

## City Council Weekly Update - February 28, 2026

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### Greetings Mayor and Council,

Spring is definitely in the air!

The past two Saturdays have seen glorious weather on Tybee, which brought a ton of people onto the island to enjoy some great family-friendly events. Parking lots were full, and restaurants were doing brisk business. Following a very cold and very slow January, this is a welcomed sight.

This past Saturday we had a fantastic crowd at the second annual Touch a Truck event in Memorial Park. Families were able to interact with City workers, learn about their services, and check out all the cool equipment we manage. By 1 p.m. We had given out more than 300 hamburgers and hotdogs.



This comes on the heels of a dizzying weekend last week that featured the Islandwide Yard Sale, a so-Tybee fried chicken fundraiser at the American Legion, an Arbor Day celebration that saw the community plant bald cypress in the Solomon median, and a well-attended, City-sponsored Shorebird Festival in the North Beach Parking Lot that had loads to offer for birding enthusiasts and children alike.

***Only at the Legion:***



**Arbor Day action:**



**Shorebird Festival:**



Another City-sponsored activity that recently wrapped up was the first ever Island Games, organized by the YMCA. The event featured teams comprised of employees from different Tybee organizations going head-to-head through the winter in games of sport and skill.

The Games wrapped up Feb. 17 with an epic trivia competition at Hotel Tybee.

Proud to say Team City of Tybee Island took home first in the trivia competition and were crowned Champions of the Island Games!

*Some really smart City employees right here!*



## **New Focus on Cultural Affairs**

Congratulations to Robyn Rosner, whose job has been elevated to Special Events and Cultural Affairs Coordinator! This expanded role will allow Robyn to oversee additional City assets, including the Black Box Theater, as well as arrange programming at the theater. She will also serve as the liaison with local groups that host cultural events throughout the year, in addition to her regular job managing permitting for facilities, film, and special events.



This past week I toured the Black Box Theater with Robyn and other City staff to map out potential capital improvements to the facility.

The plan is for the Tybee Arts Association to continue to operate and program the facility through the summer, after which we will empty the building and embark on a much-needed renovation. The building is in need of some significant maintenance. We have told the Arts Association that once it re-opens we would like them to continue to stage productions in the Theater as they have for the past several decades. Their productions are phenomenal, and we would like them to keep doing great community theater work.

We are very excited about the arts on Tybee!

### **Tybee Goes to DC**

As you know, the Mayor and I traveled to Washington last week in an attempt to shore up federal funding for our beach nourishment program.

It was a whirlwind 24 hours during which we met with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials, Congressmen Carter, and key staffers for Sens. Ossoff and Warnock. We felt we made a strong case for why Tybee's nourishment project should be among the small number of beaches to be allocated limited funds for nourishment in the FY26 Budget.

As you know, we have been working with the Savannah USACE office for six years planning a nourishment that has long been scheduled to begin December 2026. The Corps has already brought on a manager for the project, and we have successfully come up with our \$8 million required contribution to the \$20 million total cost.

Unfortunately the FY26 Budget includes just \$60 million for more than \$200 million in planned nourishment projects. Tybee has lost about 54 percent of our beach since the last nourishment, and we made sure Washington knew that the impacts to Tybee's properties, economy, and turtle nesting would be devastating if we had to wait until December 2027 for sand.

We should know in March whether the expected \$12 million federal contribution is included in the Corps' FY26 work plan.



## **New Parking Incentives Unveiled**

As I mentioned last week, we have launched several new parking incentives in an attempt to make it easier for visitors to park on Tybee Island.

1. Two years ago we launched an Employee Discount Program, which offered half-price annual parking decals for verified employees working in Tybee businesses. We heard that the fixed decal wasn't ideal for seasonal businesses that have high employee turnover. Thus, starting last week we began offering a half-price transferable employee parking decal. The laminated decal can be transferred by the business owner between employee vehicles as needed. Cost of the annual transferable decal is \$200.
2. Last week we also offered a new day pass program. Visitors can now purchase a 24-hour pass for \$25, about half off the cost of feeding the meter for the day. Visitors can now purchase up to a seven-day pass at \$25/day, which allows those visiting or vacationing to explore the island for the week without having to worry about feeding the meter.
3. We now offer a bulk discount on transferable passes. If you purchase two transferable passes, the third can be purchased for half price. There are a few inns on the island without off-street parking that use transferable passes for guest parking. This will make guest parking a bit more affordable for them.

