

# Chamber News



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## The New [www.outerbankschamber.com](http://www.outerbankschamber.com) Offers More Options For Members

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the all new [www.outerbankschamber.com](http://www.outerbankschamber.com) is now active offering members and visitors to the site more options than ever before.

The chamber's website committee has worked with three software vendors over the last few months to merge technologies with functionality for members and staff. Many new offerings are now active and others will be added over the next few months.

### Current New Features of the Site:

Members can request user names and passwords for numerous members of staff enabling the company to:

- Edit both personal and business profiles, addresses, phone numbers, business descriptions
- Members can now add google mapping service to their listing, logos, and other images
- Members can now add links to Myspace, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Other social media options are being added.
- Members can offer and update member to member business discounts to other members of the chamber
- Members can add and edit coupons and special offers for visitors
- Members can upload and edit their own

calendar of event items which are posted on the community calendar. A WordPad editor allows for control of font sizes, colors, images and bullets, allowing for sponsor recognition, poster uploads, and more details than before

- Members can upload and later return to edit press releases that will display on the chamber's member business page

In addition, there are new list server sign-up options allowing members to choose the type of information they receive from the chamber office. New options include: Chamber Business News & Invitations; Chamber Member Business to Business Discount Offers; Community Happenings; Economic Updates; Legislative Updates; SCAM Alerts; Technology Tips; Vacation Coupons, Discounts & Seasonal Offers; Visitor and Travel Information and Weather and Storm Alerts

The Chamber has also added the ease of on-line registration for events sponsored by the chamber. Beginning this Fall, members will be able to sign-up on-line for seminars, Chamber Business After Hours

and other events requiring payment or just the courtesy of an RSVP.

Ali Breaux of Sun Realty served as Chair of the Website Review Committee. Breaux says she is pleased with the progress the group has made this year and that efforts will continue to improve the site adding value and pride in being a member of the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce.

A number of new advertising and business directory listing enhancements are now available on the new site. For more information, contact Sara Keener at (252)441-8144, ext. 222 or [sara@outerbankschamber.com](mailto:sara@outerbankschamber.com)

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# Hatteras/Ocracoke Island Council Update:

By: Rose Vinci

The Hatteras/Ocracoke Island Council reports directly to the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Their goal is to bring the resources of the Chamber ever closer to our Islands. This summer has been a huge year for growth and awareness of the existence of the Council.

Membership is up more than it has been for Hatteras/Ocracoke businesses for many years. We welcome and appreciate all of the businesses and look forward to many more island businesses joining the chamber.

Every year the council brings a community event to the islands. This year's Pirate Festival is just one example. Grant funds have come from Hyde County and the event is scheduled for September 30 on Hatteras Island and October 1 for Ocracoke. As the date gets closer, more information will be published.

Saltwater Connections is the acting force bringing recognition, funds and consulting to our villages for improvements in all aspects. The reports are back from consulting done on the Tri-Villages and Avon; please consult the Saltwater Connections with any questions (252)728-1500.

The Scenic By-Ways project has been accepted by the transportation board and they are making contact with Dare County to move forward. Start-up is about 18 months out. The feasibility study is going on in Hatteras Village right now.

For the past 2 years the council has been designing a calendar to raise funds for a charitable cause. The deadline for this year's calendar orders were Friday, June 17. Maximum projected net proceeds are \$5,152. Wholesale price is \$3.95; retail is \$7.95. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to Ocracoke Child Care and FEPHI based upon artist participation and sales.

## July Technolgoy Tip:

Knowing what businesses have just "liked" your Facebook Business page

Many of you have found how to use your Facebook business page to "speak" as your business but wouldn't you like to know when another business "likes" your page? You can do so by clicking on the word "people like this" on your business page. Then in the upper right hand corner you will see the word "People" with a down arrow. Click on that and select "Pages" and it will show the business pages that "like" your business page. Make sure before you post on another business page that you are a "welcome interruption to their page", as we will cover in the Advanced Facebook class this fall.

