

Cape Hatteras EC salutes Hatteras Island volunteer organizations

Jim Kinghorn, Executive Vice President & General Manager

In the July issue, this column began highlighting many volunteer organizations that keep Hatteras Island functioning, explaining how they serve the villages and how you can give back to the Hatteras Island community with your time and resources through one of these organizations.

This month the focus will be on two Hatteras Island civic associations.

Civic Associations

Two civic associations occupy both the extreme northern and southwestern ends of Hatteras Island. The Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association and Hatteras Village Civic Association provide numerous benefits to their communities as well as surrounding villages.

RWS Civic Association

The RWS Association maintains a Web site, www.RWSCiv.org, which carries regularly updated information about northern village events and projects. In 2009 the association has sponsored a tree giveaway (January); Read Across America, a Health Fair and a Community Theater presentation (March); Spring Sweep (April); Salute to graduating seniors dinner (May); and Independence Day Celebration (July 4). Events for the remainder of the year include an "Unbirthday" Celebration (August 6); an Art Show (September 2-3); National Public Lands and Big Sweep (September 28-October 3); Halloween Parade (October 31); and a Community Holiday Dinner (December 5).

The RWS Civic Association partnered with the National Park Service to construct the bathhouse at the Salvo Day Use Area with a grant from the Dare County Tourism Board. Association members clean neglected graves at the

Day Use Area and other cemeteries around the three villages. The association is also gathering cultural heritage information and stories related to the RWS villages and houses, planning a Watermen's Memorial and preparing a nomination for National Scenic Byway status as well as a number of other projects.

The RWS Civic Association has annual memberships in the non-profit Association (\$10 individual, \$15 family) and accepts donations (also tax deductible). Refer to the Web site for additional information and contacts.

Hatteras Village Civic Association

The Hatteras Village Civic Association (HVCA) was officially incorporated in 1965. The association provides, operates and maintains the Hatteras Community Building, located next to the fire station and the Civic Association Building located on Highway 12 at the eastern end of the village. In 2009, the Community Building renovation was completed, including the kitchen and downstairs areas. Both facilities are available for lease to accommodate functions approved by the association.

The HVCA sponsors the Hatteras Village July 4th fireworks, Christmas Parade and Dance, special programs for children and adults and free meeting space to other village non-profit organizations. The association offers scholarships to Hatteras Village residents for continuing education and makes annual donations to other Island organizations including HI Meals, Methodist Men's Food Pantry and the school supply drive.

The HVCA participates in and receives funding from the Hatteras Community Village Fish Fry, which is conducted with volunteers from the

association, the Hatteras Ladies Fire Auxiliary and the Hatteras Methodist Church. The other organizations also share in the funds raised. The fish fry is held throughout the summer each year Saturday afternoon beginning at 5 p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m., or until the food sells out. Occasionally the proceeds of some Saturday fish fries are specifically designated for a specific cause, such as assisting cancer patients on the Island or another special need. Many members of the Hatteras community support this main fundraising event by donating supplies and labor each week. To donate your time, contribute funding to the association or to reserve the HVCA facilities, contact Jan Willis, Activities Coordinator, by calling 252-986-2109. For additional information on the Hatteras Village Civic Association, visit www.hatterasonmy mind.com.

Do Your Part

All non-profit organizations on Hatteras Island can use your support. As this series of articles continues, choose one or more of the community service organizations to join or support. Even our off-island property owners can increase the safety and enjoyment of the Island for themselves and their guests by giving their support, as many already do. In many cases, financial support of these organizations is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Future Articles

Other organizations will be highlighted in future Currents columns. Representatives of civic and other community service organizations are invited to contact Jim Kinghorn at CHEC jimk@chec.coop to provide information for possible inclusion in future articles.

CHEC lineman earns Associate Degree in Electric Lineman Technology

Jamie Midgett began employment with Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative (CHEC) in 2001. Since that time he has excelled in the educational programs offered through the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA) Lineman Apprentice Program and the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC) Electric Lineman Technology courses at Nash Community College, where he recently earned his Associate Degree. He was promoted to Lineman in February 2004.

Jamie enrolled at TVPPA in July 2001. He completed the agreed upon four correspondence courses and two on-site training courses in less than three years (February 2004), more than one year prior to the agreed-upon completion requirement of four years.

In 2002, Jamie was enrolled at Nash Community College through NCAEC to begin the Electric Lineman Technology program. Required courses for each lineman employed by North Carolina's electric cooperatives include indoor and outdoor training in overhead line construction, underground line construction and the National Electrical Safety Code. Jamie earned high scores while completing the required 65 college credits to earn his Associate Degree. He is one of nine linemen representing the electric co-ops in North Carolina who have earned their Associate Degree in Electric Linemen Technology. Additional courses required for the Associate Degree included line work, energy management, writing, math, critical thinking, computers and communication.



William "Jamie" Midgett receives his degree certificate from Nash Community College President Bill Carver.

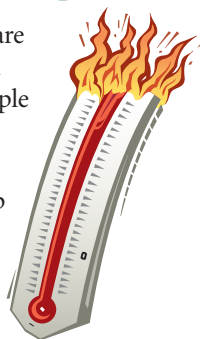
Jamie resides in Avon with his wife Amy, son Jadon and stepdaughters Olivia and Tonya Gray.

CHEC extends congratulations to Jamie for successfully earning his Associate Degree and for representing the co-op in an exemplary manner.

Energy efficiency tips for your summer savings

Though summer time is usually equated to leisure time, there are several measures you can take to save electricity. Each of us can make a difference to reduce energy usage by utilizing these simple suggestions:

- Keep doors and windows closed while the air conditioner is operating. Lock all windows to secure the closure and to stop incoming hot air drafts.
- Close blinds, curtains or shades on the windows where the sun shines directly into each room.
- Set the air conditioner thermostat at 78° F or higher.
- Do not close off unused rooms that are air-conditioned by forced-air systems.
- Set electric water heater thermostats no higher than 120° F.
- Limit shower time to 5-7 minutes.
- Wash clothes in cold water and only when there is a full load.
- Use microwaves or outside grills for cooking if possible to eliminate added stove/range heat.
- Run the dishwasher when fully loaded. Use the air-dry method instead of the heat-dry method.
- Use ceiling paddle fans on medium and blowing downward.
- Change HVAC filters monthly.
- Make sure return air grilles are not blocked by furniture or other solid objects and be sure the vents are cleaned regularly.
- When using the clothes dryer, dry consecutive loads to harvest heat remaining in dryer from the last load. Minimize drying time by using the moisture sensor on the dryer if available.



CHEC Bright Ideas teacher applicants

Submit your Bright Ideas application by August 17 to be eligible for the early bird drawing for a \$500 VISA gift card! Go to www.ncbrightideas.com to complete your application. Questions? Contact Anne Swain at annes@chec.coop or at 252-995-7083.



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