

Nags HEAD LINES

Town of Nags Head, NC



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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM MANAGER

Greg Sparks



Happy 2021!

With 2020 behind us, we have new challenges and opportunities to confront in the new year. However, we are not finished with COVID-19; in fact, we know we're in for a few difficult months before the vaccine is available throughout the country. It's not a time to look past the pandemic, but rather to continue our public health vigilance through education as well as practicing social distancing, masking, and hand washing.

One of the larger projects Nags Head is working on in 2021 is the planning for a beach nourishment project in 2022. As many of you recall, in 2011 we were the first on the Outer Banks to complete a beach nourishment project. It was successful, and the proof was in how well our beach fared during Hurricane Sandy, which devastated other beaches on the east coast. The Board of Commissioners sees beach nourishment as a critical piece to maintaining the economic and environmental viability of our community.



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The Town is engaged in long-term planning for beach nourishment and due to damage from Hurricane Dorian, there are FEMA funds available that can be matched for a larger project. We are currently acquiring construction easements for this work and have reached out to property owners so that these easements are in place prior to any work. Thank you to all property owners who have responded to the Town's request for an easement. (Properties from 8827 S. Old Oregon Inlet Rd. through 5317 S. Virginia Dare Tr. have perpetual easements that were obtained by Dare County and transferred to the Town prior to the Town's initial beach nourishment project in 2011.)

Other opportunities for 2021 include implementation of the Town's 2020-2025 Vision, which addressed such issues as housing, capital improvement planning, groundwater management, Public Works facilities master planning, and creating a high performing, strategic organization. The Board and staff are engaged on this two-year work plan and projects are moving forward this year.

Another challenge for the Board this year is the hiring of a town manager. The Town has selected a firm to handle the recruitment, and one of the first things to be accomplished will be a position profile, which provides the Board with the opportunity to work with the consultant on determining the experience, knowledge, and attributes that are most important for the next town manager.

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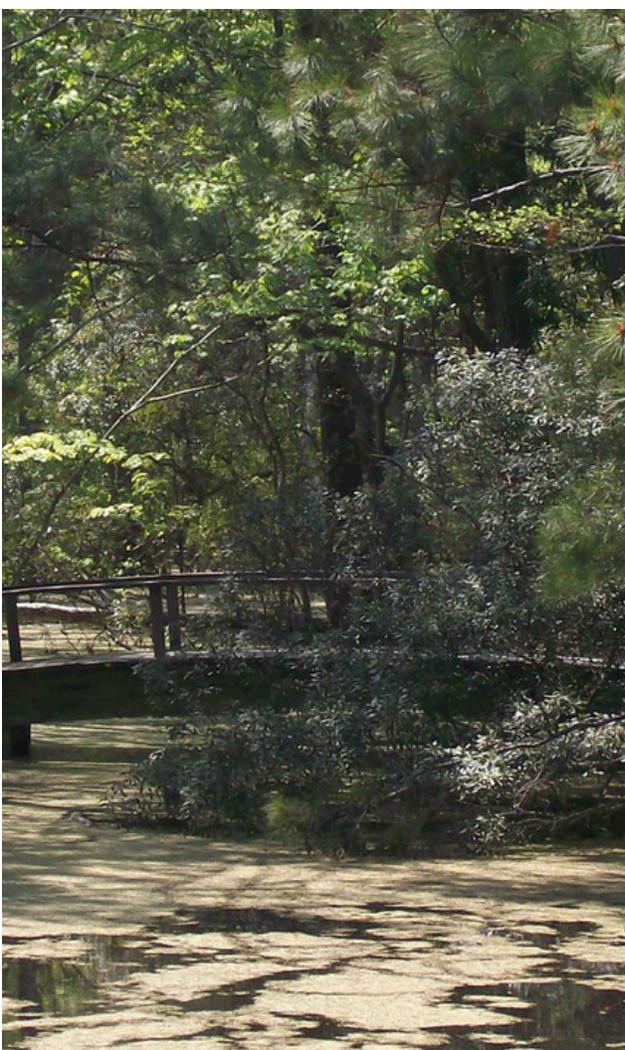
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I came into this position on an interim basis last June and agreed to stay on until June of 2021. After retiring as a city manager from coastal California last December, I've had the opportunity to be engaged in issues that are both similar and quite different from west coast to east coast. One of the really great things about Nags Head is the commitment to public access to the beaches. The Town has a great deal of free parking, which makes Nags Head an ideal beach vacation location for families on a tight budget. In addition, we have the high quality amenities in a variety of lodging options to cater to our visitor base. That, coupled with great local restaurants, shopping, and recreational activities, makes Nags Head uniquely positioned on the Outer Banks.