Let me know how it works for you.

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## Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge Seeks Community Help in Sharing Buffalo City History

As a part of the interpretive and educational exhibits at the new Coastal NC National Wildlife Refuges Gateway Visitor Center, there will be a theater representative of the ol' General Store in historic Buffalo City. And, we need your help! Wilderness Graphics, the exhibits contractor based in Tallahassee, Florida, is in need of artifacts and photos depicting life in Dare County during the days when Buffalo City was a thriving town. Photos will be copied and returned. If you have artifacts, we would love to borrow them or accept them as donations! If you have something for us to consider, please contact Martha Howell at 252-475-1117 or [manteomartha@hotmail.com](mailto:manteomartha@hotmail.com). (Dare Forest Store Co. photo taken in Buffalo City courtesy of the Outer Banks History Center).



# Welcome To New Chamber Members....

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## SAVE THE DATE....

The 2011 Outer Banks  
Chamber of Commerce  
Annual Meeting & Awards  
Dinner Will be Held

October 12, 2011  
at the  
Hilton Garden Inn,  
Kitty Hawk

*More details to follow.*



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## Chamber Ribbon Cuttings are Co-Sponsored By: *Coca-Cola Outer Banks*

### ACE Opens in Grandy

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce joined the Currituck Chamber in celebrating the Grand Opening of ACE Hardware's Grandy Store. Following a welcome from Currituck Chamber's President Josh Bass and the introduction and welcome from ACE Hardware's Ray Evans the ribbon was cut and the store was officially open. Many members from both chambers, friends, family members and well-wishers attended. The Outer Banks Chamber Board Member Kenny Pekrun attended along with Outer Banks Chamber Ambassadors representing Comfort Inn Oceanfront Kill Devil Hills, The Virginian-Pilot, GR Little Insurance, BB&T, Bank of the Commonwealth, Gateway Bank and OBX Bank. BJ's Carolina Café & Catering catered a lunch following the ceremony.



### Amber's Crafts Opens in Nags Head

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting and grand opening on July 14, 2011 for Amber's Crafts located in Nags Head's Surf Side Plaza. Owner Amy Higgins opened this business recently because she found a specific need on the Outer Banks soon after moving here from Richmond with her daughter, Amber. Amy found there was no store supplying an array of art and craft supplies along with in-house craft classes that were also affordable. She is now open 6 days a week offering craft classes, a place for children's birthday parties, and a place for children to demonstrate their creative side along with the supplies. Amy had hoped to bring the love of arts and crafts to children but has discovered that the children have taught her much. The look on their faces when they complete their project is reward enough. Joining Amy and daughter Amber were sister-in-law Eli Drake, family from Suffolk, Outer Banks Chamber Board member Barb Connery, SCORE Counselor Bill Wheeler and Chamber Ambassadors representing Charter Business, BB&T, Re/Max Sun and Sea Team, Outer Banks Realtor Association, RBC Bank, Everything Outer Banks.com, The Beach Book and OBX Bank.

### New Home Care Service

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce and The Currituck Chamber of Commerce co-hosted a ribbon cutting for Outer Banks Home Care in Powell's Point on Wednesday, July 12, 2011. They are a Christian-based, family-owned company offering in-home aide where it is needed on both a part-time or full-time basis. Owners Tom, Peggy and Jeff O'Brien founded this organization to fill the need for their specialized in-home services in Camden, Currituck, Dare, Tyrrell, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties. All Certified Nursing Assistants, In-Home Aides and Companion Sitters employed complete a thorough orientation/in-service to help them become extraordinary professionals. Periodic quality assurance visits to the homes are conducted frequently. Assisting with this ceremony were Pastor Matt Dixon; Agency Director, Donna Gaines; Nora Thibodaux, Staffing Coordinator; The O'Brien family, Outer Banks Chamber President and CEO, John Bone; Currituck Chamber President, Josh Bass along with several Currituck Commissioners; SCORE Counselor Howard Miller and members from both chambers.



