

What to Expect on the Beach

The process of beach repair has always been a struggle – to get Federal funds and Corps of Engineers approval, and to scrape together the 15% local share. This time, all the planets seem to be aligned (and the City pushed the right buttons).

The budget Congress just passed has more renourishment funding than ever before. The east side beach damage has been documented as caused by Hurricane Matthew, so the \$11 million cost is 100% Federally funded. (That compares with the last renourishment, which cost more than \$50 million for rocky sand borrowed from a pit several miles offshore; the City's 15% share was \$7.5 million, paid with serious help from the State.) The City is making progress with the same argument for the west side – the damage there was caused by Hurricane Irma and should be 100% federally funded.

It gets better. The City successfully argued that sand can be taken from the Folly River without endangering roosting birds. That sand came from the beach, so it's high quality, and borrowing it for renourishment will make dredging the river easier and less expensive.

Finally, the City got matching State funds to rebuild the east side jetties so they hold the new sand like they were designed to do. Work on the jetties has already begun.

Renourishment work will begin in April. Sand will be sucked from the Folly River floor and transported by a pipe across the island to the Washout. From there, sand will be dumped and moved around the beach all the way down to the old Coast Guard Station. When that's done, probably in mid-June, the groin work will also be done, so sand can be dumped and sculpted from the Washout to East 8th, likely during the latter part of June and July.

Dune restoration is happening now, from the county park on the west side to East 14th Street. Sand fencing is being installed in V shapes (open side seaward) to capture sand. Sea oats and panic grass will be planted in early summer.

All that and more is explained in remarkable documents on the City web site, www.cityoffollybeach.com. Click the red banner 2018 BEACH WORK IS UNDERWAY. PLEASE SEE HERE FOR DETAILS. There's even a link (<https://arcg.is/0uzGaH>) which will let you check a map of renourishment progress and estimate when they will get to your block.

City Administrator Spencer Wetmore hopes there may be more good news to come. The Corps of Engineers is likely to

dredge the Folly River. And it's possible that approval of west side renourishment will be received this summer; if that happens, it will probably be tacked onto the east side work.

If you live or rent on front beach, here's what to expect:

The contractor will close sections of beach (>500' at a time) but most of the beach will remain publicly accessible during construction. The active work area will move every five to seven days on average, depending on weather.

If you live near the river, the pipeline will run along the river bottom, and will be marked with buoys and lights. It will not interfere with navigation.

The beach work is a 24/7 operation. It's noisy, and the beach is flooded with light at night. Parts of the beach will be blocked off for a week or so during construction. But it gives Folly Beach a reasonable chance to keep its most valuable asset wide and welcoming for years to come.

TV Pilot Filmed on Folly

The pilot for an ABC TV series, "Salvage" starring Jim Belushi and Will Patton (who was raised in Charleston) was filmed at the end of March in several commercial and residential locations on Folly. If the pilot is picked up, the producers plan to film the series on Folly. Council members warned that the permit would be cancelled if there were complaints.

Budget Work Sessions on TV

City Council is working on the 2018-19 budget, and their work sessions will be televised on Comcast (channel 195) and on the City's website (www.cityoffollybeach.com/streaming). Work sessions dates are: Wednesday April 25th, Monday April 30th, Wednesday May 2nd; Friday May 4th; Friday May 11th; Tuesday May 22nd; and Tuesday June 12th. Check the calendar on the City website for meeting times.

VOTE TUESDAY APRIL 3RD

7 AM-7PM AT BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL,



CENTER ST. AND WEST INDIAN, FOR
MAYOR AND THREE COUNCIL
MEMBERS. BRING DRIVER'S LICENSE
OR DMV ID, PICTURE VOTER
REGISTRATION, U.S. PASSPORT, OR
PICTURE MILITARY ID.

Clubs and Organizations

Civic Club

Thank you to all who participated in the Meet the Candidates forum last month. We had a great time hearing views on issues important to Folly Beach residents. By next week the campaign signs will be gone and the new council members will be sworn in to serve you. Make your voice heard by voting on Tuesday, April 3rd.

