



Pender County Government Update

Department

VETERANS SERVICES

April 5th attended webinar held by VA Public Contact Team briefing on updates on presumptive conditions related to Environmental Exposures to Hazardous Materials.

April 7th – new phone systems were installed in both offices. We now have a virtual assistance in place for both phone numbers for Veterans Services. Teams meeting were also held to better understand the system. We now have multiple ways to access all calls in offices via phones and emails.

April 19- had meeting with Sherry Fox-Veterans Outreach Program Specialist on updates Community Access Point (CAP) at Cape Fear Community College. Vet Center can be reached at 910-577-1100 for those that need counseling on campus.

Also attached is a copy of the different groups available for those using the Vet Center. Contact your primary counselor to inquire about the groups you are interested to determine if this will assist you in individuals' treatment plans. Vet Center also has a Mobile Vet Center (MVC) that is designed to reach those in rural areas within the communities. Standby to future events as they are in planning stages.

April 29- attended virtual SUPP Committee meeting to discuss old and new business concerning the Take Back Event and Syringe Exchange Programs. SUPP Committee is a Substance Use Prevention Partnership Committee. We have safety kits on hand and disposal RX packets available in both offices.

Property Tax Exemption reminder deadline is June 1st. If you are rated at 100% P & T and/or receiving DIC you are eligible for this benefit. Contact your VSO for assistance in obtaining the certification. This is a two part process and we will need your Summary of Benefits letter from VBA to verify eligibility.

April 26th VA establishes presumptive conditions were added to the Federal Register on April 26, 2022. See attached News Release.

If you have a clinical diagnosis for these conditions call your local Veterans Service Office at **910-259-1203 Burgaw** or **910-270-5005 Hampstead** for appointment to file claim or reopen previously denied claims along with the medical evidence.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 167

16660 HIGHWAY 17 N.

Hampstead, NC. 28443

Its that time of the Year all!!!!

Critters come out and we wonder Hmmmm!!!

What is it?

Is it venomous YES SNAKES

This is an informational class where Jon Covey will help you identify and know what kind they are and if they are venomous or not

Where: Post Home

WHEN: Thursday May 12th, 2022

TIME: from 7pm to 9pm

FREE OF CHARGE "No Cost"

**Veterans! You, Your Family & children all
are Welcome to attend including the PUBLIC as well**


Roy Cooper
Governor

Ronald G. Penny
Secretary

April 25, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Assessors

FROM: John A. Simpson, Director 
Local Government Division

SUBJECT: Form NCDVA-9 Procedural Change

Effective June 1, 2022, Form NCDVA-9 Certification for Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exclusion (Form) will no longer be signed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). Instead, the Form must be completed and signed by an accredited Veterans Service Officer (VSO) at either a State Veterans Service Center or a County Veterans Service Office.

It is our understanding that the USDVA no longer wishes to complete the Form, and the State is without authority to require the federal agency to do so. The North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA) approached us with an agreeable and mutually beneficial solution.

The NCDMVA has agreed to facilitate the completion of the Form either directly through its State VSOs or through the County VSOs. Both State and County VSOs are required to be accredited by the NCDMVA.

The information needed to verify the USDVA disability certification and discharge status is located in the USDVA database, and the database is available to both the State and County Veterans Service Officers. The VSOs will verify the information in the USDVA database and will complete the Form for the veteran or surviving spouse.

The NCDMVA is not making the disability certification. The signature of the VSO on the Form states that they have verified the USDVA's disability certification and discharge status as stated on the Form.

The NCDOR and the NCDMVA agree that they will support the decision of the assessor to require Form NCDVA-9 as the only admissible verification of USDVA disability certification and discharge status for the disabled veteran exclusion.

For your reference, the NCDMVA's revised Form NCDVA-9 and their accompanying instruction sheet is attached.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call our office at (919) 814-1129.



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roy Cooper
GOVERNOR

Walter E. Gaskin
SECRETARY

Instructions for Form NCDVA-9: Property Tax Relief for Disabled Veterans

The disabled veteran homestead property tax relief exempts the first \$45,000 of the assessed value of the primary residence of a qualifying veteran or surviving spouse. To qualify for the property tax relief, under North Carolina law, the property owner must meet the following criteria as of January 1 of the year for which application is made:

The property owner must be a veteran or a never-remarried surviving spouse of a veteran of any branch of the US Armed Forces with an honorable or under honorable conditions discharge **AND**

- a. If owned by veteran: The veteran must either (1) have a **permanent and total** service-connected disability of 100% or (2) receive benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. **OR**
- b. If owned by surviving spouse: The property owner must be in receipt of **Dependents Indemnity Compensation** (Survivors Pension) as the surviving spouse of either (1) a veteran who had a **permanent and total** service-connected disability or (2) a veteran that received benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101 or (3) a veteran who died as a result of a service-connected condition.

How to complete:

1. Download Form NCDVA-9 at <https://www.ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/property-tax/property-tax-forms#exemption-and-exclusion-forms>.
2. Complete Section 1 of the form and sign where applicable in Section 2 or 3.
3. Take the form to your local veterans service office for certification. You can find a list of local VSOs at <https://www.milvets.nc.gov/services/benefits-claims>. Scroll down for State Veterans Service Centers and County Veterans Service Offices.
4. The Veterans Service Officer will complete Section 4.
5. Once certified, submit Form NCDVA-9 and Form AV-9 Application for Property Tax Relief to your local county tax office. (Form AV-9 is also available at the link in #1 above.)

