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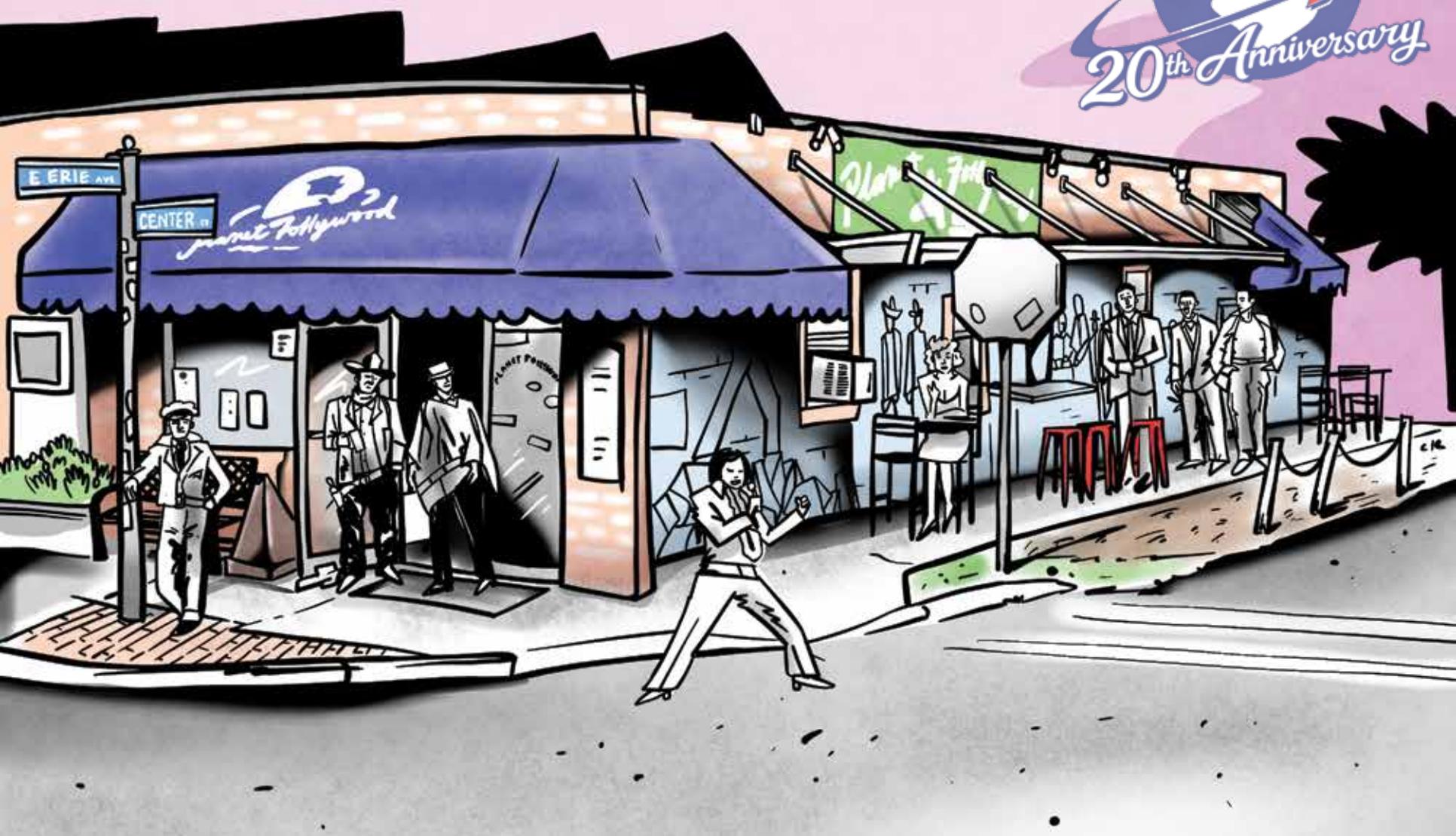
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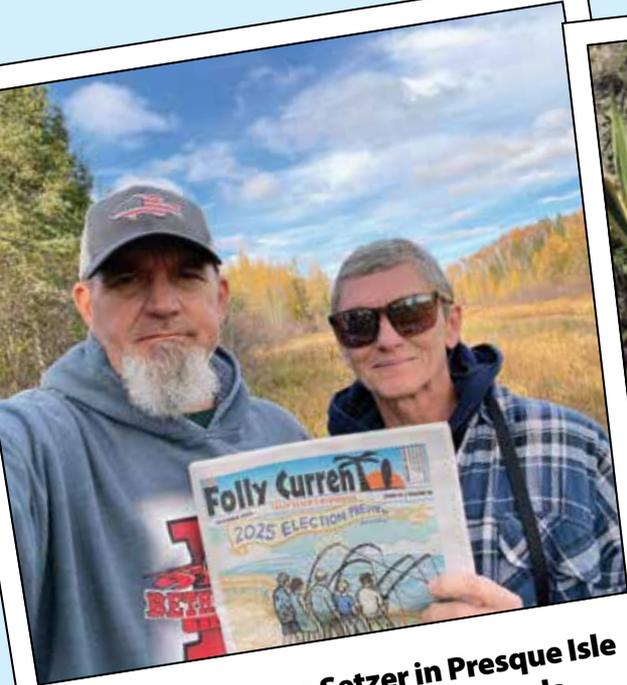
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Rich Returns to Council