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### Painted Pelican Now Open in Kitty Hawk

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for new business, The Painted Pelican on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. Owner Amy Marshall opened this business on April 1 with a location next to the good life gourmet in Kitty Hawk. Her store provides a unique array of eclectic items for both home and garden, as well as original artwork, prints and jewelry. Joining Amy for the event were friends Donna and Mike Hunter, Chamber Board Member Dee McManus and Chamber Ambassadors representing Charter Business, Comfort Inn Oceanfront in Kill Devil Hills, BB&T, Kellogg-Morgan Insurance Agency, Everything Outer Banks.com, OBX Bank, RBC Bank, The Beach Book and Wells Fargo.



## OBXmas Weekends To Focus on Off-Season Offerings

The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau and the Outer Banks Chamber are working on a holiday promotion called OBXmas Weekends.

OBXmas Weekends is a new promotion highlighting Outer Banks holiday events, running Thanksgiving weekend through Christmas weekend, and highlighting the weekends in between.

The idea is to drive visitation during the holiday season and "feature" a different area of the Outer Banks each weekend, a holiday progressive, giving people several opportunities to visit and reasons to come back.

Most of the events are things that are already happening, but we are also hoping this promotion will encourage additional activities to occur, building around the "anchor" events in each area. The Tourism Board has dedicated some special project funding to assist with event development.

We believe, especially over time, OBXmas Weekends has the potential to become a significant draw for our area. Plus, it's just a great way for locals to enjoy all the area has to offer during the holidays.

The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau and the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce welcome your involvement in helping to plan or promote OBXmas Weekends events in your town or village. **Please let us know if you're interested, by contacting Lorrie Love at [love@outerbanks.org](mailto:love@outerbanks.org) or Angie Brady Daniels at [angiebd@outerbankschamber.com](mailto:angiebd@outerbankschamber.com). Discount offers and event listings will be included and promoted on the websites of both agencies.**

*Pictured: Joe Veneto, "The Opportunity Guy" worked with representatives from the Outer Banks community to brainstorm travel packaging for OBXmas weekends Friday, July 15, 2011 at the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce office in Kill Devil Hills.*



The Chamber Ambassador Program is Sponsored by:



## Individual Ambassador of the Month: Rich Rollason

Congratulations to Rich Rollason, a Home Mortgage Consultant with Wells Fargo, 3118 N. Croatan Highway, Kill Devil Hills. He is past chair of the Chamber's Reverse Raffle Committee and helped sell tickets for this year's event. He loves being part of the Outer Banks community and is pictured here with Chip Hedenburg and John Bloom of Charter Business, sponsor of the Chamber Ambassador program.

Rich Rollason  
Home Mortgage Consultant  
Office: 252-441-7610 Ext.1011



## OBX Bank Named Ambassador Team of the Month

Congratulations to OBX Bank, the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Team of the Month. Team members are pictured with John Bloom of Charter Business. Left to right: Phyllis Neal, Dee McManus, Kaye Jones, Margaret Wells and Penny Bentley. The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce Ambassador program is an outreach of volunteers who give of their time and energy to recruiting new businesses to the chamber, welcoming new members at Chamber Ribbon Cutting Celebrations and Business After Hours, and volunteering throughout the year to work chamber fundraising events. Charter Business is the new corporate sponsor of the Chamber Ambassador Program. Pictured with OBX Bank are Chip Hedenburg (far left) and John Bloom (far right), representing Charter Business.



## Our Chamber Ambassadors Care

Outer Banks Chamber Ambassadors participated in the Outer Banks Relief Foundation's Christmas in July by wearing red noses to show they cared at their June meeting.

Pictured left to right: Tyler Booth, John Bloom, Chip Hedenburg, Rich Rollason, Cheryl Lungren, Leslie Kappes, and Renate Macchirole.



