



# FOCUS ON CURRITUCK

## A REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

JULY 2004

### Parks & Recreation Program Continues To Grow

*Plans Underway for Southern Park, Recreation Center*

Recreational opportunities for Currituck County citizens are expanding, with new parks and a recreation center expected to be available in the near future.



“A strategic plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners is addressing the County’s recreational needs and putting additional programs and facilities in place,” said Jason Weeks, Parks and Recreation Director. “This plan is putting parks in communities

throughout the County and will lead to a long-awaited indoor recreation facility.”

Construction is set to begin soon on a new park located in Harbinger. This facility will include pavilions, boat ramps, gazebos, playgrounds, tennis courts, baseball/softball fields, a walking trail, and volleyball courts. “The sound front property will make a perfect setting for family picnics, recreation, and leisure activities,” Weeks said.

When construction of the Sound Park is completed in January 2005, it will bring the County’s total number of parks to five. The other parks are located in Maple, Coinjock, Knotts Island, and Grandy. Future plans are to have additional parks in Moyock, Corolla, and in other communities throughout the County.

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### INSIDE ...

#### *It's Hurricane Season...Are You Ready?*

This special edition of *Focus on Currituck* provides information to assist Currituck County residents in preparing for hurricanes.

**COUNTY RESOURCES:** What role does county government staff play in ensuring the safety of citizens in the event of a hurricane? What is the Currituck County Emergency Management Department and Emergency Operations Center?

**PREPAREDNESS:** What emergency supplies do I need in order to be prepared? What do I need to do when a hurricane Watch or Warning is issued? If I need to evacuate from my home, are there pre-storm shelters available in Currituck County?

**ETC.:** Where can I get local advisory information during a hurricane? Do I need a re-entry permit to get back in Currituck County afterwards? Where can I find additional information on hurricane preparedness?

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS NEWS

**New Office Location; Changes in the Voting Process**

The HAVA, or Help America Vote Act, legislation that was passed by Congress after the 2000 Presidential Election is aimed at improving the administration of elections in the United States. Because of this new law, the voting process will require more time for voters to cast their ballots.



Each voter must state his or her name, address, and party affiliation. They will also be **REQUIRED** to sign the voter registration book before being allowed to vote.

Voters who registered by mail and have not provided identification to the Election Board will be

**REQUIRED** to show identification to the precinct officials.

Voters who cannot be found in the registration records will be **REQUIRED** to complete all paperwork before being allowed to vote a Provisional Ballot.

Absentee ballot requests must be submitted in writing using the voter’s own handwriting or on an approved form from the Elections office.

Each precinct will have visually marked curb-side voting for those who are unable to walk into the voting enclosure.

Those voting in the Primary Election may vote in the Board of Elections office through July 17. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday, July 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for one-stop voting.

Those requesting absentee ballots by mail must contact the Elections office by Tuesday, July 13. Completed ballots must be returned to the Elections office by 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 19.

The Board of Elections Office has moved to 2826 Caratoke Hwy., Currituck, approximately ¼ mile north of the Historic Currituck Courthouse (next to the Currituck Farm Bureau office).

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Volunteers for the County's Senior Citizens Centers and Albemarle Commission were honored recently at a luncheon held at Currituck County High School. Outstanding volunteers received special recognition for their dedication and service in helping others. Those honored with special awards were: (seated, left to right) James Teel, Currituck Senior Center Volunteer of the Year; Genevieve Hendricks, Powells Point Senior Center Volunteer of the Year; Catherine Ansell, Knotts Island Senior Center Certificate of Appreciation; Elva Waterfield, Knotts Island Volunteer of the Year. (standing, left to right) Jennifer Lancaster, Albemarle Commission Appreciation Award for Moyock Home-Delivered Meals; Joe Stepp, Albemarle Commission Appreciation Award for Grandy Home-Delivered Meals; Jessie Garrett, Currituck Senior Center Certificate of Appreciation; Vance Herbert, Powells Point Senior Center Certificate of Appreciation; Mary Andresen, Powells Point Senior Center Certificate of Appreciation; Pat Klingler, Currituck Senior Center Certificate of Appreciation; and Gary Montalbino, Albemarle Commission Appreciation Award for Knotts Island Home-Delivered Meals. Not pictured: Donna Filbotte, Knotts Island Senior Center Certificate of Appreciation.

