

## Public Services Department

# Right-of-Way Vegetation Removal

The Atlantic Beach Police Department will be conducting a traffic visibility study and upon completion of the study, the Public Services department will start to prune and/or remove problem plant material throughout the town that is a safety hazard to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. All plant material removed will be on the town right-of-way and every attempt will be made to ensure that there will be a minimal impact. Please note that before any action is taken, the respective property owners will be notified via mailings.

# Yard Waste Collection

We strive to keep Atlantic Beach beautiful and are constantly looking for ways to improve our service level to our citizens. In order to serve you better, we are making some minor changes:

- Please bag all leaves, grass clippings and small, loose debris.
- Tree limbs need to be cut in lengths less than 4 feet.
- DO NOT place items under any overhead conflicts, beside poles, mailboxes or fencing.
- Large loads (1/2 truck full or more) requires payment in advance at town hall.
  1. **Current rates: \$100.00 per 1/2 load; \$200.00 per full load.**
  2. **Public Services staff are not authorized to accept any form of payment.**
- Town of Atlantic Beach Ordinance, Section 15, Article 4:
  1. **Yard waste is required to be placed on your own curb, not on empty lots.**
- Town of Atlantic Beach Ordinance, Section 15, Article 29
  1. **Construction and demolition (C&D) debris, regardless of the source, WILL NOT be picked up by the town.**

## Fire Department

# Web Page Addition Hopes To Improve Fire Safety and Inspections

The Atlantic Beach Fire Department has posted a new addition to the Town of Atlantic Beach website aimed at improving Fire Safety and Fire Inspection compliance. This information is intended to assist citizens, business owners/managers and contractors in maintaining Fire Safety and to help simplify and ease the inspections, plan review and construction process. Citizens can find information on what to do after a fire, home fire safety checklists, open burning and grilling, and illegal fireworks. Business owners and managers will find inspection checklists that will provide them with items the Fire Marshal will be looking for in order to help prepare for their next fire inspection. This will help ensure a safe business and minimize re-inspection fees and fines for Fire Code violations. Contractors can also find plan submittal and review guidelines for fire suppression and detection systems as well as detailed rough-in and final inspection checklists and performance testing requirements. This information can be found by clicking the "Fire Marshal's Office" link under Fire Department on the town website. The Fire Department encourages you to visit this link as the information found within will help meet our goal of a fire safe community.

# "Strike Up The Band!"

The Atlantic Beach Fire Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums have created a new band website! Go ahead, take a look. You will find a lot of information on the site such as the history of bagpipes in the fire service, the creation of the band, pictures of each member to include personnel from AB's finest and civilians, and various events that the band has participated in. Click on "Our Music" and listen to some tunes from our play list. Show your support - purchase an Atlantic Beach Fire Department or ABFD Pipes and Drums t-shirt or hat online from "Our Store." All proceeds go toward the continuation of the band. So "strike up the band" at [www.abfdpipesanddrums.com](http://www.abfdpipesanddrums.com).

# New Hire

**Cory Lail** graduated from the Wilson Fire Academy this past year and was hired on February 6, 2008. He is a Certified Fire-fighter and EMT-Basic. Cory is a great addition to our department and we are looking forward to his service to the Town. Congratulations Cory!

# The Ocean Breeze



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# Manager's Message

Several years ago, I had the pleasure to serve as Atlantic Beach Town Manager after spending more than two decades in various elected and appointed positions in Carteret County municipal and county government.

The Town Council in Atlantic Beach has asked me to come out of retirement and serve the Town once again as its Town Manager. It is a pleasure for me to come back to work with one of the finest town staff I've ever worked with and new members of the Council who are dedicated, energetic and looking forward to serving the residents, property owners and visitors to Atlantic Beach and the Crystal Coast.

With Spring upon us and Summer on the way, we spruced up and geared up for the upcoming season that kicked off on Memorial Day weekend. Our Town Hall concentration is currently on the FY2008-2009 budget.

We are looking forward to seeing our absentee property owners, permanent residents and visitors out and about now that the weather is warming up and the official beach season is upon us. There are more and more activities taking place, businesses that were closed for the season are reopening and occasionally you will spot a bathing suit on the beach.

Stop by and visit with us at Town Hall. If we can be of service in any way, please let us know and come on down!

