

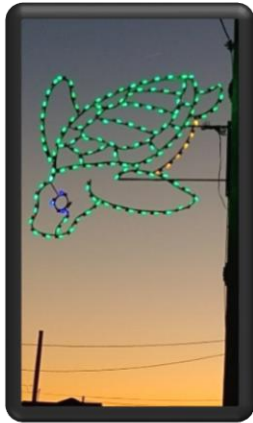


TOWN MANAGER'S NEWS AND NOTES

December 2020

ADMINISTRATION

HOLIDAY CHEER



We are officially in the Holiday Season and hope everyone has a healthy and safe December! Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Annual Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade this year due to COVID-19, but that didn't stop us from bringing in the Season with a virtual Tree Lighting! Be sure to check it out on our Facebook page or our website.

I also want to send out a special THANK YOU to our Public Works Department for the wonderful decorations that are sure to lift everyone's spirits!!

CORONAVIRUS

North Carolina has established a COVID-19 County Alert System to give individuals, businesses, community organizations, and public officials another tool to understand how their county is faring and to make decisions about actions to slow the spread of the virus. The COVID-19 County Alert System uses metrics informed by the White House Coronavirus Task Force and North Carolina's key metrics to categorize counties into three tiers:

1. Yellow: Significant Community Spread
2. Orange: Substantial Community Spread
3. Red: Critical Community Spread

Because no one metric provides a complete picture, the COVID-19 County Alert System uses a combination of three metrics: case rate, the percent of tests that are positive, and hospital impact within the county. The [COVID-19 County Alert System](#) report will be updated every other week and can be found on the link above.

BEACH PROJECT



The dredge *Borinquen* has arrived in Topsail Creek and started placing sand on the beach on December 1st. The sand is being placed on the beach south of the Drum Avenue access to start the project. Once that work is complete, the pipes will be relocated, and the beach nourishment process will move north. Periodically the *Borinquen* will move and pumping activity will stop for a short period of time,

but that doesn't mean work isn't ongoing.

Please remember that these are work zones and can be dangerous. The Town of Topsail Beach and Weeks Marine are taking every precaution to keep the work zone safe, but there will be heavy equipment and fast-moving water in these areas. **For your safety and the safety of the workers, please avoid any designated work areas.**



Be sure to visit our website for updates on the progress of our Dredging and Beach Nourishment Project! Look for the icon on the main page to see photos, videos, and detailed information on the project. Be sure to visit us on Facebook as well.