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According to Weeks, a study of the County's recreation program was conducted by East Carolina University's Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies in 2002. The study helped County staff develop a long-range plan to address recreation needs.

"Many of the recommendations made in the study we've already completed," said Weeks. "And the others we're working on, such as building an indoor recreation center.

"At this time, we serve nearly 2,500 children and adults through athletic programs such as league baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, and flag and tackle football," he added.

The center, which will include a senior citizens center, is in the early stages of planning. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, which plays a vital role in the planning of recreation programs in the County, has already visited several centers throughout the state to get ideas for what Currituck's center might include.

County staff expects the planning and design process for the recreation center to get underway sometime in the next few weeks. "A committee made up of citizens, a school district representative, and some members of the Recreation Advisory Board and Senior Center Advisory Board will be formed," said Weeks. "Their suggestions will help us design a recreation facility that will meet the community's needs."

No land for the center has been purchased yet, but it's expected to be centrally located in the County.

"Although the opening date for the recreation center is still a ways off, it's much closer to becoming a reality," Weeks said. "We want to make sure it's a facility that the community will utilize and enjoy."

## Board of Commissioners



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## DID YOU KNOW?

...a county budget without a tax increase was passed for the ninth straight year by the Currituck County Board of Commissioners? The tax rate remains at 62 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. Commissioners have twice lowered the tax rate: from 65 cents to 64 cents in 1997 and from 64 cents to 62 cents in 2001. This year's budget is \$32.8 million.

...Currituck County is in the process of installing additional fire hydrants throughout various locations in the county? Wood stakes marked with blue and white striped surveyors' ribbon are being placed at the sites where hydrants will be located. Citizens are asked to not move or remove any of these stakes. The hydrants will be installed in the coming weeks.

...hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses may be obtained through the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission? To locate a wildlife service agent in Currituck County or purchase a license online, visit [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org). Licenses may also be purchased by calling 1-888-2HUNTFISH (1-888-248-6834), Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Currituck County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Times

1st and 3rd Monday of each month @ 7:00 PM  
unless otherwise posted.

### Meeting Place:

Currituck Historic Courthouse  
Courthouse Road, Currituck  
The meetings are open to the public.





## It's Hurricane Season...Are You Ready?

When Hurricane Isabel tore through northeastern North Carolina last September, it left behind downed trees, damaged roofs, and flooded garages. Although it was a hurricane of minimal strength, it still caused widespread destruction and resulted in nearly \$50 million in damages in North Carolina alone.

Total losses for Currituck County were \$15,351,700. This includes minor damage to 317 homes and seven businesses; major damage to 91 homes; and four homes destroyed. The total also includes debris removal and disposal, economic and agricultural losses, and damage to government structures.

National weather experts are predicting an above-average storm season with eight to 14 named storms developing in the Atlantic Basin. There is a 68 percent chance of at least one major storm hitting the U.S. coastline before the season ends in November.

With the 2004 hurricane season currently underway, local emergency personnel hope people remember last year's storm and plan for what may be ahead. Preparedness does not mean waiting until a hurricane is off of the coast. It means starting now to make plans and gather needed supplies should authorities call for an evacuation or if power is lost for several days.

### What is the Emergency Management Department?

The Currituck County Emergency Management Department provides residents, businesses, and visitors the information needed in order to prepare for and recover from hurricanes and other emergencies. This information includes current safety issues and the latest updates on homeland security efforts. The Emergency Management Department also answers questions and provides information on local, state, and federal resources.



"Our job is to help educate the community on how to prepare for disasters," said Stanley Griggs, Emergency Management Director. "Being a coastal community, our citizens need to be aware and prepared for the possibility that a hurricane will strike. This means residents should have an evacuation plan and know what supplies they will need."

The Emergency Management Department has provided the information in this Community Report to better prepare citizens for a hurricane. Please take time to read this information and complete the necessary steps for hurricane preparedness.

Feel free to contact the Emergency Management Department with any suggestions, comments, or concerns. Regular office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; phone 252-232-2115.

