

City Council Weekly Update - March 23, 2025

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Greetings Mayor and Council!

Spring Break Season, obviously, is upon us. There has been a noticeable uptick in visitors since St. Patrick's Day. I found a 45-minute table wait when I went to the North Beach Grill for a lunch meeting on Wednesday. The parking lot was full.

At the Visit Tybee Advisory Board Meeting last week, most attendees expressed some optimism about the upcoming season. At the meeting, Visit Tybee presented the results of the Tybee Destination Perception Study, which surveyed our visitors about their perception of Tybee and benchmarked us against competitors.

The full report is attached, but I found the below survey results interesting. We're viewed as a charming, friendly beach town that's a great value. No surprise there. I did note that we smoked Hilton Head in almost all categories:

Destination Attribute Appeal: Tybee Island vs Competitors						
Destination Rank on Appealing Attributes: ■ Highest ■ Second-highest						
Attribute	Tybee Island, GA	Hilton Head, SC	St. Simons I., GA	St. Augustine, FL	Amelia Island, FL	Myrtle Beach, SC
An affordable place to vacation	69%	45%	61%	62%	58%	63%
Good value for the money	68%	46%	63%	59%	59%	62%
A great place to unwind	81%	77%	84%	78%	85%	74%
A good place to enjoy the outdoors	84%	77%	82%	79%	85%	76%
Desirable dining options	73%	79%	76%	83%	81%	81%
A laid-back vibe	79%	64%	79%	67%	80%	62%
A tranquil ambiance	73%	64%	78%	65%	79%	48%
Coastal charm meets laidback beach vibes	80%	71%	78%	68%	84%	62%
Unspoiled shorelines	67%	54%	69%	55%	72%	42%
Friendly locals	69%	58%	68%	67%	70%	57%
Abundant beachfront lodging options	68%	73%	65%	64%	72%	82%
Plenty of ways to take in nature	73%	67%	74%	63%	75%	57%
A rich history and historic sites	76%	64%	77%	86%	67%	52%
Offers small-town charm	79%	59%	78%	72%	80%	44%
Quirky and colorful beach towns	68%	57%	68%	60%	70%	61%

It's nice to see the island come alive following an arctic January and a 2024 where most local businesses reported the slowest year since the onset of the pandemic. There is some reason for cautious optimism. January and February saw the first year-over-year increases in parking revenue (albeit slight) this fiscal year:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>INCREASE/DECREASE</u>
JULY	\$1,070,704	\$1,200,607	-\$129,903
AUG	\$679,586	\$701,020	-\$21,434
SEPT	\$447,400	\$630,213	-\$182,813
OCT	\$376,017	\$416,828	-\$40,811
NOV	\$200,387	\$210,757	-\$10,370
DEC	\$22,345	\$77,354	-\$55,009
JAN	\$152,287	\$146,744	\$5,543
FEB	\$286,795	\$238,367	\$48,428
MARCH	\$0	\$0	\$0
APRIL	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAY	\$0	\$0	\$0
JUNE	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$3,235,521	\$3,621,890	-\$386,369

We continue to take a reasonably conservative approach to balance the FY25 Budget, and are continuously looking for ways to save money. We made the decision last week to not renew our subscription to Placer.AI, which provides us visitation estimates based on cell phone data. Instead, we worked out a deal with Visit Tybee, which agreed to share several reports and data metrics they use to track visitation. The change will save us \$15,000.

As I've noted, we are freezing for the moment all but the most essential vacant positions. We are asking our employees to do more as we shift workloads to accommodate, but most changes will likely go unnoticed by the public. Some will, however.

A rotation of employees has filled the City Hall front desk window since the departure of our Customer Service Coordinator. This arrangement is unsustainable. Moving forward, Finance Assistant Gail Perry, who handles utility payments, will be the lone employee working the lobby. We don't believe customer service will suffer based on lobby traffic we've seen, but will make adjustments if needed.

This change does mean, however, that the City Hall Lobby will close at 4 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. for the time-being, which is the slowest hour of customer visitation during the day. The Lobby will instead remain open for the lunch hour, when traffic is heaviest. Please offer Gail a kind word if you see her, as she's handling a lot with zero complaints.

