

Turtles and Beach Renourishment

Beach renewal is welcome (especially when it's 100% federally-funded), but most of the action on the beach -- rebuilding of jetties and renourishment of the east side beach from 8th street to the Coast Guard station-- is taking place during turtle season. Now concerns have spread to the west side, because chances are good that west side renourishment (West 8th to the County Park) will be added to this year's renourishment contract.

The concerns are that a nest might be buried in sand, that the number of areas where nests can be relocated will be drastically reduced, and that hatchlings could be mowed down.



A new hatchling hightails it to the ocean.

An unusual solution has been worked out between the Corps of Engineers and the Turtle Team. The contractor will pay selected Turtle Team members to do a special daily beach patrol which will give an "all clear" signal before work can begin.

Rising Folly Beach temperatures attract more than tourists. Loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*), begin returning to our waters and beaches when the ocean temperature exceeds 68F. Our average ocean temperature is 66F in April but 73F in May. To ensure no nests go undetected, Turtle Watch volunteers begin daily monitoring of our entire 6+ mile beach on May 1st. For the last two years, the first nest was laid May 16th. The last hatching is usually mid to late October.

The loggerhead sea turtle, our state reptile, has a breeding season from April – October. Loggerheads are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and are protected by federal and state laws. The loggerhead nesting population in the southeastern US is continuing to decline and it may be reclassified from threatened to endangered.

Last year, Folly Beach had 71 loggerhead turtle nests – 35 nests west of the pier and 36 east of the pier. The 2018 Folly Beach renourishment projects will begin July 5th (a

pushback from March because the contractor's current work has been delayed by bad weather). The work will significantly impact the potential nesting sites of half of our normal loggerhead nests.

Even without human intrusions, a loggerhead turtle has a challenging life. Only one out of 1,000 eggs will survive to become a reproductive adult. Last year Folly Beach had numerous reports of hatchlings disoriented by human lighting, and some hatchlings were run over by cars on Center Street because they were disoriented by lights.

The turtles need your help. Here's what you can do:

- Close curtains & blinds and turn off all lights that illuminate the beach after 9 pm.
- Fill in holes on the beach and keep the beach free of obstacles. Take shade tents, chairs, fishing gear, toys and trash with you. Plastics, balloons, and other debris can be mistaken for food and ingested, causing sea turtles to become debilitated and die.
- Don't disturb sea turtles or nests.
- Report any tracks, light infractions, holes or trash left on the beach to Public Safety at (843)588-2433.
- Stay updated by checking out the Folly Beach Turtle Watch Program on Face Book.

Board and Commission Vacancies

City Boards and Commissions with vacancies are listed below. For additional information and to apply, go to: <http://www.cityoffollybeach.com/officials-and-ordinances/boards-and-commissions/>.

Current members who want to serve another term must reapply. Their position is listed here as a vacancy. Some of these positions require specific professional skills. Most require Folly Beach residency.

The deadline to apply is May 25th, 2018. Applications must include a resume of experience. For further information, call or e-mail Municipal Clerk Colleen Jolley, (843) 513-1836, cjolley@cityoffollybeach.com.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Board: 1 Vacancy
Community Promotions Foundation: 2 Vacancies
Design Review Board: 2 Vacancies
Parks and Recreation Board: 2 Vacancies
Tourism and Visitor Promotion Comm.: 2 Vacancies
Utility Advisory Board: 2 Vacancies
Zoning Appeals Board: 2 Vacancies

Clubs and Organizations

Civic Club

Thanks to Kyle Sullivan for explaining the ins and outs of Folly utilities at the April meeting.

Now that the cool weather is a memory, our thoughts are moving to being outside and enjoying spring on the beach. As we turn that leaf, we are excited to have a representative from Hyams Garden Center as our May speaker. Please join us on the 15th to learn about the types of plants that do well in our unique Folly soil.

On June 19th we will again co-sponsor the season's first Folly Family Fun Night at the Folly River Park. Mark your calendars for THE community picnic of the season. Stop by and chat with your neighbors before they scatter for summer vacation. We always need side dishes, so please email, text or call to let us know what you plan to bring.

On Memorial Day, the 28th, don't forget to take a moment to reflect on the sacrifice of those who lost their lives defending our freedoms.