Former councilmember is back after winning special election

by Lorne Chambers | Editor



“Thank God it’s over. It was a long campaign season, glad we pulled through it as an island,” said a relieved DJ Rich following the Tuesday, Feb. 17 special election, which saw him defeat John McFarland in a

special election for the Folly Beach City Council seat that was vacated by Chris Bizzell when he was elected mayor back in November.

Rich, who had previously served four terms on council, had initially not sought reelection last year because he threw his hat in the ring for mayor. He came in third in that election, missing out on a runoff between fellow councilmember Chris Bizzell and local realtor Elton Culpepper. Bizzell ultimately prevailed, which left his seat on council open.

After a short breather, Rich decided that he had more to offer serving on council and decided to run in the special election. His challenger, John McFarland, ran unsuccessfully for one of the three seats in the November general election, decided to take a shot at the empty seat.

Of the island’s 2,003 registered voters, less than half (42.69%) turned out to vote in the Feb. 17 special election. Rich ended up with 499 votes (58%) to McFarland’s 355 votes (41.6%).

Rich will hold the seat for at least the remainder of the seat’s term, which is November 2027.

“I’m excited to be back and able to help the island progress forward responsibly,” said Rich.

Respect the Break

A new grassroots organization aims to protect Folly’s surf culture through community awareness

by Liz Wolfe | Contributing Writer

On any given morning at Folly Beach, surfers gather at the Washout, the pier, and up and down the six-mile coastline to watch the horizon and wait for the next set. For longtime local surfer and realtor Carrie Rosen, that shared ritual — along with the culture surrounding it — is exactly what inspired a new community effort called Respect the Break (RTB).

“Everyone loves the surf vibe that Folly has always given off,” says Carrie, “but I often see that the surfing community gets neglected and could use an organization that really cares about the beach, the access points, and the vibe in the ocean. It all should coexist.”

RTB is a grassroots movement built by locals who want to strengthen the connection between surf culture, community wellness, and stewardship of the beach. Carrie says the group is still in its early stages, but the vision is already taking shape.

To Carrie, the big three priorities for Respect the Break are community, education, and collaboration. She says supporting the community means hosting events and get-togethers, beautifying local spaces (like putting murals at beach access points), fixing showers, and more. “Education can look like plaques at access points, where to surf, where not to surf, maybe a QR code linking you to Folly rules,” she says. As for collaboration, her goal is to bring together community groups, including surf shops, small local businesses, nonprofits, contest organizers, and everyday surfers to make sure all voices are heard and represented.

The mission of RTB is deeply personal to Carrie, who started surfing at age 9 while growing up in South Florida and felt

the ocean’s pull even after moving inland. When she first visited Folly Beach as a teenager, it immediately felt like home.

“Folly was my vibe,” she said. “I picked back up where I left off with surfing, and it’s become a lifelong passion of mine.”