YMCA Front Desk Changes

Speaking of front desk hours, Tybee YMCA Branch Director Paige Lauri conveyed to me on Friday that beginning April 1, front desk hours at all branches in the Coastal Empire would be limited to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This move was mandated by corporate, and will be a change for the Tybee Y, whose front desk had been manned at 5:30 a.m. when they opened.

The front desk position instead will roam throughout the facility until 9 a.m., cleaning equipment and checking on member needs. This change will mostly impact members seeking to purchase guest passes. Paige said she is working on a gameplan to minimize impact on members.

Why Did We Purchase a Shrimp Mobile?

Communications and Outreach Director Cassidy Kendrick has been working with Visit Tybee the last couple of years on a replacement project of the South End Info Hut (which turned out beautifully) and a new Mobile Visitors Center.

Cassidi found our new Mobile Visitors Center in the form of a cute and funky low-mileage vehicle previously used by Scuba Steve's Seafood for shrimp delivery. We paid for it using a portion of the \$25,000 allocated by

Visit Tybee to the City for the project. The vehicle is now parked next to City Hall.



The purpose of the Mobile Visitors Center is to actively promote Tybee Island at local and regional events within a 60-mile radius and during appearances on Tybee Island and in Savannah. This vehicle will serve as an interactive outreach tool, providing visitors with information on accommodations, attractions, dining, and events while also distributing promotional materials.

The Mobile Visitors Center will enhance Tybee's visibility, attract new visitors, and strengthen regional partnerships by having a presence at festivals, community events, and tourism-related programs. Additionally, it offers a flexible and accessible way to connect with potential visitors and share the unique charm and experiences that make Tybee Island a premier coastal destination.

The Mobile Visitors Center is currently undergoing evaluation by vendors for the installation of audio-visual components and information distribution equipment to enhance visitor engagement. Plans also include a custom paint job featuring Tybee Island branding to ensure the vehicle is visually appealing and easily recognizable at events. In addition, the City is collaborating with Visit Tybee to finalize a formal use agreement that outlines roles, responsibilities, and operational guidelines. A schedule of appearances is being developed for fall 2025 and throughout 2026, focusing on local and regional events within a 60-mile radius and key locations on Tybee Island and in Savannah. These efforts aim to maximize the Mobile Visitor Center's impact as a promotional and outreach tool for the community.

Communications and Outreach Weekly Update

Fort Screven National Historic District Update

At a recent Council Meeting, Historic Preservation Commission Chair Holly Grell-Lawe provided an update on the status of the City's ongoing CLG Grant Project to develop a Local Historic District for the Fort Screven National Historic District and the North Campbell Neighborhood. Staff just received and reviewed the preliminary draft of the Phase 2 reports with project consultants, which included the developmental history, historical significance with methodology, and recommendations for the proposed district boundaries. A final phase two report will be available in early April.

The upcoming phases of this project include preparing the nomination documents, conducting extensive community outreach, and engaging in public engagement/education. The full project schedule is attached.

TYB.TV

The Communications Department has launched an exciting new videography project, Tyb.TV, aimed at enhancing the city's digital outreach and engagement. This initiative expands the presence of Tybee Island's stories and events across multiple platforms, including the public TV channel, YouTube, social media, and the city's video streaming service.

The first episode of Tyb.TV is now complete and highlights the Tybee Island Marine Science Center, offering an inside look at its educational programs, conservation efforts, and the important role it plays in the community.

Watch the full episode here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JdeswupSlCg72ovgW869FF6ll5rve1Tu/view?usp=drive_web.

The second episode, currently in the editing phase, will feature the Tybee Post Theater, showcasing its history, cultural significance, and ongoing efforts to bring arts and entertainment to the island.

Looking ahead, the third episode will soon begin production, focusing on locally sourced foods and goods. This installment will highlight the farmers market, local shrimpers and oyster farms, and the community garden, emphasizing the importance of sustainability and supporting local businesses.

