

THE TIDES

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Town of
Pawleys Island
SOUTH CAROLINA

The pollen is falling and spring with the beautiful Pawleys weather is almost here. We have had a lot of projects happening the past few months.

Underground Wire

The north end is all underground wired and ready to go for hook ups. Most home owners have had their meters converted and are hooked to underground power. We are waiting on a few home owners to make their meter conversions. If you are one of the home owners who have not done your meter conversion, please do so ASAP. All the poles can come down as soon as the few home owners who haven't done the meter conversions get it done. We are shooting for the end of April. The south end is ahead of schedule and we are hoping to have everyone connected and the poles down by Memorial Day.

Beach Renourishment

We recently received the necessary state and federal permits required for the beach renourishment project, which covers the areas from the south end to 1st Street. In the coming weeks we will put the project out for bid and we'll finally have answers on total cost and scheduling. We'll then be in a position to present the information to property owners and the plan is to have a town hall meeting on the project as well as a non-binding vote of the town's property owners.

Your Email

This will be the last Pawleys Tides done via snail mail. We need everyone's email, please. During storms or other emergencies, we can let everyone know what's happening on the island. With your email, we can update all the home owners in a timely manner on major developments on Pawleys. Please send us your email address to info@townofpi.com

New Town Hall

After going through a second bid process, the price for the new town hall came in at an acceptable price. BEC construction of Murrells Inlet was the low bidder. Town council accepted a bid of just over 675,000 dollars. Construction is just now underway. We're hoping to have the project completed by Labor Day. We have a total of \$653,000 pledged in donations with a total of \$510,000 in the bank. This doesn't include the sale of engraved bricks. These engraved bricks are \$100 each. The town website has all the details for purchasing bricks, townofpawleysisland.com. Also, a rendering of the new town hall is on the website.

Pawleys Island Chapel

After 70 wonderful years on Pawleys, the iconic chapel was in need of repair and some TLC. After several days and 3 different cranes, the chapel was moved across the street. The 18 old pilings were replaced with 35 five new pilings. The chapel was then moved back into the marsh on its new foundation just in time for a wedding. I am sure we had one nervous bride for a period of time.

Street and Flood Committee

We have formed a committee to work on our street flooding and street maintenance problems. Pawleys streets are owned by the state and are to be maintained by the state DOT. We are not getting very much help from the DOT. We have drains that are clogged with sand and pluff mud. With heavy rains or the more frequently occurring king tides, water remains on our streets for days. Also, our roads are sinking. Manhole covers project two to three inches above the street level.

OCRM Lines

Lee Hewitt, our local state house representative wrote a house bill that basically keeps the OCRM lines at their pre-2017 location and also cleans up the language in the bill that was to go into effect in 2017. The bill passed the house with a 98 to 0 vote. Bill Otis and Jimmy Braswell went to Columbia on March 14 to urge the senate subcommittee to move this legislation to the full senate committee and then to the senate floor for passage. The Charleston district senator, Chip Campsen, added an amendment to the house bill that could possibly hold up representative Lee Hewitt's house Bill. Bill Otis will be sending out a detailed report. Bill is on the Beach Advocates Committee and represents the town as well as a number of home owners.

Memorial Day Mixer

We are planning a Memorial Day mixer in the park on Friday, May 25th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Town council will be there to answer any questions. Please bring your beach chairs and anything you want to drink. Please come and mingle with your Pawleys Island neighbors.

Pawleys Island Reunion

The Pawleys Pavilion Reunion will take place on Saturday, May 19th at the Pawleys Park again this year. The Reunion is put on by the Georgetown County Habitat for Humanity and all proceeds are going to build a home for a low income working family in the Georgetown County Community. This year's Pavilion Reunion will feature the musical stylings of Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot.

4th of July Parade

The 52nd annual Pawleys Island 4th of July parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4th at 10:00 AM. The South Causeway will be closed from about 9:00AM until the parade passes, and the North Causeway will close as the parade approaches. Signups and T-Shirts will be available at the "Old" Town Hall at 321 Myrtle Avenue around mid-June. There is again a \$250 prize being offered for the best musical float!

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 NFIP Community ID number 450255 and that you are getting the discount as it doesn't always show on some invoices. The Town Administrator, Planning Commission and Council are working toward increasing the discount to 25% which should occur in 2018.

Turtle Season

Is about to start. Be careful of your beach front 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! Please contact Mary Schneider at maryschneider@sc.rr.com if you're interested in becoming a SCUTE volunteer

Sincerely,

James Braswell
Mayor



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