The deadline to apply for the 2018 Folly Beach Civic Club \$500 college scholarship is April 30. Download an Application from our Facebook page or pick one up from Marlene at City Hall.

Kyle Sullivan, Director of Utilities, will be the featured speaker at our April 17th meeting. Kyle will tell you everything you ever wanted to know about our utilities, and answer questions that you just didn't know who to ask.

Mark your calendars for our May and June events. At the May 15th meeting, a representative from Hyams Garden Center will educate us on plants that are compatible with our unique soil and climate. On Tuesday, June 19th, the Civic Club will once again partner with Parks and Recreation to kick off the Folly Family Fun Night summer series. We will host our annual community picnic at the Folly River Park.

The Civic Club is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. I've been told it is the oldest continuously operating civic club in the country. For more than 40 years we've hosted a Halloween carnival which provides a free and safe environment for local children. We need a chair/co-chair for this year's festivities. Please spread the word so we can continue this flagship event that so many families in the community rely upon.

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Home and Garden Club

Adrian Strand's Folly home since 2016, 306 East Huron, is April's Yard of the Month. A family illness caused her to return south from California. Charleston was an excellent choice for her work as a family practitioner and HIV specialist; she selected Folly because it immediately felt like home.

The garden was already established with a family boat in residence for vibrant annuals, as well as slate walkways and rock bed borders. Adrian enjoys the hard work of gardening and chose to de-vine the various trees and plants as her first project, allowing the existing foliage to flourish.

The right bed, harboring the boat, rests beneath an old oak replete with resurrection fern appropriate for the Easter season. Nine azaleas paint this area with white, fuchsia, lavender and salmon strokes. Prickly sagos stand sentry among a red camellia and fan palms. Sunset tree lights line the path beneath a crepe myrtle and a magnolia tree.

Irrigation connected to a well leads to a thriving garden. Indian hawthorn, palmettos and live oaks grace the bed to the left of the walkway, where yellow and orange annuals pop color in the spring. Portecarpus borders her home with deep purple lora pedulum marching in front. A favorite sprawling fig tree is in the back.

Adrian chose Folly for our laid-back atmosphere, enjoying the peace that descends every day when she returns to sit and listen to the palm fronds blow in the breeze. Kudos to her for releasing the beauty in her garden.

The Garden Club will meet Tuesday, April 24th at noon in our Community Center. Adam Sherrill with Wild Birds Unlimited West Ashley will speak. All are welcome. Happy Easter.

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Exchange Club

The Exchange Club Yard Sale will be held Saturday, April 14th, 8 am at the Hut. We are already accepting donations, and will meet Saturday, April 7th from 1-3 pm for a scheduled item drop off. If you have yard sale item donations, please call Mae Holmes at (843) 588-9238 and she will be happy to meet with you. Proceeds from the yard sale will be donated to Dee Norton Children Center at our April Meeting!

Our April Dinner Meeting will be Thursday, April 19th, 7 pm at the Hut. April is child abuse awareness month. Jessie Barrows from Dee Norton Children Center will speak.

We're always looking for new members to join in on our Folly fun! Bring your friends to any Exchange event or invite them to one of our dinner meetings on the third Thursday of every month, 7pm at the Hut! Happy Easter!

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Senior Citizens

The Folly Beach Seniors will meet Thursday, April 5th at 11 am in the Community Center. All 55 and older are invited. Come and bring a friend. We will enjoy ham provided by Buzz Edwards. Others are asked to bring your favorite dish to eat with ham. Desserts are welcome also.

Our speaker will be Jennifer Harris from Wings for Kids. Thanks to the Turtle Team speakers last month, who told us about ways we can help the turtles.

Remember the sick and shut ins as always. We wish all a Happy and Blessed Easter. **Pauline Ray (843) 588-9580**

Green Team

Our April meeting will be Thursday, April 5th at 6 pm in Council Chambers. Our April Garden workday will be Saturday, April 7th beginning at 9 am.

Interested in adopting a beach access? Check out our FB page ([gofollygreen](https://www.facebook.com/gofollygreen)) and let us know or see us at the Farmer's Market on April 9th.

