



# FOCUS ON CURRITUCK

## A REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

March 2007

### RESTRICTIONS ON WATER CONNECTIONS LIFTED

As of February 1, water connection restrictions to the Currituck Mainland Water System have been removed.



Staff and engineering consultants have been working on improvements to the Mainland Water System that will provide an ample supply of water for the next 25 years. There is work that is in the design stage; however, enough improvements have been made to ease some of the water system concerns.

Recent improvements include: installation of larger pumping facilities,

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### PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE CONSERVING WATER

With several improvements to the Currituck County Mainland Water System now in place, the ability to deliver water has greatly improved from the Summer of 2006. However, the County is still waiting for additional wells to come on-line in order to have a better water supply on hand to address growth concerns in the County.



*With peak, summer-time demand expected to be high, Currituck County is still under ADVISORY water usage restrictions.*

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### The New Planning & Inspections Office: Helpful Handling of Any Situation

In January, 2006, consultant Dave Holton presented a **Process & Procedure Assessment & Evaluation** of the County's Planning and Inspections Department to county commissioners and staff.

Two of the evaluation's suggestions were the establishment of a centralized area for initial planning and inspections inquiries and increased emphasis on customer service.

In response to these recommendations, staff began a reorganization process that included a reception area.



A new front counter was completed in the summer of 2006 and is staffed by two Planning Technicians. These technicians are capable of answering basic inquiries related to zoning, area/bulk regulations, and floodplain regulations.



Planning Technicians can also assist with the review of building permits for zoning compliance. This helps to process building permits in a more timely fashion.

The front counter supplies the public with documents such as: The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO,) Land Use Plan, and Zoning Maps, and functions as a central repository for new applications. Stop by anytime for fast and friendly public service.

For more involved needs, technicians will refer customers to the appropriate employees.

### J. P. KNAPP SCHOOL IS A "REAL D.E.A.L." WINNER

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley recently recognized The J. P. Knapp School as a Real D.E.A.L. (Dedicated Educators Administrators and Learners) award winner at a Teacher Working Conditions Conference in Cary, NC. The school ranked among the top ten schools in the state for student performance and teacher working conditions according to feedback from the 2006 Teacher Working Conditions Survey.



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# Water Saving and Congratulating

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"J. P. Knapp has taken a leading role in using feedback from the Teacher Working Conditions Survey to empower teachers and encourage student achievement," Easley said. "This Real D.E.A.L. school is committed to involving staff in decision-making and providing planning time and professional development opportunities that teachers need to build their knowledge and skills and to help their students succeed. They are a model for schools across our state and the country."

At the Teacher Working Conditions Conference, staff from the ten Real D.E.A.L. schools made presentations about best practices and successful strategies employed in their schools. More than 100 teachers, school administrators and education leaders from across the country attended the conference. Accompanying the team from J. P. Knapp were: C. Michael Warren, Superintendent; Sharon Martz, Chairman of the Board of Education; and Barry Nelms, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

"It was a true honor to be chosen as one of the ten Real D.E.A.L. schools in the state," said principal, Terrie Godfrey. "The award has drawn attention to the fact that The J. P. Knapp School is an excellent place to work and learn. Our school family truly cares about each child as an individual. We are fortunate to be in a system that encourages each school, each student, each teacher, and each administrator to strive to achieve their personal best."

Warren stated, "We're extremely proud of the students and staff at J. P. Knapp and the leadership of Mrs. Godfrey for making their school's learning environment one worthy of such prestigious recognition..."



In 2002, Governor Easley administered the first Teacher Working Conditions Survey. North Carolina became the first state in the nation to ask its teachers what they need to succeed. In 2006, a record 75,600 teachers and administrators responded to the survey, which provided education leaders and policy makers a valuable tool in improving schools and increasing student achievement.

A complete report on the results of the 2006 Teacher Working Conditions Survey results is available at [www.northcarolinatwc.org](http://www.northcarolinatwc.org).

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...approval of new water mains, and successful test drilling for additional wells. A permit to expand the water plant's capacity to 1.36 million gallons per day (mgd) is expected to be granted by May of this year.

