



# SURF CITY COASTAL CONNECTION

February 2019

## Manager's Minute

Thank you to those that attended our Beach Nourishment Day on Saturday, January 19th. It was a very successful event. We had over 200 trees donated to help with this project as well as 80 volunteers.

On Tuesday, January 22 Mayor Pro-Tem Buddy Fowler and I met with Governor Cooper regarding the launch of his new "Hometown Strong" program. This is a new initiative to partner with local governments to support local economies, improve infrastructure, and strengthen rural communities. Surf City is very excited to take part in "Hometown Strong!"

We met with NCDOT to discuss the completion phase of the new bridge and Roland Ave improvements which should begin early February. The temporary barriers will be replaced with concrete barriers starting next week. There will be a new sidewalk connection to the wooden walkway on the mainland side. They did say they are in the final design phase of the new informational signage for the roundabouts, and that lighting will be added to the roundabouts at the time the final landscaping is completed.

We have been in contact with Ecological Marine Adventures in hopes of getting this great program up and running for the Spring season. It has been a slower process than we would like, we have had to wait on insurance to provide information.

NCDOT and Balfour Beatty understood the sentimental relationship that the Town of Surf City had for our Swing Bridge. We were given the turn bridge control panel and key as well as the cornerstone from when the bridge was first constructed. These items will be displayed in the new Surf City Town Hall as a historical memorial of the Surf City Swing Bridge.



God Bless,  
Mayor Doug Medlin



Left to Right at Beach Nourishment Mayor Doug Medlin, Parks and Rec Director Chad Merritt, Rec Center Admin Supervisor Susan Valiante and Mayor Pro Tem Buddy Fowler.

We would like to take a moment to introduce our Town Manager. She had been working with the Town of Surf City as the Finance Director since 2015 and was appointed into the role of Town Manager in August of 2018. Prior to joining the Town of Surf City she was with the Town of Burgaw as Finance Director since July of 2012. Prior to moving to this area, she worked for Rockingham County Government, Guilford County Schools, and a local CPA firm back home. She received her Bachelor's degree in Forensic Accounting from Guilford College and completed the Municipal and County Administration program through UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government. She obtained her certified fraud examiners (CFE) licensure from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners in 2009. She is very grateful to Surf City for giving her the opportunity to lead the Town. The Town is in a time of great change and she looks forward to what lies ahead. The Town is a Council-Manager form of government which means that the Manager is responsible to the Council for the administration of all departments. Therefore, she is responsible for oversight of all Town operations including Community Development, Finance, Human Resources, Parks & Recreation, Police, Fire, Public Works, Information Technology, and Welcome Center. Also in this role, she is responsible for implementing Town Council policy, providing day-to-day leadership in policy development and implementation, assuring an efficient and equitable delivery of Town services, overseeing the annual budget process, and managing the Town's inter-governmental relationships.



Ashley Loftis  
Town Manager

Please view our New Website at [SurfCityNC.gov](http://SurfCityNC.gov) for more information.

## Important Dates in 2019

Feb 5	Town Hall Meeting at 6:30pm
Feb 15	Council Work Session 9am
Mar 2	Business Expo
Mar 22	Out of the Darkness Walk
Mar 22-24	Mountains to Sea gathering
Apr 6	Reel Housewives Bike Ride
Apr 20	Easter Egg Roll
Apr 27	Dolphin Dash 5K- on the beach
May 4	Bark At the Soundside Park
May 18	Bridge Day 5K & Festival
June 14	Flag Day Ceremony
July 3	Independence Day Celebration

## Ad Lib from Tourism and Public Information

- In 2018 there were 5,432 walk in visitors, and 217 functions.
- Finished out the year with 76,535 Facebook followers.
- Advertising and Marketing for 'Triad Relocation Guide' and Our State Magazine.
- Welcomed visitors from as far as Iowa, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Vermont, Washington, San Juan (Puerto Rico,) Edmonton, Alta. (Canada.)
- POI for Hwy 6 Soundside Park visit, Hurricane Florence, and Bridge Opening Ceremony.

## Piece from the Police

Daniel Boonbumrung has been hired as the new Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Surf City. Daniel has worked for the Police Department for the last two years and brings a total of 10 years of law enforcement experience with him. He is also a resident of the community and will do a great job.

The Police Department has been conducting interviews for (3) three vacant positions.

This year's Dolphin Dip was a success. This was a good test, specifically on traffic impacts with the new bridge. It was congested, but continually flowed with no accidents to report.

We would like to congratulate Sgt. Clynn Korney for receiving his Advanced Law Enforcement Certification. this month from the North Carolina Training and



Officer Bailey, SRO for Surf City Elementary

## The Perks at Public Works

- Casey Jones, Andy Mark and Samuel Labrecque obtained their Commercial Driver's License this Month.
- Town Staff will be replacing two hydrants along North New River Drive on Wednesday January 30th. The work will require the water to be turned off on North New River Drive, North Topsail Drive, and North Shore Drive between Mecklenburg Ave and Broadway Street from 9 am till 3 pm.
- Town Staff completed 129 work orders this month.
- 13 meters for new homes are currently scheduled to be installed.