The date for timely submission of documents to your county tax office is June 1 of the current tax year. We recommend that you submit Form NCDVA-9 to the State Veterans Service Center or County Veterans Service Office well in advance of June 1 to allow sufficient time for the certification process.

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www.milvets.nc.gov

Rev 4-22

State of North Carolina		COUNTY
Certification for Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exclusion (G.S. 105-277.1C)		
SECTION 1	TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VETERAN OR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE WHO HAS NOT REMARRIED	
NAME (Print or Type)		DISABLED VETERAN'S FULL NAME (PRINT OR TYPE)
STREET ADDRESS OR P.O. BOX NUMBER		SURVIVING SPOUSE'S FULL NAME (PRINT OR TYPE) <i>(If Applicable)</i>
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
		U.S. DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FILE NUMBER
		VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
<p>I am either (1) a veteran whose character of service at separation was honorable or under honorable conditions and who has a permanent and total service-connected disability or (2) the surviving spouse, who has not remarried, of a veteran whose character of service at separation was honorable or under honorable conditions and who had a permanent and total service-connected disability at death or veteran's death was the result of a service-connected condition. I request NCDMVA complete this certification <i>in support of my separate application for the Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exclusion to the Tax Assessor.</i></p>		
SECTION 2	Disabled Veteran's Signature	
<p>I have provided the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA) with my Annual Tax Abatement Letter for the processing of this form. I authorize the Secretary of NCDMVA, or the Secretary's designee, to release information regarding my disability as needed for this certification.</p>		
DISABLED VETERAN'S SIGNATURE		DATE
SECTION 3	Surviving Spouse's (who has not remarried) Signature	
<p>I have provided the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA) with my Annual Tax Abatement Letter for the processing of this form. I authorize the Secretary of NCDMVA, or the Secretary's designee, to release information regarding my disability as needed for this certification.</p>		
SURVIVING SPOUSE'S SIGNATURE		DATE
SECTION 4	To be completed by Secretary of NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, or Secretary's designee	
<p>Please check all that apply:</p>	<p>A. <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran does not meet either B, C, D, or E of the below criteria.</p> <p>B. <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran has a service-connected permanent and total disability that existed as of _____.</p> <p>C. <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran received benefits on _____ from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101 for the veteran's permanent residence.</p> <p>D. <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran died on _____ and had a service-connected permanent and total disability at death.</p> <p>E. <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran died on _____ and the death was either (1) the result of a service-connected condition or (2) death occurred while on active duty in the line of duty and not due to service member's own willful misconduct.</p>	
Character of Disabled Veteran's Service at Separation: (DD-214) <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Under Other than Honorable Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Under Honorable Conditions		
The NCDMVA has verified the Department of Veterans Affairs certification for the veteran above.		
SIGNATURE OF NCDMVA OFFICIAL		PRINTED NAME OF NCDMVA OFFICIAL
DATE		TITLE OF NCDMVA OFFICIAL

NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs authorizes the NC Department of Revenue and any County Tax Office to use this form as needed.

Are you a Veteran?

Questions or concerns about Gulf War Exposures?

Get the information and answers you need:



Gulf War Exposures & Health Concerns A Class for Veterans

Veterans will attend VIRTUALLY through an easy to access meeting platform titled WebEx via a personal computer, smart phone, or tablet.

DATE:

Thursday, May 12, 2022

TIME:

1:30pm-3:00pm EST
12:30pm-2:00pm CST
11:30am-1:00pm MST
10:30am-12:00pm PST

PRESENTERS:

Omowunmi Osinubi, MD, M.Sc., MBA, FRCA, ABIHM, IFM-CP
Edward C. Shadiack III, DO, MPH, CPH

LEARN ABOUT:

- Potential Exposures
- Research Findings
- Health Effects
- Available Resources
- Steps to Manage Symptoms

<https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?RGID=r01682b0421ec1d7468efec67a2f4a02c>

Veterans must register for the class through the link above.

Class log-in begins at 1:25 pm ET and will be permitted throughout the event.
Email NJWRIISCEDTEAM@va.gov with subject header "Gulf War Class" if you are having difficulty with registration

The class will include information about combat deployment that may be disturbing to some Veterans. If you are aware that you may be negatively affected by this content, please discuss these concerns with your medical and/or mental health care provider. If you are experiencing a mental health issue, please do not hesitate to call National Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 option 1, confidential crisis chat: <http://www.veteranscrisisline.net> or text: 838255. If a medical emergency occurs, call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Patient Care Services
Post-Deployment Health Services



GROUPS AND LOCATIONS

PRIOR TO NEW GROUP ATTENDANCE, PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR PRIMARY COUNSELOR(S) AS TO AVAILABILITY, AND TO DETERMINE IF THIS WILL ASSIST YOU IN MEETING YOUR TREATMENT PLAN GOALS.