*During and after Hurricane Isabel, the Emergency Operations Center received many phone calls from people who are dependent on bottled oxygen. Since bottled oxygen is a prescription, the County does not have the means to provide it for those in need. If you plan to stay, you are urged to make sure you have a full supply of temporary tanks. Consider evacuating and remaining in a safe location with electricity that can run your oxygen equipment until power has been restored to your home.*

*Remember that if you stay, you should be fully prepared to be on your own for at least three days or longer if there is widespread damage.*

### What is the Currituck Emergency Operations Center?

Currituck County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) responds to various crises that occur in our community. The EOC, led by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, brings together resources and personnel to make decisions, coordinate the flow of information, and develop strategy to deal effectively with emergencies.

A number of County government employees and agency and organization representatives participate during an EOC activation, depending upon the severity and nature of the emergency. Representatives include the County Manager, Emergency Management staff, law enforcement officials, and those from health and public safety, public information, medical services, and many other departments and agencies.

The men and women who serve in the EOC often spend days and nights working around the clock to ensure the safety of citizens and coordinate the release of vital information. They must leave their homes and families during times of crisis to fulfill their duties in the Emergency Operations Center.

#### Activation of the EOC:

Response to an event is the function of law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire-rescue departments, and first responders. When a large-scale event has occurred, it is important that the response be coordinated. This generally means activating the Emergency Operations Center to assure central coordination. Public official alerting, shelter/evacuation, search and rescue, and resource mobilization are all part of the response mode.

#### Automatic EOC Activation should normally occur when:

- The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners proclaims a State of Emergency affecting Currituck County due to weather, hazardous materials, terrorism, etc.
- The safety and/or security of the public is in peril.

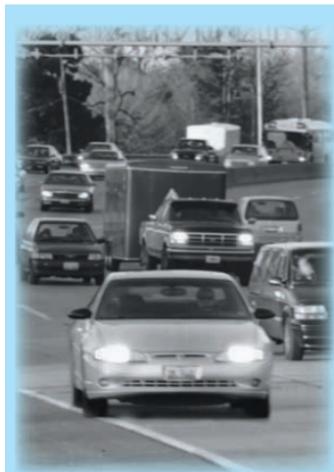
# Currituck - Now Is The Time To Get Ready...

**1.** Stock up on food supplies and be certain you have a way to cook them. Don't purchase items that must be refrigerated.



**2.** Have one gallon of water per person per day to last up to seven days.

**3.** Consider federal flood insurance, especially if you live in areas that flood easily.



**4.** Evacuate early; Currituck County's evacuation routes are often congested at peak evacuation times.

**5.** With the exception of service animals, pets are not typically permitted in emergency shelters for the health and safety of other occupants.



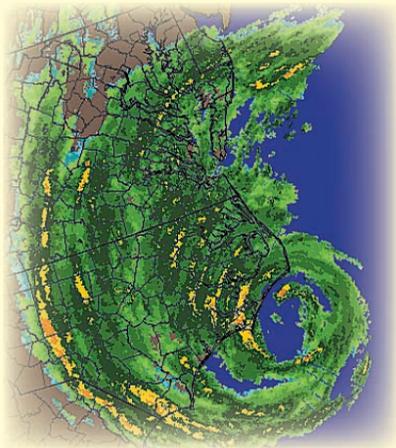
## If you need to evacuate...

### Stay Informed

- Have a battery powered radio on at all times and listen for evacuation information and emergency shelter locations.
- Advisories issued by the Currituck Emergency Operations Center are released to:
  - Local radio stations
  - Television stations
  - Newspapers
  - The county's website ([www.visitcurrituck.com](http://www.visitcurrituck.com))
  - MediaCom's Government Access Channel (Channel 18)

However, remember that when power outages occur, media resources may lose the ability to broadcast and/or post announcements.

- **Follow the instructions of local emergency officials. If warned to evacuate, do it. Law enforcement and emergency medical personnel will not be able to respond to emergencies once winds reach dangerously high speeds.**



## If you are certain you have enough time...

- Shut off water, gas and electricity, if you are instructed to do so.
- Let others know that you are leaving and where you plan to go.
- Make arrangements for pets.

