

Planners Work Hard During Moratorium

A six-month moratorium on development next to the beach or marsh is halfway completed, and the Planning Commission is deep into intensive planning to find new ways to protect the beach and the marsh. There has been a surprising amount of public support for the process.

The ideas being considered haven't been adopted yet, but they are serious and substantive. The Commission has spent three months on concepts to protect the beach, and is moving on to the challenge of protecting the marsh, where there is less previous work to build on.

Here are some of the ideas being discussed for the beach:

- 20-foot beach setbacks on all oceanfront lots, to create a "dune management area."
- A local requirement for a setback of septic tanks from the baseline. DHEC currently requires a setback from the mean high-water line, which changes when the beach is renourished.
- Requiring that unbuilt lots can provide 20-foot access to the street (fire equipment access is a major concern).
- Establishment of an "erosion line" (the furthest point inland to which the beach eroded before it was renourished) which might become a point of reference for some regulations.
- Tougher requirements for protecting and replacing dunes.

The Commission is using a Beach Management Plan which was completed some time ago by Elko Coastal Consulting, as the base from which the recommendations are being developed. There have already been actions taken to protect the beach based on Beach Management Plan recommendations, such as rebuilding groins.

Part of the moratorium challenge is that there is no management plan for the marsh. Elko is helping to develop one, as the Commission turns now to ideas to protect the marsh. Folly Beach believes it would be the first marsh management plan in the state, and sees it in part as a model for other jurisdictions.

There is a deadline looming. The moratorium's schedule is to present complete recommendations to City Council by November 30th, which would then have a month before the moratorium expires to act on the recommendations. Any land use recommendations agreed to by Council would have to be sent back to the Planning Commission (as amended by

Council) for public hearings and formal adoption, but that would likely be after the moratorium has expired.

Commission Chair LaJuan Kennedy says the effort has been a challenge. The Commission is trying to protect the beach and marsh while still leaving owners with an economically useful lot. If the lot cannot be used, it may be considered to be a "taking" and the City would have to buy the property.

She points out that the beachfront has always presented challenges. Some old Folly deeds refer to "meandering of the shoreline."

There has also been some informal discussion of the need to educate property owners about the kinds of plants which would thrive on the dunes, and put down root systems which would help to stop erosion.

To follow the process, go to www.cityoffollybeach.com and put "moratorium" in the search bar. The Planning Commission is meeting twice a month on this challenge, and all meetings are open to the public.

Sea & Sand Festival

Folly's longest-running festival is back, celebrating the summer season close. It will kick off Friday, September 21st at 7 pm with the Miss Sea & Sand Pageant at the Folly River Park (see page 2 for details).

On Saturday from 10 am-4 pm, the Sea & Sand street festival will showcase up to 70 art, fashion, and fun vendors, food by our local Folly restaurants, as well as four of Charleston's local bands. Good Clean Fun is back, filling one of the two kids' areas with aerial performers, bubble therapy, face painting, crafts, and more.

Admission is free to Folly Beach residents with valid ID and kids 12 and under. Advance tickets are \$5 cash at City Hall or the Folly Beach Library, \$6 online at VisitFolly.com. Gate admission is \$10 cash. If you have a Folly Beach voter registration card, but Folly Beach is not on your driver's license, present your voter registration card at City Hall prior to the event to receive your free ticket. A voter registration card is required for each ticket. Voter registration cards might not be accepted by security at the event gates.

A volleyball competition and sandcastle contest will wrap up the event on Sunday, the 23rd. For tickets, updates or event map, go to VisitFolly.com.

Clubs and Organizations

Civic Club

I hope you all had a wonderful summer full of making memories with family and loved ones. I know I did. Please plan to join us September 18th to learn all you ever wanted to know about donating blood. Dave Miller, coordinator of Folly's quarterly blood drive, will answer questions about the screenings and the safety of donating blood, and identify ways you can help with the effort.