221 MEMORIAL DRIVE, JACKSONVILLE NC 28546

AVAILABLE GROUPS	DAY/TIME/LOCATION	COUNSELOR(S)
MEDITATION	MONDAY – 7:00AM	ROB WEBSTER
X-PRESSIONS (ART) (CO-ED)	MONDAY - 10AM	ROB WEBSTER/ CHRIS OBRIAN
“DOC” GROUP	MONDAY 1 -3PM	ROB WEBSTER
OPERATION ANCESTOR SEARCH	MONDAY – 3:30 PM	ROB WEBSTER/ CHRIS OBRIAN
COPING SKILLS	TUESDAY - 10AM	GINA MERCED
PLANTING WITH VETS	TUESDAY 12:00PM	GINA MERCED
MINDFUL WALKING	TUESDAY 12:30PM	HUNTER COMBASS
THRIVING COUPLES	TUESDAY – 4PM	KRISTEN LOVE/ GINA MERCED
MEDITATION	WEDNESDAY – 7:00AM	ROB WEBSTER/ GINA MERCED
BULLETT JOURNALING	2D WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH – 12:30PM	KRISTEN LOVE
LIFE-SKILLS COOKING	WEDNESDAY - 1PM	ROB WEBSTER
COPING SKILLS	WEDNESDAY - 3:30PM	ROB WEBSTER/ HUNTER COMBASS
WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT	THURSDAY – 10AM	KRISTEN LOVE/ GINA MERCED
COOPERATIVE REASONING	THURSDAY – 1PM	ROB WEBSTER
GUITARS FOR VETS (CO-ED SESSIONS)	THURSDAYS - 3:30PM	HUNTER COMBASS /SHERRY FOXX
X-PRESSIONS (ART) (CO-ED)	FRIDAY – 10AM	KRISTEN LOVE/ CHRIS OBRIAN
PLANTING WITH VETS	FRIDAY – 12:00PM	GINA MERCED
PTSD	FRIDAY - 3:30PM	GINA MERCED/ HUNTER COMBASS

ALL PROVIDERS CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE AT (910) 577-1100

As of 4/7/2022



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 25, 2022

VA establishes presumptive service connection for rare respiratory cancers for certain Veterans

WASHINGTON — As part of [President Biden's Unity Agenda](#) commitment to support the nation's Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs is adding nine rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumed service-connected disabilities due to military environmental exposures to fine particulate matter.

The following list of rare respiratory cancers will be added to VA's regulations through an Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register on April 26, 2022:

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx.
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea.
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea.
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung.
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung.
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung.
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.

VA determined through a focused review of scientific and medical evidence there is biological plausibility between airborne hazards and carcinogenesis of the respiratory tract — and the unique circumstances of these rare cancers warrant a presumption of service connection.

The rarity and severity of these illnesses and the reality these conditions present, is a situation where it may not be possible to develop additional evidence, prompted VA to take this action.

"Veterans who suffer from rare respiratory cancers associated with their service deserve the very best America has to offer—but they've had to wait for the care and benefits they deserve for far too long. That ends now," said Secretary Denis McDonough. "With these new presumptives, Veterans who suffer from these rare respiratory cancers will finally get the world-class care and benefits they deserve, without having to prove causality between their service and their condition."

VA will begin processing disability compensation claims for Veterans who served any amount of time in the [Southwest Asia theater of operations](#) beginning Aug. 2, 1990, to the present, or Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning Sept. 19, 2001, to the present.

Any Veteran who has or had one of the listed cancers at any time during or after separation from military service may be eligible for disability compensation benefits. VA will contact impacted Veterans and survivors to inform them about their eligibility and will provide information on how to apply.

Veterans, survivors or dependents who had claims previously denied for any of these respiratory cancers are encouraged to file a [supplemental claim](#) for benefits. If you are a Veteran, survivor or dependent applying for the first time, file a new claim [here](#).

To apply for benefits, Veterans and survivors may visit [VA.gov](#) or call toll-free at 800-827-1000.

The official version of this rule is scheduled to publish in the Federal Register April 26, 2022. However, the document is available for previewing.

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UTILITY OPERATIONS

PENDER COUNTY UTILITIES (PCU) & WATER DISTRICTS:

The Pender Commerce Park Water & Sewer Main Extension construction project will receive bids on June 1st at 10am at PCU offices. This extension will serve the proposed Amazon site. A virtual pre-bid will be held on May 17th at 10am.

The Scotts Hill Elevated Tank & Wells project construction bids will be received on May 3rd at 10am at PCU offices.

We have been working with consulting staff to complete 4 applications this month for project funding for various projects in the US 421 area and for the proposed Reverse Osmosis Water Plant project. We also have been working with others on a potential site for the plant.

PCU has hired 3 people to fill open positions for Water/Sewer Maintenance Technicians and Meter Reader, and has one more job offer being considered for Project Manager-Utilities. We have performed many interviews over the past few weeks. We had to re-advertise our Solid Waste Maintenance Technician position this week, but already think we have an ideal candidate that has applied.

Field staff work and status updates since last report:

- Three after-hours emergency calls requiring staff response
- 100 plus work orders completed, 26 water meter inspections completed, 38-meter sets completed
- 11 water taps given to contractor
- 349 locates in last two weeks
- Chemical feed plumbing repaired at Annex Well
- Completed 30 BAC-T samples of distribution system
- Replaced float at Regional sewage lift station, checked all sewer lift stations for proper function and tested all high-level floats

- Leak repaired at Smoot Avenue
- Factory Road water line extension final inspection completed
- Meetings with two customers about relocating meters
- Water turn-offs and reconnects, meter reading county wide
- Two employees attending C-Well class
- Staff has been very short-handed due to two employees out on medical leave, having three unfilled positions, and the fact that the county is growing at a far faster pace than new positions become available

WATER PRODUCTION NUMBERS:

January 2022 Daily Avg: 1.31 MGD from WP, 0.258 MGD from Wallace, 0.838 MGD to Hamp/SH (thru 210 BPS), 0.007 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells (Total 0.845 MGD for Hamp/SH)

February 2022 Daily Avg: 1.22 MGD from WP, 0.269 MGD from Wallace, 0.783 MGD to Hamp/SH (thru 210 BPS), 0.018 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells (Total 0.801 MGD for Hamp/SH)

March 2022 Daily Avg: 1.32 MGD from WP, 0.223 MGD from Wallace, 0.835 MGD to Hamp/SH (thru 210 BPS), 0.007 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells (Total 0.843 MGD for Hamp/SH)

