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State Investigates Mayor On Possible Ethics Violations

ALLEGATIONS INCLUDE USING TAX DOLLARS, CITY EMPLOYEES TO PUSH REFERENDUM

By Warren Cobb | Managing Editor

Folly Beach Mayor Tim Goodwin has always been zealous about protecting the beach. But in his fervor to put future renourishment plans in place quickly, he may have run afoul into the State Ethics Commission.

The *Folly Current* recently obtained the more than 40 pages of complaints and findings that the Commission has relating to the case. Commission investigators found "probable cause" that Goodwin illegally sought to influence the outcome of a Dec. 2, 2014 referendum, detailing four separate counts dealing with two separate communications that were sent to all City postal box holders and to all City property taxpayers. In a notice to Goodwin dated June 12, Herbert Hayden, executive director of the State Ethics Commission, informed him the Commission will convene a formal hearing into the matter in November in Columbia, and invited Goodwin to respond.

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Finding the Festival Feng Shui

TOWN HALL MEETING AIRS GRIEVANCES AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT

By Charlie McCarty | City Hall Reporter

The fate of Folly's street festivals has been a hot topic over the past several months with some residents tired of the traffic problems and bad behavior, while others praise the festivals as commercial, tourism and municipal tax generators. At a June 11 Town Hall meeting on the subject, the Festival Committee appointed by Mayor Tim Goodwin, heard a little bit of both.

Approximately 38 residents turned out for the meeting held in City Council chambers (not including Councilmembers and staff). Committee members Eddie Ellis, Sandy Hickman and Pennell Clamp made brief introductory remarks that indicated the Committee was hoping to get added input to supplement that already provided at the prior Civic Club meeting on this subject.

Committee Chairman Ellis discouraged those in attendance that already provided input at that earlier

meeting from repeating their comments in deference to those residents attending this who have yet to be heard from. He asked all residents to confine their input to three minutes, and reminded all planning to speak to sign the sheet at the back of the room. A total of nine residents signed up to speak and were given precedence in comments. Another five residents were allowed to speak as time permitted.

Two speakers, Folly resident Susan Breslin and resident and attorney Keith Bolus had previously addressed their thoughts and recommendations at the Civic Club meeting, but indicated they simply wanted to add additional perceptions on the matter. Bolus wanted to add his personal review of the perceived added costs he felt the residents incurred as a result of the festivals and eluded to "hidden

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FAB president and Drop-In Deli owner Lewis Dodson argued the value of Festivals of Folly Beach.

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PRESIDENT OBAMA HONORS FOLLY BEACH WOMAN FOR INNOVATION

By Barry Waldman | Special to The Current

Folly Beach resident Krissa Watry is inventing "The Internet of Toys." President Obama has noticed and soon, your children are going to notice too.

Watry joined President Obama and other emerging entrepreneurs from around the world for a ceremony recognizing young innovators at the White House on May 11. Watry is CEO of Dynepic, which is inventing "The Internet of Toys."

Guest speakers at the event included three renowned entrepreneurs and cast members of television's Shark Tank — Mark Cuban, Barbara Corcoran, and Daymond John. Cuban and Watry spent time together at the ceremony, during which Cuban offered her some career advice, his email address and referrals to talk with one of his start-ups working on cutting edge communication protocols for smart devices that could be useful in toys.

Founded in 2011, Dynepic is a women-owned, veteran-owned business whose mission is to make toys "smart" and kids even smarter. Most everything is getting wireless-connected except toys, relegating children to the world of the two-dimensional screen. To solve this, Dynepic, a National Science Foundation company, has created a turn-key solution for toy manufacturers to easily make their toys smart.

Once smart, they can connect them to the Internet of Toys cloud platform — a playground for smart toys that will link with secure family profiles and 3rd party content, upgrading the toys' IQ and allowing them to learn and grow with the child, and provide a 3D entertainment experience. Dynepic is currently recruiting other toy manufacturers, cloud service providers, and game developers to join them in creating the future of play.

Krissa Watry herself has an amazing story. An Air Force Academy and MIT-educated engineer, she spent almost a decade in the aerospace sector as an Air Force officer and as a civilian designing and leading cutting-edge technology development programs for the Department of Defense, NASA, and commercial space. She even has two boxes that have docked with the International Space Station from her time leading Program Operations at Andrews Space, Inc.

Dynepic's mission is resonating loudly in the Charleston community too. Dynepic was part of Cohort 1 of the Harbor Entrepreneurship Center Accelerator in 2014 and it won Dig South 2014's Wild Pitch. The company was selected to showcase the Internet of Toys on the USS Yorktown for Steve Case, AOL co-founder, during his recent Rise of the Rest tour stop in Charleston.



Krissa Watry with Shark Tank's Mark Cuban at White House Event honoring her and other emerging entrepreneurs from around the country

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costs" (which he did not specify). Breslin described how she supported the festival concept, but wanted Council to constrain these to the period from late Fall through March 31. Another recently returned Folly resident, Charles McCarthy, felt the number of festivals was too many, that too many restaurant businesses were occupying Center Street and joined Barrister Bolus in worrying about possible city liability being found in the aftermath of the Festivals.

In counterpoint, attorney Nick Thomas (who introduced himself as the proud, self-acknowledged hotdog eating

champion) praised the festival events as demonstrating the inclusionary spirit of Folly to all -- residents and visitors together. He felt some refinements were inevitable, but that many residents' discomforts could be overcome by their own pre-planning efforts before events. Long-term resident Elizabeth Beckmann recalled prior to Hurricane Hugo, the City resembled a "ghost-town" along Center Street during the off-season and said many of the costs presented earlier in the meeting were offset by Accommodations Tax receipts.

The statements of a clear majority of speakers (including business owners, not-for-profit community representatives, long-term residents and retirees) enthusiastically

supported the festival movement on the island, and seemed to validate the statistical preferences and echoed recommendations for enhancements documented in the City's own recent survey of both residents and non-residents.

Folly resident Scott Koster closed out as fourteenth speaker, expressing his feelings that the number of festivals was just about right, and felt that the earlier discussion of added costs to the City did not take into account increased vacation rentals revenues in the form of hospitality receipts brought in off-season by the festival attractions.

John Pence, representing the Folly Civic Club spoke favorably of the festivals, and indicated they combine to fund almost 56

percent of the not-for-profit organization's philanthropic efforts (including scholarships for deserving local resident students and contributions to provide support for abused children).

Lewis Dodson, proprietor of the Drop In Deli, spoke for himself and the Folly Association of Businesses (FAB). He pointed out the integral support the festivals provide to the business owners, their employees (some of whom are residents) and the business infrastructure of the island.

Chairman Ellis asked if anyone wanted to say more. Bolus grabbed his notes and rose, but good-naturedly relented as a chorus of moans and a crescendo of Nos rose from the audience in response.

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Minimum Quorum Handles Business

FOLLY HALL OF FAME, PUBLIC GARDEN, SCOFFLAW PARKERS DISCUSSED

By Charlie McCarty | City Council Reporter

The regular monthly meeting of the Folly Beach City Council was held the evening of June 9 at City Hall. In its Work Session, convened at 6 p.m., a bare quorum consisting of Mayor Tim Goodwin and Councilmembers Sandi Hickman, Pennell Clamp, and Tom Scruggs tackled four areas for discussion and ceremony.

First, after reviewing the contributions and values candidates had brought to the City and the Folly way of life, Wallace Benson and other Hall of Fame Committee members presented the credentials and inducted two worthy candidates into the ranks of the Folly Beach Hall of Fame posthumously: former Mayor Fred J. Adams and Dennis McKeivin. Family members and friends present gathered to receive these honors and individual commemorative plaques in their memory. The memorial plaque on the second floor of City Hall has since been updated to include their names as well.

City Comptroller Lee Gessner and Clerk of Court Nicole DeNeane discussed in thorough detail the challenge in collecting delinquent fees and fines accruing to the City as a result of parking violations. They spoke to the pending Resolution 28-15 and Ordinance 14-15 that would allow the City to contract with a municipal collections agency to collect past due parking fines.

Councilmember Scruggs gave background and details relating to the proposed Resolution 26-15 and the obligations the City would absorb in leasing garden space currently part of the plat that houses the Folly Beach Civic Club on West Indian Avenue. Scruggs supported the Folly Green Team project for establishing a garden there. Councilmembers Clamp and Hickman expressed some concern about whether the City should be directly accountable for the project and possible liability issues. The proposed lease would be between the City and the actual property owners, Folly Founders Corporation. Scruggs indicated funds had already been budgeted for the Green Team to use for garden purposes such as establishing a water connection. The City will be liable for the costs of metered water use at the garden.

While the Mayor's Committee to Examine Festivals and Events is actively seeking input from a broad spectrum of sources through a series of meetings and surveys, Councilmember Scruggs has also engaged Comptroller Lee Gessner in a separate endeavor to also look at how the City might recoup its costs from events. Scrugg presented some information he gleaned from Gessner's files. Councilmember Clamp registered concern that the City should not drive out groups by assessing them added fees only to have them move out of Folly. Clamp wanted to find out how other small municipalities such as Isle of Palms handle such matters. Gessner was open to Council suggestions in determining the financial level of support the City wants to commit.

REGULAR MEETING

Moving to its Regular Monthly Meeting at 7 p.m., the roll was called again with Members Clamp, Scruggs, Hickman and Goodwin present. Members Dale Stuckey, Eddie Ellis and DJ Rich were absent.

In Opening Comments, Mayor Goodwin thanked all participants in the earlier Folly Beach Hall of Fame event, and said he looks forward to the further inductions that will recognize worthy candidates. In reviewing the night's agenda, Mayor Goodwin requested that Resolution R27-15 (proposing funds for beach survey work) be removed as funds will not need to be spent on the effort. He further asked that Ordinance 10-15 (amending construction standards for bulkheads, sea walls and revetments) be removed as the City has yet to receive comments on the proposed amendments from the State. The agenda as amended were approved unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Gary Withers of 507 West Beach Court asked Council for Mariners Cay Lot 8 to be rezoned as Commercial Corridor. Zoning Administrator Pope discussed the current zoning and the requirements for proposing changes. He indicated a proposal in ordinance form will be ready for City Council review and consideration next month.

Mike Ezelle said that the Folly Beach Green Team was moving ahead with plans for the Beach Cleanup Event. Barbie Schriener appeared asking approval for the Kickin' Chicken food truck to be set up for two hours on City property as a fundraiser for the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. After discussing a possible location and dates, a solution was proposed and accepted that the event could be best accommodated on August 26 at Folly River Park as an element of the Farmers Market. No vote of Council was necessary.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Roger Van Dyke of 502 West Ashley Avenue indicated that since his last comments to Council about needs and responsibilities for traffic control and calming in the City that he had now written to various offices and officials at the State level. He again asked City Council to review and proceed where possible to address this situation. He presented Council with a record of his contacts. He also asked if Palmetto Parking could do more to clean up the beach access parking lots. Mayor Goodwin said he would talk with Lee Gessner, staff liaison to Palmetto Parking, immediately.

Charles McCarthy of 208 West Ashley Avenue, reported that while Loggerhead's Restaurant was working with him on his concerns on noise, he still had to call about the noise on May 30. He asked that City Council undo some of its current stipulations in its noise ordinance, and would like all music in the business area to stop at 10 p.m. rather than 11 p.m. He thought members of Council who own or operate such businesses should recuse themselves from such matters when they are before Council. He related how at least one City of Charleston officer handles noise complaints, and went on to say that Loggerhead's is the only establishment working with its neighbors on the matter. He is concerned that the rights of the businesses are overriding the rights of the residents in or abutting the commercial area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council read Ordinance No. 03-15 that would allow city administration to accept a



The sons of Dennis McKeivin's were on hand at City Council as their father was nominated into the Folly Beach Hall of Fame.

proposal to move the city right-of-way from lot 505 and 506 to lot 506 and 507 on East Ashley Avenue. It was introduced by Mayor Goodwin in first reading, and subsequently postponed from the April meeting. There was no motion made to put the ordinance on the floor for discussion and as a result the proposed ordinance died without action.

