



Pender County Government Update

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Elections: March 19, 2021 - April 14, 2021

NEW REGISTRATIONS - 344

VOTER CHANGES - 2094

LIST MAINTENANCE - 85

CONFIRMATION CARDS - 494

BIENNIAL LIST MAINT - 0

NCOA CONFIRMATIONS - 0

NVRA SURVEYS- 6

VOTER CANCELLATIONS- 10

PARTY CHANGES:

-10	DEM TO REP -8	REP TO DEM - 4	LIB TO DEM- 0	UNA TO DEM
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22	DEM TO LIB	REP TO LIB	LIB TO REP - 0	UNA TO REP -
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	DEM TO UNA- 9	REP TO UNA - 25	LIB TO UNA -0	UNA TO LIB -
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Elections Board met April 13th.

Attended 2 State Mandated Teams Meetings

Auditing Elections Programs GIS Information

Processing all records from 2018-current through records retention program.



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HEALTH - GENERAL

Continue to offer COVID-19 vaccination clinics on Tuesdays in Burgaw and Thursday in Hampstead. The health department is offering the Moderna Vaccine to anyone 18 years of age and older. Appointments are available on-line as well as calling the COVID line, 910-663-4200.

The county's positivity rate is 8.3, higher than the state rate of 5.1. Residents are strongly encouraged to practice the 3W's to help minimize the spread of COVID.

At present, 42% of residents over age 18 have been partially vaccinated and 29% have been fully vaccinated.

A bobcat attacked three Burgaw residents last week. The bobcat tested positive for rabies and the individuals are receiving rabies prophylaxis. Education has been shared with the community on the importance of avoiding wildlife and vaccinating their pets for rabies. The Animal Shelter is offering free rabies vaccinations for the month of April.

Some vector control staff is actively larvaciding across the county as a preventive measure for the upcoming mosquito season.

Continue to recruit for two registered nurse positions, one nutritionist, and the WIC Director.



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PARKS & RECREATION

- Last night the parks and recreation master plan steering committee held the kickoff meeting in Burgaw. Committee members joined the meeting in person and virtually. We have a great steering committee with representatives from across the County with diverse backgrounds and interest.
- Join us for the first round of public input meeting for our master plan update starting on April 27th. We are scheduling additional meetings in Burgaw, Currie, Surf City and Maple Hill. For more information about the public meetings or the master plan update process contact us at 910-259-1330 or parksandrec@pendercountync.gov. Flyer is attached.
- Summer Camp registration is currently underway for Topsail Elementary and Rocky Point Elementary. Register online at <https://penderpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program>. Flyer is attached.
- On Tuesday 4/13 our Spring Cornhole league and first ever Sand Volleyball league began at Hampstead Kiwanis Park. We have 8 teams participating in cornhole and 7 teams participating in sand volleyball.



Pender County **Parks and Recreation** *Master Plan Public Meetings*

4/27 Poplar Grove Barn

10200 US-17, Wilmington, NC 28411

4/29 Penderlea Gym

231 W H Robbins Road, Willard, NC 28478

5/04 Hampstead Annex

15060 US HWY 17, Hampstead, NC 28443

5/06 Cape Fear Middle Gym

1886 NC-133, Rocky Point, NC 28457

**Additional meeting
times and locations to be
announced.**

Come share your vision for
Parks and Recreation
activities and facilities in
Pender County.

**All meetings are from
4:30pm - 7:30pm**

These are floating meetings,
drop by anytime between
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm to share
your thoughts.

Call 910-259-1330 or email ParksandRec@pendercountync.gov for more information.



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SUMMER CAMPS

JUNE 7 - AUGUST 6

TOPSAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ROCKY POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AGES 5 - 12

\$110 PER WEEK

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES,
FIELD TRIPS, GAMES
ARTS AND CRAFTS,
GUEST SPEAKERS & MORE!