April 2022 Daily Avg (thru 27th): 1.41 MGD from WP, 0.343 MGD from Wallace, 0.976 MGD to Hamp/SH (thru 210 BPS), 0.108 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells (Total 1.083 MGD for Hamp/SH)

MAPLE HILL WATER SYSTEM & WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

At the WWTP, the new chain was installed on the other gearbox. The former BASF guard shack was set-up and secured with hurricane anchors (the structure will be upfitted to be an office and restroom for the WWTP in FY23). The large ditch at the site was cleared and replacement UV bulbs have just arrived.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Received 3000 gallons of diesel to fill the back-up generator tank. Repaired faulty CL17 Chlorine Analyzer. Staff has begun grass cutting, weed-eating and overall cleanup of the entire facility.

Collected samples for Enthalpy to perform PFAS analysis prior to next week's GAC vessel carbon

exchange. We will sample post GAC exchange as well.

Overall, the plant is running well, we are however experiencing higher than normal usage for this time of year.

Water Production numbers for April through the 27th: 38 million gallons for an average of 1.41 MGD

PCP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - MKKAES (Melinda K. Knoezer Adaptive Ecosystem)

We have had a lot going on here recently. The plant is back to doing well.

- Conducted maintenance on mower, cleaned yard, mowed grass
- Conducted tour for CFCC wastewater class
- Worked with contractors on probes project
- Worked with engineers on Berm project
- We have contractors onsite dewatering and hauling sludge
- Monthly reports completed
- Cut trees off walkway to our discharge point
- Received chemical delivery
- Prepared various requisitions

SOLID WASTE

- The Transfer Station scale house is operating well.
- We are waiting on the installation of the new floor. The supplies are still delayed.
- We are in the process of scheduling a day to have the dirt underneath the scale removed.

- Waiting time at scales has increased due to more traffic coming through the scale.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TONNAGE FOR MARCH 2022