Through Tyb.TV, we aim to bring greater visibility to the people, organizations, and initiatives that make Tybee Island unique. We look forward to growing this series and sharing each new episode with the community as they are completed!

Facilities/Special Events:

- **Special Events Update-** The City continues collaborating with stakeholders on all special events, dedicating significant time and effort to their planning and execution. For the pre-4th of July and busy summer season, we have seven annual events, one recurring seasonal event, and five newly proposed events this year. The permitting process involves multiple steps, including vendor permits, security and site plans, insurance requirements, pre-event meetings, and post-event follow-ups. Not all applications progress to final approval.
- **Approved special event applications processed so far include:**
 - Critz Run
 - Shorebird Festival
 - Irish Heritage Parade
 - Lazaretto Day
 - Right Whale to Save Festival
 - Touch-a-Truck
 - Fresh Air Home Softball Fundraiser
 - Tour-de-Art
 - Hotel Tybee Carnival
 - Orange Crush
 - Turtle Trot
 - Healthy Kids Day
 - SCAD Sand Arts
 - Beach Bum
- **Film Productions Update.** Although no major feature films or large-scale industry projects have returned to the area due to the industry's slowdown, smaller productions continue. Recent permits include a spring clothing catalog photoshoot last month, a documentary film this month, and a Zippo lighter commercial next month. Additionally, we regularly receive and approve student film project requests, maintaining a steady flow of production activity on the island.
- **Facilities Rentals/Reservations.** Since January 1, 2025, 272 reservations have been made through the online reservation website, totaling \$7,328.
 - **Guard House**

The annual deep cleaning of the Guard House is scheduled for next week, and the transition to a keyless lock system will be completed soon, eliminating the need for key pick-up during City Hall hours. Several contractors and designers have been consulted regarding kitchen upgrades to enhance rental and event functionality. The top priorities include new countertops, appliances, and improved storage solutions. Additionally, discussions are underway with sound solution providers to address acoustics in the back room.
 - **Memorial Park Pavilions**

The Memorial Park Pavilion is scheduled for pressure washing before increased spring break and school field trip visits. The custom picnic tables will also be cleaned, and coordination with DPW is being done to ensure regular maintenance and proper table arrangement under the pavilion.
 - **Community Facilities**

Voting at the cafeteria last week proceeded smoothly despite additional coordination required due to St. Patrick's Day scheduling. The Food Pantry has transitioned to monthly distributions, which have been successfully implemented. New community groups utilizing the cafeteria include a weekly line dancing class and a local homeschool group.

Event Numbers YTD:

- Special Events: 3
- Beach: 15
- Film: 8
- Guard House: 17
- Memorial Park Screened Pavilion: 6
- Memorial Park Open Air Pavilion: 14
- Community Cafeteria: 34

- Community Classroom: 41

Main Street:

- **New Resident Guide:** A comprehensive New Resident Guide has been developed for Tybee Island's newest community members. This 20+ page document provides essential resources, community engagement opportunities, and key insights about life on the island. The guide has been formatted into a digital flipbook and will also be printed and made available at City Hall for easy access.
- **Turtle Friendly Business Program:** The Tybee Island Marine Science Center hosted Tybee Island Main Street and Fight Dirty Tybee for the official Turtle Friendly Business Program launch event in late February. The event featured eco-friendly product vendors and networking opportunities for local business owners. Attendees could explore eco-conscious alternatives and learn how to become a certified Turtle Friendly Business.
- **Ongoing Programs:** Main Street continues to support local businesses through its ongoing promotional efforts, including the WTOC Morning Break partnership and off-island billboard program, which provide businesses with affordable marketing opportunities to reach locals and visitors.

Historic Preservation Commission:

- The Education and Promotion Committee is actively preparing for the 2025 Trolley Tour of Homes, scheduled for May 3, 2025. This event will offer two tour options: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The Tybee Island Lighthouse has partnered with the event again, serving as the departure and return locations for all tours. Tickets will include free entry to the lighthouse. All featured homes and stops have been secured, and the tour route is currently being finalized. This year's tour will include notable locations such as 1207 Lovell Avenue, 31 Officers Row, the Fresh Air Home, 14 8th Place, 1 Officers Row, the former Fort Screven Fire Station, and additional drive-by stops showcasing Tybee's rich architectural history. 100% of event proceeds will support the restoration of the former Fort Screven Fire Station, home to the Tybee Arts Association.