Council then considered amending in second reading Ordinance No. 04-15 changing the Code of Ordinances to stop the current allocation of the first \$40,000 of Hospitality taxes received going to the Capital Reserve Account (through CY2022) and instead allotting that amount to the General Fund. The Ordinance was passed unanimously and was adopted.

Ordinance No. 05-15 proposed changing City Ordinances dealing with the receipt and distribution of Accommodation Tax Funds, also in second reading, by increasing the levy from 1 percent to 2 percent of gross proceeds, and increasing from \$145,000 to \$150,000 the amount transferred annually to the General Fund. Again, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance and it was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Council unanimously reappointed Michael Henning of Folly Beach and appointed Larry Drolet of Hollywood, SC to the Utility Advisory Board. Drolet, a long-experienced engineer, recently retired as Director of Construction for the Charleston Water System.

In Resolution No. R22-15 Council unanimously voted to renew a contract in the amount of \$19,380 to be paid from the Beach Preservation Fund, to Elko Coastal Consulting to conduct monitoring of the beach and annual reporting in accordance with the responsibilities of the City of Folly Beach as a local sponsor for the Federal Shore Protection Project. In the same vein, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R23-15 awarding Elko a second contract not to exceed \$16,800 to be paid from the Beach Preservation Fund for general beach preservation consulting. Both of the latter awards recognize "boilerplate" requirements for cities requesting federal monies. A vote was taken with all in favor.

In Resolution No. R24-15 the Council unanimously proclaimed the week of June 7-13 as National Beach Safety Week.

Considering Resolution No. R25-15, City Council voted unanimously to authorize the sum of \$500 from Council Discretionary funds to compensate intern David Johnson for his work on the Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan survey. Zoning Administrator Pope noted that Johnson, a volunteer, did exceptional work in conducting and amassing the survey results.

In Resolution No. R26-15 Council, following up on its analysis in the work session above, authorized the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the Folly Founders Corporation for space for a community garden. The vote was unanimous.

Again, as discussed and examined in the earlier work session, Council had no difficulty in endorsing Resolution No. R28-15 unanimously to let the administration enter into an agreement with Municipal Collections of America for the collection of unpaid parking tickets.

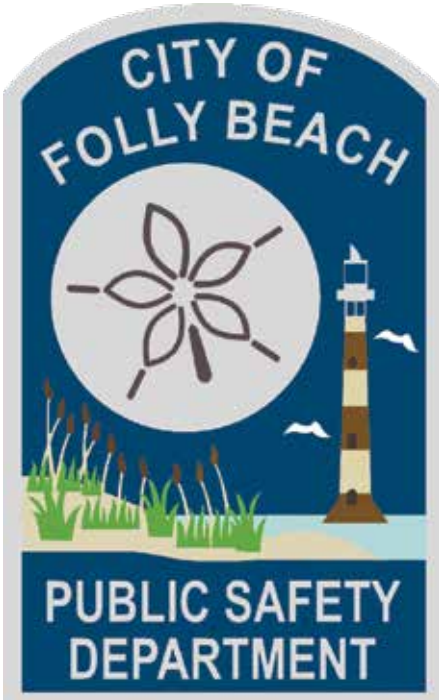
By approving Resolution No. R29-15 unanimously, Council authorized expenditure of \$6,636 from the Center Street Reserve Account to purchase and install brick pavers on four corner cutouts and appointing the Mayor and Comptroller as designees for the remainder of funds, and any future donations, into this account.

Finally, following discussions and analysis in the preceding work session, Council passed in first reading Ordinance No. 14-15 an amendment to Chapter 72, Section 12 Parking Bonds, allowing the City to enter into agreement with outside agencies for the collection of overdue parking bonds. There was no discussion, and Council voted unanimous for approval.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

All thanked the citizens for coming. Councilmember Scruggs applauded the Hall of Fame inductees. Councilmember Clamp wished the Mayor a Happy Birthday. And Councilmember Hickman said she was glad to see the Farmer's Market move ahead and hoped everyone has a safe July 4. Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

BEACH BLOTTER



MONDAY, JUNE 1 BURIED TREASURE

The Responding Officer met with a woman near Third Block East around 11:30 p.m. The 25-year-old Lawrenceville, Georgia woman said she had lost her engagement ring on the beach. She claimed to have seen it on her hand while walking in the sand, but then she stopped and took the ring off, dropped it, then couldn't find it in the sand. The ring is made of yellow gold with white gold prongs and set with a 1.5-karat diamond. She gave her contact information to the officer in case someone turned it in.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 DOWN AT THE NEW AMSTERDAM

The R/O was dispatched to the Kangaroo station around 2 a.m. to back up another officer who had tried to hail a vehicle to pull over while on foot. The R/O stopped the car and approached the 20-year-old female driver and 20-year-old female passenger. The officer told them the reason for the stop then asked to see a driver's license. The girl said it was in her trunk. The officer and driver walked back to the trunk, and the subject opened it and retrieved her license. While the trunk was open, the R/O observed a partially consumed bottle of New Amsterdam vodka. The R/O issued the driver, who had

claimed the alcohol, a citation for Underage Possession of Liquor and advised her of her court date.

MONDAY, JUNE 8 MAIL FRAUD SWITCHAROO

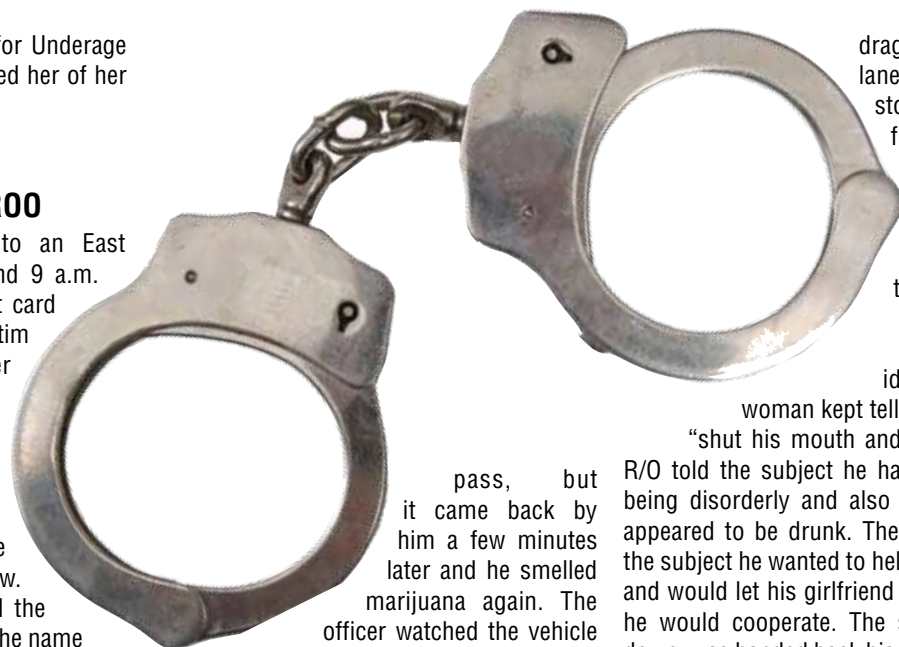
The R/O was dispatched to an East Ashley Avenue residence around 9 a.m. in reference to a case of credit card fraud. The 73-year-old male victim said he had received a letter from Citi Bank thanking him for applying for a credit card. The victim said he hadn't applied for a card. A few days later, two cards arrived in his P.O. Box, one in his name, the other in the name of a man he didn't know. Later that same day, Citi called the victim and reported a man with the name of the unknown suspect had called to ask that the cards be sent to a different address in Chicago Heights. The victim said he had not lost any money yet, and was advised to keep an eye on his credit.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 THE GRAVITY OF THIS CRIME IS SLIGHTLY INFLATED

The R/O was dispatched to the Treasure Island beach store on Folly Road around 1:30 a.m. in reference to a burglary. Upon arrival, he observed the front glass door had been broken, and a golf club, which had apparently been used to break it, was just inside the door. The R/O and another officer made entry into the building to check for suspects but found none. During the investigation, it was discovered the main power switch to the building had been turned off. Several pairs of sunglasses appeared to be missing from the racks, and the R/O noted there were two orange blow-up rafts that had been there during his patrol of the lot at midnight were also missing. The Folly Beach Public Safety Crime Scene Unit arrived at 2:30 a.m. and began collecting evidence and dusting for fingerprints. The manager was told to contact Public Safety after they had done a proper inventory, and also inform them if they could think of any leads.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 THE BEST NOSE IN TOWN

The R/O was on routine patrol at the intersection of Center Street and East Ashley around 4:15 p.m. when he saw a black Crown Victoria drive by and, as it passed, smelled marijuana. The officer allowed the vehicle to



pass, but it came back by him a few minutes later and he smelled marijuana again. The officer watched the vehicle turn into The Tides parking lot and approached. During the interview, the 37-year-old male subject admitted to having a small amount of marijuana in a backpack in the back seat. The subject turned the contraband over. The officer issued the subject a citation for Simple Possession and let him go. The officer notes, "the marijuana was tested at FBPS with positive results and it weighed 0.1g."

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 POT BUST

The R/O was dispatched to a West Ashley Avenue residence around 10 p.m. Upon arrival, he met with a 41-year-old woman who said someone had driven into her yard and smashed a "valuable planter pot" at her residence. The officer observed tire tracks leading into the yard and up to the broken pot. The victim was unable to provide any additional information on possible suspects.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 BE NICE. UNTIL IT'S TIME TO NOT BE NICE

Around 10:30 p.m. the R/O was standing on the balcony of the Ocean Front Villas when he heard a male voice being loud in the direction of West Arctic Avenue. He looked down to observe a man yelling at a woman and swinging his arms up in the air. The officer moved on foot to investigate and located the couple near the corner of Second Street West. As he approached, the officer saw the man sitting on the side of the road and the woman standing over him telling him to get up. The man then got up and walked into the middle of the street, the woman followed him and was attempting to

drag him out of the lane of traffic. The officer stopped the couple for an interview. The 22-year-old male subject stated he didn't have to talk to the officer and refused to hand over identification. The woman kept telling the subject to "shut his mouth and cooperate." The R/O told the subject he had witnessed him being disorderly and also noticed the man appeared to be drunk. The officer informed the subject he wanted to help him calm down and would let his girlfriend take him home if he would cooperate. The subject did calm down, was handed back his ID and allowed to leave. As he was leaving, the subject stepped into the officer, brushing his arm, and said loudly, "F*** you, mother f*****." The R/O grabbed the subject's arm to arrest him, and felt the man tense up. At that moment the officer took the subject to the ground and placed him under arrest for Disorderly Conduct.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 WHAT A PISSAH!

A call came into the FBPS dispatch around 2 a.m. from a man saying he had just woken up "somewhere on Folly Beach" and that he knew he had been assaulted at a certain West Cooper bar. The man said he was walking back to the bar to meet with police then hung up. The R/O was dispatched to the bar to investigate. Upon arrival, he met with the bar's 28-year-old male bouncer who said he was the one that had been assaulted. He said the subject, a 31-year-old Charleston man had been in the bar highly intoxicated and causing problems. At some point, the subject started an altercation with a patron. The bouncer moved in to eject the subject from the building, but the man refused to leave, bracing himself against the doorframe. The subject then cracked a beer bottle over the bouncer's head causing a laceration. The bouncer grabbed ahold of the man and the two went to the floor. As they hit the floor the subject passed out and urinated on himself and the floor. As the bouncer was getting his bearings, he saw unknown people walking the subject out. The bouncer declined medical treatment and declined to press charges.

