



TOWN MANAGER'S NEWS AND NOTES

March 2021

ADMINISTRATION

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On Monday, March 15th the Town will host a **FREE SHRED EVENT** in the parking lot of the Assembly Building. We are working with Shred 360, and they have asked that in an effort to shred your sensitive documents in a timely manner, please limit your shredding amount to three boxes (copy paper box or smaller) or three bags (kitchen trash bag or smaller) per vehicle. There is no need to remove binders, binder clips, paper clips, staples, rubber bands, or CDs/DVDs prior to shredding. In order to following social distancing guidelines, we are asking that everyone remain in cars and staff will collect boxes/bags from each vehicle.

If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at (910) 328-5841.

CORONAVIRUS



On March 2nd, Governor Roy Cooper announced that additional frontline essential workers in Group 3 will be eligible for vaccinations beginning March 3. The expedited timeline follows the approval of the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine and an expected increase in vaccine supply to North Carolina.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine comes as the federal government has also increased vaccine in North Carolina beyond the state's allocation. While there is still not enough vaccine for everyone, the improved supply has contributed to providers reporting readiness to expand access to additional Group 3 essential workers. (See [Deeper Dive](#) for additional detail)

Gov. Cooper also outlined an expected timeline for beginning Group 4 vaccinations. Beginning on March 24, people at higher risk from COVID-19 due to underlying

medical conditions will become eligible to receive a vaccine, as well as people in certain congregate-living settings. (See [Deeper Dive](#) for additional detail)

BEACH PROJECT



The Town's Beach Nourishment and Channel Dredging Project, often referred to as the Storm Damage Reduction (SDR) Plan, is beginning to wind down as our contractor, Weeks Marine, enters the final stretch. Since the start of this phase of the project, over 810,000 cubic yards of sand has been dredged from Topsail Creek, Banks Channel and the

side channels, with approximately 200,000 cubic yards remaining. This sand has been placed on the beach, covering from the Serenity Point area, to just north of Queens Grant. The focus now is to complete the stretch of beach strand to the Town Limits. For a good look at what has been completed and what remains, look for our progress on our website at <https://www.topsailbeach.org/Departments/Beach-Nourishment>.

Last season, the Town successfully added nearly 1.8 million cubic yards of sand on the beach. With the additional 1.1 million cubic yards being added this season, we are approaching 3 million cubic yards of new beach and dune! This project has allowed Topsail Beach to open its waterways for safer access to commercial and recreation vessels as well as creating much more protection to our beach and our property.

In an effort to increase productivity, Weeks Marine used a Booster (pictured here) to increase the amount of sand the Borinquen was able to pump. We know this has been a bit noisy for those of you along the sound side, but it has enabled the project to move more quickly and efficiently. We appreciate everyone's patience and apologize for any inconveniences.



Sea Oat Planting

Once the project is complete and the weather is consistently warmer, Coastal Transplants will return and begin planting more sea oats on the dune built last year. These sea oats will help provide long term stabilization to the dune and provide another layer of

protection. We ask that all of our visitors avoid walking on the dunes and damaging the young plants.

Work Zone Safety

Now that the weather is getting nicer, we know that everyone wants to take advantage of the outdoors. We encourage everyone to enjoy the improvements and expansion of our beach strand but ask that you avoid the area where work is underway.

For More Information

Be sure to visit our website at www.topsailbeach.org and look for the icon below for more information. Also watch for us on Facebook and Twitter!



