

# Folly Library Has Rich History

The Folly Beach Library goes way back. It was started in her home at 105 East Ashley in 1938 by Lottie Olney, a retired teacher who also founded the Civic Club in 1940 (making it the nation's oldest continuously operating civic club). She made her own book collection part of the Library.

The "Public Library" downtown already provided some service. In 1937, a bookmobile outfitted as a tiny library visited on alternate Thursdays during the summer season (soon increased to once a week). The main library joined with "Miss Lottie" in 1938 to open a Folly branch.

In September 1941, the Charleston Coca-Cola Bottling Company gave the City a Center Street lot and building for \$5. The transfer agreement, which hangs in the Mayor's office, restricted it to "the use and benefit of the residents of, and visitors to, Folly Beach ... as a town hall, recreation center, or other public use." Council meetings were held there, and the Civic Club put its little library there, with Miss Lottie as librarian.

Library cards are free for Charleston County property owners, students, members of the military, school teachers and Charleston County employees. Others can get a card for \$40. Branches have computers for free use.

With a library card, the Library offers access to

- all the books the Library owns (except some rare items), delivered to the Folly Library by today's version of the "bookmobile."
- through the Inter-Library Loan program, the collections in most academic and public libraries across the country.
- magazines, audio books, e-books, movies and music;
- children's books (on line and at the library) and games. Folly has a weekly "Story Time" for kids which draws dozens of small kids from Folly and James Island.
- book club packages of 15 books. Folly has a book club.
- training in computers (at the main and regional branches).
- telescopes.
- electricity usage meters.
- on site and online access to printers.
- free meeting rooms at the main library and most branches (Folly does not have meeting space because it's basically one big room).
- resources and help with all kinds of research. For instance, patrons who want to research genealogy have access to 1.2 billion records in 7,500 databases.

You can visit, but not borrow from, the South Carolina room in the main library (which also has a Charleston Archive) to access a treasure trove of 300 years of documents about everything from war records to properties.

And one more thing: the library no longer charges late fees!



The Folly Beach Library in 1967

LaJuan Kennedy, who grew up on Folly, remembers using the library as a student. "It had encyclopedias and that kind of thing, but if you were researching a paper, you had to go downtown."

In the 1960's the current Community Center was built with a dual-purpose design as a meeting space and branch library (now open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and one Saturday a month).

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- Or, emailing [deaondave73@gmail.com](mailto:deaondave73@gmail.com) and I will sign you up

**Saturday, March 2**  
9am - 3pm  
Tides Hotel

# Clubs and Organizations

## Civic Club

Our February meeting featured Lauren Russ, Executive Director of the Low Country Marine Mammal Network, who spoke about protecting marine mammals through science initiatives, educational programming and conservation. The March meeting on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center/Library at 7pm will highlight Julie Binz, Education Coordinator at SCDNR, who will speak about the "Seeds to Shoreline" program aiming to engage students in restoring the Folly Beach salt marsh. This program was launched by the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium. All Folly Beach residents and employees are encouraged to attend our meetings, which include a business meeting and social time.

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## Home and Garden Club

1721 East Ashley, March's Yard of the Month, the Bickel home since 2014, was bought as a bait house ("if you build it, they will come") after family vacations on Folly. This yard is created for family enjoyment, not yard work.

Preexisting red tip bushes line the front right side, encasing a contoured field of two-toned cypress mulch surrounding a large wooden playset adorned with yellow accents, the owner's favorite color, reiterated on the front door. The mulch keeps bugs away and is softer for children's landings. Two spiraling iron forged chairs, restored with wrought iron rust remover, provide pleasant landings for adults. Six pots of elephant ears and gardenias preside by the gravel driveway. Red bottle brush bushes near the home lead to a palmetto on the corner. Lariope and a solar-lighted peacock complete this area. Baskets of hot pink geraniums offer color on the porch.

Red is the focus on the left side. Poinsettias from Folly Beach Baptist Church, a favorite for this family, are planted in procession. Red amaryllis and tulips offer more color.

Our congratulations on this family haven, with no time wasted on maintenance, leaving more time for fun.

The Garden Club will meet at noon in the Community Center on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at noon. In lieu of a speaker, we will host a jewelry and hat sale at 12:30 pm. All are welcome. Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

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## Exchange Club

A big thanks to everyone who came out to the Exchange Club Golf Tournament and made it a great time, especially DJ Rich for spearheading and coordinating this event!

Our dinner meeting will be Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm at the hut. It's our traditional St. Patty's Day meal: corned beef and cabbage. Member Angus Smith and his mama do a great job cooking it. Definitely come by and get some!

