



TOWN MANAGER'S NEWS AND NOTES

April 2021

ADMINISTRATION

BLOOD DRIVE

The Assembly Building is proud to sponsor our next blood drive with the American Red Cross on April 13, 2021.

An estimated 38 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood or platelets, but of those, less than 10 percent actually donate each year. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross.

Drive Date: April 13, 2021

Drive Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Drive Location:

Assembly Building
720 Channel Blvd
Topsail Beach, NC 28460

Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org > Give blood > Find a Drive > Zip Code: 28445 > Assembly Building

There are many ways you can help, but most importantly we hope you come out to donate. Your commitment to our blood drive's success is greatly appreciated. Let's get those appointment times filled up!

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Board of Commissioners will hold a Budget Workshop on April 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Budget preparation is ongoing as our Department Heads continue to review and fine-tune our financial needs to maintain the level of service Topsail Beach deserves. The Town of Topsail Beach, like all local governments throughout North Carolina, prepares, adopts, and administers its budget in accordance

with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act (LGBFCA). This Act establishes responsibilities in the adoption of the budget and most importantly, requires that the budget be *balanced*. These workshops help to establish the operating and capital needs of the Town and a financial plan to implement the Town's goals.

The Town Hall is currently closed to foot traffic, but the meeting will be streamed live on the Town's website. For those who have any questions pertaining to the budget workshop or wish to make Public Comments, please send them in advance to: publiccomments@topsailbeach.org. Should you need assistance or a particular accommodation for this meeting please contact us at 910-328-5841 or by email at jderoche@topsailbeach.org.

NCBIWA SPRING MEETING

The North Carolina Beach, Inlet, & Waterway Association (NCBIWA) is hosting its **2021 Local Governments Meeting** on Monday and Tuesday April 26-27 at The Islander Hotel in Emerald Isle. Representatives from the Board of Commissioners, BIS Committee, and staff will be in attendance. The meeting is a hybrid whereby attendees can attend either in-person or virtually. NCBIWA is an organization created to seek out and encourage positive steps to reduce duplication of efforts while strengthening the influence of coastal communities, with a mission to speak as the *One Effective Voice for NC Coastal Issues*. Advocating for beach preservation/renourishment, coastline sustainability and funding from the State Legislature and Congress through a collaboration with local, state and federal agencies is how they attain their mission. Educating elected officials and the public through conferences and publications on the economic value of beaches and coastal communities is fundamental to promoting these goals.

CORONAVIRUS



BEACH PROJECT



It first started in January 2020, stopped for summer and Turtle Season, and restarted again in November of 2020, but now the dredging and sand placement phase of the Town's Beach Nourishment and Channel Dredging Project is complete!!! As a result of these efforts Weeks Marine, our contractor for the project, has dredged and placed three million cubic yards of sand along the entire length of beach. This includes adding 4.2 miles of new dune (80' wide

at the base), placing 75-150 feet of dry sand beach in front of the new dune, and dredging New Topsail Inlet to 18' deep and 500' wide at low tide. In addition, we were able to dredge the lower half of Topsail Creek and the entire length of Banks Channel within the designated template.

Last summer, Coastal Transplants planted 345,000 sea oats along the top of the new dune and will return in the spring to plant an additional 565,000 sea oats. These sea oats will help provide long term stabilization to the dune and provide another layer of protection. We ask that all our visitors avoid walking on the dunes and damaging the young plants.



Other final steps are underway as the project heads towards completion. As part of this, the vibration monitoring contractors, SSI, Inc., will be conducting a post seismic survey. You may see their representatives along the beach taking pictures and documenting existing conditions. Although their work should not impact residents, feel free to call Town Hall if you have any questions about their activity.

There are many benefits as a result of these efforts, including property protection, economic value, and environmental stability. This project has allowed Topsail Beach to open its waterways for safer access to commercial and recreation vessels as well as creating much more protection to our beach and our property. We want to thank all those who helped with this project, most notably TI Coastal, Weeks Marine, and Coastal Transplants. Through their efforts we have had a successful project that was handled professionally and courteously the entire time.

We also want to thank our residents and property owners for your patience and understanding throughout the project. We know it could be noisy and inconvenient at times, but the end results are well worth it!