These parking changes are in addition to incentives introduced last year, including:

- One-per-year ticket forgiveness program
- Half-price off-season parking
- Free holiday season parking
- A 15-minute grace period following meter expiration.

We continue to evaluate our parking system in an attempt to make it more user-friendly, and look for ways to encourage customers to shop at Tybee businesses.

## **Yellow Curb Update**

Speaking of parking, you may have noticed that over the past few weeks we've been finessing our yellow no-parking curbs across Tybee.

Last year we shifted management of yellow curb maintenance to Parking Services after I was forced to dismiss a few yellow-curb citations when the violators correctly noted that the curb paint was so faded that the zone was difficult to spot.

Parking put a fresh coat on all yellow curbs last fall. The yellow zones exist primarily to open lines of sight at curb cuts, to prevent bridge parking as required by State law, and to mark fire zones.

Through the years, however, we have been a bit aggressive in expanding yellow curb zones at the request of home and business owners. Some homeowners have without authorization painted curbs in front of their homes yellow.

In February, Parking began measuring correct distances to curb cuts, and began reclaiming parking spaces. Thus far we have added about 30 parking spaces to our inventory along Butler alone. Our next phase will be to address improper curbs in residential areas off U.S. 80/Butler.

We used a concrete-colored paint over the yellow. Because each block of curb has a different shade, some of the newly painted sections look very bright. We expect these curbs to darken with weathering. If they don't, we will apply a darker shade.

We have received a few calls from business owners who complained about decreased lines of sight due to the recent repainting. We are assessing those on a case by case basis, and will make changes if the curb cuts are less safe.

## **The Week with Police**

### **Accidents Last Week**

This Week: 1 accident, 0 injuries  
2026 YTD: 7 accidents, 2 injuries  
2025 YTD: 10 accidents, 1 injury  
2025 TOTAL: 105 accidents, 19 injuries

### **Arrests**

This Week: 6 total, 1 felony  
2026 YTD: 49 arrests  
2025 YTD: 44 arrests  
2025 TOTAL: 412 arrests

### **DUIs**

This Week: 1  
2026 YTD: 31  
2025 YTD: 23  
2025 TOTAL: 265

### **Calls For Service**

This Week: 267  
2026 YTD: 1,945  
2025 YTD: 2,774

2025 TOTAL: 21,878

## Citations

This Week: 21

2026 YTD: 158

2025 YTD: 159

2025 TOTAL: 1,488

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b>									
-	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Arson	Motor Vehicle Theft	Total Part 1
2026	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
2025	1	0	0	3	1	36	0	0	41
2024	0	3	0	9	3	51	0	0	66
2023	0	0	1	5	2	44	0	0	52
2022	0	0	0	2	1	24	1	1	29

## Open Records Request Activity

- Total JustFOIA Requests Received: 12
- Public Safety–Related JustFOIA Requests: 11 of the 12
- Requests Received via Email (separate from JustFOIA submissions): 3
- Total Public Safety Requests Completed: 6
- Total hours dedicated to research, record compilation, and legally required redactions: 18 hours
- All requests received during this reporting period are being processed within statutory timelines. No outstanding requests are currently past due.

## Staffing

The Police Department is currently down one Police Officer position, and one Communications Officer.

New Communications Officer starting March 2. A conditional offer is in process for second applicant.

We are currently conducting a background check on one Police Officer applicant.

## Daily Information

Police has started creating of the proposed budget for FY2027.

23 Officers and civilian staff completed certification/re-certified in AED, CRP, and First Aid. Thank you, Tybee Island Fire and Ocean Rescue for helping obtain this over 4 days.

02/26: After action review with the Tybee Critz Run organizers.

02/27: Began coordinating with the Georgia State Patrol on a timeframe for driver training with the driving simulator for all sworn officers. This will cover due regard, pursuit policy, and liability.

Looking to take place in September.

Thank you to Lt. Eddie Dicus, our liaison with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, for submitting a grant application for the FY 2026 GOHS Technology Grant Cycle. The Tybee Island Police Department requested \$31,344 and was approved and granted \$20,000. This money will be used to purchase mobile MDTs for patrol units.

Cpl. Nettles attended the Eastern Georgia Intelligence Network gang training hosted by the GBI and the Attorney General's Office.

Our newest Communications Officer, Kimberly Amaya, passed basic communications officer training, which is required by the state through Georgia POST.

The Feb. 17 drone demonstration with Brinc Drones and Motorola Solutions went well. The Garden City Police Department and the Savannah Police Department joined. These drones are capable of delivering lifesaving devices, including floatation devices, off our coast.