## Here's how you can be prepared...

Enter each hurricane season prepared. Every June through November, recheck your supply of tools, batteries, non-perishable foods, battery-operated radio, and other equipment you will need when a hurricane strikes.

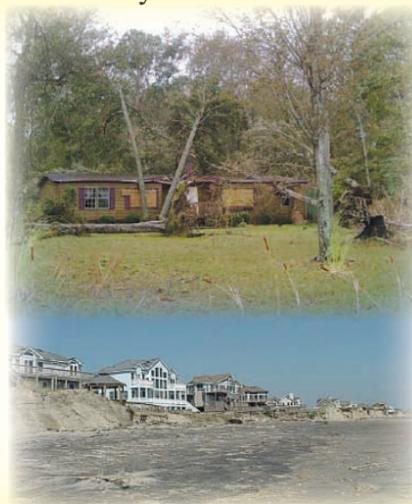
### Know what a hurricane WATCH and WARNING means...

**WATCH:** Hurricane conditions are possible in the specified area, usually within **36 hours**.

**WARNING:** Hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area, usually within **24 hours**.

### Create a Family Disaster Plan

- Identify ahead of time where you will go if you are told to evacuate. Choose several places – a friend's home in another county or state, a motel, or a shelter.
- Have telephone numbers available for these places, as well as a road map of your locality. You may need to take alternate or unfamiliar routes if major roads are closed or clogged.
- Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or television stations for evacuation instructions. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.



## Remembering Isabel



# Hurricane Preparedness...

## Prepare a Family Disaster Supplies Kit containing –

- First aid kit and essential medications
- Non-perishable food and one gallon of water per person per day to last up to seven days
- Water purification kit or bleach
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable radio or television and extra batteries
- Essential medications
- Non-electric can opener
- Fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- Special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members
- Food, water, leash, and carrier for pets
- Anti-bacterial hand wipes or gel
- Extra pair of eyeglasses
- Cash and change
- Protective clothing and rainwear, including sturdy shoes



## Know what to do when a hurricane WATCH is issued

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or television stations for up-to-date storm information.
- Prepare for high winds by boarding up windows or protecting them with storm shutters.
- Secure outdoor objects that might blow away. Garbage cans, garden tools, signs, outdoor furniture, and other harmless items can become missiles of destruction in hurricane force winds. Anchor or store them inside before the storm strikes.
- Evacuate from low-lying areas that may be swept by high tides or storm waves.
- Check your battery-powered equipment. Your radio may be your only link with the world outside the hurricane. Emergency cooking facilities, lights, and flashlights will be essential if utilities are interrupted.
- Keep your car fueled. Gas stations may be inoperable for several days after the storm strikes, due to flooding or interrupted electrical power.
- If you do not evacuate, remain indoors during the hurricane. Travel is extremely dangerous when winds are high.
- Avoid the eye of the hurricane. If the storm center passes directly overhead, there will be a lull in the wind lasting from a few minutes to half an hour or more. Stay in a safe place unless emergency repairs are absolutely necessary. Remember that at the other side of the storm's eye, the winds rise very rapidly to hurricane force and come from the opposite direction.
- Recheck manufactured home tie-downs.



## Know what to do when a hurricane WARNING is issued

- Follow the advice of local officials and leave if they tell you to do so.
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors and away from windows.
- Be alert for tornadoes, which can happen during and after a hurricane. Remain inside, in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows.
- Stay away from flood waters. If you come upon a flooded road, find an alternate route. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car and climb to higher ground by the safest method possible.

## Know what to do when a hurricane is over

- Keep listening to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or television stations for instructions.
- If you evacuated, return home only when local officials tell you it is safe to do so.
- Inspect your home for damage.
- Use extreme caution around fallen trees and power lines.
- Have mosquito repellent on hand.
- Do not use a chain saw unless you know how to use it properly.
- Use flashlights at all times; avoid using candles.

## Internet Resources



More hurricane information and news is just a click away...

