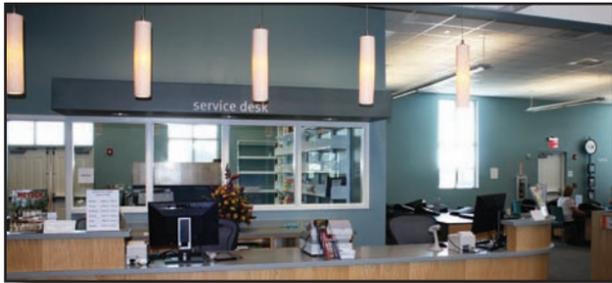


Focus on Currituck

A Report to the Community
by Currituck County Government

MOYOCK LIBRARY OPENS TO LARGE COMMUNITY RECEPTION

LOCAL OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS WELCOME COUNTY'S THIRD BRANCH



A large number of county residents, staff and elected officials turned out on Oct. 28, 2009 to celebrate the grand opening of the Moyock Library. The ceremony featured remarks from Board of Commissioners Chairman Owen Etheridge, Commissioner Janet Taylor and Librarian Vicky Hagemester.



The 7,800 square foot library features 12 public use computers with Internet access, Teen area, Children's Room, Wi-Fi capability, public meeting room and a Cultural Center to include displays by the Currituck Arts Council.



The Moyock Library is located at 126 Campus Drive, off Tulls Creek Rd. For directions or information on programs, contact the Moyock Library at 435-6419.



PLANNING STAFF UNDERTAKES UDO REWRITE

PUBLIC INVOLVED IN MAJOR EFFORT

The Currituck Planning Department is involved in an important initiative to rewrite the county's Unified Development Ordinance. County staff kicked off this effort by hosting a public forum on Nov. 17, 2009 to provide an overview of the rewrite process, discuss major issues involved in the project and receive public input.

This current task is Currituck's first comprehensive rewrite of county zoning and subdivision regulations since the 1980s. Currituck County has enlisted a consulting firm, Clarion Associates, to assist with the project. For the latest information on the UDO rewrite, contact Planning at 232-3055.

COUNTY PARTNERS WITH YMCA FOR NEW REC CENTER

FACILITY TO BE BUILT IN BARCO

Currituck County hopes to open its new recreation center by the end of 2011. A recreation center will be the main component of a new county facility in Barco which is also expected to house a Senior Center, offices and space for the Parks and Recreation Department staff. The building will be constructed on county property next to the Cooperative Extension Center. Construction is scheduled to begin by December 2010.

On Nov. 2, 2009, the Board of Commissioners entered into a 30-year agreement with YMCA of Hampton Roads for operation of the recreation center. YMCA will lease part of the proposed 50,000 square foot building for its recreation center and programs. More details and site plans will be publicized as information becomes available.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ROLLS OUT NEW NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

LATEST TECH KEEPS CITIZENS AWARE



The Currituck County Sheriff's Office is employing a new mode of technology to enable residents to gather critical information in real time. Nixle is a new community information service provider that offers authentic, secure platforms for citizens to receive neighborhood-level public safety and community information. Messages are available via cell phone (text messages), email and Internet access and can be sent to specific geographically targeted areas.

Currituck Sheriff Susan Johnson says that getting information out quickly can ensure citizen safety. Nixle will allow the Sheriff's office to relay a wide range of public service messages and public safety information such as alerts, advisories, community events and traffic related situations. Nixle allows messages to reach up to 100,000 users within three minutes.



Nixle is a partner with Nlets, the International Public Safety and Justice Network. Nixle's servers are housed within the Nlets secure facility. This security ensures the reliability and authenticity of messages to the public, unlike social networking services such as Facebook or MySpace.

Residents can take advantage of this free service by signing up online at www.nixle.com. Encourage relatives and friends to receive this service as well. To begin with, Currituck residents will be able to receive only police-related information. Additional public safety departments, educational facilities and community organizations may be added in the future.

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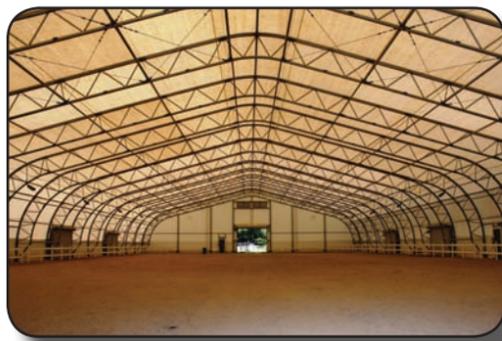
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RURAL LIFE CENTER OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS AN ONGOING PROCESS

Outdoor enthusiasts and horse-lovers have a new place in Currituck County to enjoy a variety of activities. The Rural Life Center, located off Spot Rd., opened to the public in mid-October. Though improvements and construction of amenities in the park are still ongoing, citizens are welcome to visit and use the existing facilities.