In closing, 2021 will no doubt be different from 2020. We will continue to build upon what makes Nags Head unique and look forward to maintaining a high level of communication with our residents, second homeowners, businesses, and visitors throughout the year.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Greg L. Sparks
Interim Town Manager





POLICE

Meet the PD's Employee of the Year



The Police Department's Employee of the Year for 2020 is Detective Brandon Bostwick.

Brandon began his career in law enforcement with the Kill Devil Hills Police Department before joining Nags Head in 2015 as a detective.

Sgt. Greg South, Brandon's supervisor describes Brandon as a team player who displays a mature attitude and is always courteous with coworkers and the public.

During an investigation involving a local jewelry store, Brandon was able to set the store owner at ease, convince the suspect to return a stolen bracelet and make a criminal case against the same suspect. Along this line Brandon often assists uniform patrol in answering calls for service when others are not available and works closely with his partners in investigations, fostering excellent working relationships.

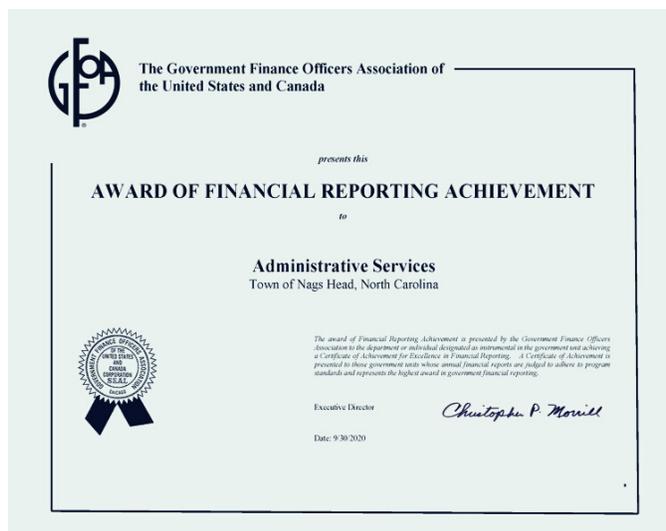
In addition, Brandon is eager to take on additional job tasks. He assisted in field training a new investigator and assumes responsibility for the Criminal Investigation Division in the absence of his supervisor. Brandon led the way in partnering with the State Bureau of Investigation in the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and has already been involved in several internet crime cases.

We applaud Brandon's performance. He is an officer whose enthusiasm and professionalism should be emulated by all.

Nags Head's Financial Reporting Wins Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has once again awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Nags Head for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

A prestigious national award that recognizes conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program encourages governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. Nags Head has received a Certificate of Achievement for the last four consecutive years!



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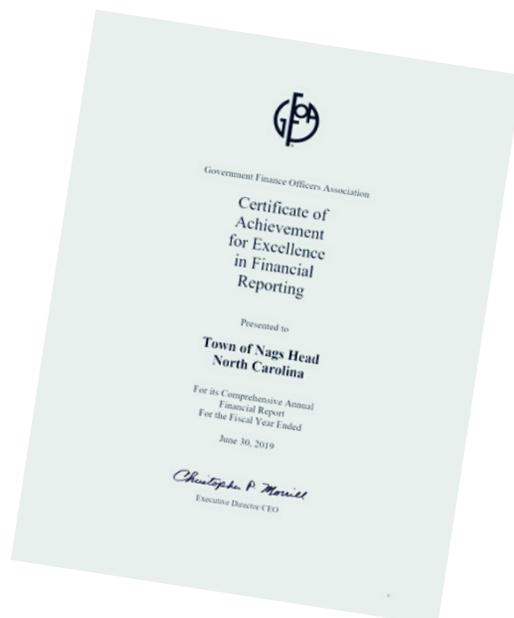
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To be awarded a Certificate, a government must publish an easily readable, efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report that conforms to program standards. Such a CAFR must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

