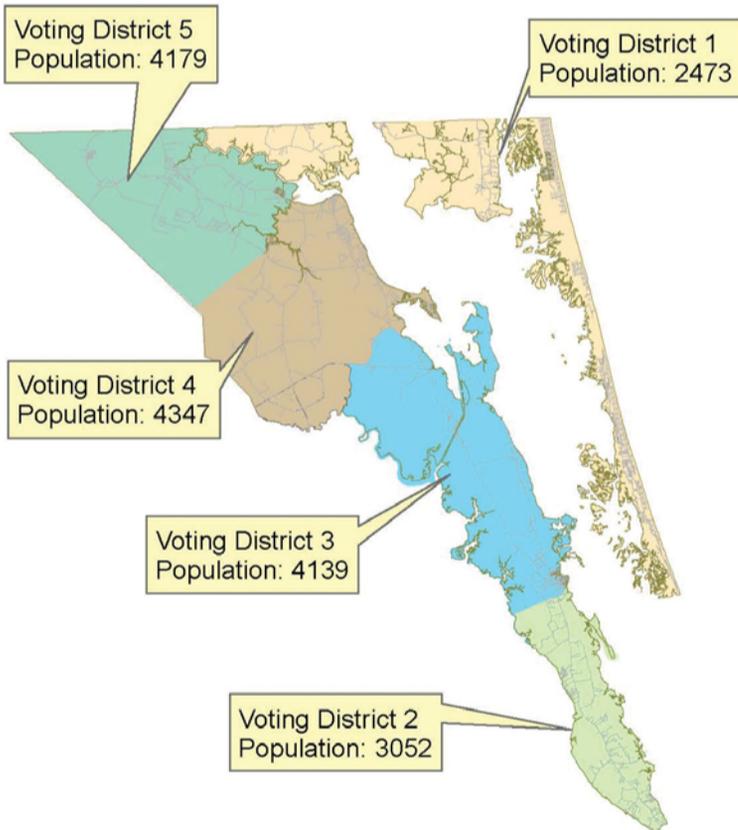




District Maps Redrawn, Public Meetings Held

Currituck County residents passed a referendum in November, 2006, that increased the Board of Commissioners (BOC) from five to seven members. In addition to increasing the size of the Board, voters adopted a new voting district map. Some residents have expressed confusion or disliked the new map. In response, the Board approached the North Carolina General Assembly to adopt a bill that would allow Commissioners to modify the approved map. House Bill 1103 became law on July 10, 2007, and states that the BOC may adjust their districts after "the board of commissioners ... hold[s] at least two public hearings on it." The resulting map would need to be voted on and adopted prior to October 1, 2007.



Total County Population: 2000 Census = 18,190

Potential Voting Districts Option E

This option was endorsed by the BOC by a 4-1 vote on July 23, 2007 Currituck County, North Carolina

5 Districts
Population Target Of Mainland: 3929

Source Data: Census Blockgroups-2000 United States Census Bureau

Commissioners recently held more than the required two meetings and exhibited an endorsed (voted 4-1) map (Map E) from their June 23, 2007 work session. "Map E" recognizes the Currituck Outer Banks as its own district (disregarding population) and subdivides the mainland into four separate districts with a relatively even population distribution.

The Board of Commissioners will vote on approving the endorsed map, along with any modifications, at its Monday, September 24, 2007 meeting at the Historic Currituck Courthouse at 7:00 PM. The approved bill, varying map suggestions, and additional details are available at currituckgovernment.com.

New Currituck Fire Ratings Lower Insurance Rates

Over the past few months, Currituck County Volunteer Fire Departments have been inspected by officials from the Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), as required by the North Carolina Response Rating System (NCRRS). These inspections have resulted in improvements to several of the fire districts' insurance ratings.

Previously rated "9E," Lower Currituck and Moyock Fire Districts will improve to a rating of "7/9E". The new rating of "7" applies to structures within five road miles of a fire station and the structure is within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. The "9E" rating applies to all structures within six road miles of a fire station. The "7" rating will be effective November 1, 2007, while the "9E" rating is already in effect.



Also with a previous rating of "9E," Crawford Township Fire District will improve to a rating of "6/9E". The new rating of "6" also applies to structures within five road miles of a fire station and the structure is within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. The "9E" rating applies to all structures within six road miles of a fire station. The "6" rating will be effective November 1, 2007, while the "9E" rating is already in effect.



Poplar Branch Beach Fire District (Corolla) will move from a rating of "6/9S" to a district wide rating of "6". This will become effective December 1, 2007.

Knotts Island, Gibbs Woods, and Carova Beach will all remain at a rating of "9S."

