be kept up to date as one's medication, medical history, and allergies can change frequently.

Fire-EMS crews are also available to stand by at public events that occur within the community year round. Anyone interested in having a Fire-EMS crew at their next event is encouraged to contact the Fire-EMS administrative office at 252-232-7746 at least two weeks prior to the event.

Anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer EMS provider within Currituck, please visit <http://www.co.currituck.nc.us/Emergency-Medical-Services.cfm> for further information and application.

## Volunteer opportunities available in Currituck

Several offices and departments within Currituck County government have volunteer positions available for residents who wish to help their community. One well-known group that relies on citizens is the volunteer fire departments. Each of the stations in Currituck is manned by volunteers, of

which there are never too many. Others in need of volunteers include the Senior Center, Library, Animal Shelter, Cooperative Extension, Board of Elections, Emergency Management and Recreation. Visit [www.CurrituckGovernment.com](http://www.CurrituckGovernment.com) to learn more about volunteering with local government offices.

# Currituck County Flood Outreach

## Do You Know Your Risk?

Many people think that if they do not live near a river or on the Outer Banks, they are not in danger of flooding — not true. Flooding is the nation's number one natural disaster, and it occurs inland and on the coast.

**20-25% of all flood insurance claims filed are outside of a flood zone.**

### Currituck's Local Flood Risk

Anywhere it rains, it can flood. Many conditions can result in a flood: hurricanes, outdated or clogged drainage systems, and rapid accumulation of rainfall.

Flooding is one of the main hazards that affect Currituck County. Over 58.7% of the county is located in a flood zone. The county can experience flooding from hurricanes, tropical storms, nor'easters, heavy rains, and flash floods. The Atlantic Ocean, Albemarle Sound, Currituck Sound, and North River are the primary sources of flooding for the most vulnerable areas of the county. On the Outer Banks, wave action associated with storm surge can be much more damaging than just rising flood waters alone. In addition, nor'easters can cause greater, more prolonged exposure for coastal properties. In low lying portions of mainland Currituck, properties are more susceptible to flooding from typical heavy rain events.



Hurricane Isabel (2003) and Tropical Storm Ernesto (2006) produced several floods and extensive structural damage. Ernesto dropped over seven inches of rainfall in four days resulting in three to four feet of standing water. In September 2009, Moyock experienced six inches of rainfall in six hours causing twelve to eighteen inches of standing water in streets. In November 2009, Currituck County experienced flooding from a nor'easter. Over a 48 hour period, parts of the County received thirteen inches.

**There is a 26% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage in high-risk flood areas (A or V zones) compared to a 10.4% chance of fire.**

The chances of hurricanes and tropical storms are most prevalent from June 1 through November 30. August and September are the most active months for tropical storm activity. An approaching hurricane poses a potential danger of rising sea levels with wind driven waves and strong currents. Nor'easters are most prevalent during the winter months from

November to March and can cause flooding and serve erosion to waterfront properties. Just because you have not experienced a flood in the past does not mean you will not in the future. Flood risk is not just based on history; it's also based on a number of factors: rainfall, river-flow and tidal-surge data, topography, and changes due to building and development.

### Flood Warning System

The Emergency Operations Center maintains direct contact with the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center. Any updates of threatening weather are relayed to the public. Local officials will notify citizens of evacuations through radio, cable TV, and the **Currituck County Emergency Management Department**.

Evacuees will be directed to shelters by law enforcement at traffic control intersections and through bulletins on radio/TV/websites.

**Radio Stations:** WXER 94.1; WRSF 105.7; WCMS 94.5; WVOD 99.1; WERX 102.5; WKJK 96.7; WCXL 104.1; WGAI AM 560; NOAA Weather Radio: - Cape Hatteras 162.475 MHz, Norfolk, VA 162.550 MHz  
**TV Stations:** WTKR 3; WAVY 10; WVEC 13; WSKY 4; WITN 7; Mediacom Ch. 18; Charter Ch. 19

### Flood Safety

Floods can happen anywhere, at any time. Know your risk and be prepared! Have a flood evacuation plan in place before flooding occurs. This includes safe routes from home, work, and school that are on high ground. Have an emergency kit ready before a flooding or storm event that includes a portable radio, flashlight batteries, blankets, extra clothing, baby products, non-perishable food, manual can opener, medicines, toiletries, and important papers such as insurance information. Also, make a complete inventory of the contents of your house. Take pictures and describe the inventory. This will be helpful in the event you receive damage and are seeking assistance.

