

# SEABOARD NOTES

2023 JANUARY - MARCH ISSUE

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.**      Closed All State Holidays and as posted.

In the event of bad weather Seaboard Town Hall will close on the same days as the Northampton County Offices

## ELECTED OFFICIALS, TERM OF OFFICE AND STAFF

<b>Mayor</b> - <b>Geraldine Langford</b> , 2021-2025	101 Coates Street	589-7941 (H); 326-3961 (C)
<b>Mayor Pro Tem &amp; Police Commissioner</b> , <b>Alfred W. Kwasikpui</b> , 2021-2025	P.O. Box 532	589-3071
<b>Parks &amp; Rec Commissioner</b> - <b>LaQuitia Barnes-Curry</b> 2021-2025	P.O. Box 616	589-0016
<b>Commissioner</b> - <b>Virginia Crocker-Nelson</b> 2019 - 2023	P.O. Box 213	589-7631
<b>Street Commissioner</b> - <b>George Jerman</b> , 2021-2025	P.O. Box 85	589-7491
<b>Water/Sewer Commissioner</b> - <b>Verlene Stephenson</b> , 2019-2023	P.O. Box 103	589-1521

**Town Clerk/Finance Officer** - Christine Bass (Interim)

**Public Works Director (PWD)** - Christine Bass

**Water/Sewer Billing Clerk & Tax Collector** - Barbara Moore

**Water and Sewer Technician 1** - Joseph Simonowich, Collin Clary, & Eddie Robinson

**Street Department** - Walter Newsome

## GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK: **GERALDINE JERMAN LANGFORD**

To God be the glory for all the wonderful things that He has done and allowed to happen in the Town of Seaboard. Hope everyone had a great holiday and I wish you a most prosperous New Year!

As you travel throughout town, please be careful as we are putting in new water lines. We are striving to make our water better for EVERYONE. At present we are working on Pine, Coates, and Broadnax Streets. We will continue over to South Second, Faison, Phillips, Jordan and West Church Streets.

The Town of Seaboard received Neighborhood Revitalization Grant funds from the North Carolina Department of Commerce in the amount of \$235,939.00. These funds will provide housing and public improvements for low- and moderate -income citizens. The town works diligently to acquire grants to better serve our citizens.

Special thanks to our Community Partners Enviva of Gaston and West Fraser of Seaboard. Mr. Chris Brown along with Steve Booher and Lauren Killian of Enviva donated turkeys to our senior citizens. Mr. Brown stated that "Our goal was to reach out to community leaders who had already identified individuals who might benefit from our outreach."

From West Fraser, Tevin Kee, Aaron Clark, Donna Futrell and Diana Dalton expressed that, "At West Fraser we love spreading good cheer. We recently did that by donating country hams and turkey breast to the senior citizens of Seaboard, NC. Thanks to Mayor Geraldine Langford for getting them distributed for us."

We are working together to support the needs of our citizens. Thanks to Enviva and West Fraser.

## Police Commissioner's Report

### **September 19, 2022-October 16, 2022**

Reports from the Northampton County Sheriff's Department for deputies assigned to the Town of Seaboard, pursuant to the Agreement for the Provision of Law Enforcement Services, for September 19, 2022-October 16, 2022, included 170 hours of preventative patrols; 61 security checks of local establishments, including the Seaboard Housing Authority and the Cedar Grove Apartments, and security for store closings; for 170 total hours of service. Specific law enforcement activities included performing a traffic stop and issuing a traffic infraction citation; investigating the larceny of personal property from a residence; assisting the Garysburg Police Dept. in responding to a shooting incident; assisting county units in responding to a call on the outskirts of Seaboard; assisting with the response to an alarm call at a business on the outskirts of town; assisting with a call in Severn; responding to an alarm call in town; and providing security for the Seaboard Community Day.

### **October 17, 2022-November 13, 2022**

Reports from the Northampton County Sheriff's Department for deputies assigned to the Town of Seaboard, pursuant to the Agreement for the Provision of Law Enforcement Services, for October 17, 2022-November 13, 2022, included 156 hours of preventative patrols; 40 security checks of local establishments, including the Seaboard Housing Authority and the Cedar Grove Apartments, and security for store closings; for 156 total hours of service. Specific law enforcement activities included: providing security for the monthly town food drive; responding to a reported in-progress breaking or entering call; responding to an alarm call; responding to an in-town vehicle collision, then turning the investigation over to a State Highway Patrol trooper; and responding to a larceny at a local business.

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*Correction to 2022 October—December Newsletter: Telephone number for JK's Old Town Car Wash should be (252) 883-1100*

## Fair Housing Act Notice

Housing discrimination isn't just unfair – it's against the law. If you feel that you've been denied the sale, rental, or financing of a home because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability, report it to HUD or your local fair housing center.

