



# TOWN MANAGER'S NEWS AND NOTES

October 2020

## ADMINISTRATION

### CORONAVIRUS

#### If you leave home, know your Ws!



On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Governor Cooper announced that North Carolina would enter into *Safer at Home Phase 3*, amending the orders for certain business re-openings, mass gathering limits, and similar actions. Executive Order 169 still requires wearing face

coverings in public. This new order became effective on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM and will remain in effect until October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A few takeaways from the new order include:

- *Large outdoor venues with seating greater than 10,000 may operate with 7% occupancy for spectators.*
- *Smaller outdoor entertainment venues, like arenas or amphitheaters, may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity, or 100 guests, whichever is less.*
- *Movie theaters and conference centers may open indoor spaces to 30% of capacity, or 100 guests, whichever is less.*
- *Bars may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity, or 100 guests, whichever is less.*
- *Amusement parks may open at 30% occupancy, outdoor attractions only.*
- *The limits on mass gatherings will remain at 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.*
- *The 11 pm curfew on alcohol sales for in-person consumption in locations such as restaurants and outdoor bars will be extended to October 23.*

A copy of the EO and frequently asked questions can be found on our website at <https://www.topsailbeach.org/Government/Emergency-Information/COVID19>.



In an effort to slow the spread of the virus, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has developed the SlowCOVIDNC App, designed to let app users know if they may have been exposed to COVID-19, enabling them to quickly act to protect themselves and their community. SlowCOVIDNC users can anonymously share a positive COVID-19 test result through the app to notify other app users who may have been in close contact with them of their exposure. For more information visit <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/slowcovidnc>.

Topsail Beach is 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**

## FLU SHOTS



The Pender County Health Department will be at Town Hall, Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 12 p.m. to administer flu shots. Please bring your insurance card with you. Topsail Beach practices the three w's (wear, wait, wash). Masks and social distancing will be enforced while you are in Town Hall. We are thrilled to partner with Pender County to provide this service!

The CDC states that for the upcoming flu season, the vaccination will be very important to reduce flu because it can help reduce the overall impact of respiratory illnesses on the population. Ensuring that people continue or start getting routine vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic is essential for protecting people and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks, including flu. Routine vaccination prevents illnesses which further strain the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

