

## Turtle Hatchlings are on the Move

As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, we are well past half way through our turtle nesting season (it began May 1<sup>st</sup>). This season, we have 34 nests so far, which is low compared to the 71 nests we had during 2017. Out of the 34 nests, four have already hatched with over 86% hatch and emergence success rates. Beach renourishment (or any construction on the beach: groin rehab, seawalls) during turtle season is disruptive for nest protection volunteers (and tourists) and requires different nest management, documents and communications.

The low nesting numbers are not only on Folly. The whole state (and likely east coast) is having the same low nesting experience (without renourishment on their beaches). That's likely the result of broader environmental factors (disruption of food supply by storms, etc.) and normal fluctuations in nesting population for any given year. Comparing 2017 and 2018 nest counts from all of SC and from our closest beaches, everyone is seeing about half as many nests this year compared to last year:

|             | 2017 Nests | 2018 Nests | 2017/2018 Ratio |
|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| SC          | 5250       | 2571       | 49%             |
| Folly Beach | 71         | 34         | 48%             |
| Kiawah      | 354        | 208        | 59%             |
| Seabrook    | 70         | 28         | 40%             |
| IOP         | 43         | 17         | 40%             |
| Sullivan's  | 8          | 3          | 38%             |

The decrease is statewide and probably caused by several factors. Folly Beach has experienced a groin rehabilitation and beach renourishment as well as seawall constructions this summer. Marinex Construction has hired PM (evening) turtle monitors to monitor for mama turtles throughout the night in the active construction site. A mama was recently spotted by a PM monitor showing her head from the water but did not come landward. This same mama actually went further down east of the construction site to lay her nest. The nest was found by the morning monitor and relocated to an area outside the project area. (Because of the renourishment project, all nests laid within the project areas have had to be relocated to an area outside the project area.) Folly's decrease is consistent with the statewide decrease and is actually a smaller decrease than all other local beaches

except Kiawah. The beach project had minimal, if any, impact on turtle nesting on Folly this year.

Turtles teams throughout the state will continue to monitor their beaches for all turtle activity during the season. Through continued outreach programs, we will educate residents and guests on the importance of taking care of our beaches in order for turtles to come back to us each year to lay their nests.

Now that hatchlings are emerging, it's critical to **turn off lights on or near the beach**. Hatchlings are programmed to crawl toward the moonlight on the ocean. If they are confused by lights on land, they may crawl inland and be killed by cars or animals. Give them a chance.

**Nancy Smith: Middle East Section Leader**  
**Teresa Marshall: Far East Section Leader**  
**Dave Miller: West Section Leader**

## Natural Hazards Expo

Charleston County will host a community expo to educate citizens about how to protect your family, home and pets when it comes to natural hazards; new flood maps; the importance of flood insurance; and what to do before during and after a disaster.

Citizens will be able to talk with employees from Emergency Management, 9-1-1 Consolidated Dispatch, Charleston County Building Inspection Services, National Weather Service and flood insurance experts about natural hazards in the Lowcountry. There will also be various training classes, presentations, and a kid's zone. Citizens are encouraged to bring their elevation certificate to the expo and representatives from Charleston County Building Services will assist in looking up their property with the new flood maps.

Expo details:

Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 6 pm  
 Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 5 pm  
 Charleston Area Convention Center  
 5000 Coliseum Drive, North Charleston, SC 29418  
 Free Admission, Free Parking

# Clubs and Organizations

## Civic Club

Congratulations to Samantha Hull, winner of our 2018 scholarship. Samantha is the daughter of Laurie and Sam Hull. She grew up on East Cooper and will start her second year at Kent State where she is studying Fashion Design.

In October the Civic Club will host our 48<sup>th</sup> annual Folly Halloween Carnival. Please let Katherine Houghton know if you can volunteer for this stupendous, fantastically marvelous family event at [khoughton2259@gmail.com](mailto:khoughton2259@gmail.com).

The Civic Club is on summer break. We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## Home and Garden Club

August's Yard of the Month recipients, Ken and Sandra Hickman at 710 East Erie, have deep roots in the area. He grew up in Mt Pleasant and moved to Folly in the '90's. She has lived on Folly since childhood, and in this home since 1979, with her mom still down the street.

Their deep lot is blanketed with Saint Augustine grass. After retiring, gardening became a hobby for Ken. He designed the various beds, adding and improving with new projects. A twisted cedar frames the bed to the right. Pink camelias and a lime tree precede two robust pines.

A graceful oak with monkey balls for adornment shelters the left. A lengthy bed of pink and orange lantana, contrasted with rich green elephant ears and a sago palm leading to yuccas, frames the front. Yellow lilies, roses and purple birds of paradise color a boxed bed along the left. A fuchsia crepe myrtle is centrally located in the plush grass.

Fruit abounds in the rear left bed. Lime, grapefruit and banana trees flourish here and feed the Hickmans, who harvested over 400 grapefruits last year. Yellow hibiscus and pink roses color this bed.

