

January 2020



The NEWS BREAKER

Annual Town Newsletter

2020 Meeting Schedule

OCEAN ISLE BEACH TOWN HALL

Board of Commissioners
2nd Tuesdays at 9:00 am

Planning Board*
3rd Tuesdays at 9:00 am

Open Forum
Mondays at 6:00 pm

Board of Adjustments*
4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am

February 10th

April 13th

September 14th

November 9th

*Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Meetings will be held as needed.

Check the Mail!

The 2020 Sanitation Calendar and your **VEHICLE DECALS** will be mailed in **JANUARY**

If you do not receive your mailing by the end of January, please contact Town Hall immediately.

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TOWN PROJECTS AND UPDATES

From the Desk of Town Administrator, *Daisy L. Ivey*

ROUNABOUT LANDSCAPING AND PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION

The Town of Ocean Isle Beach is working in conjunction with NCDOT in developing final landscaping and artwork plans for the new roundabout located at the intersection of HWY 179 and Causeway Drive. The design includes a brick retaining wall with "Welcome to Ocean Isle Beach" along with three bronze statues of children of various ages and ethnicities, joyfully running and playing with kites.

We feel this artwork evokes a feeling of happiness, playfulness, and a care-free spirit - characteristics that are indicative of our beautiful island as a family-oriented vacation destination.



TERMINAL GROIN

On September 25, 2019 the Town was informed that the court had ruled in the Town's favor in the National Audubon Society v. US Army Corps of Engineers. However, the Town was informed on October 14, 2019, the National Audubon Society has appealed the District Court's decision to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. It is estimated this appeal process could take approx. 12-18 months before a decision is rendered.



NEW TOWN HALL PROJECT

The new Town Hall is officially under construction at 111 Causeway Drive. This two-story 24,682 sq. foot structure designed by Tych & Walker Architects will be home to the Administration, Planning/Inspections and Police Departments as well as Public Meeting Facilities and Emergency Command Center. It is estimated that construction will be completed June 2020. The Town will begin plans in 2020 to convert the existing Town Hall into a community center for use by our Property Owners and guests.



CANAL DREDGING MAINTENANCE

The **Natural Canal Dredging project** scheduled for maintenance during the 2018-19 budget cycle was delayed due to issues with placement of the spoil material. The Town has now, however, been successful in receiving permission from the Corps of Engineers to use the Corps spoil area located at the end of Lee Street. The Corps has agreed to allow the Town to remove material from the disposal area and then place an equal or lesser amount within the disposal area during the project. The permitting process has begun and construction is scheduled to take place beginning Fall 2020. The Town was also successful in obtaining a grant from the NC Division of Water Resources to help fund this project. With these grant funds, property owners can expect to receive a refund of any excess funds remaining once the project is completed. The maintenance dredging project proposes to use a hydraulic pipeline dredge to remove approximately 47,215 cubic yards of spoil material from approximately 19,260 linear feet of canals. Canals are proposed to have a project depth of -6.0 MLW and a permitted dredge depth of -7.0 MLW to allow for no more than 12" of overcut.

The next **Concrete Canal Dredging Maintenance Project** is also scheduled to begin F/Y 20-21. The Town will face similar obstacles for this project but has begun the process to obtain permits to move forward.

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BRIDGE REHABILITATION

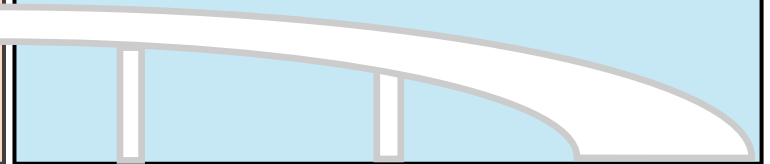
The NC Department of Transportation is planning to perform rehabilitation work on the Odell Williamson Memorial Bridge beginning Summer 2020. This work will include: shortcrete repairs to substructure, epoxy coat for girder ends, pre-stressed concrete girder repairs, and new bicycle/pedestrian railings. The Town has selected a vertical railing design to help decrease the obstruction of scenic views while still providing safety for pedestrians and cyclists. NCDOT has indicated that this work should not interrupt traffic during the busy tourist season, with most of the work being performed at night and no lane closures allowed on the weekend



AIWW WATERLINE CROSSING

A new Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW) Waterline Crossing is now operational. This project was completed by using a horizontal directional drill under the AIWW to install 16-inch high-density polyethylene pipe with connections to both mainland and island side.

This project will also include the removal of two (2) pipe crossings that previously hung beneath the Odell Williamson Memorial Bridge. These existing pipes were composed of ductile iron and have experienced corrosion due to the salt-air environment.

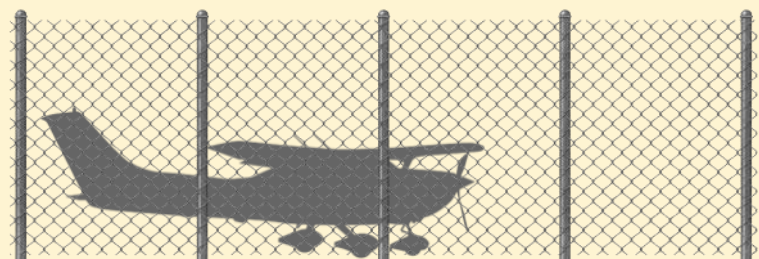


AIRPORT PERIMETER FENCE

The Town recently completed Phase 1 of the Airport Perimeter Fencing Project. This project included:

- Installing an 8-foot fence and a 3-foot wildlife fence deterrent skirt
- Reconfiguration of the apron to allow additional vehicle parking as well as long-term parking
- Removal of an existing asphalt connector to taxiway
- Removal and installation of new taxiway lighting
- Removal and installation of new aircraft tie-downs
- Placement of new pavement markings
- Installation of new entrance asphalt driveway off of Beach Drive at the existing parking lot

The project was funded in its entirety by Safety Enhancement Grant Funds.