## **Upcoming Events**

As part of a grant, we will move forward with the NarcX drug disposal unit. This unit would provide a safe, secure, and environmentally responsible solution for our community. It allows residents and family members to immediately dispose of unused prescriptions without requiring those medications to be logged into evidence, significantly reducing administrative workload while maintaining proper safeguards against diversion or misuse.

## **The Week with Fire**

### **Tybee Island Fire Rescue Responded to 30 calls for service from Feb. 5-20, 2026.**

- Medical - Illness - Cardiac Arrest
- Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall
- Medical - Illness - Altered Mental Status
- Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall
- Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall
- Medical - Illness - Heart Problems
- Medical - Illness - Unconscious Victim
- Medical - Injury / Trauma - Hemorrhage / Laceration
- Public Service - Citizen Assist - Lift Assist
- Medical - Illness - Chest Pain (Non-Trauma)
- Medical - Illness - Sick Case
- No Emergency - Good Intent - No Incident Found Upon Arrival / Location Error
- Medical - Illness - Sick Case
- Medical - Injury / Trauma - Motor Vehicle Collision
- Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall
- No Emergency - Good Intent - No Incident Found Upon Arrival / Location Error
- Public Service - Citizen Assist - Citizen Assist / Service Call
- Public Service - Citizen Assist - Person In Distress
- Medical - Illness - Sick Case

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- Medical — Abdominal Pain / Problems: 1
- Medical — Illness (No Appropriate Choice): 1
- Medical — Injury / Trauma — Fall: 3
- Public Service — Citizen Assist — Person in Distress: 1
- Public Service — Citizen Assist / Service Call: 1
- Public Service — Lift Assist: 1
- No Emergency — False Alarm (Accidental): 1
- No Emergency — Good Intent / No Incident Found: 1

## Points of Interest

1. Chief McMillian, Capt. Rubin, Sgt. Meiners, and FF Bouknight attended a Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) class, hosted by Savannah Fire. It provided excellent professional development, including hands-on training in boat operations, navigation, and crew skills on the water. This course serves as a key prerequisite for the upcoming BOSAR (Boat Operator Search and Rescue) class. BOSAR, offered through the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), builds advanced proficiency for emergency responders in maritime environments. It focuses on conducting effective search and rescue operations, including tactics for vessel handling, interagency coordination, emergency response on the water, and qualification for maritime safety and rescue missions (recognized by Coast Guard/FEMA standards).
2. After a thorough application and interview process, the board voted this week to recommend Court Atkins as the architecture firm to design our new fire station. This marks another exciting milestone toward modernizing Fire Rescue services on Tybee Island! We extend our sincere appreciation to all the firms that submitted proposals—it was a very competitive and difficult decision.
3. **Georgia Forestry Grant Award:** Chief McMillian secured a **50/50 matching grant from the Georgia Forestry Commission totaling \$10,000**. These funds will be used to purchase needed lights and sirens for our side-by-side units, along with wildland firefighting gear and equipment. This investment will enhance our wildland response capability, improve operational safety, and strengthen our ability to support brush and marsh fire incidents on the island.
4. **Positive Community Engagement:** A recent cat rescue performed by Lt. Brandon Kaupp and C-Shift gained strong attention on social media and went slightly viral on Facebook. The event generated positive community engagement and highlighted the compassionate service our personnel provide beyond emergency response. Great work by the crew representing the department and the City in such a positive way