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Farmers Market Gets New Digs

BIGGER SPACE, BIGGER VISION FOR THE FOLLY BEACH FARMERS MARKET

By Lorne Chambers | editor



The Folly Beach Farmers Market is now held at the Folly River Park every Wednesday

Last month the Folly Beach's Farmer's Market took a big step forward, moving out of a parking lot of a local restaurant and into the much larger Folly River Park across the street. For the last three years, Folly resident Richard Brendel has organized the Folly Beach Farmer's Market, growing it from practically nothing to a popular regular Wednesday night meet up where neighbors socialize, buy fresh vegetables and other goods — edible and artistic, and enjoy live music.

"When I started this market it was in the wake of the Alcohol Ban and I felt like the best way to bring the community back together would be around fresh vegetables, art, and music," said Brendel. "I want the people of Folly, the locals and the tourist to come experience the positivity of having a viable farmers market."

But Brendel thought it could be even better than it was. To do that, however, he would need to move it from the parking lot of The Grill and Island Bar to a bigger space. Luckily, there was an under-utilized city park just across the street. In order to pull off an even bigger market, he was going to need the help of friend Sarah Poe.

"With Sarah's expertise and background on all things organic and sustainable, plus the success of last years market we wanted to be able to expand," said Brendel. "The Grill, especially owner Jason Craig, has been amazing in letting the market grow and flourish. I doubt that the market could have started in the park and been successful."

Before they could get permission to use the park, Brendel had to go before City Council and plead his case. Every member of council who was present supported the idea with the exception of councilman Tom Scruggs, who said he was concerned the Farmer's Market that Brendel and Poe envision sounded more like a festival.

"First, anyone who wants to get in to politics on any level has my full respect," said Brendel. "I was a little caught off guard that anyone would object to something that was as good for the community as a farmers

market. However, I feel that it will make us work even harder to prove ourselves in the eyes of city council and to the residents of Folly."

Poe agrees with Brendel, extending an invitation to Scruggs to bring his family to the market to see for himself how it benefits the island. "I am here to create something positive for the community. There will always be people who don't understand something until they see it come to fruition," she said. "The park was built with the purpose of having a farmers market there. Those stands we drive by everyday were intended to house local farmers and I could see no better place for the market on the island."

According to Poe, the park actually is more family-friendly place to hold something like a farmers market. "Now that we are in the park we can offer a safe and fun place for families to bring their children and enjoy the market," she said. "We have grass, shade, breeze from the marsh, and the space we needed to invite more vendors to participate in our market."

Poe and Brendel say they're adding a lot of new aspects to the market including kids activities and learning opportunities. "We have enough grassy space to bring a blanket, have supper, do some shopping and enjoy some amazing local music while catching up with friends," said Poe.

The first Folly Beach Farmers Market was held at the new park the last week of June and everyone there seemed to enjoy the new location and all that it had to offer — food trucks, more vendors, a gazebo for the musicians to play, and a place where families could sit in the grass and soak it all in.

Both Brendel and Poe are quick to deflect praise for what they've built. "The market is a community effort," said Brendel. "It takes a village to make something grow and we have great support from the community."

The Folly Beach Farmers Market is held from 6-9 p.m. every Wednesday from May through September at the Folly River Park. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/FollyBeachFarmersMarket.

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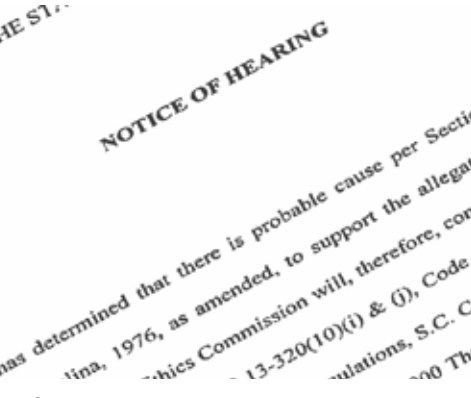
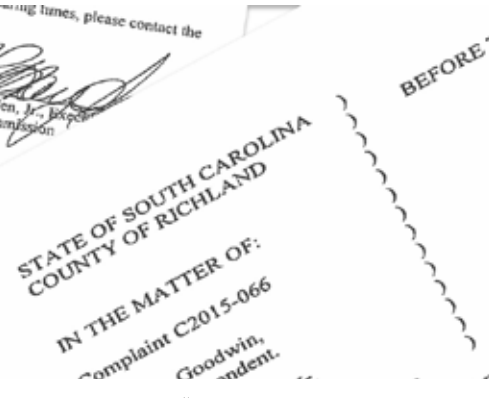
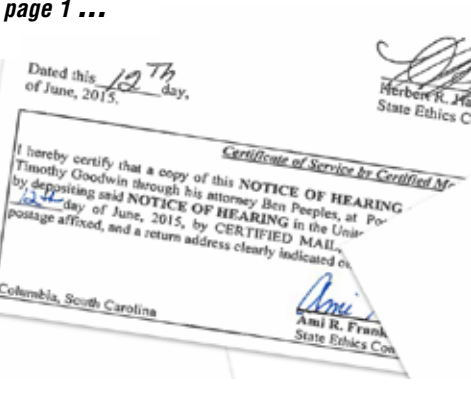
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COUNT TWO
PROPERTY, OR TIME TO INFLUENCE ELECTION
S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED
... did use or authorize the use of
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... preparation and distribution of an October 1, 2014
... information advocating for support of a
... 8-13-1346(A).



BACKGROUND

Last fall, the Mayor and City of Folly Beach put forth an idea to raise the city's Accommodations Tax (on real property) by one percent to help pay for ongoing beach erosion monitoring and mitigation. By October, the City had a ballot referendum on the calendar for Dec. 2, 2014, which would ask voters if they would support the action. The referendum passed with a margin of approximately 261 votes in support of the referendum and 37 votes against.

ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPRIETY

A cloud was fully settled on the Mayor's referendum victory long before any votes had been cast or counted. The scandal began in late Sept. 2014 when the City of Folly Beach released two pieces of mail to residents urging them to vote Yes on the referendum. In the first, titled "State of the City" and dated Oct. 2014, there's a paragraph on the first page that reads, "Come out to the polls Dec. 2 and VOTE YES for the City referendum to support Beach Preservation through a 1% increase to local accommodations tax. The full amount collected with the increased tax will be put into the Beach Preservation Fund for renourishment, erosion control, and dune maintenance." The mailer lists the return address as City of Folly Beach, 21 Center St., and is now labeled "Exhibit A" in the official ethics complaint.

The second violation noted in the complaint is a letter from the City dated Sept. 29, 2014. The letter discusses property tax obligations to homeowners. Halfway down the page is a note that reads, "... the beachfront is the most valuable resource in our community and preserving this area is vital to our future. We hope you will support the referendum and in doing so, support the beach that makes Folly what it is." The top of the letter contains the seal of the City of Folly Beach, and is now marked "Exhibit B" in the official ethics complaint.

FAILURE TO STOP FOR RED FLAGS

The original complaint, officially recorded on Jan. 5, 2015, was sworn out by former Mayor of Folly Beach Carl Beckmann Jr. against Current Mayor Tim Goodwin. Beckmann details a series of oddities prior to the referendum on Dec. 2, and points out that the "referendum process was tainted" early on, and that Mayor Goodwin and the City should have halted the process and delayed the vote until the Ethics Commission could sort the matter out.

Beckmann alleges the Mayor and his staff proceeded with the referendum knowing the earlier mailers had violated state ethics laws. In an email dated Oct. 23, 2014, Spencer Wetmore, Assistant to Mayor Tim Goodwin, wrote to an Isle of Palms City official urging her to "make sure you're not using any City resources to advocate for a certain result on the referendum. Our attorney, Ben Peeples, recently had to edit some talking points out of our Town Hall meeting."

A month later on Nov. 24, Sidney Riggs, an attorney and resident of Folly Beach, hand-delivered a letter to Mayor Goodwin stating he believed the integrity of the voting process had been compromised, the Dec. 2 referendum had been compromised, and that the referendum "must be postponed for sufficient time to allow the effects of this taint to dissipate." Riggs closes his letter with the line, "My immediate support of the referendum must yield to my lifetime support of the rule of law."

Two days later on Nov. 26, Mayor Goodwin emailed a letter to the S.C. State Ethics Commission stating he was writing to "self-report ... what I now understand is a likely violation of S.C. Code 8-13-1346." Goodwin claims to have not been aware that state ethics codes regarding use of government personnel, money, or facilities for campaign purposes applied to ballot measures.

Goodwin goes on to describe "corrective measures" he and City Attorney Ben Peeples came up with on their own, namely that

they would "seek private donations to cover the costs" of the City promotion of a Yes vote on the referendum. He and Peeples estimated the text of the questionable content made up about five percent of the letter to homeowners and two percent of the State of the City flyer, however, "we decided the best practice was to cover 100% of the cost of the printing and mailing the letters, which would also cover the minimal use of City time and property," the Mayor wrote in his letter to the Commission.

Copies of several invoices and checks are provided in the official complaint from Beckmann. These items include invoices from Low Country Target Mailing, one labeled "Mailing Services for Property Owner Letters," dated Oct. 3 to the City of Folly for \$659.82; and another labeled "Mailing Service for State of the City," dated Oct. 16 to the City for \$313.15. An invoice for Ross Printing is also included. It is labeled "Newsletter," and dated Oct. 17 to the City for \$852.34.

On Oct. 21, City Attorney Ben Peeples wrote the City of Folly a check for \$559.82. Another private citizen donated \$100. On Oct. 30, Peeples wrote two more checks from the Otis Benjamin Peeples Attorney at Law Operating Account. One for \$313.15 to Low Country Target Mailing, and another for \$852.34 to Ross Printing.

The ballot referendum went forward on Dec. 2, 2014 and passed.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Folly Beach Mayor Tim Goodwin is accused of, has admitted, and has been asked to speak to the State Ethics Commission about violating two South Carolina laws: SECTION 8-13-765 - "No person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign," and SECTION 8-13-1346 - "A governmental entity may not use public funds, property, or time in an attempt to influence the outcome of a ballot measure."

A similar case has been playing out in Berkeley County, where the Superintendent of

Schools, Dr. Rodney Thompson, was accused of the very same offences during the district's Yes4Schools campaign, which, like the City of Folly referendum, would raise taxes to pay for infrastructural improvements, in this case schools. Dr. Thompson was indicted in April 2015 for his actions by the state Grand Jury and South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson. The charge is a misdemeanor, and carries a maximum penalty of up to one year in prison and/or a fine of 500 percent of the amounts at issue.

Mayor Goodwin was contacted last week by The Folly Current to respond to the alleged misconduct. Goodwin declined comment, instead deferring to local attorney Ben Peeples and pointing to the Nov. 26 "self reporting" letter to the Ethics Commission, which was also published in the December 2014 issue of The Sandspur, a monthly newsletter issued by the Folly Beach Civic Club and largely funded by the City of Folly Beach.

Attorney Ben Peeples responded via email, stating: "Mayor Goodwin has retained me to represent him in my capacity as a private attorney. (I have had a law office since 1974 and have never worked full time for Folly Beach or any single client.)," wrote Peeples, downplaying the matter and calling it "old news."

"There was an inadvertent inclusion of the two words, 'vote yes,' in the State of The City letter and another letter addressing short-term rental tax issues. The offending words were less than 2% of the total content. When the mistake was discovered, 100% of all of the costs of preparing, copying, and mailing the letters were paid for with privately donated funds, thereby producing a significant net gain to the City. The Mayor then self-reported to the Ethics Commission and *The Sandspur*," wrote Peeples.

The S.C. State Ethics Commission will hold its hearing into the matter on Wednesday, November 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Columbia. The notification to Goodwin includes the line, "in the event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you."

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A Call For Community Pride

CITY COUNCILMAN DJ RICH URGES RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO DO THEIR PART TO KEEP OUR ISLAND BEAUTIFUL



DJ Rich

We have always been a diverse group of people on Folly Beach, probably always will be. We have differing opinions and attitudes on topics from local issues to dining. We have differing experiences and education that brought us to those opinions. We even have differing values and visions that lead our charge on future issues. Through all the diversity and difference, we are a community, and the glue that brings us together is community pride. Taking pride in a community means going above and beyond an average level of commitment and setting a higher standard, which Folly-ites are more than willing to do.