That passion extends beyond the sport itself. Carrie believes surf culture plays an important role in shaping how people interact with the coast and each other.

“It’s a mutual respect for nature, the ocean, and the future of all things that belong to the earth,” she said. “Surfers are built differently. It’s not about how you surf but how it makes you feel. That builds community and can really create a movement in a positive direction.”

RTB is also structured a little differently than many local organizations. Rather than operating as a traditional charity, the group has applied for 501(c)(4) nonprofit status, which allows it to advocate for community interests while also supporting other organizations.

The group hosted its first fundraiser — an oyster roast at LowLife Bar — in January. “We will need funds to operate as an organization and host fun events,” Carrie said. She added that locals, including nonprofits and businesses, have been eager to attend Respect the Break gatherings and show their support. “This is a lobbying organization, and we believe everything is stronger in numbers,” she said. “Why compete when we can collaborate?”

The issues they hope to address are both cultural and practical — from preserving the laid-back character of Folly to improving everyday infrastructure for beachgoers.

“I think that the access points and

showers need updating,” Carrie said. “When you are down at the Washout, the showers are built up with sand and that makes it hard to rinse the sand off. I feel if people are paying so much for parking, they should have facilities and nicer showers that don’t leak and waste water.”

Volunteer Kathryn Matrangola said the organization has become a gathering point for locals who want to contribute.

“Respect the Break has quickly evolved from a desire to keep the surf vibe Folly loves to a desire to advocate for the small businesses, nonprofits, and friends of Folly,” she said.

Still, Carrie says the group’s focus remains on unity rather than division — even when conversations turn to larger issues affecting Folly.

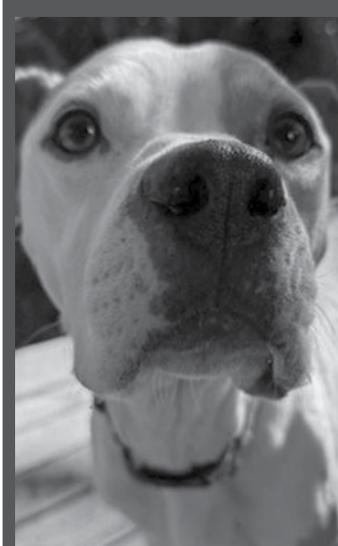
When asked about the often polarizing conversation around Folly’s rental cap, she laughed.

“RTB stands for the people not only on Folly but our visitors, tourists, and local residents,” she said. “So we welcome all to Folly. The cap has seemed to discourage visitors and we hope that more people will feel welcome and enjoy the Folly that we all enjoy as it is a public beach.”

For now, Respect the Break is focused on bringing people together. The group hosts community meetings twice a month and encourages anyone who cares about Folly to attend.

“Come join the conversation,” Carrie said. “Surfboard not required.”

To learn more about Respect the Break visit www.respectthebreak.org or follow them on Instagram at [@respectthebreakfb](https://www.instagram.com/respectthebreakfb).



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PLANET FOLLYWOOD CELEBRATES 20 YEARS ON FOLLY BEACH WITH A WEEKEND-LONG CELEBRATION



by Lorne Chambers | Editor

Since the early 2000s, Planet Follywood has been a Center Street staple. As ingrained into the fabric of the island as the sand and salt are.

"We're a community-oriented dive bar. You can walk in wearing swim trunks, high-class attire, or low-class attire. Everybody's welcome," says DJ Rich, who owns the bar along with his grandmother, Florence O'Donnell (a.k.a. Mama Flo), his uncle, and cousin.

This month, the popular local dive bar will celebrate its 20th anniversary. However, it has actually been around a little longer than that. True, it's been 20 years since Rich, his grandmother, and his aunt first bought the place, but it had been around for a few years even before that.

"It was a neighborhood dive bar and one of my grandmother's favorite hangouts," recalls Rich. "She didn't want an out-of-towner buying it and changing everything, so she asked me if we wanted to be an owner with her. We brought my aunt in on it and we bought it and

remodeled it."

Aside from the initial remodel, little has changed at Planet Follywood over the last two decades. And that's just the way locals like it.