\$25 DEPOSIT PER CHILD PER WEEK

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 22ND

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO

<http://penderpr.recdesk.com/Community/Page>
or scan the QR code



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PENDER FIRE AND EMS

Have a great weekend

Suicide Deaths YTD							Overdose YTD						
	Actual	Attempts				Total Attempts			Heroin	Pills	Other Illegal Substance	Deaths	LEO Narcan
		0 to 18	18 to 45	45 to 65	65+								
January	1	0	2	2	1	5	January	2	2	6	2	1	
February	0	0	3	1	2	6	February	2	4	2	0	1	
March	0	1	0	2	0	3	March	1	3	4	0	0	
April	1	1	1	0	0	2	April	2	0	1	0	0	
May							May						
June							June						
July							July						
August							August						
September							September						
October							October						
November							November						
December							December						
YTD TOTAL	2	2	6	5	3	16	YTD TOTAL	7	9	13	2	2	

Traffic Accident Deaths YTD			AirLink Calls	
	Deaths	Accidents		
January	0	72	January	1
February	0	71	February	1
March	0	54	March	2
April	2	26	April	0
May			May	
June			June	
July			July	
August			August	
September			September	
October			October	
November			November	
December			December	
YTD TOTAL	2	223	YTD TOTAL	4

PENDER EMS AND FIRE 2021

EMS Operation		EMS Call Type Summary					
		Weekly	YTD		Weekly	YTD	
Station 1	Burgaw	47	615	Cancelled	24	466	
Station 14	Sloop Point	39	387	Refusals	70	798	
Station 16	Hampstead	38	459	Stand By's	1	20	
Station 18	Scotts Hill	0	0	Transported	135	1583	
Station 23	Surf City	17	282	Treated and Released	17	168	
Station 29	Currie	0	71		247	3035	
Station 4	Topsail Beach	14	82				
Station 5	Union	20	235				
Station 7	Rocky Point	47	561				
Station 13	Maple Hill	5	43				
Station 9	Atkinson	20	300				
		247	3035				

Fire Operations		Fire Call Type Summary					
		Weekly	YTD		Weekly	YTD	
Station 1	Burgaw	6	110	FIRE	8	44	
Station 14	Sloop Point	17	125	Motor Vehicle Crash	12	96	
Station 16	Hampstead	10	105	Search and Rescue	0	0	
Station 18	Scott Hill	7	69	Service Calls	9	89	
Station 29	Hwy 421 South	2	53	EMS First Response	32	359	
Station 21	Long Creek	14	89	Cancelled	10	119	
Station 4	Topsail--OR	0	0	Ocean Rescue	0	10	
Station 13	Maple Hill	8	80		71	717	
Station 17	Penderlea	4	47				
Station 28	Island Creek	3	39				
		71	717				



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SOCIAL SERVICES

Pender County has been selected as an agency to receive training On the Together Facing the Challenge (TFTC) evidence based curriculum. The training dates are April 26,28 May 3 and May 5th.

Ms. Annie Murphy participated in a drive through resource fair at the PCHD on Saturday morning, March 27. She reported" The event was "Awesome; I really enjoy partnering with the other service programs". Ms. Murphy handed out flyers regarding the Pender County Foster Care Program and asked families to please share the flyer with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who may be interested in learning more about our Foster Care Program. The weather was Wonderful! Monique Travise created an awesome display board for Pender County DSS.

Values Training with Division Consultant Cindy Hamilton is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2021. This will include our local Bar, Judges, social workers, social work supervisors, program manager, Guardian Ad Litem and quality assurance staff.

Permanency Values Training and Permanency Roundtable Discussion

So, who gets to decide in your child welfare system if I deserve to live in a family or not? Living in a family is a not a privilege or honor, or treat for good behavior, it is a basic human right. Imagine your life right now if you had no family.

Please join us in discussing these essential connections that our youth in out of home care deserve. Let us figure out what the barriers are to every child in foster care moving to a forever family. No matter what it takes!

Pender County DSS in conjunction with the Medicaid Managed Care organizations offered a Community Resource Event on April 8th from 10 am. until 1 pm. Flyer attached.

MEDICAID IS CHANGING

Health Plan coverage will begin on July 1, 2021

Open Enrollment: March 15 – May 14, 2021

Be Informed! Health Plan Representatives will be present
to answer questions

Valuable info will be available

Goodies too!

WHEN

Thursday, April 8, 2021
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

WHERE

Pender DSS
(Parking Area)
810 S. Walker St.





