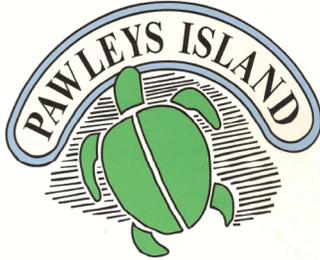


# The Tides

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## Winter Storms

Easter is early this year, and we all hope that it is a harbinger of an early spring! The weather forecasters now use the term “King Tide” to define out of the ordinary lunar high tides, for Pawleys that appears to mean a tide higher than 6 feet. We just had a “King Tide” last weekend and it was accompanied by a “northeaster” which can add as much as a foot to the height of the high tide. We had a

## Underground Wire

The project is moving forward and the involved property owners in the first phase, between the causeways, are now seeing construction as the conduit is being bored below the ground. You will note there is no driveway disruption for the construction as it is bored and not trenched. There are orange and black conduits coming out of the ground where connection pedestals or transformers will be located above ground. These installations will occur this spring after which you won't see the conduit. This section was chosen as the first section to construct as it includes underground wire across both causeways, and provides important redundancy to the entire island. We had hoped to begin construction of phase one in the fourth quarter of 2014 and complete it by summer, but problems with property owners not returning easements caused us not to be able to begin until early March. The Town still intends to stop construction just prior to Memorial Day, which now means that the wire will not be able to be pulled through the conduit for phase one until September. We will, however, allow Santee Cooper to work on the two causeways during the summer so we don't get way far behind! There should be only minor traffic issues as a result of the causeway work.

lot of erosion and you might want to have your beach steps checked, as some are off the beach and I've seen some where a section of the steps are gone. Hopefully we will see some rebuilding of the beach face over the spring and summer. The sand has been trapped by the groins and is generally still below the low tide line.

The section north of the north causeway will be the second phase, and easements are now being mailed to the property owners. If those receiving the easements respond on receipt and return the easements promptly, construction should begin in Fall 2015. The same type of schedule will take place for the section south of the south Birds Nest section (Hazard Street) for those properties not already underground. Engineering and staking is currently being done in that area, with construction still scheduled to begin in early 2017.

Invoices have been mailed out and we will be personally contacting those few who have not paid. Over twenty percent of the property owners have paid either the full amount or are breaking their payment into 4 payments instead of 10. THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT!

We are excited about this project and its benefits to the island! This has been 10 years in the making, but the results will be worth it!

## Trash Pickups

The next roadside trash pickup will be the Monday and Tuesday after Easter, April 6 and 7. The Fourth of July pickups will be July 6 and 7. The pickups are for miscellaneous trimmings and refuse you need to dispose of excluding ELECTRONIC

EQUIPMENT, garbage, shingles, asbestos, liquid paint and hazardous wastes, which will not be accepted at the landfill. Please don't pile loose paper or leaves. They need to be in bags to be picked up.

## Causeway Cameras

Once again, the beaches to our north have had a substantial number of break ins over the fall and winter. Flat screen TVs are the usual target. Pawleys Island has had only one break in during the same period. Chief Fanning believes that the combined impact of visible policing at night, and the knowledge that the island is protected by cameras which record license plates of cars and the time of arrival and departure from the island are responsible for this enviable result. We have also added cameras at the first street public access to determine if more cameras are

cost and time effective, and will consider cameras at the south parking lot at the next council meeting. The causeway cameras take a picture of only the rear of vehicles crossing the causeways so as to pick up the license number of the vehicle. There are no pictures of individuals in the vehicles. Our officers can determine which vehicles came on the island around the time of any problem and use that in their investigations.

## Pawleys Pavilion Reunion

The Pawleys Pavilion Reunion will be held at the Pawleys Park again this year. The date is Saturday May 9, 6:00 PM until 11:00 PM. THE TAMS will be performing @ 7:00 PM. Call 843-546-5685 extension 6 for ticket information, or visit their Facebook

page.

<https://www.facebook.com/PawleysPavilionReunion>

## Beach Renourishment

No Progress! However the Town commissioned a review of the status of our beach with Coastal Science engineering company. They generally found that the state of the Pawleys Beach is about the same as it was after we rebuilt the groins and renourished between them in 1998, with some improvement on the north end and some reduction on the south end. They evaluated the status

of the groins and recommended that the Town repair the groins where they have deteriorated. We will be discussing this with possible contractors to get some estimate of cost. The earliest we could do anything would be after turtle nesting season this year, around September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

he annual Pawleys Island 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will be held at a revised time of 11:00 AM on Saturday July 4, 2015. When the 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday we move the start time to allow renters time to leave the island and cleanup crews to get on. Lineup will be at 10:30 AM on the South Causeway. The South Causeway will be

closed from about 10:00 AM until the parade passes, and the North Causeway will close as the parade approaches. Signups and T Shirts will be available at Town Hall around mid-June. There is again a \$250 prize being offered this year for the best musical float!

## Beautification Foundation

Please don't forget that your gifts and memorials to the Foundation help to continue to maintain a pleasant Pawleys vista. The Beautification Foundation is responsible for maintaining four properties on our island, the Nature Park, Myrtle Avenue and the triangle at the South Causeway, Birds Nest Park, and the entrance to the public parking area at the south end.

NOTE TO PAWLEYS FAMILIES: Tax deductible memorials or recognitions may be made to the Pawleys Island Beautification Foundation, P.O. Box 2712, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. A bequest in your will, or through the direction of funds in your retirement plan, is also a wonderful way to remember Pawleys Island, and to help continue the work of the Beautification Foundation in perpetuity.