"IT'S THE BEST TIME THAT EVER WAS"

Pete Allen  
Town Manager

# Police Department Reminders

As summer approaches, many of our vacation home owners will return along with seasonal visitors, traffic on our streets and highways will once again fill to capacity. Please drive carefully and watch out for our visitors and their children. Many of our full time residents will be taking vacations in other areas and if you would like your home to be checked while you are away, please contact the police department at (252) 726-2523 and let us know when you plan to leave and return. We would be more than happy to provide this service while you're away. Please remember we have an ordinance which prohibits glass bottles of any kind on our beautiful beach strand, please help us remind our visitors of this very important safety rule.

If there is anything your police department can do, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Chief Allen Smith

# No Wake Zones

No wake zones on the west side of the Atlantic Beach Bridge are in effect from the shoreline 55 yards north (away from shoreline) and are marked no wake. There is a line of white buoys placed 55 yards from the shoreline to help identify the restricted wake areas. If you are between the white buoys and the shore you are in a no wake area. All other No Wake Zones are marked by signs and buoys. If you have additional questions feel free to contact us.

# FYI

- The Town's e-mail address is [tab@atlanticbeach-nc.com](mailto:tab@atlanticbeach-nc.com). Town Hall hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, M-F.
- You can access the Town's Code of Ordinances along with the monthly minutes, monthly agendas, "The Ocean Breeze" and other information about the Town. The address is [www.atlanticbeach-nc.com](http://www.atlanticbeach-nc.com).
- Represent your Town by purchasing a vehicle tag, which are available at Town Hall for only \$5.00 each.

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# Numbers to Know

## Town Manager & Department Phone Numbers

Kelly L. Cyrus, Town Clerk.....726-2121  
 Sabrina M. Simpson, Business Officer .....726-2121  
 Laura Buda, Tax Collector .....726-2121  
 Jessica Fiester, Director of Planning .....726-4456  
 Marc Schulze, Director of Public Services.....726-1366  
 Allen Smith, Chief of Police .....726-2523  
 Adam Snyder, Chief of Fire .....726-7361

## Planning Board Members

Ray Langley, Chairperson  
 Larry Burke  
 John Hopkins  
 Steve Joyner  
 Norman Livengood  
 Scott Rice  
 John Rivers

## Board of Adjustment Members

John Kurek, Chairperson  
 George Bailey  
 Markey Burroughs  
 Darrel Lawrence  
 Gary Plough  
 David Cox, Alternate  
 CV May, Alternate  
 Sam Rich, Alternate  
 Gene Walz, Alternate



## Mayor and Town Council

Mayor A. B. "Trace" Cooper, III .....726-2121  
 Mayor Pro-Tem Harry Archer.....726-2121  
 Ann Batt, Councilmember .....726-2121  
 Eddie Briley, Councilmember .....726-2121  
 Kenneth Ide, Councilmember.....726-2121  
 Vada Palma, Councilmember .....726-2121

# Summer's Arrived!

Summer has arrived! We at the police department have been busy over the past few months preparing and gearing up for another busy tourist season. We continue to meet new challenges day in and day out. We realize the economy continues to struggle and unfortunately when times get tough crime historically increases. We are few in numbers comparatively speaking. We need your help to ensure we provide the best service available. Our Community Watch Program continues to strengthen with time and the support of our Community Policing Program. Lieutenant Jeff Harvey is working with our homeowners, homeowner associations and businesses to ensure citizens and business owners know what to be on the lookout for and how to report incidents so that we can work on prevention before acts are committed. One of our Community Watch volunteers, Mr. Reynolds, proposed what we at the police department think is an outstanding idea. Mr. Reynolds has asked that we request property owners who have homes on our waterways throughout town to post their street address not only where it is visible from the road, but canals and water frontage as well. This will aid neighbors and police officers when trying to identify your property when something out of sorts is observed. If you have input or ideas, please feel free to contact Lieutenant Harvey or myself at (252) 726-2523.

We continue to be interested in your thoughts and ideas. Many of you have contacted us and shared thoughts and ideas; we welcome your feedback and want to know what we are doing well and where we need to improve. We are still seeking volunteers who are interested in serving as members of a new program we hope to implement, "Volunteers in Policing" (VIPS). This program is administered through Citizen Corps and state and federal funds are available if we meet all requirements. If this is something that you are interested in please contact Lieutenant Jeff Harvey at (252) 726-2523.