POLICE

EMPLOYEE UPDATE

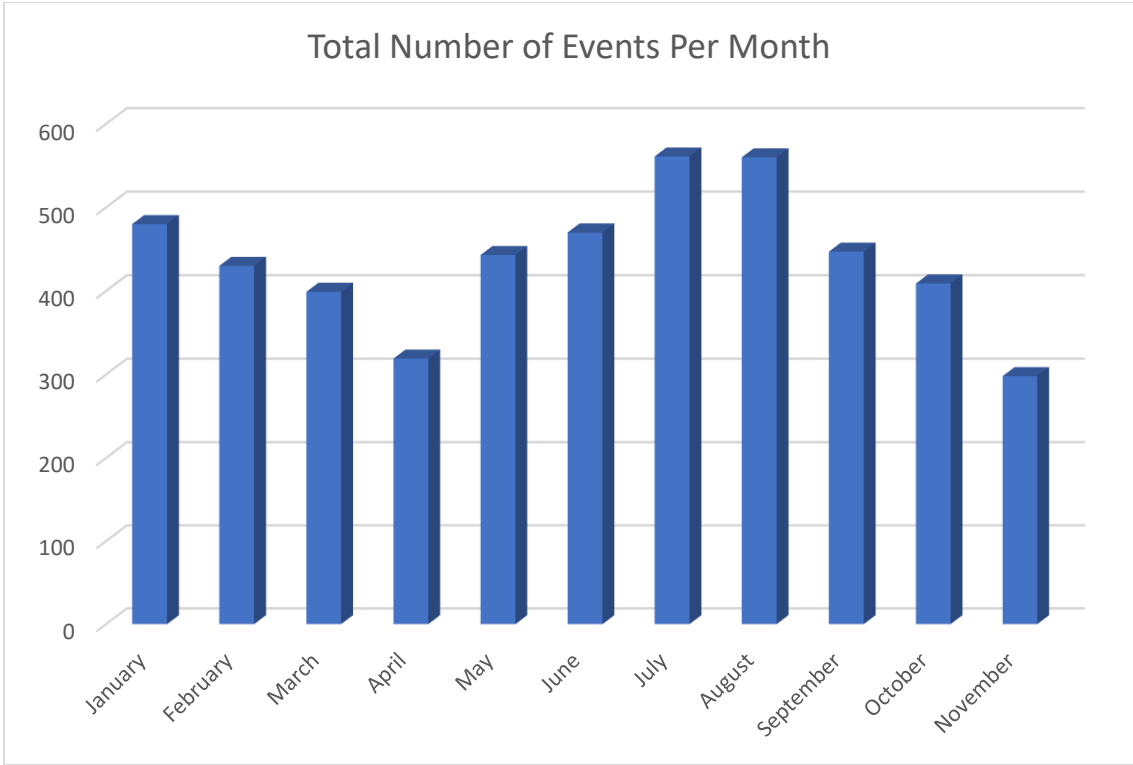


Congratulations to Amanda Greene on her promotion to Detective. Amanda has been with the Topsail Beach Police Department since March 2019 and has proven to be an excellent officer and an asset to the Town and the Department. We know she will do an excellent job for the Town, our residents, and our businesses!

ACTIVITY LOG EVENT SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 2020

ARREST MADE	0	ASSIST TO FIRE/RESCUE	3
ALARM CALL	2	CALL FOR SERVICE	14
ASSAULT	0	BEACH PATROL	0
BOAT RELATED CALL	0	BEACH WHEELCHAIR	2
CIVIL CITATION	1	DEATH	0
DISTURBANCE CALL	0	DOG RELATED CALL	1
LARCENY REPORT / B&E	5	LOST & FOUND PROPERTY	1
MESSAGE DELIVERED	0	MISSING PERSON	0
OPEN DOOR FOUND	1	PARKING COMPLAINT	5
PROPERTY DAMAGE	0	SURFING VIOLATION	0
SCHOOL ATTENDED	0	SECURITY / BUSINESS CHECK	155
SPECIAL WORK	51	STATE CITATION ISSUED	19
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	SUSPICIOUS / UNLOCKED VEHICLE	8
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	0	TRESPASS CALL	3
TOPSAIL ASSISTED SURF CITY	1	WARNING CITATION ISSUED	26



FIRE

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



We want everyone to have a safe and happy Holiday, so here are some helpful hints to keep the Grinch away!

The 12 DAYS of SAFETY

- 1** Never use lighted candles near trees or boughs
- 2** Keep poisonous plants out of reach of children and pets
- 3** Keep trees away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources
- 4** Make sure your tree has a stable platform
- 5** Choose an artificial tree that is labeled fire resistant
- 6** If using a natural tree, make sure it is well watered
- 7** Check holiday lights for fraying, bare spots, gaps in the insulation or excessive kinking in the wire
- 8** Turn off all tree lights and decorations when not in use
- 9** When putting up decorations, use a step stool or ladder to reach high places
- 10** Designate a sober driver
- 11** When preparing a meal, wash hands, utensils, sink and anything else that touches raw meat
- 12** Reheat leftovers to at least 165° F

