

The chance of having Alzheimer's disease rises significantly with age, and as older Americans become a larger percentage of our Nation's population, the number of people expected to develop Alzheimer's will rise dramatically. It has been estimated that 14 million Americans, mostly seniors, will suffer from Alzheimer's by the middle of this century.

Commissioner Rheubottom explained that Dare County's Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Task Force will be bringing this proclamation forward to the Dare County Board of Commissioners at their November meeting. She requested placement of it for consideration on this agenda also to help increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease, and awareness of how it affects so many people besides those who are actually afflicted. Commissioner Rheubottom read the proclamation aloud for the benefit of the audience and at the conclusion she made a motion that the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners approve the proclamation. Commissioner Hogan seconded that motion and approval was unanimous, 5-0.

#### Public Forum

**Bob Burns, 212 East Archdale Street, Kill Devil Hills:** Mr. Burns asked for a status report on the proposed beach nourishment project and whether or not any tax determinations had been made.

Mayor Davies provided information on the Kill Devil Hills portion of the project, which will be coordinated with the Towns of Kitty Hawk and Duck, and, also, Dare County. The KDH project will begin at the northern town line and conclude in the vicinity of the Asheville Street beach access. There will be a tax implication for each participating government entity and for KDH it will likely involve creation of a special tax district. Kill Devil Hills has not yet specified what level of tax is going to be necessary as work is on-going to identify all affected properties; it is intended that this information be available in early 2015, at which time letters will go out to property owners adjoining the nourishment project.

**Bob Woodard, 2305 Bay Drive, Kill Devil Hills:** Mr. Woodard commended the Board for moving forward with the beach nourishment project and stated that beach nourishment is critical to the economic survival of our area. He also commended the Board of Commissioners for continuing the sidewalk construction and improvements along US 158/Croatan Highway.

Mr. Woodard also stated that the Bay Drive multi-use path, a portion of which goes by the front of his home, was used by large numbers of people this past summer and he wondered about constructing the next phase of this recreation facility.

Mayor Davies explained that the Board had created a reserve fund in the 2014/2015 fiscal year budget for sidewalk and multi-use path improvements. The intent is to continue funding this reserve in the amount of \$100,000 per year for capital improvements related to sidewalks and multi-use paths. The next phase of the multi-use path will continue as it is prioritized by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Hogan recognized Mr. Woodard for his service on the Dare County governing board and for diligently representing the citizens of Kill Devil Hills.