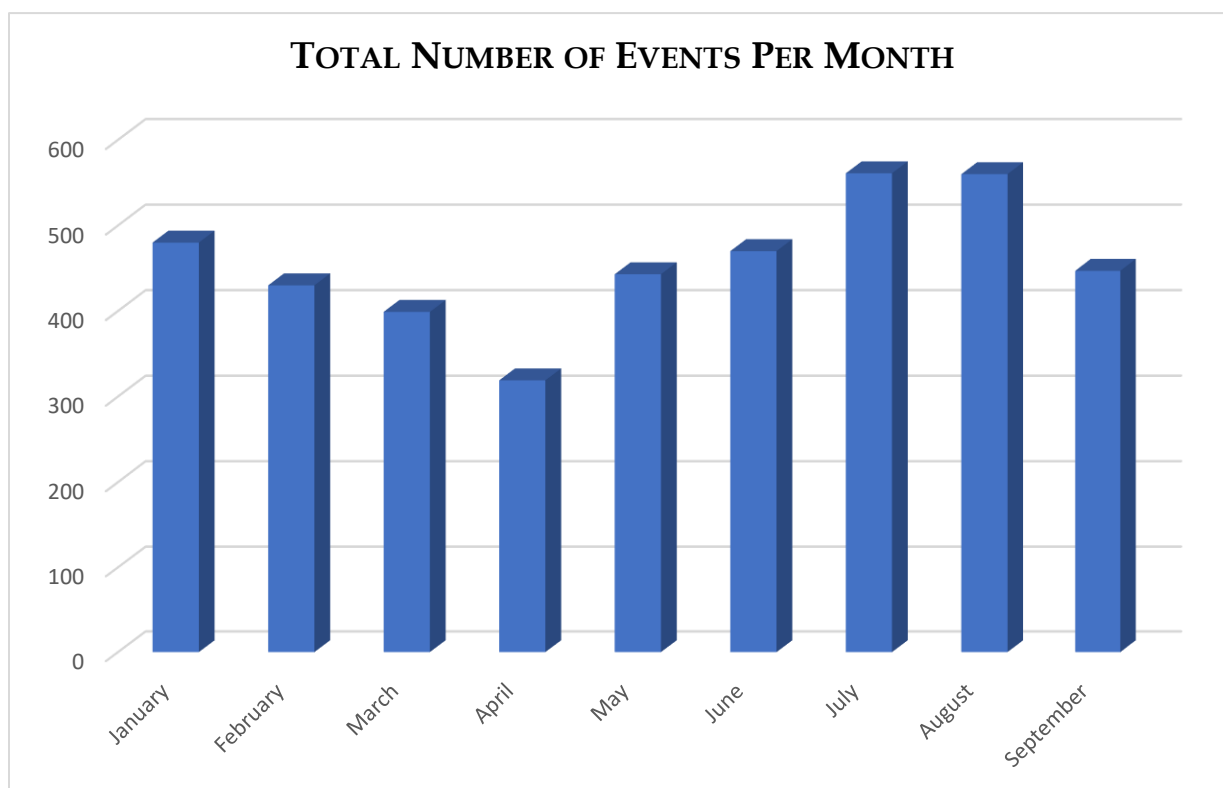
# POLICE

## ACTIVITY LOG EVENT SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 2020

ARREST MADE	4	ASSIST TO FIRE/RESCUE	6
ALARM CALL	2	CALL FOR SERVICE	30
ASSAULT	1	BEACH PATROL	1
BOAT RELATED CALL	0	BEACH WHEELCHAIR	0
CIVIL CITATION	5	DEATH	0
DISTURBANCE CALL	3	DOG RELATED CALL	2
LARCENY REPORT	2	LOST & FOUND PROPERTY	4
MESSAGE DELIVERED	0	MISSING PERSON	0
OPEN DOOR FOUND	1	PARKING COMPLAINT	11
PROPERTY DAMAGE	1	SURFING VIOLATION	0
SCHOOL ATTENDED	1	SECURITY/BUSINESS CHECK	197
SPECIAL WORK	60	STATE CITATION ISSUED	48
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	SUSPICIOUS/UNLOCKED VEHICLE	7
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1	TRESPASS CALL	2
TOPSAIL ASSISTED SURF CITY	0	WARNING CITATION ISSUED	57