Thank you to each member of Nags Head's Administrative Services Department who assisted in the preparation of the report and to Nags Head's Board of Commissioners for their continued support in maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the management.

The CAFR for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 is now available. We believe this report meets the Certificate of Achievement program requirements as well. We will be submitting the 2020 report for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence and hope we will have more good news for you this time next year!





ENGINEERING

FY 2020-2021

Drainage Improvements

The Town of Nags Head is planning drainage infrastructure improvement work within the Old Nags Head Cove neighborhood and at the intersection of East Barnes Street/South Wrightsville Avenue this coming offseason. This work is necessary to replace and improve drainage in several areas of town. The following is an overview of the proposed project area locations:

West Danube Street Drainage Infrastructure Replacement

This project is comprised of replacing the existing underground stormwater pipe along the south side of West Danube Street between the intersection of West Danube Street/South Croatan Highway and West Danube Street/Old Cove Road. A section of pipe along the east side of Old Cove Road will be replaced in conjunction with this work. This project will replace the aging corrugated metal drainage pipe with a corrosive resistant, high-performance polypropylene pipe.

Kipper Court Drainage Improvements

A new underground pipe branch line will be incorporated into the work spanning from West Danube Street north towards Kipper Court. The lower-lying sections of this neighborhood have experienced localized flooding during wet weather periods due to an absence of existing stormwater infrastructure. The project's goal is to provide connectivity to the existing storm drain network along Danube Street to reduce the frequency and depth of flooding in this neighborhood.



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Drainage Improvements

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East Barnes Street/Wrightsville Avenue Drainage Infrastructure Replacement

This project is comprised of replacing the aging corrugated metal underground storm pipe at the intersection of South Wrightsville Avenue and East Barnes Street with a corrosive resistant, high-performance polypropylene pipe.

The projects are currently out to bid and can be viewed [here](#).

Construction should start the beginning of February 2021 and be completed by mid May 2021.

If you have any questions related to this planned construction work, please contact David Ryan, P.E. at david.ryan@nagsheadnc.gov or 252.441.6221.





FIRE RESCUE

Prevent Cooking Fires



Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

- Keep an eye on what you fry. Most cooking fires start when someone is frying food.
- Watch what you are cooking. Fires start when the heat is too high. If you see any smoke or the grease starts to boil, turn the burner off.
- Make sure you are awake and alert. Alcohol and some drugs can make you sleepy.
- Wear short sleeves or roll them up so they don't catch on fire.
- Make sure children and pets stay at least 3 feet away from a hot stove.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so no one can bump them or pull them over.
- Move things that can burn away from the stove. This includes dishtowels, bags, boxes, paper, and curtains.



Fire Captain John Kenny Retires



Going out on top, our 2020 Employee of the Year, Fire Captain John Kenny, has retired after 33 years with Nags Head.

Pop Pop, as he is fondly known, completed his last shift on Sunday, December 27, 2020. A true hero with innumerable rescues to his credit, Captain Kenny served our community with passionate commitment and grace.

Easy-to-See Addressing Helps Us Find You in an Emergency

The Town wants you to be safe and receive prompt emergency services. Displaying your address is one of the best ways to ensure that police, fire, and emergency medical services can locate you in an emergency.

Both North Carolina and Nags Head codes require a property's address to be displayed. Nags Head's Code provides for the following:

Sec. 36-46. - Method of placement of numbers and letters.