MSW Kitchen trash collected 2,908.54 tons

Construction & demolition 719.18 tons

Recycling 117.81 tons

Tires recycled 82.43 tons

Scrap metal recycled (shreds) 104.91 tons

Whitegoods recycled 6.17 tons

TV & Electronics 22.43 tons

Out of County 15.85 tons

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Collage Maker

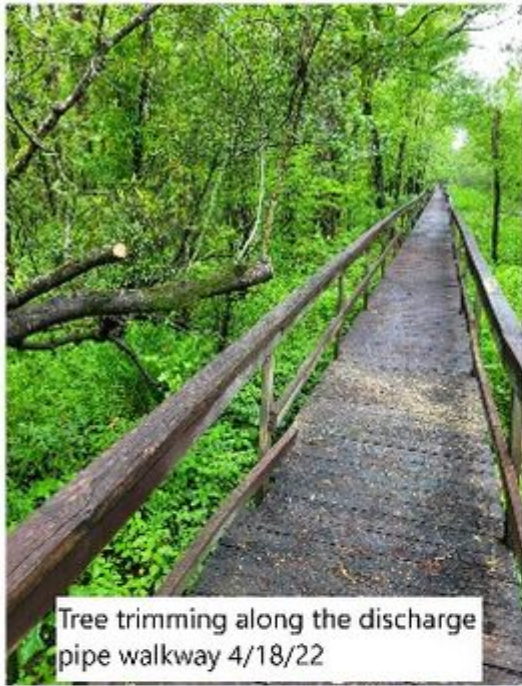


4/26/22 PCP_WWTP sludge hauling

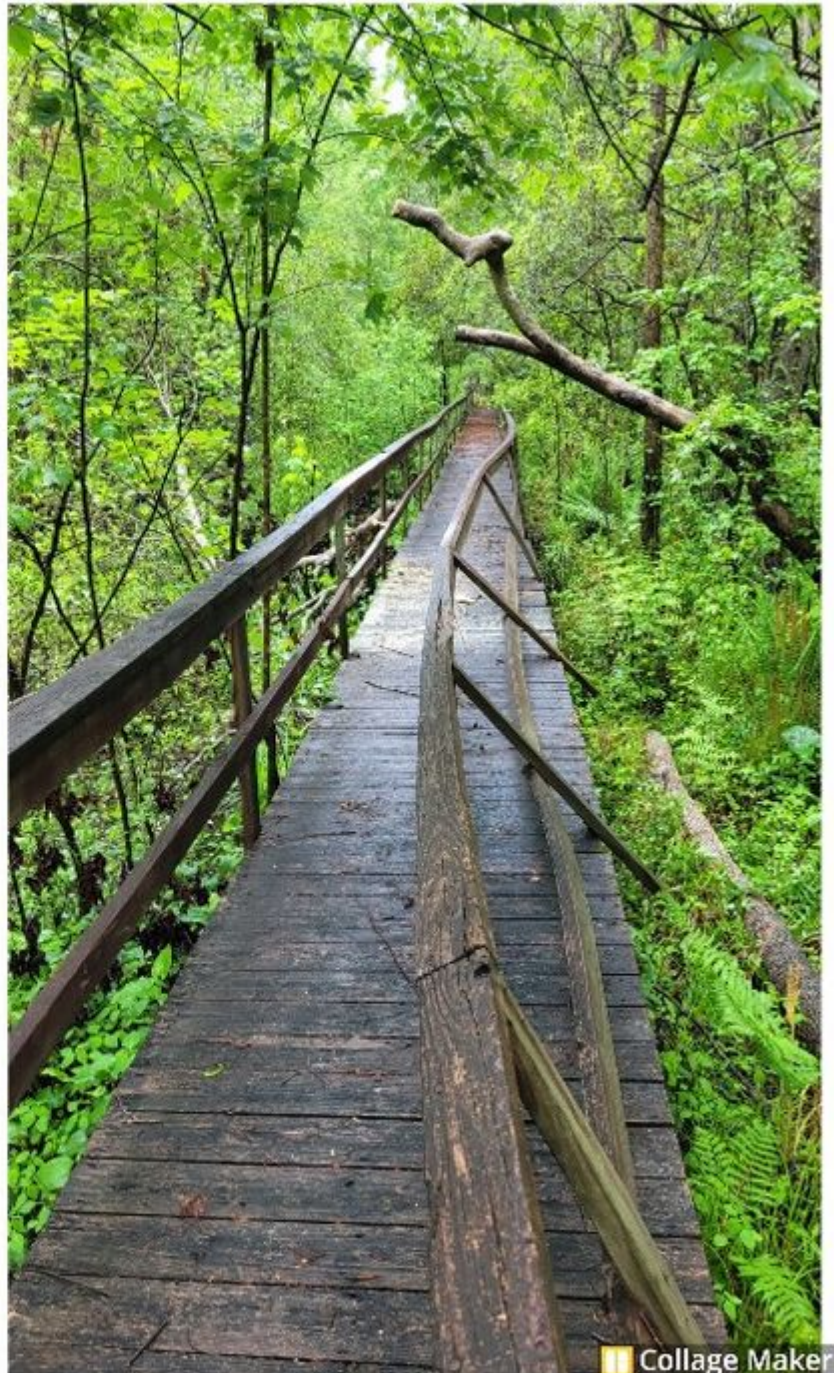


High quality PCP_WWTP effluent 4/26/22





Tree trimming along the discharge
pipe walkway 4/18/22



Collage Maker



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TOURISM

Tourism County Update April 29, 2022

The staff attended the ribbon cutting of the new generation of **Bandana's American Grill**.

Tammy attended the **Topsail Chamber** and the **North Carolina Beach Inlet and Waterway Association** board meetings.

Olivia continues to spearhead the first **Pender County Business Expo**. Registration of vendors is going well for a first-time event.

Olivia attended the **Burgaw Chamber's** Women Connect.

Tammy attended and photographed the **RLCold groundbreaking** at Pender Commerce Park.

On Friday, April 22, Olivia and Stephanie responded to a gentleman with an emergency. They contacted the police and sought assistance.

For tourism blogs, Tammy met with Chris Lener and Bernardo Garcia, both new business owners of **Funky Fins** and **Margaritas**, respectively. The blogs will appear on the tourism website and teased on social media.

Tammy wrapped up the **National Volunteer Month** with press releases and one presentation to one winner. The certificates have not yet arrived from the Governor's office. The certificates should arrive early next week.

With **Hurricane Season** just around the corner, tourism is reviewing our responsibilities. Tammy attended a workshop about preparations necessary for businesses and non-profits.

We are working with the Town of Surf City to bring a **workshop** for preparedness that focuses upon businesses and non-profits.

We met with Sarah regarding **COOP**.

Tourism is preparing for **National Travel and Tourism Week**, May 1-7.

We continue to work with **Pender Education Partnership**, which is planning to unveil a Wall of Fame of alumni inducted annually at the school board office.

We are promoting the **Ocean Friendly Business After Hours, May 11 at the sea turtle hospital**.

The **CF Pope Project** is moving forward. The documentary featuring alumni from the school is expected to be complete in June.

Communications

We assisted the county commissioners with media inquiries.

We assisted various departments with press releases.

We assisted the EOC with open house invitations.

We attended the RLCold groundbreaking and published photos on social media.



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SOCIAL SERVICES

Child Welfare and Adult Services

Child Welfare Vacancies: 1 (210) vacancy/continuous, 1 (109) vacancy/closed April 18

Adult Services :1 vacancy/closed April 18

April 1,2022, NC DAAS Regional Consultant, Joann Windley held a monthly consult with Adult Services, Adult Services Social Work Supervisor and Program Manager.

April 19,2022 East Coast Migrant Head Start held a virtual “meet and greet” with child welfare/permanency Planning staff and management to introduce their services.

April 19,2022 Director Stewart and his child welfare staff will meet with NC Fast to explore the NC Fast system for use.

April 20,2022 Tom Holahan (consultant w/ Together Facing the Challenge) will have his monthly consult with SWS Tyshea Harris-Sutton, SWS Monique Moore and Program Manager Aimee Watson-Green to discuss accreditation by this summer for Pender DSS.

April 21,2022 Child Abuse Awareness Event (Pinwheels for Prevention) will be held outside from 9-10 at DSS. Donuts and juice will be provided to all participants and all participants are asked to wear something blue. An agenda will include reading of the Governor’s proclamation as well as entertainment.

April 27,2022 NC DHHS DSS Regional Child Welfare Consultant, Daphine Little, will be on site for the first time since the pandemic began to conduct her monthly site visit.

Several DSS staff: Annie Murphy, Breanna Darden, Tyshea Harris-Sutton, Tim Best, Monique Moore, Kayla Anderson, and Joe from child support have represented our agency at various events throughout the month. Pender County Schools Middle School Career Day, Penderlea Day and also at the Pender County Partnership for children event and Plain View Primary School for Career Day.



East Coast Migrant
Head Start Project

Attention Families Who Work in Agriculture

**Do you have an infant, toddler
or preschooler?**

We provide services to families who work in the production and harvesting of tree and field crops, nursery crops, eggs and poultry, fish or other seafood, trees and the care of farm animals.