For More Information

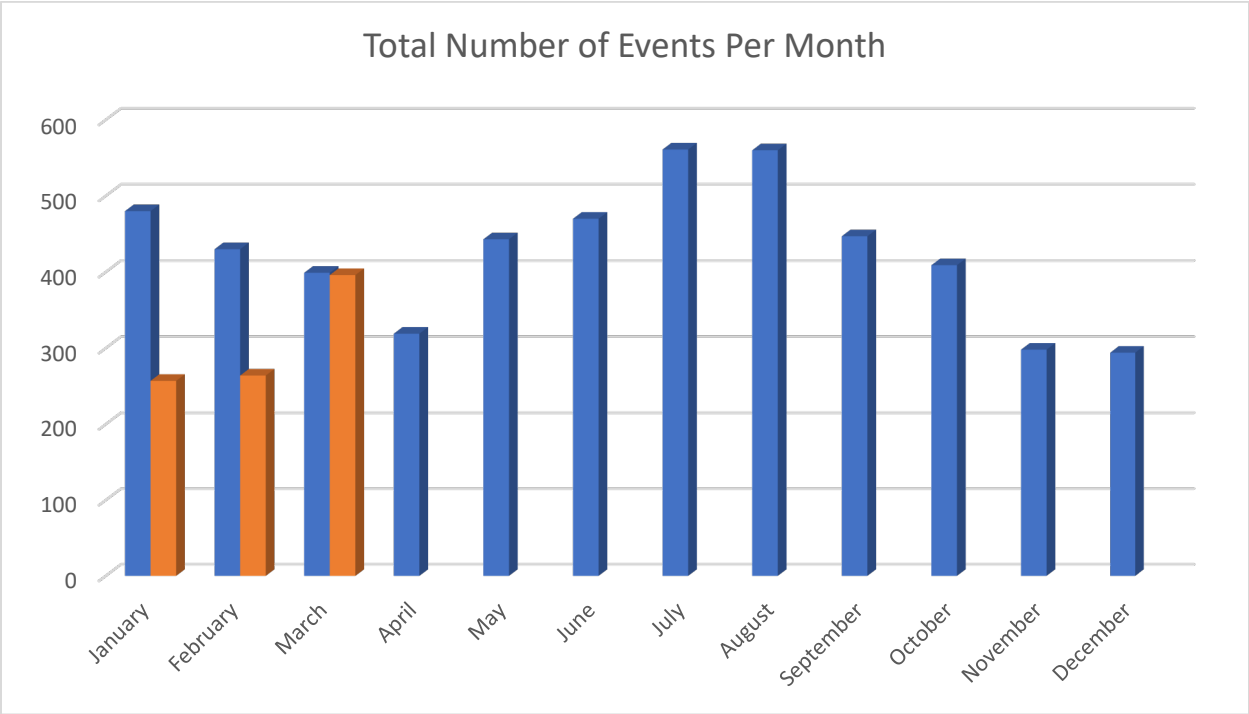
Please be sure to visit our website at www.topsailbeach.org and look for the icon below for more information. There are pictures and videos from the various stages of the project, with more to come. Also watch for us on Facebook and Twitter!



POLICE

ACTIVITY LOG EVENT SUMMARY

MARCH 2021			
ARREST MADE	1	ASSIST TO FIRE/RESCUE	1
ALARM CALL	1	CALL FOR SERVICE	19
ASSAULT	0	BEACH PATROL	0
BOAT RELATED CALL	0	BEACH WHEELCHAIR	0
CIVIL CITATION	7	DEATH	0
DISTURBANCE CALL	0	DOG RELATED CALL	2
LARCENY REPORT / B&E	0	LOST & FOUND PROPERTY	0
MESSAGE DELIVERED	0	MISSING PERSON	2
OPEN DOOR FOUND	12	PARKING COMPLAINT	7
PROPERTY DAMAGE	0	SURFING VIOLATION	2
SCHOOL ATTENDED	7	SECURITY/BUSINESS CHECK	189
SPECIAL WORK	58	STATE CITATION ISSUED	32
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	SUSPICIOUS/UNLOCKED VEHICLE	7
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1	TRESPASS CALL	0
TOPSAIL/SURF CITY ASSIST	0	WARNING CITATION ISSUED	46