Due to large increases in water consumption, the Currituck County Mainland Water System was placed under a 9-month water connection restriction on June 30, 2006. Those who had not applied for a building permit prior to June 30, 2006 have not been eligible for a water connection since that time.



The water department will continue to monitor water usage over the next 2 ½ years until the new reverse osmosis plant comes on-line in July, 2009.

The new Mainland water plant, when combined with the current plant, will provide 2 mgd of water with capable expansion of up to 6 mgd.

For additional information on water connections or water conservation, contact the Water Department at 232-2769.

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**Voluntary conservation measures are being strongly encouraged.**

These include:

- Use a shower for bathing rather than a bathtub; limit shower to no more than five (5) minutes.
- Do not leave faucets running while shaving, rinsing dishes, or brushing teeth.
- Limit the use of clothes washers and dishwashers; when in use, operate fully loaded.
- Limit lawn watering to that necessary for plant survival.
- Water shrubbery the minimum required, reusing household water when possible.
- Limit vehicle washing.
- Do not wash down outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, and driveways.
- Do not fill swimming or wading pools.
- Do not serve drinking water in restaurants, cafeterias, or other food establishments, unless requested.

For more water conservation tips, watch Mediacom Channel 18 or log onto [currituckgovernment.com](http://currituckgovernment.com).

## Currituck County Board of Commissioners

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Board of Commissioner meetings are aired on Mediacom Channel 18 every Monday and Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

# Possible Corolla Incorporation Referendum

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING A POSSIBLE COROLLA MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION REFERENDUM



On October 3, 2006, the Currituck County Board of Elections certified a petition for the possible incorporation of Corolla as a municipality. The petitioners are now requesting the NC Joint Legislative Commission on Municipal Incorporations and the NC General Assembly for approval of a referendum for incorporation under the existing laws of the State of North Carolina. If this is approved by the NC General Assembly, a special election will be conducted by the Elections office on the issue of the incorporation of the Village of Corolla. The qualified voters of the Whalehead precinct will have the final say by voting in the special election.

### ***Who may be voting on the possible referendum?***

Only qualified registered voters of the Whalehead precinct can vote on the referendum.

### ***How can I become a qualified registered voter of the Whalehead precinct?***

To be eligible to register in Whalehead, you must:

- Be a resident of North Carolina, Currituck County, and the Whalehead precinct for the 30 days prior to the election;
- Be at least 18 years of age by the next general election;
- Not be registered to vote in any other county or state;
- Must not be an active felon. Ex-felon convicts are restored to citizenship at the conclusion of their sentence and may register at that time.

### ***For election purposes, what is residency?***

The term “residence” in North Carolina election law is synonymous with “domicile.” A person has domicile for voting purposes at a given place if he/she: 1) has abandoned his/her prior home and he/she is residing elsewhere; and 2) has a present intention to make that place his/her home, and 3) has no intention presently to leave that place. A person’s “domicile” is the place where he/she normally sleeps, conducts their personal business, and is normally found outside of work.

### ***I own property in the Whalehead precinct and I pay taxes on that property; and therefore, I have a stake in the outcome of the referendum. Why can I not vote on the referendum?***

It is law in all states that a person can only have one domicile for purposes of voting. Otherwise, an individual owning land in different jurisdictions could register and vote in each of those jurisdictions, in effect having multiple votes based upon their land wealth. In our American Democracy, each person is allowed to register to vote in the one jurisdiction where they have their domicile, thus giving all voters an equal vote in those elections they are qualified to vote in. Of course, non-voter land owners are free to express their opinions on issues and special elections affecting land they own and to make financial contributions to referendum committees that are active in a special election.



### ***If I am not a resident of the Whalehead precinct but I decide to register there anyway, what will happen?***

If you register or change your residency for voter registration purposes and sign the voter registration application/change form knowing it to be false as to your true residence, it is a violation of North Carolina General Statute 163-275(1). This is a Class I felony.

### ***I believe a voter is not residing where he claims to be as set out in his current voter registration. What can I do?***

A registered voter may challenge the right of another voter in the same county to be registered as they currently are. This involves a legal procedure that is initiated by the challenging voter by filling out a notice of challenge and is determined by the county board of elections in a full and open hearing. The challenge form can be obtained from the Currituck Board of Elections. Challenges should be made in good faith, based upon factual data and knowledge, and not merely filed based upon suspicion or speculation.