Q1 Staff Training:

Communications & Outreach Director:

- January
 - Accessibility Upgrades for Government: Reaching Residents in Person and on the Go
- February
 - Georgia Downtown Association, Certified Downtown Professional Classes: Real Estate Development & Finance and Partnerships & Community Engagement Purpose

Main Street Coordinator:

- January
 - Georgia Main Street, Coffee & Conversations
 - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Historic Resource Surveys
- February
 - National Trust for Historic Preservation, Forum Webinar: Navigating Congress and the Administration in 2025 and Beyond
 - Georgia Downtown Association, Certified Downtown Professional Classes: Strategic & Master Planning and Real Estate Development & Finance
 - Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, Preserving Georgia's Black Churches
- March
 - Georgia Main Street, Blueprints for Success
 - Georgia Main Street, Coffee & Conversations

Tybee in the News:

WTOC

- <https://www.wtoc.com/2025/03/12/tybee-island-police-prepares-st-patricks-day-parade/>
- <https://www.wtoc.com/2025/03/19/tybee-island-mayor-proposes-change-election-format/>
- <https://www.wtoc.com/2025/03/21/tybee-island-discusses-possible-voting-process-changes/>
- <https://www.wtoc.com/2025/03/21/orange-crush-will-return-tybee-island-with-permit/>
- <https://www.wtoc.com/2025/03/19/tybee-island-holding-orange-crush-town-hall-friday/>
- <https://www.wtoc.com/2025/03/11/tybee-island-fights-save-historic-home/>
- <https://www.wtoc.com/2025/03/12/tybee-island-police-dept-makes-12-dui-arrests-this-month/>

WSAV

- <https://www.wsav.com/news/watch-now-tybee-island-orange-crush-town-hall-meeting/>
- <https://www.wsav.com/news/local-news/tybees-big-discussions-election-changes-orange-crush-update/>
- <https://www.wsav.com/news/local-news/tybee-mayor-seek-change-in-election-system/>

- <https://www.wsav.com/news/tybee-island-celebrates-22nd-annual-irish-heritage-parade/>
- <https://www.wsav.com/community/community-corner/community-corner-tybee-mlk-hosts-5th-annual-lazaretto-day/>
- <https://www.wsav.com/community/tybee-mlk/>
- <https://www.wsav.com/news/local-news/tybee-community-members-push-back-against-historical-brown-house-demolition/>

WJCL

- <https://www.wjcl.com/article/orange-crush-tybee-island-permit/64252989>
- <https://www.wjcl.com/article/tybee-island-considers-changes-to-voting-in-elections/64248682>
- <https://www.wjcl.com/article/tybee-island-to-hold-town-hall-on-orange-crush-festival-updates/64236325>
- <https://www.wjcl.com/article/tybee-island-residents-fight-to-save-historic-brown-house-from-demolition/64136017>
- <https://www.wjcl.com/article/tybee-island-city-council-reduce-restrictions-bed-breakfast-properties/64167075>

Savannah Morning News

- <https://www.savannahnow.com/story/news/local/2025/03/22/orange-crush-2025-tybee-holds-meeting-to-talk-traffic-safety-plans/82597155007/>
- <https://www.savannahnow.com/story/news/local/2025/03/16/tybee-island-city-councilmembers-withdraw-directives-to-amend-str-ordinance/82418359007/>
- <https://www.savannahnow.com/picture-gallery/entertainment/2025/03/15/tybee-celebrates-st-patricks-day-with-annual-irish-heritage-parade/82453251007/>
- <https://www.savannahnow.com/story/news/local/2025/03/12/tybee-island-ga-residents-gather-to-save-historic-brown-house/82269184007/>
- <https://www.savannahnow.com/story/news/local/2025/03/12/tybee-island-hosting-town-hall-march-21-to-discuss-orange-crush/82281083007/>

