

Behind the Scenes Dealing with Florence

In the end, Florence spared Folly, but that was unknowable when meteorologists started taking a close look. The huge hurricane, covering most of two states and classified at one time as a Category 4, was bearing down, almost 29 years to the day after category 4 Hugo devastated Folly Beach and the rest of Charleston County.

The City had just completed a new emergency plan, which better coordinates Folly's response with County efforts, and had staged a drill a few weeks before Florence arrived. The Florence response was the real deal.



The Council chamber became a staff dormitory during Florence.

When the Governor ordered an evacuation, Folly's emergency plan went into effect. Senior staff and public safety personnel got their families secured and moved into the City Hall complex. A curfew was ordered, and a public safety checkpoint was set up on the Causeway, turning away anyone without two forms of Folly Beach ID.

An innovation this year was serving two fresh hot meals a day to all staff. The chefs were IT Director Ryan Hall and Public Safety Secretary Karen Mumford, who got raves, especially for their Low Country Boil.

Mayor Tim Goodwin says more residents stayed on Folly this time than for Matthew two years ago. He thinks that's in part because memories of Hugo are fading as veterans of that catastrophe move away or die.

The Causeway checkpoint had some challenges. Surfers used various ruses to try to get to the ocean, including claiming that their constitutional rights were being violated. One

angry driver tried to run down Lt. Matt Hlavac (he was arrested). A drunken driver crashed into a tree (also arrested). Some homeless people tried to bunk down in construction sites.

One novel problem was that the dredge used in the renourishment project found the Wappoo Cut lift bridge shut down when it tried to head for safety in the Charleston harbor. Many calls to the SC Department of Transportation finally produced a bridge operator.

The Mayor tried to keep people informed with mass advisories and phone calls, whether they stayed or evacuated. He hopes more residents sign up for the "Code Red" emergency system on the City's web page -- www.cityoffollybeach.com/city-departments-services/public-safety/emergency-notification/.

Staff will soon debrief and assess the effectiveness of the emergency plan. Mayor Goodwin says "if you don't learn from something like this, you're not paying attention."

Halloween Carnival

The Civic Club's hit Halloween Carnival is Wednesday, October 31st in Folly River Park from 6-8:30pm. The Carnival features fun, games and festivities such as frog flipping, eye ball toss, scary duck pond, go fish, face painting, cake walk, haunted grave yard, in the Halloween hole, the Great pumpkin, skeeball, 3 in a row, Halloween bean bag toss, witch hat ring toss, spider ring toss, candy corn bowling, and Halloween spinner wheel. Performers include One Man Band, Clown on Stilts, and Jugglers. There will be a costume contest and awards ceremony at 7:30 pm.



Clubs and Organizations

Civic Club

I am so excited to announce the speakers for our October meeting. Father Babick, Pastor Summey and Pastor Horres, from our three Folly churches, will host a joint panel on community and take your questions as well.

Thanks to Dave Miller for speaking at our September meeting. To help with the quarterly blood drives, please email Dave at deacondave73@gmail.com.

Please let Katherine Houghton know if you can volunteer for our 48th Halloween Carnival: khoughton2259@gmail.com.

I hope to see you at the Community Center, 7 pm Tuesday, October 16th.

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Home and Garden Club

1212 East Arctic, home of Carol Kruer and Troy Bode since 2016, is October's Yard of Month. Although this home is a recent acquisition, Carol came to Folly from Colorado in 2000 and established a local icon, Lost Dog, in 2002.

The low maintenance abundant design was created with Folly landscaper Jerry Poore, adding very personal touches such as a cut garden and more traditional vegetable garden. Pink and orange zinnias in the cut garden along with mini sunflowers are for personal arrangements. The vegetable box provides tiny tomatoes and pumpkins which produce blossoms for cooking.

The main garden is symmetrical, bisected with a Charleston brick walkway with stone pathways bordered by brick leading both left and right. Holly yaupon forms a linear hedge on Arctic, preceded by numerous purple plumbago and lantana inviting butterfly guests.

Nesting beyond are breeze grass, mini European fan palms, large jelly palms and a statuesque agave cactus. Towering above are original palmettos ballasted by sago palms.

Ligustrum forms the backdrop near their home and also lines the sides of their garden. Black eyed susans enjoy the sunlight. Indian hawthorn, split leaf philodendron and purple society garlic enhance this area. Hydrangeas are on the left with multiple agapanthus to the right.

Wide, gracious steps and exposed rafters, courtesy of Troy's skills, greet garden guests. Our congratulations to them both. Carol, has always found relaxation through gardening, and has ample opportunity in her new garden.