## **Community Development Update**

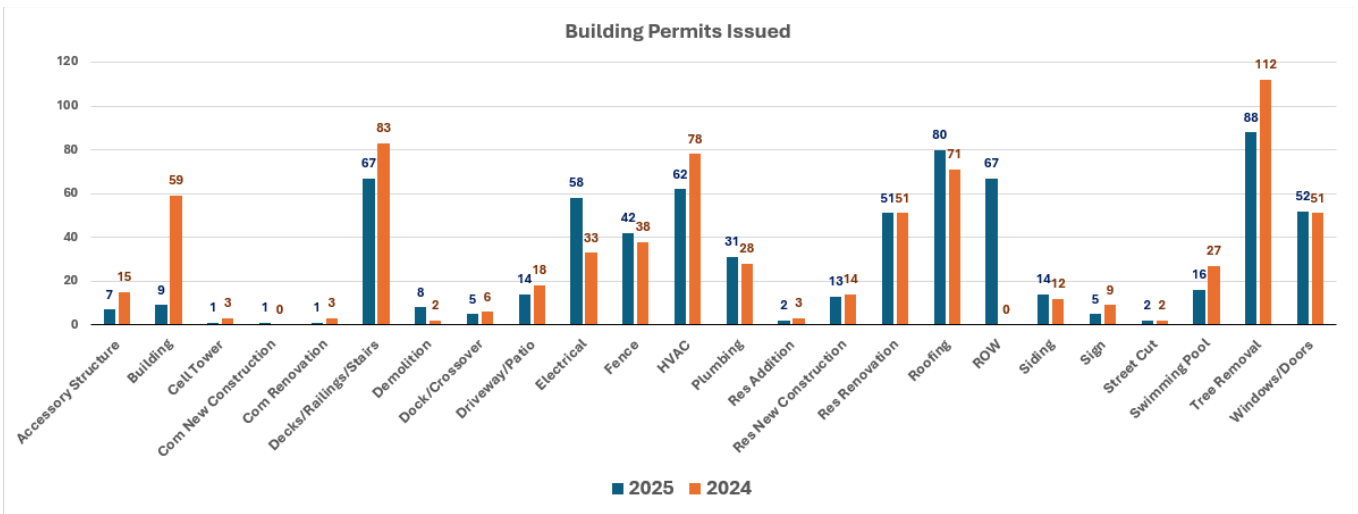
### **Live Oak Fiber**

- To date, LiveOak subcontractors Coastal Communication and UtiliSouth crews installed 25.95 miles of conduit and passed almost 2,100 homes on Tybee.
- Total right of way permits reviewed and issued to date: 67
- Current work areas for conduit and cable installation: US-80 (North 20) crossings and S. Campbell Avenue
- Current work areas for splicing and testing of fiberoptic network: Solomon Avenue (Byers to Polk) and Van Horn Avenue (north of Fort)

### **Comprehensive Plan 2026-2031**

The first stakeholder meeting was Tuesday, February 17, 2026. All committee members were in attendance along with an observer from Forever Tybee, CRC staff, and city staff and officials. Discussion topics include the vision for Tybee as well as a SWOT analysis. A SWOT analysis is a strategic planning framework used to evaluate a municipality by identifying internal Strengths and Weaknesses, alongside external Opportunities and Threats. The next meeting is scheduled to March 10, 2026 in the Guard House.

### **2025 Permitting (2024 Comparison)**



**2025 Planning and Zoning Actions: 32**

- Administrative Subdivision: 1
- Administrative Variance: 0
- Map Amendment: 2
- Minor Subdivision/ Recombination: 5
- Site Plan: 4
- Site Plan with Variance: 1
- Special Review: 4
- Text Amendment: 6
- Tree Appeal: 1
- Variance: 8

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – House Lifting (4338)**

Staff met with GEMA last month to discuss the path forward for grant 4338. Currently three houses have been raised and two are in the process of raising/reconstructing to the higher elevation. Last year, staff received word from FEMA that grant 4338 (Hurricane Irma funding) was not to be extended past May 27, 2026, and all construction, inspections, and documentation must be finalized by that date. Staff, as required by GEMA, submitted a request to remove the still-interested property owners (nine currently who have not started) and transfer them to Hurricane Helene funding (grant 4830). Staff is still awaiting word on the process going forward for the transferred grantees and when they can start lifting their homes.

**Land Development Code Update**

Staff met with the Main Street Board on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 as requested by City Council to discuss the updates to the Article 6: Sign Regulations.

**Code Compliance Weekly**

**Inspections & Public Interaction**

- **Cart Inspections:** 7
- **Wheelchair Checkouts:** 0
- **Citizen Encounters:** 92

**Enforcement Actions**

- **Notices of Violation Issued:**
  - Multiple Notices of Violation were issued for **uncovered dumpsters** observed during routine patrols.

- One follow-up inspection resulted in a **Second Notice of Violation**, after which the contractor was contacted, and corrective action was taken to bring the site into compliance.
- **Stop Work Orders Issued:**
  - A **Stop Work Order** was issued for **unpermitted roofing activity**.
  - Later the same day, staff responded again after work resumed without authorization, resulting in a **second Stop Work Order** being issued.
  - This has been resolved through voluntary compliance and permit applications were submitted to Community Development.

## Activities

- Monitoring of surveillance cameras
- Neighborhood patrols
- Beach patrols
- Responded to parking-related inquiries
- Code Compliance and Short-Term Rental administrative functions
- Conducted multiple drive-by property inspections
- Assisted Tybee Island Police Department by transporting a recovered stolen bicycle

## STR Application Portal Update

- Staff have **worked through the final bugs** identified during testing of the Short-Term Rental (STR) Application Portal.
- Pending **final confirmation of payment processing details with Finance on Tuesday**, the portal is **anticipated to launch shortly thereafter**.