Traffic and trash have been issues on Folly since the 1920s when cars were allowed to park on the beach. It was said that more than 200,000 people visited Folly in 1925 even though there were only nine full time families on the island. Through this prosperity, plans were developed for the Atlantic Pavilion, Boardwalk & Pier and it also ushered in more full time residents. Folly Beach was off and running, and that is when the community

pride started.

Fast forward to 2015 and our biggest issues are still traffic and trash but our community has gotten stronger, and now that we have learned the harmful effects of litter on barrier islands and our waterways, one of the best ways for us to show our community pride is through litter pick-up and beautification.

On May 18, I had the privilege of hosting a beautification day for Center Street and the commercial district. We had more than 50 volunteers show up on a Monday afternoon and proceeded through the commercial district picking up trash, removing stickers, and cleaning graffiti off street signs. We had volunteers from City staff, including police and fire, residents, business owners, and even a few tourists helping out. One volunteer from James Island brought her young son to show what it means to give back and how to do it. That's community pride. Not only getting out and doing the work ourselves, but educating others on how important it is. Show them what a great community we have and encourage them to be a positive part of it.

The City of Folly Beach has been working with a Center Street Task Force to examine our primary road from a traffic and beautification stand point. While the traffic portion is in the engineering phase, you will see the beautification portion begin very soon. We

are adding brick pavers to the areas between the sidewalks and curbs, making them not only more attractive but larger and safer for pedestrians. We are removing some ill-fated landscaping and unsightly paper boxes to replace them with beautiful plants and planters, similar to the ones currently on the sidewalks. We currently have an engraved brick program going on so that community members can be a permanent part of this revitalized Center Street (go to visitfolly.com or cityoffollybeach.com for more info and ordering). The city has been a huge proponent of community pride and beautification, but we need help from the entire community to carry the torch.

Community pride comes in many forms, shapes and sizes. You can organize large beach sweeps or it can be as simple as picking up trash while you walk your dog. You can volunteer for a city board/committee or organize an island game of capture the flag. Educate visitors on our rules and they can help spread the word. Whether you're a Folly-ite by residence or visitation, it's up to us to roll up our sleeves, do the work, and pass it on to future generations. After all, that is what community pride is all about.

Sincerely,
DJ Rich,
Folly Beach City Councilman,
Co-Owner Planet Follywood



A Folly Public Safety officer and local musician Teresa "Sweet T" Parrish scrape stickers off of the back of signs during the Center Street Beautification Day.

Fireworks Show Moved to County Park

ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION RELOCATED TO WEST END OF ISLAND

Each year, thousands of people descend on Folly Beach to watch the annual Fourth of July fireworks display. In past years, this holiday tradition took place on the beach at Second Block East, next to the Folly Beach Pier. But this year, the entire event has been moved to the west end of the island to the Folly Beach County Park (at the very end of West Ashley Avenue). Locals and visitors are invited to enjoy the Independence Day display, which will begin at 9:30 p.m.

"There's nothing better than celebrating

the Fourth of July on Folly Beach, watching the fireworks, surrounded by friends and family," said Lewis Dodson, president of the Folly Association of Business and Drop-In Deli, which sponsors the annual Folly Fireworks display.

Folly Beach continues this long tradition of the celebration of Independence Day, July 4, 1776. Future U.S. President John Adams wrote about celebrating America's independence from Britain and the Crown as early as that same year.

In a letter to his wife, Abigail, he describes the enthusiasm the Founding Fathers felt about their actions, and believed July 4 would become an instant holiday in the new country.

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival," Adams wrote. "It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade ... with Shows, Games,

Sports ... Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations (an 18th century term for fireworks) from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

If you come to the Folly fireworks, it is recommended that you bring a beach chair, towel or blanket, and arrive early. Also, viewers are reminded that this is an alcohol-free event.

For more information about the 4th of July fireworks display on Folly Beach, please go to VisitFolly.com.

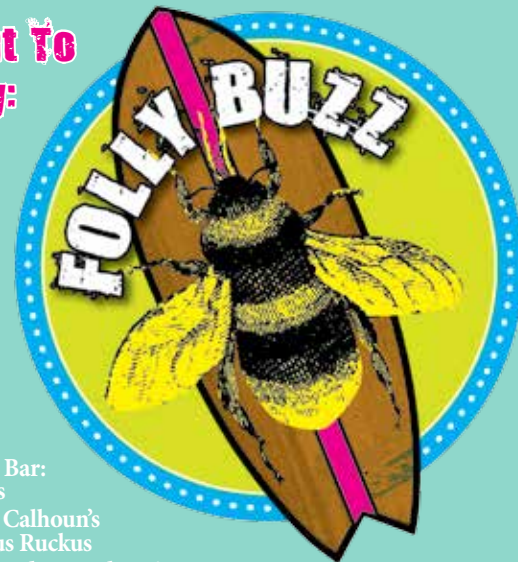


- Monday:** BINGO 7pm \$6 Hamburger & Fries 4-10 \$3.50 Smirnoff/Jim Beam
- Tuesday:** Open Mic 9pm \$6 Hamburger & Fries 4-10 \$3 Draft Beer
- Wednesday:** \$3.50 House Liquor & Wine \$4 Jameson 7pm-2am
- Thursday:** Karaoke Dance Party 10pm \$2 PBR **Kitchen Open Until 1am**
- Friday:** Live Local Music **Kitchen Open Until 1am**
- Saturday:** Breakfast 8-11:30am Live Local Music **Kitchen Open Until 1am**
- Sunday:** Breakfast 8-11:30am Jess Strickland & Acoustic Tiger 9pm

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WHAT PLANET ARE YOU ON?!

**What's the Buzz
on the Beach
for July?**



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Drop-In: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Howard Dlugasch; Karaoke w/ Amanda
Planet Follywood: Andy Stafford
Surf Bar: Shoeless Joe
Tides: Beach Movie: The Sandlot

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Crab Shack: Island Duo
Drop-In: Stratton Moore & Friends
Grill & Island Bar: Live Bluegrass
Loggerhead's: Calhoun's Calling; Shinobi Ninja and Mack to the Future
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E
Snapper Jack's: Jess Strickland
St. James Gate: The Swamp Gypsies
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Blu: Jaykob Kendrick
Chico Feo: Family Jam
Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: Tom Crowley; Jimmy Landry
Planet Follywood: Shakin' Martini's
Rita's: Sunflowers & Sin
Sand Dollar: HeadRush
Snapper Jack's: Nathan Salley
St. James Gate: Teresa Parrish

**For a Full
Weekly Schedule
of Events Look for
The Folly Buzz at the
Following Locations:**

- Bert's Market**
- Tides Folly Beach**
- Chico Feo**
- Drop-In Deli**
- Fred Holland Realty**
- Locklear's Beach City Grill**
- Loggerhead's Beach Grill**
- St. James Gate Irish Pub**
- West Hudson Laundry**
- McKevlin's Surf Shop**
- Jack of Cups Saloon**
- W. Hudson Laundry**
- Folly Library**
- Folly Liquors**
- The Holliday Inn**
- Avocet Properties**
- Grill & Island Bar**
- Ocean Surf Shop**
- Planet Follywood**
- Snapper Jack's**
- The 'Wich Doctor**
- Woody's Pizza**
- Sand Dollar**
- Surf Bar**

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Chico Feo: Deadwin
Crab Shack: Jeff Houts
Drop-In: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Howard Dlugasch; Karaoke
Planet Follywood: Andy Stafford
Surf Bar: Sufferin' Moses
Tides: Beach Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Crab Shack: Island Duo
Drop-In: Stratton Moore & Friends
Grill & Island Bar: Live Bluegrass
Loggerhead's: Calhoun's Calling; Darius Ruckus
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E
Snapper Jack's: Jess Strickland
St. James Gate: Champagne with Friends
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Blu: Rotie Salley; Justin Castellano Duo
Chico Feo: Family Jam
Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Edwin S. Taylor Fishing Pier:
Planet Follywood: Nautical Audio
Rita's: Moon Dog
Sand Dollar: Trainwreck
Snapper Jack's: Nathan Salley
St. James Gate: Bobby Sutton

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Blu: Henri Gates duo; The Louis D Project
Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: Dave Gillease; Danny May; The Hibachi Heroes
Planet Follywood: Jon Brackett
Rita's: Tom Crowley Band
Sand Dollar: Trainwreck
Snapper Jack's: Vini Youngblood
St. James Gate: Dave Grunstra
Surf Bar: Nick Shelton

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Blu: Return of the Mac
Chico Feo: Domino Domingo
Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Grill & Island Bar: Jazz on the Edge
Loggerhead's: Sunflowers & Sin; Jaykob Kendrick
Planet Follywood: Rick & Shantel; Jess Strickland & Acoustic Tiger
Snapper Jack's: Dan Clamp
St. James Gate: Porkchop
Surf Bar: New Galaxy

MONDAY, JULY 20

Crab Shack: Open Mic
Drop In: TBA
Loggerhead's: BYOG; Mack the the Future
Planet Follywood: Bingo
Woody's Pizza: Andy Lassiter & Friends

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Crab Shack: Sweet T
Drop-In: Honky Tonk w/ Lewis
Loggerhead's: Derek Cribb
Planet Follywood: Open Mic Jam
Snapper Jack's: Jeff Houts
St. James Gate: Dave Grunstra

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Chico Feo: Deadwin
Crab Shack: Jeff Houts
Drop-In: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Howard Dlugasch; Karaoke
Planet Follywood: Andy Stafford
Surf Bar: One Kool Blow
Tides: Beach Movie: The Goonies

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Crab Shack: Island Duo
Drop-In: Stratton Moore & Friends

Planet Follywood: Open Mic Jam
Snapper Jack's: Jeff Houts
St. James Gate: Porkchop

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Chico Feo: Deadwin
Crab Shack: Jeff Houts
Drop-In: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Howard Dlugasch; Karaoke
Planet Follywood: Andy Stafford
Surf Bar: The Travellin' Kine
Tides: Beach Movie: Frozen

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Crab Shack: Island Duo
Drop-In: Stratton Moore & Friends
Grill & Island Bar: Live Bluegrass
Loggerhead's: Calhoun's Calling; Darius Ruckus
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E
Snapper Jack's: Jess Strickland
St. James Gate: TBA
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Blu: Jamisun; Unkle Funkle
Chico Feo: Charles Cook CD release
Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: Soulfish Duo; Porch
Planet Follywood: Don't Mess with the Tiger
Rita's: Shutter Dogs
Sand Dollar: Fat Alice
Snapper Jack's: Nathan Salley
St. James Gate: Erik Swartz

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Blu: Jaykob Hendrick; David Higgins
Chico Feo: Ricky Riddle CD release
Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: Dave Gillease; Danny May; Porch
Planet Follywood: Whiskey Diablo
Rita's: 40 Mile Detour
Sand Dollar: Fat Alice
Snapper Jack's: Vini Youngblood
St. James Gate: Nathan Edwin
Surf Bar: Jordan Igoe & Mackie Boles

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Blu: Ben Fagan & Holy City Hooligans
Chico Feo: Domino Domingo
Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Grill & Island Bar: Jazz on the Edge
Loggerhead's: Sunflowers & Sin; Jaykob Kendrick
Planet Follywood: Eddy Boston; Jess Strickland & Acoustic Tiger
Snapper Jack's: Dan Clamp
St. James Gate: Teresa Parrish
Surf Bar: Chris Stalcup & The Grange

MONDAY, JULY 13

Crab Shack: Open Mic
Drop In Deli: TBA
Loggerhead's: BYOG acoustic; Mack to the Future
Planet Follywood: Bingo
Woody's Pizza: Andy Lassiter & Friends