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TOURISM

County Update April 3-16, 2021

Tourism

Pender County Tourism launched the weekly **Beach Week campaign** which directs tourists to activities and events within the county. It has been extremely well-received. Originally, we scheduled to launch the campaign in May, but due to the influx of visitors, we opted to launch a month early.

We are experiencing a tremendous number of requests for our **2021 Visitor Guides** – printed or digital. People are eager to travel to someplace they feel is safe, uncrowded, with a lot of outdoor activities. We fit the bill.

Tourism continues to work with **Cape Fear Community College** in the development of an event set for Sept. 18. Burgaw Parks and Recreation are also partnering due to the location of the school adjacent to the park. This event will feature a live band, catering by MeMa's Chick'n & Ribs, an exhibit of large diesel vehicles, and tours of the new facilities at CFCC in the former MoJo Tone buildings.

We participated in the exploration of an undocumented, possible historical site. We also toured a newer oyster farm and learned of their operations and potential tourism-related plans. We are a part of the **NC Oyster Trail** and Pender County Tourism serve on the advisory board.

We met with **RSVP and the YWCA** to further discuss any challenges and opportunities in bringing YWCA programs to Pender County. The Grandparents Support Network program launched virtually.

Pender County Tourism met with the **Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail** to discuss properties and collaborations along the Coastal Crescent. The goal is to get hikers off dangerous roadways such as NC Hwy 53 and US Hwy 17.

Pender County Tourism is working with Pender Education Partnership's fundraiser at Burgaw Middle School for an **Open Night Mic**, a two-hour showcase of local talent on June 4\.\.

Pender County Tourism has attended several **ribbon-cutting ceremonies and visitations of tourism-related businesses**. We continue to offer our tourism-related businesses information regarding PPP, COVID updates, etc.

Pender County Tourism continues to work with **NC Coast Host**. The board of directors met virtually with an in-person meeting set for May 25 in Greenville to prepare for general meetings of the membership.

We participated in the **Retention and Recruitment/Health and Wellness subcommittee**.

Our staff has a **divide and conquer** mentality – Olivia represented us at the Wilmington Area Hospitality Association. Stephanie is researching more grants. The staff is active in the North Carolina Association of Festivals and Events. When schedules conflict we hand off to another to cover webinars, training, and area events which we need to attend, such as the visit by NC Insurance Commissioner Causey.

We attended the **Topsail Beach commissioners** meeting, virtually.

We continue our research and roundtable of history and the development of the **African American Heritage Trail**. The information we receive from our local historians and long-time native Pender Countians is amazing. We also purchased Gary Trawick's history of Pender County, *Born in Reconstruction*.

Ghost Walk planning meetings will begin in May and the groundwork for the two-time national award-winning event has begun.

We announced the winners of the **Governor's Volunteer Service Award** winners. Share the Table is a Medallion Winner. A video was recorded and submitted for the virtual event. Volunteers of the year in Pender County include Wayne Jenó of Surf City Firefighters Auxiliary, Marge Ulcickas, and Diane Cavanaugh, both of RSVP AmeriCorp. Congratulations!

In conjunction with Pender County Parks and Recreation, we have launched the **2021 Nature Photo Contest**.

We are solidifying details for the June 6 **Pender County Night** at the Wilmington Sharks.

Congratulations to the Pender County businesses who have been selected by the Wilmington Business Journal in the Coastal Entrepreneur Awards. The winners include: Minority-Owned Business: MeMa's Chick'n & Ribs; Nonprofit: Pender County Christian Services; Retail & Hospitality: Topsail Steamer; and Professional Services: Genesis Block.

Communications

We continue to update the county website with news – including a recent bacteria found in the ocean at the Catherine Avenue beach access. We will post when the warning expires as well.

We continue to post-vaccination and COVID information for the health department.

We have written press releases for our media partners on behalf of the county departments.