The Garden club will meet Tuesday, October 23rd at noon in the Community Center. Sam Unsworth with Site One Landscape Supply will speak about water mitigation. All are welcome.

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Exchange Club

Our October dinner meeting will be Thursday the 18th, 7 pm at the hut. October is dedicated to police and firefighter appreciation, when we give out our police and firefighter of the year awards, while getting to meet and greet with the Folly Beach Public Safety. Exchange will also participate and volunteer with Follypalooza and the Halloween Carnival.

Please visit Nationalexchangeclub.org to learn more about the history of Exchange, our core values, and what we do as a club in our local communities around this great nation. Stop by any Exchange event or join us for our dinner meetings on the third Thursday of the month, 7 pm at the hut. We always have a good time while helping our community.

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Senior Citizens

The Folly Beach Seniors will meet Thursday, October 4th at 11 am in the Community Center. All 55 and older are invited. Our speaker will be Carrie Moores with the Sea Island Free Health Clinic on Johns Island. She will talk about how they support our communities. Johnny Carter will provide our main dish of fried chicken. Others are asked to bring a covered dish.

Katharine Houghton spoke at our September meeting about plans for a Folly Beach Museum. It will be some time before opening. Much work has to be done by many people.

New member Shelley Grimes joined us at our September meeting. We are looking for Seniors who are sick or shut in. If you know someone in Folly Beach, please contact us so we can visit and give a fruit basket, etc.

We are back at work after our summer vacation. Thanks to all who kept us safe during Florence. Thanks to those who donated dirt to fill the sand bags.

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Green Team

Our October meeting is Thursday, October 4th at 6 pm in Council Chambers.

All our garden plots have been leased. To get on our waiting list, contact Teresa Marshall. Garden workdays are the second Saturday of each month and begin at 9 am.

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Parks and Recreation Board

The Board has been hard at work on developing our newest park on Shadow Race Lane. The pergola and benches were recently completed. The next steps will be installing the bird, bat and butterfly houses as well as landscaping. More details on naming the park and other details coming in October once the park nears completion!

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From the Desk of the Mayor

Thank You to everyone who took the Governor's mandatory evacuation notice seriously and evacuated. It is always better to be too cautious than not cautious enough. While the evacuation order seemed premature to some, remember we had about one million people to get evacuated from the coast and you don't want to be at the end of that line. I know there were many people in North Carolina that wish their State Government had started their mandatory evacuation a little earlier than they did. I know it is difficult to leave your home; but it could easily be a "Life and Death," decision.

A big Thank You to Staff and Public Safety members who worked around the clock to protect our city. My entire working life I had a career that took me away from my family during times of disaster. It is very difficult to be here at work protecting the city while your family is somewhere else. I know everyone joins me in saying thanks for a job well done!

We did lose some of the "new" sand on the East end of the beach. We are diligently working with the Corps of Engineers to get that loss replaced while Marinex is here working on our renourishment project. More to come on that as we obtain more information. I can say the groins that were refurbished on the East end did their job well during hurricane Florence.

By now, everyone knows the big story of the day: Folly Beach will have a complete renourishment across our entire beach front by the end of this project. This means that through the hard work of the City and the Corps of Engineers, Folly will get a full renourishment project at no cost to us! While this is great news, it changes schedules for the contractor to get the work accomplished across the beach. You can find more information on the city's web site, Facebook page, or real time map at <https://arcg.is/OuzGah>.

It will soon be time for Folly's famous Halloween Carnival, put on by the Civic Club and the city each year. If you would like to volunteer for this great event, contact Katherine Houghton at (781) 254-2302 or khoughton2259@gmail.com. Put on your costume, volunteer to help, and come enjoy the children and families as they have a wonderful evening.

If you have questions, please contact me at (843) 729-0298 or tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com.

Mayor Tim

The Chief's Corner

I've been asked about what it is like preparing for and during a storm. With the near-miss Florence still fresh in my mind, this is as good a time as any.

About a week out, we start getting alerts from the National Hurricane Center about an approaching storm. We take notice and start pulling out our city and department hurricane plans. As that week draws down and the outlook becomes more certain, we really get to work putting those plans in motion. Every department has preparation and mitigation responsibilities. We remind staff to get their homes in order, as the coming days will become busier. Many choose to send their loved ones out of town so they can focus on Folly. Some of the tasks include prepping and fueling equipment, backing up IT data, getting emergency ordinances prepped, etc. From there, it becomes daily meetings, and daily conference calls with the County Emergency Management and the National Hurricane Center. These are a dance of coordination to keep all agencies on the same page and efficient as possible. Like you all, we wait.