If you are asked to evacuate due to flooding, hurricane, or other hazard, lock all windows and doors before you leave. Turn off the electricity at the main breaker terminal and gas system

at the outside source - only if you know how. Unplug small appliances and place towels or rugs around any openings to prevent seepage.

Lightweight or easily damaged items should be moved to the highest location possible, secured, and covered with plastic. Be sure to secure outdoor furniture and potted plants. These items can become projectiles during high winds. If you cannot take your pets with you, put out food and water.

Once an evacuation has been issued, be prepared to leave immediately. Do not stay in areas subject to flooding when water begins to rise. As you leave, do not drive through flood waters. If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and move to higher ground.

### Substantial Improvement

No new building should be constructed and no substantial improvements of an existing building should take place

within any floodplain unless the lowest floor of the building or improvement is flood-proofed or elevated to or above the base flood level.

Substantial improvement means any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a building the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure, either before the improvement or repair is started or, if the structure has been damaged and is being restored, before the damage occurred.

Substantial improvement occurs when the first alteration on any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. The term does not include either any project for improvement of a structure to comply with existing state or local health, sanitary or safety code specifications that are solely necessary to insure safe living conditions, or any alteration of a building listed on the National Register of Historic Places or a State Inventory of Historic Places.

**Cars will float in less than one foot of water, and 2 feet of water will carry away most vehicles, including SUVs.**

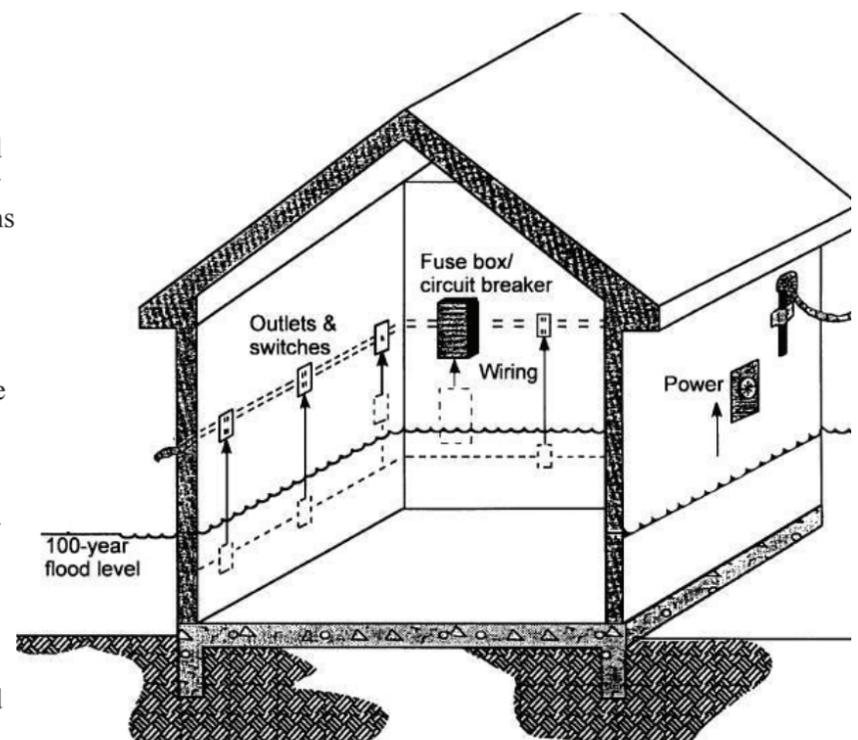
### Property Protection Measures

There are many alternatives available to help minimize and mitigate flooding. The following improvements can be made to an existing structure to help reduce or eliminate flood damage risks.

They include:

- Elevating the entire structure above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
- Elevating crucial home infrastructure- such as electrical outlets, breaker or fuse boxes, water heaters, HVAC equipment and fuel tanks.
- Installing openings in flood-prone areas below BFE to allow floodwaters to flow through.
- Installing sewer backflow valves to prevent sewage backup in a flood.
- Installing storm shutters and reinforcing garage doors.

Currituck County can also help you reduce your property's flood hazard by providing you with a list of licensed contractors and consultants who are knowledgeable about retrofitting techniques and construction to make your house or building safer.



Call the Planning Department at 232-3055 for help in identifying and examining different ways to retrofit an existing building and advice on siting and building new structures.