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Crab Shack: Sweet T
Drop-In: Honky Tonk w/ Lewis
Loggerhead's: Derek Cribb
Planet Follywood: Open Mic Jam
Snapper Jack's: Jeff Houts
St. James Gate: Mac Calhoun

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Chico Feo: Deadwin
Crab Shack: Jeff Houts
Drop-In: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Howard Dlugasch; Karaoke
Planet Follywood: Andy Stafford
Surf Bar: Champagne with Friends
Tides: Beach Movie: Apollo 13

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Crab Shack: Island Duo
Drop-In: Stratton Moore & Friends
Grill & Island Bar: Live Bluegrass
Loggerhead's: Calhoun's Calling; Darius Ruckus
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E
Snapper Jack's: Jess Strickland
St. James Gate: Champagne w/ Friends
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Blu: Henri Gates solo; Dave Landeo trio
Chico Feo: Family Jam w/ surprise guest
Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: Soul Fish Duo;
Swim in the Wild
Planet Follywood: The Jimmies
Rita's: Tom Crowley Band
Sand Dollar: Cover Up
Snapper Jack's: Nathan Salley
St. James Gate: Brad Edwardson
Surf Bar: Weigh Station

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Blu: Return of the Mac; Jamisun; Midnight City; Sould Fish
Chico Feo: Screaming Jays
Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: Dave Gillease; Danny May; Sun Dried Vibes
Planet Follywood: Thirsty Horses
Sand Dollar: The Cubes
Rita's: The Travelin' Kine
Snapper Jack's: Vini Youngblood
St. James Gate: Eddy Boston

SUNDAY, JULY 5

Blu: Ben Fagan & the Holy City Hooligans
Chico Feo: Domino Domingo w/ surprise guest
Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Grill & Island Bar: Jazz on the Edge
Loggerhead's: Sunflowers & Sin; Jaykob Kendrick; The Dubplates
Planet Follywood: Eric Penrod; Jess Strickland & Acoustic Tiger
Snapper Jack's: Dan Clamp
St. James Gate: Nick Shelton
Surf Bar: Erik Swartz

MONDAY, JULY 6

Crab Shack: Open Mic
Drop In Deli: Matt Carney
Loggerhead's: BYOG; Mack to the Future
Planet Follywood: Bingo
Woody's Pizza: Andy Lassiter & Friends

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Crab Shack: Sweet T
Drop-In: Honky Tonk w/ Lewis
Loggerhead's: Derek Cribb



The Summer Sounds of Folly

WITH THE WARM WEATHER COMES SWEET HARMONIES AND SINFUL MELODIES

ST. JAMES GATE — After a nearly two-month renovation, the St. James Gate Irish Pub is set to debut Folly Beach's newest music venue. With a capacity of 140 people, a complete in-house sound system, stage, and lights, St. James Gate will host solo artists, duos and full band lineups. Among the renovations to the former Fallout at Shrimp Co. include five inches of insulation in the tin roof helping to dampen the noise, and two large air conditioning units dedicated to the upstairs, allowing the windows to be closed and the sound to remain inside. Planning and care have been taken to insure the noise issues of the past will remain in the past, and the overall experience will be positive for guests and the community.

Champagne with Friends will kick off the live music upstairs at St. James Gate Thursday, July 2 at 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. the venue will host solo artists on the back patio, then head upstairs and join DJ E as he spins popular dance tunes from the 70s, '80s, '90s, and today.

LOGGERHEAD'S — One of Folly Beach's best live music opportunities is on the deck at Loggerhead's Beach Grill. Each Sunday from 3-6 p.m., Sunflowers & Sin deliver the music of the mountains (Americana and Folk) to the Lowcountry. Kaitlin Casteel, Lorra Amos, and Makenna Perry grew up together in eastern Tennessee. The music of their childhood provides the inspiration for their sweet harmonies and sinful melodies. Since forming just over a year ago, they have had the opportunity to play many stages and festivals around the Southeast, along with supporting national acts, including The Piedmont Boys, Sol Driven Train, and Dangermuffin.

SURF BAR — Surf Bar consistently brings talented local and national touring acts to Folly Beach, and July 12 they welcome Chris Stalcup and The Grange from Atlanta, Georgia. The Americana rock band delivers tales of loss and heartache through accomplished songwriting and seasoned talent. Stalcup's songwriting brings life to the authentic Southern storytelling experience. The show will showcase gritty

vocals and musical dynamics, ranging from a slow swampy sway to straight rock and roll. They're currently touring the Southeast in support of their latest release, "Dixie Electric Company," on Dirtleg Records.

FOLLY BEACH CRAB SHACK — Of course, it wouldn't be Friday evening in the summer on Folly Beach without Calhoun's Calling at the Folly Beach Crab Shack. Guitarist/vocalist Nathan Calhoun and saxophonist Andy Childs perform an upbeat, fun set of catchy and thoughtful originals, along with danceable versions of popular cover songs. When not performing as the duo, they welcome bass player John Birkenhour and Mike McCrea on drums for



Sunflowers & Sin play the deck at Loggerhead's every Sunday

the full band experience.

Be sure to check out the full calendar of live music events for all the venues on Folly Beach in the Folly Buzz section!

Erik Swartz is a local musician and promoter, and web designer. He can be reached at info@erikswartzmusic.com.

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2015 Wahine Classic Results

SURF COMPETITION DRAWS HUNDREDS OF PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS



Local surfer Kate Barratini took home first place in the Pro Longboard and the Women's Longboard competition.

The Fourteenth Annual Folly Beach Wahine Classic took place June 6-7 at The Washout. It was another great year of surfing and good will. There were many competitors in the amateur and pro divisions, over 100, ranging in age from 9 to 62, and hailing from all over the southeast. The Pro events included Longboard and Shortboard, and gave cash prizes to the top four competitors.

The Wahine Surf Classic recently became a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Proceeds from the event went to Surfers Healing, an annual event that invites autistic children from across the Lowcountry to Folly Beach for a day of surfing in August. The Wahine Classic's official mission is to empower surfer girls of all ages with a weekend of surf competition, camaraderie, and fun, while raising awareness and money for water-related non-profit organizations.

Pro Shortboard

- 1st Place - Anna Bloess (GA)
- 2nd Place - Kayla Durden (FL)
- 3rd Place - Savannah Bradley (SC)
- 4th Place - Emory McClary (SC)

Pro Longboard

- 1st Place - Kate Barratini (SC)
- 2nd Place - Karson Lewis (NC)
- 3rd Place - Cat Sizemore (SC)
- 4th Place - Grace Muckenfuss (SC)

The Liquid Shredder Fun One

- 1st Place - Anna Bloess (GA)
- 2nd Place - Georgia Cook (TN)
- 3rd Place - Hampden Thomas (SC)
- 4th Place - Marty Mentzer (NC)
- 5th Place - Olivia Dilling (SC)
- 6th Place - Olivia Wendell (SC)

Open Bodyboard

- 1st Place - Grace Muckenfuss (SC)
- 2nd Place - Josey Wetzel (SC)
- 3rd Place - Keagan Kessler (SC)
- 4th Place - Georgia Brown (SC)
- 5th Place - Evan White (SC)
- 6th Place - Mikayla Rogers (SC)
- 7th Place - Mya Keegan (SC)

Open Stand Up Paddleboard

- 1st Place - Jenny Alderman (SC)
- 2nd Place - Ryan Dadds (SC)

- 3rd Place - Beth Lovett (SC)
- 4th Place - Trinity Kessler (NC)
- 5th Place - Kate Dittloff (SC)
- 6th Place - Maggie McGuigan (SC)
- 7th Place - Cindy Good (SC)

Novice Shortboard (Open)

- 1st Place - Erin Spencer (SC)
- 2nd Place - Paige Hetherington (SC)
- 3rd Place - Chloe Simons (SC)
- 4th Place - Juliana Sobczyk (SC)
- 5th Place - Joan Meeting (SC)

Menehune Shortboard (12& under)

- 1st Place - Gabby Viorel (NC)
- 2nd Place - Rose Windham (SC)
- 3rd Place - Sylvia Windham (SC)
- 4th Place - Sadie Cook (TN)
- 5th Place - Madison Nettles (SC)
- 6th Place - Kayella Youngblood (SC)

Girls Shortboard (ages 13-17)

- 1st Place - Anna Bloess (GA)
- 2nd Place - Georgia Cook (TN)
- 3rd Place - Samantha Grace Watkins (GA)
- 4th Place - Marissa Bodenrader (GA)
- 5th Place - Olivia Dilling (SC)
- 6th Place - Bailey Kaiser (SC)

Women Shortboard (ages 18-34)

- 1st Place - Kayla Durden (FL)
- 2nd Place - Grace Muckenfuss (SC)
- 3rd Place - Veronica Bolus-Bishop (SC)
- 4th Place - Kristin Tanner (SC)
- 5th Place - Charlotte Witte (SC)
- 6th Place - Perng Hutson (SC)

Ladies Shortboard (ages 35+)

- 1st Place - Jenny Brown (SC)
- 2nd Place - Dawn Relyea (SC)
- 3rd Place - Tara Thomas (SC)
- 4th Place - Marty Mentzer (NC)
- 5th Place - Jennifer Kline (SC)
- 6th Place - Paige Hetherington (SC)

Novice Longboard (Open)

- 1st Place - Talula Davis (NC)
- 2nd Place - Chloe Wilds (SC)
- 3rd Place - Sadie Wright (SC)
- 4th Place - Laura Beck (SC)
- 5th Place - Charlotte Murray (SC)

Menehune Longboard (12 & under)

- 1st Place - Sofia David (SC)
- 2nd Place - Sylvia Windham (SC)
- 3rd Place - Sadie Cook (TN)
- 4th Place - Rose Windham (SC)
- 5th Place - Gabby Viorel (NC)
- 6th Place - Ana David (SC)

Girls Longboard (ages 13-17)

- 1st Place - Anna Bloess (GA)
- 2nd Place - Georgia Cook (TN)
- 3rd Place - Marissa Bodenrader (GA)
- 4th Place - Hampden Thomas (SC)
- 5th Place - Olivia Dilling (SC)
- 6th Place - Samantha Grace Watkins (GA)

Women Longboard (ages 18-34)

- 1st Place - Kate Barratini (SC)
- 2nd Place - Karson Lewis (NC)
- 3rd Place - Cat Sizemore (SC)
- 4th Place - Perng Hutson (SC)
- 5th Place - Sarah Savoye (SC)
- 6th Place - Misty Mangiacapre (NC)

Ladies Longboard (ages 35+)

- 1st Place - Jenny Brown (SC)
- 2nd Place - Katy Grant (SC)
- 3rd Place - Dawn Relyea (SC)
- 4th Place - Marty Mentzer (NC)
- 5th Place - Jewel Napier (SC)
- 6th Place - Maggie McGuigan (SC)

Hottest Longboard Wave

Georgia Cook (TN)

Hottest Shortboard Wave

Kayla Durden (FL)



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The Evolution of Bert's

THEY MAY DOZE ... BUT THEY NEVER REST ON THEIR LAURELS

By Lorne Chambers | Editor

Open 24-hours a day, 365 days a year, Bert's Market on Folly Beach literally never locks its doors. In fact, last month during the massive renovations to the island's grocery store, the glass front doors were completely taken off for an extended period of time as new shelving, coolers, and other repairs and renovations were made.

"We may doze, but we never close" has been the motto of Bert's Market pretty much since Bert Hasting's first opened the store in 1993, taking over Chris & Jerry's Convenient Store on the corner of East Ashley Avenue and Second Street. But that doesn't mean that the iconic beach market is resting (or dozing) on its laurels. Quite the opposite, in fact.

About a year ago, Bert's added The Wooden Spoon, a full-service deli and sandwich shop right inside the store, offering patrons fresh-made sandwiches, wraps, smoothies, and desserts. Before that, it added a five-tap growler station, where you can fill or refill 64-ounces bottles of various rotating craft beers on tap. And before that even, a small cooler was added so beachgoers could buy fresh sushi and other organic specialty products.