The Rural Life Center is operated by the Cooperative Extension Service's 4-H program. The facility features an indoor equestrian arena and ample outdoor equestrian and activity space. The property also includes a stocked fishing pond and canal access to the Currituck Sound.

Among the future plans for the park are outdoor show rings, walking trails and a historical farming exhibit.

The Rural Life Center is currently open to individuals from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and by reservation only on Saturday. Groups and clubs should make reservations to use the facility. For more information, contact the Cooperative Extension at 232-2262.



Rural Life Center staff (L-R): Gene Staples, Park Attendant; Tracy Hale, Park Manager; Sheila Moore, Park Attendant; Terry Temple, Park Director

COUNTY WEBSITE STILL LOGGING JET NOISE COMPLAINTS

CITIZENS FILE MANY COMPLAINTS DUE TO NAVY FLIGHTS

Currituck County's government website, www.currituckgovernment.com, has logged nearly 2,000 citizen complaints of jet noise since the summer of 2008.

The county launched an online Jet Noise Incident reporting form on July 1, 2008 to allow citizens to register complaints and comments related to Navy jets flying over Currituck County.



Since that time, many citizens have noted that Navy jets have disrupted the community during both day and night hours.

This online reporting log is one tool to be used by the Board of Commissioners in the ongoing effort to oppose construction of an Outlying Landing Field (OLF) in northeastern North Carolina. The board adopted a resolution to oppose construction of an OLF in October 2008 and continues to work in cooperation with Camden County against the placement of an OLF in the Hale's Lake area.

Each citizen complaint of jet noise will be gathered and presented to the Navy by Currituck County officials as a way to inform the Navy that residents are concerned of the negative affect jet noise will have upon the quality of life in Currituck County.

To view and use this online form, visit www.currituckgovernment.com.

DEPUTIES GAIN STATE CERTIFICATION

THREE COMPLETE COURSE AT JUSTICE ACADEMY

Jonathon Benjamin Pittman, Brandon Emerson Robertson, and Christopher Alan Saunders recently completed training in the 2009 Detention Officer Certification Course at the North Carolina Justice Academy.

Officers Pittman and Saunders have been employed as Detention Officers at the Currituck County Detention Center since August 1, 2008, and Officer Robertson since January 20, 2009.

This is a five-week course taught by Mark Priest of the North Carolina Justice Academy in Salemburg. Officers Pittman, Robertson, and Saunders attended the course August 24 -September 25, 2009.

The Detention Officer Certification Course provides students with the basic knowledge of operating procedures for local confinement facilities while developing the roles and responsibilities of a professional detention officer. Detention officers are taught the necessary skills required to supervise inmates and deal with the various daily functions of a detention facility.



Pictured, L-R: Brandon Robertson, Jonathon Pittman, Christopher Saunders, and N.C. Justice Academy Instructor Mark Priest.

NEW FACES

Kristy Osmundson
Finance Dept.

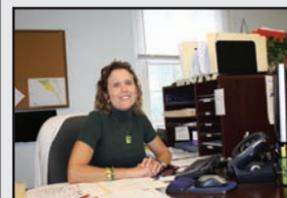


Kristy joined the Finance staff on Oct. 19, 2009 as an Accounting Clerk II - Accounts Receivable. In this role, Kristy will have many duties, including

processing receipts, reviewing deposits, and processing water and tax bill online payments.

Originally from Camden County, Kristy now resides in Powells Point. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Botany, with a Minor in Accounting, from N.C. State University.

Gina Rhodes
Inspections Dept.



The Inspections Department welcomed its newest member on Sept. 21, 2009. Gina serves as a Permit Officer, which entails a variety of responsibilities such as issuing and accepting permits, providing information to citizens, and scheduling inspections.

Originally from Maryland, Gina now resides in Grandy. Her professional experience includes 14 years at the county government level.

EM UPDATES HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

PROACTIVE APPROACH TO IMPROVING SAFETY MEASURES

Hazard Mitigation is the sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards. This involves the things we can do to lessen the impacts of hazardous events which may affect our community.

