



TOWN MANAGER'S NEWS AND NOTES

August 2020

ADMINISTRATION

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

On August 5th, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 155 extending the “Safer at Home” Phase 2 of North Carolina’s reopening plan. This latest extension is set to expire at 5 p.m. on September 11, 2020. Governor Cooper acknowledged stabilization of the data and trends but added that the stability is fragile, and the numbers can change quickly by letting our guard down. The Phase 2 extension keeps bars, gyms, and entertainment venues closed, as well as the continued use of face coverings in public places. Governor Cooper and Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Mandy Cohen once again stressed the importance of wearing a face covering when social distancing is not possible.

Detailed information on the Executive Order, as well as additional information related to the virus, can be found on our website. The Town of Topsail Beach will continue to monitor COVID-19 and the impacts it may have on our community. At this time, Town offices will remain closed to the public, but our staff is still working and ready to serve. You can always reach us by telephone or email, and we can make appointments if on-site visits are needed. The Board of Commissioners will continue to meet via ZOOM, but we encourage everyone to send your comments to publiccomments@topsailbeach.org.

If you leave home, know your Ws!



We are committed to protecting the health and safety of our residents, property owners, and visitors as well as the economic wellbeing of our businesses. **Remember Your Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash**

HURRICANE ISAIAS

Hurricane Isaias (a strong Tropical Storm when it hit Topsail Beach), was a warning of what hurricane season is all about for those of us living in the coastal area. While we were very fortunate that the storm was not catastrophic in nature, it clearly showed why we need to be diligent throughout the hurricane season. The Town worked closely with our partners in Pender County, Surf City, North Topsail Beach, NOAA, Jones Onslow Electric and NCDOT to prepare both before and after the storm to provide for an effective recovery process.



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LOCATE YOUR REENTRY PASSES

-  Keep your important documents together for quick access
-  Share your plans with family or designated agent
-  Stay informed through our Town website, Facebook and Twitter

What is a reentry pass and where can I obtain one?
A reentry pass is given to every property owner and will allow temporary access to the island after a storm. Only one pass is given to each resident, per household. Passes will not be issued under State of Emergency. If you are unable to locate your reentry sticker on May's utilities bill, please contact Topsail Beach Town Hall today.

I am a long-term renter in Topsail Beach. Will I be able to access my rental property?
Long-term renters can obtain one sticker from Town Hall by presenting proof of residency and picture ID.

Am I able to designate someone to check on my property?
Yes. The homeowner will need to fill out a Designated Agent Form prior to a storm. The form can be found on topsailbeach.org > About Topsail Beach > Emergency Information. Once completed, please drop off at Town Hall or email to a staff member. These forms do not expire, please verify with Topsail Beach Police Department who you have on file.

What should I do if I misplace my pass and need to get back onto the island?
You will need to provide documentation that shows ownership to property and valid identification at checkpoint.

Fortunately, we did not have to evacuate for this storm, but in the future please be prepared. For your safety and ease of return, be sure to have your reentry sticker available for quick access. This will make it easier for you to return when it is safe to get back on the

island. Once a State of Emergency is declared, the Town cannot guarantee issuing any new passes until after the storm, so check today to make sure you have one. If not, please contact the Town Hall.

Follow the Town on our various social media sites to keep up with what's going on in Town. If you haven't joined our Sunshine List, it is a great way to get email updates!

TWITTER ACCOUNT

Topsail Beach now has a Twitter Account to add to our social media outreach! We want to keep everyone informed and look to use this as a platform to send out hurricane/emergency alerts, events, and projects going on within the Town. We will continue to utilize our website, Facebook page, and the Sunshine List to send important

information out to you. I would encourage you to subscribe to the Sunshine List if you haven't already to get email alerts to keep you up-to-date.

You can find us at @TownofTopsail. Let us know what you think and be sure to follow us!

BEACH SAFETY

Enjoy these remaining lazy days of summer, but while you're at it, make sure you stay safe and follow these few tips.