(a) Generally. The numbers, and letters when required, shall be conspicuously placed on the side of the structure facing the street or between the structure and street, so as to be seen plainly from the street. Whenever any structure is situated more than 100 feet from the street, the numbers shall be placed near the street next to the walk, driveway or entrance to such structure.

(b) Ocean frontage. In addition to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, numbers (and letters when necessary) shall be required on structures which have frontage along the Atlantic Ocean. The numbers shall be placed on the structure facing the ocean so that they can be seen plainly from the ocean beach. The numbers shall be placed on a supporting post or a portion of the crossover or upon a post near the walkway leading from the ocean beach to the house.

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(c) Height; contrast. The numbers, and letters when required, shall be at least four inches in height and contrast in color with their background.

If you should have any questions regarding the display of your address, please contact Code Compliance Officer Ed Snyder at 252-449-6046 or by email at ed.snyder@nagsheadnc.gov.



Got Zoning Questions?



Do you ever find yourself wondering what your property is zoned, what uses are allowed, or what your setbacks are?

Well, if you ever do, send an email to zoning@nagsheadnc.gov and the appropriate staff person will research and respond to your question as soon as possible.

You can also access Nags Head's [Unified Development Ordinance](#), which contains all of the Town's development and zoning regulations.

View Nags Head's [Zoning Map](#).



Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

Dune Grass Cost-Share Now Available

There is a new program in Town! The Town of Nags Head values planting dune vegetation for the establishment and retention of protective dunes along the oceanfront and has developed a reimbursable grant program to assist oceanfront homeowners with the purchase of plants.

Starting January 1, 2021, eligible applicants can complete an online application that will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants will be required to provide their name, address, the approximate number of plants to complete their project, and a graphical representation of the area they would like to plant. Once approved, homeowners will be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$500 for the purchase of plants. Reimbursements will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and homeowners are responsible for the entire process, including arranging dune grass purchase and installation through independent contractors.

Depending on the scope of the intended work, separate permits may be necessary (CAMA Minor/Major, Exemption, or Sand Relocation). Please confirm all necessary permits are in place before initiating work that may impact the dune. Generally, beach driving or work on the dune will be required to cease on May 1 due to the beginning of sea turtle nesting season.

Learn more about the [Dune Vegetation Cost Sharing Program and submit an application.](#)

PUBLIC WORKS

Bulk/Brush Drop-Off Rules and Regulations



The Town operates the Bulk/Brush Drop-off Yard for Nags Head residents and property owners to dispose of large or bulky waste such as discarded furniture, mattresses, scrap wood, tree trimmings, white goods and other non-hazardous household items.

Use of the site is restricted to those who have obtained a permit from the Town. The permit is free of charge for Nags Head residents or property owners upon presentation of proof of residency within the town's corporate limits. A sticker will be issued that must be affixed to the vehicle registered to use the yard.

Hours of Operation

- Monday, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
- Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
- Saturday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- If a holiday falls on a Monday, Thursday, or Saturday, check nagsheadnc.gov/sanitation or receive notifications regarding changes to the sanitation schedule by subscribing to the sanitation news flash.

For those unable to secure a permit on a limited basis and for those assisting people physically unable to deliver items on their own, a one-day special use permit is available upon request.

Contractors

The yard is for residents and homeowners only. Contractors must take their waste to the Dare County Transfer Station, or the Dare County Construction and Demolition (C & D) Landfill, both of which are in Stumpy Point.

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This restriction applies to all contractors or offices that generate waste from their business. Some examples are: materials from building contractors, shingles from roofing contractors, yard debris from landscape contractors, or white goods from plumbing contractors. Yard debris from the clearing of unimproved property is also prohibited.

Private citizens residing outside the corporate limits of Nags Head and those who own only unimproved property may not use the yard.

Hazardous Waste

No hazardous waste will be accepted in the Bulk/Brush Drop-Off Yard. Please do not place items such as paint, pesticides or sealed canisters in the site's containers. Motors should have all fluids drained.



For safety reasons, no salvaging is allowed.

