

Weekly News Summary for August 2, 2026.

Flood watch in effect from tonight through Monday afternoon

Flooding caused by excessive rainfall is possible, starting at 8 tonight and lasting through Monday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Numerous to widespread heavy showers and thunderstorms are expected along coastal North Carolina Sunday night through Monday afternoon. Widespread 1 to 3 inches of rain is forecast in the watch area, with locally higher values possible where slow moving showers and thunderstorms linger.

The storm will bring south winds at 13 to 22 miles per hour.

Most likely amounts of rain in Rodanthe are 1.5 inches and in Hatteras 2 inches. Worst case scenario sees 3.2 inches in Rodanthe and 6.4 inches in Hatteras.

A week ago, on July 27, the Hatteras Island Community Emergency Response team issued a warning about flooding on NC 12. From the previous storm, one area of flooding across both lanes of Highway 12, just north of the Pea Island Visitor Center remained. Flooding was still there as of Thursday afternoon due to additional rainfall. Be courteous drivers and don't splash other cars.

Dare County Board of Commissioners meets at 9 o'clock, Monday, August 3, 2026.

Here's a rundown on some of the agenda items.

Immediately following Public Comment, a presentation by Brightspeed will discuss service outages that have occurred in Dare County.

On this past Thursday, the fiber option cable was cut on a line immediately south of North Beach Campground around 10 o'clock in the morning. The cut knocked out telephone and internet service to most on the island except for those on Starlink. Service was restored around 7 o'clock that evening.

Another outage occurred July Fourth, an obvious busy day for businesses.

Representatives from Coastal Family Collaborative will present a community-led initiative to establish Tidal Tots Childcare Center, a nonprofit early childhood education center serving Hatteras Island. The presentation will outline the current childcare shortage, its impact on local families, businesses, healthcare, education, and public safety, and the center's sustainable operating model. The presenters will also request Dare County's partnership through one-time start-up funding to help restore licensed childcare services for Hatteras Island families.

A referendum is on the November 3, 2026, ballot about the levy of a one-quarter cent county sales tax. If approved by voters, the tax would fund implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Spencer Gregory, Parks & Recreation Director, and Katelin Kight, Assistant Public Information Officer, will provide a presentation on the proposed referendum, including information about the proposed sales tax, its intended use, and the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Beach nourishment is officially underway in Buxton!

The dredge Liberty Island arrived in Buxton July 30 and began pumping sand onto Buxton Beach, Friday, July 31.

Crews are beginning work near Ocean Drive and will work their way north before moving south to complete the southern portion of the project, according to a Dare County media release on Friday.

A second dredge is expected to arrive in mid-August, helping keep the project on schedule for completion by the end of September.

Approximately 2 million cubic yards of sand will be placed along Buxton's oceanfront beaches, helping protect the shoreline and enhance the beach for residents and visitors alike.

Learn more about the project, view the construction map and find answers to frequently asked questions at [MoreBeachToLove dot com](http://MoreBeachToLove.com).

A second part of the project begins Monday, August 3.

A section of the beach and ocean in Buxton will be temporarily closed. Dare County is repairing the southernmost groin near the former Cape Hatteras Lighthouse site. Stay at least 300 feet away from the work area. Follow all posted

signs. For project updates, visit DareNC.gov. The Old Lighthouse Beach lifeguarded beach and associated parking lot will remain open for public use.

House fire in Avon

An early morning house fire on Scarborough Road in Avon was quickly extinguished last Sunday, Island Free Press reported.

The call came in at about 7:20, according to Avon Volunteer Fire Department Chief Frank Hopkins. Avon firefighters responded within minutes. Volunteers from the Buxton, Frisco, and Hatteras fire departments also assisted at the scene.

The fire was extinguished within 10 minutes, Hopkins said.

The kitchen sustained the most significant damage. No neighboring structures were affected. The year-round residence was unoccupied at the time of the fire. No injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Dare County Fire Marshal Steve Kovacs responded to the site on Sunday to assist in determining the cause.

