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Lighthouse News

By Bob Marz

The Lighthouse committee continues to be very busy preparing for the renovation and restoration of the lighthouse that will hopefully be happening sooner rather than later.

A new assessment from International Chimney is expected shortly, a Memorandum of Understanding needs to be signed by all parties concerned, and then the process of forming a Capital Campaign Fundraising Committee and Program can begin in earnest. Interested in finding out more about working on the capital campaign when it begins? - Please call me at (757) 336-6058. The lighthouse season begins on Friday, March 21, with new visitation days added during the busier tourist season. From Memorial Day until September 29, the lighthouse will be open from Thursday through Monday from 9 AM to 3 PM. More volunteers are needed to assist at the top and bottom of the lighthouse, so please let Lynn Hiltz at CNHA Business Office know if you are interested (757-336-3696). A training meeting was held on March 5 for all volunteers, but if you are interested and missed that meeting, we can certainly set up another training time in the near future. A redesigned entrance, gift shop and museum area has been planned and awaits final approval before construction. Thanks to Matt O'Neill initial plans were drawn and with a little tweaking have been submitted to the powers that be. Once approved, Larry Beasley (our new Maintenance Manager) and crew will proceed full speed ahead to make this area more efficient and attractive.

Committee meetings continue monthly reviewing day-to-day situations and business decisions relating to the lighthouse. Again, if you think you would be interested in being on the lighthouse committee, call me.

We are all looking forward to a busy and successful 2008 season, and thank all who assist in any way in making that possible.