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

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Home and Garden Club

September's Yard of the Month at 207 West Cooper is owned by Marcia Odorizzi. Although her journey to her home on Folly began 22 years ago after numerous day trips while growing up in Charleston, her gardening began in earnest after her retirement. She loves nature and seeks to provide a haven for all creatures in her confined Folly plot.

A hanging basket of purple passion near her front door hosts a nest of baby Carolina wrens peering out of their sanctuary. A salmon rose still grows nearby which was present on her arrival. Garden gnomes from Santa Bob, a departed Folly parade Santa, rest nearby. Begonias, red canna lilies, marigolds and pink calendula flourish in a bed bordered with boxwoods. Red knockout roses climb a trellis above periwinkles near potted white roses.

Hand laid bricks border a bed with spider lilies and monkey grass. Live oaks cover the sanctuary where pink wishbone flowers entice hummingbirds. Once the wishbone is broken, the flower will not be revisited. Hummingbird moths sporting green iridescence between their wings may be seen here. A 15-year-old privet grows in a white tire below a yard light.

A pot of violets, poke salad and blue hydrangea precede her swing. A newly installed pump fountain flows amid angel trumpets, white azaleas, red purple hydrangea and pink polka dot plants. A gnome birdbath welcomes all.

Mystery trees cover purple Mexican petunias and elephant ears. Marcia has an herb garden with mint, oregano, thyme and sage. Her latest project is a succulent turtle topiary.

Marcia takes great pleasure watching her garden grow. Our congratulations for the abundance in her garden.

The Garden Club will meet Tuesday, September 18th in the Community Center at noon. Helen Greenfield, author of One That Got Away, will be our speaker. All are welcome.

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Exchange Club

Labor Day flag display is first on our list for September. Second is our dinner meeting September 20th with a guest speaker from HALOS children center. We will donate \$250 and two car seats in honor of national baby safety month! We plan to serve burgers and dogs at Sea and Sand Festival Sept. 22nd. Stop by and get one. The Exchange Club BBQ and Silent Auction will be Friday, September 28th, 1-4 pm at the Washout restaurant on Center Street. All are welcome!

Bring your friends to any Exchange event, or invite them to one of our dinner meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month, 7pm at the hut. **John Merritt Jr 843-847-9823**
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Senior Citizens

Our vacation is coming to the end. Our first Fall meeting is September 6th in the community center at 11 am. All 55 and older are invited. Our main dish will be ham prepared by Buzz Edwards. Others are asked to bring a covered dish.

We hope all enjoyed their summer vacation, and are ready to get back to our fellowship and good food. We will talk about our excursions etc. during our summer, and will remember those unable to get out! We wish you a happy and safe Labor Day. **Pauline Ray (843) 588-9580**

Green Team

In lieu of our September meeting, the Green Team will support Surfriders' Straws event at the Tides on Thursday, September 6th. The event will begin with a beach sweep at 6:30 pm followed by a Straws film screening at 7:30 pm. This is a free event. To register: bit.ly/StrawlesFinale.

Interested in a garden plot? Contact me.

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Miss Sea & Sand Pageant

Back for the fifth year, the Miss Sea & Sand Pageant will crown nine winners based on their age, evening wear, hobbies, awards, volunteer activities, and their love for Folly Beach! Open to females 4 years and up and males 7 years and under. Categories include Tiny Miss (ages 4-5), Little Miss (6-9), Junior Teen (10-13), Teen (14-17), Junior Miss (18-20), Miss (21-25), Ms. (26 and up), Mrs. (any age, married) and Little Mister (males 7 and under). Additional awards include the Donnie E. Wilkinson Spirit Award and Overall Miss Photogenic Award. Free admission.

To compete in the pageant, send an entry by Monday, September 17th. There is a \$60 entry fee. Contact Andie Weathers at aweathers@carolinaone.com for an application or with any questions.