### ***If it is approved by the NC Joint Legislative Commission on Municipal Incorporations and the NC General Assembly, when will the referendum be held?***

The Currituck County Board of Elections shall conduct an election on a date set by the Board, to be neither less than 60 nor later than 120 days after this act becomes law.

### ***If I want more information on the details and possible effects of the proposed incorporation of the Village of Corolla, can the Election office supply that information?***

No. The Currituck Board of Elections only conducts the election and registers voters. Information on the effects of the incorporation may be found in the news media and groups that either support or object to the possible incorporation.

For additional information, contact the Currituck County Board of Elections at 232-2525.

### **Did You Know?**

**Currituck and Hyde are the only two counties in North Carolina that do not have any municipalities?**



# Safety, Service, and a Sportsman's Paradise

## MOTORISTS ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THE ROADS WITH BIKES



As spring approaches, cyclists can be seen riding along Currituck County's roads. With increased traffic on the highways, bike riding can be dangerous.

Under North Carolina law, bicycles are considered vehicles and should be treated just like vehicles.

Motorists and cyclists are encouraged to share the roads and follow all traffic laws. Below are some tips and important information for both drivers and bike riders that will help to keep everyone safe.

- **Ride on the Right** – When a bicycle rides on a roadway, he/she must ride in the same direction as other traffic. The bicyclist must travel in the right-hand lane and ride as close as practicable to the right-hand edge of the highway.
- **Signs and Signals** – Cyclists must obey all traffic signs and signals.
- **Passing a Bicycle** – A motorist overtaking a bicycle must pass at least two feet to the left of the bicyclist and must not move back to the right side of the highway until safely past the overtaken bicycle. A motorist should not drive left of the center of the highway to pass a vehicle, including a bike.
- **Harassment of Cyclists** – Drivers and their passengers should in no way harass cyclists. This includes not throwing items (bottles, trash, etc.) or cursing at them. Motorists may not deliberately pass too close to a cyclist. These behaviors are considered assaults and can result in felony convictions, serious injury, or death.



## COMMISSIONERS SHARE INFORMATION AT MOYOCK TOWN MEETING

In an effort to reach out to the community, County Commissioners held a town meeting for the citizens of Moyock.

Over 150 people attended the meeting, which was held at Moyock Middle School on January 22.

A variety of topics and issues were discussed; however, most of the conversation centered around the proposed construction of a library in the community of Moyock.

Janet Taylor, Commissioner from Moyock Township, and Commission Chairman Barry Nelms, presented initial plans for the building.



"This library would be an important facility for all members of the community, from pre-school children, to school-age children, to adults," said Nelms. "It will add to the sense of community by promoting learning and cultural heritage."

The library would more than likely include space for the distribution of information to both residents and visitors.

"The response I received from the public was all positive...and was well received," Nelms said following the meeting.

The Board of Commissioners intends to host future meetings in Moyock and other locations throughout Currituck County as a way to hear public concerns and ideas.

## New County Engineer Brings Over 20 Years of Experience



Eric Weatherly recently became Currituck County's new County Engineer. Originally from eastern North Carolina, Weatherly brings over 20 years of combined public and private engineering expertise to Currituck. Backed by both an undergraduate and a masters degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering from North Carolina State University, Weatherly formulates solutions

and addresses public concerns through both practical field experience and in-depth academic training.

With knowledge ranging from grant writing to construction administration, and water distribution to water plant design, Weatherly is well versed in the challenges that face Currituck County residents.

Weatherly recently made the decision to transfer from private practice to the public sector. The change, he said, was prompted by his desire "to give back to the community" that has treated him and his family so well.

Weatherly's current projects include: mainland drainage issues, Moyock Commons and Ocean Sands sewer plant improvements, and airport apron/hangar expansions.

In addition to these projects, Weatherly supervises both the Currituck County Public Works Department and Water Department. He also utilizes his expertise through close relationships with the Planning Department, Currituck Regional Airport, Soil and Water Conservation Department, and Albemarle Regional Health.

