

# Public Works is Everywhere

You know them because they make the rounds twice a week in Folly’s distinctive orange trash trucks. But you probably don’t know all that they do to keep Folly Beach clean and safe. Public Works Director Eric Lutz calls them “the Marine Corps of Folly Beach – the hardest working guys around.” Here are just a few of the critical jobs Public Works staff does for you:

- Collect garbage on Mondays and Thursdays. In peak beach season, collect garbage on Sunday mornings at beach walkovers to reduce garbage spillovers
- Collect yard debris and man-made discarded items on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Collect metal discarded items on Fridays.
- Collect what Lutz says is “tons of stuff” left on the beach and put on walkovers by the Beach Patrol.



photo by Eric Lutz

## The old water plant on Erie houses Public Works

- Transport all collected material to the Charleston County landfill on Bees Ferry Road.
- Maintain equipment.
- Clean all City buildings (City Hall, Public Safety, Community Center).

- Landscape the Causeway, Folly River Park and Center Street (jobs that used to be contracted out).
- Help read water meters.
- Install and maintain signs.
- Mow and maintain rights of way on City streets.

Lutz says all that work is being done with fewer people. The Public Works staff has been reduced from 15 to 11. That forces them to get creative.

Most of the staff lives on James Island, but some come from West Ashley, North Charleston and Moncks Corner. Lutz’s biggest challenge is finding people to replace staff who are retiring.

A big concern is preparing for hurricanes. Public Works would be the first line of defense if a hurricane strikes, and protecting equipment is a priority. Garbage trucks are currently garaged on the James Island Public Service District lot on Signal Point Road. Folly Beach pays the PSD for six parking spaces, diesel fuel, and routine maintenance.

If there is a bad storm, most equipment and trucks have to be moved to nearby higher ground – currently the Food Lion parking lot.

Public Works is housed in the old Water Plant building on Erie. The first floor has lockers and a rest area. The second floor is used for an office and storage. Larger equipment is housed in the old concrete well behind the building, Folly’s water source before the City hooked into Charleston’s water system.

Lutz asks that you help Public Works by putting green roll carts in the right-of-way only after 2 pm on the day before collection, and remove them no later than 8 pm on collection day. It’s important to make sure that blue recycle carts contain only cleaned plastic and metal containers and paper. If a load contains a single dirty item or something that’s not on the list, the entire load goes in the garbage, increasing the City’s burden and costs. And the next time you see a Public Works staff, stop and say thanks. They make Folly a much better place.

# Clubs and Organizations

## Civic Club

The May Civic Club meeting featured a lecture by Dr. Bobby Boessenecker, College of Charleston Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences. Our annual picnic will be Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the River Park. The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and chili. We ask Club members bring a dish to share with attendees. There will be fun and games and a 50/50 raffle. If you want to purchase 50/50 tickets you may do so at the picnic or prior to the event at the library or city hall during business hours Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We encourage Folly Beach residents and employees to join the Club and attend the picnic and the festivities.

In lieu of flowers, Wallace Benson Jr.'s family asks that donations (Wallace Fund) be made to the Civic Club Halloween Carnival. Please send donations to PO Box 884, Folly Beach, SC 29439, or visit the Library or City Hall during business hours to deliver your donation. The Civic Club is grateful to the Benson family for their commitment, thoughtfulness, and generosity.

During the summer months, Club members and leaders will work on the Halloween Carnival and the Civic Club Calendar. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Halloween Carnival, contact Katherine Houghton, 781-254-2302. For general information about the calendar, contact Laurie Hull, 843-209-4576. **Katherine Houghton (781) 254-2302**  
[khoughton2259@gmail.com](mailto:khoughton2259@gmail.com)

## Home and Garden Club

Clair Campbell owns June's Yard of the Month at 503 West Beach Court. Clair moved to Folly in 2017 to begin living the life she always wanted to live now, while working toward retirement. Early memories of playing in her grandmother's secret garden in Louisiana abounding with blue hydrangeas and caladiums instilled her with a love of gardening.

Muhly grass and oleanders flow in the right bed. A gracious live oak shades this area with variegated azalea behind.

Her favorite is the heart-shaped bed to the left of her entry which she changes with the seasons. It is also a favorite of local deer and raccoons. A king sago palm balances an abundance of color from coral encore azaleas, cockscomb, fuschia petunias, new guinea impatiens and begonias. All of these and daisies are protected with wild life netting. A French footed tin washtub with heat loving pink mandevilla welcomes guests. Vivian, her mermaid adorned with fun white lights, oversees all.

Kudos to Clair who loves pretty green things to cut and bring inside from her bountiful garden.

The Garden Club will be on summer break until September. Happy Father's Day, **Lynn Ray Smalley (843) 588-0093**  
[9touchstone9@gmail.com](mailto:9touchstone9@gmail.com)

## Exchange Club

The Exchange Club is awarding scholarships to deserving incoming college freshmen, or current college students. Scholarship applications can be found at City Hall, and are due by our Dinner Meeting Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the hut. Stop by, get a bite to eat, and drop off your app! Contact Mae Holmes for information (843-588-9238).