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UTILITY OPERATIONS

PENDER COUNTY UTILITIES (PCU) & WATER DISTRICTS:

The Lead & Copper sampling event has been completed 3 months early and has passed all qualifications with no violations. PCU has been granted Lead & Copper sampling reduction (sample every three years, next sampling event will be 2024). The Quarterly Interbasin Transfer (IBT) report has been submitted and verified by NCDEQ-DWR. The Local Water Supply Plan has been submitted and is waiting on approval from NCDEQ-DWR. The Risk and Resilience Plan, which is a new mandate by US EPA through the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA), is ready for submittal. Staff is currently working on the Emergency Response Plan (another new US EPA mandate) and Source Water Plan.

PCU should be fully staffed by mid-May, except for one staff member out on FMLA until mid-June. Our 2 open Utilities Clerk positions have been filled with new staff, one to start work on Monday and the other in 2 weeks. A verbal offer was accepted for the Water/Sewer Maintenance Technician I position yesterday, and we are working to get them onboard by May 17th.

The Annex & Kiwanis Park well facilities construction is complete, except for the new driveway at the Kiwanis Park well site. The driveway construction should be completed within the next few weeks to close-out the project.

The Maple Hill water system interconnections with ONWASA will begin operational testing on April 26th. The construction work is substantially complete, with just a few electrical and punch list items remaining. Full change-over from Chinquapin to ONWASA water for the Maple Hill water district should be accomplished no later than June.

Field staff work and status updates since last report:

- Completed pressure test on second phase of Southside Commons off Lea Drive.
- Automatic flush valve on daily flush on Riverland Drive and installed new auto flush valve on Old Landing Road. These units flush water during low usage periods to maintain water quality.
- 6 water taps completed by PCU staff and two water service repairs
- 7 water taps completed by Sadale Utilities (needed some outside help due to a backlog)
- 286 locates in the last two weeks. Several located for gas company totaling over five miles.

- Altitude valve repaired at Maple Hill Tank.
- Contractor punch list completed at Annex Well.
- Received light tower for night repair work. Unit also functions as a small generator.
- All monthly reports last month completed and submitted.

WATER PRODUCTION NUMBERS:

December 2020 Daily Avg: 1.326 MGD from WP, 0 MGD from Wallace, 0.663 MGD to Hamp/SH, 0.086 MGD from Annex Well

January 2021 Daily Avg: 1.37 MGD from WP, 0.096 MGD from Wallace, 0.715 MGD to Hamp/SH, 0 MGD from Annex Well

February 2021 Daily Avg: 1.25 MGD from WP, 0.287 MGD from Wallace, 0.730 MGD to Hamp/SH, 0 MGD from Annex Well

March 2021 Daily Avg : 1.20 MGD from WP, 0.267 MGD from Wallace, 0.762 MGD to Hamp/SH, 0.0009 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells

April 2021 Daily Avg (thru 14th): 1.40 MGD from WP, 0.231 MGD from Wallace, 0.903 MGD to Hamp/SH, 0.099 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells

WATER USAGE IN HAMPSTEAD IS UP 19.5% IN FIRST HALF OF APRIL COMPARED TO 2020

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

All State reports for March have been completed. CCU was on-site to completely integrate the new VT Scada system with alarm callouts and remote access. The old Factory Talk system is out of service.

Overall, the plant is running well with no issues.

Final Production Number for March: 37.1 million gallons for an average of 1.20 MGD

Production numbers through April 14th: 19.6 million gallons for an average of 1.40 MGD.

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

Since our last update we are getting into the summer-time groove. Our effluent is as clean as it has ever been. This is the best time of the year for the plant.

Plant staff has cleaned up the Alum pump room and is gearing up for yard work around the site. Staff also fixed a floating mixer in the north digester. The plant superintendent recently finished some training on pretreatment programs. Our first onsite tour with CFCC students in over a year was recently conducted as well.

SOLID WASTE

The Transfer Station scale house staff is creating about 140 tickets daily for disposal records. Waiting time at scales is about 10 minutes IN and 10 minutes OUT.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TONNAGE FOR MARCH 2021

MSW Kitchen trash collected	2493.03 tons
Construction & demolition	791.13 tons
Recycling	128.70 tons
Tires recycled	72.51 tons
Scrap metal recycled (shreds)	132.62 tons
Whitegoods recycled	2.46 tons
TV & Electronics	18.68 tons

Driveway construction work at Kiwanis Park well facility





Light Boom Trailer delivered 4/13/21 for nighttime emergency repair work