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10016 NC Highway 210 E
Ivanhoe, NC 28447
910-669-2073

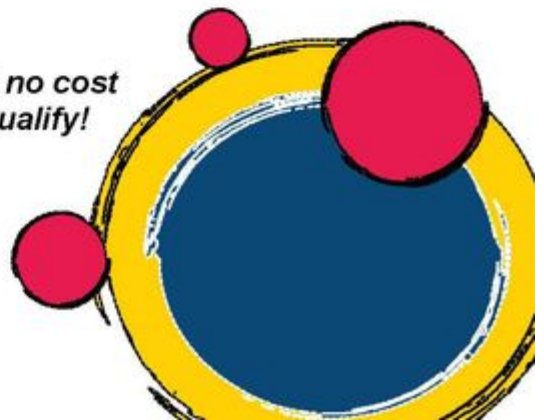


Scan here for more information

East Coast Migrant Head Start Project provides Migrant and Seasonal Head Start services. Our programs can help prepare your child for school success. We support the mental, social and emotional development of children from six weeks to kindergarten. We offer:

- Educational Services
- Family Services
- Disability Services
- Health & Dental Care
- Balanced Meals
- Play & Learning Experiences

***All services are at no cost
for families who qualify!***





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PENDER EMS & FIRE

Have a great Day

PENDER EMS AND FIRE 2022

EMS Operation		Weekly	YTD	EMS Call Type Summary		Weekly	YTD
Station 1	Burgaw	43	610	Cancelled		19	482
Station 14	Sloop Point	24	427	Refusals		47	725
Station 16	Hampstead	32	427	Stand By's		0	46
Station 18	Scotts Hill	0	34	Transported		107	1709
Station 23	Surf City	19	355	Treated and Released		20	260
Station 29	Currie	0	5			193	3222
Station 4	Topsail Beach	6	116				
Station 5	Union	14	307				
Station 7	Rocky Point	31	501				
Station 13	Maple Hill	5	50				
Station 9	Atkinson	19	390				
M-6 QRV	East Side	0	0				
		193	3222				
Fire Operations		Weekly	YTD	Fire Call Type Summary		Weekly	YTD
Station 1	Burgaw	8	105	FIRE		0	95
Station 14	Sloop Point	13	219	Motor Vehicle Crash		5	130
Station 16	Hampstead	4	133	Search and Rescue		0	1
Station 18	Scott Hill	6	83	Service Calls		3	151
Station 29	Hwy 421 South	2	87	EMS First Response		30	464
Station 21	Long Creek	5	126	Cancelled		9	161
Station 4	Topsail--OR	0	0	Ocean Rescue		0	0
Station 13	Maple Hill	6	80			47	1002
Station 17	Penderlea	1	109				
Station 28	Island Creek	2	60				
		47	1002				



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PARKS & RECREATION

- Our Spring Recreation Partner programs are in full swing now with the Spring leagues at Hampstead Kiwanis Park and Pender Memorial Park.
- Our Spring Cornhole League and Sand Volleyball league are currently running at Hampstead Kiwanis Park.
- Summer Camp registration is ongoing for Topsail Elementary and Rocky Point Elementary. You can register with the following link: <https://penderpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program>
- Join us the Pender County Sheriff's Office and the Holly Shelter Shooting Range for our Women's New Shooter Clinic. The clinic will be held Saturday May 14th from 8:00am - 12:30pm. The registration fee is \$25 for this event. Register online at: <https://penderpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program>
- Open Gym continues on Thursdays from 6pm-8pm at Penderlea Community Park.
- Kayaking Adventure - Moore's Creek May 9th, 2022. Come and explore Moore's Creek and the history of the first battle of the American Revolution. After your paddle on Moore's Creek, you will enjoy the beautiful picnic area of this park. Once your meal is finished, we will have a guided tour of the battle grounds, guided by one of the parks knowledgeable staff members. Bring a sack lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunglasses and good walking shoes to wear on the walking tour. You can register with the following link: <https://penderpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program>
- Staff continues to work on Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant applications for both Central Pender Park Development and for the Hampstead Kiwanis Park Expansion. We will be submitting both grant applications on May 2nd.

PENDER COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF BURGAW PRESENT



SUMMER ON THE SQUARE

2022 LINEUP

THE BRITISH INVADERS | JUNE 2

MASSIVE GRASS | JUNE 16

CARL NEWTON'S REVIEW | JUNE 30

CAT5 BAND | JULY 14

THE CRUISE BROTHERS BAND | JULY 28

ALL CONCERTS 6:30-8:30 PM ON COURTHOUSE SQUARE

FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE ON SITE

CALL 910-259-1330 OR 910-300-6401 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Presented by WOMEN ON TARGET

Sponsored by

Pender County Parks & Recreation

Pender County Sheriff's Office

Holly Shelter Shooting Range



Saturday, May 14th

Women's New Shooter Clinic

8:00am-12:30pm - \$25

**Learn the Basics of Firearm Safety
and the Fundamentals of Shooting**

**Firearms, ammunition and targets will be provided
Gift bag with eye and hearing protection and other swag**

**Classroom training at Pender County Sheriff's Office
Shooting training at Holly Shelter Shooting Range**

Register at <http://penderpr.reeddesk.com>

Pender County Parks & Recreation at 910-259-1330

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ALIVE AFTER FIVE

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

2022

MAY 20 CARL NEWTON'S REVIEW

BIG CITY **JUN 3**

JUN 17 THE CRUISE BROTHERS BAND

BLACKWATER BAND **JUL 8**

JUL 22 THE BRITISH INVADERS

 **HAMPSTEAD KIWANIS PARK**
FRIDAYS FROM 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



For more info and upcoming events visit:
<https://penderpr.recdesk.com/Community/Page>