BIKE LANE - STREET RESURFACING

Staff recently met with NCDOT regarding the proposed widening and resurfacing of First Street to include Bike Lanes. The total estimated project cost to resurface and construct 5-foot bike lanes on both sides of First Street is \$2,230,644 - of the amount the local portion would be \$768,875. The Town was successful in securing grant funds from GSATS (Grand Strand Area Transportation Study) in the amount of \$385,000 to be applied toward this local portion. The Town also has \$300,000 in reserves for this project.

At our December 2019 Board Meeting, the Board also passed a Resolution requesting additional grant funds in the amount of \$68,000 from GSATS. This request has obtained preliminary approval from GSATS and has been forwarded to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for approval.



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- ◆ Bronze \$5,000+
- ◆ Silver \$10,000+
- ◆ Gold \$25,000+
- ◆ Platinum \$50,000+

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.OIBGOV.COM

Park Sponsorship



Construction of the new Town Center Park is progressing and the estimated completion date is May 2020. The Master Plan (shown below) outlines the new amenities that will be included. The Town was successful in obtaining a grant from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) in the amount of \$498,900 to help fund this project.

CUSTOM BRICK PAVERS

Custom engraved Brick Pavers are available to honor or memorialize your friends and loved ones. These engraved bricks will be installed along the walking trail.

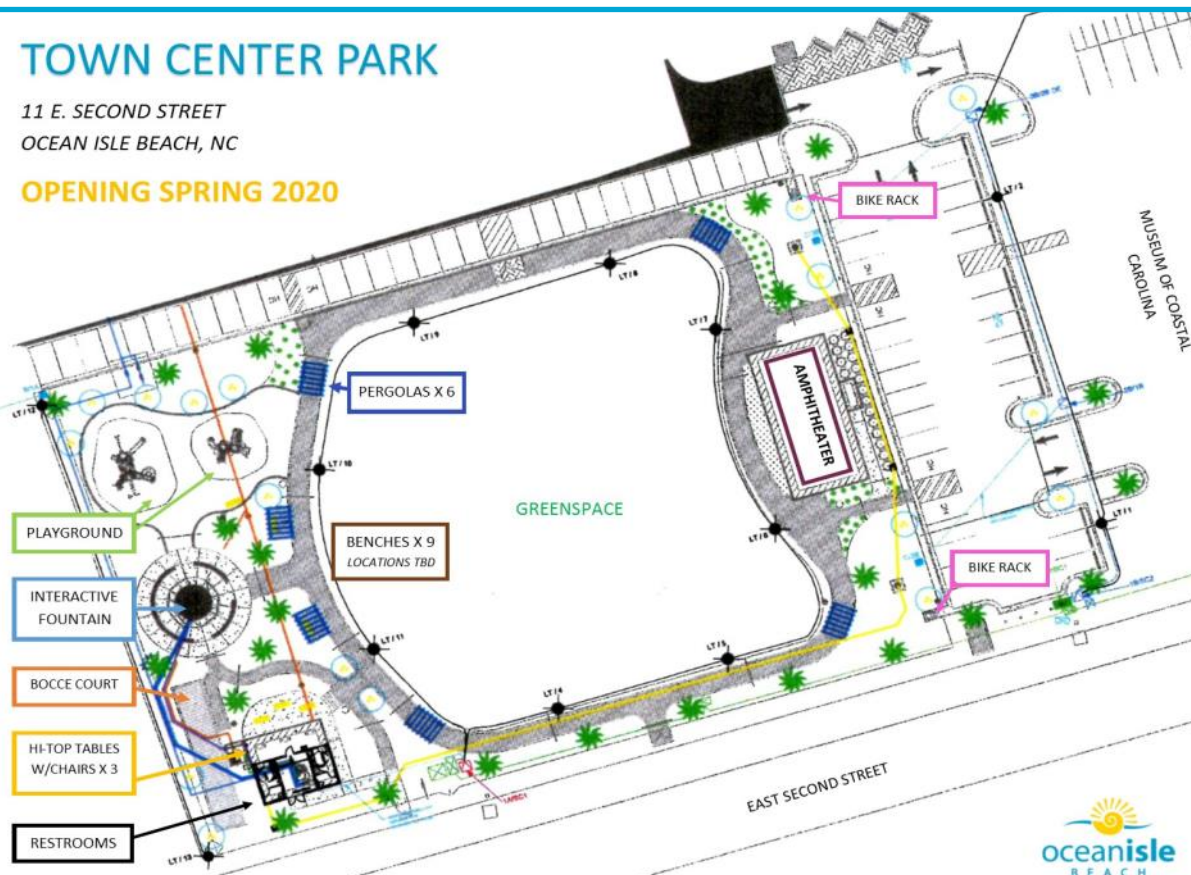
Cost for each brick is \$200 and can be engraved with up to three (3) lines consisting of 20 characters per line (incl. spaces and punctuation).



TOWN CENTER PARK

11 E. SECOND STREET
OCEAN ISLE BEACH, NC

OPENING SPRING 2020



The master plan includes:
Outdoor Performance Stage, Playground, Interactive Water Fountain, Bike Racks, Restroom Facilities, Pergola Gathering Areas, Promenade (Walking Trail), Bocce Court, Benches, Tables w/Chairs, Open Space, Decorative Lighting, Parking and Landscaping