We will also put up American flags in honor of Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>. We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!!

**John Merritt Jr (843) 847-9823**  
[fbexchangeclub@gmail.com](mailto:fbexchangeclub@gmail.com)

## Senior Citizens

Folly Beach Seniors will meet on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Locklears for lunch at 11:30 am. There will be no speaker.

We will take a vacation in July and August. Our next meeting will be in September. During our summer vacation, let us not forget our shut ins and sick.

We thank Lisa Zobel from Lowcountry Senior Citizens on James Island for being our May speaker. Her program contained videos of activities offered at the center.

We hope you had a safe, happy Memorial Day. Remember our service men and women. **Pauline Ray (843) 588-9580**

## Folly Green

Folly Green, along with the Folly Association of Business, will sponsor a beach sweep July 5<sup>th</sup> at the 3<sup>rd</sup> west beach access. More info to come next month.

Folly Green also supports the Turtle Watch Program. Turtle season officially began May 1<sup>st</sup>. Help the state's sea turtles by keeping beaches clean of trash, toys and equipment; turning beachfront lights out to avoid disorienting turtles; filling in holes on the beach; and giving all sea turtles and nests a wide and respectful berth. Please do not stand in front of a turtle and take her picture. You can easily disorient her from laying her eggs.

Our June meeting will be Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Community Center. **Teresa Marshall (828) 553-4670**  
[teresa.marshall56@hotmail.com](mailto:teresa.marshall56@hotmail.com)

**The 2020 Folly Beach Calendar is in the works with a September release date planned. The Civic Club needs your best high resolution Fave Folly Fotos. Contact Folly Beach Calendar on Facebook or [kathymiller74@gmail.com](mailto:kathymiller74@gmail.com). Yes, your photo and name credit could be immortalized forever**

## *From the Desk of the Mayor*

Welcome to Hurricane Season 2019! It is hard to believe we find ourselves in the season of watching storms again. It's time to dust off your plans, check your supplies, and plan your next mini-vacation if we need to evacuate our Island. The tropical storm season kicked off early this year with a storm forming in the Caribbean in May. Unusually hot temperatures and the water temperature rising early could send us off on a roller coaster ride this year. Be aware of the forecast of storms and be ready to take the necessary steps to protect you, your family, and pets as the summer progresses.

Memorial Day weekend was truly one to remember this year. We have experienced a wave of visitors, and so have our neighboring beaches. All of the beaches are wondering, "Where do they all park, and at what point can we cry uncle! We are full." It is tough living where everyone seems to want to spend their weekends. I have to send out many thanks to our Public Works Department for keeping our Island as clean and trash free as possible. Also, many congratulations to the entire Public Safety Department on the many calls for service that were handled as swiftly and professionally as humanly possible. Sometimes we forget that while we enjoy a Holiday with our family and friends, parts of your city are still hard at work trying to maintain our quality of life as much they can do so. Thank you to the employees of these two Departments for their continued untiring service to the City of Folly Beach.

Just a note to remind you: by the end of June, you will be able to see on line the City's budget for 2020. You can read through it to see how your tax dollars will be spent in the coming year. While it seems like creating a budget would get easier with time, it doesn't. There are new challenges each year for the Department Heads, me, and City Council to work through. SO far this year these challenges have been meet with no tax increase, no small job. I would like you to join me in thanking all those who have worked diligently over the past couple of months to make this budget a good, fiscally conservative one for all of us.

If you have questions or concerns please contact me before you get caught up in the "Folly Rumor Mill." I will get you a correct, truthful answer, maybe not the one you want, but a correct one for you to base decisions on. Contact me at (843) 729 0298 or [tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com](mailto:tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com).

*Mayor Tim*

## **from the City.....**

..... The City Accommodations Tax Advisory Board has one at-large vacancy for a term ending in 2022. The deadline to

apply is Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call or email Municipal Clerk Katharine Eich, (843) 513-1833, [keich@cityoffollybeach.com](mailto:keich@cityoffollybeach.com).

..... Watch out for City workers during roll cart and debris collection, especially now that busy season is on us.

..... The City recommends that you use only contractors licensed by Folly Beach, and that you withhold final payment until the City has done required inspections. Contact Licensing Clerk Scott Valentine [svalentine@cityoffollybeach.com](mailto:svalentine@cityoffollybeach.com) or (843) 513-1832

..... Pirates Cove Tennis Court and Basket Ball court is being resurfaced. The work should be done by the first week in July.

..... Folly River Park Dock bids are in. Repairs should start in mid-January 2020 after Christmas lights in the park are put away.

..... Charleston County is emptying blue roll carts every Monday during the summer on Folly Island only in response to summer rentals and crowds. Carts on Folly Beach addresses off the island will be emptied every other week as usual.