These new ratings are reported to the Insurance Services Office, Inc. which reports them to various home/business insurance companies. These companies will be receiving notice of this change on the effective dates listed above.

Currituck County Government officials thank all fire departments for their cooperation and contributions to these excellent achievements. These new ratings will translate into hundreds of dollars in savings for businesses and homeowners.

For additional information on the new fire insurance rating, please contact your local fire department or the County Fire Marshal at 232-6641.

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PARKS AND RECREATION, SENIOR CENTER

A Storm Is Coming

With autumn just around the corner, it's time to gear up for another season of Storm Football. Currituck's Parks and Recreation Department began the Storm youth tackle football program several years ago. This year, the County will field three teams: Mite (ages 8-9), Pee-Wee (ages 9-10), and Midget (ages 11-12). The teams are coached by volunteers, with the season running from August- November.



Storm Tackle Football Camp was held July 18th, 19th & 20th.

The Storm teams are part of the Albemarle Youth Football League. They play other teams from surrounding counties in Northeast North Carolina. This year, home games will be played at Knapp Elementary. In addition, Currituck County will host several events during post-season play. Additional information can be obtained from the Currituck County Parks and Recreation Department.

In preparation for the season, the Currituck Storm Boosters Club, along with Parks and Recreation, hosted a three-day youth tackle football camp (July 18-20) on the campus of Currituck County High School. During this camp, boys ages 8-13 learned basic football skills as they practiced a variety of agility drills and participated in team-building activities. A top priority for camp organizers, Tommy Schuster and Tony Fallon, was to encourage campers to work on developing form while promoting leadership and sportsmanship. "We wanted to make sure that we stressed how powerful, strong leaders are on the football field and provide lots of individual attention for the players," said Coach Schuster.



Volunteer coaches and parents were recruited to work at the camp along with faculty and students from Currituck County High School. Some of the featured camp events were a competitive 40 yard dash, punt, pass, and kick drill, along with a flag football game. With over 100 participants and a variety of community sponsors, the camp was a huge success for the fledgling Storm Booster Club. "One of the reasons we wanted to host a camp like this was to heighten community awareness for the Storm football program. This just seems like a logical step in building an exemplary youth tackle program in Currituck... one that sets the standard for other programs in the region," said coach and Booster Club President Tony Fallon.

For additional information on Storm football, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 232-3007.

Bringing Home the Medals!



The Currituck County Special Olympics Bowling team participated in the 2007 Mid-Summer Bowling Tournament in Raleigh on July 21st and 22nd.

The four-man team, which included Justin Brown, Jerry Ross, Derrick Saunders and Christina Simmons, brought home the gold. The doubles team, which included Loretta Hardy and Casey Fairley, brought home the bronze medal.

Pictured: Back row, L-R: Jonathan Brown, Justin Brown, Jerry Ross, Derrick Saunders, Coach Alysia Bailey; Front row, L-R: Casey Fairley, Loretta Hardy, Christina Simmons.

To find out more about Currituck Parks and Recreation's Special Olympics programming, call 232-3007.

Volunteers Needed for Home Meal Delivery Program

The Currituck Senior Center is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to shut-ins on the mainland. Volunteers are needed for the following communities: Moyock, Barco, and Powells Point.



If you can give one hour of your time, one day a week to make someone's day a little brighter, please call Senior Center Coordinator Diane Bray at 232-3505.

Senior Center Trip to the Big Easy

The Currituck Senior Center is heading deep down south to the Big Easy for fun, food, and much more. This special trip will take seniors to Biloxi, Mississippi and New Orleans, Louisiana from May 17 - 25, 2008.

The inclusive package is for \$635.00 per person (based on double occupancy).

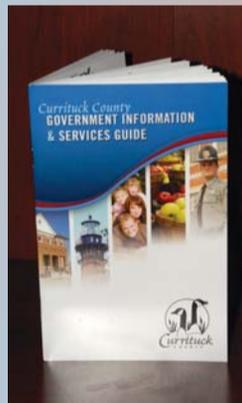
The package includes:



- Motorcoach transportation
- 8 nights lodging (including 4 nights on the Mississippi Gulf Coast)
- 14 meals (8 breakfasts, 6 dinners)
- a guided tour of New Orleans and much more!

For information on the trip, call the Currituck Senior Center at 232-3505.

DID YOU KNOW?



The Currituck Public Information Department has produced a Government Information and Services Guide? If you, and/or your organization or business, would like one or more copies, contact the Currituck Public Information Department at 232-0719.

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COUNTY HONORS SENIOR CITIZENS

2007 Volunteers of the Year Honored

The Currituck County Senior Center recently hosted a 1920s "Swinging Seniors" themed awards luncheon to recognize those individuals who volunteered their services this past year.