## Operational Activity

- Staff participated in training presented by the City Marshal on Constitutional Law, 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment and how that relates to their daily duties and how they interact with the public.
- City Marshal and Staff are moving forward with implementation of a fleet management program citywide.
- Conferenced with Finance Director to identify potential funding sources for vehicle charging stations which we have negotiated at a rate of half what was proposed by Georgia Power.
- Proposed day pass rate schedule through our parking app and have implemented this program at City Manager request. Will be operational this week or next at latest.
- Have instituted digital chalking for vehicles which can be used to monitor problem vehicles and to research parking trends to make future decisions.
- After discussions with several business owners, we will be introducing a transferable Employee Discount Program permit, which will be owned by the business and not the employee. This will help make onboarding and occasional employees for large volume days and events easier on local businesses.
- We began removing sections of yellow curbing and restoring parking on Butler Avenue this week. Once this is complete, we will come back and touch up the yellow where needed. We expect to gain about 30 spaces with this repaint. After this we will hit certain side streets we have identified and then move to handicap spaces.

Parking Enforcement: Feb. 5-12		
EXPIRED TIME		4
NO PAYMENTS		98
NO READABLE RECIEPT		2
HANDICAP		1
FIRE HYDRAINT		0
PROHIBITED ZONE		1
CODE		0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>106</b>
PAID		26
DISMISSED		21
UNPAID		59

Public Contacts		
PHONE		58
WINDOW		76
EMAIL		97
REECE		41
CHARLES		12
HOLLY		38
TERRINIA		22
LORI		34
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>378</b>

Note: Tybee implemented half-off parking rates Nov. 1 through Feb. 28.

Parking Revenue Year to Date			
MONTH	FY2026	FY2025	GAIN/(LOSS)
JULY	\$1,135,293	\$1,070,704	\$64,589
AUG	\$578,597	\$679,586	(\$100,989)
SEPT	\$518,649	\$447,400	\$71,249
OCT	\$332,050	\$376,017	(\$43,967)
NOV	\$127,295	\$200,387	(\$73,092)
DEC	\$22,704	\$22,345	\$359
JAN	\$107,605	\$152,287	(\$44,682)
FEB (thru Feb. 12)	\$37,051	\$258,783	
MARCH	\$0	\$542,159	
APRIL	\$0	\$863,706	
MAY	\$0	\$976,406	
JUNE	\$0	\$1,182,473	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,859,244</b>	<b>\$6,772,253</b>	<b>(\$126,533) (thru Jan.)</b>

## The Week with Communications and Outreach

### Department Changes

- Congratulations to Robyn Rosner, whose job has been elevated to Special Events and Cultural Affairs Coordinator! This expanded role will allow Robyn to oversee additional City assets, including the Black Box Theater, as well as arrange programming at the theater. She will also serve as the liaison with local groups that host cultural events throughout the year.
- Recruiting efforts continue for the Communications and Outreach Manager, with 27 resumes received. We have narrowed the selection to the top 4 candidates and will begin interviewing soon.
- Recruiting efforts for the part-time Multimedia Specialists are proceeding as well. We have received three applicants so far, and are continuing to accept resumes. Interviews will be scheduled shortly.

## **Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)**

- The Historic Preservation Commission held its monthly meeting this week, which also included discussion related to 2026 annual planning priorities and goals. This meeting marked Chair Holly Grell Lawe's final meeting as she rolls off the board. Holly has served as an exceptional Chair for several years, providing steady leadership, dedication, and countless volunteer hours in service to the City of Tybee Island. Her commitment to historic preservation and thoughtful guidance has made a lasting impact on the Commission.
- In addition, the new CLG Grant application was officially received by the State Historic Preservation Office, and the accompanying resolution was signed at the City Council meeting on Thursday. The new CLG grant project will focus on updating the Tybee Island Historic Resources Survey, which will provide an updated inventory and documentation of historic structures across the island and support future preservation planning efforts. Updating the Historic Resources Survey is also required for Tybee Island to maintain its Certified Local Government status, making this project an important step in ensuring continued eligibility for preservation funding and partnership opportunities.
- Staff is preparing updated public notification letters for the upcoming City Council public hearing scheduled for March 12. These letters will be mailed on Monday, February 23, to ensure proper notice requirements are met. Staff is also coordinating internal logistics and presentation materials in preparation for the public hearing.