When the Piggly Wiggly on Folly Road closed, local resident Susan Breslin suggested that Bert's get the store's fresh peanut butter grinder. So for the last year or so, Bert's has offered fresh-ground peanut butter in addition to in-house, cold-pressed olive oil, and house-ground coffees. But last month Bert's underwent its most extensive renovation since a serious fire ripped through the beloved island market in 2004.

"It's always a work-in-progress," says Bert's current owner Omar Colon, who is married to the daughter of the store's namesake who face is immortalized in a mural along the store's wall facing Second Street. And over the last two months Folly's grocery store and defacto meeting spot has been a major "work-in-progress," with some serious renovations and upgrades taking place.

For those who haven't been inside Bert's recently (if that's possible), you will immediately notice some big differences. For one, the store's layout has completely changed. Locals, whose Bert's muscle memory pulls them left to get eggs in the morning, will quickly run

into the new beer cave at the west end of the store. There's now a door to the cooler, where customers can enter the large walk-in cooler and select a wide variety of brews in all styles, quantities, and price ranges.

But where are the eggs? They're now on the opposite end of the store in a new open-air cooler, allowing for a lot more fresh produce, a larger dairy selection, and more fresh meat options, including steaks, pork chops, chicken breasts and quarters, and even local, grass-fed ground beef.

"I was never really happy to have our produce tucked into that one smaller cooler," says Colon, who has also added a new round, island cooler in the center of the store that includes a full olive bar, with everything from olives and stuffed fig leaves to house-made hummus and salsa, as well as a large selection of cheeses from around the world. Bert's also has added bulk food bins, offering nuts and candies by the ounce.

But perhaps the most obvious change when you walk in is the shelving, which now stretches nearly to the ceiling. "We chose to go up with the shelving because we had all this untapped space," says Colon.

Long before there was a Piggly Wiggly on Folly Road, Bert's was the go-to store for Folly locals and tourists. When Piggly Wiggly switched over to Harris Teeter, Bert's was still there, giving folks what they want and listening to what the locals want. "A lot of our new stuff comes from the needs of the locals," says Colon. "That's the experience we want."

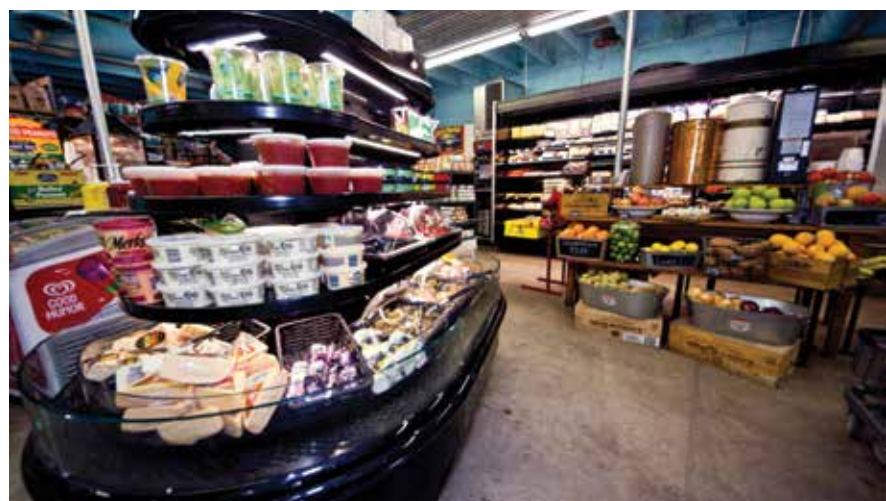
With all the upgrades to Bert's, people will now have less of a need to ever leave the island to get groceries. And that's just fine with Colon, who points out that Bert's has always been much more than a convenience store. "It's always been classified as a 'grocery store.' And now it truly is one," he says.

While Bert's Market is always evolving, there are a couple things that will always remain the same. "Aside from the constant changes, we always seek to maintain a certain level of customer service," says Colon. Oh yeah, and coffee is still always complimentary.

Bert's Market is located at 202 E Ashley Ave. For more information, call (843) 588-9449 or visit www.bertsmarket.com.



Higher shelves and bulk food bins are one noticeable addition to Bert's Market.



An island cooler offers an olive bar, gourmet cheeses, and fresh-made hummus.



The beer cave offers a large selection of beer and a reprieve from the summer heat.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ingredients:

- 3 large boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 4 crushed garlic cloves
- 1 small red onion
- 1/2 a bunch of cilantro
- about 20 fresh mint leaves
- A couple of splashes of fish sauce
- Juice of 8 limes
- 5 teaspoons or more of sambal oelek chili sauce

Directions:

1. Boil the chicken breast until done, cool, and dice finely.
2. Add chopped cilantro, mint, garlic and red onion.
3. Squeeze the limes.
4. Add the chili sauce and fish sauce.
5. Chill.
6. Once chilled, roll into rice paper wrappers w/ lettuce or cabbage for a little crunch!

Chicken Larb Wraps

Recipe by By: Lisa Kullma from Sushi By Lisa



Lisa Kullmar of Sushi by Lisa is the island's sushi rolling diva. She sets up shop at Drop In Deli Tues.-Fri. 6pm until. When she moved back to Folly Beach in 1998, she brought with her the sushi rolling skills she had learned while living in St. Thomas, USVI, and she's been rolling sushi on the beach ever since! Although she's made her way in the food world with sushi, Lisa's favorite thing to cook is Thai food, especially chicken larb. "I just love all the fresh flavors!" — *Lindsey Chambers*

Irish Eyes Smile Upon Center Street

**COMPLETELY RENOVATED ST. JAMES GATE
RE-OPENS JUST IN TIME FOR THE SUMMER RUSH**

By Lorne Chambers | Editor

Dublin native John Teevan has seen enough gimmicky Irish bars in the U.S. to know that when he and his longtime partner Stephanie Mahan took over the building at the corner of Center Street and West Ashley Avenue, it was going to take a lot more than a bucket of green paint and some traditional Celtic music on the stereo to convert the 4,500-square-foot space into an authentic Irish pub.

After temporarily opening in March under the name Folly Beach Irish Pub, some on the island wondered if it was going to be yet another uninspired restaurant and bar, this time with an Irish theme. Over the last several years, locals have seen the building be several things — a wine bar (11 Center Street), a seafood restaurant (Conch), a country-cooking restaurant (Center Street Kitchen), to yet another seafood restaurant (Folly Beach Shrimp Company) with a dance club upstairs (The Fall Out).

So most folks were relieved when shortly after opening its doors, the Folly Beach Irish Pub closed them again and work began on completely renovating the two-story restaurant and bar. The Folly Beach Irish Pub wasn't the real name of the place. It was just a mirage, a tease, a mere glimpse of what was really to come.

Teevan and Mahan, along with business partner and international restaurant and bar designer Benjamin Kay, had much larger plans for the space. For the next two months work crews were busy converting the cavernous downstairs restaurant into an authentic Irish pub, with beautiful woodwork, glasswork, new windows that swing outward to enjoy the ocean breeze, new tables, chairs, bar, barstools, several new bathrooms, just about everything was upgraded.

Then finally, the secret was out. The name St. James Gate was painted on the outside of the building. Its name comes from the section of Dublin known for beer and breweries, including Guinness.

Besides the name itself representing some rich Irish history, behind the downstairs bar there's a true piece of Irish history. The remarkable piece of stained glass behind the bar was acquired from Slane Castle after a fire damaged much of the famed castle in 1991. During that time, Teevan owned a bar near the castle and following the fire was given the beautiful piece of glass from the castle's chapel. Nearly a quarter of a century later, that historic piece of glass is much more than a talking piece, it's the centerpiece of St. James Gate.

Last month Teevan made a promise to his father, who was in town visiting from Ireland, that he would have the bar open before he had to go back home. His father had a Thursday morning flight and sure enough on that Wednesday night, Teevan's father Frank was the one who pulled the first pint of Guinness at St. James Gate. It was a special moment for Teevan and Mahan to have Teevan's father and the grandfather of their twins to be the first to pour a Guinness



St. James Gate owners John Teevan and Stephanie Mahan look on as Teevan's father, Frank Teevan, pulls the first pint of Guinness at the new restaurant and bar.

at their new bar, which they had worked so hard on for the last several months.

In addition to creating a beautiful Irish pub, Teevan and Mahan also recently created two adorable red-headed babies. Twins and a new bar has made for an interesting year for the couple. In their 10 years together, Teevan and Mahan have also built five bars together in New York and most recently, the popular cocktail lounge Prohibition on upper King Street in downtown Charleston. They've since sold their stake in Prohibition as well as all of their other bars in order to focus solely on St. James Gate. "You can't be in two places at the same time. And this is our home," says Teevan.

In addition to the renovated downstairs restaurant, the upstairs bar has been completely gutted and redone as well. Teevan says the bar, which overlooks both Center Street and West Ashley Avenue, will be open to the public, but will also be available as an event space. A separate staircase going directly to the upstairs bar has been built at the entrance of restaurant.

Out back, the previously underutilized patio has also been completely renovated to offer a more welcoming atmosphere to sit outside and enjoy a meal or a beer. Speaking of beer, St. James Gate has 22 beer taps and two wines on tap at all time. While some of the beers may rotate from time to time, you can always count on getting the perfect pint of Guinness.

"It was important to not only have Guinness on tap, but its got to be served properly," says Teevan. "When you serve a Guinness, it's got to be served with the right gas." He says a lot of places aren't willing to pay the extra money or go to the effort of having the right blend

of nitrogen and co2. For the Dublin native, cutting corners is not the way to do things, especially when it comes to serving Ireland's most famous export.

Like the renovated and redesigned building, there was obviously a lot of thought and expertise in creating the menu. Walking the line between an authentic Irish pub and beach restaurant, St. James Gate offers everything from corned beef and cabbage and shepherd's pie to fish and chips, fresh seafood, and fish tacos.

Teevan says they will also offer Irish breakfast "all day, every day" and then smiles. St. James Gate isn't actually open for breakfast, but he explains an Irish breakfast of Irish bacon, Irish sausage, beans, and black and white pudding, is good no matter what time you wake up. He does plan to open early once English Premier League soccer gets back into full swing and big games come on earlier in the day.

In addition to its Irish standards and seafood, St. James Gate also offers standard pub food, such as burgers and chicken wings. "There's always going to be one person in the family staying out here who is going to say, 'I've had enough fish, or enough fried food. I want something hearty,'" says Mahan. "That's why we wanted to offer a little something different."

With one of the most visible spaces on Center Street, Mahan says they certainly hope to be a popular destination for tourists. But more importantly, they hope to be a place that locals come all year round.

St. James Gate is located at 11 Center St. For more information, call (843) 588-0002 or visit www.stjamesgatesc.com.