The Exchange Club Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 am at the hut. We are accepting items now—just call (843) 847-9823 to arrange pick-up. Proceeds from the sale go to Dee Norton and HALOS Children's Centers in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month. In honor of the month, we will pass out Exchange Club sand buckets and shovels with fun games and information about the club inside them.

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## Senior Citizens

Folly Beach Seniors will meet on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Community Center. All 55 and older are invited. March is Saint Patrick's, so our main dish will be corn beef and cabbage prepared by Patti Holsclaw. All others please bring a dish to eat with the main dish.

Thanks to our February speaker, Jennifer Harris from Wings for Kids. She showed videos on ways Wings for Kids helps local art teachers with art supplies, and supplies free after school activities and food for qualifying students.

Our March speaker will be Scott Graule, executive director of James Island Outreach. We are placing a stone in our garden in memory of Buzz Edwards, a former member of our Seniors Club. We remember our sick and shut ins. If you know someone who would like a fruit basket, please call us.

We wish you a safe and green Saint Patrick's Day.

**Pauline Ray (843) 588-9580**

## Green Team

Join us February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Community Center, when we host Andrew Dunn from Southern Current who will discuss "How Solar Power Works" and "Why Go Solar." He will also discuss important changes to SC Solar Programs. Folly residents who have installed solar will be available to answer questions and describe the benefits. We will also provide information on a Home Energy Footprint Contest sponsored by the Green Team

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## Arts and Crafts Guild

Folly Beach Arts & Crafts Guild will sponsor Tides of March, a Celebration of Spring, on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am-4 pm and Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm, Folly River Park.

Local Handmade Arts and Crafts, live entertainment under the Pavilion, T&T Kettle Korn and Dave N Dubs Hot Dogs Admission is free - fun for the whole family.

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## *From the Desk of the Mayor*

Welcome to March and closer to real beach season! Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

As we get into Spring, we all can enjoy more outdoor activity including gardening, yardwork, boating, fishing, swimming, surfing, kayaking, etc. I join Public Safety to ask that you take precautions to remain safe and healthy for the season to come.

Staff and I been asked questions about the lawsuit, by owners of beach front lots that have applied for septic tanks and other building permits, that the City Council elected to join as a plaintiff. In the next two paragraphs we, (staff and I), will try to briefly explain.

The City is interested in protecting the beach for the public, and we're exploring every angle available. As part of this effort, the City is joining several residents and environmental groups to seek a court declaration regarding the ownership status of eroded beach property. This isn't a monetary damages lawsuit (alleging someone did something wrong and caused harm), it's a "Declaratory Judgment" action seeking legal clarity on an area of the law that isn't commonly used by municipalities.

We usually think of the SC Beach Management Act, which sets the Folly Baseline, as the only law governing beaches. But there is also the common law doctrine of "Public Trust," which comes from the state constitution. The Public Trust doctrine relates to property rights of parcels adjacent to the water, and exists separately from the state's jurisdictional lines in statutes. The Public Trust doctrine looks at the Mean High Water Line and acknowledges that erosion and accretion of beach can change property lines. We are specifically asking the courts to determine whether renourishment is an "avulsive" event and whether land subject to an avulsion (pulling or tearing away) like renourishment falls within the Public Trust doctrine.

On other things happening around the beach; Marsh and Beach front setbacks seem to be hot buttons right now. While there has been many meetings and public hearings, these items will appear on the March agenda for the first reading vote. Stay tuned; and let your Council know how you feel on these matters. We will need this type of forward thinking to protect our beautiful Island and our water-based environment.

As always if you have any questions please contact me at [tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com](mailto:tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com) or (843) 729 0298.

*Mayor Tim*

## *The Chief's Corner*

In February, we answered 1,982 calls for service. We had our first water rescue of the season (and maiden rescue for Marine 1101, our 24' Parker rescue boat that was donated by the military). The night rescue was of a Vietnam vet lost in dense fog coming back from the lighthouse.

Follygras was very busy. Early statistics are that we handled 138 calls for service, arrested 26 people, issued 33 citations or warnings, and issued hundreds of parking tickets.

We will soon be back into tourist season, so Public Safety will focus on wrapping up any training, working on our budget workbooks in preparation for next year, and preparing for the hordes of visitors that will inevitably arrive. Once again, I ask that if you see something, say something... we are all on the same team, and we can use your assistance as the season heats up.

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

..... For your own protection, make sure contractors have a City Business License and required permits. You might want to hold final payment until inspections have been signed off by the City's inspector.