Currituck County is in the process of updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. A planning committee consisting of citizens, county staff, first responders and local business owners is working together to improve this document. This plan studies the history of hazardous events in order to better predict effects and prepare our community for future events. Some of the hazards analyzed are hurricanes, flooding, thunderstorms and wildfires. It develops a detailed description of the county, including topographical, demographical and geographical information as well as vulnerabilities and capabilities. It also states the goals and action steps the planning committee deems appropriate to further strengthen our community.

Currituck County is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to review and revise its Hazard Mitigation Plan and submit it for approval within five years in order to continue eligibility for mitigation project grant funding. This does not mean FEMA will not assist Currituck in a disaster situation. Rather, funding for projects which do not have an

impact on life safety but will mitigate or lessen the disaster effects to property will not be available to Currituck.

Currituck is not updating this plan simply because it is a FEMA mandate. The county is doing so because it will create a more disaster-resistant community. This will result in lives saved, reduced damage to property, reduced economic loss, heightened ability of local government to resume operations quickly and a shorter recovery period for the community.

A draft of the plan will be made available for public review and comment during December and January. For more information, contact Emergency Management at 232-2115.



FOCUS ON BUSINESS



The Currituck County Economic Development office has access to resources that can help local businesses – even in a changing economy. Through both the Federal Stimulus Act and several local and state programs, there are several new business financing and employee training programs available for your business!

Please research the following links and program descriptions or contact Peter Bishop, Economic Development Director, with your business inquiries at 232-6015 or email to pbishop@co.currituck.nc.us.

Small Business Administration (SBA): www.sba.gov/recovery
Information on several low or no interest loans to help with immediate capital needs, expansion or start-up.

Golden Leaf Foundation: www.goldenleaf.org
Golden Leaf recently announced a partnership with the NC Rural Center and Self-Help finance to provide \$5 million in loans to small businesses. Also, Golden Leaf has several specific initiatives, including a Local Foods development grant program.

NC Rural Center: www.ncruralcenter.org
The Rural Center provides microenterprise financing and the Rural Venture Fund, an interest-only seed capital program for existing, emerging businesses. Also, check out their Rural Funding Directory.

NC Recovery: www.ncrecovery.gov
This website is the homepage for funding announcements, press releases and project tracking for North Carolina's share of the Federal Stimulus funds (ARRA).

NC Employment Security Commission (ESC): www.ncesc1.com/individual
The NC ESC is a one-stop online shop for local area job searches, resume posting, resource research, benefits and training opportunities.

Currituck County Libraries: Did you know, the Currituck County libraries in Barco and Moyock offer free computer usage as well as job searching service and a Small Business library? For more information, visit your local library or contact Librarian Vicky Hagemeister at 453-8345.

WATER TAP FEES REDUCED

ONE-YEAR PERIOD TO HELP CUSTOMERS

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners approved a reduction of tap on fees for the Mainland Water System for a period of one year, beginning November 3, 2009.

As a result of this decision, the fee has been lowered from \$5,000 plus installation costs to a \$3,000 fee that includes installation costs for residential and commercial meters. The homes and businesses eligible for the fee reduction must currently be on an existing water line and are required to begin using the water or pay a monthly base fee of \$20.

Residential meters will be ¾ inch services and commercial meters will be 1" services. There will be an additional charge for meter requests larger than specified.

In addition, if you have a paid tap on an existing water line and wish to connect to the Mainland Water System please contact our customer service office at 232-2769.

COOL 92.1 PUTS CURRITUCK ON AIR

RADIO PROVIDES POSITIVE EXPOSURE



Each week, Currituck County is the focus of a radio talk show broadcast across northeastern North Carolina and the Hampton Roads region of Virginia. WCDG, known as "Cool 92.1", airs the show - titled 'Public Matters' - every Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m.

Travis Dylan, WCDG Operations Manager, serves as the show's on-air host and teams each week with Currituck Public Information Officer Randall Edwards to discuss important topics facing Currituck County. Most weeks, a county staff member or special guest joins the show to provide in-depth information to a particular subject.

Public Matters attempts to cover a fresh topic each week, while also providing news regarding upcoming meetings or events. Each show intends to offer useful information to Currituck residents and give listeners updates on matters within the county. Tune in each Sunday to hear 'Public Matters' on Cool 92.1.

BURN SEASON UNDERWAY AT WILDLIFE REFUGES

CONTROLLED BURNS PROVIDE MANY BENEFITS

As cooler temperatures settle in and waterfowl numbers begin to climb, Mackay Island and Currituck National Wildlife Refuges are gearing up for this year's prescribed burning season. Prescribed or controlled burns are ignited under specified conditions to meet pre-defined objectives.