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From the Desk of the Mayor

Welcome to Spring. With Easter's passing, the flowers should begin to bloom, putting us to work in our yards and gardens and spring-cleaning garages and storage areas.

Just a reminder: our Sanitation Workers are not supposed to collect hazardous materials that need to be recycled, like motor oil, tires, electronic waste, and paint to name the biggest problems. But just 3.5 miles from the Folly River Bridge, Charleston County operates a recycle center on Signal Point road. This center is open Tuesday through Saturday between 10am and 6 pm. They collect all of those items for recycle. They also collect glass bottles and jars, aluminum and steel cans, #1-7 plastic bottles and containers, paper, and cardboard. If you have the urge to clean your storage areas and your refuse is any or all of the above items, especially the hazardous items, take a short trip down the road and you can help save the environment by recycling these items properly. Leaving them on the side of the road will only make your neighborhood look bad and get you an unwanted visit from our Code Enforcement officers. Help us all to keep Folly clean and hazard-free by properly recycling and save a piece of our environment for the generations to come.

Along with the flowers come our visitors. This year will be a little different. With re-nourishment work and groin repairs of damage due to hurricane Matthew beginning on the east end, from 8th street to the old Coast Guard base, visitors will be pushed further west. I know this will create a parking problem on the west side, but Public Safety will work diligently to help control any problems as they arise. Patience is a virtue, but I know it can be easily strained, so let's work together to help repair our beach and protect our property. West enders, take heart: we are working very hard to get renourishment money for repair of west side damage due to hurricane Irma.

If you have questions, call me at (843) 729-0298 or email tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com to get the correct answer and not false information from social media.

Mayor Tim

Check out the Candidates:

Before you vote Tuesday, compare the candidates and learn about their backgrounds and positions by using this new tool from the League of Women Voters:

www.vote411.org. Put in your street address, and you can compare any two candidates side-by-side. And remember: **VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD AT THE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP HALL, CENTER AND WEST INDIAN, FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM.**

NOTE: COUNCIL CANDIDATE WILLIAM FARLEY'S PHONE NUMBER IS (843) 633-3083. There was an error in the number printed in the March Sandspur.

The Chief's Corner

Your DPS staff is working hard to prepare for the inevitable annual influx of visitors. If you haven't taken a look at the new SeeClickFix App, please take the time to look into it. It is a really quick and easy way to communicate non-emergency concerns with all your city staff. It will be a busy month. April also starts the more formalized review and negotiation of the city budget, and orientation of new councilmembers.

The priorities in the DPS budget this year are continuing the rotation of equipment to maintain a reliable and effective fleet, funds to attract and keep quality staff, and high levels of training so you have members who are the most prepared to assist no matter your emergency. We will continue to focus on water rescue and emergency medical response as those are areas we see as priorities for our continued success.

We recently added PSO Robert Wheat to our ranks. Robert comes to us after retiring from an accomplished career in the US Coast Guard. He has a servant's attitude and will do well here on the beach. He will enter the SC Law Enforcement Academy this month for 12 weeks of training and then back to Folly for a few weeks of field training. Wish him luck!

Like I always say, if you see something, say something. We are here to help 24/7.

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Board and Commission Vacancies

The City is expecting at least 16 vacancies on Boards and Commissions this year. They will be posted on the City's website in late April, and a list of available boards will appear in the May Sandspur. Please be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities to serve your community.

Letter to the Editor

Backyard composting produces at least four benefits:

- 1) Less waste into the Charleston County landfill, which means our landfill lasts longer.
- 2) Less waste (approximately 30%) transported to the landfill. This will save Folly money.
- 3) Less methane (a very powerful greenhouse gas) gets released into the atmosphere. Food waste thrown into the landfill and buried (oxygen-depleting anaerobic process) produces methane gas. Food waste composted in a backyard (oxygen-rich aerobic process) composter does not.
- 4) Composting, combined with recycling, greatly reduces trips rolling the big green trash cart to the roadside.

We use a rotating dual bin composter. By the time the second bin is filled with food waste, the side filled first has become nutrient-rich useable compost. If anyone wants to see my set-up, email me.