MONDAY

Fresh Squeezed Island
Margaritas \$4 (3-7pm)
The Grill & Island Bar
41 Center St. 633-0143

TUESDAY

\$3 Mimosas (8-11am)
Rita's Seaside Grill
2 Center St. 588-2525

WEDNESDAY

1/2 off Gulf Oysters
Snapper Jack's
10 Center St. 633-0174

THURSDAY

\$2 house liquors (4-7pm)
Woody's Pizza
39 Center St. 588-0088

FRIDAY

\$3 house liquors (4-7pm)
Planet Follywood
32 Center St. 588-7380

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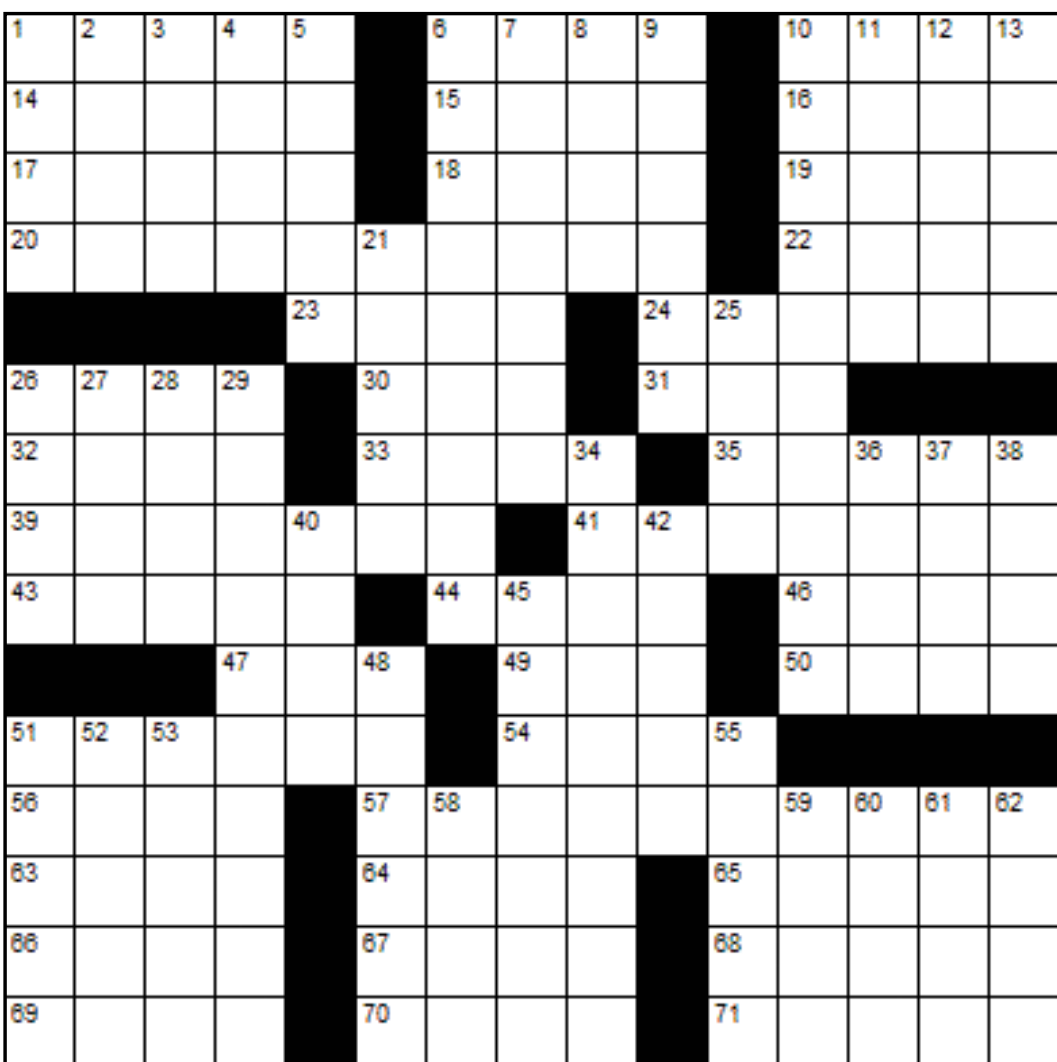
\$2 PBR (all the time)
Drop-In Bar & Deli
32-B Center St. 633-0234

SUNDAY

\$3 Loggerhead Lager
(all the time)
Loggerhead's Beach Grill
123 W. Ashley Ave. 588-2365

If you're a Folly Beach bar or restaurant and have a special you'd like to be considered for Deal du Jour, email editor@follycurrent.com

FOLLY CURRENT CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Cravat
- 6. Exhausts
- 10. Corrosive
- 14. Farm buildings
- 15. Gait faster than a walk
- 16. Hindu princess
- 17. Genus of heath
- 18. Competent
- 19. Data
- 20. Freeing
- 22. Pigeon-___
- 23. A promiscuous woman
- 24. Stick together
- 26. Shower alternative
- 30. Consumed food
- 31. Make a low continuous sound
- 32. Pearly-shelled mussel
- 33. Ripped
- 35. Stop
- 39. Paddle-wheeler
- 41. It holds cigarette debris
- 43. Latin name for our planet
- 44. Wail
- 46. Small island
- 47. Calypso offshoot
- 49. South southeast

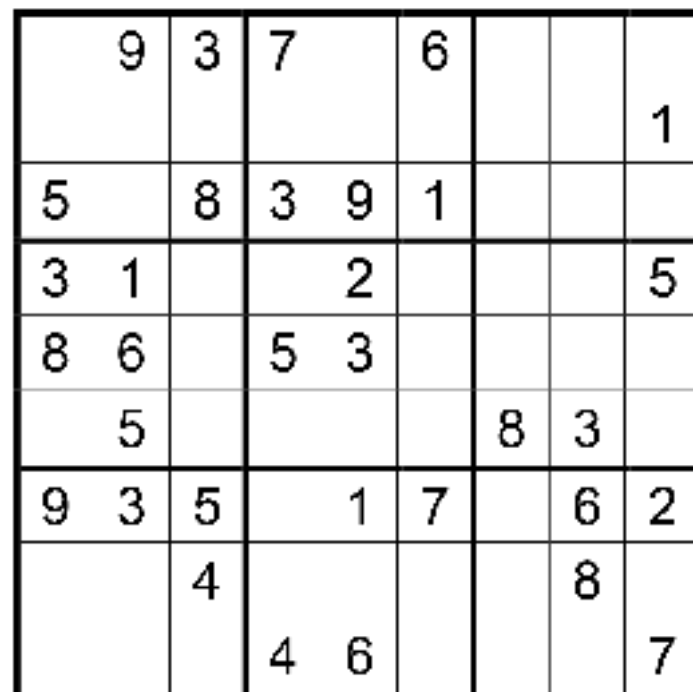
- 50. C C C C
- 51. High regard
- 54. 1/100th of a dollar
- 56. To fancy (archaic)
- 57. A type of infantry
- 63. Type of sword
- 64. Send forth
- 65. Suffuse
- 66. Edges
- 67. Gown
- 68. Portion
- 69. Back talk
- 70. Anagram of "Seek"
- 71. Infections of the eye

DOWN

- 1. Cain's brother
- 2. Indian dress
- 3. Baby's bed
- 4. A single time
- 5. Russian emperors
- 6. Legal
- 7. Umpire
- 8. Game on horseback
- 9. Unpleasant odor
- 10. Mathematics
- 11. Small boat
- 12. Deduce
- 13. Thermionic tube

- 21. Winged
- 25. Ow!
- 26. Broke
- 27. Blind (poker)
- 28. Layer
- 29. Huskiness
- 34. Sickens
- 36. Backside
- 37. A period of discounted prices
- 38. Visual organs
- 40. Construct
- 42. All tuckered out
- 45. Attribute
- 48. Current amount
- 51. Decorative jugs
- 52. Old photo color
- 53. Abounds
- 55. Journeys
- 58. Out of control
- 59. Leave out
- 60. Comply with
- 61. Brownish purple
- 62. Views

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TRIVIA BY GREY MATTER GAMES

1 CLASSIC TELEVISION

What was the name of the café that was everyone's favorite hangout on the Andy Griffith show?

2 MMMM ... BEER

What mustachioed Hall of Fame Boston Red Sox great and infamous beer drinker once claimed to have drunk 107 beers in one day?

3 TELEVISION

The second season of what critically-acclaimed HBO show stars Rachel McAdams, Colin Farrell, and Vince Vaughn?

4 CLASSIC MOVIES

Based on a Tennessee Williams play, what 1951 movie was nominated for 12 Oscars, winning four and starred a young Marlon Brando and Vivian Leigh?

5 FAMOUS MOVIE TAGLINES

Released 40 years ago this week, what classic movie had the tagline: "'Don't go in the water'?"

6 LITERATURE

What famous author died in 1961 in Ketchum, Idaho, where he is also buried?

7 ACTORS & ACTRESSES

What former child star of the film "Miracle on 34th Street" tragically drowned in 1981?

8 SEX

What notorious world leader was said to have fathered at least 1,000 children, possibly as many as 2,000. Genetically proven to be the ancestor of 0.5% of the world's population?

9 DRUGS

What famous 71-year-old British guitarist was quoted, "'I've never had a problem with drugs. I've had problems with the police'?"

10 ROCK 'N' ROLL

Vivian Campbell, the guitarist of what '80s hair metal band, announced recently that his cancer has returned and he has pulled out of the band's tour as a result?

**PUZZLE SOLUTIONS
ON PAGE 19**

The Fortunes of Joeltar

GETTING TO KNOW WALKING JOEL



FOLLY FACES

WITH MIRANDA JORDAN

The recent tragic events in Charleston, and the beautiful way our community responded, lends one to pondering how to create a world where differences among people are not only tolerated, but celebrated, all the while respecting the similarity that deep down we are all one.

Perhaps I've been spending a little too much time in this heat, but this is what I think about when people talk about "Keeping Folly Folly." It's not just the funky vibe that permeates this little island, it's the level of acceptance and celebration of individuality that makes this place so special. Ignore the Follitics website, take a stroll around and actually talk to people, and you'll immediately feel that "I'm ok, you're ok, come as you are" energy.

I can't think of any resident who exemplifies this energy better than Joel Longenecker, affectionately known as "Walking Joel" because he logs more Folly miles on foot in one day than most of us

probably do in a month. (He credits shoes from Half-Moon Outfitters for keeping him moving.) You will see him daily, stopping into Bert's for coffee, popping his head in all the local establishments to offer a short and quirky "Joelism" to make you laugh or inspire you.

After months of trying, I finally got him to sit still long enough to let me ask him a few questions.

Miranda Jordan: How did you find your way to Folly, and what do you love about it?

Walking Joel: I moved here about 15 years ago with my parents, and we live on the West Side. I'm originally from Pennsylvania, and we moved here because the area is beautiful. Especially compared to Myrtle Beach. My favorite thing about Folly is all the nice people. Everyone is mostly nice if you are nice to them. I like to walk around, work side jobs, and get to know the public. Things are good around here right now. It's safe, but you can still have fun. Life on Folly is like sugar and tea.

MJ: If you were mayor of Folly Beach, what would you do?

WJ: Allow drinking on the beach again, that is necessary. Give the tourists what they want. I would also make our laws similar to

those in California, if you know what I mean.

MJ: What's your favorite Folly Beach event?

WJ: On Halloween, I get to be "Joeltar" at Woody's and give people their fortunes, and I got mad tips. My Dad is a salesman, so he kind of taught be how to BS enough to give people their fortunes.

MJ: You mean those fortunes weren't legit?

WJ: I guess I can stop waiting to be adopted by a family of dolphins. Oh well.

MJ: What is something your neighbors would be surprised to know about you?

WJ: I love video games, that's what I do at night. I play South Park on the Xbox. It's the best game in the world. Also, I have a daughter named Avery Victoria. And I once saved one of our old mayors by pushing him out of the way of a car. I think that about covers it.

MJ: You are known for your favorite quotes, what is yours?

WJ: "Do unto others as you would have them do back at you."

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Joel Longenecker, aka Walking Joel, can be found walking the streets of Folly Beach all day, everyday.



FOLLY FLASHBACK

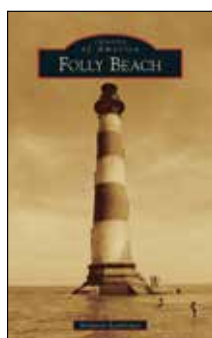
BY STRATTON LAWRENCE

Legends of Surf

DJ MCKEVLIN OPENED HIS FIRST SURF SHOP IN 1965

the rights of surfers and soon winning a seat on Folly Beach City Council. He served for a decade, spearheading a fight in Federal Court to maintain the rights of surfers at Folly's best breaks. Today, the 3,300-square-foot flagship store on Folly Beach is run by Dennis' son, Tim.

On June 9, McKevin was inducted into the Folly Beach Hall of Fame. He's pictured here in 1967.