POLICE

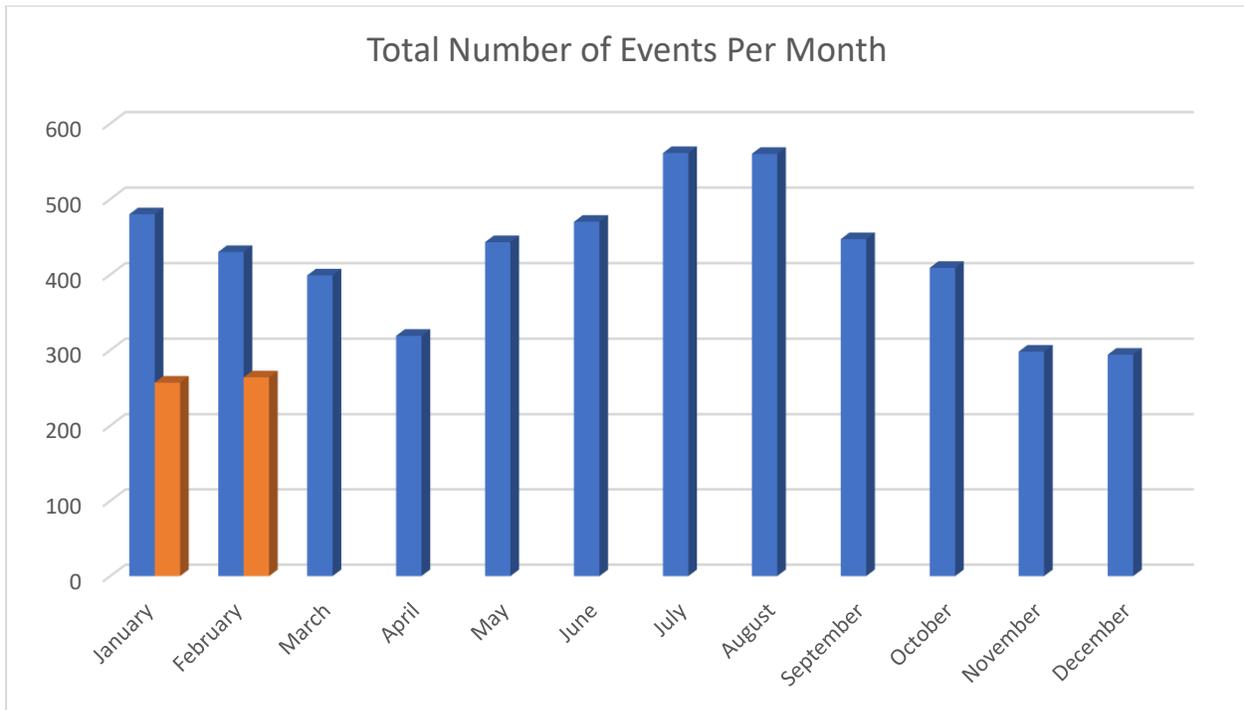
NEW OFFICER



The Topsail Beach Police Department and the Town would like to welcome our newest employee! Antoine Nicholas Pauli recently joined the Topsail Beach Police Department as our newest officer. Officer Pauli comes from Huntington Beach, California where he lived much of his life, but moved to Jacksonville, NC just two months before Hurricane Florence. He graduated from Ocean View High School in 2015 and immediately enrolled at Goldenwest Community College. He achieved his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice of Administration in 2017 and started working on his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice through the University of Phoenix. While in Basic Law Enforcement Training, Officer Pauli completed his bachelor's degree in October 2020. Officer Pauli looks forward to meeting and interacting with the town's residents, business owners, and visitors.

ACTIVITY LOG EVENT SUMMARY

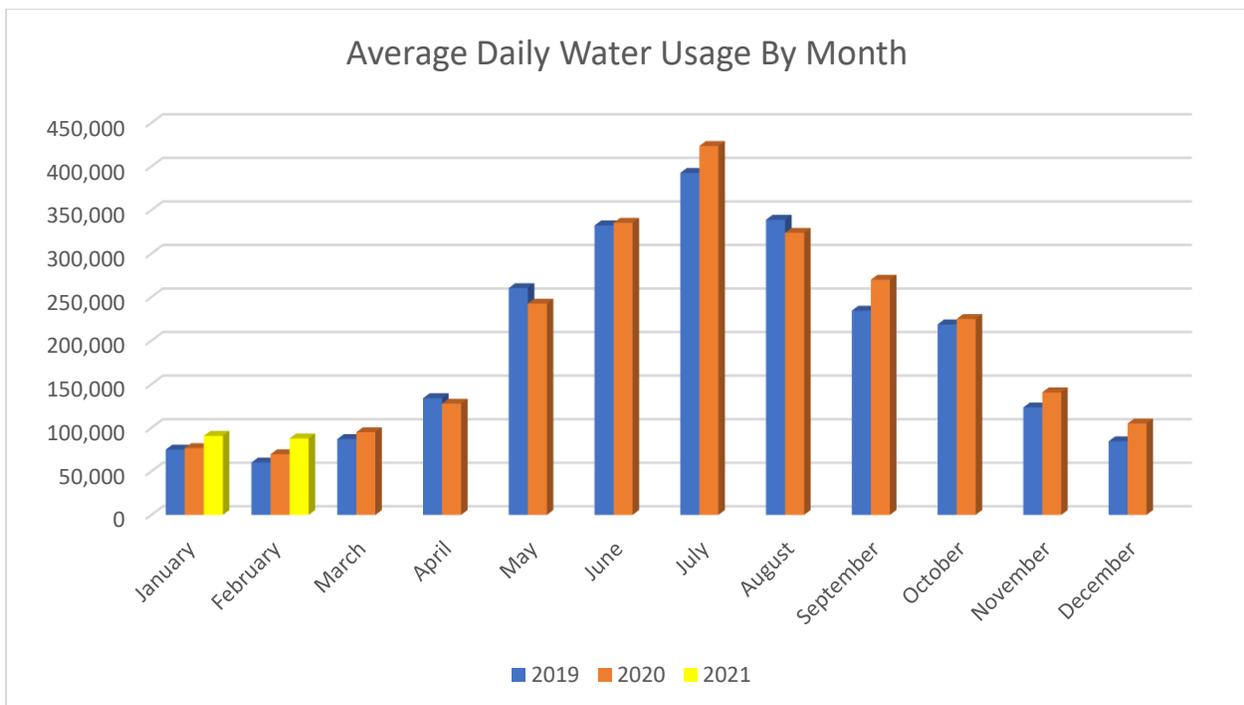
FEBRUARY 2021			
ARREST MADE	3	ASSIST TO FIRE/RESCUE	1
ALARM CALL	1	CALL FOR SERVICE	4
ASSAULT	0	BEACH PATROL	3
BOAT RELATED CALL	0	BEACH WHEELCHAIR	0
CIVIL CITATION	1	DEATH	0
DISTURBANCE CALL	1	DOG RELATED CALL	3
LARCENY REPORT / B&E	0	LOST & FOUND PROPERTY	0
MESSAGE DELIVERED	0	MISSING PERSON	0
OPEN DOOR FOUND	6	PARKING COMPLAINT	4
PROPERTY DAMAGE	1	SURFING VIOLATION	0
SCHOOL ATTENDED	11	SECURITY/BUSINESS CHECK	122
SPECIAL WORK	41	STATE CITATION ISSUED	24
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	SUSPICIOUS/UNLOCKED VEHICLE	5
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	0	TRESPASS CALL	2
TOPSAIL/SURF CITY ASSIST	0	WARNING CITATION ISSUED	29



