

# Staff Moves and Grows at City Hall

In July, there will be a major reorganization at City Hall. Staff are moving upstairs, staff are moving downstairs, and new staff are coming in.

- Municipal Clerk Colleen Jolley will move downstairs to take on a new position: Community Coordinator. She will handle events like the Christmas parade, rentals of City facilities like the Folly River Park, and support and organizing for citizen initiatives like the Beach sweep.
- Katharine Eich, currently Public Works Administrative Clerk, will move upstairs to be Municipal Clerk. She will handle agendas, grants, research, and Freedom of Information requests. She is also starting to pursue the College of Charleston's Public Administration program.
- The City is recruiting two new staff members: a Utility Billing and Revenue Clerk, and a Business License and Building Permit Clerk.

But many think the biggest change is that City Clerk Marlene Estridge will work half-days starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, after she helps train the new staff. She thinks she'll take Mondays and Fridays off, and a half day sometime during the week. She's looking forward to travelling around the region.



*photo by Katharine Eich*

## City Clerk Marlene Estridge will work half-days.

Marlene has been City Clerk and Treasurer since April, 1961. That's 57 years. Those who are impressed by the ease with which she jumps up and runs to the counter to deal with every visitor's problem will be stunned to learn that she's 84.

Marlene came to Folly as a child in 1941. She met Marvin Estridge in high school downtown. They had two boys (Marvin Jr. and Billy) and moved back to Folly, where Marlene started working as City Clerk.

In 1982, Marvin, who worked for Westvaco, was killed in a car accident. His autopsy revealed that he had cancer, and

probably would not have lived long. Their sons were grown when he died. Marvin Jr., who has retired as a nuclear inspector and lives in Virginia Beach, has two children and a grandchild. Billy lives with Marlene on Folly.

City Council will give Marlene a Lifetime Achievement Award at its July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Tim Goodwin commented "Marlene has been the face of Folly for so many years. She's a walking encyclopedia."

As word has gotten out about her part-time status, residents are calling to find out what days she will work. One resident said "when you deal with Marlene, you get so much more than what you came looking for. She knows everyone and everything on the island. She's the City's Welcome Wagon and its Ombudsman. She makes Folly special."

## Discounted Flood Rates In Effect

The Community Rating Service improvement from 7 to 4 (lower is better) became effective May 1st. Because of the low rating, Folly Beach property owners will enjoy a 30% premium discount when they renew their flood insurance policy.

Folly is one of only four communities east of the Mississippi River with a Class 4 CRS rating! Eric Lutz and Aaron Pope have worked with a consultant for years to improve the City's record keeping, zoning ordinances, and dozens of other details to reduce the rating.

Folly Beach is tied with Charleston County as best in South Carolina. There are two communities east of the Mississippi with a classification of 3 -- Ocala, FL and Louisville/Jefferson County, KY.



## Independence Day Fireworks

The Folly Association of Business (FAB) is once again sponsoring Folly's July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display. Look for them at 9:30 pm on the beach at West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

The forecast is favorable, but if it rains, there's no rain date. FAB will select another date. Last time it rained, the fireworks went off on Labor Day.

# Clubs and Organizations

## Civic Club

Thanks to all who contributed to and attended our annual picnic at the Folly River Park on June 19<sup>th</sup>. It was another successful partnership with the Folly Family Fun Night team.

The Civic Club is on summer break and will not meet in July and August. Looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. **Deana Dockery (843) 276-9878**

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## Home and Garden Club

July's annual business yard of the month, the Surf Bar at 103 West Cooper, was established a decade ago by a group of Folly surfers known fondly as the Surf Bar Family. This Folly institution began with the concept of a Costa Rican Beach Bar. Their laid-back aesthetic has worked well on Folly.

A tropical, hearty jungle vibe was desired for their landscaping and is fulfilled with a profusion of lush, deep green plants cared for by the ladies of Living Color: Jen Stringer Obi, Makenna, Joanna, Kali and Shannon. The entrance is framed by fats hедера on a trellis with a vibrant totem pole in primary colors by a local artist greeting all who enter. Red veined caladium elephant ears provide interest with plum-colored ajuga ground cover below. Variegated shell ginger sports yellow stripes alongside pink perennials in this bed. Basil scents nearby while tractor seats offer rich green with variegated spider plants for accent.

Deep pots anchor the back deck. A mature crinum lily from an initial planting precedes the planters. Banana plants rest among Kimberly queen Chinese ferns, all of which are heat tolerant. Swiss cheese philodendrons offer texture, with red and yellow crotons completing this bounty among purple elephant ears.

A big congrats to the Surf Bar Family and Living Color for the fun, tropical bounty that totally suits Folly.

Happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Garden Club is on summer vacation until September. **Lynn Ray Smalley (843) 588-0093**

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## Exchange Club

July kicks off another exciting and eventful club year! This is what we have in mind for the first quarter of 2018-19:

- In July we'll be flying flags for the 4<sup>th</sup>, giving out scholarships, and having a school supply drive.
- In August, we're helping out with this year's National Night Out.
- In September, we're flying flags for Labor Day, and donating \$250 and a car seat to HALOS children center, in honor of national baby safety month!

Congrats to longtime Folly local, Past FB Exchange Club President, and current board member Angus Smith Jr. for being named this year's South Carolina District 48 Treasurer! Wishing everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

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## Senior Citizens

The Folly Beach Seniors enjoyed a delicious lunch at Locklear's during our June Meeting.

Let us keep in mind those who are not well and unable to go outside during our summer vacation. We would like to thank all those involved in City Hall for their contribution and listing our meeting on the Folly Sign.

We wish all a happy and safe Summer and Fourth of July  
**Pauline Ray (843) 588-9580**

## Green Team

The Green Team will not meet in July. Please check out pictures on our FB page (gofollygreen) from the June 15<sup>th</sup> Oyster Reef build at the Folly Beach Boat Landing.

All our beach front Mutt Mitt bins have been adopted by Folly residents. If you find one that is empty, please send the beach access address to: [GoFollyGreen@gmail.com](mailto:GoFollyGreen@gmail.com).

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## ATAX Grants Available

The City is accepting applications from public agencies and non-profit organizations for State Accommodations Tax revenue grants. Pick up an application from Kat Eich in the Municipal Clerk's office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall or call 843-513-1833 to ask for an application by mail or e-mail, or download one from [cityoffollybeach.com](http://cityoffollybeach.com). Applications must be returned to the City by Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm.

The State requires that ATAX projects be related to promoting tourism, but they can cover a broad range, from arts and cultural activities to physical facilities. For further information, go to the Code of Ordinances on the City's web page and find section 33.010, Accommodations Tax Advisory Board.



## *From the Desk of the Mayor*

It's hard to believe July the 4<sup>th</sup> is once again upon us -- a celebration of the birth of our great nation and the Founding Fathers' foresight to create a Constitution that has lasted these two hundred thirty-one (231) years to govern our great nation. Although it has been amended, struggled through a terrible Civil War, and studied to find loopholes, as a basis for our government it has stood the test of time.

While you celebrate this grand holiday, whether it is watching the flyover of different air planes, picnicking, watching the fireworks show, or just spending a relaxing day at the beach, take a little time to remind your children, grandchildren, or just others you are celebrating with to reflect on what this Holiday really means and all the men and women who have fought, some paying the ultimate sacrifice, to keep America free and her Constitution safe!

As temperatures and heat indexes rise, please pay special attention to keeping yourself, family, friends and pets hydrated with plenty of good old water. Water is nature's best source to help keep us healthy in summer.

When beach re-nourishment begins the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>, as the sand is placed on the beach to protect Folly's residents, dunes, houses, and infrastructure, it also reminds us that we are in the 2018 Hurricane Season. Start preparing now for that storm we all hope never comes; but if it does, be prepared with evacuation plans, medicine, money, water, food and pet supplies to last a couple of weeks if the need arises. Being prepared and ready to go could mean the difference between life and death.

Your City Staff are also dusting off the emergency manual, practicing and taking steps to be prepared if the Island must be evacuated. This takes a lot of preparation to be able to keep the City functioning after the storm and the cleanup begins.

Have a Safe and Happy July celebration! As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions: (843) 729-0298 or [tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com](mailto:tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com).

*Mayor Tim*

## *The Chief's Corner*

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! What a hot summer this has been so far. Hopefully, you and yours have been able to escape the heat.

June was another busy month for us here at Public Safety. We handled 1,467 calls for service, 157 traffic stops, 25 arrests, four water rescues, and 50 fire and medical Calls. Our beach and parking staff, in addition to addressing 250+ Ordinance violations, filled in 50+ holes, removed 400+ five-gallon buckets of trash and debris, and issued 750+ parking tickets.

I want to take a moment this month to touch on heat safety. When temperatures soar, there are several concerns aside from the typical sun exposure/sun burn. The surface temperature of our roads and sand soars even higher with exposure to the sun. The sand as an example can reach between 120 -130 degrees on hot sunny days. Wearing shoes/sandals is a must, especially for our kids and grandkids. Asphalt, which you will traverse along your walk to the beach, can reach 140 degrees or higher on hot sunny days. You can fry an egg at 130 degrees so I hope that gives you some perspective.

Additionally, it is imperative to understand and recognize the signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion:

- **Heat Stroke** is an immediate emergency. 911 should be contacted immediately should you or yours experience a throbbing headache, no sweating, body temps above 103, red/hot skin, nausea/vomiting, a rapid/strong pulse, and/or loss of consciousness. Death can soon follow so take it seriously.
- **Heat Exhaustion** is important to recognize as well, but steps can be taken at home to reduce the effects of these symptoms: faint or dizzy, excessive sweating, cool/pale clammy skin, nausea/vomiting, rapid/weak pulse, and muscle cramps. Steps you can take are getting to a cooler/air-conditioned place, slowly drink water, take a cool shower or use cold compresses.