If a flood is imminent, property can be protected by sandbagging areas where water might enter living spaces. Valuables and furniture may be moved to higher areas of the dwelling to minimize loss. Whatever emergency protection measures are used, it is always best to have a written plan in advance.

Additional information can be found at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Web site at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/publications.shtm>. Under the "Floodplain Management" heading, several items explain how you can protect your property.

**Homeowner insurance policies do NOT cover flooding.**

### Flood Insurance

When it comes to flood protection, your homeowner's policy is not enough. Typical policies do not cover losses due to flooding.

Many people are under the misconception that they are ineligible for flood insurance because of where they live, or their mortgage status. But the truth is, as long as Currituck County remains in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) program, most homeowners, business owners, and renters can get flood insurance.

The County urges consumers to remember the flood insurance basics:

- You CAN get flood insurance if you live in a floodplain or high-flood-risk area.
- You CAN get flood insurance if you live outside a floodplain, or a low-to-moderate flood-risk area, - and at lower cost.
- You CAN get flood insurance if your property has been flooded before.
- You CAN get flood insurance from insurance agents in your area.
- You CAN buy flood insurance even if your mortgage broker doesn't require it.



Armed with the proper information about their flood risk and protection options, consumers can make more informed decisions to protect their financial investments.

Flood insurance is available for most enclosed buildings covering both structures and contents. This includes homes, condominiums, mobile homes on foundations, businesses or commercial structures and farms. The contents of rental units are also insurable. You can find out more about obtaining flood

insurance, and the parameters of its coverage, by contacting any licensed property or casualty insurance agent or broker.

There is a **30-day waiting period** between the purchase of flood insurance and when coverage begins to prevent purchasing insurance when a major storm is forecast (only to cancel the policy when the threat passes).

The following exceptions apply:

- When the purchase of insurance is done in connection with making, increasing, extending or renewing a loan.
- When the purchase of insurance occurs during the one-year period following issuance of a revised flood map for a community.

If a flood strikes, the type and amount of federal disaster assistance you can receive is affected by whether you have flood insurance, making it all the more important to have a policy before a flood threatens.

### What is the National Flood Insurance Program?

The NFIP is a federal program enacted in 1968 that makes flood insurance available in communities that enact floodplain management regulations; Currituck County has adopted these regulations. This insurance is available to buildings in flood prone areas that comply with these regulations (or which were in existence prior to their enactment).

This coverage protects you even when a federal disaster isn't declared (which is required for most federal disaster assistance to be offered). And it's paid for by policy premiums -- not tax dollars.

This coverage has its limits, however. Single-family homes or other residential structures are limited to \$250,000 in damages, while commercial and other structures are capped at \$500,000. For contents-only policies, residences are limited to \$100,000 in damages, while the contents of commercial and other structures are capped at \$500,000.

### Community Rating System (CRS)

Currituck County is an active participant in the Community Rating System (CRS). CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

As a result, **flood insurance premium rates in Currituck County are discounted 10%** to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS:

1. Reduce flood losses
2. Facilitate accurate insurance rating
3. Promote the awareness of flood insurance.

Contact the **Currituck County Planning Department** for flood zone information, a flood determination and/or copies of elevation certificates at 232-3055.

### Floodplain Development Permit Regulations

All "development" in Currituck County should be permitted through the Planning Department.

Development is defined as any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including, but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials.



Contact the Currituck County Planning Department for advice on how to best mitigate your structure from flooding. **The way a structure is built can directly affect the cost to insure the building.** There are special provisions in the Unified Development Ordinance and the building code that regulate construction and other development in the floodplain. Without those provisions, flood insurance through the NFIP would not be available to property owners in Currituck County.

### Natural and Beneficial Functions of Floodplains

Currituck County is a beautiful place to live. The undisturbed marshes, rivers, and wetlands provide a wide range of benefits to both human and natural systems. While the areas adjacent to our shorelines are most at risk, they are also the most popular areas for people to live.

Floodplains along the coastal barrier islands, sound, rivers, wetlands, and marshes provide a buffer to accommodate temporary flooding (tidal or storm driven). This buffer, in combination with prudent development, allows for buildings to weather intermittent flooding with a minimum of disruption and cost. These floodplains also offer valuable habitat for plants and animals, and typically are highly prized recreational resources that provide access to the water as well.