Approximately 140 volunteers, many dressed in 1920s attire, attended the annual event that was held at Currituck County High School in Barco. Dan Scanlon, County Manager, and Diane Bray, Senior Center Coordinator, welcomed guests and thanked them for their volunteer service.

Outstanding volunteer of the year awards were presented to: Richard Stricker, Currituck Senior Center; Barbara Hull, Knotts Island Senior Center; and Lorraine Perry, Powells Point Senior Center. Also honored was Catherine Ansell, the 2006 Knotts Island Senior Center's 2006 Volunteer of the year. Ansell was unable to attend last year's banquet, so she was honored at this year's event.

The awards banquet was catered by Currituck Barbecue Company. Door prizes, including two books donated by the Whalehead Preservation Trust, were awarded.



Photo: Award winners (left to right) Lorraine Perry, Catherine Ansell, and Richard Stricker were honored at the Currituck County Senior Center's annual volunteer appreciation luncheon. Not pictured: Barbara Hull.

CURRITUCK COUNTY WATER Affordability at Home



Although Currituck County's water rates will increase on September 1, County water is still a bargain, costing just one penny a gallon.

The increase is required to fund both rising operating costs and address urgently needed improvements to the water system.

The base rate for residential customers will rise to \$20.00 per month, an increase of \$4.00 from the previous rate.

Customers will still have a 2,000 gallon minimum consumption, which translates to a cost of one cent per gallon used. Under the previous rate, a gallon cost \$.0080, or just under one cent per gallon.

Consider the cost of bottled water. A 32-bottle pack of 16.9 oz bottles costs \$4.46 at a national wholesale club, about \$1.05 per gallon. For 2,000 gallons – the minimum consumption under the County rate schedule – you'd pay \$2,100 at that wholesale club. The County delivers the same amount of water to your home, 24 hours a day, for only \$20.

Public water supplies are required to test their water daily for contaminants and bacteria.

Please help the Water Department in conserving this valuable, yet affordable, resource while we wait for the County's new mainland water plant to be constructed. Your conservation efforts will enable the Department to continue providing clean, fresh water while keeping your water bills low.

For additional information on water conservation, visit wateruseitwisely.com.

Record High Tourism Spending Saves Taxpayers \$\$\$

The Currituck County Department of Travel and Tourism is pleased to announce that visitors to Currituck County spent over \$120 million in 2006, an increase of 9.9% from 2005. Appointed with picturesque beaches, quaint farm markets, and an overall tourism-friendly environment, Currituck County has proven again to be a leader in the State tourism industry.

Currituck's growth rate of 9.9% fairs well with surrounding communities with: Dare County at 8.7%, Pasquotank County at 7.4% and Camden at 6.7%.

"We are thrilled with the County's continued growth in tourism... and that it [tourism] is helping to keep taxes low for the citizens of Currituck," said Diane Sawyer, Director of Currituck Travel and Tourism.



Tourism impact highlights for 2006:

- The travel and tourism industry directly employs more than 1,600 individuals in Currituck County.
- Total payroll generated by the tourism industry in Currituck County was \$24.4 million.
- State tax revenue generated in Currituck County totaled \$5.34 million through state sales and excise taxes, and taxes on personal and corporate income. Some \$5.94 million in local taxes were generated from sales and property tax revenue from travel-generated and travel-supported businesses.

These statistics are from the 2006 Economic Impact Of Travel On North Carolina Counties. The study was prepared for the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development by the Travel Industry Association of America.

New Junk Car Ordinance

A new ordinance approved by the Board of Commissioners is helping to keep neighborhoods clean and free of unsightly junk cars.

Under the ordinance, junk vehicles will be towed away and the owners assessed the expense. This new rule allows the County to tow, store and dispose of vehicles that are junked, abandoned or unlicensed, as well as vehicles that are causing a nuisance.

The ordinance defines a junked vehicle as one not displaying a valid license plate and which is partially damaged or wrecked, cannot be self-propelled, or is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$100.

A nuisance vehicle, according to the ordinance, is one on either public or private property that is considered a public health or safety hazard.

An unregistered, junked vehicle can also be removed if the aesthetic benefits, including protection of property values and promotion of tourism, outweigh the financial burdens imposed on the owner.

In addition, an owner is not allowed to have more than one junked or nuisance vehicle on his or her property that isn't enclosed within a building.

The County's code enforcement office is responsible for investigating complaints and enforcing the ordinance on private property. Enforcement officers will tag vehicles that are in violation of the ordinance and inform owners that they have seven days to remove the vehicle.

The Sheriff's Department is in charge of removing abandoned vehicles on public streets and highways.

Vehicle owners can file a petition of complaint to the Board of Adjustment within seven days of having their vehicle tagged.

