



AUGUST MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we wrap up the month of July and head into August, we have many things to be thankful for. In July we continued work towards our federal beach nourishment project and saw the beginning stages of construction for our new town hall project. We also obtained a property that is being used for the expansion of parks and recreational needs in our town. The property is a little over 60 acres and will be the home of our skate park along with things such as trails and sand volleyball courts. As we continue to make improvements and bring new additions to our town, the Town Council continues to work together to update and amend any ordinances that are necessary for appropriate growth for our community. An example of this is the ordinance from 1990 that prevents skateboarding on our streets. The ordinance needs to be updated and better aligned to match the culture of our community and balance with the addition of the skate park. We have young and old who currently skate our town with no issues as long as they are safely doing so, and it is a matter of us updating this outdated ordinance.

August is usually a time for our community to wrap up fun summer days and prepare for back to school with excitement. This year, Covid-19 has changed that dynamic and our families will be headed into a different approach and a very different schedule. Although it isn't ideal, I trust our administrators and our teachers and believe they will have a well-developed plan to welcome our children into another year of learning. We must prepare ourselves and adjust to the circumstances in front of us and trust that our preparations will help guide us through. We must also remain flexible so that we can respond accordingly to the ever-changing conditions. School during Covid-19, our local economy during a pandemic, hurricanes, and any other life-altering event in our town can be overcome if we focus on pulling through it together. Work together, respect others and their choices, and help others when you can. I look forward to seeing the children back in the classroom in Surf City!

In closing, I would like to ask each of you to please register everyone living in your household in the 2020 Census. This is extremely important for our town. Many of you have asked for us to get our own zip code. Many of you have asked for us to extend sidewalks and repair/improve our roadways. Just by registering the people in your home, you can help us obtain funds and get state and federal representation to make these things happen. Each individual, including newborns and elderly, are counted toward the funds that get appropriated to our town. If we don't register everyone living here, then we will not receive the funds we need for town maintenance and programs for our community. **PLEASE REGISTER TODAY AND TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS TO DO THE SAME!**

With a new month comes new opportunities! Stay Surf City strong!
"This is the beginning; of anything you want!" ~ President Bush

UPCOMING:

August 1st & 2nd- Rip Current Education at the Pavilion & ECS

Tuesday, August 4th- Council Meeting 4:30pm Welcome Center

Monday, August 17th - Back to School

Friday, August 21st- Work Session 9am Welcome Center