Controlled burns are not only beneficial for wildlife, mimicking natural fires that reduce vegetation build-up, but also improve human safety by reducing fuel levels that contribute to costly and destructive wildfires.

The unique coastal marsh habitat on the refuges thrives under periodic fire. Regrowing marsh gains a nutrient boost from the ash and greater plant diversity is possible when thick mats of grass no longer shade sprouting seeds. Fire actually enhances habitat for migrating and nesting birds and other wildlife by providing a mix of conditions for finding food and shelter.

Another key benefit of fire is that it reduces "fuels" – the leaves and dead plant debris that build up in marshes over time. If these fuels are not reduced periodically wildfires can become hot and destructive, threatening both wildlife habitat and private property next to the refuges.

Much more goes into lighting controlled burns than just throwing a match to the ground. Prescribed fires are planned so that safety is the highest priority not only for the fire crew, but also for the public and nearby communities.



Each prescribed fire plan addresses steps firefighters should take to minimize impacts to communities if smoke, fire behavior, or weather conditions change.

The public can help, too. Motorists need to reduce their speed, be patient, and watch for fire equipment and firefighters along the road when they see smoke.

Prescribed burning is a great management tool, but it is highly dependent on favorable weather conditions. Fire personnel take into account such factors as fuel moisture, relative humidity, air temperature, wind speed, wind direction and other atmospheric conditions to ensure a safe and successful burn. Wind direction and speed play a vital role in the rise and spread of smoke.



A Burn Boss is never sure until that morning if the environmental conditions are right for burning. Because of this unpredictability, it is hard to give an exact date when a particular burn unit will be ignited. The prescribed fire season usually runs from fall through mid-spring.

For this prescribed burning season, most of the Swan Island tract on Currituck Refuge is up for burning as well as part of the marsh behind Carova Beach. At Mackay Island Refuge, the marsh north of and one large marsh unit to the south of the causeway are slated for burning. Other burn units for this season include Middle Pool, farm fields along the refuge entrance road, and several field and woodland units around the refuge maintenance shop.

Questions or comments about the prescribed burning program at Mackay Island and Currituck National Wildlife Refuges can be directed via email to Mike Hoff, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, at mike_hoff@fws.gov.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Each of Currituck County's six Volunteer Fire Departments depends on citizens willing to give time and effort to maintain a high level of service for county residents and businesses. These departments must receive an influx of volunteers as Currituck County continues to grow and the demands on these departments continue to increase.

Citizens can volunteer for a number of different roles within each volunteer fire department, and all volunteers will receive the necessary training prior to being sent out on a response call. The volunteer fire departments work in coordination with the Currituck County Fire Marshal and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to ensure that all staff members throughout the

county receive a high level of training and preparation.

Currituck's volunteer fire departments include Carova Beach, Corolla, Crawford, Knotts Island, Lower Currituck and Moyock.

In addition, volunteers are also utilized in Emergency Medical Services and can aid professional paramedics in a number of ways. EMS also participates in several community-related functions and offers citizens opportunities for ride-along programs to learn more.

For information on how you can volunteer to help Currituck's volunteer fire departments or Emergency Medical Services, contact your local fire station, call EMS at 232-7746, or call the Fire Marshal at 232-6641. A complete listing of fire stations can be found on the county website at www.currituckgovernment.com under the fire protection tab.



The Lower Currituck Volunteer Fire Department recently hosted an Open House for its refurbished Powells Point station.

EMS REACHES OUT TO PUBLIC

SPARKY TEACHES FIRE SAFETY

Currituck County Emergency Medical Services celebrated National Fire Prevention Month in October by teaching students and adults about fire safety and prevention. EMS staff visited with students and citizens throughout the community at several public events.

Through its efforts, EMS assisted the volunteer fire departments and the Currituck Fire Marshal in focusing on teaching many important aspects of fire safety. This collaboration was accomplished with excellent teamwork among the volunteers and career service providers working with local schools, churches and community groups.

Students and citizens met with firefighters to learn about the various equipment used and discuss important fire safety topics. Tours were conducted for school and community groups at volunteer fire stations during the month. These tours included fire trucks, ambulances, emergency response equipment and clothing.

During October, the combined effort of the volunteer fire departments, EMS and Fire Marshal received more than 1,000 children and adults at a variety of events.



