



Town of Holly Ridge

Mayor's Message

OCTOBER 21ST, 2024



On Wednesday, we had an extraordinary council meeting with great citizen involvement. Thank you all for attending, and we invite all citizens to get involved and participate. We value your input and collaboration. Although the meeting videos are available, I thought I would give a synopsis of the significant points:

- Councilman Hines awarded a plaque to the family of Councilwoman Stanley for her dedicated service. Councilman Misciagno awarded a plaque to Kyle Fountain, our previous Town Attorney, for his service to the town. Mayor pro-tem Patti awarded a certificate of appreciation to two scouts that helped with loading the disaster recovery supply truck. Last but not least - Councilman Zabicki thanked the Town Council, our staff, and Absolute Moving Company for packing and delivery of the supplies.



- We agreed to the zoning change at 790 E Ocean Road.
- We have appointed the members of the Marketing & Branding Committee and Political Connection Committee, which will be working with the Town Council members to move this work forward. We will ask for additional volunteers to help with these two initiatives.
- We waived the waiting period requirements for the Tar Landing development resubmission.
- We filled the Town Council vacancy with Ms. Pamala Hall, which was one of three candidates. We now have a full Town Council. Councilwoman Hall was sworn in last Friday. Please join me in welcoming her!



- We agreed to have a quarterly public Town Council Working Session on a quarterly basis starting in 2025
- We agreed on items for the Agenda for the upcoming Town Council Work Session on October 22nd, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- To divide and conquer, the Town Council members have agreed to be primarily responsible for the following.
 - Councilman Masciagno agreed to be a member of the Greater Topsail Area Committee (GTAC).
 - Councilman Zabicki agreed to be the Onslow County School Board liaison representing Holly Ridge.
 - Newly appointed Councilwoman Hall agreed to be a member of the Executive Board of the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments (ECC).
 - *Not discussed in the meeting – Councilman Hines will continue to be on the ONWASA Board Representative. Councilman Misciagno will continue to be on the Jacksonville Urban Metropolitan Planning Organization (JUMPO).*

- *Not discussed in the meeting – Mayor Pro-tem Patti has agreed to lead the EMS/Fire. Jones Onslow, and collaborate with the Town Staff concerning Parks and Recreation.*
 - *Not discussed in the meeting – The Mayor is responsible for coordination and communication with the North Carolina League of Municipalities*
1. The Town Council members and the Town Manager met with the leadership of the Marines to hear about the Marines' effort to connect with cities and communities in the region, discuss their plans, and discuss how they can support the Towns and the County.



2. We continued coordinating our efforts with Surf City and discussing joint opportunities. Town management and the mayor have a monthly meeting to coordinate projects, initiatives and future plans
3. We continue meeting with developers and landowners to discuss the expected natural smart growth plans. We will share the news with the citizens as soon as possible.
4. Thanks again to those who stopped by during office hours to discuss their questions and concerns. I will continue office hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 5 to meet with the citizens. I welcome your visit and chat. You are always welcome to email or call me.
5. I look forward to your participation in the Town Council Work Session on October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Please attend to understand the Town Council, Mayor, and Town Manager roles and responsibilities, hear the discussion of our vision, strategic plan, and time-based action planning. You are more than welcome to participate and make public comments at any of our meetings. We will coordinate our strategic plans with Onslow County Strategic plan when we meet with Onslow County and surrounding city officials during their strategic planning session in November.

6. We had a great time on Wednesday during Coffee with the Police at Coastal Blends of Holly Ridge. Members of the Town Council were present. We will do this again so the citizens can converse with the Holly Ridge Police.



7. A lot is happening: Bee City USA Initiatives, Spookey Tony's, Senior Social Club, Trick or Treat events, Kids Night out, Teen Night, Family game night, and Toddler Time. Some of these events are weekly and monthly, so please see the Holly Ridge Town calendar for more details.
8. Mark your calendars for the November 12th Town Council meeting. Franky Howard (ONWASA CEO) and Royce Benett (ONWASA Chairman & Onslow County Commissioner), will give a special presentation. It is a public meeting and the public is invited to attend. Additionally, Mark Sutherland the director of Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development (JOED) will make a presentation regarding Phase III of the Camp Davis Industrial Park development.

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