An abundant palette greets guests in the front bed, which is lighted by flamingos. White and pink petunias, a vibrant rose Gerber daisy, and red and orange flowers blooming from seeds brought home from Thailand combine to welcome with a trellis of flowers for hummingbirds.

Congratulations to the Hickmans. May Ken continue to enhance their home with his gardening projects.

The Garden Club will not meet in August. We will begin anew in September.

Our toy poodle Nine helped in each Yard of the Month quest. He lived a glorious Folly life for 15 years, bringing joy which endures.

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## Exchange Club

Congratulations to Nolan Tecklenburg and Katie Catoe for receiving Exchange's 2018 scholarships! Nolan is a rising junior at Loyola University pursuing a degree in music performance/jazz studies, while Katie is a rising freshman at College of Charleston pursuing a degree as a physician's assistant. We wish you both all the best!

Our club is having a school supply drive and donating \$250 to HALOS children center! We're placing donation boxes around the city at different restaurants, shops and at city hall. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

We cooking burgers and dogs, and giving out mini American flags for children to wave at this year's National Night Out, Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm! All are invited to our dinner meeting Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at the hut 206 W. Indian Wishing everyone a fun rest of the summer!

**John Merritt Jr 843-847-9823**  
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## Senior Citizens

The Folly Beach Seniors are currently on vacation. We will meet again on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Community Center. All 55 and older are invited.

We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and has taken the time to remember our shut ins and elders. We thank Public Safety and all who have taken care of Folly Beach residents and visitors. You have done an amazing job. The traffic proves many people enjoy Folly and I understand why. I live here and love it. **Pauline Ray (843) 588-9580**

## Green Team

The Green Team will not meet in August.

Why go strawless? We can do better when it comes to daily decisions. Our planet depends on it. In the US alone, more than 500 million plastic straws are used every day.

Even if you try to recycle plastic straws, many are too light to recycle. They're processed as trash.

Several Folly businesses have already adopted the "upon request only" straw policy, or have switched from plastic to paper straws. We've showcased Planet Follywood, Lost Dog, Washout, Woody's, Low Life, Jack of Cups, St James Gate, Rita's and Taco Boy on our FB page. We plan to add more Folly businesses. **Teresa Marshall (828) 553-4690**  
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## Arts and Crafts Guild

The Folly Beach Arts & Crafts Guild will kick off the 2018-19 season Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center with a social at 6:30 pm, and review of the 2018-19 calendar of events at 7 pm. We will accept new members and nominate officers and event coordinators. We invite those interested in joining or learning more about the Guild.

**Kerry Hupp**  
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## *From the Desk of the Mayor*

Folly Beach is deep into reexamining the way we impact our beach and our marsh by the way we build and the way we live. City Council has ordered a six-month moratorium on development near the ocean and the river, so that the Planning Commission can pause to look at what we're doing with fresh eyes.

A temporary halt to development, or the possibility of regulatory change, always brings out citizens who are convinced the city has broken the law in the past, or will in the near future. It's worth saying once again that the history of beach management on Folly Beach is complicated, but the objective reality on the ground is simple. Each Folly Beach oceanfront or riverfront home was built in full compliance with State and local regulations, and is located behind the renourishment line. No houses are built on renourished beach, and no owners were allowed to violate zoning codes in effect at time of construction. We do not need to reargue the merits of legal, fully compliant regulation in the past. The focus must be on deciding what changes need to be made to development regulations moving forward.

The Post and Courier is helping to draw attention to this extraordinarily important discussion. We encourage critics of current regulations to participate in efforts to review, and change where necessary, the rules for developing waterfront property on Folly Beach. We are confident that citizen input, review of current best practices, and consultation with outside agencies will ensure that the moratorium results in the best outcome possible.

We are exempt from setbacks and regulations of the State Beachfront Management Act, but we want to be a model for local communities on beach management. Our goal is a set of enforceable, equitable, and proactive ordinances to address the management issues called out in the *City's 2017 Sea Level Change Adaption Report*, the *2015 Comprehensive Plan*, and the *2015 Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan*. These plans, as well as meeting schedules and presentations, are available online on the City's website. We encourage everyone who has a stake in this issue to attend and contribute to this effort.

As always, contact me with any questions: (843) 729-0298 or [tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com](mailto:tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com).

*Mayor Tim*

## *The Chief's Corner*

Our Public Safety July recap: 1985 Service Calls, 260 Traffic Stops, 329 Citations/Summons/Warnings, 16 arrests. Your Beach and Parking staff also removed trash/debris to help

keep our beach clean, and issued about 800 parking tickets. The July 4<sup>th</sup> show also went well -- a great display!