Billy Mitchell Airport to close August 17 for major project

Billy Mitchell Airport in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in Frisco will close August 17 for a runway pavement rehab project. The closure is occurring earlier than previously announced. The runway closure is expected to last until mid-November.

The paving project will involve full resurfacing of paved areas, applying new reflective paint and installing new tie-downs and anchors, all of which will improve visitor safety and enhance the overall visitor experience.

North Carolina Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation is contracting and overseeing the paving project on behalf of the Seashore.

Bear activity in Alligator River Refuge

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge staff have recently witnessed multiple incidents of dangerous human-bear interactions, including black bears approaching and leaning on vehicles. Animals that are habituated to human presence pose significant dangers to both humans and animals because of the risk of aggressive encounters, disease transmission, and damage or injury.

In order to protect public safety, the refuge is temporarily closing part of Milltail and Long Curve Roads to all entry effective July 31. Milltail Road will be closed between Sawyer Lake and Long Curve Road. Long Curve Road will be closed between Milltail and Grouse Roads.

National Aviation Day set for August 19

On Wednesday, August 19, celebrate the 87th anniversary of National Aviation Dare at the Dare County Regional Airport on Roanoke Island. Presented by First Flight Society, this free and family friendly aviation-themed celebration for all ages will be held from 10 to 3.

National Aviation Day 2026 features a wide array of programs, activities and presentations centered around aviation, including aircraft displays, guest speakers and exhibitors, a scavenger hunt for the kids, food trucks and Bullseye Flight Team flyovers. The event will also include a food drive supporting the public's donations of money or nonperishable food items for the local Beach Food Pantry. Admission and parking are free for the National Aviation Day event, and members of the public from throughout the Dare County community and beyond are encouraged to attend!

Dare County is seeking input from residents, property owners and visitors to help identify locations in the county's unincorporated areas where new or improved pedestrian crossings could enhance public safety. The county is exploring opportunities to apply for funding through the North Carolina Department of Transportation's 2026 Pedestrian Safety Project Call, which supports pedestrian safety improvements in smaller urban and rural communities.

A survey is intended for locations on state-maintained roadways within Dare County's unincorporated areas only, including Hatteras Island. Community members can share suggested locations by completing the online survey at [info dot darenc dot gov slash Crosswalks](http://info.dot.darenc dot gov slash Crosswalks) through August 14.

Last time for free books in Hatteras village and popsicles and reminder about start of school and sports

“Reading Is Sweet” continues tomorrow, August 4, from 2 to 3 in the afternoon at Happy Belly in Hatteras.

Local ice cream shops have partnered with Cape Hatteras Elementary for the “Reading is Sweet” program for a second year. School staff members will have visited five different ice cream shops over the summer to distribute free books. Thanks to Village Conery, Cups & Cones, Reel Swirly, The Scoop, and Happy Belly for sponsoring this amazing program.

And, on August 5, from 2 to 3, kindergarteners and parents can enjoy Popsicles on the Playground at Cape Hatteras Elementary. The event is sponsored by Children and Youth Partnership.

The first day of school is August 10 for Dare Early College and August 24 for all other Dare County Schools. View schools' supply lists at daretolearn dot org slash portals slash parents slash schoolsupplies.

And, Cape Hatteras Secondary's Volleyball team will play in a Jamboree with First Flight and Manteo on August 6 at Manteo. Matches start at 5 o'clock. The first home matches for the junior varsity and the varsity teams are scheduled against Gates County on August 11. Matches start at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Marching Band Camp starts at 7:30 in the morning and runs to noon on August 3, 4 and 5. Email band director at [mccroskeyse at daretolearn.org](mailto:mccroskeyse@daretolearn.org) if you did not sign an intent form.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Be careful on the roads and the beaches. Thanks for listening.

This is Radio Hatteras.