Town Staff will begin construction of two new fences around lift stations starting Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. These locations are within Island Oaks and in front of the Police Department.

## New Developments

### GIS

Added 161 properties to the data entry portion of the FEMA Substantial Damage Estimator Report

Total estimated property damage tallied to date: \$21,074,733

Created map for Betsy Brown (Friends of MST) for bridge walk route.

- Metes and bounds inquiry—proposed Spiller annexation
- Preliminary site visit for landscaping plans—Handy Mart 2450 NC Hwy 210
- Dual C-1 usage inquiry—318 N New River Dr.
- Pre C/O site visits

Contact [parnold@townofsurfcity.com](mailto:parnold@townofsurfcity.com) for more

### Hurricane Debris Cleanup

On Jan. 23rd staff met with DRC regarding debris & cleanup. DRC is still continuing to make their final pass. They continue to remove and sift sand that is in the right-of-way. They will also be repairing any sites used for debris collections after the storm, to include: Nelva Albury Park & Parking lot, Charlotte, Durham & Kinston accesses. Dune re-shaping will be taking place along N. Shore Drive where sand was previously placed.

# What's on Deck for Parks & Rec?

## Upcoming Events

- February 6, 2019** – Adult Basketball starts
- March 2, 2019** – Business Expo at the Community Center – 10am-2pm
- March 4, 2019** – Summer Camp Registration begins
- March 22-24, 2019** – Mountains to Sea Trail Conference

## Facility Update

- Athletic fields are being seeded and prepared for the spring season.
- Improvements are being made to the Upper parking lot at the Community Center (landscaping, more defined parking, additional rock, etc).
- The tennis courts at the Community Center are going to be resurfaced this spring.
- We are still waiting on DRC to clear up and repair the parking lot at Nelva R. Albury so we can get in to make repairs.
- Roland Ave beach access shelter has been repaired with a new roof and lighting.
- Rule signs and ID signs for the beach accesses have been ordered and are awaiting arrival.



## Hot Topics From the Fire Department

The fire department has responded to 24 emergency calls since the last update. Please thank this personnel for their dedication to our community. The fire department has started to work on its year-end report, annual capital improvement plan, and next year's budget. All fire department apparatus have recently completed their annual pump tests and have passed. The state requires all fire departments to certify that their apparatus' pumps can hold up to the rigorous strain that they are subjected to during a fire situation.

Surf City Fire Department assisted the Pender County Firefighters' Association with their annual weekend fire college at Cape Fear Community College. There were 574 firefighters from all over the state in attendance. This is a great opportunity for Pender County Firefighters to showcase our departments and personnel.

Lieutenant Jones and Firefighters Hall and Kratovel finished up their Emergency Medical Technician course last week at Lenoir Community College. I am proud to say that each of them has also passed their state examination and are officially NC Certified EMT's. Surf City is lucky to have these individuals as part of our fire department.

Chief Wilson and Assistant Chief Hobbs will be attending the NC Association of Fire Chiefs Annual Mid-Winter Chiefs' Conference next week in Concord.

## Public Beach Access Update

### Completed

- 510 N. Shore Dr.
- Roland Ave – 100 Roland Ave.
- Kinston Ave – 200 S. Shore Dr.
- Raleigh Ave. – 400 S. Shore Dr.
- Durham Ave. – 500 S. Shore Dr.
- Windward Dr. – 1316 S. Shore Dr.
- 1600 S. Shore Dr.
- 2404 S. Shore Dr.
- 3016 S. Shore Dr.

### \*Next

- 1900 S. Shore Dr. (Currently Underway)
  - Mecklenburg Ave. -1100 N. Shore Dr.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Street –2100 N. Shore Dr.
  - Stevens St. – 520 N. Shore Dr.
  - Lenoir Ave. –1400 N. Shore Dr.
  - Quarterhorse Ave. –1100 S. Shore Dr.
- \*Dates subject to change upon further inspection of each access.

## Surf City Debris Cost Estimate

### Total Cost \$1,195,687.16

- Vegetative- \$249,868.36
- Construction/Demo- \$321,493.78
- Mulch- \$15,010.15
- C &D Haul Out -\$208,291.41
- E-Waste- \$10,215.00
- With Refrigerant \$875.00
- Without Refrigerant \$910.00
- White good Degassed \$0
- Leaner & Hangers Cost -\$3,849.00
- Sand & HHW -\$38,517.46

### Cubic Yardage Quantity Totals

- Vegetative- 23,763.72
- Construction/Demo- 33,100.30
- Mulch- 2,764.30
- C &D Haul Out -11,863.95
- E-Waste -227
- With Refrigerant-25
- Without Refrigerant –26
- White Goods Degassed-0
- Leaner & Hangers Cost -52