**Just one inch of water in your house can cause as much as \$8,700 worth of damage.**

The county also maintains drainage channels and ditches for storm water management purposes in designated service districts. Soil and Water Conservation maintains these districts on a regular basis. This natural and developed drainage way system must be kept clear of debris and trash that could hold back the flow of flood waters.

To report drainage problems or inquire about the service districts, call the **Currituck County Soil and Water Conservation** office at 232-3360.

State law and county ordinance also prohibits dumping in these waterways. If you see someone illegally dumping items into a waterway that could cause an obstruction or create flooding, call and report it to the Currituck County Soil and Water Conservation at 232-3360.



# Events and announcements

## Household hazardous waste collection

Saturday, April 2 (Rain date: April 9)

Mainland collection site: Judicial Center complex, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Outer Banks collection site: Southern Outer Banks Water Plant, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

### Typical items collected

Motor oils; drain cleaners; metal polish; photo chemicals; dry cleaning fluids; rust preventatives; wood strippers; paint thinner; sealants; engine and radiator flushes; herbicides; brake fluid; moth balls; ammonia; household batteries; oven cleaners; arts and crafts supplies; floor cleaners; oil based paint; solvents; antifreeze; transmission fluid; pesticides; insect spray, rodent killers; bleaches and propane gas cylinders.

### Items NOT acceptable for collection

Large quantities of unknown materials; radioactive waste, including smoke detectors; explosives; gun powder; flares; ammunition; unstable waste; unknown gas cylinders; biohazardous waste; infectious waste and needles/syringes.

For more info, call Public Works at 232-2504.

## Parks and Recreation

### EAC Basketball All-Star Tournament

March 12 - 13

7-9 boys: Moyock Middle School

7-9 girls: Camden High School

10 boys: Plymouth High School

10 girls: Camden High School

11-12 boys: Gates County

11-12 girls: Perquimans High School

13-15 boys: Gates County

### Baseball & Softball Registration

Final day to register is March 19, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon at the Parks and Rec office. North/South draft workouts determined by CMS and MMS boundaries:

8U north softball - Moyock ES, March 28,

8U south softball - Jarvisburg ES, March 29

10U north softball - Moyock ES, March 30

10U south softball - Jarvisburg ES, March 30

12U north softball - Moyock MS, March 31

12U south softball - Currituck MS, March 31

7-8 north baseball - Moyock ES, April 5

7-8 south baseball - Jarvisburg ES, April 5

9-10 north baseball - Moyock ES, April 6

9-10 south baseball - Jarvisburg ES, April 6

11-12 north baseball - Moyock MS, April 7

11-12 south baseball - Currituck MS, April 7

\* All workouts begin at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Parks & Rec at 232-3007.

## Senior Center Trip to Boston

The Currituck Senior Center is planning a trip to Boston, MA on May 21 - 25. Trip includes one night accommodations at Foxwoods Casino, four breakfasts, four dinners, tours of Boston, Cambridge, Lexington and Concord, and admission to the John F. Kennedy Library. The group will stop in Baltimore on May 21 for the 136th Preakness Stakes horse race on way to Boston. Cost is \$589 per person, double-occupancy. For more information, call Diane Bray at 232-3505.

## Currituck Relay for Life

April 15 - 16 at Currituck County High School

Join the effort and help fight cancer!

visit [www.CurrituckRelay.com](http://www.CurrituckRelay.com)

## Library - Barco

**Toddler Time**, 18 mos - 2 yrs

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 12, 26

May 10, 17

**Mother Goose for Babies**, birth - 17 mos

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

March 2, 9, 23, 30

April 6, 13, 27

May 4, 11, 18

**Story Time Preschool**, ages 4-5

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

March 2, 9, 23, 30

April 6, 13, 27

May 4, 11, 18

**Story Time**, age 3

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

April 7, 14, 28

May 5, 12, 19

## Library - Moyock

**Story Time Preschool**, ages 4-5

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Call to register at 435-6419

**Three's Company Story Time**, age 3

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Call to register at 435-6419

**Family Story Time**, all ages welcome

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Call to register at 435-6419

**Dr. Seuss Story Time**, ages 5-7

Saturdays in March at 10:00 a.m.

Call to register at 435-6419

### Computer Classes

Free, registration required at 435-6419

Computer Basics: March 15, 10:00 a.m.

April 5, 10:00 a.m.

Word Basics: March 17, 3:00 p.m.