Many images like this one are included in Stratton Lawrence's book, Images of America: Folly Beach. To purchase your own personalized signed copies, delivered to your home on Folly Beach, or to share a photo and story for next month's Folly Flashback column, email Stratton at strattonlawrence@gmail.com.



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The Salt Marsh Bears No Prejudice, No Bias



SALT MARSH DIARIES
BY CAPTAIN ANTON DUMARS OF TIDELINE TOURS

I sat across the glass top desk from Mary Brent and Sharon. We gathered to hash out details of the upcoming Southern Sampler Artist Colony Saltmarsh Adventure. I didn't recognize Sharon. I'd only known her dressed in character as the Gullah Lady. "Words and Rhythm that's our theme," said Mary Brent. "How can you bring the marsh into this, Anton?"

"The marsh has a natural rhythm. It breathes in and breathes out twice a day with a beat as steady as a metronome," I said. "It's a common rhythm shared with all who live in or visit the marsh." I looked at Sharon and said "I'm sure you do things in your marsh just like we do things in our marsh."

Shortly, we wrapped up the meeting.

Sharon and Mary Brent departed. An hour later, I sat horrified, having recalled the "your marsh/our marsh" statement.

Since age 11, I lived in the small towns of northern Florida and southern Alabama. I didn't consider myself prejudiced. I played sports and music with blacks and whites. I had black friends at school. Yet seldom did I see a black person at a social function. After school co-mingling was rare. In fact, students at my high school held separate proms for blacks and whites. This was my south of the 1970s. At age 19, I moved away from home for good.

As animals, we maintain a curiosity, an awareness, or even a fearfulness of others who don't look like us. As humans, we have the ability to reason through pre-conceived opinions. Despite my human ability to reason with prejudice, my "your marsh/our marsh" comment slipped, Freudian-style, right out of my mouth.

A couple of months later, with Mary Brent in town from San Francisco, the three of us met again. At that meeting, I confessed to Sharon my perceived transgression. This

opened a dialogue between us. We shared stories. We talked openly about an awkward subject of which we're all aware: racism.

Sharon didn't take offense to my we/they marsh comparison. She understood. After she moved to Wadmalaw Island from Florence, she arrived as a "they." Eventually, she became a "we."

Cultural differences exist at all levels, thus a we/they society. While my innate animal instincts will remain curious of others not like me, my human reasoning must embrace this diversity, always willing to examine my bias. This is what I learned about myself.

As for the salt marsh, it bears no prejudice, no bias. As I wrote a few paragraphs back, all who live in or visit the salt marsh share its common rhythm.

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On Saturday, June 27 several paddled out to form a unity ring in the water in honor of the nine who were tragically lost at Mother Emmanuel AME church last month.

FOLLY FISHING REPORT

By Capt. Geoff Bennett | Contributing Writer



FISHING FOR THE WEATHER

While the weather has been abnormally hot, it hasn't slowed the fishing down. Anglers can try fishing early in the morning where they can find fish blitzing bait on the surface as well as calmer winds that allow them to sight fish on the flats. Alternatively, evenings also offer cooler temperatures and a chance to chase tailing redfish on big flood tides.

Fishing for redfish has been great. The large schools of redfish have now broken up but you can still find pods of ten to twenty fish especially on the flats. Putting a scent trail in the water and an easy meal in front of redfish is a tactic bound for success. We usually put cracked blue crab or live mullet on the bottom with enough weight to hold it stationary. Use circle hooks in size 3/0 combined with a heavy test line and hold on!

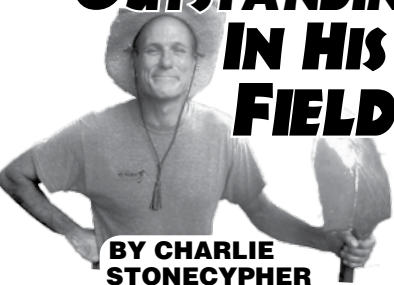
The trout bite continues to improve. We've started catching a healthy number of midsize trout whereas before we were only finding a few big trout that were ready to breed. Fishing mud minnows on jighheads can be quite effective and lets you get your bait in front of trout in deeper pockets. I use 1/8 oz. jighheads. You can use heavier jighheads but make sure their size is not significantly bigger than the bait.

Spanish mackerel are plentiful and can be best found at first light. If you find schools of fish busting bait on the surface, throw reflective casting jigs and reel them quickly through the school. Move your boat slowly around the school; running through a pod of fish will put them down. Alternatively, if you know fish are present but not up top, try trolling Clark Spoons at different depths and different speeds.

July and August will bring a number of significant high tides in the evening. This produces very exciting fishing as anglers can see the backs and tails of redfish as they put their noses in the mud to forage for crabs. As a result, these tides are called "tailing tides". Sight casting to these redfish and getting one to eat is a true rush. Although you may spend a long time stalking a fish and positioning yourself for just the right cast, landing that hard-earned redfish is very rewarding. See you on the water!

Captain Geoff Bennett operates Charleston Charter Fishing providing light tackle and fly fishing charters. For more info, call 843-324-3332 or visit www.charlestoncharterfishing.com or email captain@charlestoncharterfishing.com.

OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD



BY CHARLIE STONECYPHER

It's that time of year where the heat seems unbearable to many of us, but summer comes every year for those who forgot. In the living world of the landscape, water is THE most important life-bringer. So, I thought I would take a moment to go over some watering methods and techniques so that we all make sure Nature's most important resource isn't wasted.

I'll start with the watering of lawns since this is the biggest drinker of water. According to Clemson Extension Service (which you can access via the internet at <http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/>), "The most efficient way to water a lawn is to apply water when the lawn begins to

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show signs of stress from lack of water."

There are many methods of determining this, which include the color and texture of the blades of grass. A bluish color may indicate stress, sometimes yellowing can mean too much water. You or your landscaper will need to know the difference.

For automatic in-ground irrigation systems, they recommend turning the timer to off and watering only as needed. I am personally asked all the time, "How long and often should I run the system for?" I always answer that there is no perfect automatic watering schedule because the weather is always different and so is the need to water. My rule of thumb is: try to have the system shutting down by sunrise, but don't start too early in the morning. Usually 5 a.m. is a great time. Don't water in the direct sunlight. The same goes for

hose watering. Get it done very early or late afternoon when the sun has passed. (Also, mowing height is crucial to your lawn's thirst!)

Plants: The best way to water trees and shrubs nowadays is using a drip irrigation system that waters at the roots. Frequent watering with small amounts is better than infrequent large amounts.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email below. Until next time, Aloha!

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The Folly Current
COMMUNITY BILLBOARD
 The Folly Current Community Billboard is a Free listing for events happening on Folly Beach.
 Please submit all happenings to editor@follycurrent.com by the 21st of the month in order to be included in the next issue of The Folly Current.

in the Big Fish category. Tournament catches will also be included in the Reel It In Weekly Challenge. Rain or Shine. Adult chaperone required for 15 & under. Fee: Ages 13 & up: \$13/\$10 CCR discount; Ages 3-12: \$8; Fishing Pass Holders: \$5; King Mackerel: \$15/ \$13 CCR discount.
 Folly Beach Fishing Pier, 101 E. Arctic Ave. 588-3474.

Family Movie Night
 Held the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 pm.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Family Storytime (all ages)
 Every Monday at 10:30 am. Interact with stories, sing songs, and make a fun craft.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

Fireworks, 4th of July
 Locals and visitors are invited to enjoy the Independence Day fireworks display, which will begin at 9:30pm. Fireworks will be set off at the Folly Beach County Park.

South Carolina Aquarium Rovers (all ages)
 Monday July 6th at 4pm. Meet live animals from the deep sea environment.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

Storyteller Natalie Daise: Comeyah Tales
 Monday July 13th at 4pm. Delight in stories and songs about South Carolina from this Gullah Gullah Island star.
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Summer Reading Finale: Ice Cream Party
 Monday July 27th at 4pm. Celebrate the end of summer reading with ice cream sundaes and music.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

Vintage Superhero Movie
 Series: "Batman: Mask of the Phantasm" (teen)
 Friday, July 10th at 1pm. Cool off inside while watching a movie and enjoying snacks. Rated PG, 77 min.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

Vintage Superhero Movie
 Series: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" (teen)
 Friday July 17th at 1pm. Cool off inside while watching a vintage superhero movie and enjoying snacks. Rated PG, 93 mins.
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Vintage Superhero Movie
 Series: "Godzilla vs. Destroyah" (teen)
 Friday July 31st at 1pm. Cool off inside while watching a vintage superhero movie and enjoying snacks. Not Rated, 103 mins.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

CLUBS & SUPPORT GROUPS

Book Club (adult)
 Wednesday July 6th at 4pm. And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

Exchange Club
 Business meeting is the 1st Thursday of each month. Dinner program is the 3rd

Thursday of each month. Contact May Holmes at 588-9238.

Home & Garden Club
 Meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1pm. Folly Beach Community Center. 55 Center St. Contact Charlotte Goodwin at 588-0099.

Men's Club Breakfast
 Meets the 4th Sunday of each month after the 9am Mass.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Men's Guild
 Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm with a small meal after.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel, Father Kelly Hall, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Recovery in Christ
 Biblically based; seeks God concerning our habits, hurts, & hang-ups. Meets Thursdays at 6 pm.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St.

Save the Light
 Meets the 1st Wednesday at 7pm every month. For more information, call: 633-0099.

Senior Citizens Club
 55 and over are invited. Meets the 1st Thursday of each month. Contact Pauline Ray at 588-9580.

Women's Guild
 Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel, Father Kelly Hall, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

OUTDOORS

Folly Beach Bird Walks
 Friday July 10th at 8:30-10:30am. This walk focuses on southern shoreline of Folly Beach; hopeful to see a variety of shorebirds and seabirds such as American Oystercatchers and Wilson's Plovers. Fee: \$9/ \$7 CCR discount.
 Folly Beach County Park, 1100 W. Ashley Ave. 588-2426.

RELIGIOUS

Faith Formation
 Meets every Wednesday at 7 pm.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336

Girlfriends Bible Study
 Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am & 6:30pm.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Mary's Rosary Guild
 Meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays at 10am.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336

Men's Bible Study
 Meets Mondays at 7pm
 Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Soup Ministry
 Every Monday at 12pm
 Meets in the Fellowship Hall.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Women's Bible Study
 Meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 am & 6:30 pm.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414

ARTS & CRAFTS

Arts & Crafts Guild Meeting
 Meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Exhibiting Membership \$35, Associate Membership \$20.
 Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

Knit Night (adult)
 Wednesday, July 1st at 6 pm. Bring a knit or crochet project to work on, and share ideas with others.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

PLAY: Saturday Movie and Craft (children)
 Saturday July 11 at 11am. Watch "The Lorax" and make a craft. Rated PG, 93 min.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Beach Yoga
 Check with Serenity Tree Yoga & Namaste Folly for weekly schedule.
Christian Meditation
 Meets every Monday at 8 am.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336

Namaste Folly
 Meets the 2nd Friday of every month. Pot luck fol-

lowing the yoga practice.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St.

Zumba
 Sundays at 3 pm.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

DANCING

Moonlight Mixer
 Friday July 24th 7-11pm. Dance the night away as DJ Jim Bowers plays all the hottest oldies and beach music classics! Beverages, food, and snacks available for purchase. Limited admission, photo ID required. Purchase the all-access discount & save. Fee: \$10/\$8 CCR discount/\$10 on-site (if available).
 Folly Beach Fishing Pier, 101 E. Arctic Ave. 588-3474.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

All Hands Productions Puppet Show
 Monday July 20th at 4pm. Laugh at the fun adventures of the Gingerbread Man.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

Cast Off Fishing Tournament Series
 Saturday July 18th at 6am-2pm. Prizes for the largest catch in the King Mackerel category and three largest catches

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1. The Junction Café
2. Wade Boggs
3. True Detective
4. A Streetcar Named Desire
5. Jaws
6. Ernest Hemingway
7. Natalie Wood
8. Genghis Khan
9. Keith Richards
10. Def Leppard

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