Weatherly can be reached by calling Currituck County Public Works at 232-2504 or by e-mail at [eweatherly@co.currituck.nc.us](mailto:eweatherly@co.currituck.nc.us).

## COUNTY SEEKING INFORMATION FOR SPORTSMAN'S PUBLICATION



Calling all hunting and fishing guides...The Currituck County Department of Travel & Tourism is in search of your contact information for a sportsman's brochure to be published and distributed to locals and tourists. If you provide hunting and/or fishing guide services, please call the Tourism Department at 232-2708 or e-mail: [dsawyer@visitcurrituck.com](mailto:dsawyer@visitcurrituck.com).

## Want to get more involved in your community? Apply to serve on an advisory board.

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners would like to invite citizens to participate on County advisory boards and committees. If you are a Currituck County resident, at least 18 years of age, and willing to volunteer your time and expertise to your community, consider applying to serve on an advisory board or committee.

### APPLICATION FOR ADVISORY BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the Board(s) or Committee(s) on which you would like to serve:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ABC Board                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Advisory Board     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Advisory Authority  | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Board  | <input type="checkbox"/> Game Commission                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jury Commission             | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Transfer Tax Appeals Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board               | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board              | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens Advisory Board  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services Board       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism Advisory Board          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Advisory Board   | <input type="checkbox"/> Whalehead Preservation Trust    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development Board |  |

Qualifications and reasons you would like to serve:

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Return form to: County Manager's Office, P.O. Box 39, Currituck, NC 27929.  
 Applications may also be obtained by visiting the County's website, [currituckgovernment.com](http://currituckgovernment.com).  
 Call the County Manager's office with questions or comments at 232-2075, ext. 222.

# Extension, Events, and Preservation

## Calendar of Events

**March 4-5** - Northeast District Horse Show, Williamston

**March 6** - Daycare Provider training on Communicable Diseases, 6:30 pm at the Extension Kitchen. Call Georgia Kight at 232-2261 for more information.

**March 8** - "Color Me Healthy" Daycare Provider training, on nutrition and fitness, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the Extension Kitchen. Pre-register by calling NC Cooperative Extension at 232-2261.

**March 17** - Currituck County Master Gardeners annual Arbor Day Tree Give-Away. Varieties include River Birch, Sycamore, Persimmon, and Crepe myrtle. Over 1,000 trees will be given away starting at 9:00 AM. Distribution locations are the Moyock Post Office, Drug Care in Grandy, and Ace Hardware in Corolla.

**March 21** - CPR recertification class will be held at the Extension Kitchen at 6:30 PM. Participants must have up-to-date CPR certification and pre-register by calling 232-2261.

**March 31 & April 1** - 10th Annual Currituck Flower & Garden Show will be held at Currituck County High School in Barco. "Gardening Unites the World" is the theme, hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday and 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday. Garden exhibits, children's activities, door prizes, raffles, and a wide variety of plant, garden and housewares vendors will be featured. The Master Gardeners will be available to answer horticultural questions. Admission is free. For more information, call NC Cooperative Extension, 232-2262.

**April 6** - Good Friday Holiday: County Government Offices and Libraries are closed.

**April 12** - Daycare Provider training on "Food Safety" from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the Extension Kitchen. Pre-register by calling NC Cooperative Extension at 232-2261.

**April 19** - CPR recertification class to be held at Farmer in the Dell Day Care center, 6:00 PM. Call 232-2261.

**May 4** - Deadline for Currituck County Parks & Recreation Adult Softball sign-ups. Contact Brian Willoughby at 232-3007.

**May 5** - Bougainvillea Bonsai Class from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Coinjock Ruritan Club. Cost is \$55.00, includes all materials and lunch.

**May 12** - Currituck Master Gardeners "Spring Plant and Bake Sale," 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Currituck County Library in Barco. A large variety of trees, shrubs and perennials will be available at great prices.

**May 17** - "Put a Hold on Mold" indoor air quality day care provider training, 6:30 PM at the Extension Kitchen. Call 232-2261 to sign up.

**May 22** - CPR recertification class will be held at the Extension Kitchen at 6:30 PM. You must have up-to-date CPR certification and pre-register in advance by calling NC Cooperative Extension at 232-2261.