When you are outside on these warm days, use an SPF-rated shelter so you can get out of the direct sun, drink plenty of water-based liquids (alcohol and sugary drinks exacerbate the dehydration), sunscreen lotion, and shoes/sandals to protect your feet. Your team members at public safety are here 24/7 to respond should you need us. Please call 911 or 843-588-2433.

Be Safe,

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## *Letter to the Editor*

The June 7<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive at Father Kelly Hall was a great success! We collected 36 pints. Great Job, Folly! Thanks to everyone who encouraged others to donate, or who helped at the blood drive, and especially those heroes who donated or attempted to donate.

This was our fifth quarterly blood drive since last June. These blood drives accounted for 158 pints of blood. The next Folly Blood Drive will be Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-7 pm. To sign up, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code Folly.

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# Folly Fun Stuff!

Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 am Baptist church service: **Patriotic Musical** performed by the choirs of our three Folly churches: "This Is Our Country."



Monday through Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, **Vacation Bible School** for three-year-olds through 6<sup>th</sup> graders from 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm. Theme: "Polar Blast, Where Jesus' Love Is Cool".



Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, a **Coffee House** will open to the Community in the Baptist Fellowship Hall with coffee and baked goods served from 6-8 pm.



**Folly Family Fun Nights**, Tuesdays 5-7 pm in Folly River Park:  
 July 3<sup>rd</sup> Folly Luau Night/Live Music: Thomas Champagne/Pizza Party  
 July 10<sup>th</sup> Folly Turtle Team/Folly Fossil Club/Live Music: Bobby Sutton/  
 Fire Dept. Cookout

July 17<sup>th</sup> Cookies & Canvas/Live Music: David Grunstra/Pizza Party  
 July 24<sup>th</sup> Dragonfly Kids' Yoga/Live Music: Teresa Parrish/Folly Anglers  
 Cookout

July 31<sup>st</sup> Kyle K'Otic Break Dancing/ Live Music: Thomas Champagne/  
 Pizza Party

## FOLLY BEACH LIBRARY

We have Storytime and a craft Mondays at 10:30 am. Each Monday in July except for July 30<sup>th</sup> we will have our Summer Reading programs for the kids at 4 pm. Melville Dewey, Flow Circus and the FB Turtle Watch Crew are some of the events. We will close Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day. We will be open Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-2 pm. For more information on any of these programs, feel free to call us or check out the library's web page: [www.ccpl.org](http://www.ccpl.org).

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## COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS ON FOLLY

843-795-4386 or [www.charlestoncountyparks.com](http://www.charlestoncountyparks.com) to register or for info

**SUP the Surf Zone** Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 8 am-noon. County Park, Age: 16 up. Fee: \$48/\$38 Move IT!

**Folly Beach Bird Walks** Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 8:30-10:30 am. Meets at Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve. Age 12 up. Fee: \$7/\$5 Move IT!

**Moonlight Mixer** on the Fishing Pier, Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 7-11 pm. Per person admission purchased in advance is \$8, and on-site site tickets are \$10 (based on availability). Advanced purchase is recommended; tickets are limited. Food, beverages and alcohol will be available for purchase on site.

**Kayak the Surf Zone: Beginner Short Boat Surf Kayaking.** Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> 8am-noon. Pre-registration required. Meets at County Park. Age 16 up. Fee: \$48/\$38 Move IT!

**Sea Kayak Instructional Classes: Intro to Coastal Kayaking - Level 3.** Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8am-2pm. Meets at County Park. Age 16 up. Fee: \$75/\$60 Move IT! **Charleston County Parks and Recreation**

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### LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY 10-6      WEDNESDAY 12-8  
 FRIDAY 10-6      2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY 10-2  
 CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>



## CALENDAR FOR JULY

### Council Chambers

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Planning Commission	7pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Council meeting	7pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Design Review Board	6pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Parks and Recreation Board	6pm

### Clubs, Organizations & Committees

*(some clubs take the summer off)*

5 <sup>th</sup>	Exchange Club Board	7pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Folly Association of Business	6pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Exchange Club	7pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Parks and Recreation	6pm

### Library

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Story Time, craft 10:30am  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Reading 4pm  
 14<sup>th</sup> Open Saturday 10am-2pm

### Recycling

7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

### Volunteer Fire Fighters

3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> 6pm

### Special Events

1<sup>st</sup> "This Is Our Country" by the three Folly church choirs at Baptist Church 11am  
 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> Folly Fun Nights 5-7 pm  
 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day  
 15<sup>th</sup> Moonlight Mixer, Fishing Pier 7-11pm