### Currituck County advisories & information:

[www.visitcurrituck.com](http://www.visitcurrituck.com)

### National Weather Service:

[www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

### National Hurricane Center:

[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

### FEMA:

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

### American Red Cross:

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

### Salvation Army

[www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org)

### Utilities/Roads

#### Dominion NC Power:

[www.dom.com](http://www.dom.com)

#### Eastern NC Natural Gas:

[www.encng.com](http://www.encng.com)

### N.C. Department of Transportation:

[www.ncdot.org](http://www.ncdot.org)

### For More Information...

A variety of publications regarding hurricane preparedness are available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Call 1-800-480-2520 or visit [www.fema.gov/library](http://www.fema.gov/library).

# Hurricane Preparedness...

## *Is your home in danger of flooding?*

Hurricanes not only bring strong winds and rain, they also can cause severe flooding. With Currituck County's close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and Currituck Sound, residents should be prepared to experience high tides, storm surge, and other flood hazards.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) are the result of the Flood Insurance Study (FIS), which investigated the existence and severity of flood hazards in Currituck County. The maps contain official delineation of flood insurance zones and base flood elevation lines. Base flood elevation lines show the location of the expected whole-foot water surface elevation within the 100-year flood zone. Currituck County is divided into zones, each of which has a specific flood potential as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Atlantic Ocean, Albemarle Sound, and Currituck Sound are the primary sources of flooding in Currituck County.



To learn if your property is located in a Flood Zone, call the Planning and Inspections Department at (252) 232-3055.

## *Be Prepared...*

- **Make a complete inventory of your property.** Take photographs and describe inventory. Store these and other documents in a waterproof container or safe deposit box. This will help you in obtaining an insurance settlement.
- **Check your insurance policy** and make sure it is up to date.
- **Learn about the National Flood Insurance Program**, a unit of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA's website, [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov), describes how its flood policies work, the cost of coverage, and how to buy a policy. Information is available by calling (800) 427-4661 or using the National Flood Insurance Plan's website: [www.fema.gov/nfip](http://www.fema.gov/nfip).

*Additional information on flood protection can be found at the Currituck County Public Library in Barco. Several books are available regarding protection and construction in flood prone areas.*

## *Food safety tips...*

Citizens should be careful not to use foods damaged or spoiled due to loss of electricity. Consider the following guidelines when assessing your food:

- Your refrigerator will keep foods safely cold for about 4 hours without power if unopened. A full freezer will hold the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours, if half full) if the door remains closed.
- Thawed foods can usually be eaten if they are "refrigerator cold" or re-frozen if they still contain ice crystals. Do not refreeze thoroughly thawed foods. Discard any food that has been at temperatures greater than 45 degrees for 2 hours or more.
- Do not eat fresh fruits, vegetables, or other food stored in plastic, cardboard, or paper containers that have been under floodwaters.
- Discard any food that has an unusual odor, color or texture.

*For more information on food safety, call the NC Cooperative Extension Service's Currituck office at 252-232-2261.*

## *Taking shelter from the storm...*

Shelters are often a critical element in protecting yourself and your family in times of disaster. The American Red Cross and Salvation Army, assisted by community and other disaster relief groups, work with local authorities in other counties and states to set up public shelters.

**There are no pre-storm shelters available in Currituck County.** Citizens are urged to listen to advisories or call the Emergency Management office at (252) 232-2115 for information on the closest available shelters. Shelters will be opened based on the track of the storm.

Shelters are often set up in schools, churches, and other community buildings. While shelters often provide water and food, you should come prepared with personal items you may need such as medicine, clothing, and toiletry items.

## *Remember to:*

- Cooperate with shelter managers and others staying in the shelter. Living with many people in a confined space can be difficult and challenging.
- Do not bring pets to a shelter. Pets, except for service animals, are not allowed in public shelters for health reasons.
- Restrict smoking to designated areas that are well-ventilated. Ensure that smoking materials are disposed of safely.
- Do not bring alcoholic beverages or weapons to a shelter.