**May 28** - Memorial Day Holiday: County Government Offices and Libraries are closed.

### Did You Know?



**The Currituck Mainland Water Plant delivered over 270 million gallons of water to its customers in 2006.**

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## FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Currituck County Farmland Preservation Advisory Board has announced the availability of local monies to match federal farmland preservation and other private land trust funds.



The Farmland Preservation Program offers funds for the purchase of development rights, allowing the County to preserve farmland and other large tracks of land for harvesting crops, trees, etc. Owners of qualifying land chosen for the program will be compensated for all future development rights. Federal and

State tax credits may be available for individuals who participate in the program.

Currituck County adopted the Farmland Preservation Ordinance in 2001. Since then, the County has set aside \$400,000 in funding to use for preservation purposes.

The amount of farmland in the county has dropped from 52,000 acres in 1969 to approximately 30,000 acres at this time.

Property owners interested in learning more about this approach to helping conserve farmland in Currituck County may contact the Soil & Water Conservation office at 232-3360.

# Surplus, Safety, and a Symposium

## Building Inspectors Work to Keep Community Safe

*Who are county building inspectors? What are their roles?* This is the first in a series of articles that will help you get acquainted with the Inspections Office, North Carolina Building Codes, and the job performed by building inspectors



Currituck County strives to provide an efficient, inspections office that works towards protecting the health and safety of citizens. Inspectors, who enforce State building codes, are helpful to the public.

The County hires only qualified individuals who are trained professionals with experience in the construction field. They are required to take hours of specialized courses and pass exams administered by the State.



Inspectors must be trained in all fields relating to the building trades, including: building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical. They must also know the laws associated with building inspections, the rights of the property owners, and laws regulating general contractors, as well as sub-contractors.

There are many other regulations associated with construction that building inspectors encounter. These include: FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Act) regulations, CAMA (Coastal Area Management Act) regulations, and zoning.

Building inspectors wear many hats. Just like firemen and policemen, the inspector's job is to keep the general public safe. As duly sworn officers of the court, inspectors must take their job seriously and enforce codes in an impartial way.

In 1977, the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board established a certification system for local inspectors and developed uniform educational programs through which inspectors qualify for various types of certificates.



Currituck County's Chief Building Inspector, Spence Castello, has Level 3 standard certificates from the Code Qualifications Board in the areas of plumbing, building, electrical, and mechanical. Level 3 is the highest level of certification.

His staff consists of: two inspectors with Level 3 certificates in all four fields (one is a certified instructor in all four fields); one inspector who has Level 2 certificates; and another inspector who is working on his Level 2 certificates. The staff has over 80 years of combined experience in the construction field.

The Inspections Department promises to provide friendly customer service while working with contractors, homeowners, and business owners to ensure that Currituck County is a safe place to live and work.

*Interpretation from the Department of Insurance.*

## COUNTY AUCTIONS SURPLUS ITEMS VIA EBAY

Currituck County is now auctioning surplus items on the Internet. Items being sold on eBay include desktop computers, laptop computers, printers, and other technology that is no longer functional for government use.



Auction information and rules:

- All items are sold "as is;" please read the product description. There are no warranties or guarantees on any items. There will be no refunds, returns, or exchanges.
- Please read the entire auction description before bidding. If you do not agree to the terms, do not bid. The terms of an auction item will not be modified.
- There will be no sales outside of eBay, nor will an auction end early. If you are interested in an item, please bid on eBay.
- All payments must be made using PayPal and are requested to be paid within three (3) business days of the end of the auction. If payment has not been received after five business days, negative feedback will be left, and eBay will be contacted.
- Small items are usually shipped via USPS Priority Mail. Large or delicate/sensitive items are shipped via The UPS Store (331-1133) in Elizabeth City. See the auction item's description for more information regarding shipping and handling.
- If you want an item to be insured, please request this when the auction has ended. \*UPS automatically insures all items that are valued up to \$100.
- Items may also be picked up at the Historic Currituck Courthouse, 153 Courthouse Road, Currituck. Please call 232-2964 before you come to pick up an item; and bring a form of identification.
- The County of Currituck cannot provide technical assistance for the items we sell online.

