

TOWN OF SEABOARD, NORTH CAROLINA

SEABOARD NOTES

SUMMER 2026 JULY—SEPTEMBER 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

Mayor - Tammy S. Buffaloe, 2025-2029 106 Harris Street, 252-858-9010 (H), 252- 919-710-7923 (C)
tasobuff@gmail.com

Mayor Pro Tem, Planning and Adjustment Commissioner

Dr. Carmelitia Coleman, 2023-2027

P.O. Box 266

404-822-0371(C)

Police Commissioner - Charles Barfield, 2025-2029 601 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 26 252- 532-6549 (C),
589-1096 (H)

Parks & Rec Commissioner - LaQuitia Barnes-Curry 2025-2029 P.O. Box 616 589-0016

Street Commissioner - George Jerman, 2025-2029 P.O. Box 85 589-7491

Water/Sewer Commissioner - Verlene Stephenson, 2023-2027 P.O. Box 103 589-1521

Town Clerk/Finance Officer - Kristi Hampton-Deida

Water/Sewer Billing Clerk & Tax Collector - Barshall Eley, Deputy Clerk

Water and Sewer Technician 1 - Joseph Simonowich, & Kevin Sampson; Water ORC - Collin Clary

Street Maintenance Technician II - Derrick Sykes; Street Department - Shade Johnson

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK: **CARMELITIA COLEMAN, ACTING MAYOR**

As we move through the summer months, I am excited about the opportunities ahead for our community to come together, celebrate, and continue building upon the strong sense of pride that makes Seaboard special.

We will kick off the season with our End of School Celebration at the end of June, recognizing the accomplishments of our students and wishing them a safe, enjoyable summer break. We hope families throughout the community will join us as we celebrate another successful school year.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for our Back-to-School Event in August, which will support students and families as they get ready for the new academic year. As summer transitions into fall, we will once again launch Paint the Town Pink, beginning with a community kickoff in September and continuing throughout October as we raise awareness and show support for those impacted by breast cancer.

October will also bring one of Seaboard's most anticipated traditions — Community Day. This event provides an opportunity for residents, businesses, churches, and community organizations to come together in celebration of our town and the people who make it such a wonderful place to live.

In addition, 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. While communities across the nation commemorate this historic milestone, we also pause to recognize its significance. It is a time to reflect on our nation's journey, honor those who have helped shape our history, and appreciate the role that small towns like Seaboard continue to play in the American story.

Additional details regarding these and other upcoming events will be shared as plans are finalized. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support, engagement, and commitment to our community. Together, we are building a strong future for Seaboard.

Town of Seaboard
Office of the Mayor

Police Report for Seaboard and Surrounding Area, Quarterly Report From**Police Commissioner Charles J. Barfield**

Greetings Seaboard Citizens: In my last report I explained how the Town of Seaboard contracts services from the Northampton County Sheriff's Office for our Law Enforcement needs. In addition, The County also provides Deputies who serve the Town as well, resulting in having two Officers on duty most of the time. These Officers answer calls, serve warrants and processes, respond to emergencies as needed, and perform all other Police duties. As a result, I always have two separate Police reports to file. The first report is for the Town contracted Deputies for the period of April 28th thru June 2nd, 2026, and is broken down into categories as follows: Security Checks-72, Store Escorts-15, Traffic Enforcement-4, Assisted in shooting in Garysburg -1, Disturbance calls-4, Breaking and Entering-1, Arrest-1, Warrants Served-1, Juvenile Arrest-1. Total number of Incidences-97, and the Total Patrol Hours were 112.

The second Report from the County supplied Deputies for the same time period is as follows: Stolen Property- 3, Break in, -3, Other-2, Stolen Copper-2, Vandalism-1, Larceny-1, Attempted Larceny-2, Arrested-1 for assault with a deadly weapon.

Community Watch

A citizen brought to our attention that she had camera footage of a young person on Jones Street trying to break and enter her shed while she was not home. The perpetrator in the video was wearing a hoodie over his head despite the weather being very hot that day. The next day a Juvenile fitting the same description, had stolen two vehicles from the area, was involved in a chase with Deputies and was subsequently caught as he crossed into Virginia. Name is withheld because of age.

As the weather has changed, expect a change resulting in higher activities, people staying out later at night, particularly youths. Take extra security measures and create more awareness. Persons overly dressed wearing hoodies in hot weather should be noted.

As always, remember **"See Something, Say Something"**

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Citizens may anonymously report information about crimes, including perpetrators or gunfire to the Northampton **County Crimestoppers Tip Line**. The Northampton County Crime Stoppers Tip Line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The Tip Line is : (252) 645-9026. You may also go to the website and click on the link at the top of the page to submit a tip or report a crime.

If information provided is helpful and leads to an arrest and the recovery of weapons, narcotics, stolen property, or the capture of a wanted fugitive, the person who gave the information could be eligible to receive a cash reward.