Important

Your sticker is linked to your property, the vehicle you registered with us, and the information presented on the signed permit application form. This form is retained on file and, with the permit number, is used to monitor use of the Drop-Off Yard. **We issue only one sticker per property.** Please advise Public Works or Town Hall if you change your license plate or sell your vehicle or property. Incorrect information on file will result in your permit being voided and you will be denied access to the yard.

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Sticker

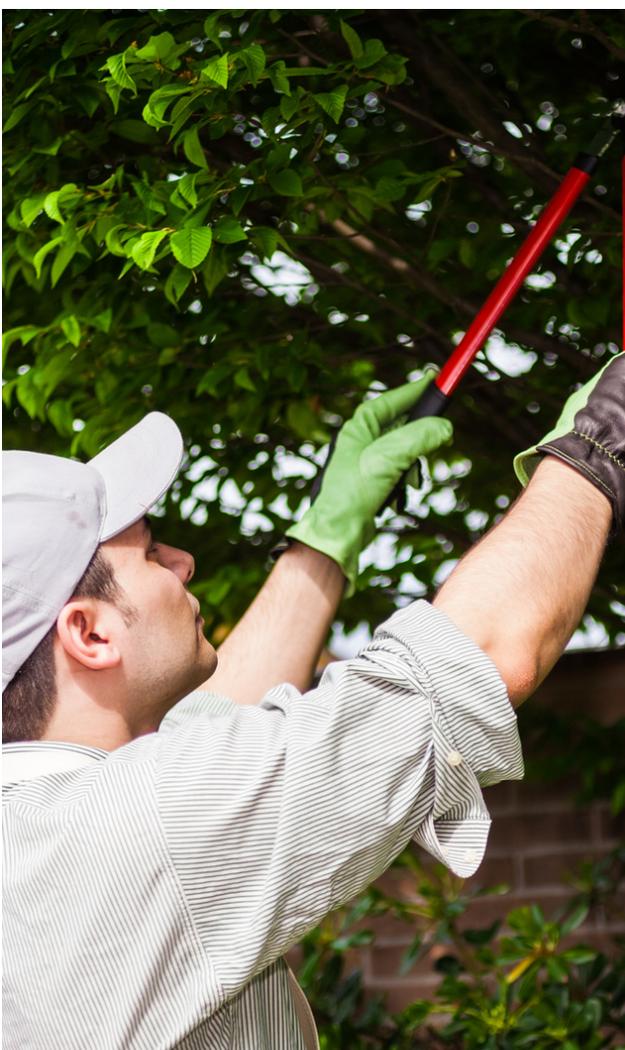
The sticker **MUST** be affixed to the authorized vehicle in an easily accessible and readable location with the lettering and numbers upright. If you would like assistance placing the sticker, please bring it to the site attendant.

If you have any questions concerning use of the Brush/Bulk Item Drop-off Yard please ask the site attendant or contact the offices below.

Office Locations/Hours

Public Works, 2200 Lark Avenue
252-441-1122, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3:30 pm

Town Hall, 5401 South Croatan Highway
252-441-5508, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



READY TO DISPOSE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE?

Remove the trimmings, place it next to the road in front of your property, and we'll pick it up. Please do not set the tree on top of or near any other bulk or brush items that need to be collected.

After 1/15/2021, please call 252-441-1122 to arrange a tree collection.



NEWS FROM DARE COUNTY

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE FROM DARE COUNTY

A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies are very limited at first. Independent state and federal public health advisory committees have determined that the best way to fight COVID-19 is to start first with vaccinations for those most at risk, reaching more people as the vaccine supply increases. Keep practicing the 3W's—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to be vaccinated.

According to the NC DHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization Phases, the Dare County Department of Health & Human Services, has been providing first doses of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to Healthcare Providers in Dare County over the past 2 weeks. Dare County is now ready to begin providing vaccinations to the next Phase;

Phase 1b, Group 1. Phase 1b, Group 1 is persons 75 years and older: All people age 75 and older will be eligible to be vaccinated first in this group. There is no requirement to have certain qualifying chronic conditions.