## **Main Street Program**

### **Strategic Priorities**

The Main Street Board held its regular monthly meeting along with its annual planning session last week. In addition to standard board business, the board established strategic priorities and goals for 2026 to guide program initiatives and strengthen organizational impact.

The board established strategic priorities and goals for 2026, organized around three "Transformation Strategies":

- Foundation Building
- Community Serving
- Storytelling

These priorities will guide programming, partnerships, and economic vitality efforts throughout 2026

### **Assessment**

Maggie presented the in-person assessment presentation to Georgia Main Street and the Office of Downtown Development. The presentation was very well received, and she received positive feedback regarding the strength of the Tybee Island Main Street program and her work as Coordinator. Tybee Island Main Street was officially accredited. Assistant City Manager Michelle Owens and Main Street Co Chair Ansley Howze joined Maggie for the presentation.

### **Love Local Receipt Program**

The Love Local Receipt Program continues to gain traction and has begun receiving submissions. Additional flyers were distributed to businesses and continued social media promotion has been implemented to increase awareness and participation.

### **Beachcomber**

Maggie also wrote the March 2026 Beachcomber article highlighting upcoming events, program updates, and Main Street initiatives.

### **Monthly Report**

The monthly report to Georgia Main Street is currently in progress. This report details program highlights, financial reporting, volunteer hours, and more.

### **Training and Professional Development**

Maggie participated in the Georgia Main Street Third Thursday Call, which focused on AI education for small businesses. The session explored the accessibility of AI tools and how they can seamlessly support

digital marketing efforts, providing practical insights to share with local businesses.

## Facilities

The Painting Group has moved out of the Tybee Arts Building and is now holding one of their weekly painting sessions in their new location, Old School Classroom 6. They love this space especially for the natural light that the windows bring into the room.



## Special Events

### Number of events this week February 15 – February 21:

Special Events: 1  
Special Event Vendor Permits: 1  
Beach: 1  
Film: 1  
Guard House: 4  
Memorial Park Open Air Pavilion: 1  
Community Cafeteria: 7  
Community Classroom: 8  
Event Banner Permits: 3

### Number of events YTD as of February 20:

Special Events: 2  
Special Event Vendor Permits: 0  
Beach: 9  
Film: 7  
Guard House: 17  
Memorial Park Screened Pavilion: 9  
Memorial Park Open Air Pavilion: 8  
Jaycee Park Gazebo: 0  
Community Cafeteria: 33  
Community Classroom: 52  
Event Banner Permits: 3

**New Special Event Application Submission on Website:** 2 submissions

**Reservation Website:** 115 transactions with a transaction total of \$2,477.70

## City Engineer Weekly

### Fort Screven Sewer:

- Contractor has most of the main line sanitary sewer installed. Approximately 200 feet of main line on Dogwood remains to be installed.

- Contractor finished up with the main line installation on Pulaski Street and continued with the installation of sanitary laterals.
- Contractor will be installing sanitary laterals on Taylor Street between Van Horn Avenue and Pulaski Street, causing the roadway to be closed to thru traffic. A detour will be posted and the closure and detour will be posted on the City website.
  - Sewer main installation on Pearwood Avenue from Taylor Street to Pulaski Street is completed (505 linear feet)
  - 160 feet of sanitary sewer main has been installed on Dogwood Avenue
  - 585 feet of sanitary sewer main has been installed on Pulaski Street
- Contractor has installed seven new sanitary manholes
- Contractor continued the installation of sanitary sewer laterals on Pulaski Street

### **Annual Street Paving**

Contractor has completed the following paving operations on the following streets:

- Jones from US 80 to Solomon Avenue
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Butler Avenue to Jones Avenue
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Butler Avenue to Lovell Avenue
- 11<sup>th</sup> Street from Butler Avenue to Lovell Avenue
- 12<sup>th</sup> Street from Butler Avenue to Jones Avenue
- Lovell Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- Road patches on 10<sup>th</sup> Street east of Butler Avenue
- Road patches on various water break locations
- Solomon Avenue from Jones Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

### **North Beach Dune Restoration Project**

- Met with City Manager to develop strategy for private crossovers
- Invitation to Bid has been advertised
- Pre-bid meeting to be held on March 2
- Opening bids on March 11
- Anticipate late March award
- Work cannot start prior to April 15

### **Solomon Park Development and Remediation:**

- The final conceptual layout has been designed.
  - Staff gave Council a presentation on the conceptual park and remediation plan at the February 12 Workshop.
- Remediation Project
  - Advertised on January 24
  - Pre-Bid meeting on February 17
  - Opening bids on February 24
  - Scheduled for a March award

### **New Fire Station Development**

- Staff checked references of the final candidates and picked a design firm.
- Court Atkins Group was chosen as the recommended design firm for the new fire station based on the following:
  - Project approach and past experience
  - Project team
  - Schedule
  - Design Fees (\$642,900)
- Recommend contract award at Feb. 26 City Council Meeting

### **Jaycee Park Canal Improvements**

- Project will be divided into separate contracts, one for sediment removal and one for planting.
- Sediment removal project was re-bid with just the dredging portion.