..... East and West Hudson Avenue will be resurfaced March.

..... The State Department of Transportation has completed drainage improvement work at 5th and East Indian and 6th street West.

..... 3rd Street West (Ocean Park) restrooms are being repainted inside and out in preparation for the upcoming season.

..... A post-nourishment dune grassing bid was awarded to Earth Balance, LLC and will take place in March along the beach front dune line both East and West.

..... The moratorium has ended. The proposed zoning ordinances are currently in effect under the pending ordinance doctrine. All ordinances have had public hearings except the 40-foot dune management area.

Non-zoning ordinances related to the moratorium have been given first and second reading and are in effect, except the septic tank revisions, which will also be given first reading at the March meeting.

..... The Planning Commission will meet Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> for a public hearing on the new Dune Management Area (DMA). The DMA includes several new regulations, including: a 40' buffer from the PEL (or Baseline in some cases); dune building requirements for new construction; seawalls; and keeping septic tanks as far landward as possible.

City Council will give first reading to the new marsh setbacks, which include a 15' buffer for new construction on the marsh, on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Any structure existing as of March 1, 2019 will be allowed to remain at current 10' setback from the marsh and can be rebuilt 10' from the critical line. All the proposed ordinances and meeting dates are online on the City's webpage under Planning Initiatives.

# Folly Fun Stuff!

Folly Beach Baptist Church offers a "Youth on the Edge" Bible study (which includes supper) Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall, and "Recovery in Christ" Thursdays at 6 pm in the Church Education Building.



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The Garden Club is hosting a jewelry and hat sale at the Civic center Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. The Club's inventory of fabulous costume jewelry sells for 50 cents each.



The Exchange Club is collecting items for their annual Yard Sale in April. Call (843) 847-9823 to arrange pick-up of items you want to contribute.

## FOLLY BEACH LIBRARY

We have a special Read Across America Storytime on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at 10:30 am. We will also have a Storytime on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am (there will be no Storytime for the rest of March, because Miss Katherine will be away). Our After-School STEAM Club will meet on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm this month as well. On Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> we will be open from 10 am-2 pm. The Folly Beach Book Club will meet Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm to discuss "The Buddha in the Attic" by Julie Otsuka. For more information on these programs, give us a call 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 information

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Customer Appreciation Day throughout the parks system. On Folly Beach, that means:

### Folly Beach Pier

Gold Pass giveaway  
Free fishing  
Free ice cream with fish catch  
Free parking

### Folly Beach County Park

Gold Pass giveaway  
Free admission

### Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve

Free admission

The Sandspur is delivered free to anyone with a Folly Beach PO box, and can also be found at City Hall or the Folly Beach Public Library, and online at the City's website ([www.cityoffollybeach.com](http://www.cityoffollybeach.com)) or the Folly Beach Civic Club Facebook page. Mailed subscriptions are \$15 a year – contact Martha Bootle at (843) 513-1831 or [mbootle@cityoffollybeach.com](mailto:mbootle@cityoffollybeach.com). Send checks to her at City of Folly Beach, PO Box 48, Folly Beach SC 29439. A subscription makes a great gift for someone who owns on Folly but doesn't live here, lives here part-time, used to live here, or is thinking about living here.

The Civic Club, which publishes the Sandspur, meets monthly (except in summer) and presents speakers of interest. It also sponsors candidate forums before Folly Beach elections. Annual dues are \$15 (\$25 for families) and can be paid at any meeting or sent to PO Box 84, Folly Beach SC 29439.

## The Sandspur

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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 MARCH

### Council Chambers

4 <sup>th</sup> Planning Commission	7pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Council work session	6pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Council meeting	7pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Design Review Board	6pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Parks and Recreation Board	6pm

### Clubs, Organizations & Committees

7 <sup>th</sup> Save the Light	7pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens	11am
Folly Green Team	6pm
Folly Association of Business	6pm
Exchange Club Board	7pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Civic Club	7pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Exchange Club	7pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Garden Club	noon

### Library

4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> Story Time, craft	10:30am
4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>st</sup> STEAM Club	3:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Open Saturday	10am-2pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Book Club:	2:30pm

*Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly*

### Recycling

10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

### Volunteer Fire Fighters

5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>      6pm

### Special Events

5 <sup>th</sup> Mardi Gras	
6 <sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday, start of Lent	
10 <sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings (one hour forward)	
17 <sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day	
20 <sup>th</sup> Spring Equinox	
21 <sup>st</sup> Purim	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Tides of March	10am-4pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Tides of March	1-5pm