# Economic Indicators

## Dare County Building Permit Values

	# of Permits 2010	Permit Values 2010	# of Permits 2011	Permit Values 2011	Value Variance 2010-11	Value Percent Change	Value Yr. to Date 2010
Jan	221	5,315,535	394	7,496,430	2,180,895	41.03%	5,315,535
Feb	253	6,957,278	235	10,091,737	3,134,459	45.05%	12,272,813
Mar	339	9,517,169	324	9,567,503	50,334	0.53%	21,789,982
Apr	381	5,661,730	297	7,514,044	1,852,314	32.72%	27,451,712
May	335	7,057,944	359	9,168,320	2,110,376	29.90%	34,509,656
Jun	342	9,146,818	386	7,497,577	-1,649,241	-18.03%	43,656,474
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>43,656,474</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>51,335,611</b>	<b>7,679,137</b>	<b>17.59%</b>	<b>43,656,474</b>

## Dare County Land Transfer Collections

	2009	2010	Variance 2009-10	Percent Change	2011	Variance 2010-11	Percent Change
Jan	205,555	327,126	121,571	59.14%	263,021	-64,105	-19.60%
Feb	267,085	264,691	-2,394	-0.90%	303,579	38,888	14.69%
Mar	259,517	376,577	117,060	45.11%	426,532	49,955	13.27%
Apr	320,812	437,614	116,802	36.41%	354,254	-83,360	-19.05%
May	339,579	461,424	121,845	35.88%	444,108	-17,316	-3.75%
Jun	468,619	466,645	-1,974	-0.42%	446,645	-20,000	-4.29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,861,167</b>	<b>2,334,077</b>	<b>472,910</b>	<b>25.41%</b>	<b>2,238,139</b>	<b>-95,938</b>	<b>-4.11%</b>

## Dare County Gross Collections on Retail Sales

	2010	2011	Variance 2010-11	Percent Change	Yr. To Date 2010
Jan	2,211,886	2,536,405	324,519	14.67%	2,211,886
Feb	1,992,258	2,163,975	171,717	8.62%	4,204,144
Mar	1,979,027	2,227,982	248,955	12.58%	6,183,171
Apr	2,632,117	2,872,741	240,624	9.14%	8,815,288
May	3,993,653	4,324,803	331,150	8.29%	12,808,941
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,808,941</b>	<b>14,125,906</b>	<b>1,316,965</b>	<b>10.28%</b>	<b>12,808,941</b>

## Dare County Occupancy Receipts

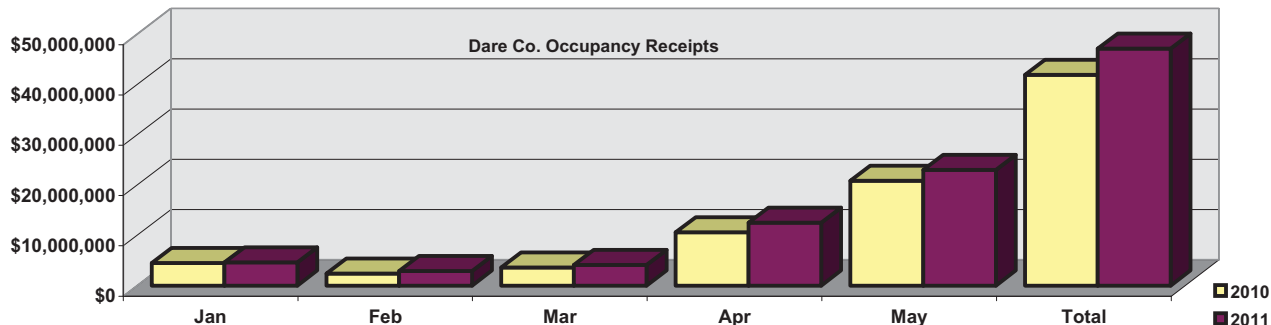
	2010	2011	Variance 2010-11	Percent Change	Yr. to Date 2010
Jan	4,494,306	4,628,765	134,459	2.99%	4,494,306
Feb	2,386,002	2,878,117	492,115	20.63%	6,880,308
Mar	3,572,289	4,090,156	517,867	14.50%	10,452,597
Apr	10,593,724	12,489,121	1,895,397	17.89%	21,046,321
May	20,819,112	23,011,015	2,191,903	10.53%	41,865,433
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,865,433</b>	<b>47,097,174</b>	<b>5,231,741</b>	<b>12.50%</b>	<b>41,865,433</b>