Looking forward to seeing you on the beach,

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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

Thanks to all who donated or purchased items from our annual yard sale. It was another great success! Proceeds were donated to Dee Norton Children's Center, in honor of child abuse prevention month

The National Exchange Club's National Project, the prevention of child abuse, was adopted in 1979 with the encouragement of National President Dr. Edward North, Jr., a physician from Jackson, Mississippi, who observed increased incidences of abuse through his medical practice.

Our May Dinner Meeting will be May 17th, 7pm at the Hut, our Community Appreciation Night, dedicated to all who have donated their time and efforts to our Exchange Club!

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Senior Citizens

The Folly Beach Seniors will meet Thursday May 3rd at 11 am in the Community Center. All 55 and older are invited. Our main course will be chicken provided by Marie Lowther. All others are asked to bring a dish to eat with the chicken.

Our program will be given by Rachel Knight from the Trident Literacy Association. We thank Nancy Hussey from Surfers Healing for April's program. She showed us three videos. They were very touching and educational about the many things taking place on Folly Beach during this event. Volunteers are always welcome. We voted to donate funds to Surfers Healing this coming year.

Let us remember our sick and shut ins. We wish a happy Mother's Day to all mothers. We also wish our veterans and service men and women a happy Armed Forces Day.

Pauline Ray (843) 588-9580

Green Team

Our May meeting will be Thursday, May 3rd at 6pm in Council Chambers. Our May Garden workday will be Saturday, May 5th at 9 am.

Interested in adopting a beach access? Check out our FB page (gofollygreen) and let us know or stop by and see us at the FB Farmer's Market May 14th. We'll have a sample rain barrel and info on how to purchase one.

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From the Desk of the Mayor

As we leave another election behind, I would like to take a minute to thank Council Members Dale Stuckey and Pennell Clamp for time well served representing the City and citizens of Folly Beach. While we did not always agree, I can say without reservation that Council Members Stuckey and Clamp always worked and voted for what they truly believed to be in the best interest for you the citizens of Folly. I hope they enjoy their new-found leisure time and are ready to answer the call when our City needs their service or advice in the future.

Now is the time to say welcome to our newest council members Amy Ray and Bill Farley. Since they get to join the Council in the beginning throes of budget season it maybe some time before they feel their time is their own again. Welcome to the busy season of the Council. Hold on for the ride of your life.

Before I leave the election process, I want to thank everyone who voted, and especially everyone who voted for me. It is truly an honor to be able to serve you and our City as Mayor for another term. Your confidence in me and the City Staff does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. From me and all of my administration, I say THANK YOU.

I know everyone is getting ready for the sun and sand season. The big question is still the beach work. The groin work continues to progress well, on schedule and without any incidents. Due to major weather-related delays the dredging contractor has encountered on their current job, pumping sand onto the beach is now set to begin July 5th. The Corps of Engineers promises It will happen.

As previously stated, the Council will spend the next six or so weeks working on the operating budget for 2019. Stay tuned for the budget that will be delivered in June for the next fiscal year.

As always if you have any questions please contact me at (843) 729-0298 or email tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com.

Mayor Tim

The Chief's Corner

Moving onto May, we are hot and heavy in budget prep, the traffic is here, the beach is busy, and we are prepping for the quickly approaching Memorial Day weekend. We handled about 1,000 calls for service last month. With the hordes of folks coming, there are bound to be some annoyances that come along with it.

You as residents do not need to suffer. Not to sound like a broken record, but if you see something, say something.

We are working 24 hours a day to respond to your needs. Please call (843) 588-2433 anytime you choose.

We need your extra sets of eyes to be where we are not and to watch our collective and shared interests which is the safety and well-being of Folly Beach.

If you have not signed up yet, please download our see click fix app, which helps you to easily request a City service or report a problem. If you want someone to check on you or a family member, please sign up for our "r u ok" service. All of these things can be researched on our page on the City's web site.

I am always interested in feedback, good, bad, or otherwise. It allows us to learn and improve in order to give you the service you deserve. That being said, please reach out anytime.

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Making the Beach Accessible

In March, the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission officially opened an accessible beach path and other amenities at the Folly Beach County Park.

Made possible by a quality of life grant from the



Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, the improved access to Folly Beach County Park includes a new blue pathway as well as accessible changing areas, showers and parking. These new areas are intended to provide beach access and amenities for people who use wheelchairs or have disabilities.

The Commission has followed up with new programs aimed at people with limited access. On Saturday, May 12th from 9 am-2 pm, there will be a Wheel to Surf program enabling people with limited accessibility to surf.