## Canoe & Kayak Race

The Canoe and Kayak Race will be held again this year on Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the North Causeway Bridge, beginning at 1:00 PM and paddling north. Check the Town Web Site or Facebook for updates. Kayak rentals are available from Surf the

Earth at the causeway before the race. There are prizes for all age groups! It is great fun and all are invited to join in to kayak or to observe from your dock or the bridge. Sign up at Town Hall after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## Georgetown County 1% Capital Projects Tax

If you rent your home on Pawleys you should know that Georgetown County passed a Capital Improvements program funded by an additional one percent sales tax added to the 5% rental sales tax collected by the State. The tax is effective on

May first. If you rent through an agency they will take care of the collection and reporting to the State of South Carolina. If you pay rental sales tax to the State yourself you should be receiving new forms from them by mid May.

## Recycling

Please recycle all plastics, cans, cardboard, newspaper, paper, magazines, and plastic grocery bags. The only items, which can not be included in your recycling bins, are garbage, glass, or Styrofoam products. Please do not place garbage in the recycling containers. Owners can purchase clear recycle trash bags at Pawleys Island Supplies on the North Causeway.

Once again, as the rental season approaches the Town highly encourages property owners with larger houses, which overflow the Garbage cans between pickups, to provide an additional 96 Gallon roll type container. The tops are hinged and discourage cats and critters from invading the container and scattering garbage, as well as providing a better general appearance for our island.

In addition we would like to request that, if possible and when possible, property owners move their trash can storage at least 20 feet off of the roadway. The Town and all of our property owners are doing our best to improve the visual appearance of the island and your attention to your trash can storage location would be appreciated.

The year around garbage pickup schedule is Garbage only on Tuesday and Saturday, recycled materials only will be picked up on Wednesday.

## Flood Insurance Information

ALL OF OUR PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD BE RECEIVING A 20% DISCOUNT ON ALL FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE POLICIES. You should call your agent and be

sure they have your house listed as in the Town of Pawleys Island with the following ID number 450255 0001D and that you are getting the discount as it doesn't always show on some invoices.

## New Ordinances on Building

NEW ORDINANCES ON BUILDING have been passed in our effort to improve our CRS discount to 25% or 30%, and reduce the impact of storm damage on new and substantially remodeled (cost greater than 50% of the value of the "structure only" prior to remodeling). All new or substantially remodeled homes will now have to be at a two foot greater elevation than before, which

is 3 feet above the base flood elevation. New or substantially remodeled homes will sign a statement with the permit which allows the town to inspect underside of the house annually to be sure there have been no additions under the house which don't conform to FEMA regulations and Town Ordinances.

## Sand Fence Program

Our cost sharing program is now open again, but the requirement is that at least 1/3 of the fence must be off of the flat beach, which conforms to OCRM regulations. The Town will assist in

the cost to the property owner after inspection for conformance. Contact Town Hall for information.

## Turtle Season

Begins May 15<sup>th</sup>. Be careful of your beachfront lights and please don't leave chairs, tents or holes on the beach overnight, as they can turn a turtle back toward the ocean where she may expel her

eggs. Thanks to our SCUTE volunteers who walk the beach each morning to locate new nests.

## Cats

Until the tourists return, any property owner who feels that they have a cat problem in their area please contact Diane at Town Hall, 843-237-1698. She will make arrangements to have traps

placed in the area, and those cats trapped. Those cats that have not been already spayed or neutered will be, and they will be returned to the island.

## Dogs on Leash

There have been a number of warning and tickets issued this year for dogs off of a person's own property and not on a leash. As a reminder, the Town has an ordinance requiring dogs off of a

person's own property to be leashed 24 hours a day, all year. Our ordinance is consistent with State law and is applicable to roads, public accesses and the beach.

## Town's Website & Facebook Page

We invite you to visit our web site at [www.townofpawleysisland.com](http://www.townofpawleysisland.com), and our actively updated Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/TownofPawleysIsland>. Much of what an owner or visitor (or potential renter) needs to know about Pawleys is now on these sites

## House Numbers

House address numbers are required to be posted on each house so that it can be seen from the street. As you know our numbering system is not consistent and EMS ambulances have

had difficulty responding to 911 calls. Please be sure your address number is in plain sight.

## Mayor's Note

We continue to update our mailing lists and email addresses. Please email [info@townofpawleysisland.com](mailto:info@townofpawleysisland.com) so we can capture your address if you haven't already submitted it. This will also help our communication in case of a storm event. In either case, please add the Town email address to your email address list so your spam filter won't block emails from Town Hall.

hesitate to call me at my home office 237-8005, or at my home, 237-2053. The other current council members are Mayor Pro Tem Mike Adams (237-0394), Howard Ward (237-8639), Glennie Tarbox (237-8228), and Sarah Zimmerman (237-7774). Your Council works together to protect and serve our island and its heritage of gentleness, history and tranquility. Any of us would be happy to sit down with you to discuss your interests or concerns.

We cordially invite you to any Town Council meeting on the second Monday of each month in the Pawleys Island Chapel. We provide time at the beginning of the meeting for anyone to speak for up to three minutes to express a concern, or just simply to speak to council. If I can be of further service please don't

I said this last year, and here we go again, but spring has GOT to be just around the corner!

We look forward to seeing you soon on Pawleys.