For more information on the junk car ordinance, call the Code Enforcement Office at 232-3055, ext. 304.

FLOODING INFORMATION FROM THE PLANNING OFFICE

Flooding in the County *Learn, Prepare, Prevent, and Recover*

The water that surrounds Currituck County has aided with the livelihood of residents for centuries. However, our most abundant resource also poses the greatest threat to our communities... flooding.



Flooding is an inevitable truth to those living in coastal Carolina. The only way to combat this constant threat is through knowledge and preparation. Learn your flood risk by visiting floodsmart.gov. This website, sponsored by the National Flood Insurance Program, calculates the risk your property is at for flooding. In addition, the site provides numerous tips on protecting your investments from the ravages of flood waters.

DID YOU KNOW?

In a high risk area, your home has a 26% chance of being damaged by a flood during the course of a 30-year mortgage, compared to a 4% chance of fire?

For example, many homeowners believe that their homeowner's insurance policy covers flood damage. This is incorrect. Flood insurance is only offered through the federally mandated National Flood Insurance Program.

While the Federal government may provide disaster assistance in the event of a wide-spread tragedy, the cost of repaying these loans can be much higher than insuring your home in advance. So by taking advantage of federal insurance today, you can help save your family money for tomorrow.

Federal disaster assistance is usually a loan that must be paid back with interest. For a \$50,000 loan at 4% interest, your monthly payment would be around \$240 a month (\$2,880 per year) for 30 years. Compare that to a \$100,000 flood insurance premium, which is about \$500 a year (\$33 per month).



Citizens who have the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) receive a 15% discount on their premiums. This additional discount is due to Currituck County's continued efforts to grow and expand flood prevention in accordance with National Flood Insurance standards. These include an improved digital mapping system and community outreach projects.

Remember, floods can happen anytime and anywhere. You do not need to live near water to experience flooding. Floods result from storms, melting snow, hurricanes, water backup due to inadequate or overloaded drainage systems, and other causes.

FLOOD INSURANCE

The need for flood insurance in any community is determined by the location of the property. Although insurance is not required in all cases, it is suggested. The National Flood Insurance Act, as amended in 1993, requires that flood insurance be purchased "by property owners who are being assisted by Federal programs or by Federally supervised, regulated or insured agencies or institutions in the acquisition, or improvement of, land or facilities located or to be located in identified areas as having special flood hazards." Homeowner insurance policies exclude flood damage.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT

Property located in Flood Zone "A", "AE", or "VE" on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is subject to regulations. Before starting development on any lot, tract, or parcel in these zones, the owner or developer must first contact the Department of Planning and Inspections to determine what permits will be required. Permits are required for, but not limited to, the following: mining, new construction, additions, alterations, and changes in use.

FLOOD MAP DETERMINATIONS

The 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.

Call the Currituck County Planning and Inspections Department at 232-3055 to learn if your property is located in a flood zone, or to obtain information on the following topics:

1. Elevation requirements
2. Selecting a qualifying contractor
3. Review of plans to retrofit your home

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

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Drainage ditches, streams, channels, and canals must be kept free of debris that can cause them to lose carrying capacity. Debris from dumping, vegetation and sedimentation can build up in a drainage system and cause flooding. Dumping of debris in drainage systems is unlawful in North Carolina. Keep drainage ditches on your property clear and functional.

PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM FLOODING

Do you know the projected flood elevation of your area?

Check with the County Planning and Inspections Department to see if your property is located in a flood zone. This information will help you determine how much water is likely to come in your home during an extreme flood situation.



Is the main electric panel board located above potential flood waters?

The main electric panel board (electric fuses or circuit breakers) should be at least 12" above the projected flood elevation for your home. The panel board height is regulated by code. All electrical work should be done by a licensed electrician.

Are electric outlets and switches located above potential flood waters?

Consider elevating all electric outlets, switches, light sockets, baseboard heaters, and wiring at least 12" above the projected flood elevation of your home. You may also want to elevate electric service lines (at the point they enter your home) at least 12" above the projected flood elevation. In areas that could get wet, connect all receptacles to a ground fault interrupter (GFI) circuit to avoid the risk of shock or electrocution. Have electrical wiring done by a licensed electrician.

Are the washer and dryer above potential flood waters?

For protection against flood waters, the washer and dryer can sometimes be elevated on masonry or pressure-treated lumber at least 12" above the projected flood elevation. Other options are moving the washer and dryer to a higher floor, or building a floodwall around the appliances.

Are the furnace and water heater above potential flood waters?

The furnace and water heater can be placed on masonry blocks or concrete at least 12" above the projected flood elevation, moved to inside a floodwall or moved to a higher floor. Furnaces that operate horizontally can be suspended from ceiling joists if the joists are strong enough to hold the weight. Installing a draft-down furnace in the attic may be an option if allowed by local codes. Some heating vents can be located above the projected flood elevation.