## *Animals in Disaster*

Pets need to be included in your household disaster plan since they depend on you for their safety and well being. It is important to make plans for your pets before disaster strikes. Consider the following preparedness measures:

- Do not leave pets behind – there is a chance they may not survive or get lost before you return. Do not, however, endanger yourself or your family by trying to find and gather pets during life-threatening disaster situations where you have been instructed to evacuate.
- With the exception of service animals, pets are not typically permitted in emergency shelters for the health and safety of other occupants.
- Find out before a disaster which hotels and motels allow pets and where pet boarding facilities are located. Be sure to include some outside your local area in case those facilities have closed.
- Know that most boarding facilities require veterinarian records to prove vaccinations are current.
- Be sure your pet has proper identification tags securely fastened to the collar. A current photo of your pet will assist identification should it become necessary.
- Have a secure pet carrier or leash for your pet – they may need to be restrained during tense emergency situations.
- Assemble a disaster supply kit for your pet. Include pet food, water, medications, veterinary records, litter box, can opener, food dishes, and other supplies.



## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### **Where are hurricane advisories for Currituck County posted? How do I know when an evacuation order has been issued by County officials?**

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) issues hurricane advisories periodically during storms. These advisories address weather conditions, predicted landfall areas, and evacuation notices, if needed. Advisories are posted on the County's website ([www.visitcurrituck.com](http://www.visitcurrituck.com)) and sent to local media (radio and television stations, newspapers). Should power outages occur, the media and County website may not be able to post advisories. A battery-powered radio is usually an effective resource since many radio stations have generators and can continue to broadcast.

### **When an evacuation order is issued, do I REALLY need to evacuate?**

Emergency Management officials will only order an evacuation if conditions are expected to be dangerous. While no one will force you to leave your home, it is strongly advised that you follow the advice of officials and evacuate for the safety of you and your family. Those living in low-lying areas and manufactured homes are especially vulnerable to storm damage and/or flooding, but the danger is not exclusive to these areas.

### **What are the evacuation routes for Currituck County?**

Persons evacuating from the Currituck Outer Banks should follow NC 12 South to US 158 West. Mainland residents should travel US 158 West, NC 168 North.

### **When commodities are distributed (such as water and ice), can I take more than I need just in case I run out?**

Bottled water, ice, and other supplies are sometimes made available to citizens in need. These commodities usually come from State agencies. Because they are often in short supply, please do not take any more than you need. If you take additional supplies, you may leave someone else without the resources they need.

### **How can I get involved and assist community members with debris cleanup?**

A number of civic groups and churches in Currituck County organize cleanup projects in the community. Volunteers may also contact Gerri Andrews at the Currituck Public Library (252-232-8345).

### **In a power outage, how does Dominion NC Power decide which homes and businesses get power restored first?**

Critical facilities such as hospitals, 9-1-1 call centers, governmental buildings, and others essential facilities are usually the first to have power restored. Homes, businesses and other properties have power restored based on how easily the damage can be repaired and which repair work will get the most customers back on line. In other words, if you live in a neighborhood with many customers, you'll be more likely to get your power back on than someone who lives in a secluded area. To report or inquire about power outages, or to report downed power lines, call Dominion NC Power at 1-888-667-3000. Visit Dominion NC Power's website at [www.dom.com](http://www.dom.com) to view the Electric Outage Map.

### **What should I do with storm debris?**

Storm debris should be placed beside the roadway (State-maintained roads), off of the pavement, but in the right-of-way. Use caution not to put items too close to the road as it may cause obstruction. Stacks of debris should be in manageable piles and not of an excessive height. Only storm debris will be picked up. **NO COMMERCIAL OR NEW CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Debris pickup will be available for a limited time.

*The following types of debris will be picked up (debris must be separated by type):*

- Vegetative: Limbs/branches, trees, leaves, stumps, etc.
- Metals: Siding, structural steel, roofing, etc.
- Construction/building materials and wooden furniture

Please save household chemicals, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, paint, and other hazardous materials for collection at a later date. Do not put these materials in with household trash.

### **Do I need a re-entry permit to get back in the County following a hurricane?**

When Emergency officials declare it is safe for citizens to return to their homes, re-entry will be permitted. If the County has suffered severe, widespread damage, **mainland residents will need a driver's license or other form of identification that shows they are a resident and/or a property owner.** This could include a water bill, tax bill, deed, etc.