# Hurricane Season

As everyone is aware hurricane season begins June 1st. The Police and Fire Department are reviewing current plans and making necessary changes to ensure we are as prepared as possible. Carteret County Emergency Services has a new tool which will assist in all future necessary evacuations and other emergency notification needs called "CODE RED." This new tool is a reverse 911 calling system and will be used to deliver pre-recorded phone messages concerning evacuation or preparedness information messages for an emergency event. Citizens can go to the Carteret County website ([www.carteretcountygov.org](http://www.carteretcountygov.org)) and register additional numbers such as cellular phones if you wish to be notified on devices other than home phones.

## Hurricane Season, con't.

Also available through the County Emergency Services website is a list of pet friendly motels inland and contact information for evacuees. Carteret County Emergency Services is responsible for coordinating transportation needs for those who require assistance in relocating. All special needs citizens should contact Carteret County Services to register for assistance with evacuation. Pre-storm or early registration is critical in planning to ensure resources needed and plans are in place to assist citizens should evacuation become necessary. You may contact Carteret County Emergency Services at (252) 728-8470 or the Police Department at (252) 726-2523 and we will assist by taking your information and passing the information onto Emergency Services.

# Animal Control

County Animal Control is working with the town and together we have established a new process for citizens to follow for deploying animal traps. Citizens who have problems with feral cats and other wild animals can contact the Police Department and sign out a trap. The town will provide traps and food for citizens to pick up and set. Once the traps have been loaned to citizens the town will notify County Animal Control of the citizens' name, address and telephone number. The following day county animal control will check issued traps and if there are animals in traps, animal control will take the trap and deal with the animals appropriately. Animal control will return the trap to the town once the animal is removed. County Animal Control will check traps Monday through Friday and if there are no animals in traps employees checking the traps will deactivate the traps on Friday and re-set traps on Monday morning. County Animal Control does not have personnel to check traps on weekends, therefore traps must remain deactivated Saturday and Sunday to avoid trapped animals from going without food or water over the weekends.

# UDO (Unified Development Ordinance)

The Unified Development Ordinance Committee was created and has begun work on the revamping of the land use ordinances. At their May 7, 2008 meeting, the committee received the first draft of the UDO, which is being prepared by Holland Consulting Planners. The group will reconvene on June 4, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the Town Council Boardroom to discuss sections 1-4 of the new document. A copy of the draft is available for review in the front of town hall. Staff believes that the document will be more user-friendly to the public once the work is complete. In the coming months there will be numerous meetings on the exciting changes that will accompany this document. Stay tuned for more details.

Below is the roster for the UDO committee:

Dale Holland	Consultant	dholland@hcplanning.com
Jessica Fiester	Planner	planner@atlanticbeach-nc.com
A.B. Cooper, III	Mayor	tcooper@coopdev.com
Harry Archer	Mayor Pro Tem	habeach@yahoo.com
Vada Palma	Councilmember	vpalma@ec.rr.com
Darrel Lawrence	Board of Adjustment	vacation@ec.rr.com
Ray Langley	Planing Board, Chairman	clangley2@ec.rr.com
Larry Burke	Planning Board	lburke01@embarqmail.com
Norman Livengood	Planning Board	Nlivengood@ec.rr.com
John Rivers	Planning Board	jbr@ec.rr.com
Steve Joyner	Planning Board	sjoyner2@ec.rr.com
Scott Rice	Planning Board	scottrice@bizec.com
John Hopkins	Planning Board	acctavern@earthlink.net
Bill Taft	At-Large Member	wtaft308@suddenlink.net
Jim Willis	At-Large Member	CaptnJim@ec.rr.com

All meetings for the UDO, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment committees are advertised on the bulletin board located on the front of town hall and in the *Carteret County News-Times* newspaper. You can also obtain information on any of these meetings by calling Jessica Fiester, Planning Director at (252) 726-4456.

# "The Circle" Area

We appreciate your patience as the circle area is being redeveloped. Any questions regarding redevelopment may be directed to Jessica Fiester, Town Planner at (252) 726-4456 or [planner@atlanticbeach-nc.com](mailto:planner@atlanticbeach-nc.com).