FLOODING CONT., MOSQUITO CONTROL, LEPC MEETING

Outside air conditioning compressors, heat pumps or package units (single units that include a furnace and air conditioner) can be placed on a base of masonry, concrete, or pressure-treated lumber. All work must conform to state and local building codes.



Is the fuel tank anchored securely?

A fuel tank can tip over or float in a flood, causing fuel to spill or catch fire. Fuel tanks should be securely anchored to the ground. Make sure vents and fill-line openings are above projected flood levels. Propane tanks are the property of the propane company. You'll need written permission to anchor them. Be sure all work conforms to state and local building codes.

Does the sewer system have a backflow valve?

If flood waters enter the sewer system, sewage can back up and enter your home. To prevent this, have a qualified, licensed plumber install an interior or exterior backflow valve. Check with the Planning and Inspections Department for permit requirements. If you are building or remodeling a home, there are many other ways to protect your property.

For more information, talk to a professional home builder, architect, contractor, or building supply retailer, or call the Currituck County Planning and Inspections Department at 232-3055 or visit the County's website, currituckgovernment.com.

Visit these other websites for additional information:

Federal Flood Insurance Program www.floodsmart.gov North Carolina Emergency Management www.ncem.org

This flood preparedness information was printed as part of Currituck County's commitment to the National Flood Insurance Program – Community Rating System – Community Outreach Project.

MOSQUITOES Prevention and Treatment

As the scorching summer temperatures begin to recede, many families start to enjoy the outdoors before fall and winter temperatures return. But cooler temperatures are not the only thing waiting to welcome people back outside... so are mosquitoes.

These pesky insects are very problematic in Currituck's wet, marshy landscape and can cause a number of serious health-related problems. When spending time outdoors, be prepared and observe the following tips:

- Apply insect repellent containing DEET;
- Wear loose-fitting clothes;
- Wear long-sleeved clothes and long pants;
- Avoid perfumes, colognes, and other scented items that attract mosquitoes;
- Avoid places where mosquitoes lay their eggs (i.e. standing water).



Asian tiger mosquitoes, which are often found in Currituck County, are known carriers of both West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Spraying for adult "tigers" is not an effective means of control; however, these mosquitoes can be controlled by eliminating or reducing their breeding sites.

REMEMBER: Mosquitoes need water to breed and grow.

Their breeding cycle is very short and a thimble full of standing water can easily support a clutch of eggs. To help minimize your mosquito problems:

- Clean overgrown ponds and stock with fish;
- Repair leaky faucets;
- Change water weekly in outdoor containers (i.e. birdbaths, pots, etc.);
- Discard old tires;
- Clean leaf-clogged gutters;
- Throw away old bottles and cans;
- and cover, turn upside down, or store indoors any items that collect water.



Albemarle Regional Health Services (AHRS), along with the Currituck County Public Works Office, participate in county-wide mosquito control efforts. To report a mosquito issue, log into www.arhs-nc.org/ehs/mosquito/index.htm. AHRS notifies Public Works of areas requiring treatment.

Currituck Public Works operates two mosquito spraying machines for the entire county. Public Works requests that individuals remain indoors while the spraying is taking place. Please don't follow the trucks or approach them while the insecticide is being applied.

For additional information about mosquito control, call Albemarle Regional Health Services at 482-3512 or Currituck County Public Works at 232-2504.

DID YOU KNOW?

CurrituckGovernment.com now has online GIS Mapping available to the public? Go to "Online Services" and *Interactive Online Mapping* to view information on:

- Parcel Ownership and Tax Value
- Zoning
- County Facilities
- Subdivision Locations
- Voting Precinct and Polling Place Locations
- Flood Hazard Zones
- Land Use Plan
- Street Addresses
- Aerial Photography

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Currituck County's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held one of its quarterly meetings on Thursday, August 23 to discuss emergency preparations and response tactics for Currituck.

Designed to help local communities protect public health, safety, and the environment from chemical hazards, Currituck's LEPC was created in 1987 in response to a mandate from the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act (EPCRA) of 1986.

Currituck's committee is charged with:

- reviewing and amending the County Emergency Operations Plan for hazardous materials;
- determining what hazardous materials are moving through the county;
- identifying facilities that manufacture or store them;
- and reviewing the facilities' Emergency Operations Plans.



