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Welcome back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter. Sorry that we missed you in July but we have been pretty busy this summer. We have been doing our best to make sure that we all have a safe and happy summer by monitoring traffic and patrolling the beaches. Before you know it, school will be back in so enjoy the last few weeks of the season and as always, please do not hesitate to call us at 252-261-3331 or e-mail us at infpd@southernshores-nc.gov with questions, suggestions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support of the Police Department and, as always, we look forward to hearing from you!



Lock It Up!



Did you know that the majority of property crimes that occur in our area are due to door and windows being left unsecured? The Outer Banks is lucky in that, compared to a lot of tourist communities, we have a relatively low crime rate. However, that does not mean we are free from crime. The number of incidents pertaining to theft of property from residences and vehicles would be greatly reduced if you would take a few moments and remember to lock your doors. Most people think, "I'll only be gone a few minutes" or "I'm just going down to the beach" but a moment is all it takes for someone to reach inside your car window or open up your front door and take your purse, wallet, etc. We don't want you to be trapped; we just want you to feel secure knowing that your things are safe behind locked



Red Flags Mean Danger!!



The Outer Banks has been lucky so far this year in terms of hurricanes or other serious storms. What storms there have been have largely passed us by and while we may not take a direct hit, we still feel the effects of these weather systems mainly in the form of strong currents and undertow and rip tides. We provided some information in our last newsletter on rip tides, how to identify them and how to get out if caught in one. But ideally, we should avoid the dangers of rip tides altogether by staying out of the water and not swimming where you suspect a rip tide to be. We have professionally trained ocean rescue services up and down the beach which know how to determine when surf conditions are dangerous and warn us by posting up red flags along the beach front. When the red flags are posted, everyone should stay out of the water. This is not just a suggestion but is enforceable by town code. Yes, you can be issued a citation for ignoring the red flags. The goal is not to punish anyone or to ruin anyone's vacation. When you ignore the advice of the lifeguards, you put not only yourself at risk but anyone who responds to help you in the event that you get into trouble is at risk as well. Recently the ocean rescue services performed a multitude of rescues due to rip tides caused by Tropical Storm Cristobal. Unfortunately, not everyone made it back safely. So please, when the red flags are flying, observe the ocean in all its savage beauty but find some fun beach activities on dry land.



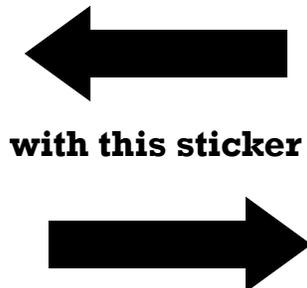


Still Confused About Parking?

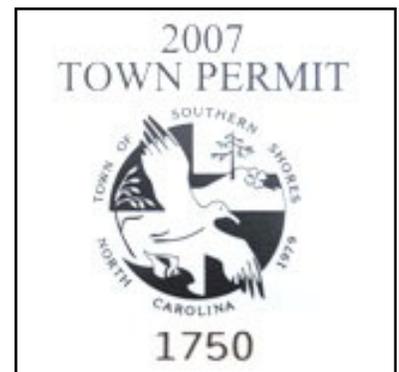
Parking in Southern Shores can be somewhat confusing with all of the stickers and passes there are to choose from. And then you have to know which properties belong to whom. The Police Department can provide you with a beautiful color coded map of the parking areas with a detailed explanation of the parking ordinance. This is important information for residents and property owners as we often hear that someone has gotten a parking ticket because the property owner did not properly explain where they could park with the pass they were given. Keep in mind that the Town of Southern Shores does not provide parking for guests. Town parking is for residents and property owners **ONLY**. Therefore, guest passes are not valid for town owned parking areas. There is some great confusion concerning parking in Chichahauk. The map above shows the town owned Chichahauk parking lot in blue. That is for residents and property owners **ONLY**. The area marked in red is the parking lot owned by the Chichahauk Property Homeowners Association and is lot that guests should use with the proper pass. The entrance to the parking lot is highlighted by the red arrow. Please share this information with your guests so they don't fall victim to a \$50.00 fine.



You may ONLY park in areas marked by this sign



with this sticker



June Stats

Incident/Investigation - 18

B&E - 1

Larceny - 8

Damage to Prop - 5

All Other - 5

Arrests - 2

Accidents - 8

Citations - 78

Speeding - 19

Seat Belt - 16

Stop Sign/Red Light - 12

All Other - 31

Warnings - 45

Speeding - 18

Seat Belt - 7

All Other - 20

Ordinance Violations - 114

Improper/No pass - 104

Park in Restricted area - 5

All Other - 5

Did You Know?

- The first modern handcuffs that used adjustable ratchets were patented in 1862.
- The telephone came into use in Washington, DC precinct houses in 1878.
- Detroit police began using the one-way radio in 1928.
- Boston police began using the two-way radio in 1934.
- Radar was introduced to traffic law enforcement in 1948.
- AT&T established the special number "911" for emergency calls in 1968.
- The first computer aided dispatch was installed in the St. Louis Police Department in the 1960s.



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Famous Quotes

"I have gained this by philosophy: that I do without being commanded what others do only from fear of the law." - Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)



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Through Integrity*

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From the desk of...

Well, summer is definitely here. Our Officers have been busy with many things, some worthy of noting are strict enforcement on South Dogwood, Hickory, Hillcrest and NC 12. We have also been saturating the "cut through" streets with extra patrols, enforcing speed and stop sign ordinances. This takes a great deal of extra manpower which means that some other duties take a back seat. Our Community Resource Officer has helped tremendously with parking enforcement allowing officers to spend more time on the above mentioned duties. Our boat has experienced mechanical problems; this year it broke down on 4th of July weekend and we are still awaiting its repair. We attempted to place the boat back in the water last weekend after having it repaired only to find that it's still not operational. Fortunately, we haven't had much call for it but don't worry, we'll have it back out there as soon as we can. The summer isn't over yet!

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