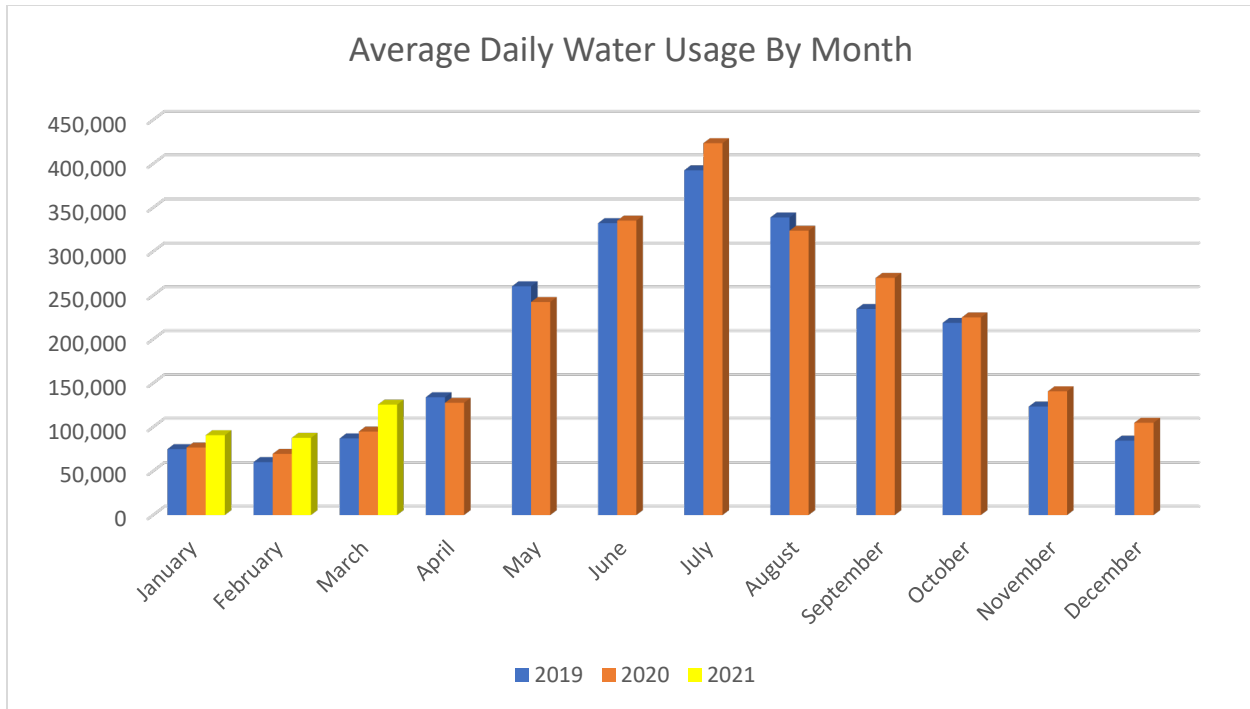


PUBLIC WORKS

WATER USAGE

Below is a look at the average daily water usage for March 2021, and a comparison of the data to 2019 and 2020. This March the distribution for the water system was a total of 3,892,530 gallons of water for an average of 125,565 gallons a day, an increase of 30,687 gpd over the same period last year (94,878 gpd).





PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES

The Public Works Department is working diligently to prepare for the upcoming season! This includes water system maintenance and treatment, installation of meters, replace/repair trash carts, check and clean storm drains, and building and grounds maintenance. Other notable projects underway include:

- Efforts continue on maintenance and upgrades to our beach accesses. Among the improvements include parking lot regrading, adding curb stops, outlining the perimeter with timbers, replacing faded signs, and general clean-up. Every effort will be made to work quickly and minimize any inconvenience.
- Water system maintenance is underway, including clean-out and disinfecting our two ground storage tanks. Additional work on the elevated water tower is scheduled for later this month. This work helps insure we can provide safe, clean water to our residents.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning Board met on April 1, 2021 with the following actions taken:

1. Continued discussion of the proposed update to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Directed Town Planner to prepare a proposed ordinance.
2. Discussed recent inquires of permitted uses of platted spoil islands within the Conservation District. Directed Town Planner to prepare a proposed ordinance to restrict development to properties adjacent to residential and busines districts.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on April 1, 2021 with the following actions taken:

1. Held a public forum on March 16, 2021 to obtain public comments related to options for providing pedestrian and bicycling pathways along Anderson Blvd.
2. April 1, 2021, discussed public comments received and recommended the following options:
 - N. Anderson Blvd to Town Center: 5 ft multi-use path along west side of Anderson with 4 ft bike lanes on both sides of Anderson.
 - Town Center: Angled parking both sides of Anderson with a 7'6" sidewalk on both sides of Anderson.
 - S. Anderson Blvd from Town Hall to Trout Ave.: 5' sidewalk on the east side of Anderson.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Received application for Autumn with Topsail event to be held October 15-17, 2021.

BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY

A total of 38 permits were issued at a valuation of \$1,093,183.00 with one (1) new single-family construction and two (2) residential substantial repair/remodel.

March 2021 BUILDING PERMITS

PERMIT DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	VALUATION	PERMIT FEE
Docks/Decks/Seawalls/ AC	7	\$92,914.00	\$890.00
Electrical Repair	10	\$27,095.00	\$550.00
Fencing	1	\$5,000.00	\$30.00
Land Disturbance	2	\$3,000.00	\$60.00
Mechanical Repairs	9	\$41,245.00	\$495.00
Misc. Building Repair	1	\$27,000.00	\$165.00
Misc. Plumbing	1	\$2,800.00	\$55.00
Residential Alteration	1	\$17,500.00	\$145.00
Residential Remodel	2	\$212,500.00	\$990.00
Residential Single Family	1	\$661,129.00	\$6,184.20
Shed	1	\$3,000.00	\$30.00
Zoning Permit for Septic	2	\$0.00	\$60.00
	38	\$1,093,183.00	\$9,654.00

Dates to Remember:

Board of Commissioners – April 14th (6:00 PM)

Blood Drive – April 13th (11:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

BIS Committee Meeting – April 15th (10:00 AM)

Budget Workshop – April 20th - (9:00 AM)

Planning Board/ Parks and Rec. Meeting – April 28th (10:00 AM)

TISPC Meeting – April 22nd – (2:00 PM)

NCBIWA Spring Conference – April 26th – 27th (All Day)