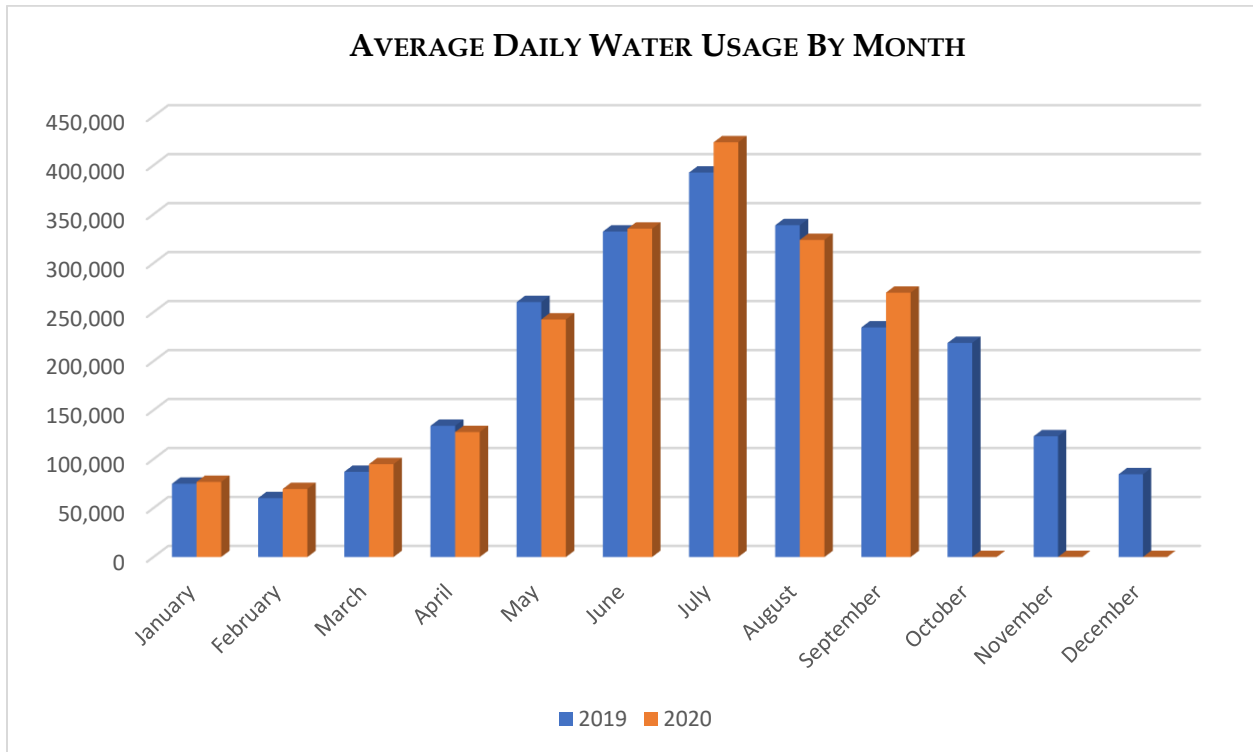
TOTAL NUMBER OF EVENTS PER MONTH



# PUBLIC WORKS

## WATER USAGE

Below is a look at the average daily water usage for September 2020, and a comparison of the data to 2019. This September the distribution for the water system was a total of 8,368,070 gallons of water for an average of 269,938 gallons a day, an increase of 35,464 gpd over the same period last year (234,474).



## MORE PUBLIC WORKS

In addition to the many hats Public Works wears, they have been working on a variety of beach and sound access projects. The most notable has been the completion of the Post and Rope guides at each of our public beach accesses from the Town Line to the Sea Vista. The post and rope guides are allowed by CAMA



as a way to direct our visitors over the newly planted dunes to protect the sea oats and allow them the opportunity to grow strong.

Several of our private access owners have also provided pathways to the beach for their friends and guests. We encourage everyone to help protect the new sea oats, just remember to follow the rules set by CAMA. Please visit our website and the FAQ's at <https://www.topsailbeach.org/Departments/Beach-Nourishment> for more information.



Our Public Works team has also been working on access improvements throughout the spring and summer. Please check out the new deck at the Hines Avenue Sound Side access (pictured). As you can see, it is a great place for fishing!!!!

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning Board met on September 23, 2020 with the following actions taken:

1. Finalized rules of procedure for the Planning Board and made recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for adoption.
2. Discussed revisions to the Town Code for compliance with NCGS 160D regulations and considered path to moving forward with project. Discussion included both in-house and consultant assistance from the Cape Fear Council of Governments.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on September 23, 2020 with the following actions taken:

1. Continued discussion of the Walk/Bike Plan with review and discussion of public comments received.
2. Held joint meeting with the Citizen Advisory Group to discuss field study of the Downtown Business District on October 7<sup>th</sup> to include a preliminary marking of the parallel parking option in front of Cora's Deli on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY

A total of 30 permits were issued at a valuation of \$127,032.00 with two (2) separate septic review which indicates submittal(s) for new construction will follow shortly. HVAC and electrical repairs remain the largest percentage of the permits.

## SEPTEMBER 2020 BUILDING PERMITS

PERMIT DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	VALUATION	PERMIT FEE
Electrical Repair	10	\$19,750.00	\$550.00
Land Disturbance	4	\$3,500.00	\$120.00
Mechanical Repairs	7	\$46,003.00	\$385.00
Misc. Building Repair	7	\$57,779.00	\$730.00
Zoning Permit for Septic	2	\$0.00	\$60.00
	<b>30</b>	<b>\$127,032.00</b>	<b>\$1,845.00</b>

### ELECTIONS

Election time is here and we encourage everyone to vote for the candidates of your choice. Visit Pender County Board of Elections at <https://www.pendercountync.gov/boe/> for information on voter registration, polling locations, and sample ballots. Early voting starts Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>.



# NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9**

Regular Voter Registration Deadline

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15**

Start of One-Stop Voting

Pender County voters may register and vote at any one-stop early voting location:

- Cape Fear Community College:  
621 NC HWY 210 E  
HAMPSTEAD, NC 28443
- Cooperative Extension Auditorium:  
801 S WALKER ST  
BURGAW, NC 28425
- Long Creek Volunteer Fire Department:  
227 SCOTT RD  
ROCKY POINT, NC 28457

For locations and hours, check with your county board of elections office, or [vt.ncsbe.gov/OSSite](http://vt.ncsbe.gov/OSSite)

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

One- Stop Early Voting Ends  
One-stop early voting sites close at 3 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**ELECTION DAY!**





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or by phone at 844-330-2020

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### *Dates to Remember:*

*Board of Commissioners – October 14<sup>th</sup> (6:00 PM)*

*Flu Shot – October 15<sup>th</sup> (9:00 AM – 12 PM)*

*BIS Committee – October 12<sup>th</sup> (10:00 AM)*

*TISPC Meeting – October 22<sup>nd</sup> (2:00 PM)*

*Planning Board/Parks and Rec. – October 28<sup>th</sup> (3:00 PM)*

*NCBIWA Annual Conference – November 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Veterans Day (Town Hall Closed) – November 11<sup>th</sup>*