As the storm becomes more likely, you see our County and City OPCON (operations condition) rise from a 5 (normal) to a 1 (the highest). Around OPCON 3, we begin to prep our municipal emergency operation center – the nerve center for our operations -- for 24-hour operation to manage the emergency. This large room (in routine times, the staff training room) is equipped with monitors, computers, printers, phones, etc. Experienced staff members lead areas of planning, logistics, operations, public information, finance, and overall incident command. We are each assigned responsibilities that lead to overall success. The staff is bunkered in different areas and offices throughout City hall and the public safety building. We feed them 2 meals a day, also prepared by staff. We continue to respond unless conditions reach a certain threshold. If it gets around a CAT 3 or higher storm, we too will evacuate the island.

All that said, there's a ton of moving parts. Please do your part to reduce stress on our staff by having a plan in place and educating yourself on proper preparation. Heed evacuation orders. One of the tactics discussed most is the checkpoint and curfew. During an ordered evacuation, we are responsible for protecting the homes and property of those who evacuate. This is our way of doing that. We have a fraction of the problems other cities have when it comes to those issues because we can stop one road of traffic and secure most of the island. Some say that other cities don't have checkpoints... all I can say is that if they had a single point of entry, they would. Other beach communities have told us they are interested in similar operations.

I hope that answers some of your questions, and gives you insight into how your staff prepares and serves this city during emergencies.

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Folly Fun Stuff!

This year's Follypalooza Cancer Care benefit is Saturday, October 20th, 10 am-4 pm. There will be three stages with music; about 60 arts and crafts, food, and fashion vendors; and two kids' areas. \$5 in advance at City Hall or the Library; \$6 on line (www.visitfolly.com), \$10 cash at the door. Free for Folly residents with valid ID or kids 12 and under. Streets off of Center will be closed (except Arctic and Indian).



The Folly Beach Christmas Parade is **Saturday, December 8th**. Entry forms can be found at www.cityoffollybeach.com. Entry deadline is November 21, 2018. If you would like to join the team of elves coordinating this event, please email fbparade@cityoffollybeach.com.



"Youth on the Edge," a 6th-12th grade group, meets at the Baptist Fellowship Hall Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm, for dinner, games, and bible study.



A middle school youth group meets on the second Sunday (October 14th) in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 4-5:30 pm.

All middle school youth in the area and their friends are welcome!



A women's Bible Study: "He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God" with Priscilla Shirer meets Tuesdays at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm or Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Baptist Fellowship Hall.



FOLLY BEACH LIBRARY

We have Storytime and a craft on Mondays at 10:30 am and the After-School STEAM Club on Mondays at 3:30 pm **except October 8th when all branches will close for Staff Development Day**. We will be open from 10 am–2 pm on Saturday, October 13th and we will show "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" and serve popcorn. The Folly Beach Book Club will meet Wednesday, October 10th at 2:30 pm. Since we were closed last month and did not get to discuss "Dead Wake" by Erik Larson, we will do it this month. For more information on any of these programs, 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 6 -7 pm, ongoing. County Park. Age: 16 up. Fee: \$8 (\$3 discount for six + classes; \$10 day-of); free to Move IT!

Folly Beach Bird Walks Friday, October 12th, 8:30-10:30 am. Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve. Age 12 up (registered, paid chaperone required for 15 and under). Fee: \$7/\$5 Move IT.

Homeschool in the Parks: Amazing Migration. Learn about natural and cultural history through games, exploration, and hands-on activities. Each program highlights an ecosystem, animal, or culturally significant story found in the park system. Friday, October 26th 10-11:30 am, and noon-1:30 pm. County Park. Age 7-13 (chaperone NOT required). Fee \$5.

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LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY 10-6 WEDNESDAY 12-8
FRIDAY 10-6 2nd SATURDAY 10-2
CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Council Chambers

1 st	Planning Commission	7pm
9 th	Council meeting	7pm
15 th	Design Review Board	6pm
23 rd	Parks and Recreation Board	6pm

Clubs, Organizations & Committees

2 nd	Arts and Crafts Guild	6:30pm
3 rd	Save the Light	7pm
4 th	Senior Citizens	11am
	Folly Green Team	6pm
	Exchange Club Board	7pm
11 th	Folly Association of Business	6pm
16 th	Civic Club	7pm
18 th	Exchange Club	7pm
23 rd	Garden Club	noon

Library

1 st , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	Story Time, craft	10:30am
1 st , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	STEAM After-School	3:30pm
10 th	Book Club: <i>Dead Wake</i>	2:30pm
13 th	Open Saturday	10am-2pm

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Recycling

8th and 22nd

Volunteer Fire Fighters

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 6pm

Special Events

8th Columbus Day
20th Follypalooza
20-21st Festival of the Arts/Art in the Park
31st Civic Club Halloween Carnival 6-8:30pm