

Everywhere a Park

For a skinny barrier island, Folly Beach has an amazing abundance of parks and recreation sites. The County has five, and the City has just added a fifth. Here's a run-down of the facilities available to Folly residents and visitors, and plans for improvements:

County Parks:

- The County beach at Folly's western end is the biggest of them all, and the most fragile. It was torn up by Hurricane Irene in 2011 – the impact was so bad that septic tanks were exposed, most structures were destroyed, and the sand was badly eroded. The County has been working its way back to normal ever since. An innovative jetty was built at the end of the beach to hold in the sand, and the sand was replaced. The County is working on ADA access, concessions, toilets, changing rooms, improving the Pelican Watch Pavilion and an office, to be finished by Spring.
- The Folly Beach Pier, more than 1,000 feet long, and a favorite fishing site, is 25 years old, and its pilings are being destroyed by marine worms. The pier will be torn down this Fall, and a new pier with cement pilings will be built. The design of the new pier has not been completed.
- Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve, the former Coast Guard station, covers Folly Beach's eastern end. It has been developed as a low-impact park because it contains many endangered plants and animals. Old Coast Guard buildings were removed, and a walkway was rebuilt. It is a prime opportunity for bird-watching, and spectacular views of the Morris Island lighthouse.
- The County boat landing at Center Street and the Folly River is heavily used in-season. The City and the County are collaborating on adding a kayak launch site, which will be built as soon as the permitting process is over.
- The County owns half a block of beachfront at East 2nd Street and East Arctic, site of the old Folly Beach Inn, and large associated parking lots. The site is currently used for staff parking and storing lifeguard equipment and the beach is open to all.

City Parks: The City is currently focused on creating small parks in rights-of-way (ROWs) all over Folly, especially 50-

foot ROWs to mark platted but unbuilt streets. It has five parks:

- The big Folly River Park at Center and East Indian has a pavilion, bathrooms, exercise equipment, and plenty of space to roam. It's often rented for weddings and other events, is used for traditional Folly events such as the Halloween Carnival.
- Two award-winning playgrounds: Timothy M. Goodwin Pirates Cove on East Erie at East 6th, and Wave Watch on West Cooper and West 5th. Pirates Cove also has a tennis/ basketball court and a run (Bark Park).
- A bird-watching park has been created in a West Ashley ROW.



photo by Eric Lutz

Shadow Race Park, the City's newest park

- The newest park, Shadow Race Park at Michigan and Shadow Race on the west side, is a passive wooded park with benches to look at Folly River.

The City is also joining the County in building a kayak launch at the County's boat landing, to separate small boats from larger boats towed to the site.

The public elsewhere thinks Folly Beach is thought of only as a beach, but its residents have plenty of other options to choose from.

Clubs and Organizations

Civic Club

The Civic Club does not meet in the summer, but the leadership and members are working on important initiatives: reinstating the Civic Club Calendar, and the annual Halloween Carnival. We ask all Folly Beach businesses and organizations to support the Civic Club by advertising in our calendar. For those who have already supported the calendar, thank you! Contact Laurie Hull (843-209-4576 or lhull@dunesproperties.com) for information on the calendar and related matters.

We are also planning and organizing the annual Halloween Carnival. Please volunteer to help with planning and preparation or execution and closure of the Carnival. If you are interested in supporting and volunteering for this wonderful and celebrative Folly Beach tradition, please contact me.

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Home and Garden Club

Laura and Todd Pace bought 716 East Erie, August's Yard of the Month, in 2018 directly from their then-neighbor. They came to Folly in 2007 when Todd, who grew up in Southern California, ended his quest for a surfer beach right here.

With the exception of two giant pines, they had a clean slate for their garden. The central front bed, surrounded with hand laid brick, is the only area designed in a specific way. Two red bottle brushes are preceded by three pindo palms, with daylilies on each side. Quince bushes, pink salvia, buddleia, and purple plumbago all pay homage to the white goat in this bed, created with soil from their neighbor. The family refers to their home as the "Goat House", an acronym for "greatest of all time." This love of goats began in a junk yard in Concord NC, when their girls could not bear to leave the goat behind.

The remaining areas are stream of consciousness gardens. An unofficial rose garden lines the left boundary. Big pink confederate roses are watched over by a lobster sculpture, created by Todd's brother, in a palmetto tree. Coleus offers ground cover, while yellow, pink and white roses file behind. Dwarf and king papyrus complete the march.

Plush pots of camellias bank their home along with potted avocado, lime and grapefruit trees. A feeder pot with a black goat enhances the central section replete with wandering jew, orange hibiscus (deer candy), mountain purple salvia and white lantana. This climbs above sweet potato vine and monardo. Far right, a baby green goat sits beneath a grand pine banked with tractor seat plants. A final trough pot is home to the renowned pink Katrina rose, having survived twenty feet of water during the hurricane.