A big hit during the month was Sparky the Fire Dog, who joined EMS staff in visiting local schools. With Sparky's help, students completed many valuable lessons such as learning the work of a firefighter and equipment used, reading for fire safety information, using visual cues and context to read new words, developing home safety plans and understanding the importance of home smoke detectors.

EMS ADDS TO CAREER TRAINING

A FIRST FOR DEPARTMENT

The Currituck County Department of Fire-Emergency Medical Services has begun a first of its kind in-house training program for supervisors and acting officers. The CCFEMS - Officer Development Program, which began on October 14, 2009, is a comprehensive training curriculum including classroom, field training and an evaluation process. Currently, eight full-time personnel have completed a competitive selection process and have been selected as candidates for this program.

The candidates are: Paramedic-Firefighter Kris Ussery, Paramedic Josh Nowicki, Paramedic-Firefighter Michael Hurt, Paramedic Kyle Padgett, Paramedic Erik Svejda, Paramedic -Matthew Dunn, Paramedic-Firefighter Stephen Harris and Paramedic-Firefighter Bill Gardner.

In addition to these candidates, existing supervisors, acting officers and other members of the Fire-EMS system will be invited to attend various segments of training to include: Risk Management, Policies and Procedures, Incident Management, Leadership and Incident Safety Officer. Classes are instructed by various departmental personnel and other agency representatives. This program will culminate with a graduation in May 2010 during National EMS Week.

PANDEMIC PREPARATION

EMS READY FOR AN OUTBREAK



Emergency Medical Services staff recently completed a test of safety equipment that could be used during a severe outbreak, such as the H1N1 virus. This special equipment would help EMS maintain a healthy staff, enabling the county to continue providing a high level of emergency medical services despite a high level of H1N1 in the local population.

Above, Stephen Harris, EMT-Paramedic/Firefighter completes a fit testing on Deputy EMS Chief Rob Glover. This item, a HEPA mask, is an important component of the Personal Protective equipment used by EMS.

STUDENTS ENJOY VISIT TO COURT

2ND GRADERS MEET CLERK, JUDGE

A well-behaved group of second grade students from Central Elementary School enjoyed an informative visit to the Currituck County Judicial Center.

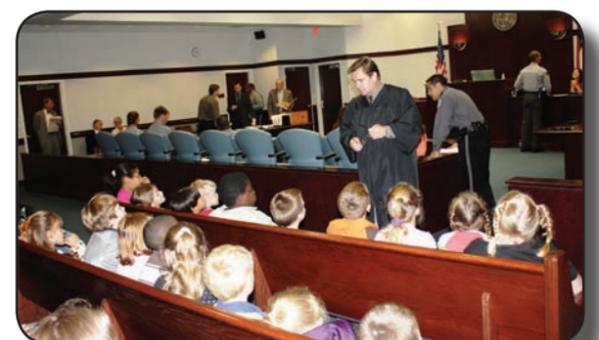
Sheila Tyler, Currituck Clerk of Court, hosted the students on October 28, 2009. Mrs. Tyler explained the role of the Clerk of Court and explained the basic functions of the courts system.

The class then spent time observing District Court, with Judge Edgar Barnes presiding over actual cases. After watching attorneys try a few cases, Judge Barnes stepped down from the bench to visit with the students. He explained the various types of workers in the courtroom, including the attorneys and the bailiffs. The class members were able to ask many questions of Judge Barnes before heading back to school.



Sheila Tyler, Clerk of Court, meets with students from Central Elementary School to explain the courts system.

District Court Judge Edgar Barnes answers questions asked by students from Central Elementary School.



9-1-1 EVOLVES WITH LATEST TECHNOLOGY

CHANGES OVER YEARS ADD TO SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS

In the Currituck Communications Center, constantly improving technology results in more efficient and enhanced 9-1-1 service for county residents. The changes also result in increased training for telecommunicators and higher standards of performance. A 9-1-1 dispatcher has an incredible amount of information at his or her fingertips, and a few clicks of a mouse can initiate a chain of emergency response at any time for multiple incidents throughout Currituck County.

Currituck's latest technology upgrade came earlier this fall. Over the years, upgrades have resulted in a better - and larger - system. Various displays highlight incident and responder locations, caller and involved persons' identification, availability of resources, emergency medical information and much more. For a visual comparison, the photo on the left is a console used by dispatchers in 2001. The photo on the right is the current array of modern monitors at a telecommunicator's workstation.

2001



2009



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT 9-1-1

Emergency Medical Dispatchers are the "first" first responder and can provide life saving instructions to callers before medics or other trained responders arrive on scene.