Advanced registration is required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. As required by our state vaccination contract, registration is currently open for any North Carolina resident or property owner age 75 and over. Proof of North Carolina residency or property ownership is required and documentation may include North Carolina drivers license, copy of current lease or mortgage, current vehicle registration or your current tax record. To register, please call the COVID-19 call center at 252-475-5008. The Call Center is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. We are expecting a high call volume, so please keep trying if you do not get an answer right away.

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NEWS FROM DARE COUNTY

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE FROM DARE COUNTY

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Vaccine clinics will be offered on an ongoing basis based on our weekly allocation of the vaccine from the state. We are currently only receiving a very limited number of doses each week. Please be patient and understand that it will take time to provide everyone the vaccine who wishes to receive it.

Dare County is currently accepting registrations for the following clinics. You must register for an appointment in advance. There will not be any walk up appointments. These clinics are only for North Carolina residents and property owners ages 75 and older.

- January 6th - Baum Center, Kill Devil Hills
- January 11th - Parks and Recreation, Kill Devil Hills
- January 16th - Fessenden Center - Buxton

Dare County will be providing the Moderna COVID 19 vaccine. The Moderna Vaccine requires 2 doses, separated by at least 28 days. To receive the vaccine you should not have received any other vaccination within 14 days of your scheduled date to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

You must also not have been in direct contact with anyone who has had the COVID-19 virus in the past 14 days or have yourself been infected with the COVID-19 virus in the past 14 days.

To follow which Priority Phase we are vaccinating please visit the Dare County webpage at darenc.com/covidvaccine.



Boards and Committees

"Create a ripple of change by getting your feet wet!"

Want to get involved in your town, but aren't sure how to start? Get your feet wet by sitting on a Town board or committee.

- [Arts and Culture](#)
- [Board of Adjustment](#)
- [Board of Commissioners](#) (more information about this board can be found on page 14)
- [Community Watch Association](#)
- [Dangerous Animal Appeal Board](#)
- [Personnel Grievance Panel](#)
- [Planning Board](#)
- [Stormwater Committee](#)
- [Waste Reduction Task Force](#)

For more information, visit nagsheadnc.gov/boardsandcommittees. A listing of each board and committee is available, along with its members.



MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Board of Commissioners



From left are: Commissioner J. Webb Fuller, Commissioner Kevin Brinkley, Mayor Ben Cahoon, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Siers, and Commissioner Renée Cahoon.

Nags Head's Board of Commissioners meet the first Wednesday of each month at 9 am in the Board Room. An adjourned session is held as needed on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm (October through March) and at 7 pm (April through September). Agendas and more information are available on the Board agenda section of our web site.

Contact the Board

allmayorcomm@nagsheadnc.gov

View Meetings

Live on the day of the meeting at nagsheadnc.gov on demand at youtube.com/townofnagshead



Town Management

Interim Town Manager
Greg Sparks

Deputy Town Manager
Andy Garman

Town Offices

Full Staff Directory

■ Town Hall

5401 S. Croatan Hwy.
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
[252-441-5508/info@nagsheadnc.gov](mailto:info@nagsheadnc.gov)

■ Public Works

2200 Lark Ave.
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
[252-441-1122/publicworks@nagsheadnc.gov](mailto:publicworks@nagsheadnc.gov)

■ Police

Emergency 911/Non-Emergency 252-473-3444

5401 S. Croatan Hwy.
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
[252-441-6386/police@nagsheadnc.gov](mailto:police@nagsheadnc.gov)

■ Fire and Ocean Rescue

Emergency 911/Non-Emergency 252-473-3444

Douglas A. Remaley Fire Station 16 (Headquarters)
5314 S. Croatan Hwy./24 hours
[252-441-5909/fire@nagsheadnc.gov](mailto:fire@nagsheadnc.gov)

Fire Station 21
8806 S. Old Oregon Inlet Rd./24 hours
[252-441-2910/fire@nagsheadnc.gov](mailto:fire@nagsheadnc.gov)

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