5 wknds in Jan '10  
 5 wknds in Jan '11  
 Easter 4/04/10  
 Easter 4/24/11

## Dare County Food and Beverage Receipts

	2010	2011	Variance 2010-11	Percent Change	Yr. to Date 2010
Jan	4,946,077	5,149,079	203,002	4.10%	4,946,077
Feb	5,306,714	5,600,305	293,591	5.53%	10,252,791
Mar	7,944,634	8,342,477	397,843	5.01%	18,197,425
Apr	12,643,388	13,937,220	1,293,832	10.23%	30,840,813
May	17,420,030	17,884,885	464,855	2.67%	48,260,843
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,260,843</b>	<b>50,913,966</b>	<b>2,653,123</b>	<b>5.50%</b>	<b>48,260,843</b>

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## Currituck County Gross Collections on Retail Sales

	2010	2011	Variance 2010-11	Percent Change	Yr. to Date 2010
Jan	628,100	663,182	35,082	5.59%	628,100
Feb	548,547	601,647	53,100	9.68%	1,176,647
Mar	558,362	540,686	-17,676	-3.17%	1,735,009
Apr	746,020	683,253	-62,767	-8.41%	2,481,029
May	1,062,598	1,121,095	58,497	5.51%	3,543,627
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,543,627</b>	<b>3,609,863</b>	<b>66,236</b>	<b>1.87%</b>	<b>3,543,627</b>

## Currituck County Land Transfer Receipts

	2009	2010	Variance 2009-10	Percent Change	2011	Variance 2010-11	Percent Change
Jan	74,558	313,959	239,401	321.09%	137,345	-176,614	-56.25%
Feb	67,201	131,946	64,745	96.35%	144,668	12,722	9.64%
Mar	163,491	186,896	23,405	14.32%	181,329	-5,567	-2.98%
<b>Total</b>	<b>305,250</b>	<b>632,801</b>	<b>327,551</b>	<b>107.31%</b>	<b>463,342</b>	<b>-169,459</b>	<b>-26.78%</b>

## Currituck County Occupancy Tax Collections

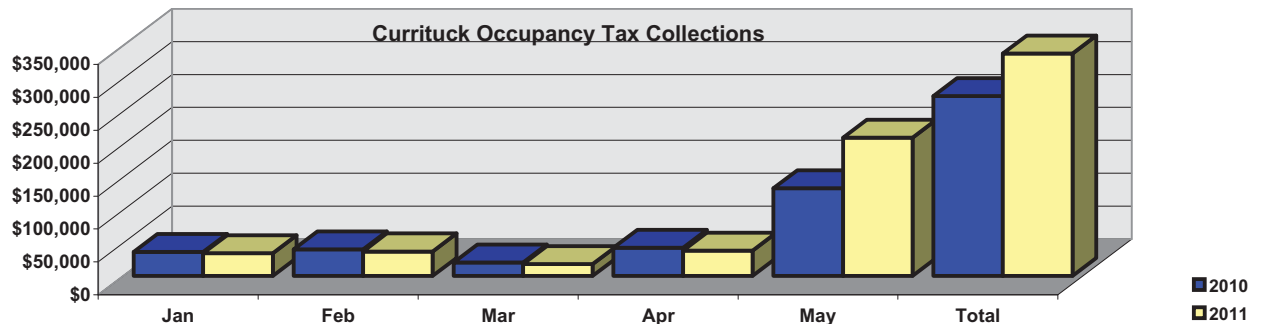
	2010	2011	Variance 2010-11	Percent Change	Yr. to Date 2010
Jan	36,559	34,339	-2,220	-6.07%	36,559
Feb	40,372	37,153	-3,219	-7.97%	76,931
Mar	20,440	18,040	-2,400	-11.74%	97,371
Apr	42,738	38,397	-4,341	-10.16%	140,109
May	133,097	209,892	76,795	57.70%	273,206
<b>Total</b>	<b>273,206</b>	<b>337,821</b>	<b>64,615</b>	<b>23.65%</b>	<b>273,206</b>