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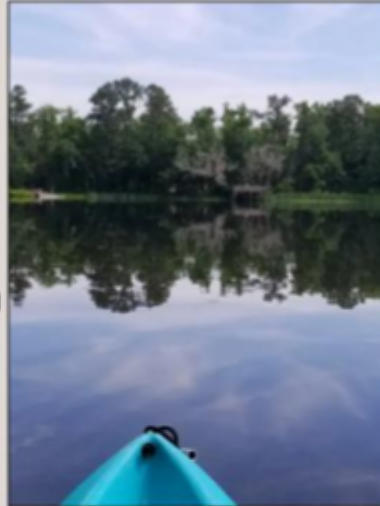
KAYAKING ADVENTURE

MONDAY, MAY 9TH @ 8:30AM
MOORES CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
\$50 PER PERSON

Join Pender County Parks & Rec
and Mahanaim Adventures for a
fun time at Moores Creek

KAYAK - PICNIC - WALKING TOUR

RESERVATION REQUIRED
For more info & to sign up, go to
<https://penderpr.recdesk.com>
or scan the QR code



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Pender County Government Update

Department

LIBRARY

Pender County Library partnered with Pender County Parks and Recreation to host a StoryWalk event at Millers Pond Park this past Monday, April 25th. The story's pages were placed along the trail so families could walk around the pond and read the story. After the walk, children made a craft that corresponded to the picture book. The families were excited to have a program at the park that the whole family could enjoy!

The Hampstead Branch Library partnered with NC Works Career Advisor and Two Hawks Employment Services youth specialist to provide a resume building and application program for teens. The teens were eager to work on their resumes and will use this information to hopefully find some summer jobs!

The Main Library in Burgaw partnered with Science Alliance North Carolina and the North Carolina Science Festival to provide a special Afternoon Explorer's program all about the telegraph. School-aged children learned about historic and modern telecommunications through hands-on activities and created their own telephones!

On Saturday, April 30th, the Hampstead Branch Library is celebrating Children's Book Day! El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a celebration of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. There will be literacy activities and a craft available for families to drop in and experience anytime between 10:00 and 1:00. There will be activities for all ages, so be sure to stop by!



Pender County Government Update

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HUMAN RESOURCES

HR recently welcomed five new employees to the Pender County family on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. These same individuals were treated to a post-orientation meeting on Wednesday, April 27, to check in and see how they were acclimating to their new roles.

The Human Resources Director is participating in the interview process for the new Staff Attorney and finalizing renewals for Worker's Compensation (W.C.) and Liability and Property (L. & P.) coverages.

The Staff Development Coordinator recently rolled out a new round of supervisor training.

The 2021 Employee Service Award Luncheon was held on Thursday, April 7 at the Train Depot in Burgaw. This event was held to honor employees celebrating five or more years of employment with Pender County by the year 2021.

HR staff continues to meet with the Pender County staff members for "HR Huddles", striving to gain valuable employee feedback regarding their workday and positions.



Pender County Government Update

Department

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Bi-Weekly Programming Update – April 29, 2022

NC Cooperative Extension Agents work with Pender County residents and farmers, helping them find research-based solutions to problems. We work in agriculture, horticulture, natural resources and the environment (storm water, erosion, wetlands restoration, water quality, etc.) and 4-H Youth Development.

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Consumer Horticulture – Tiffanee Boone

- Has been putting gardening information on the Master Gardener Facebook page.
- Has answered 37 phone calls, text messages, emails, and Facebook messenger questions about gardening and soils.
- Assisted 4-H Agent with 4-H Achievement Night celebration.
- Taught 5 kids from Burgaw Middle School about Extension and the Horticulture Agent position through a job shadowing program.
- Extension Master Gardener Volunteers removed some overgrown trees in the demo garden at the Extension Office and weeded the garden at the Hampstead Library.
- Assisted a homeowner with ground pearl lawn troubleshooting and long term solutions.

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Area Environment and Natural Resources Agent – Amy Mead

- Preparing to take the ISA Arborist Certification Test on December 17th. The Arborist certification will better allow me to assist residents and county planners with issues related to tree canopies.
- Assisting Cape Fear area residents with issues related to private pond water quality, fish stocking, and aquatic weeds.
- Planning a spring 2022 Backyard Sustainability virtual class series which will educate residents on native plants, the importance of tree canopy coverage, stormwater, composting, and waste reduction.
- Planning for regional Rain Garden/Water Harvesting Certification Workshop for May 2022 with NCSU Department of Bio and Ag Engineering. This workshop will be geared towards landscape contractors.