LEPC members are: David Humphrey, NCEM; Stanley Griggs-Director, Currituck EM; Sheriff Susan Johnson, Currituck Law Enforcement; James Mims, Currituck Fire Marshal; Fire Chief James Moseman, Lower Currituck Volunteer Fire Dept; Marion Van Nostrand, Knotts Island VFD; Allen Russell, NCDOT; Marvin Hereford, Moyock Baptist Men; Teri Henney, Currituck Office-Albemarle Regional Health Dept; Ashley Stoop, Albemarle Regional Health Dept; Mary Beth Newns, Currituck EM; Erin Peaden, Currituck EM; Chief Mike Carter, Currituck Fire - EMS; Karen Galganski, Corolla Resident; Fire Chief Richard Galganski, Corolla VFD; Dan Scanlon, County Manager; and Commissioner Gene Gregory.

Attendees discussed a list of concerns for their respective communities and the County as a whole. One of the main topics discussed was the implementation of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) for various sections of the County. CERTs help the County by assessing post incident damage, performing basic first aid, and providing insight to the intricacies of assisting in their particular jurisdiction. All CERTs complete twenty hours of disaster preparation training, which will be organized by the Currituck County Emergency Management Office. To find out how you or your group can form a CERT for your community, contact Emergency Management at 232-2115.

FROM THE DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Will you need help with heating costs this winter?

LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

Currituck County residents who need help paying their heating bills can apply at the County Department of Social Services. There are two forms of help available:

- The **Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)** gives low-income families or individuals a one-time cash payment to help with heating bills. The application period is from November 5th through November 16th. In February, all eligible households will receive a check in the mail. Households that receive food stamp benefits may be automatically eligible to receive an energy check, without submitting an application. Those households will receive a notice in the mail; others are required to apply.

- The **Crisis Intervention Program (CIP)** helps low-income households that are in a heating or cooling related emergency. CIP will pay heating bills to prevent utilities from being cut off for lack of payment, as well as help with reconnect fees. CIP can also pay for specific items such as utility deposits (water bills not included), repairing a broken heater, or replacing a broken window. The maximum payment is up to \$300. There is not a specific application period for CIP. If funding is available, applications are taken Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; and Friday from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.



An elderly or disabled person who wishes to apply may call the Department of Social Services for assistance or send a representative in to apply for him/her.

The Currituck County Department of Social Services will be taking applications for the LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP) from November 5, 2007 through November 16, 2007 at their office from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm each day.

(Note: The office will be closed on November 12th in observance of the Veterans' Day holiday.)

Applications will also be taken at the following locations:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Powells Point Senior Center	November 8, 2007	10:30 am - 11:45 am
Knotts Island Senior Center	November 13, 2007	10:00 am - 11:45 am
Currituck Senior Center	November 15, 2007	10:30 am - 11:45 am

NOTE: Applicants should provide verification of all money received by the entire household, such as Social Security, SSI, or wages for the month of October. This includes everyone living in the home. Information about savings accounts, checking accounts and other assets, as well as the name, date of birth, and social security numbers of each household member must be provided.

Please call the Currituck Department of Social Services at 232-3083 if you have any questions.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES IN CURRITUCK

Services for elderly and disabled adults is not what comes to mind for most people when they think about social services, but it is, in fact, a large part of the Department's responsibility. Of the services that are available to these populations, the most critical is adult protective services (APS). This is a service that it is backed by law and it is critical in that it can provide protection to those who cannot protect themselves from abuse, neglect and exploitation.



You may have a neighbor, friend or acquaintance that you are concerned about but don't quite know how you might be able to help them.

For example, a lady next door may not be able to take care of herself anymore. Her house is dirty, hygiene isn't what it used to be, weight loss is apparent, walking has become difficult, and her driving has become erratic.

Perhaps your neighbor's son has moved back in with his elderly father and since that time, the father seems anxious or fearful about talking with you. He complains about not having enough money for basics such as food and medicine, whereas in the past, he had enough money to cover his the basics, plus more. His explanation centers on his son, who must use the father's money for his own expenses. The son says that the dad's unpaid bills needed to be paid off with the elderly man's savings, but the father can't verify it because he's not allowed to look at his own bank statements anymore.

Social Services are mandated by law to evaluate situations such as these above. If you have a concern about a disabled adult, please call DSS with the information. APS evaluations are intrusive and there are certain criteria that must be met before a referral can be considered APS. Therefore, it is important to have good information if you call so that the best decision can be made for the referral. Information such as: how the person is disabled and what they are not able to do because of the disability; what is happening to the adult as far as abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and whether or not the adult has someone who can or does help them. The wonderful thing about adult services is that if a referral does not meet the criteria for APS, a social worker can still call or visit to see what needs the person might have.

There are a multitude of services that can be tapped into to address needs that are identified during an APS evaluation. If you would like to know more about the available services for adults, or if you would like someone to speak to your civic group, church, or club, please contact Carla Mebane at 232-3083.