## Currituck New Residential Construction Permit Values

	# of Permits 2010	Permit Values 2010	# of Permits 2011	Permit Values 2011	Value Variance 2010-11	Value Percent Change	Value Yr. to Date 2010
Jan	9	3,220,213	10	2,120,700	-1,099,513	-34.14%	3,220,213
Feb	6	1,931,650	9	1,945,000	13,350	0.69%	5,151,863
Mar	18	4,790,290	14	4,988,245	197,955	4.13%	9,942,153
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9,942,153</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9,053,945</b>	<b>-888,208</b>	<b>-8.93%</b>	<b>9,942,153</b>

## Hyde County Gross Collections on Retail Sales

	2010	2011	Variance 2010-11	Percent Change	Yr. To Date 2010
Jan	98,455	128,010	29,555	30.02%	98,455
Feb	88,313	98,574	10,261	11.62%	186,768
Mar	114,668	87,793	-26,875	-23.44%	301,436
Apr	111,672	119,992	8,320	7.45%	413,108
May	208,385	260,308	51,923	24.92%	621,493
<b>Total</b>	<b>621,493</b>	<b>694,677</b>	<b>73,184</b>	<b>11.78%</b>	<b>621,493</b>



*Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates  
March thru May, 2011*

	<i>Mar 2011</i>	<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	<i>Mar 2010</i>	<i>Annual Change</i>
<i>United States</i>	8.8		9.7	-0.9
<i>North Carolina</i>	9.7	9.7	11.3	-1.6
<i>Currituck County</i>	6.7	7.8	7.6	-0.9
<i>Dare County</i>	10.2	15.3	10.4	-0.2
<i>Hyde County</i>	7.7	11.0	7.9	-0.2

	<i>Apr 2011</i>	<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	<i>Apr 2010</i>	<i>Annual Change</i>
<i>United States</i>	9.0		9.8	-0.8
<i>North Carolina</i>	9.7	9.5	11.1	-1.4
<i>Currituck County</i>	5.9	5.6	6.7	-0.8
<i>Dare County</i>	11.1	10.6	10.8	0.3
<i>Hyde County</i>	8.6	8.5	8.3	0.3

	<i>May 2011</i>	<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	<i>May 2010</i>	<i>Annual Change</i>
<i>United States</i>	9.1		9.6	-0.5
<i>North Carolina</i>	9.7	9.7	10.8	-1.1
<i>Currituck County</i>	6.7	5.6	7.2	-0.5
<i>Dare County</i>	10.9	9.1	10.7	0.2
<i>Hyde County</i>	8.6	7.2	8.1	0.5

Seasonal adjustment removes the seasonal variations in the data, leaving fluctuations that are the result of the economic (structural and cyclical) changes in the economy. The US and North Carolina rates are seasonally adjusted by the US Department of Labor, while the county rates are seasonally adjusted by the [ECU Bureau of Business Research](#).



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# Chamber Board Nominations Presented:

In accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the constitution and by-laws of the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce, a Nominating Committee was appointed by Robin Mann, Chair of the Chamber. This Committee met and has brought forward the following list of nominees to serve for a three year term on the Chamber Board of Directors:

Larry Barker of Southern Insurance Agency

James Charlet of Chicamacomico Life Saving Station

Tom Haddon of Haddon Homes, Inc.

