



## SEPTEMBER MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I look forward to what September is going to bring to our community. As our busy season begins to come to a close and we return to a slower pace, we can reflect on many great things this season has brought to our lives. August was busy with continued work on our federal beach nourishment project and construction of our new town hall. In early August we were hit from Storm Isaias and I am thankful that our town escaped any potential devastating effects. I appreciate town staff that ensures we stay ready and prepared for any future storms.

In the month of August, we also had some great, special visitors to our area. We had a wonderful visit from guest speakers John & Suzi Merical to spread education on rip currents. Rip currents have been stronger than ever this year and I feel it is extremely important to spread awareness and education to better protect our beachgoers. We have new families move in and visitors who may not be aware of the dangers that a rip current can bring. If you did not get the chance to meet the Mericals, you can visit my Facebook page and watch some videos that explain more about their story and how to survive if you get caught in a rip current. We also had a very beneficial visit with Representatives Rouzer, Murphy and Smith in late August, and I hope to see strong, continued support from their offices for the future of Surf City.

The highlight of the month was our town being honored with the Mobi Award for the construction of the new bridge. The NCDOT **Mobi Awards** recognizes projects that showcase the important and transformational role that investments in multimodal transportation – such as bicycle, pedestrian, rail, highway, transit, ferry and aviation projects - play in creating vibrant communities in all parts of North Carolina. The Town of Surf City was thrilled to accept this award and be recognized across the state for our beautiful new bridge. The Surf City Bridge Replacement project was named one of the best projects in the Southeast by SASHTO and will be eligible for national awards, including one that allows public voting starting September 8th.

In closing, I want to remind everyone to complete the **2020 Census**. Please help me spread the word and ask your neighbors to take 2 minutes to register online. It is easy to do and critical for us receiving the federal support we are eligible for.

*“Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination.” ~Dwight D. Eisenhower*

### UPCOMING:

Tuesday, Sept. 1st Council Meeting 4:30pm Welcome Center

Monday, Sept. 7th Labor Day Holiday – Town Offices Closed

Sept 14-18th Bulk Item Pickup

Friday Sept. 18th Work Session Welcome Center 9am