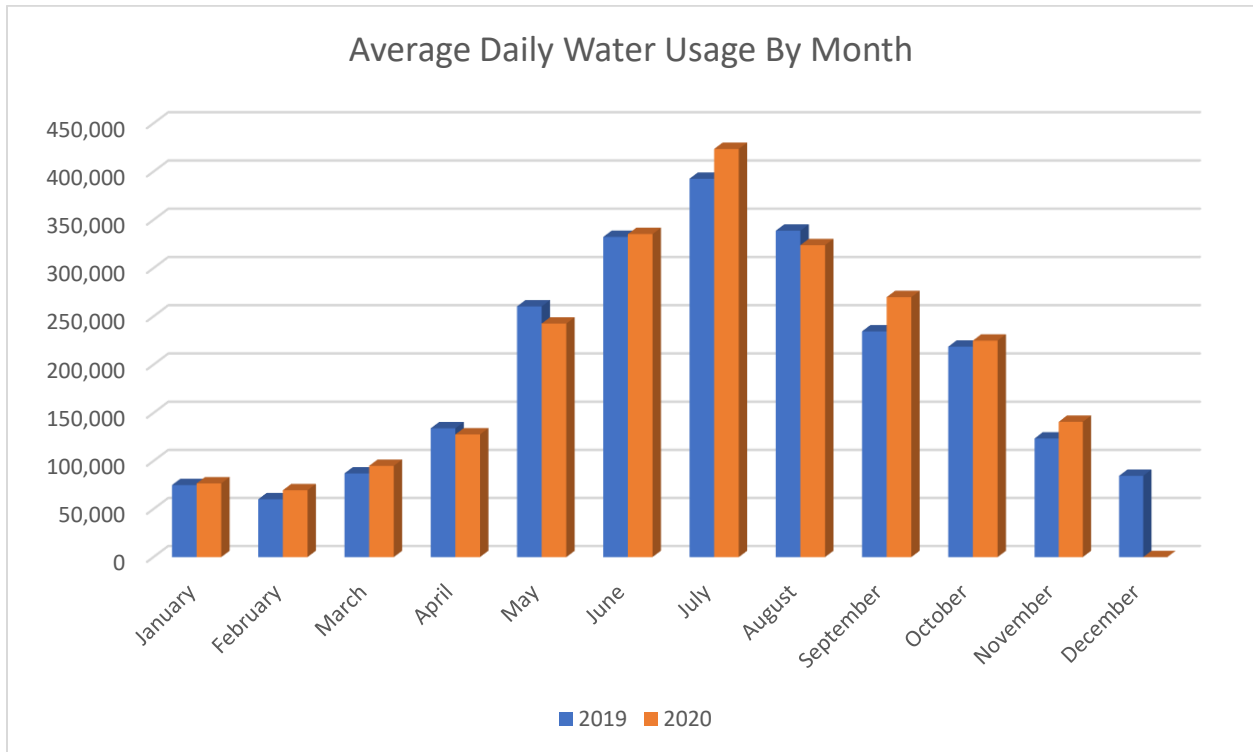

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Happy Holidays

PUBLIC WORKS

WATER USAGE

Below is a look at the average daily water usage for November 2020, and a comparison of the data to 2019. This November the distribution for the water system was a total of 4,361,060 gallons of water for an average of 140,679 gallons a day, an increase of 17,337 gpd over the same period last year (123,342 gpd).



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning Board met on November 18, 2020 with the following actions taken:

1. Discussed the new FEMA building regulations, upcoming tentative adoption of the revised Pender County Flood Maps and the need for revision and adoption of updated Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Reviewed the 2020 NC State Flood Damage Prevention Model. Directed Town Planner to make formal presentation at the next meeting outlining significant changes.

2. Discussed the recent zoning issue in Carolina Beach concerning floating (live aboard) structures in private marinas and directed Town Planner to review the Town's existing ordinance for need to address this issue.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on November 18, 2020 with the following actions taken:

1. Reviewed the engineering report prepared by Michael Gallant, PE, regarding the Bike/Ped Plan options. Discussed cost analysis and requested additional information to be added to the report to include all options contained within the plan.

BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY

A total of 17 permits were issued at a valuation of \$680,159.00 with one new single-family construction and two residential alterations/additions.

NOVEMBER 2020 BUILDING PERMITS

PERMIT DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	VALUATION	PERMIT FEE
Docks/Decks/Seawalls/ AC	3	\$42,400.00	\$430.00
Electrical Repair	1	\$500.00	\$55.00
Elevator/Cargo Lift	1	\$500.00	\$55.00
Fencing	1	\$2,100.00	\$30.00
Land Disturbance	1	\$7,600.00	\$30.00
Mechanical Repairs	5	\$37,309.00	\$275.00
Misc. Building Repair	1	\$4,750.00	\$80.00
Residential Addition	1	\$65,000.00	\$450.00
Residential Alteration	1	\$25,000	\$190.00
Residential Single Family	1	\$490,000	\$4,288.80
Septic Install / Repair	1	\$5,000.00	\$30.00
	17	\$680,159.00	\$5,913.80

Dates to Remember:

BOC Workshop – December 8th (9:00 AM)

Board of Commissioners – December 9th (6:00 PM)

Planning Board/Parks and Rec. – December 16th (3:00 PM)

BIS Committee – December 17th (10:00 AM)

Christmas (Town Hall Closed) – December 24th-25th, & 28th

New Years Day (Town Hall Closed) – January 1st