

# Newsletter



## Living Shorelines Cost Share

North Carolina's 12,000 miles of estuarine shoreline provide some of the most productive habitats in the world for fish and shellfish. Unfortunately, the erosion of these shorelines is increasing because of rising sea levels, concentrated waves from boats, more extreme storms, and poorly planned development practices. By installing buffers using salt marsh, oyster reefs, and other natural materials, living shorelines control erosion while protecting the natural beauty and productivity of our estuaries.

### Why Living Shorelines?

The Federation maintains that the best way to deal with erosion is to plan for it, to build as far as possible from the water's edge and to retreat when the time comes. When that's not possible, the federation recommends using living shoreline stabilization methods that maintain the natural integrity of the marsh and successfully stabilize eroding shorelines. Living shorelines include an array of design options that do just that.

### North Carolina Coastal Federation's 2022

Cost Share Program In 2022, our work to promote living shorelines is being advanced with \$2 million appropriation from N.C. General Assembly as well as other state and federal grants. Through a living shoreline cost share program, we will build over 3,000 feet of living shorelines on private properties.

Interested in building a living shoreline on your estuarine shoreline property and/or participating in our 2022 cost share program?

Residents and/or marine professionals from Brunswick County, New Hanover County, Pender County or Onslow County may contact Tracy Skrabal at [tracys@nccoast.org](mailto:tracys@nccoast.org) to receive more information. You can also learn more about living shorelines at [www.nccoast.org/protect-the-coast/estuarine-shorelines/](http://www.nccoast.org/protect-the-coast/estuarine-shorelines/)

## Upcoming Events

- Budget Workshop
  - May 3 @ 10:00 AM
- Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
  - May 4 @ 10:00 AM
- Regular Town Board Meeting
  - May 11 @ 6:00 PM
- Budget Workshop
  - May 17 @ 9:00 AM
- BIS Committee Meeting
  - May 19 @ 2:00 PM
- Planning Board Meeting
  - May 25 @ 10:00 AM
- Wreath Hanging Ceremony
  - May 30 @ 10:00 AM

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Town will be holding two Public Hearings during the May 11, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting. These Public Hearings are to consider text amendments to the Town of Topsail Beach Code of Ordinances:

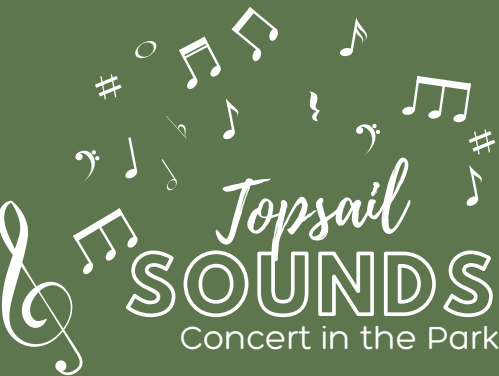
- Sec. 16-86, Table 16.4.2 and 16-89 permitting swimming pools as a standalone use
- Sec. 6-265 providing detailed standards for driveways.

Visit the Town Website for more information on upcoming events, including locations, agendas, and any date changes or additional meetings.

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## TOWN ACTIVITIES



The Cruise Brothers Band

May 24th at 6:30 PM

Topsail Beach Town Center

HOSTED BY:



## MEMORIAL DAY

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★



## WREATH HANGING CEREMONY

The Town Will be holding a Wreath Hanging Ceremony at Town Center Park at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 30th.

Please join us as we honor our military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.

## Water and Garbage Service

**Ways to Pay** - In addition to mailing or dropping off your payments at Town Hall, Customers have the option of paying their Utility Bills through the Online Bill Pay or through Bank Draft. The Online Bill Pay can be found on the homepage of the Town Website and Bank Draft Applications can be found under the Residents tab -> Water and Garbage Service.

**Due Date** - Bills are always due on the 25th of every month. The Town will typically process accounts set up on bank draft around the 23rd of the month.

**Trash Collection** - Trash is collected on Mondays during the off season and Mondays & Thursdays during the summer (between the week of Memorial Day and the week after Labor Day). Short term rental properties are required to have two trash carts.

**Bulk Item Pick-Up** - Vegetative debris and large household goods are collected the first Friday of the month (first and third Friday between Memorial Day and Labor Day). This includes electronics and e-waste, appliances, furniture, mattresses and yard waste. **Construction debris and material WILL NOT be picked up in bulk item collection.**

**Recycling Center** - All Recyclable (glass, plastic and paper) can be brought to the recycling center located in the parking lot of the Assembly Building - 720 Channel Blvd. This is a bulk recycling bin in which all recyclable material can be placed. Remember! Styrofoam is NOT a recyclable product!

More detailed information can be found on the Town Website [here](#).

## Vegetative Debris

Vegetative debris is collected during Bulk Item Pick-Up days.

Important things to know: Yard waste should not be bagged but piled near the edge of the street. Limbs should be no more than four feet long and no wider than 4" in diameter. Please remember vegetative debris pick-up is designed for lawn clippings, leaves and trimmings of trees and shrubs, not for large or contracted projects. Yard waste must be piled separately from other bulk items.

### Branch and Brush Debris Depot

If you have vegetative debris that does not meet the guidelines above, property owners can take their vegetative debris to the Branch and Brush Debris Depot. This is a new Hampstead-based business located at 21435 U.S. 17, will accept any vegetative debris that can be burned.

Pull-up service is available: Mon. - Fri., 8am - 5pm and Sat., 8am - 3pm

For more info call the Branch and Brush Debris Depot at 910-581-1719.