PUBLIC WORKS

WATER USAGE

Below is a look at the average daily water usage for February 2021, and a comparison of the data to 2019 and 2020. This February the distribution for the water system was a total of 2,719,730 gallons of water for an average of 87,733 gallons a day, an increase of 18,220 gpd over the same period last year (69,513 gpd).



PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES

The Public Works Department is working diligently to prepare for the upcoming season! Among the projects that are underway include:

- Installing “No Parking Here to Corner” signs near street intersections for better visibility and safety. More signs are order and will be installed as they arrive.
- Sidewalk maintenance and repair work is underway. The existing sidewalk is being cleared and excess growth removed along the edges. PW staff is also repairing damaged areas of the sidewalk where needed.
- A new concrete slab is being added at the Boryk Avenue Beach Access to accommodate handicap parking.
- All beach accesses are being repaired and maintained with new signage, and gravel where needed. Concrete parking stops will replace old timbers to better identify parking spots. This work is underway to be completed this spring.

This work is in addition to the operational jobs staff works on daily. This includes water system maintenance and treatment, installation of meters, replace/repair trash carts, check and clean storm drains, and building and grounds maintenance. We appreciate their hard work!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning Board met on February 24, 2021 with the following actions taken:

1. Continued discussion of the proposed update to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Directed Town Planner to prepare comparative analysis of changes between the existing ordinance to the proposed ordinance.
2. Discussed recent inquires of permitted uses of platted spoil islands within the Conservation District. Directed Town Planner to prepare a report and proposed changes to the Land Development Code to protect these areas.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on February 24, 2021 with the following actions taken:

1. Set public forum on March 16, 2021, via zoom, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Posted PowerPoint presentation and public notice to Town website along with notice sent to the Sunshine list. Established procedure for the meeting to include asking public to register to speak at the forum via email to the public comments address and initial limit of 5 minutes per person. Additional time may be permitted at the discretion of the Board.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Approved permit for Topsail Crafts to be held every Thursday, beginning May 27, 2021 through September 2, 2021. The applicant was advised to closely monitor compliance with wearing of masks by both vendors and participants, keeping the event space clean from debris and parking regulations. Additional signage will be provided to inform the public.

BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY

A total of 41 permits were issued at a valuation of \$2,604,597.00 with four (4) new single-family construction and two (2) residential substantial repair/remodel.

FEBRUARY 2021 BUILDING PERMITS

PERMIT DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	VALUATION	PERMIT FEE
Docks/Decks/Seawalls/ AC	6	\$107,300.00	\$875.00
Commercial Remodel	1	\$75,000.00	\$375.00
Demolition	2	\$7,500.00	\$210.00
Electrical Repair	6	\$14,130.00	\$495.00
Elevator/Cargo Lift	1	\$9,000.00	\$55.00
Fencing	2	\$1,000.00	\$60.00
Government/Public Works	1	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Mechanical Repairs	6	\$62,625.00	\$385.00
Misc. Building Repair	6	\$128,500.00	\$900.00
Residential Remodel	4	\$317,000.00	\$1,965.00
Residential Single Family	4	\$1,877,542.00	\$20,057.20
Zoning Permit for Septic	2	\$0.00	\$60.00
	41	\$2,604,597.00	\$25,437.20

Dates to Remember:

Board of Commissioners – March 10th (6:00 PM)

Shred Event – March 15th (11:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

BIS Committee Meeting – March 18th (10:00 AM)

Four Towns Meeting – March 18th (12:00 PM)

Planning Board/ Parks and Rec. Meeting – March 24th (10:00 AM)

TISPC Meeting – March 25th – (2:00 PM)