News from the Board of Elections Office

On June 27, 2007 the State Board of Elections appointed a "new" election board for Currituck County. After being sworn in for a two-year term by the Clerk of Court, Sheila Romm, the board met and organized. Coinjock's Chris Hooper is the new Chairman (453-3502). Annette Argandoña from Moyock will serve the Board as Secretary (435-6360). Barbara Snowden from Currituck



was also appointed (232-2311). The Elections Office welcomes these members to the Board and appreciates their willingness to serve the citizens of Currituck County.

The Board's first duty was to appoint precinct officials using the recommendations of the political parties in the County. The dedicated precinct officials who serve on Election Day are greatly appreciated by the Office.

The 2008 elections are fast approaching. If you would like to volunteer to be a precinct assistant, please call the Elections office at 232-2525.

The 2008 Election Party Primary is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2008. Visit the Election Board's section of currituckgovernment.com for information on filing and running for office. This information may be found under "Next Elections" subsection.

For questions, contact Director Mary Etheridge or Deputy Director Rachel (232-2525).

LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

Currituck Library Presents... *Harry Potter and Friends*

The Sorting Hat will decide which House is for you on Saturday, October 13 at the Currituck Library in Barco. From 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon, children from kindergarten to fifth grade are invited to join a truly magical event.

Hop on your Nimbus 2000 and make a beeline for this All House gathering with lots of food and fun. Use that muggle speaking device (a.k.a. telephone) and call 453-8345 for details or to sign up for the program.

Harry Potter Trivia, Phoenix Friendly Activities, and Carrow-Free Crafts await!



Fall Children's Programming

Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Ages: 18 Months – 2 Years Old

September 20: The Story Apron
September 27: The Three Bears
October 4: Big Red Fire Engine
October 11: Finger Painting
October 18: Froggy
October 25: Well Done Worm
November 1: Squirrel's Visit
November 8: No Toddler Time
November 15: Leaves Are Falling
November 22: No Toddler Time
November 29: It Looked Like Spilt Milk
December 6: The Hat
December 13: Oh, Christmas Tree



DID YOU KNOW?

The Currituck County Public Library has one of the most extensive genealogy collections in the region.

If you are interested in learning about your family's heritage, stop by the Library today. A librarian will be happy to assist you with your research.

Story Time

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Ages: 3 – 5 Year Olds

September 18: Once Upon a Time
September 25: Goldie Socks
October 2: Smokey
October 9: The Library Dragon
October 16: The Frog Princess
October 23: Well Done Worm
October 30: Squirrel's Visit
November 6: No Story Time
November 13: Leaves are Falling
November 20: Rainbow Feathers
November 27: It Looked Like Spilt Milk
December 4: Hedgie Blasts Off!
December 11: Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree



CURRITUCK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER COMPUTER SCHEDULE

One-on-one Introduction to the Library Catalog – Instruction available anytime during regular Library hours. Participants will learn to use the computer catalog to access resources in the Library collection. This class now includes an introduction to our new service: patron review & patron placed holds.



Computer Basics for Beginners – Monday, September 17
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM. Participants will learn to use the keyboard, the mouse and other basic techniques.

Introduction to Windows – Monday, September 17
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Participants will be introduced to basic features of the Windows software.

Microsoft Word Level I – Tuesday, September 18
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Participants will learn to create, edit, format and print a short document.

Microsoft Word Level II – Tuesday, September 18
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Participants will learn to create a one-page document, correspondence, envelopes and mailing labels. They will also learn to use graphics, font styles and colors.

Microsoft Word Level III – Thursday, September 20
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Participants will learn to create multi-page documents, use clip art and more. Prerequisites - Microsoft I & II or equivalent skills.

Microsoft Word Level IV – Thursday, September 20
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Participants will learn to create tables, newsletters and more. Prerequisites - Microsoft I & II or equivalent skills.

Introduction to Excel – Wednesday, September 26
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Participants will learn the basics of the program and how to create simple spread sheets.

Microsoft Publisher – Tuesday & Thursday, September 4 & 6
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Participants will learn basic skills in creating flyers, brochures, cards and other promotional documents. Microsoft Word Levels I, II and III or equivalent skills required.

*****Computer User's Group** – A computer User's Group is being formed for group discussion and learning sessions on topics related to computers and technology. If you are interested in attending these sessions, please call the Library for more information.

Space is limited; call the Library to register (453-8345).

North Carolina Mystery Author, *Margaret Maron, Visits*

The Friends of the Currituck Public Library will host a visit from North Carolina mystery author, Margaret Maron, on the evening of Friday, October 5 at the Currituck County Library in Barco. Her presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by refreshments provided by the Moyock Women's Club.