"Yeah, we couldn't do too many upgrades. We wanted to keep it the way the community loved it," says Rich. "This place progresses slower than the rest of Folly, and we kind of like it that way."

One big change did occur in the spring of 2017 when Planet Follywood officially went smoke-free, ending its run as one of the island's last indoor holdouts.

"We went non-smoking, which was a big deal. So, we had to build a nice place out back for the smokers," he said. "Since then, the biggest expansion was cutting a window into a door and opening up to the back patio."

From the iconic mural on the side of the building to the décor inside, Follywood has maintained its classic beach dive aesthetic. Each photo, painting, or memento hanging on

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the walls tells a story. Some stories, Rich, who also serves on Folly Beach City Council, would rather not put in the local newspaper.

When Rich first joined Planet Follywood, he never envisioned holding public office. He was in his mid-20s and working at a restaurant in West Ashley at the time. Now he's the longest-standing member on the council.

"The old-school councilmen used to be regulars here," recalls Rich. "They told me, 'You're the next generation.'"

Rich says that being on city council has pros and cons when it comes to running a business on the island.

"It's helped me see things through different lenses, both as a resident and a business owner, he says. "'The downside is, if people don't like what you do on council, sometimes they stop supporting your business. That hurts in two ways.'"

Through the good and bad, Planet Follywood has always been an oasis for the Folly community. It's where people meet during storms to figure out what's going on when they lose electricity. Follywood's generators have powered many a hurricane party over the years.

"Most of our employees live on the island. We have generators. So, we're open in snowstorms, hurricanes, you name it."

The bar has also always been a place to go on Thanksgiving if you didn't have anywhere else to go, offering a free potluck meal.

"I grew up watching my grandmother say grace at Thanksgiving and make everybody hold hands," he says about the legendary

Mama Flo, who just celebrated her 95th birthday. "As she's gotten older, I've been able to help her when she needs it."

For Rich, Planet Follywood is a true family affair. Both his Follywood family, the regulars who have been sitting at the same bar stools for 5, 10, 15, even 20 years. And his actual family. In addition to his grandmother, Rich's aunt was a longtime owner. He recently bought her out and has now brought in his uncle and cousin.

"He handles breakfast and bingo. She helps run the bar," says Rich.

Highlighting the 20th anniversary festivities this month is a 3-day celebration, March 6-8. On Friday, March 6, local troubadour Thomas Champagne returns to familiar stomping grounds and plays a show at Planet Follywood, starting at 9 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, March 7, the first block of East Eerie Avenue will be closed off to for a street party from noon until 5 p.m., featuring music by George Fox, Jessie Pritchard, Charlie and Miranda Stonecypher, The Shakin' Martini's, and Dan Marsh & the Cosmic Sailors. Additionally, Waves 4 Women and Shambles Boutique will be setting up pop-ups during the day.

Then on Sunday, March 8, Planet Follywood is bringing back an old favorite in Hermit Crab Racing at 3 p.m. The Hopeaholics will close out the weekend festivities that evening.

It's all adding up to be another Follywood classic, like so many memorable parties, fundraisers, and promotions over the years.

"We've hosted everything: women-less beauty pageants—men in dresses for charity—hermit crab races, karaoke, bingo,



Having just turned 95, Mama Flo remains a fixture at Planet Follywood, the Center Street bar she has owned for 20 years

live music, celebrations of life, potlucks, chili cook-offs, water balloon fights, Mardi Gras parties, we've done Christmas carols for shut-ins, litter sweeps, we even built a pirate ship for the float frenzy," recalls Rich fondly.

Asked what's in store for the next 20 years, Rich shrugs.

"Who knows, maybe we'll have flying cars and teleportation machines next," he jokes. "If the next 20 years are as fun as the last 20, it'll be a good time."

Planet Follywood celebrates 20 years on Folly March 6-8. For more information, look at their ad, or call (843) 588-7380, visit www.planetfollywood.com, or follow Planet Follywood on social media. Planet Follywood is located at 32 Center St.