April 7, 3:00 p.m.

Internet Basics: March 22, 10:00 a.m.

April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Email Basics: March 24, 3:00 p.m.

April 14, 3:00 p.m.

## State Library Seeks Family Bible Records

The N.C. State Library seeks family Bible records to add to its online collection. If you have access to a family Bible that contains dates prior to 1913, contact the Barco Library at 453-8345. We will scan the Bible or records and forward them to the state library. This process does NOT harm the Bible.

## Senior Center Trip to New York

The Currituck Senior Center will host a holiday vacation to New York City from December 5 - 8. Cost is \$599 per person, double occupancy. A \$100 deposit due by July 18. Call Diane Bray at 232-3505 for more information.

## Cooperative Extension

### Arbor Day Tree Give-Away

Saturday, March 12. The Currituck County Master Gardeners will give away more than 2,000 trees, including red bud, wax myrtle, river birch, and willow oak. This event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until all trees are distributed. Give-away locations are Moyock Post Office, Food Lion in Grandy, and Ace Hardware in Corolla. Call Cooperative Extension at 232-2262 for more information.

### 2011 Daffodil Show

Saturday, March 19. The 4th Annual Northeast N.C. Daffodil Show will be held at Cooperative Extension from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. An award ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. All residents are invited to enter daffodils in the show. For more information, call Clay Higgins at 240-632-0002 or Jan Perry-Weber at 232-2262.

### Home, Flower & Garden Show

April 15 - 16. The 14th Annual Currituck Home, Flower & Garden Show will be held at Cooperative Extension. Show hours are 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. on April 15 and 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on April 16.

A variety of vendors, garden exhibits, children's activities and other attractions will be available. Learn how to grow edible food for your family in any gardening situation. Call Cooperative Extension at 232-2262 for more information.

## Corolla Wild Horse Fund

### Night at the Races

The 2nd Annual Corolla Wild Horse Fund "Night at the Races" will be held on Saturday, March 19 at the Hilton Garden Park Inn in Kitty Hawk, from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Tickets for this special event are \$35, with all proceeds directly benefiting the Corolla Wild Horses. The evening will include eight races, each with a 10-horse field, \$50 of play money, Ladies & Gents Hat Contest, heavy hors' doeuvres, silent auction, cash bar, prizes for winning tickets and a raffle drawing for losing tickets.

For more information, contact the Corolla Wild Horse Fund at 252-453-8002.

## Whalehead Club

### Coastal Antiques Appraisal Fair

Saturday, March 26. The Coastal Antiques Appraisal Fair will be held at the Cooperative Extension from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Come and find the estimated value of your antiques from professional appraisers. Also, shop for collectibles from local dealers and learn tricks during educational workshops to keeping your treasures beautiful.

Appraisal fees are \$10 per item or \$25 for three items. For more information, call 453-9040 ext. 3.

Visit [www.WhaleheadClub.com](http://www.WhaleheadClub.com) to learn of more special events held at the Whalehead Club in Currituck Heritage Park, in Corolla. Find events such as the Easter Egg-stravaganza on April 22, Corolla Pedal-Foot-Paddle Triathlon on April 23, Fun Fly Festival on May 8 and the Marsh Grass Music Festival on May 29. Call 252-453-9040 for more information on events.

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### Operation Santa delivers joy to hundreds in Currituck

Due to the tireless efforts of staff members in the Currituck County Department of Social Services, and the many citizens, community groups and businesses that made donations, the 2010 Operation Santa Claus was a tremendous success!

The Social Services staff extends a very special thank you to all who participated in the 2010 Operation Santa Claus. By coming together as a community, more than 700 county residents, both young and old, were able to receive gifts for Christmas.

At right is a letter of thanks from Kathy Romm, Director of Currituck County Social Services.

*Thank you for your important contribution to 2010 Operation Santa Claus. The staff and I appreciate your gift and want you to know how many families and children were helped.*

*Financial gifts and sponsors helped to provide Christmas gifts for 25 foster children and 40 food baskets for elderly citizens of Currituck. Many of you sponsored children and you helped 315 families with 675 children have a Merry Christmas. Also, 11 elderly and disabled adults received gifts.*

*This was another year of unprecedented need. Thank you for being one of the contributors who make Operation Santa Claus possible each year with your faithful and generous support.*

*Sincerely,  
Kathlyn S. Romm, Director of Social Services*

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