- Scope of project was modified and quantity of sediment removal was decreased for this bid.
- Bids will be opened for sediment removal on March 20
- Planting will be done in two phases; getting quotes from three vendors.

### **15 Street Stormwater Project**

- Thomas & Hutton finalizing design
- Discussed schedule and construction bid date
  - Planning for advertising in late February
  - Award in late March
  - Start construction in April

### **Solomon Avenue Streetscape**

- Informal vehicular cut-throughs onto Solomon closed off west of North Campbell. Areas regraded, and will be planted with trees and rain gardens. All local traffic onto Solomon from Van Horn will enter at intersection with Wilson Avenue.
- Working with nearby residents on parking solutions.
- Bollards and signage will be placed on both sides of N. Campbell at intersection with Solomon.
- Work should start in Late February/Early March
- Closure plans will be posted on the City website

### **DPW Weekly**

- Completed the closing off of multiple entrances on Solomon Ave and Van Horn Ave.
- Added material to and graded Thrushwood Ave.
- Retrieved lights from the YMCA.
- Added sleeves to bollards on Tybrisa St.
- Installed signs on Fort Ave regarding the low hanging limbs.
- Performed outfall maintenance around the island.
- Cleaned out an area on the main yard to store the lights.
- Performed drainage repairs on culvert on Bay St.
- Performed beach litter runs Monday through Friday.
- Completed various small work orders for repairs around the island.
- Checked the compactors on the island.
- Completed repairs to the ice machine on the yard.
- Assisted the Police Department with moving some unused furniture.
- Completed repairs to the water buffalo for pressure washing.
- Made repairs to the wall at the Police Department and developed a plan to ensure less damage in the future.
- Performed trash runs on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- Picked up loose litter from parking lots, sidewalks, and surrounding areas.
- Cleaned and maintained all public facilities.
- Cleaned and maintained all public restrooms.
- Blew debris off the parks and down Tybrisa for collection by the street sweeper.
- Trimmed palm trees around the island.
- Trimmed the nature trail on Solomon Ave.

- Crew members attended a Tree Seminar in Woodbine.
- Conducted four tree assessments and issued three tree removal permits.

### **Recycling/Dump**

- Picked up and emptied both cardboard trailers and both green recycle trailers.
- Picked up aluminum and oyster shell recyclables from local businesses.
- Completed two bales of cardboard.
- Picked up street recycling from Tybrisa and the beach crossovers.
- Sorted incoming cardboard from local businesses.
- Called in containers with household trash, construction debris, yard waste, and recycling.
- Assisted residents in unloading trash and recyclables.
- Installed new recycle area signs to replace the damaged ones.
- Monitored the scale.
- Cleaned up litter and loose recycling from off the main yard.
- Initiated training with the new hire.

### **Fleet**

- Cleaned up, organized, and inventoried all supplies in the shop.
- Examined the Fire Dept. Ford F-150 to assess viability.
- Compiled a fuel inventory report.
- Replaced the fitting on the hydraulic cylinder of the thumb claw on the John Deere 232 backhoe.
- Ordered fuel for the fuel station.
- Removed the undercarriage cover from vehicle #408 due to damage.
- Ordered tools needed for repairs.
- Completed oil changes on four different vehicles for the Police Department.
- Contacted vendors to ensure our information was correct and up to date.
- Replaced the front brakes and rotors on vehicle # 183 for the Police Department.