From the Desk of the Mayor

Seems like yesterday we were talking about the beginning of Summer; now another Labor Day is upon us, signaling the end of another Summer Season! As school begins and the football gridiron heats up, don't forget to enjoy the great weather and new sand of a hopefully less busy beach. As turtle hatchlings emerge from their nests to begin their journey of life, so we should take time to slow down and enjoy our unique closeness to nature in the ocean, beach, creeks and river. Some days it is more difficult than others to remember that we live and raise our families in a place that others only get to visit in short spans of time, and dream of calling Folly their home.

The beach re-nourishment of the East end is going very well, with a wonderful supply of very good sand. The city Staff and I continue to push for a contract for work on the West end. We expect to hear any day that this contract has been signed and sealed. While there will not be "new" sand from East 8th to West 2nd (the area which had the least hurricane damage), the Corps and their surveys say this work will bring us into a full template of renourished beach.

While this project has seemed like a lifetime of work for some, it has been well managed by the Corps of Engineers, Marinex Construction, and our City Staff. If you have not seen this group at work, I urge you to take a few minutes to watch this "dance of the bulldozers" in progress. I have spent much of my life in the Safety and Construction project world, but these guys are professionals beyond compare. Not only do they deliver a great job, they do it with thought for how to safely allow as much beach access as possible while keeping everyone safe as they work and continue to move down the beach.

I cannot close without recognizing that Marlene Estridge, after 50 plus years of service, will begin to work part time for the City. That's right, she will not be at the counter full time as before, but will work part time to give her some flexibility to enjoy life and still be of service to the citizens of Folly. While she may not be there at the desk in person, I'm sure she will answer questions as they arise and answer that phone to help keep us all on track. My congratulations to Marlene once again on a job well done!

Take a minute to come by City Hall and greet our newest employees at the front desk; Martha Bootle, the new utility and water billing clerk, and Scott Valentine, who will be responsible for building permits and business licenses.

As always, contact me with any questions or concerns at 843 729 0298 or tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com.

Mayor Tim

The Chief's Corner

I don't know about y'all, but August seemed like a blur. We are wrapping up a couple weeks of intense water rescue training. It has been a really fruitful partnership between the US Coast Guard and our team, a relationship that has resulted in very expensive training at almost no cost to the city. These certifications will significantly increase our ability to respond to emergencies in and around our local waters.

In addition to water rescue training, our staff has been busy with the closing summer season. Surfers Healing went really well once again. The jellyfish influx seems to have subsided but a few still wash up here and there. The renourishment folks have been both very hard-working and great stewards of the island during their work thus far. No complaints from our point of view. There is a lot going on, and we are all going with the flow, which is one of our city's best qualities.

Looking forward during this month, we have some emergency medical responder training, firearms proficiency training, and further prep for the festival season which is rapidly approaching.

As always, if you see something, say something. You are great citizen teammates and we appreciate any assists. We can be reached 24/7 at (843) 588-2433.

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From the City.....

..... Check out the new Shadow Race Park, a passive park with butterfly garden, benches, and marsh view.

..... The speed limit island-wide is now 25 mph.

..... Folly Beach crews will collect garbage as usual on Monday the 3rd for Labor Day weekend. They will observe the holiday on Tuesday. Charleston County will collect recycling carts on Tuesday. Weekly pick-up of recycling on Folly Island will end after Labor Day; pick-up will be every other week for the rest of the year.

..... City Hall will be closed on Labor Day.

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Subscribers to the Sandspur by mail need to send their annual subscription fee of \$15 to Martha Bootle, City Hall, PO Box 48, Folly Beach SC 29439. No more issues will be sent without payment. Make your check out to Folly Beach Civic Club. Subscriptions for former residents make great gifts!

The Sandspur can also be downloaded free every month from the City's website (CityofFollyBeach.com) or the Folly Beach Civic Club's Facebook page.

Folly Fun Stuff!