Mrs. Maron's novels feature Judge Deborah Knott and are, in the author's words, the vehicle by which she shares her . . . "love and concerns for North Carolina as the state transitions from agriculture to high tech, from a largely rural countryside to one increasingly under assault by housing developments and chain stores."

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5.00 or at the door for \$10.00, depending upon availability. Call the Library at 453-8345 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED

Fall Calendar of Events

September 3 – Labor Day (County Offices and Libraries Closed)

September 19 & 26 – Give Your Heart a Healthy Beat – Featuring: educational presentations, food demonstrations and physical activities. Space is limited; pre-register by calling 232-2261.

September 22 – Playground Safety Training from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Pasquotank Extension Center in Elizabeth City. Registration fee of \$3 (payable to Pasquotank Farm Services). Mail to NC Cooperative Extension-Currituck Center, PO Box 10, Currituck, NC 27929 by September 14.

September 22 - Currituck Master Gardeners Volunteers' Annual Fall Plant and Bake Sale from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Currituck Library in Barco. Call the N.C. Cooperative Extension Office at 232-2262 for details.

September 25 - Read Me a Story: Nutrition Training will be held at 6:30 pm in the Currituck Extension Kitchen. Child care teachers of children ages 2-5 years are invited and attend this training to receive an educational kit that includes a children's book with a foods theme, leader lessons and supplies. The curriculum includes nutritional information, as well as activities on math, language, and cognitive development skills. No cost; pre-register by September 18 (232-2262).

September 29 – Currituck County Parks & Recreation Flag Football and Cheerleading sign-ups from 9:00 am -12:00 noon in the Currituck Middle School lobby. Call 232-3007 for details.

October 7 – Excursion Day at the Whalehead Club – Come join the family fun at this annual community event in Corolla. There will be: free food & drinks, Currituck High School band performance, a live band, antique car collection, educational children's activities, free tours of the Whalehead Club, and Currituck Beach Lighthouse and more...



October 9 – Fire Safety Program, 7:00 pm at the Currituck Extension Center. All child care staff are required to receive annual fire safety training. The Currituck Fire Marshall recommends that all new child care providers attend this training which includes hands-on experience using a fire extinguisher. Each center should select a "Fire Prevention Superintendent" who is willing to attend this training and then be responsible for training all other center staff who have previously received this county-wide training. A leader lesson will be shared with each center "fire prevention superintendent." No cost; pre-register by October 2 (232-2262).

October 29 – Color Me Healthy program will be held at 6:30 pm at the Currituck Extension Center. Participants will learn how they can teach young children ages 3-5 about healthy eating and the importance of being physically active. Participants will receive a teaching kit that uses music, color and exploration of all of the senses. No cost; pre-register by Oct. 22 (232-2262).

October 31 – Give Your Heart a Healthy Beat – Featuring: educational presentations, food demonstrations and physical activities. Space is limited; pre-register by calling 232-2261.

November 12 – Veterans' Day (County Offices and Libraries Closed)

November 18 – Give Your Heart a Healthy Beat – Featuring: educational presentations, food demonstrations and physical activities. Space is limited; pre-register by calling 232-2261.

November 20 – Tri-County Farm City Banquet, 7:00 pm at the Kermit E. White Building on the campus of Elizabeth City State University.

November 22 & 23 – Thanksgiving Holidays (County Offices and Libraries Closed)

New Face at the Currituck Library



Vicky Hagemeister has joined the Currituck County Library System as its new Director. Bringing a diverse set of skills, Hagemeister is happy to be serving the citizens of the County. She began her career in 1976 at the Great Falls, Montana Library, and brings over two decades of experience to her new position.

Preceding her employment with Currituck, Hagemeister was active with NC Smart Start in Elizabeth City. Her regional library experience includes being a librarian in Norfolk, Virginia, and an Assistant Director at the Chesapeake Public Library System. Always the educator, Hagemeister received her Master's in Early Childhood Education and she even taught for six years in the Norfolk Public School System.

"I'm very excited to be here in Currituck... and look forward to the growth happening in our library system," said Hagemeister. "As the County continues to expand, our staff will work hard in continuing residents' access to top-notch resources."

Currently, Hagemeister says that the Library's most utilized resources are best sellers, audio CDs and DVDs. "Audio CDs have proven to be very popular with the commuters, and the DVDs are great for families on a budget," said Hagemeister.

Hagemeister is reorganizing the current library space and plans to further highlight the in-depth genealogy section. "Our staff would love to help anyone in the community with researching their family's history," said Hagemeister. The library plans on continuing its popular children's programming and expanding into more teen-friendly activities. In addition, library patrons will soon be able to place items on hold from any library in the East Albemarle Regional Library System.

To access the library online, log onto www.youseemore.com/earl/.

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