## ***Folly a Blood Drive Star***

Another reason Folly Beach rocks? Blood! In two years, Folly Beach has become a Red Cross Premier Blood Partner, a title reserved for highest-achieving blood drive sponsors.

Our next blood drive on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> will be our ninth quarterly blood drive since they were reinstated in June 2017. Our quarterly blood drive has averaged 37 pints donated, with a total of 297 pints, growing from 30 pints at the first drive to 47 pints at our last drive.

The Red Cross has learned that they can depend on Folly Beach, so they schedule our blood drives during the most difficult times – Christmas and summer (when schools are out and people are vacationing). That is why we have two blood drives in summer and one at the Christmas holiday season.

Will you help us continue our premier record by signing up to donate at our June 6<sup>th</sup> blood drive at Father Kelly Hall from 2-6 pm? To sign up, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search for Sponsor Code FOLLY, or email me and I will sign you up.

***Dave Miller (704) 562-8394***  
***[deacondave73@gmail.com](mailto:deacondave73@gmail.com)***

# Folly Fun Stuff!

Folly Family Fun Night, Folly River Park 5-7 pm on Tuesdays  
Family, food & fun for everyone!

June 25<sup>th</sup> STEM Night / Live Music by Sweet Tea

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Clean Fun / Live Music by David Grunstra

July 9<sup>th</sup> Storytree Theatre / Live Music by Sweet Tea

July 16 Brian Blankenship Magician / Live Music by David Grunstra

July 23 Dragonfly Kids Yoga / Live Music by Sweet Tea

July 30 Kyle K'OTIC Breakdancing / Live Music by David Grunstra



Folly Beach Baptist Church will offer Vacation Bible School for kindergarten (four years old) through fifth grade on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30- 8:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Register on-line (follybeachbaptist.com) or call 843-588-9414 (leave a message if necessary).

## FOLLY BEACH LIBRARY

Summer Reading is here! Read all summer and win prizes. Open to all ages! We have Storytime at 10:30 am on Mondays. We will be open from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The book club is taking a break for summer so they won't meet again until August.

On Wednesdays at 4 pm we will have our summer reading programs. Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> is Porkchop Productions, June 12<sup>th</sup> is Science Tellers, June 19<sup>th</sup> our very own Folly Beach Turtle Watch Crew and on June 26<sup>th</sup> we have All Hands Productions. 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](http://www.ccpl.org).

**Mary Bushkar (843) 588-2001**  
[bushkarm@ccpl.org](mailto:bushkarm@ccpl.org)

## COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS ON FOLLY

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

**Starlight Yoga, County Park, Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-8:30 pm.** Age 12 up. \$5

**Moonlight Mixer, Folly Pier, Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7-11 pm.** Age: 4 up. \$8 in advance, \$10 on site.

**Cast Off Fishing Tournament, Folly Pier, Saturday June 22, 6 am–2 pm, Folly Pier.** No preregistration required; on-site registration begins 6 am. Prizes include top three biggest fish, youth 12 and under, and best five fish. Rain or shine. Adult chaperones required for 15 and under. Adults \$10; Military \$9; Youth (3-12) and Seniors (60+) \$8; Fishing Pass holders \$5.

**Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk, Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am-10:30 am.** Age 12 up. \$7

**Dawn Patrol Adult SUP Surf Camp, County Park, Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>-Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30-8 am.** Age 16 up. \$165.

**Introduction to Short Boat Surf Kayaking, County Park, Sunday June 23, 8 am–noon.** Age 16 up. \$65.

**SUP the Surf Zone, County Park, Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8 am-noon.** Age 16 up. \$65.

**Jr. Lifeguard III Camp, County Park, Monday June 10<sup>th</sup>- Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am-4:30 pm.** Age 14-16, \$275. Must pass swim test.

**Jr. Lifeguard I, County Park, Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am–4:30 pm.** Must pass swim test. Age 10-12. \$275.

## 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 JUNE

### Council Chambers

3 <sup>rd</sup> Planning Commission	7pm
11 <sup>th</sup> City Council Work session	6pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Council meeting	7pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Design Review Board	6pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Parks and Recreation Board	6:30pm

### Clubs, Organizations & Committees

4 <sup>th</sup> Save the Light	7pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens	11:30 am
6 <sup>th</sup> Folly Green Team	6pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Folly Association of Business	6pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Exchange Club Board	7pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Exchange Club	7pm

The Civic Club, Garden Club, and Senior Citizens will not meet during the summer.

### Library

3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> Story Time	10:30am
8 <sup>th</sup> Open Saturday	10am-2pm
5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> Summer Reading	4pm

### Recycling

Every Monday on [Folly Island](http://Folly Island);  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for [off-island Folly Beach](http://off-island Folly Beach).

### Volunteer Fire Fighters

4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>st</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	6pm
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### Special Events

1<sup>st</sup> Start of meteorological Summer  
14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day  
16<sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day  
21<sup>st</sup> Moonlight Mixer  
21<sup>st</sup> Summer solstice starts  
22<sup>nd</sup> Cast Off Fishing Tournament