Laura enjoys having her hands in dirt while experimenting with which plants will grow in her garden. They have found their home among Folly locals, loving their neighborliness and willingness to help others. Our congratulations to the "Goat House." May its garden continue to grow.

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Exchange Club

Thanks to everyone who came out to our July Scholarship Dinner, especially guest speakers Nichole Myles from the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry, and Jamie Adams and Jessie Hines from the South Carolina Education Lottery Scholarship Department. Also, a big congrats to our scholarship recipients: Nolan Tecklenberg (Jazz Piano), Sophie Flanagan (Animal Science), and Judson Matthews (Aerospace Engineering). We wish y'all a great upcoming school year!

We will cook burgers and dogs at this year's National Night Out. Definitely come out, get a bite, and enjoy a fun-filled family night with our Folly Beach Public Safety.

A big thanks to everyone who donated items to this year's school supply drive. The children at Halos greatly appreciated it!

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Senior Citizens

The Seniors are still on summer vacation. We will begin meeting again in September. Our thoughts are with our sick and shut ins. If we may be of any help, please contact us.

We want to thank the people who keep our entrance to Folly Beach so very clean. There is rarely any trash along our highway. We wish you a safe and happy August.

Pauline Ray (843) 588-9580

Folly Green

The Green Team's next meeting will be on Thursday, August 1st at 6 pm at the Community Center. We will discuss a storm drain art project.

Continue to support turtle conservation by filling in holes on the beach and turning off beachfront lights after 9 pm.

Anyone interested in being on our Community Garden wait list should contact Teresa. The new garden season begins October 1st.

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Folly Beach Art Guild

The Folly Beach Art Guild will start regular meetings at the Community Center on Tuesday, August 6th at 6:30 pm. We are accepting new members as well. For membership information and to download an application, please visit www.follybeacharts.com.

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From the Desk of the Mayor

The summer has almost run its course! Tourist season is winding down, and our young citizens return to school on the 21st, a true sign of summer coming to a fast close. With the beginning of school comes the large yellow vehicles that tend to slow traffic in all the Tri-County area. We all will need to adjust our travel times to take this into consideration. Safe and happy travel to and from places of learning is what I'm sure we all want for our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. To the young citizens, it is also your responsibility to help ensure your safety in your travels. Follow all the bus safety rules, and be watchful at bus stops to stay out of roadways and be aware of traffic as older folks also head to work.

Tropical storm number three has kicked up its heels to remind us, yes, tis the season. While this storm definitely reminds us to all be diligent in our hurricane evacuation plans and routes. We all are hoping for a hurricane free season, but we know it only takes one for us to have a real bad day, followed by many days of rebuilding and restoration of our lives.

I will extend another round of congratulations to the Public Works crew, who have not only worked diligently to keep our beach and city as clean as possible this summer, but have also worked to complete the Shadow Race Park, city landscaping up to par, and Mr. Lutz is working hard to get the tennis and basketball courts open in the first weeks of September. Congratulations, guys, it has been another long hot summer coming to a clean end for our city thanks to your diligence.

Get your calendars out and draw a big red circle around August 6th. That is the evening for National Night Out! Lt. Hlavac and his committee have worked very hard to make sure this will be the best one yet! SO, don't miss this opportunity to get to know your Public Safety Department members in a fun enjoyable evening.

I also need to recognize the Parks and Recreation Board for their hard work in bringing the Shadow Race Park from an idea to a completed green space for our citizens to use as a place of relaxation and even meditation. Thanks to the leadership of Katherine Houghton and the work of many volunteers, this spot full of history and beauty will be preserved for all of us.

Many congratulations go to the Parks and Recreation Board, volunteers, and Amy Foxhall's leadership for another great experience in Family Fun Nights! As they come to a close, it is sad to know we won't enjoy the laughter of our children and families in the park Tuesday evenings. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see what's in store next year.

Finally, Surfers' Healing will be August 22nd. If you never have experienced this wonderful day, come by and see what pure joy and delight is for children with autism and their families.

As always if you have any questions feel free to contact me: (843) 729-0298 or tgoodwin@cityoffollybeach.com.

Mayor Tim

from the City.....

..... The Parks and Recreation Board has one vacancy for a term ending in 2021. Apply by August 8th. For more information, call or email Municipal Clerk Katharine Eich, (843) 513-1833, keich@cityoffollybeach.com.

..... 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.