Folly Beach has paid attention to beach accessibility for years.

Folly Fun Stuff!



Folly Beach Baptist Church Women's Bible Study has started a new 11-week study, "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" by Dr. David Jeremiah. Beginning Tuesday, May 8th, participants will meet on Tuesdays in the Church Education building at either 9:30 am or 6:30 pm.



Harmonic gospel melodies will echo through Folly River Park when Folly United Methodist Church sponsors *Praise in the Park* on Saturday, May 19th, 1–5 pm. Joshua Gospel Band Agape Praise Band, Dixie Aires and the Folly Beach United Methodist Gospel Bluegrass Band. Free admission! Bid at the Silent Auction table on items donated by local businesses and artists: original art, overnight stays, golf cart rentals and gift certificates to beach restaurants. Proceeds go to Folly UMC mission programs.

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, **except Monday, May 28th when we close for Memorial Day.** The Folly Beach Book Club will meet Wednesday, May 9th at 2:30 pm to discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. The Fossil Club will meet Wednesday, May 16th at 6 pm. Dr. Robert Boessenecker, a vertebrate paleontologist from the College of Charleston will be the guest speaker. Fridays we have Read with Deacon the Therapy Dog at 4 pm for children 11 and younger. We will be open Saturday, May 12th from 10 am–2 pm. At 11 am, watch *Coco* and eat some popcorn. For more information on these programs, give us a call or check www.ccpl.org.

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COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS ON FOLLY

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

Beachside Yoga: Mondays, Wednesdays May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 30, 6–7 pm. Folly Beach County Park, age 16 up. \$8/Free Move IT! Holder

Bird Walks: Folly Beach County Park. Participants 15 and under must have registered, paid chaperone. Friday, May 11th 8:30–10:30 am. Age 12 up. Fee: \$7/\$5 Move IT! Holder

Adaptive Surfing: Wheel to Surf, Saturday, May 12, 9 am–2 pm, Folly Beach County Park. Pre-registration required. Provides individuals with physical disabilities a chance to experience surfing! Participants must meet guidelines prior to registration. For questions, call 843-795-4386.

Nature Immersion. Binoculars and open minds are all you need. Participants under 18 must have adult chaperone. Pre-registration required. Saturday, April 21st 7-8:30 am. Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve. Age 12 up. Fee: \$8/Free Move IT! Holder.

Cast Off Fishing Tournament Saturday, May 19, 6 am–2 pm, Folly Beach Pier, rain or shine. Prizes for Adult Angler, Lady Angler, Youth Angler (12 and under), Senior Angler (60+), and Weight of Five Fish. Registration begins at 6 a.m. Adult chaperone required for 15 and under. Fee: \$10/\$8 Senior and Youth ages 3-12/\$5 Fishing Pass Holder.

Moonlight Mixer Friday, May 25th, 7–11 pm. Folly Pier. Shag the night away. Beverages and snacks available for purchase. Fee: \$8 in advance//\$10 on site (if available)

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LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY 10-6 WEDNESDAY 12-8
FRIDAY 10-6 2nd SATURDAY 10-2
CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 28TH (Memorial Day)

CALENDAR FOR MAY

Council Chambers

7 th	Planning Commission	7pm
8 th	Council meeting	7pm
21 st	Design Review Board	6pm
22 nd	Parks and Recreation Board	6pm

Clubs, Organizations & Committees

1 st	Art Guild	6:30pm
2 nd	Save the Light	7pm
3 rd	Senior Citizens	11am
3 rd	Green Team	6pm
3 rd	Exchange Club Board	7pm
10 th	Folly Association of Business	6pm
15 th	Civic Club	7pm
17 th	Exchange Club	7pm
22 nd	Garden Club	noon

Library

4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 st	Read with Deacon	4pm
7 th , 14 th , 21 st	Story Time, craft	10:30am
7 th , 14 th , 21 st	STEAM Club	4pm
9 th	Book Club	2:30pm
	<i>The Warmth of Other Suns</i>	
12 th	Open Saturday	10am-2pm
	<i>Coco</i>	
16 th	Fossil Club	6pm

Recycling

7th and 21st

Volunteer Fire Fighters

1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th		6pm
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Special Events

5 th	Cinco de Mayo	
13 th	Mothers' Day	
19 th	Cast Off Fishing Tournament	6am
20 th	Armed Forces Day	
25 th	Moonlight Mixer	7-11pm
28 th	Memorial Day	