9-1-1 callers confronted with a medical emergency are connected to a trained 9-1-1 professional, an Emergency Medical Dispatcher. In the precious minutes before the arrival of responders, the EMD can provide the caller with basic information necessary to save a life, such as instructions to perform CPR, control bleeding in cases of severe hemorrhage, protect an unconscious victim, open an airway, assist with childbirth and even recommend aspirin early on to callers complaining of chest pains or heart attack symptoms in order to prevent heart damage in certain heart attack patients.

One of the biggest challenges for an EMD is gaining the trust and cooperation of the caller. Often, the caller becomes agitated when having to answer an array of questions the dispatcher must ask in order to send the appropriate response. Staying on the line to answer these questions does not delay response. In fact, while the EMD is asking questions, another telecommunicator is simultaneously dispatching the call to emergency responders. Remaining calm and answering these key questions allows the EMD to provide life saving pre-arrival instructions until help arrives on scene.

The highest priority of any call is determining the location of the emergency and the phone number of the person calling. If for any reason the call is disconnected, the EMD has an address to send an emergency response. The EMD always verifies the location and callback number by asking the caller to repeat it. Next the EMD begins the call interrogation, which will ultimately provide the caller with the best emergency response.

One of the most important things to remember when calling 9-1-1 is to stay calm. Even though you may be in a situation out of your control, you'll need to pull yourself together when calling 9-1-1. When crying or yelling, it may be hard for the dispatcher to understand you, resulting in having to ask the questions again, potentially delaying response times.

An EMD is a key member of the response team and often has a profound effect on the early care of patients. The EMD will have more comprehensive knowledge about the situation than anyone responding until emergency personnel arrive at the scene. So remember, it takes the same amount of time to ask the right questions as it does to ask the wrong questions - the difference is we get the right answers sooner, which can potentially make the difference between life and death.

If you would like more information on emergency medical dispatching or would like to schedule an EMD demonstration for your organization or special group, please contact Liz Hodgins or Ruth Barefoot at 232-3732.



CURRITUCK STAYS AHEAD OF RECYCLING CURVE

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION IN PLACE ONE YEAR AHEAD OF STATE MANDATE

Currituck County has expanded its Recycling Program to include the collections of electronics. While this addition adds to the recycling services available for county residents and helps keep more harmful products out of landfills, it also fulfills a state-mandated obligation more than one year ahead of schedule.

North Carolina's Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has issued a ban on the disposal of electronics equipment into landfills, effective January 1, 2011. Currituck met this mandate well in advance by beginning the new Electronics Collection Center on Dec. 1, 2009. This new collection center is located at the Barco Recycling Center

and is open on Tuesdays and Sundays from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Currituck was also ahead of a state mandate regarding plastic bottle collection. DENR's ban on the disposal of plastic bottles into landfills went into effect on October 1, 2009. Currituck County began collecting plastic bottles in its co-mix recycling compactors in January. A co-mix recycling compactor is located at each Recycling Center in Currituck County.

For a complete listing of locations and items collected at Currituck's eight manned Recycling Centers, visit www.currituckgovernment.com under the Public Works Department tab, or call 232-2504.



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

READY FOR BUSY 2010

AFTER QUIET 2009, SEVERAL COUNTY OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

The Currituck County Board of Elections is gearing up for a busy 2010 election season.

In 2010, the following Currituck County elections will be held: Clerk of Superior Court; Sheriff; Board of Commissioners - District 3, District 5 and At-Large 1; and Board of Education - Poplar Branch, Crawford Township and At-Large. Primary elections will be held on May 4, 2010 and the General Election will be on November 2, 2010.

In preparation for the May Primary and the November General Election, precinct officials were appointed by the board to serve a two-year term. Chairman Chris Hooper and board members Barbara Snowden and Annette Argandoña wish to thank the following officials for their willingness to serve the citizenry of Currituck County:

Church's Island-Chief Judge Mary Oakes and Judges Dorothy Hocutt and Whitfield Moore

Poplar Branch-Chief Judge Leslie Knopfler and Judges Beverly Brown and Donald Woickelman

Powells Point-Chief Judge Shirley Crank and Judges Marilyn Makos and Selina Jarvis

Whalehead-Chief Judge Annie Ponton and Judges Hadley Twiddy and Irene Baronet

Coinjock-Chief Judge Carol Keaton and Judges Carolyn McCarter and Spencer Castello

Courthouse-Chief Judge Nancy Bass and Judges Debra Sanderlin and Kelly Arp

Indian Ridge-Chief Judge Carol Sue Slezak and Judges Betty Romano and Jean Potter