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Folly Fun Stuff!



Easter Services Sunday, April 1st:

The three Folly churches will share a sunrise service on the Pier at 7 am.
 The Folly Beach Baptist Church Easter Worship Service is at 11 am.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel's Easter Masses are at 9 am and 11 am.
 The United Methodist Church Easter Communion Service is at 10 am.



The Folly Beach Farmers' Market is up and running Mondays, 4-8 pm in Folly River Park until November 12th.



The Folly Beach Arts & Crafts Guild's Art in the Park is Saturday April 21st from 10 am-4 pm at the Folly River Park, featuring local Artisans displaying hand-made works including: Photography, Fine Art Originals and Prints, Artistic Glass, Handmade Clothing for kids and adults, Jewelry, Wood Works and Upcycled Art. Hula Hoop to music in the center lawn. Live Music by Jeff Houts. Fun for the whole family, Admission is free!

FOLLY BEACH LIBRARY

On Mondays, we have Storytime and a craft at 10:30 am and our Afterschool STEAM Club (STEM + Art) at 3:30 pm. The Folly Beach Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 11th at 2:30 pm to discuss *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. The Fossil Club will meet Wednesday, April 18th at 6 pm. We have Read with Deacon the Therapy Dog on Fridays at 4 pm for children aged 11 and younger. They can practice reading aloud to a registered therapy dog. On Saturday, April 14th we will be open from 10 am-2 pm. Come and watch *The Emoji Movie* and eat some popcorn. For more information on any of these programs feel free to call us or check out the library's web page: www.ccpl.org. **Mary Bushkar (843) 588-2001**
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COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS ON FOLLY

843-795-4386 or www.charlestoncountyparks.com to register or for info.

Folly Beachside Yoga – Mondays, Wednesdays: April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 - 6 -7 pm. Folly Beach County Park. Age 16 and up. Fee: \$8/Free Move IT! Pass Holder

Folly Beach Bird Walks: Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve Bird Walk Hopefuls include Painted Bunting and Wilson's Plover. **Friday, April 13th** 8:30 am-10:30 am. Age 12 & up. A registered and paid chaperone required for participants 15 and under. Fee: \$7/\$5 Move IT! Pass Holder

Nature Immersion. Experience nature in a unique, mindful way with natural history interpreter, Kristina Wheeler, and yoga teacher/Master Naturalist, Debbie Seabrook. Guided meditation and gentle movement followed by periods of discovery and identification of flora and fauna precipitate stress relief, mood enhancement, and clarity of mind. No prescriptions necessary. Binoculars and open minds are all you need. Participants under age 18 must have an adult chaperone. Pre-registration required. **Saturday, April 21st** 7 am-8:30 am. Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve. Age 12 and up. Fee: \$8/Free Move IT! Pass Holder

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LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY 10-6 WEDNESDAY 12-8
 FRIDAY 10-6 2nd SATURDAY 10-2

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Council Chambers

2 nd	Planning Commission	7pm
	(work session on preservation Incentives)	
10 th	Council meeting	7pm
16 th	Design Review Board	6pm
24 th	Parks and Recreation Board	6pm

Clubs, Organizations & Committees

3 rd	Art Guild	6:30pm
4 th	Save the Light	7pm
5 th	Senior Citizens	11am
5 th	Green Team	6pm
5 th	Exchange Club Board	7pm
7 th	Save the Light	7pm
12 th	Folly Association of Business	6pm
17 th	Civic Club	7pm
19 th	Exchange Club	7pm
24 th	Garden Club	noon

Library

2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	Read with Deacon	4pm
2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	Story Time, craft	10:30am
2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	STEAM Club	4pm
11 th	Book Club	2:30pm
	<i>The Alice Network</i>	
14 th	Open Saturday	10am-2pm
	<i>The Emoji Movie</i>	11am
18 th	Fossil Club	6pm

Recycling

9th and 23rd

Volunteer Fire Fighters

3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th		6pm
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Special Events

1 st	Easter Sunday
1 st	April Fools' Day
17 th	Tax Day
21 st	Art in the Park
22 nd	Earth Day