# MAY 2020



#### **Lower Cape Fear UCC**

### A message from our Executive Director

- NC811 will be keeping our workforce "at home" through May. Will re-evaluate as we get closer to June.
- Definite increase in homeowner activity: We are even seeing a doubling of requests on some days over last year.
- Currently working to create a pass-through Single Address Ticket when the maps match the excavation request. Hoping to release by end of June.



Louis Panzer



- Clear away any dead weeds or leaves from planter boxes and gardening areas.
- Add fresh soil and amendments to garden and landscaped areas.
- Trim and prune trees and shrubs to encourage growth and eliminate an untidy appearance. If tree trimming is new territory for you, seek the help of your neighborhood gardening enthusiast; they will be glad to offer advice.

# Outdoor Spring Cleaning Tips

- Give the grill a thorough scrubbing and refill or replace propane tanks if required.
- Clear out debris from gutters. Plan on spending extra time here, especially if nearby tree leaves tend to collect there.
- Hose down or power wash your home's exterior and doors; touch up the paint where needed as well.
- Wash window and door tracks.
- Clean outside light fixtures and replace light bulbs with energy-efficient bulbs.
- Check hoses for cracks and leaks; store on a decorative hose holder to prevent damage while adding a nice accent to your outdoor space.
- Give a critical eye to retaining walls, driveways, sidewalks and outdoor furniture for damage.

# **CRITTER CONTROL**

With the warm weather comes lots of critters! As we start spending more time outdoors, we have a higher chance of coming into contact with many animals and insects. While some are not much more than annoying, others can cause serious problems. We have compiled some information on how to stay safe from harm from 3 offenders-snakes, ticks, and mosquitoes.







# **SNAKES**



- First and foremost-leave snakes alone! Most snake bites occur when people try to pick up or kill a snake. If you see a snake, back up and slowly move away. Let the snake continue on its path.
- Wear boots and gloves. Don't reach your arm or hand into an area you cannot see.
- Don't attract snakes to your yard. Snakes like fallen tree limbs, debris piles, wood piles, etc. Keeping these areas to a minimum may deter snakes from setting up camp your yard.
- If you do get bitten, seek help immediately. Try to remain calm and keep the wound lower than your heart. Any details you can remember about the snake, especially the head shape and color, will help you get the most accurate treatment.



# TICKS

- When you spend time outside camping, gardening, hiking, or just playing, you may be exposed to ticks. Ticks thrive in the woods and tall grasses and weeds. They can transmit diseases and cause serious illness.
- Prior to going outside, you should use a proper tick repellent. You can also treat your clothing and equipment with tick repellent. Be sure to follow safety rules when using repellent on young children and babies.
- Wearing long sleeves and long pants can minimize exposure. Tucking pant legs into your shoes also helps. Upon returning indoors, check your body and clothing for ticks. Shower or bathe as soon as possible.
- If you find a tick, make sure you remove it properly. Never twist or jerk the tick when trying to remove it. Contact a physician if you notice any signs or symptoms of illness, such as a rash or fever.

# MOSQUITOES



While most mosquito bites are just annoying and itchy, some mosquitoes can carry and transmit diseases. The best way to avoid mosquitoes is to wear repellent! When choosing a repellent, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends choosing one with one of the following active ingredients:

- DEET
- Picaridin
- IR3535
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE)
- Para-menthane-diol (PMD)
- 2-undecanone

Cover your skin to reduce exposure. Keep mosquitoes out of your home by closing doors and windows or having screens in place. Consider having your yard treated professionally with mosquito repellent or do it yourself! Mosquitoes love water, so eliminate sources of standing water in your yard.







#### Locators, be sure to identify the facility operator who owns the line being marked.

See the Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Act section 87-121 (1a) for marking identity info

#### NORTH CAROLINA 811 DATA

Locate requests, transmissions, county ticket volume and distribution



#### LOCATE REQUESTS & TRANSMISSIONS FOR ALL OF NC



#### TICKETS

2020: 178,989

2019: 202,893

Difference: -11.8%

#### TRANSMISSIONS

2020: 1,019,236 2019: 1,087,162 Difference: -6.2% l dig, you dig, we dig, he dig, she dig, they dig....

It's not a beautiful poem, but it's very deep.