On to August. Your Public Safety staff will focus on water rescue and emergency boat operations training with the Coast Guard. We will also continue to provide site security for the beach renourishment, to keep folks from wandering through the site. Conditions are dangerous as heavy machinery is moved around. Please have patience while this important work is being completed.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual National Night Out event is being held in the Folly River Park on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. We have a really great raffle going on to raise funds for the Warrior Surf Foundation. Prizes include a golf cart, Folly experience package, and stand up paddle board. You can purchase tickets at city hall, and anywhere you see the bright red golf cart displayed. Please support your public safety staff and the Warrior Surf Foundation. We also have some really cool T-shirts commemorating this event. They are yet another way to support the cause.

National Night Out Day is observed annually on the first Tuesday in August. It is a community police awareness-raising event, created to increase awareness about police programs in communities. It has been celebrated since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada.

Lastly, like we always say... if you see something, say something. We are here 24/7 to serve you, our island family. We can be reached at 843-588-2433 or 911 in an emergency.

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## *From the City.....*

..... Two new faces in City Hall: Utilities Billing Clerk Martha Bootle begins 8/6. and Building Permit/Business License Technician Scott Valentine begins 8/20.

..... The first proposed ordinance changes related to beachfront development will be discussed by the Planning Commission Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Keep an eye out for dates, times, and agendas for other moratorium discussions and decisions, posted to the City's website as they become available. The information is on the Planning Initiatives page: <http://www.cityoffollybeach.com/city-departments-services/building-planning-and-business-licenses/planning-documents/>.

..... The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct free boat safety inspections on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 am at the Folly River Boat Ramp. Takes about 10-15 minutes, and includes boating safety information and a sticker for the vessel. Sponsored by FB Public Safety, Charleston County Parks and Recreation, and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

# Folly Fun Stuff!

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 pm at Folly River Park.  
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The Baptist Church food pantry is open Tuesdays and Fridays. Knock on the Church Office door or call 843-588-9414 or 843-793-8623.

Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm: "I Can Only Imagine" in the Fellowship Hall. The movie is a true story directed by the Erwin brothers. The Soup Kitchen will re-open Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.  
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**Folly Family Fun Nights**, Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm in Folly River Park:  
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Our Lady of Good Counsel Women's Guild plans a Giant Rummage/Garage Sale September 6<sup>th</sup> (Thursday, 10 am-5 pm), 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday, 10 am-5pm) and 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday 8 am-3 pm) at Father Kelly Hall, 105 W. Hudson.

## FOLLY BEACH LIBRARY

We have Storytime and a craft Mondays at 10:30 am. The Folly Beach Book Club will meet Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm to discuss "Behold the Dreamers" by Imbolo Mbue. On Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> we will be open from 10 am-2 pm. We will show "Smurfs: The Lost Village" and serve popcorn. For more information on any of these programs, give us a call or check out the library's web page [www.ccpl.org](http://www.ccpl.org).

When the After-School STEAM Club starts back up in September, we'd like to start a garden with the kids. We'd appreciate donations of small gardening tools, gloves, soil, etc. to help with this endeavor.

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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, August 4<sup>th</sup> 8 am-noon. County Park, Age: 16 up. Fee: \$48/\$38 Move IT!

**Folly Beach Bird Walks** Friday, August 10<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, August 17<sup>th</sup> 7-11 pm. Per person admission in advance \$8. On-site site tickets (if available) \$10. Food, beverages and alcohol will be available for purchase on site.

**Kayak the Surf Zone: Beginner Short Boat Surf Kayaking.** Sunday August 5<sup>th</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 4.** Sunday August 19, 8am-noon. Meets at County Park. Age 16 up. Fee: \$75/\$60 Move IT!

**SUP the Surf Zone: Dawn Patrol Adult SUP Surf Camp.** Tuesday-Friday August 28-31, 6:30 -8 am. Meets at County Park. Age 16 up. Fee: \$165/\$132 Move IT!

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## LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY 10-6      WEDNESDAY 12-8  
FRIDAY 10-6      2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY 10-2

## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

### Council Chambers

|                  |                                  |     |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Planning Commission              | 7pm |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Council meeting                  | 7pm |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Planning Commission              | 6pm |
|                  | Marsh Management Plan Input      |     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Planning Commission              | 7pm |
|                  | Oceanfront Development Proposals |     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Design Review Board              | 6pm |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Parks and Recreation Board       | 6pm |

### Clubs, Organizations & Committees (some clubs take the summer off)

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|------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Exchange Club Board           | 7pm    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Arts and Crafts Guild         | 6:30pm |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Folly Association of Business | 6pm    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Exchange Club                 | 7pm    |

### Library

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<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  
11:30am *Smurfs: The Lost Village*

### Recycling

Every Monday on Folly Island  
7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> off the Island

### Volunteer Fire Fighters

7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm

### Special Events

|                  |                                    |         |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Folly Fun Night/National Night Out | 5-7 pm  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Cast Off Fishing Tournament        | 6am-2pm |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Moonlight Mixer, Fishing Pier      | 7-11pm  |