## SYMPOSIUM TO FOCUS ON PRESERVING LOCAL CULTURE, HERITAGE

An upcoming day-long symposium will bring together leaders in business, government, cultural arts, and education.

Building and Sustaining Cultural/Heritage Tourism on the Outer Banks is a seminar that will be held on Thursday, March 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Wright Brothers Pavilion in Kill Devil Hills. Participants will explore issues that affect the development and impact of cultural and heritage tourism and focus on developing strategies to promote and sustain it.

Presenters will be: Dr. David Edgell, Professor of Tourism at East Carolina University and the author of *Managing Sustainable Tourism: a Legacy for the Future*; Becky Anderson, Executive Director of *Handmade in America*; and Dr. Tim Glotzbach, Executive Director of the Kentucky School of Craft.



Panelists will include local historians, tourism leaders, and others.

The Symposium is being sponsored by College of the Albemarle, Currituck County, and the Dare County Arts Council. Admission is free. The event is open to the public; however, pre-registration is required.

Call COA at 473-2264 to register.

# Currituck Library News & Information

## The Currituck County Library Is Here for You!

Currituck County's Libraries – the main library in Barco and the branch at Corolla – invite citizens to make the library a regular part of their family's activities.



### Interested in computers?

Computer courses that will enhance, or introduce you, to computer skills are available at the Barco Library and Corolla Branch. Computers with

high-speed Internet connection are also available for public use, including checking your e-mail. Call for dates and times.

**Need a place to meet?** The Barco library has two meeting rooms. A main meeting room will accommodate up to fifty people, and another will hold up to twelve people. A kitchen, located between the two meeting rooms, is available for those wishing to serve refreshments.

**Do you have a pre-school aged child?** Toddler Time is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM for children one and two years old. Story Time is held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM for children between the ages of three and five. Having your children in Story Time will give you a chance to browse through books or perhaps check your e-mail. You are, of course, invited to share Story Time with your child.

**Interested in Genealogy?** Browse the Genealogy section of the library or research your own family history on our on-line databases, including NC Live, Heritage Quest, and Ancestry.com.

**Looking for a hard-to-find book or reference material that the library does not have?** The library is interconnected with all of the other libraries in the State. The library staff can get almost any material you need in just a few days.

**Interested in concerts, workshops, and seminars?** The library schedules musical concerts, seasonal and special interest workshops, and literary historical, current topic, and local interest seminars.

**What role does the Currituck County Public Library Foundation have in the activities of the library?** The Currituck County Public Library Foundation works with the library staff to assure that the visitors and citizens of Currituck will always have a premier library for their intellectual growth. Contact the Barco library for more information about the Foundation.

If you have a specific interest, contact the Barco library at 453-8345 or the Corolla Branch at 453-0496. View us online at [www.earlibrary.org](http://www.earlibrary.org) for more information.

*The mission of the library is to serve you.  
Help us grow. Get involved.*

## Currituck County Library Foundation Plans Reception for MOYOCK Book

The Currituck County Library Foundation will present the third edition of Mrs. Marion Fiske Welch's book, **MOYOCK, A Pictorial and Folk History 1900-1920**, at Moyock Baptist Church on April 15, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. The Bank of Currituck will host a reception in memory of Mrs. Welch for the occasion. The public is invited.

During the years 1900 to 1920, Moyock was a thriving community with a train station, several "houses of merchandise," and several churches. While these structures were important in shaping Moyock, most important were the personalities of the people who lived in the community.



In 1982, Mrs. Marion Fiske Welch captured the heartbeat of Moyock in her book, **MOYOCK, A Pictorial and Folk History 1900-1920**. Mrs. Welch says, "I'm sure I did not feel at any time any sense of boredom living in a tiny village such as Moyock was ... Seriously, I cannot remember a day – even an hour- which was not filled with that inexplicable excitement...Joy abounded in casting pebbles into Shingle Landing Creek, watching the tadpoles and devouring cold clabber biscuits lavishly spread with homemade butter...."



The reprinting of Mrs. Welch's book has been a major project of the Currituck County Public Library Foundation as expressed in its motto – "Welcoming the Future...Cherishing the Past."