Moyock-Chief Judge Diane Ferebee and Judges Patricia Howard and Marcia Berry

Gibbs Woods-Chief Judge Kathryn Read and Judges Patricia Ball and Ruth Hargrave

Carova Beach-Chief Judge Cynthia Rhodes and Judges Patricia Vann and Karen Gregory

Knotts Island-Chief Judge Sandra Caffee and Judges Margaret Waterfield and Laurel Hicks

The success of elections in Currituck County is due to the dedication and hard work of these precinct officials and the many other assistants who help conduct our elections. In addition to the precinct officials, our office uses approximately 70 assistants and 24 high school student assistants for the elections. If anyone interested in working on Election Day, please call 232-2525. We are always looking for exceptional workers!

Are you interested in serving your county as an elected official?

If so, there are some dates that you need to be aware of. Every candidate wishing to run for a local public office in 2010 must file a Notice of Candidacy with our office.

Filing for Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, Board of Commissioners-District 3, 5, and At-Large 1, and Board of Education-Poplar Branch, Crawford Township and At-Large will begin at 12:00 noon on Monday, February 8, 2010 and end at 12:00 noon on Friday, February 26, 2010.

In addition to filing a Notice of Candidacy, a candidate must also meet certain requirements, pay a filing fee, and file campaign information.

Information concerning the 2010 elections is available on the county's website, www.currituckgovernment.com, under the Elections Department tab. You may also call the Elections office at 232-2525. Director Mary Etheridge or Deputy Director Rachel Boyce will be happy to assist you with any election concerns, from voter registration to becoming a candidate.

The office is located at the Governmental Center Complex, 2811 Caratoke Highway in Currituck.

PARKS AND RECREATION

2009 YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM PHOTOS



Walker, Mike Hastings, AJ Urania, Rick Owens, Robert Boyce, Randy Schmidt, Dan Milburn and Randall Feher. Not Pictured: Jayden Donski



Coaches: Jeff Hutson, Lee Gordon, Tim Costen, Robin Perkins, and Jason Rouse



Cale Mizelle. Coaches, I-r: Greg Hammer, Phillip Hopkins, Eric Ritter, Frankie Eaves, Shawn Davis, and Kevin Mizelle



Ethon VanHorn and Jason Dixon. Not Pictured: Matthew Derosier



William Dupree, Storm Posnar, Trey Collins, William Fallon and Aaron Balmer
Coaches: Paul Harrison, Garland Akers, John Hain, Thomas Sawyer, Troy Breathwaite, Tony Fallon, and James MacMillan. Not Pictured: Donovan Keehner and Joe-Michael McCue

7-9 Storm Maroon

Sitting, I-r: Billy Milburn, Ryan Boyer, Joseph Reynolds, Braxton Langley, Trent Walker, CJ Pippin and Dakota Todd
Kneeling, I-r: Frankie Stevenson, Colt Fletcher, William Langley, Jared Feher, Thomas Miele, Zachary Harvey and Bobby Howard

Standing, I-r: Roberto Aguilar, Matthe Pitz, Liam Schuster, Joshua Hastings, Ricky Owens, Jalen Owens and Donovan Burke
Coaches: Chris Pippin, Jeff

7-9 Storm White

Sitting, I-r: Bryce Costen, Dashawn White, Christen Glave, Michael McFarland, Brett Costen, and Orlando Dupree

Kneeling, I-r: Zachary Friedlander, Linwood Gordon, Logan Wagner, Johnithin Dupree, Logan Reiter, Zachary Rouse, Adam Walker, and Sean Caltagirone

Standing, I-r: Zakery Harlow, Jesse Rogers, Parker Bunch, Gage Vitasek, Jesse Hutson, Kyle Friedlander, Jacob Pickett, Alan Murphy and Jerod Walker

9-10 Storm Maroon

Sitting, I-r: Dante Varga, Brian McGuire, David Frederick, Christopher Hastings, Glen McPherson, Jonathan Walker, Allen Bunch and Dominic Burke

Kneeling, I-r: Ryan Edwards, Hunter Langley, Allen Williams, Luke Hopkins, Smith Hammer, Zachary Jones, Jordan Shaffer and Christopher Ritter

Standing, I-r: Alec Eaves, Braden Liverman, Nikko Hollingsworth, Chase Johnson, Trent Rokosh, Shane Davis, Jordan Downs and Kevin Mizelle

