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Town of Pawleys Island SOUTH CAROLINA

It has been a number of months since our last Pawleys Tides. We have had a number of things going on in these past several months. Let's get started.

Pawleys Island Town Hall

We are about two weeks away from moving into our new town hall, named after our former mayor, Bill Otis. It looks great. Several people commented that it looks just like a Pawleys home. Thanks to David Graham Architecture and BEC Construction, who have done a wonderful job with this project. What is absolutely amazing is that around 95% of the cost was paid for by private donations. We sold over 1,000 engraved bricks which is outstanding! Pawleys Island is truly special and the people of Pawleys are very, very special. This island is truly loved. We are planning a grand opening ceremony in the very near future. We will let everyone know the plans when they become finalized.

Beach Renourishment

As most of you are aware, we were one week away from signing a beach renourishment project to take place around November of this year. At the last minute, the Army Corps of Engineers came riding in. We have had an approved Corps project on the books for 14 years. However, it was never funded by Congress. The Trump administration got it funded. This project changed our approach to doing the beach renourishment. The Corps project covers approximately 1/3 of the island. It starts at the last groin on the south end and goes a little past Hazard Street. We will continue the project northward from where the Corps stops to around 3rd Street. The Corps calls this adding to their project "betterment". There are a number of advantages to joining the Corps project. The biggest advantage is that it can potentially save the town around \$3 million dollars. The Corps project has a 50-year life. Every 9 years, the Corps will look at doing another renourishment to bring the beach back to the level of the first renourishment. If at any time we have a storm that removes a significant amount of sand from the beach, the Corps will come back and replenish the amount of sand

that was lost. It doesn't have to be a named storm. The cost of the initial renourishment to the town will be 25% of the project cost. This can be paid over a 30-year time period at a very low interest rate from the federal government. Also, one half of that 25% cost, will be will be paid by funds from a program the state legislature set up through Parks and Recreation. The renourishment for the rest of the beach will be paid from funds by the town's beach renourishment budget and the state's Parks and Recreation fund. We hope to start the project in the fall of 2019. The non-Corps phase of the project will give us an engineered beach. FEMA will cover 75% of the cost of beach renourishment after a "named" storm. Both of these programs, are a huge advantage to our town. It is like a big insurance policy. Please feel free to call Ryan or myself with any further questions.

Underground Wire Completion

The poles are gone! With the exception of one house, everyone is hooked up underground. It makes a huge difference and the island looks amazing without the wires and poles. Thank you to everyone that made this project happen!

Hurricanes & Recent Storms

We were extremely fortunate this hurricane season. Very little damage was done to the island by Hurricane Florence. However, Saturday November 25th, we had a perfect storm hit the island. Between a full moon, king tide, and a northeast wind that approached gale force winds, the ocean and creek joined each other on the south end. We lost the majority of the dunes at the south end. There was major scarping on all dunes. We are researching what options we have to get us to our beach renourishment.

Old Town Hall

We are in the process of putting together a committee to generate ideas for things we can do to utilize our old town hall. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas, please let us know.

2019 Golf Cart Permits

The town's golf cart permits are now available for 2019. To purchase your new permit please visit the town hall and bring your DMV registration and proof of insurance. The permit fee is \$10, and it will begin into effect January 1st. For further questions please visit our website or call our town hall.

Christmas Caroling

Weather permitting, we will have caroling in the park on December 7th at 5:00 pm.

Turtle Season

There were 15 turtle nests on the island this year. Thank you to our SCUTE volunteers who walk the beach each morning to locate new nest during turtle season! If you are interested in becoming a SCUTE volunteer, please contact Mary Schneider at maryschneider@sc.rr.com.

Handicap Wheelchair

The town now has a handicap wheelchair available on a first come first serve basis. Thanks to the hard work of a local Eagle Scout, the beach accessible wheelchair is available at the south end lot. A signed release is required to use the wheelchair. The form can be obtained at the town hall.

Renting Your Home Without Paying Accommodations Taxes

Failing to pay accommodations taxes is against the state of South Carolina and Town of Pawleys Island laws. If you rent your home, you are required to pay accommodations tax to the town and the state on your gross rental income. If you are renting through an agent, the agent will add it to the rental and pay it. In fairness, those who do not follow the law should not gain a rental price advantage over those who do follow the law. The state has adopted severe penalties for not paying these taxes, which the town has also adopted. The penalty is a one-time civil penalty of no less than \$500.00 and no more than \$2,000.00 for failure to collect and remit accommodations taxes for every seven days a single rental property was rented.

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 to confirm 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. In a few months the Town will go through a 5 year cycle visit where FEMA comes in and reviews our program for compliance. Based on the improvements we've made to our CRS program over the past 5 years we anticipate the property owner discount to increase to 25%, which should be reflected in your 2019 NFIP premium. **

Garbage & Recycling Pick Up

The garbage pickup schedule is Tuesday and Saturday. The recycling pickup is on Wednesdays only.

Trash Pickup

The next scheduled trash pickup is January 2nd and 3rd. Please do not place trash or vegetative cuttings on the street until the day of the pickup. No electronic equipment, garbage, shingles, asbestos, liquid paint or hazardous wastes should be included. Please do not pile loose paper or leaves. These need to be placed in bags in order to be picked up.

Beautification Foundation

Please do not forget that your gifts and memorials to the Foundation continue to help maintain a pleasant Pawleys vista. They are responsible for maintaining several properties on our island, the Nature Park, Myrtle Avenue, the triangle at the South Causeway, Birds Nest Park and the entrance to the public parking at the south end. Tax deductible memorials or recognitions may be made to the Pawleys Island Beautification Foundation, P.O. Box 2712, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Town Council Meetings

The Town welcomes the public to any Town Council meeting on the second Monday of each month at 5pm. The next meeting is December 10th at the Pawleys Island Chapel. There is time at the beginning of every meeting for anyone to speak. Each individual is allowed up to three minutes to express a concern, or just simply speak to council. The current council members are Rocky Holliday (843) 237-0377, Ashley Carter (843) 237-4257, Sarah Zimmerman (843) 237-7774 and Guerry Green (843) 237-2400. The council works together to serve and protect our island and its heritage of gentleness, history and tranquility. Town Administrator Ryan Fabbri is available to discuss your interests or concerns at (843) 237-1698.

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