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4-H Youth Development – Traci Spencer

- Held the Tri-County (Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick Co.) Presentation Workshop for 17 4-Her's ages ranging from 5-18. 7 youth from Pender Co. attended. They learned about the upcoming 4-H Presentations competition, how to plan and create a presentation and public speaking skills. Our Pender County Activity Day will be held on May 24th, 4:00-6:00. Youth will present their presentations in front of 3 judges at the county level. Judges will decide if they move onto the District competition that will be held on June 24th in Lenoir Co.
- 11 Pender County youth were awarded 4-H Camp Scholarships to attend Millstone 4-H Camp this summer. 2 youth will be attending this camp on June 19-24th and 9 youth will be attending July 10-15th. They will enjoy kayaking, ropes courses, wall climbing, fishing, swimming, hiking...
- Due to the HPAI (bird flu) the 4-H Embryology program has been stalled. So, to continue life cycle education in the public schools, 11 classes have been equipped with Butterfly Hatch Kits for Pender Co. youth to learn all about the life cycle of a butterfly.
- The Pender County 4-H Program Assistant and UNCW Intern visited Malpass Corner for After-School Enrichment and introduced 18 students to rabbits and discussed their anatomy, what they eat and how to care for them. This was a great Easter presentation for the elementary school children.
- 4-H spent many hours preparing for the 2022 4-H Achievement Night, "Grow With 4-H". Approx. 100 4-H youth and their families, Dr. Yoder: Associate Director & State Program Leader, 4-H, Olivia Dawson; Town of Burgaw Mayor and the S.E. 4-H Vice President attended. The families enjoyed an old-fashioned pig-pickin, horseshoes, corn hole, and enjoyed inspiration talks from Dr. Yoder, Olivia Dawson and Lillie Hansen. All 6 4-H Clubs were represented and presented achievement awards. Many sponsors donated to the raffle and fun was had by all.
- Tractor Supply Paper Clover fundraiser has begun. Visit Tractor Supply in Rocky Point and Hampstead, April 27th-May 8th to donate for youth to go to 4-H Camp, Citizenship Focus and other 4-H leadership opportunities. 4-H Club youth will be helping raise funds at these locations.
- The new Pender County 4-H Education raised bed garden has been built. The Freedom Growers 4-H Club came out and planted the garden with tomatoes, zucchini, sunflowers, peas and other vegetables.

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Expanded Foods and Nutrition Program (EFNEP) – Cindy Rivenbark

- Prepping for and teaching nutrition classes at Malpass Corner, Rocky Point, and C.F. Pope Elementary Schools since April 13th.
- Graduating the first 21st Century Kids group at Malpass Corner on Friday, April 29th with 25 students.
- Assisted with set up and implementation of the 4-H Achievement Night on April 25.
- Hosted 5 students from Burgaw Middle School for Job Shadow Day.

- Attending Educator Skill Training for EFNEP PAs at NCSU
- Friday, May 6th hosting fellow nutrition educators from Wayne, Onslow, Columbus, Brunswick counties for our monthly EFNEP educator meeting.

Area Natural Resources Agent – Amy Mead

- Held a regional Rain Garden and Water Quality Certification workshop in collaboration with NC State Bio and Ag Engineering Department at the Sunset Beach Town Hall. Thirty participants from across the state attended the 6-hour workshop and learned about the impacts of stormwater, the importance of controlling stormwater for water quality and flood prevention, and how to site, size, and landscape rain gardens. Over two thirds of participants were landscapers or government professionals who completed a test to become a Certified Rain Garden Professional.
- NC Cooperative Extension is holding an Aquatic Weed Management class on May 12th from 9am-12pm at the New Hanover County Arboretum. This class will provide 3 CEUs in the Aquatics category for Pesticide Licensing. This class will cover aquatic weed identification, the impacts of aquatic weeds, the benefits of pond buffers, and aquatic weed management techniques. For more information and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aquatic-weed-management-registration-318864691877>
- We have completed the final class of the virtual Backyard Sustainability Class Series. Over the 8-week series, attendees learned about environmental challenges affecting the Cape Fear region including increasing frequency and intensity of storms, stormwater solutions for homeowners, the benefits of native plants and trees, pollinator gardening, composting, and recycling.
- On May 6th, NC Cooperative Extension will co-host a Workshop on Stormwater Management and Flooding Prevention on Wetland Landscapes at the NHC Arboretum. Workshop topics include wetland hydrology, water management districts, and the economic and legal aspects of stormwater management. For more information and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stormwater-management-on-wetland-soils-tickets-163925931875?fbclid=IwAR09ZyUwH0wE0oWYxz42OMt8IbKPbhl4h9XS2U9QzPRoewa51VpyBKatl38>

Administration – Mark Seitz & Melissa Massing

- Interviewed and hired Greg Skelly, part time, to run the Empowering Youth and Families Program. Greg starts May 16, 2022 and will begin recruiting families with teenagers to participate in a 10-week opioid prevention and family communication program.

Agriculture / Commercial Horticulture – Mark Seitz

- Worked with local farmers on two field corn test plots. NCSU conducts field corn variety research annually and is conducting research to identify strategies to reduce phosphorus levels in soil.

- Planted soybean seed treatment research study in Wallace.
- Site visits to blueberry, strawberry, and vegetable farms across Pender County. Verified blueberry freeze damage on one farm for crop insurance purposes. Worked to identify disease problems in strawberries that were causing significant crop loss and consulted with NCSU Plant Pathology faculty to rule out leaf disease issues in a commercial squash field. No confirmation but suspect frost injury.
- Verified frost/freeze damage (limited) in winter wheat.
- Finalizing plans with NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Pesticide Division to conduct a Pesticide Collection and Disposal Day, Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Collection will take place behind the Agriculture Building at 801 S. Walker Street. No household hazardous waste will be accepted.
- Finalizing plans with NCSU Dairy Specialist to bring 6-8 Jersey calves to Pender County for 4-H youth to care for and show for 8 weeks in August and September. Information meeting will be Monday, June 6. Contact Pender County 4-H Agent Traci Spencer for more information.

Community Development – Mark Seitz

- Assisted 4-H Agent with 4-H Achievement Night activities. More than 100 adult volunteers and 4-H youth attended this event.
- Finalizing presentation for Community Economic Development Conference in Wilmington, November 17-19.
- Attended the Eagle Island Central Park Task Force monthly Zoom meeting.