Bob Peele of Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park

Maylon White of the N.C. Aquarium on Roanoke Island

Jo Whitehead of Awful Arthur's Oyster Bar

The constitution further provides in Article V, Section 2-C, that names of candidates for director can be nominated by petitions bearing the genuine signature of at least twenty-five (25) members of the Chamber. Such petitions shall be filed with the Nominating Committee within ten (10) days after notice has been given of the names of those nominated. The determination of the Nominating Committee as to the legality of the petitions shall be final.

If no petition is filed within the designated period, the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate of six (6) candidates shall be declared elected by the Board of Directors at their regular July meeting. If a legal petition shall present additional candidates, the names of all candidates shall be arranged on a ballot in alphabetical order. Instructions will be to vote for six (6). Identifications shall be made on the ballot of those candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee.

## Chamber Membership Drive Continues

Bella Boutique in Avon is one of the newest members of the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce from Hatteras Island. Owner Michelle Palazzolo joined the chamber Thursday, July 7, 2011. Bella's offers clothing, shoes, handbags, sunglasses, jewelry, perfume, bath products, nail polish, and tanning supplies for the residents and visitors of Hatteras Island.

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce's Annual Membership Drive is underway now through September 30, 2011.

If you know someone who has just opened a business or has been around a while and just never joined our organization, please call Sara at (252)441-8144 or e-mail your leads to [sara@outerbankschamber.com](mailto:sara@outerbankschamber.com)



**Mark Your Calendar...Chamber Member Social  
September 28, 2011 at Jennette's Pier, Nags Head.**

# Be Part Of These Upcoming Events....

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce is Planning Two Major Events in September 2011. These events are:



**Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament  
September 28, 2011 - Nags Head Golf Links**

12 pm Shotgun Start  
Nags Head Golf Links

*and*

## **The Chamber Membership Social**

September 28, 2011

5:30-8:30 pm

Jennette's Pier, Nags Head

Partners and Volunteers Are Needed For These Events!

### **You can participate by:**

- Serving on a committee to help solicit sponsors for the golf tournament
  - Donating cash or prizes
  - Donating food and beverage items
  - Helping solicit donations for the Auction
- Working the events as greeters, entertainers, auction volunteers

### **Chairs For These Events Are:**

CenturyLink on the Links, Powered By Dex Golf Tournament -  
Margaret Wells, Monica McOwen & Mike Pringle

Membership Social -  
Mike Fulton & Kellye Brill

If you can help, please contact one of the committee chairs  
above or staff member Angie Brady-Daniels  
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The Reason We are 1,000 Members Strong!**





## Out and About

July 22 Marketing Committee Mtg, 8:30 am  
Health & Wellness Expo Mtg, 12 pm  
July 25 Healthy Carolinians Mtg, 9 am  
July 27 Board of Directors Mtg 8:30 am  
Smile for a Lifetime Mtg., 12 pm  
July 28 Seafood Festival Commttee Mtg, 8:00 am  
Balanced Act Ribbon Cutting, 9 am,  
Chamber Office  
Aug 4 Birthday Suits Ribbon Cutting, 4:30 pm  
Aug 5 Executive Committee – 3:00 pm  
Aug 11 CFI Board Mtg 8:30 am  
Aug 16 Ambassador Meeting 8:30 am  
Aug 17 Hatteras/Ocracoke Council 10:15 am,  
Hatteras Realty Office, Avon  
Aug 24 Board of Directors Mtg 8:30 am  
Sept 8 CFI Board Mtg 8:30 am  
Sept 13 The Brine & Bottle RC, 4:30 pm  
Sept 20 Ambassador Meeting 8:30 am  
Sept 21 Hatteras/Ocracoke Council 10:15 am  
Sept 27 Board of Directors Meeting 8:30 am  
Sept 28 CenturyLink on the Links,  
Powered by Dex Golf Tournament  
Nags Head Golf Links, 12 Noon  
Membership Social, 5:30 pm, Jennette's Pier

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