#### TICKETS

2020: 693,682 2019: 755,120 Difference: -8.1%

#### TRANSMISSIONS

2020: 4,005,100 2019: 4,091,671 Difference: -2.1%

2020 stats compared with 2019

		Type Ticket					
New Hanover	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets	
201	9 178	68	3322	96	1572	5236	
202	74	39	2780	75	922	3890	
+/- Var	-58.4%	-42.6%	-16.3%	-21.9%	-41.3%	-25.7%	
		Av	g Locate	es per D	ау	177	

2020 stats compared with 2019

				Type Ticket				
Bru	ınswick		3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets
		2019	74	49	3257	74	898	4352
		2020	54	36	2879	79	466	3514
	+/- Var		-27.0%	-26.5%	-11.6%	6.8%	-48.1%	-19.3%
				Av	g Locate	es per D	ay	160

2020 stats compared with 2019

			Type Ticket				
	Pender	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets
	2019	30	12	979	32	198	1251
	2020	23	12	1000	53	192	1280
	+/- Var	-23.3%	0.0%	2.1%	65.6%	-3.0%	2.3%
1		Avg Locates per Day 58					

YTD stats compared with previous year

			Type Ticket				
New Hanover		3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets
	2019	737	326	13179	387	6200	20829
	2020	400	137	10832	337	4471	16177
+/- Var		-45.7%	-58.0%	-17.8%	-12.9%	-27.9%	-22.3%
		Avg Locates per Day 188					

YTD stats compared with previous year

		Type Ticket					
Brunswick	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets	
201	9 260	170	12452	299	3282	16463	
202	0 227	115	10997	256	1744	13339	
+/- Var	-12.7%	-32.4%	-11.7%	-14.4%	-46.9%	-19.0%	
		Avg Locates per Day 155					

YTD stats compared with previous year

		Type Ticket				
Pender	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets
2019	49	33	3474	96	974	4626
2020	94	58	3675	138	612	4577
+/- Var	91.8%	75.8%	5.8%	43.8%	-37.2%	-1.1%
	Avg Locates per Day53					

## COUNTY TICKET DISTRIBUTION

County/Place	04 Apr
NEW HANOVER	3890
BAYSHORE	41
CAROLINA BEACH	143
CASTLE HAYNE	169
KINGS GRANT	78
KIRKLAND	29
KURE BEACH	58
MASONBORO	22
MURRAYSVILLE	58
MYRTLE GROVE	38
MYRTLE GROVE JUNCTIO	5
OGDEN	44
SEA BREEZE	2
SEAGATE	3

1	SILVER LAKE	40
	WILMINGTON	3064
1	WRIGHTSBORO	34
1	WRIGHTSVILLE	2
	WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH	60

## COUNTY TICKET DISTRIBUTION

County/Place	04 Apr
BRUNSWICK	3514
ASH	27
BALD HEAD ISLAND	55
BELVILLE	12
<b>BOILING SPRING LAKES</b>	119
BOLIVIA	222
CALABASH	163
CAROLINA SHORES	21
CASWELL BEACH	14
EXUM	4
HOLDEN BEACH	92
LELAND	908
LONG BEACH	1
LONGWOOD	6
MIDWAY	3
NAVASSA	74

	NORTHWEST	69
~	OAK ISLAND	389
Ż	OCEAN ISLE BEACH	210
	RUSSTOWN	2
1	SAINT JAMES	150
L	SANDY CREEK	1
1	SEA TRAIL PLANTATION	1
	SHALLOTTE	211
	SOUTHPORT	422
	SUNSET BEACH	114
	SUNSET HARBOR	8
	SUPPLY	141
	TOWN CREEK	2
	VARNAMTOWN	1
1	WINNABOW	72
153		

## COUNTY TICKET DISTRIBUTION

County/Place	04 Apr
PENDER	1280
ATKINSON	5
BURGAW	161
CURRIE	26
HAMPSTEAD	574
MAPLE HILL	3
ROCKY POINT	140
SAINT HELENA	2
SCOTTS HILL	12
SURF CITY	174
TOPSAIL	103
TOPSAIL BEACH	24
WALLACE	5
WATHA	23
WILLARD	22
YAMACRAW	6



# 2020

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS







Most May UCC meetings have been canceled. If you would like to have NC811 host a Zoom online meeting for your UCC, please reach out to your regional liaison.

# National Public Works Week

# May 17-23

This week we celebrate the amazing work of public works personnel throughout North America. Now more than ever, it is critical to energize and educate the public about the importance of public works—planning, building, managing, and operating at the heart of local communities to improve quality of life each day.





State UCC Meeting Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 12:00pm Piedmont Natural Gas 1321 S 10th St, Wilmington, NC 28401



2Q20 July 17th, 2020 Chetola Resort, Blowing Rock, NC For booking info: Tonya Hargraves: tonya@nc811.org NC Underground Damage Prevention Review Board Dempsey E. Benton Water Treatment Plant 2301 Benson Rd., Garner July 21st, 2020 10am to 4pm





NC Locate Resolution Partnership Committee

Every 2 months on the third Wednesday NC 811, 5009 High Point Rd, Greensboro, NC June 17th, 2020 11:00am – 1:00pm

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