### **Water and Sewer Weekly**

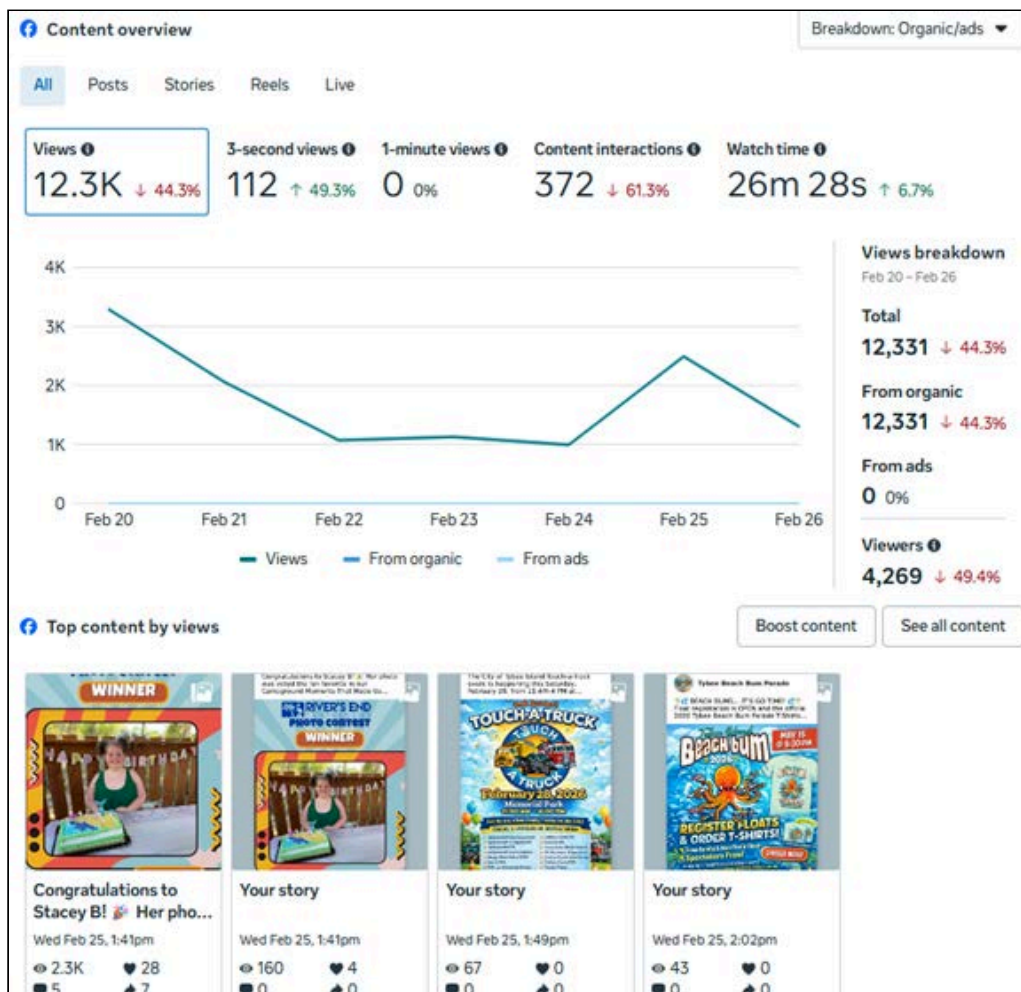
- Performed routine inspections and routine maintenance at all the wells and lift stations around the island.
- Performed live testing of backup systems at the wells and lift stations.
- Manually troubleshooted Lift Station 8 while a solution to the controller issue is being resolved.
- Ensured backup generators and pumps were fueled.
- Completed the transducer upgrade project for the Fort Screven Water Tower.
- Performed BacT sampling and testing for the distribution system to maintain compliance with the state.
- Assisted contractors on Taylor St. with the sewer lines and cleaned out the sewer lines.
- Repaired a water leak on Bay St.
- Assisted with getting Ft. Screven's well back online.
- Held a meeting with sales representatives from Fortline.
- Initiated the process to bring the foot showers around the island back into commission.
- Continued working on the AMI leak list and contacted property owners about their potential leaks.
- Worked with Finance on reports for the water loss audit and shutting water off for those who have not paid.
- Assisted plumbers to find water meters for various jobs.

- Assisted the rental company at 5 17th Place with issues they were having with their fire suppression system.
- Changed out various broken water meter lids around the island.

## Around the Campground

- 76 Arrivals, 479 Site Nights, Occupancy 66%, Down 3% YoY.
- 10 Guests attended paint and sip event
- Announced the winner of our photo contest.
- Reviewed the 2026 Outdoor Hospitality Pricing Report, quick comparison:

	National		GA Average	River's End
	Average	Median		
RV	\$69.72	\$62.10	\$63.27	\$70.29
Tent	\$52.16	\$45.00	n/a	\$62.18
Cabin/Lodging	\$154.50	\$171.26	n/a	\$133.14



Have a great week everyone!



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