The Current

- <https://thecurrentga.org/today-from-the-current/mayor-moves-to-change-tybee-votes/>

Community Development Update

Live Oak Fiber

Live Oak Fiber has five approved permits (two are active) for the Right of Way (ROW) work and has been issued a building permit for the fiber hub at 78 Van Horn Avenue. To date, Live Oak Fiber has installed almost 8,000 linear feet (1.5 miles) of conduit, which equates to potential connections for 91 homes. The work to date has been on:

- Van Horne Avenue
- Taylor Street
- Pulaski Street
- Meddin Drive

Next in the queue are:

- Meddin Drive
- Van Horne Avenue
- Pulaski Street
- Dogwood Ave
- General George Marshall Blvd
- Veterans Drive

We are awaiting an update to the construction sequence schedule from Live Oak.

Floodplain Managers Conference

Earlier this month, Community Development Director Patricia Sinel attended the Georgia Association of Floodplain Managers (GAFM) annual conference, where she moderated a session on Substantial Damage and Substantial Improvement (SD/SI) with FEMA and Chatham County.

2024 Permit Activity

Community Development issued 718 building permits in 2024. The totals break down as follows:

Accessory Structure	15
Building (updated scope)	59

Cell Tower	3
Commercial Renovation	3
Decks/Railings/Stairs	83
Demolition	2
Dock/Crossover Repair	6
Driveway/Patio	18
Electrical	33
Fence	38
HVAC	78
Plumbing	28
Residential Addition	3
Residential New Construction	14
Residential Renovation	51
Roofing	71
Siding	12
Sign	9
Street Cut	2
Swimming Pool	27
Tree Removal	112
Windows/Doors	51
TOTAL	718

The Week in Code Compliance

12 Citations Issued

F/G Pets on beach	2
F/G Dog at large	1
F/G Glass on beach	7
Smoking on beach	1
Grilling on beach	1

Cart Inspections: 24
Wheelchair Checkouts: 2

Additional Activity:

- Neighborhood Patrol
- Beach Patrol
- Extra Patrol
- Opened Investigation into unregistered business operating in residential area.
- Code Compliance/STR Administrative Duties
- Animal Welfare Duties

Animal Welfare: We will be moving a very sweet young dog who was apparently dumped on the island last week to the Humane Society Monday.

Short-term rental applications: Received an additional nearly 200 applications this week, bringing the total to nearly 1,000. Deadline is March 31.

The Week in Infrastructure

Public Works

- Cleared outfalls
- Cleared out storm basins and inlets
- Removed concrete at Solomon and N. Campbell for asphalt patch
- Patched Palmwood Drive
- Continued installing the new fence at the North Beach Parking Lot
- Graded North Beach Parking lot
- Removed Irish flags on Butler Avenue
- Worked on repairing barricade trailer
- Made repairs at the Marine Science Center
- Erected stop signs and street markers that were knocked down
- Made repairs at the North Beach bathrooms

- Replaced broken boards at the pedestrian bridge at Jaycee Park
- Set up for the Lazaretto Days event at Memorial Park
- Repaired A/C at campground
- Picked up street trash on Tuesday and Friday
- Cleaned City facilities on Thursday
- Cut grass at North Beach, Jaycee Park and Memorial Park
- Trimmed ditches and parking lots

Recycling/Dump

- Picked up and emptied recycling trailers from Memorial Park and Polk Street
- Baled cardboard
- Picked up litter on Bay Street
- Picked up recycling from South Annex Building and City Hall
- Called in trash containers and yard waste containers in DPW Yard
- Assisted residents in unloading trash, yard debris, and recycling brought to DPW yard
- Collected aluminum can roll-offs as part of business pilot recycling program

Fleet

- Continued to work on the campground’s Kubota tractor
- Replaced the batteries on DPW 267 and LE68
- Performed oil change on PD187
- Worked on Fire Department’s side by sides
- Cleaned up shop area

The Week with Police

Accidents:

This Week: 5 accidents, 0 injuries
 2025 YTD: 19 accidents, 1 injury
 2024 YTD: 7 accidents, 1 injury
 2024 TOTAL: 104 accidents, 18 injuries

Arrests:

This Week: 17 total – 15 DUIs / 1 Felony
 2025 YTD: 80 arrests
 2024 YTD: 108 arrests
 2024 TOTAL: 504 arrests

Calls For Service:

This week: 474
 2025 YTD: 2,973
 2024 YTD: 3,324
 2024 TOTAL: 14,588

Citations:

This week: 81
 YTD: 312
 2024 YTD: 490
 2024 TOTAL: 1,792

Part 1 Crimes									
	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Arson	Motor Vehicle Theft	Total Part 1
2025	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	5
2024	0	3	0	10	3	51	0	0	67
2023	0	0	3	8	2	37	0	0	50
2022	0	0	0	2	1	17	2	1	23

Daily Information:

03/14: The Tybee Island Police Department conducted our first-of-the-year road safety checkpoint. We are pleased to say no DUI arrest was made during this checkpoint. Officers made 1 arrest and issued 27 citations

for other infractions. Thank you to Cale with DPW for assisting with the lighting for officer safety. Our next checkpoint will be April 17.

03/15: All officers worked the Tybee Island Irish Heritage parade. We had 5 officers' holdover after the parade to help with the crowd. After the parade and into the evening, officers made 6 DUI arrests. Two of these arrests were drivers operating a golf cart.

03/17: Two Tybee Island police officers assisted the City of Savannah Police Department with their parade. These two officers were paid off duty by the city of Savannah. This did not accrue over time.

03/21: The Flock trailer with solar panel and additional cameras arrived last week and will be deployed.

Staffing:

We will be down 5 officers on March 27th and have 3 applications. Of the 3 applicants, 2 have completed the oral interview, and 1 has completed the psychological test. We will continue to move on with these 3 applicants.

Upcoming Events:

03/30: Please mark your calendars for our 1st Touch a Truck event in Memorial Park! This will include city departments and outside jurisdictions. The City of Tybee Island will be serving grilled hotdogs, chips, and water. Please see the announcement below.

03/31: Meeting with GSP about the upcoming Orange Crush Event.

05/08-09: 6 Officers will attend the Tactical Athlete: Peer Fitness Leader Summit at Georgia Southern University. This is a "train the trainer" style presentation to better equip officers to help their fellow officers improve their overall wellness.

05/17: Our running group has grown! This year we will have 13 members of our police department participating in The Savannah Mile! If you would like to participate with us, cheer us on, or donate to the cause, please see the link below. We would love to see you there!!!

https://www.our200club.com/savannah-mile-2025/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0BMABhZGikAAAGG86l-QQBHdAC-QMMYG8siypVR9M6FrC3M6_THrQYIMpRoTZz8HDnkSGDRPfsJ-_rrg_aem_-zXsaSZOLUvGwwPcJwVdIA&utm_medium=paid&utm_source=fb&utm_id=6716498362188&utm_content=6716498392188&utm_term=6716498386188&utm_campaign=6716498362188

The Savannah Mile returns for 2025! This highly anticipated race is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, May 17, as part of National Law Enforcement Week. The one-mile course, beginning at the south end of Forsyth Park, will take participants down Drayton Street and finish up on Broughton Street.

Featuring six unique heats for all ages and abilities, including the "Memory Walk" and "Heroes Heat", you won't want to miss this event! All proceeds benefit the families of our Fallen First Responders that the 200 Club proudly serves.

**AS A KID, YOU ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT IT WAS
LIKE TO FLIP ON THE **BLUE LIGHTS** ...**

THIS IS YOUR MOMENT.



**SUNDAY
MARCH 30, 2025**

**1PM-4PM
MEMORIAL PARK**

This Week at the Fire Department

15 calls for service

0-Fire calls

7-Medical Calls

8-Manpower calls/Lift Assists

Junior Guards USA Partnership

The TIFD is looking to partner with Junior Guards USA to provide youth lifeguard training camps on the island. This program is an excellent opportunity to teach marketable skills and leadership to young people while also serving as a potential recruitment pipeline for future Tybee lifeguards.