Look out for sea creatures

Coming in contact with a shark at the beach à la *Jaws* is pretty rare, but jellyfish and stingrays are a different story. Don't touch—or even follow—one if you see any in the water; even a dead jellyfish can still sting you. Shuffle your feet in the water to avoid stepping on an unsuspecting critter. If anyone in your party gets stung seek medical attention right away. The Mayo Clinic also suggests these steps

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/jellyfish-stings/diagnosis-treatment/drc-20353290>.

Read the safety signs

Safety beach signs are there for a reason—to inform and keep you safe. Read these signs before entering the beach, so you know of any warnings or dangers. It takes just a few seconds to browse the signs for any information you might need.

Know your family's swimming strengths and skill levels

Swimming in the ocean requires more strength and skill than swimming in a pool (which is why it burns so many calories). So-so swimmers may struggle when confronted with waves and currents, so unless you feel confident that you or a member of your family can handle the surf, stick to the shoreline. Swimming is great exercise, too, just make sure you know the risks. Life jackets for young kids is always a good idea.

Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate

If you're not drinking enough water and not getting enough shade during a day in the hot sun, you're putting yourself at risk of heat stroke. Know the symptoms: nausea; headache; confusion; a rapid heartbeat; and hot, bright red skin. Your dog is equally at

risk, so make sure he doesn't get overheated either. Dehydration is one of the very real dangers of summer.

BEACH SWEEP



Thanks to everyone that helped out with Beach Sweep 2020! We had a great turnout as everyone worked hard to make our special beach even more spectacular.

POLICE

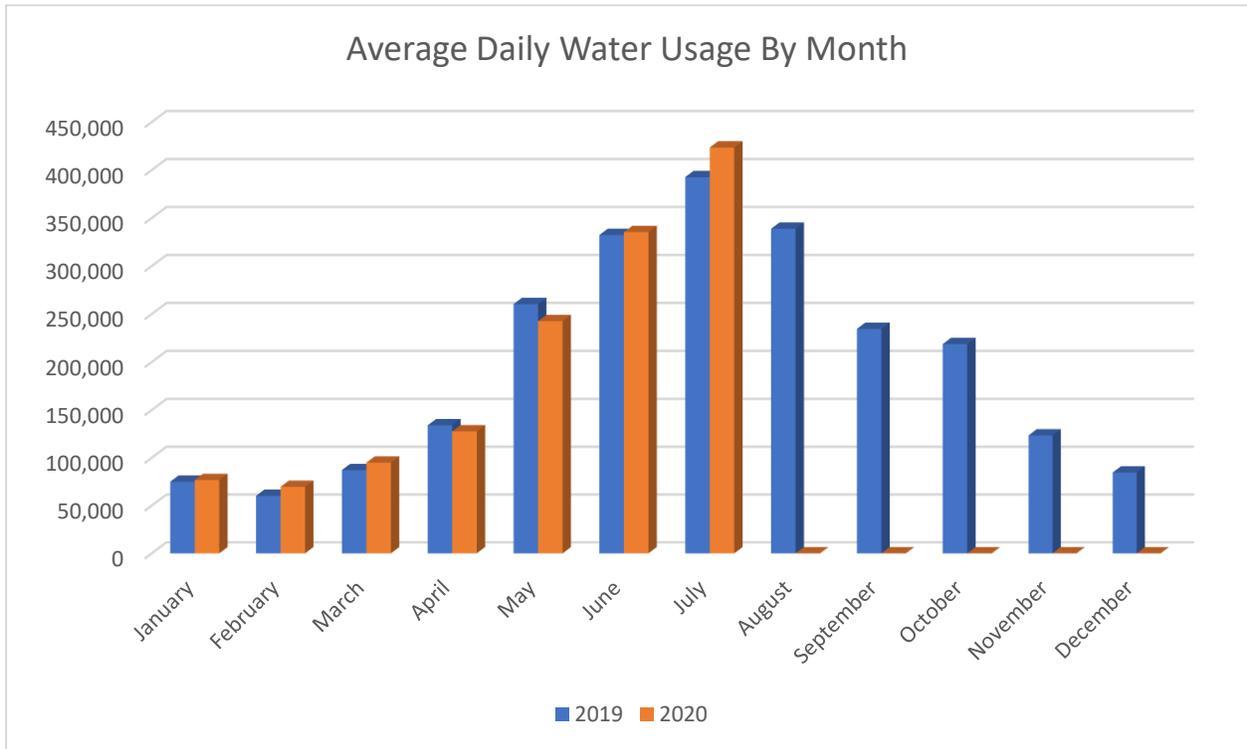
**ACTIVITY LOG EVENT SUMMARY
JULY 2020**