### Fair Housing Is Your Right. Use It.

Visit [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing) or call the HUD Hotline 1-800-669-9777 (English/Española)

1-800-927-9275 (TTY)

Any questions regarding fair housing in the Town of Seaboard should be addressed to Town of Seaboard, P.O. Box 327, Seaboard, NC 27876. You may call the Town Hall at (252) 589-5061 and ask for Christine Bass.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Seaboard Parks & Recreation Committee is busy preparing for a successful year in 2023! We ended 2022 with a PANCAKE DINNER in which we allowed our youth to show off their talent! If you didn't get an opportunity to see the beautiful artwork in 2022, be sure to be part of our 2023 Christmas Festivities! Attached you will find pictures of our 2022 Art Contest Winners. Special THANK YOU to all of our 2022 sponsors, visitors, and citizens for doing your part! If you would like to be part of the Town of Seaboard Parks & Recreation Committee contact Town Hall.

Easter is right around the corner - be on the lookout for our Kiddie Parade (depending upon registration) and our Egg Hunt. This year if you would like for your child (ren) to participate you MUST complete registration form at Town Hall.



## **INFORMATION FROM TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

The following highlights just some of the information from Seaboard Board Meetings.

**A copy of the approved Board Minutes may be obtained from Seaboard Town Hall for a fee.**

- The SCADA System has been installed to include the WWTP, West Fraser Lift Station, Mag Meter, NC 305 Sewer Lift Station, and the Pine Street Sewer Lift Station. The funds to cover this expansion were coming out of the ARPA Funds that were sent directly to the Town in two separate disbursements.
- The EDA WWTP Upgrade Project had begun and the contractors were currently putting the risers together for the spray field. The spray field would be completely operable, a generator will be installed, and a transfer pump will be located between lagoons 2 and 3 to help lower the levels in lagoons 1 and 2
- Ms. Bass said the \$4 Million ARPA Funds had been approved and were delegated to assist with the rehabilitation of the WWTP Storage Lagoon and more funding was currently being sought to help complete this process.
- Commissioner Stephenson said she received an email from Commissioner Kwasikpui asking if the Town currently tests for PFAS in our water system. She said the PFAS chemical is everywhere such as firefighting foam, stain resistant carpet, cleaning chemicals, and even in makeup. She said her first call was to PWD Bass, who called Environment 1, Inc. She said Environment 1, Inc. receives our monthly required water and sewer samples, performs the state required testing and supplies us with the results. She said that there is current discussion within the water industry as to testing for PFAS. She said the State of North Carolina does not test for PFAS as a requirement but may add this testing in the future.
- Commissioner Kwasikpui said that he met with Mason from MJ Price Construction reference to a quote to have the old school on Green Street demolished. He said the quote was needed so that we could investigate getting funding under a potential grant. He said Mason Price stated that the gym portion of the old school was still in good shape and could be rehabilitated to serve the citizens of Seaboard. Price said that it would cost between \$200,000 - \$300,000 to renovate the gym and that the remainder of the school needed to be torn down. Commissioner Kwasikpui said the potential uses for the gym could be used for our senior and children's activities or even town events.
- The town held a Public Hearing for all the citizens that would be affected by the NC 305 Widening Project. Commissioner Kwasikpui said the Mayor had reached out to NC Representative Michael Wray, to be placed in contact with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. He said they held this meeting with the engineers and the citizens so that everyone can be advised as to the scope of the proposed work and how far the widening will be coming into the town limits.

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### **Message from the Public Works Director**

Citizens we need to work with one another to keep our sewer system running and functioning properly. We need your help in making sure that your grease is placed in a can and thrown away in your garbage **not** down your drain. We have a very high amount of grease clogging up the sewer lift stations.

**Please help us help you by not pouring grease, fats, or oils down your sink or toilets**

**Please do not flush any type of wipes they do not break down as advertised.**

**Seaboard Town Board Meetings** are being held in person on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Seaboard Town Hall. Citizens are encouraged to attend. Face masks are recommended, but are not required.



### 2023 HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

New Year's Day	Monday – January 2, 2023 January 1, 2023 falls on Sunday
Martin Luther King Day	Monday - January 16, 2023
Good Friday	Friday – April 7, 2023
Memorial Day	Monday – May 29, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday – July 4, 2023
Liberation Day	Friday – July 7, 2023
Labor Day	Monday – September 4, 2023
Veterans Day	Friday – November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving	November 23 & 24, 2023 Thursday and Friday
Christmas	December 25, 26, & 27, 2023 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

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### **Newsletter Support Needed**

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### **Town Hall Meetings**

*2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.*  
*February 14th*  
*March 14th*  
*April 11th*  
*May 9th*



**Daylight Savings Time  
will begin at 2:00 a.m. on  
Sunday, March 12, 2023**



### **DEADLINE**

for articles for next

Newsletter is

**March 14, 2023**

**TOWN OF SEABOARD  
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**Seaboard Volunteer Fire Department**  
**108 W. Central, P. O. Box 101**  
**Seaboard, NC 27876**  
**252/589-7301**  
**Johnny Lassiter, Fire Chief**

**CALL CENTRAL DISPATCH FOR  
ALL POLICE CALLS AT  
252/574-1041 OR  
EMERGENCY CALLS DIAL  
9 - 1 - 1**

**THANKS to Our Volunteers**

Thanks to Mrs. Stephanie Hicks and volunteers who help decorate the flower boxes with Christmas decorations on Main and Clay Streets.



Paula Wilkins, Stephanie Hicks and Anthony Williams



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