**Residents of the Currituck Outer Banks are required to show a re-entry permit.** Permits were mailed last month to Currituck Outer Banks residents and property owners. If you are a Currituck Outer Banks resident or property owner and you have not yet received a 2004-2005 re-entry permit, call the Emergency Management office at (252) 232-2115. One of the reasons these permits are issued is to expedite you re-entry; however should you need to re-enter the County and do not have a re-entry permit, you can show another form of identification such as a driver's license, tax bill, water bill, or any other document that shows you reside or own property in the Currituck Outer Banks. **REMINDER:** Your re-entry permit does not grant you re-entry until emergency officials decide it is safe to do so. **Mainland residents do not need a re-entry permit.**

### **Safety tips regarding the use of generators...**

- Place in a well-ventilated location and away from combustibles.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not establish a direct connection between the generator and electrical panel. Connecting a portable electric generator directly to your household wiring can be deadly to you and others. A generator that is directly connected to your home's wiring can 'backfeed' onto the power lines connected to your home.

***If your primary source of water is a private well and your well is flooded as a result of a hurricane or other natural disaster, please be advised that possible contamination of your well could have occurred. The Currituck County Health Department is available to take well water samples upon your request. Please contact the Currituck Health Department at 252-232-2271.***

# Currituck - For your information...

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Currituck Senior Center Trip to the Mystery Dinner Playhouse, Virginia Beach, VA**

July 15, 5:30 p.m.

Call the Senior Center at (252) 232-3505 to sign up

### **Currituck Senior Center Trip to the Senior Expo, Virginia Beach, VA**

July 30, 8:45 a.m.

Call the Senior Center at (252) 232-3505 to register

### **Fall Litter Sweep**

September 18 – October 3

Sponsored by the N.C. Department of Transportation

Volunteers needed; call 1-800-331-5864

[www.ncdot.org/~beautification](http://www.ncdot.org/~beautification)

### **Tarheel Fiction: Literary Perspective on North Carolina**

A lecture series and book discussion led by scholars from North Carolina colleges

Starts September 9; five sessions held every other Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

at the Currituck County Public Library, Barco

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## EXTENSION SERVICE EVENTS

### **Get 5-a-day with Summer Salads**

Do you eat five servings of fruits & vegetables every day?

This program offered through Cooperative Extension will help make sure you're getting the servings you need.

Recipes, tasting, and more...

Wednesday July 21 from 12 – 12:30 p.m.; repeated at 1:00 p.m.  
Space is limited; call (252) 232-2261 to pre-register. Cost: free.

### **Aging with Gusto**

August 9 at the Kermit E. White Center, Elizabeth City.

Call (252) 232-2261 for registration information.

### **Currituck Master Gardeners' Yard Sale**

September 4, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at the Currituck County Public Library, Barco.

### **Dining with Diabetes Series**

Wednesdays, September 15, 22 & 29,

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the extension kitchen,

Historic Currituck Courthouse.

Cost is \$10 per person;

classes will include educational lectures,

food demonstrations, and tasting.

Space is limited; call Cooperative Extension at (252) 232-2261 to register.

### **American Red Cross Adult, Child, Infant CPR Class**

Saturday, September 18, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost is \$8.00 per person;

call Cooperative Extension at (252) 232-2261 to register.

### **Currituck Master Gardeners' Fall Plant & Bake Sale**

September 18, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

at the Currituck County Public Library, Barco.

## Commissioners Approve Funding For Expansion Of Moyock Elementary School

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners approved \$1.85 million for the expansion of Moyock Elementary School, a step towards helping the County's school district meet the need for additional classroom space.

The expansion project will include converting the school's existing media center into four classrooms and constructing a new media center. A computer lab in the current

media center will also be retrofitted into a classroom. Work is expected to be completed by December 2005.

Rapid growth in the Currituck County School System's student population is driving school and county government officials to begin school construction projects sooner than was earlier expected. The Moyock area is currently seeing the most growth, with approximately 70 additional students enrolling

at Moyock Elementary School each year.

If enrollment continues to increase at the current rate, additional school construction will be needed. Every school in the county is expected to reach capacity in the near future, with Moyock Elementary being the first to fill this upcoming school year.

Commissioners have set aside \$1 million in funds annually for the past several years for new school construction.



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