



Mayor's Message

March 2021

Happy March Surf City! I am looking forward to spring and again welcoming a new season in our town. Over the past month we have accomplished a lot and have worked diligently on some new initiatives for the future of our town. I'm sure most of you have heard from one source or another about the vote from council to implement paid parking this year. Some of you are pleased and are welcoming the change while others are feeling discouraged. As with any topic, we will have differing opinions, but I want to encourage each of you to stay open minded to both sides of this new endeavor so that we can embrace the change together. To stay the strong community we are, we must consider each other as we move ahead. Nothing stays the same indefinitely and we must make decisions that we feel will best protect our future and the heartbeat of who we are here in Surf City. Paid Parking will begin April 1, 2021 and will begin with a grace period to allow visitors and residents alike to get accustomed to the new way of life on the island. Enforcement will begin with warnings as we all get used to new parking areas and spaces. Town staff is currently working hard to complete the expansion of parking areas and putting parking bumpers in place. We expect to have some bumps along the way as we begin implementing this new endeavor. However, we are currently working through as many details as we can to make it as smooth as possible. As we see issues arise, we will work together to correct them and ensure this initiative is working to the best of its ability and for the success of its intended purpose.

Our town hall will be opening the doors soon and we have a staggered move-in planned for the employees to ensure a smooth transition into the building. We are excited for this long-awaited project to be complete and for us to finally have a town hall again. We are also excited that our community center will regain its space for fitness classes and other community activities that we have been missing the past 2 years in that space. You are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the town hall and I look forward to seeing you there! The date and time will be posted on the town's website and Facebook page.

Last, but not least, I would like to mention our beach nourishment project. I am working along with town staff and USACE (United States Army Corps of Engineers) to ensure our project continues moving ahead with a sense of urgency. This beach project has been years in the making and we are relieved to be this close to seeing the fruition of such an important project for our town. We are working toward the goal of having dredges begin work this late fall/winter. We will keep you updated as we make progress.



UPCOMING:

March 2nd -Council Meeting 4:30pm Welcome Center
March 11th -Planning Board 5:30pm Welcome Center
March 19th -Work shop 9:00am Welcome Center