This partnership is the result of ongoing discussions between Brad Butterworth (owner/operator), Chief McMillian, and City leadership. There will be more details soon, but a key highlight is that there is no upfront cost to the city. This is a win-win for the island and an exciting opportunity for our community.

Training Program Updates

Sergeant Jake Meiners has officially taken over training responsibilities for the department. He has hit the ground running, ensuring all personnel are enrolled in our training software. Additionally, he is working closely with Chief McMillian to develop a long-term training regimen that will support department-wide professional growth.

Warning Sign Replacements

We are currently in the process of replacing all of the warning signs that have washed away in previous storms near the South End Sandbar. This is a critical safety project and the result of strong partnership among the Fire, Code Compliance, and Public Works departments.

Lifeguard Recruitment Flyers

Sergeant Franklin Cooper designed some great new flyers (pictured below) for lifeguard recruitment. These will be printed and distributed to local businesses to help attract new applicants for our 2025 Ocean Rescue team.

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City of Tybee 2025 Ocean Rescue



The City of Tybee has started recruiting for our 2025 Ocean Rescue Lifeguards and Ocean Rescue Dispatchers.

Interested in joining the team?

- Scan the QR Code below
- Fill out a paper application

Ocean Rescue Lifeguard:

- Complete 1 mile run in less than 10 minutes
- 550 yd. continuous swim under 12 minutes
- Swim a 50 yd. sprint under 1 minute
- Tow a victim 100 yd. in water
- Tread water for 5 minutes (no arms for 2 minutes)
- Recover a simulated submerged victim
- Prior Lifeguard Certification is encouraged but not required

Ocean Rescue Dispatch:

- Acts as a link between Lifeguards and Tybee 911 Dispatch
- Responsible for creating daily logs
- Tracks Lifeguard advisement totals
- Documents calls for service and information relayed from Lifeguards
- Skills in making decisions rapidly and accurately
- Ability to use tact and firmness in obtaining information from distressed persons

***All applicants must possess a valid driver's license, be 17 years of age by the date of hire, pass a background investigation, drug screen and a driving record check.**



Benefits Include:
Tybee Island parking pass
Tybee Island YMCA membership

Scan me!



Around the Campground

- 128 Arrivals, 581 site nights, 80% Occupancy.
- Many of our guests enjoyed both the Tybee and Savannah St Patrick's Day Parades.
- Replaced section of failed sewer line on Site 28.
- With assistance from W/S located and repaired water leak on Site 23.
- One of our snowbird guests created a video review: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0chjLz_X7U&t=1s

Municipal Court Monthly Snapshot

Year to Date Revenue Through February

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Court Fines	\$ 155,033.47	\$147,553.97	\$ 146,690.55
Tech Fees			\$ 1,274.40
Court Costs	\$ 55,922.18	\$ 58,835.32	\$ 41,061.62
Total	\$ 210,955.65	\$ 206,389.29	\$ 189,026.62

Adjudicated Year to Date

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Cases	1583	2577	1151
Citations	2063	3504	1792

JANUARY 2025 Caseloads

	# of Court Sessions	# of Cases
January 2023	2	261
January 2024	2	187
January 2025	2	100

February 2025 Citations with Dispositions

Finding	Count
Bond Forfeiture	16
Bound over to State Court	58
Bound over to Superior Court	23
Dismissed	5
Guilty as Charged	35
Merged	3
Nolo Contendre	4
Nolle Prosequi	19
Pre-Trial Diversion	12
Warning	86
Retired from Docket	0
Voided	4
Total	265

Projects:

Adjudication Study – Ongoing
 Record Retention – Ongoing
 Website Updating – 75 % Completed

Training and Education:

CLERK: Courtware webinar - contract management
 Judicial Records Management (GA Archives Webinar)
 GMCCC - Education and Training Committee Meeting
ASSISTANT CLERK: CJIS Network Operator - GG17
 Courtware webinar - Common Court Support Issues
 Judicial Records Management (GA Archives Webinar)




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