..... the Planning Commission continues a five-year update of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan. Over the next several months, it will review progress on the goals identified in the 2015 plan, update the comprehensive plan elements, and discuss new or changed goals for the rest of the ten-year planning cycle. Meeting dates and topics are subject to change, but the most current information can be found online on the City's website (search Comprehensive Plan).

..... After Council passed and then retracted a noise ordinance, Public Safety created a new noise policy to go with their new pocket decimeters. Noise above 80 decibels in the business district (70 decibels after 11 pm) and 65 decibels in residential areas, measured from across the street, will be cause for a ticket.

..... the City has a new policy on noisy rental properties. The second complaint in six months gets a ticket, and the third complaint results in seizure of the owner's business license.

National Night Out

Come out on Tuesday, August 6th from 5-7 pm at Folly River Park for a fun-filled night with the Public Safety Department! There will be raffle prizes, food, games, etc. Everyone will be able to see what our men and women do every day to protect our community and keep us safe. There will also be live music and interactive tables all night. Some of the proceeds will go to a local charity.

About 400 communities and 23 states participated in National Night Out the first year it was held [1984] and by 2001 involvement had grown to include 9,700 communities and all 50 states. Today, more than 16,000 communities and 38 million individuals participate in this incredible annual event the first Tuesday of every August.

Folly Fun Stuff!

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6th from 5-7 pm in Folly River Park. There will be raffle prizes for all ages, food, games, etc. Everyone will get the chance to see what our men and women do every day to protect our community and keep us safe. There will also be live music and other interactive tables throughout the night



Folly United Methodist Church will have a table at the National Night Out. Come by our table with the bubbles, flags, and pinwheels.

Folly Beach Baptist Church offers a "Recovery in Christ" session each Thursday evening at 6 pm. The sessions are for all people who need help and support with hurts, habits or hang-ups. The sessions are in the Education building and parking is available behind the Church.

FOLLY BEACH LIBRARY

Summer Reading continues until August 17th so be sure to log all of your reading so you can win great prizes. We have Storytime at 10:30 am on Mondays. We will be open from 10 am–2 pm on Saturday, August 10th.

Last month, a self-check machine was installed in our branch. We are excited about this new technology. The kiosks offer patrons a fast and convenient way to check out books, DVDs, blu-rays and more, as well as pay any fines associated with their account. Items such as telescopes, mobile Wi-Fi hotspots, digital magnifiers, storytime kits, New Americans and Refugees kits, Kill a Watt electricity usage meters, book club kits, Children’s Museum passes and children’s pop-up tents must be checked out at the Circulation Desk. To use a kiosk, patrons just need their library card (or card number) and the PIN number associated with their account. If you don’t remember your PIN, ask a librarian to look it up.

For more information on these programs, feel free to give us a call or check out the library’s web page, www.ccpl.org. **Mary Bushkar (843) 588-2001**
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COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS ON FOLLY

843-795-4386 or www.charlestoncountyparks.com to register or for information.

Decoding Dolphin Behavior, County Park, Thursday August 8th, 8:30-10:30 am. Age 9 up. \$7

Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk, Lighthouse Inlet, Friday August 9th, 8:30-10:30 am. Age 12 up. \$7

Introduction to Coastal Kayaking (Level 3), County Park, Sunday, August 11th, 8 am–2 pm. Age 16 up. \$85.

Moonlight Mixer, Folly Pier, Friday August 16th, 7-11 pm. Age 4 up. \$8 in advance, \$10 on site.

Dawn Patrol Adult SUP Surf Camp, County Park, Tuesday, August 20th – Friday, August 23rd, 6:30-8 am. Age 16 up. \$165

Introduction to Short Boat Surf Kayaking, County Park, Saturday August 24th, 8 am–12 pm. Age 16 up. \$65

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LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY 10-6 WEDNESDAY 12-8
FRIDAY 10-6 2nd SATURDAY 10-2

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Council Chambers

5 th Planning Commission	7pm
13 th City Council Work session	6pm
13 th Council meeting	7pm
14 th ATAX Advisory Committee	6pm
19 th Design Review Board	6pm
21 st ATAX Advisory Committee	6pm
27 th Parks and Recreation Board	6:30pm

Clubs, Organizations & Committees

1 st Folly Green Team	6pm
1 st Save the Light	7pm
13 th Folly Association of Business	6pm
1 st Exchange Club Board	7pm
15 th Exchange Club	7pm

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

Library

5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th Story Time	10:30am
10 th Open Saturday	10am-2pm

Recycling

Every Monday on [Folly Island](#);
12th and 26th for [off-island Folly Beach](#).

Volunteer Fire Fighters

6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	6pm
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Special Events

6 th National Night Out	5pm
16 th Moonlight Mixer	7pm
22 nd Surfers’ Healing	