9-10 Storm White

Sitting, I-r: Ian Richards, Harry Culpepper, Andrew Krause, Wade Fallon, Deteveion Burton, and Noah Berndt

Kneeling, I-r: Shawn Gerres, Tyler Perkins, Jon Micheal Lundy, Isaiah MaCarraher, Hunter MacMillan, Tyler Simmons, Joshua Aubuchon, Evan Jablonski, Aaron Hill and Ralph Marenna

Standing, I-r: Erik Waldron, Jaydon Sands, Trent Baylor, Brody Staats, Bryan Meredith, Kyle Dixon, Brandon Irving, Robert Venham,

11-12 Storm

Sitting, I-r: Patrick Connors, Logan Fletcher, Sean Gerres, Ashton Reiter, Reed Akers, Samuel Langley, Christian Morgan, Matthew Mareenna, Caleb Brinkley, and Caleb Woodley

Kneeling, I-r: Shamil Moore, Jaylen Smith, Tyell Dunton, James Walker, Brady Cahill, Devon Frye, Jordan Sawyer, Christian Spry, Frank Haskell and Taylor Itschner

Standing, I-r: Zachary Parker, Matthew Gould, William Gwaltney, Zachary Breathwaite, Sky Posnar,

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

The Currituck County Department of Social Services will accept applications for the 2009 Operation Santa Claus until December 22, 2009. Operation Santa is intended to provide holiday items and Christmas gifts for children up to age 17.

Children must be residents of Currituck County to participate in Operation Santa. Applications for children will be taken at the DSS office, which is located in the Governmental Center Complex on Caratoke Highway.

For information on submitting an application or making a donation to Operation Santa Claus, contact DSS at 232-3083.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009 Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting

Saturday, Dec. 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with Breakfast with Santa; many family activities; 56th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

Medicare Part D Annual Election Period

The Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) program offers plan members the ability to make changes in their coverage each year during the annual Election Period. In addition, Medicare beneficiaries who have not previously enrolled in a Part D plan are allowed to do so during this period. Medicare prescription coverage may be obtained in a stand-alone Part D plan or as part of a Medicare Health Plan.

Information on the Part D plans and Medicare Health Plans to be offered in North Carolina in 2010 should be available at www.medicare.gov or from the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP). In Currituck County, call SHIIP volunteers at Cooperative Extension Center to make an appointment with Georgia Kight or Sheila Gregory at 232-2261.

Currituck Gets Fit

The economic cost of unhealthy lifestyles among adults in Currituck County is nearly \$35 million annually. This cost includes both direct medical expenses and indirect costs such as lost productivity and absenteeism. The good news is that if we can get just 3% of at-risk adults in Currituck County to be more active, eat nutritiously, and achieve a healthy weight, we can save nearly \$1.5 million annually. The Currituck County Wellness Committee is working toward a more "Fit" Currituck County workforce. It has received a "Fit Community" two year grant from the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund for \$60,000.

Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less Program Begins in January

Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less is a weight management program that uses strategies proven to work. Each lesson informs, empowers and motivates participants to live mindfully as they make choices about eating and physical activity. The program provides opportunities for participants to track their progress and keep a journal of healthy activities.

CURRITUCK LIBRARY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new Moyock Library is pleased to feature the same type of programs available at the Currituck Library's branch in Barco. Helping with these programs, as well as all library needs for visitors to the new library, are the following staff, pictured:

front, l-r: Carolyn Guilliland and Branch Manager Sandy Kemner; back, l-r: Krystal Flatness and Ashley Barnett.



On Saturday, Dec. 12, the Moyock Library will host a special event from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. "Help Decorate Our Library Christmas Tree" is free for all ages. Make an ornament for the tree and take one home for yours.

Visitors are asked to bring a donation for a local food pantry.

Moyock Library Story Time

Ages 3 - 5, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 12.

Moyock Library Babygarten

Ages birth - 18 months, Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning Jan. 13

Moyock Library Toddler Time

Ages 18 months - 2 years, Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning Jan. 14.

Currituck Library - Barco Story Time

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PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Cheerleading Competition

Ages 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12; Saturday, Dec. 12 at 4:00 p.m. at Knapp gym. Check-in time at 3:00 p.m. Call 232-3007.

Youth Basketball

Boys and Girls, ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-12 and 13-15. Call 232-3007.

Yoga Classes

January 2010; \$25 per four-week session; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. at Cooperative Extension. Call 232-3007.

Be sure to check www.currituckgovernment.com for registration forms and information from the Parks and Recreation Department.

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