The book will be available at the reception; the cost of the book is \$35.00. After April 15, it will be available at the Currituck County public libraries in Barco and Corolla, the Bank of Currituck, and other places to be announced.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

### COMPUTER CLASSES

The following classes are held monthly at the Currituck County Public Library. The classes are free and open to the public. Call the library at 453-8345 to make reservations.

**Microsoft Word I, II, III, and IV, Microsoft Publisher, Excel, Computer Basics and Introduction to Windows.**

### CURRITUCK LIBRARY FORUM

The last program of the 2006-2007 Forum Series will be Saturday, March 17, at 2:00 PM in Barco and at 7:30 PM in Corolla.



Our speaker, Jim Bunch, will present Germany's U85. Mr. Bunch is an oceanographer and author. His presentation includes insight into the history and the sinking of the U85 by the American boat, Roper. This was the first German U-boat sunk by the U. S. Navy during WWII.

### Did You Know?



**You can help support the public library by joining the "Friends of the Library."**

**Call 453- 8345 for details.**

# Outstanding Service, Tax Relief, and Special Events

## ART SHOW & SALE TO ATTRACT ARTISTS FROM ACROSS THE REGION



A popular art show is returning this month to Currituck County.

The 8th Annual Art Extravaganza is set for Saturday, March 17, at Currituck County High School in Barco. Attendees will see artwork by some of most talented artists from Currituck and the surrounding counties.

Among the artwork to be featured are original paintings, drawings, woodwork, stained glass, handmade jewelry, pottery, and heritage crafts. Many of the exhibited works will also be available for purchase.

The show will include artwork by Currituck County school children and a performance by the Strolling Strings of the Norfolk, Virginia Public Schools.

Art Extravaganza is sponsored by the Currituck County Arts Council with support from the Currituck County Public Schools and the Currituck Parks and Recreation Dept. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Marion Dannert at 232-2634.



## Property Tax Relief Deadline: June 1st

Tax relief is available for certain qualified homeowners who are at least 65 years old or permanently disabled. In order to qualify, the homeowner must meet all three of the following conditions:

1. Be a Currituck County resident; and,
2. Have an income for 2006 that was \$20,500 or less; and,
3. Be at least 65 years old or totally and permanently disabled.

For more information or an application, please call the Currituck County Tax Department at 232-3005 or 232-2109, or go online at [www.currituckgovernment.com](http://www.currituckgovernment.com).



## VOLUNTEERS HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Local recipients of the **2006 North Carolina Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service** were honored at a recent meeting of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners. Award winners were:

- **Marshall Cherry** – volunteer with the Corolla Fire and Rescue Squad/Corolla Ocean Rescue. Cherry was also named a Medallion Award winner; he was one of only 20 volunteers across the state to receive this special recognition.
- **Kim Grosskopf** – a volunteer for W.T. Griggs Elementary School.
- **Dana Painter** – a volunteer for Moyock Elementary School.
- **Debbie Lawson** – who serves as a volunteer with the Guardian Ad Litem program.
- **Animal Lovers Assistance League** – the organization that operates the Currituck County Animal Shelter, holds numerous fund-raisers to benefit stray animals, and promotes animal adoptions.



The NC Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service program is sponsored by the NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. It honors the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals, groups and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service.

Any person, group, or business from the public, non-profit and private sector may be nominated for an award. For more information on the program, go to [volunteernc.org](http://volunteernc.org).

## SIGN UP TODAY FOR PET SEMINARS

**Dog Training for Kids** - Ten-year-old Hannah Lee Leidy and her 95-pound Doberman puppy, Teddy, will show children and adults how important it is to train your dog. Thursday, March 22, 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM, at the Currituck County Animal Shelter, Maple.

**Pet Hygiene** - Like people, dogs and cats benefit from regular grooming. Kris Schmidt, owner of Kris's Canine Cuts in Grandy, will show simple ways pet owners can keep their pets healthy and looking great. Thursday, April 19, 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM, at the Currituck County Animal Shelter, Maple.



The seminars are being sponsored by the **Animal Lovers Assistance League** and are open to the public, free of charge. Call 457-0011 to register.



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