ARREST MADE	3	ASSIST TO FIRE/RESCUE	3
ALARM CALL	1	CALL FOR SERVICE	56
BEACH PATROL	4	BEACH WHEELCHAIR	2
CIVIL CITATION	32	BOAT RELATED CALL	2
DEATH	0	DISTURBANCE CALL	5
DOG RELATED CALL	7	LARCENY REPORT	1
MESSAGE DELIVERED	0	MISSING PERSON	1
OPEN DOOR FOUND	2	PARKING COMPLAINT	18
PROPERTY DAMAGE	2	SURFING VIOLATION	1
SCHOOL ATTENDED	2	SECURITY/BUSINESS CHECK	202
SPECIAL WORK	69	STATE CITATION ISSUED	39
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	12	SUSPICIOUS/UNLOCKED VEHICLE	13
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	0	TRESPASS CALL	5
TOPSAIL ASSISTED SURF CITY	0	WARNING CITATION ISSUED	79

PUBLIC WORKS

WATER USAGE

Below is a look at the average daily water usage for July 2020, and a comparison of the data to 2019. This July the distribution for the water system was a total of 13,126,420 gallons of water for an average of 423,433 gallons a day, an increase of 30,879 gpd over the same period last year (392,554).



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning Board met on July 22, 2020 with the following actions taken:

1. Continued discussion of establishing rules of procedure for the Planning Board and direction to the Town Planner to prepare a proposed draft to incorporate comments by the Board.
2. Held Planning Board Training workshop on July 22, 2020.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on July 1, 2020 with the following actions taken:

1. Held joint meeting with the Citizen Advisory Committee to discuss the public comments from citizens sent via emails.
2. Discussion of proposed regulations for the use of the pickle ball courts. Chairman Dillman stated that the pickle ball community did not support establishing regulations. The matter was tabled by general consent.
3. Following Hurricane Isaias, the fencing around the pickle ball courts were damaged.

BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY

A total of 29 permits were issued at a valuation of \$434,650.00 with one substantial improvement/repair. Meter Base change outs and HVAC repairs remain the largest percentage of the permits.

JULY 2020 BUILDING PERMITS

PERMIT DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	VALUATION	PERMIT FEE
Docks/Decks/Seawalls/ ACC	3	\$27,800.00	\$315.00
Demolition	1	\$20,000.00	\$105.00
Electrical Repair	8	\$27,700.00	\$495.00
Elevator/Cargo Lift	1	\$10,000.00	\$55.00
Mechanical Repairs	9	\$90,210.00	\$495.00
Res. Alteration/ Addition	1	\$10,000.00	\$105.00
Misc. Building Repair	3	\$245,940.00	\$1,401.00
Septic Install/Repair	1	\$3,000.00	\$30.00
Zoning Permit for Septic	1	\$0.00	\$30.00
Zoning for Driveway	1	\$0.00	\$30.00
	29	\$434,650.00	\$3,061.00

CENSUS 2020





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CENSUS 2020

Safe. Easy. Important.

Respond online at my2020census.gov
or by phone at 844-330-2020

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Key things to know about the 2020 Census:

- Every NC resident who responds brings back \$1,823 per year to our state.
- Census results are used to fund programs that impact schools, roads, emergency services, disaster and pandemic recovery, healthcare, childcare, senior care, food assistance, public transportation, economic development, housing programs and more.

- The 2020 Census also helps North Carolina get accurate representation in Congress, including potential for an additional seat.

If you haven't already, please go to <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>.
It's easy and quick...and IMPORTANT!

Dates to Remember:

Board of Commissioners – August 12th (6:00 PM)

BIS Committee – August 20th (10:00 AM)

Planning Board/Parks and Rec. – August 26th (3:00 PM)