The OLGC Ladies' Guild will host a Garage Sale in Father Kelly Hall, 105 West Hudson Thursday and Friday, September 6th and 7th, 10am-5pm and Saturday, September 8th, 8am-3pm. Come shop the best deals around!



The Methodist Church middle school youth fellowship meets the second Sunday of each month at 4 pm starting September 9 2018.



The Baptist Church Soup Kitchen will begin again Monday, September 10th at noon at the Fellowship Hall!

A new Women's Bible Study: "He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God" with Priscilla Shirer will begin Monday, September 17th at 6:30 pm at the Fellowship Hall. The study groups will then meet Tuesdays at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm or Thursdays at 9:30 am.

FOLLY BEACH LIBRARY

We have Storytime and a craft Mondays at 10:30 am, and the After-School STEAM Club will resume meeting Mondays at 3:30 pm **except for Monday September 3rd (closed for Labor Day)**. We are hoping to get some gardening supplies donated for the After-School Club. If you have anything useful for gardening, please bring it by the library!

On Saturday, September 8th we will be open from 10 am–2 pm. We will show "Wonder" and serve popcorn. The Folly Beach Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 12th at 2:30 pm to discuss "Dead Wake" by Erik Larson. For more information on any of these programs, feel free to give us a call or check out the library's web page 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/Thursdays 6-7 pm, ongoing. County Park. Age: 16 up. Fee: \$8 (\$3 discount for six + classes; \$10 day-of); free to Move IT!

Sea Kayak Classes: Intro to Coastal Kayaking - Level 3 Saturday September 8th, 8 am-2 pm. County Park, Age 16 up. Fee: \$75 Pre-registration required.

SUP the Surf Zone: Dawn Patrol Adult SUP Surf Camp Tuesday-Friday, September 11th-14th, 6:30 -8 am. County Park, Age 16 up. Fee: \$165 Pre-registration required.

Folly Beach Bird Walks Friday, September 14th, 8:30-10:30 am. County Park. Age 12 up (registered, paid chaperone required for 15 and under). Fee: \$7

SUP the Surf Zone. Saturday September 15th, 8 am-noon. County Park. Age 16 up. Fee: \$48 Pre-registration required.

Sea Kayak Classes: Intro to the Surf Zone - Level 4 Sunday, September 16th, 8 am-noon. County Park, Age 16 up. Fee: \$48 Pre-registration required.

Nature Immersion Saturday, September 29th 9-11 am. County Park. Age 12 up (adult chaperone required 18 under). Fee \$10, Pre-registration required.

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LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY 10-6 WEDNESDAY 12-8
FRIDAY 10-6 2nd SATURDAY 10-2
CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD (LABOR DAY)

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Council Chambers

10 th	Planning Commission	7pm
11 th	Council meeting	7pm
17 th	Design Review Board	6pm
25 th	Parks and Recreation Board	6pm

Clubs, Organizations & Committees

4 th	Arts and Crafts Guild	6:30pm
5 th	Save the Light	7pm
6 th	Senior Citizens	11am
	Folly Green Team	6pm
	Exchange Club Board	7pm
13 th	Folly Association of Business	6pm
18 th	Civic Club	7pm
20 th	Exchange Club	7pm
25 th	Garden Club	noon

Library

10 th , 17 th , 24 th	Story Time, craft	10:30am
10 th , 17 th , 24 th	STEAM After-School	3:30pm
8 th	Open Saturday	10am-2pm
	11:30am Wonder	
12 th	Book Club: <i>Dead Wake</i>	2:30pm

Recycling

4th and 17th

Volunteer Fire Fighters

4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	6pm
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Special Events

3 rd	Labor Day	
9 th	Rosh Hashanah	Sunset
11 th	Patriot Day	
18 th	Yom Kippur	Sunset
14 th	Moonlight Mixer, Fishing Pier	7-11pm
21 st	Hurricane Hugo 39 th anniversary	
22 nd	Sea and Sand Festival	
23 rd	Autumnal Equinox	