The Town of Seaboard partners with NCDAC to Improve Community and Support Offender Rehabilitation

The Town of Seaboard is proud to partner with the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction (NCDAC) through a work-release and community service program that benefits both our Town and participating offenders.

As part of this program, Town employees complete Custodial Agent training, allowing us to transport and supervise eligible offenders who are nearing the end of their sentences. These individuals are carefully selected by NCDAC and are provided opportunities to work on temporary assignments that support the Town of Seaboard.

The program was designed to help offenders successfully transition back into the workforce and prepare for life after incarceration. While working with the town, participants gain valuable job experience, develop positive work habits, and become reacquainted with the responsibilities and expectations of employment.

The work performed by these individuals assists the town in maintaining public spaces and completing projects that enhance the appearance and quality of our community. Their efforts contribute directly to making Seaboard a cleaner, safer, and more attractive place for residents and visitors alike.

As offenders demonstrate reliability and work readiness, NCDAC may place them into regular-paying jobs during the remainder of their incarceration. Earnings can be saved for their release, helping them establish financial stability, and in some cases, a portion of those earnings may be sent home to assist their families.

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to accountability, rehabilitation, and community improvement. By providing meaningful work opportunities, the Town of Seaboard and NCDAC are helping individuals prepare for successful reentry while giving back to the community they serve.

The Town of Seaboard appreciates the support of our citizens and remains committed to programs that strengthen our community while creating opportunities for positive change.

"This partnership demonstrates the Town of Seaboard's commitment to community improvement and positive rehabilitation opportunities. Through meaningful work experience, participants are able to develop valuable skills and prepare for success."

— Town of Seaboard

Welcome Our New Street Department Employee



The Town of Seaboard is pleased to welcome Shade Johnson as the newest member of our Street Department team.

Shade is a married father of four who brings many years of valuable work experience and dedication to public service. He recently retired from the North Carolina Department of Corrections where he began his career at the age of 20 and served faithfully throughout his professional life.

In addition to his strong work ethic, Shade has extensive knowledge and experience operating grass-cutting equipment, including lawn mowers and weed eaters, as well as a variety of hand and power tools. His skills and experience will be a great asset as he helps maintain and improve our community's streets, grounds, and public spaces.

Please join us in welcoming Shade to the Town of Seaboard team. We are excited to have him on board and look forward to his contributions to our community.

Welcome, Shade!

Thought for the Month

True service is not a burden, but a profound expression of purpose.

PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sat., June 27 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
End of Year Celebration for Students

Let's Get Jazzy with It!
Mr. Dre', T.R.A.P. STAR ORIGINALS, Guest Speaker
Seaboard Municipal Building



Sat., August 22 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Back to School Event
Seaboard Municipal Building

Sat, October 3 – 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Seaboard Community Day
This Ain't Our First Rodeo
Seaboard Community Park



Sat., October 31 – 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.
Trunk-a-Treat
Seaboard Municipal Building

For More Information Contact
Commissioner Laquitia Barnes- Curry
(252) 538-1824
Marla H. Jerman (252) 578-2417

STREET DEPARTMENT



Getting out and about in our town is a whole lot safer for everyone. In a remarkable teamwork, the Town of Seaboard, NC and No Limit Contractors, LLC joined forces to prioritize pedestrian safety. We are delighted to share with you that our **sidewalks** have been restored and are looking great!

Not only have our sidewalks been improved, but the **streets** are well lighted and many of them have been **repaired** throughout the town.

Let's rally together to express sincere gratitude to the Street Commissioner, George Jerman; Street Supervisor & Code Enforcement Officer, Derrick Sykes; Town Clerk, Kristi Hampton-Deida; Mayor Pro-Tem, Carmelita J. Coleman; and all of the devoted Town Commissioners for their outstanding dedication to ensure these endeavors are completed.

Community Partnership Saves Town Money

On Saturday, June 6, a cooperative effort between the Town of Seaboard and the Seaboard Fire Department proved to be a great success.

As part of an agreement made with Fire Chief Lassiter, the grass at the fire station was cut in exchange for the Fire Department assisting with the burning of limbs, leaves, and other vegetative debris at the town landfill. This partnership helped the town avoid the expense of having the material mulched and hauled away, resulting in significant cost savings for our community.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of the volunteer firefighters, both men and women, who donated their time and effort to make this project successful. Their willingness to serve beyond their normal duties demonstrates the strong community spirit that makes Seaboard a great place to live and work.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this project a success.

Derrick Sykes
Street Supervisor & Code Enforcement Officer

PLANNING AND ADJUSTMENT BOARD



William Overton was recently reappointed and sworn in at the May 5 Board Meeting by the Mayor Pro-Tem, Carmelitia Coleman, to the Planning and Adjustment Board. Congratulations are extended to Dr. Sonya E. Parker on her recent appointment to the Planning and Adjustment Board. She was affirmed on May 12, 2026, by Mayor Pro-Tem Coleman. Such ceremonies mark important transitions within the Board's leadership and the dedication of all is greatly appreciated. Robin Williams and Roy Cespedes are other Board members.

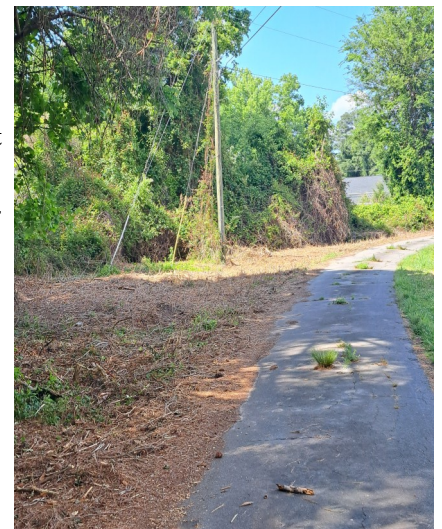
The Chairman of the Planning and Adjustment Board, Marla Jerman, expressed her sincere commendations and congratulations to fellow board members being reappointed. She offered her warm regards to the newly appointed member stating, "your dedication and expertise will undoubtedly be valuable assets to the Planning and Adjustment Board. We are confident that you will contribute significantly to the board's important work. This is a commendable achievement and we wish you the very best in your new role. Inclusively, we thank all of the Board members and leaders for your commitment to public service."

Pictured, Holding the Bible for William Overton is Commissioner George Jerman, and holding the Bible for Dr. Sonya Parker are her three children.

Getting the Job Done



A Seaboard public street leading to a private residence, was so overgrown with weeds and brush, that it was difficult for the residents and delivery vehicles to access the property. Our street department, under the leadership of Derrick Sykes, handled the problem. Clearing access on a Seaboard public street was part of the Town of Seaboard's responsibility.





Let's make Seaboard a Beautiful Place to live!

The Beautification Committee would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who joined us for our **Roots & Rhythm** event!

It was a wonderful evening of music, fellowship, and community spirit — and we're proud to share that we raised funds to support the **Town of Seaboard**.

We're excited to announce that **more activities are coming this year!** Details will be shared right here in the newsletter and on our **Facebook page**.



In **September**, we'll host our annual **Paint the Town Pink Celebration** in honor of **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**.

We'll be selling **T-shirts, ribbons, and pink porch lights**, all available for purchase at **Town Hall**.

All proceeds will go directly toward the **Beautification of Seaboard** — helping us keep our Town vibrant and welcoming.

GET INVOLVED

If you'd like to help make Seaboard an even more beautiful place to live, we invite you to **join our team!** The Beautification Committee meets **monthly on the first Thursday at Town Hall, 6:00 PM**. We'd love to see you there!



Work on the Town's wastewater infrastructure is in progress via two construction contracts. First, Bionomics cleaned and videoed 100% of our sewer lines. This helped identify where our problem areas were. Then, Bionomics relined some of our older lines. Metra Industries (home office: Little Falls, NJ) is performing work on sewer lines on Jones Street west of Washinton Street, Clay Street, West Church Street, Eastwood Street, Harris Street, Mark Street, Franklin Street, 1st Street between Park Street and Faison Street, and Park Street, east of Coates Street. Metra Industries is replacing and/or upgrading some of the service connections between the main line in the street and the line from the residence. They are also replacing some complete sewer lines on some streets. Metra's contract is in the amount of \$1,414,370.00. Work to date is approximately 25% complete. All work is expected to be completed by October of this year.

T.A. Loving Company (Goldsboro, NC) is performing work at the Town's wastewater treatment facility. The Town's treatment facility has the capability to treat 134,00 gallons per day. A new two cell effluent storage structure capable of holding approximately 7,500,00 gallons of treated wastewater is being constructed on land recently acquired by the Town on the east side of the existing wastewater treatment plant property. The effluent storage structure provides the Town with capability to store treated wastewater during periods of inclement weather when the Town is unable to operate its spray irrigation land disposal system. T.A. Loving's contract is in the amount of \$9,237,274.00 Work on T.A. Loving's contract is approximately 30% complete. Work is expected to be 100% completed by early January 2027.

If you have questions or concerns, contact the Water/Sewer Commissioner, Verlene Stephenson

Town Hall Meetings

2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

July 14th

August 11th

September 8

October 13

November 10



DEADLINE

for articles for next
Newsletter is
September 8, 2026

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SAY
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**REPORT
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
TO THE POLICE**

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Johnny Lassiter, Fire Chief

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

**TOWN OF SEABOARD POOL FILL UP
ADJUSTMENT POLICY**

- **Before filling your pool, please contact the Town Hall, so the Water Department can come out to your residence to read the meter before filling the pool and again to read after filling the pool.**
- **Only one pool filling adjustment is given per year for each address.**
- **The adjustment will be for the sewer portion.**
- **The customer pays for the amount of water used to fill the pool.**
- **If you are a water-only customer and fill your pool, you will not be eligible for an adjustment.**

Pool Adjustment forms are available at the Town Hall. If you have questions , please call 252/589-5061 or Email : stownhall @townofseboardnc.org

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