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Return of the Village People

The Folly Art Village blends local art, food,
and community at the Washout

by by Hanalei Potempa | Contributing Writer

The Folly Art Village is kicking off its season on Wednesday, March 18, bringing back its unique blend of fresh food and local art to The Washout every Wednesday from 5–8 p.m.

Dallas Willingham, along with Jessica Willingham and Melissa Dennis, serves as coordinators of Folly Art Village. Together, they ensure each event runs smoothly while working closely with participating vendors.

The trio took over Folly Art Village last year with a vision: to create a space that combines the feel of a farmer's market with the creativity of an art village, giving locals a place to gather and enjoy each week.

"The idea is to have a local market that the Folly locals can come out and peruse the artists, maybe pick up some baked goods, some bread, things like that, like a small farmer's market slash art village," says Dallas.

In addition to fresh-baked goods and other food offerings, the market shines a spotlight on local artists and creative vendors, providing them with a platform to share their work with the community.

"It's basically an opportunity for local artists and other type of craftsmen to showcase their wares," says Dallas.

All products are locally made and handcrafted, featuring a wide range of vendors. Visitors can browse photography, candles, pottery, jewelry, glass art, coastal décor, and more, with new vendors regularly joining the lineup.

The Folly Art Village offers something for everyone—it gives local artists a place to showcase their creations, provides tourists with an authentic Folly Beach experience, and creates a welcoming gathering space for residents.



The Folly Art Village officially returns on Wednesday, March 18 and will keep the good vibes going every Wednesday from 5–8 p.m. through Christmas.

According to Dallas, what sets Folly Art Village apart from other markets is its unmistakable "vibe" and "family-friendly atmosphere."

"Not to use a new age term, but it's definitely the 'vibe,'" says Dallas. "I think we embody folly pretty well. And it gives people a place to come hang out, listen to live music, have beer, and peruse the local artisans."

He explains that while many markets function primarily as retail spaces, Folly Art Village feels more like a community-centered one that fosters connection and a

sense of belonging.

"If you come out and see us, you'll see what we're talking about. It's a very tight-knit group of wonderful people. We all look out for each other," Dallas says.

If he were to describe the experience to someone new, Dallas calls it "a very welcoming experience."

"We have wonderful vendors. They're very nice," he says. "There's usually music in the background. It almost feels like we're in your backyard. You know, like you just feel at home when you walk over."

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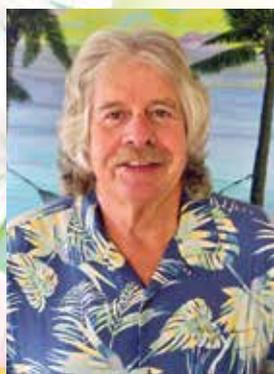
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intoxicated woman unable to stand steadily and showing signs of injury. Fire personnel evaluated her and cleared her medically. Hotel management declined to allow her to stay overnight due to safety concerns. While retrieving belongings, officers established probable cause to search after she referenced marijuana in her bags. Drug paraphernalia, a small amount of marijuana, and pills were located and seized for destruction. She was cited under the city's public intoxication ordinance and released to a sober party who arrived to pick her up. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 6

TRESPASS NOTICE AT BAR

FBPS officers responded after staff requested a trespass notice for a suspect who had been removed from a bar for giving alcohol to an underage female and arguing with staff. Security removed him, and officers initially cleared the scene. Units returned shortly after when the suspect attempted to re-enter. A formal trespass warning was issued at management's request. The suspect signed the notice but refused his copy. He later left the area via rideshare without further incident. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 7

TRAFFIC STOP WITH FIREARM RECOVERY

During a speeding stop, a FBPS officer observed a rifle-style pistol on the rear floorboard of a heavily tinted vehicle. Additional units responded, and the driver was removed and handcuffed after reaching toward the area of the weapon. The firearm was secured and later vouchered for safekeeping while officers worked to verify ownership. The driver became belligerent and directed racist language toward officers during the encounter. He was cited for speeding and instructed that the verified owner could retrieve the firearm with proper documentation. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 9

TRAFFIC STOP WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINDER

A FBPS officer stopped a vehicle for an expired temporary tag. The driver could not provide a valid driver's license or proof of registration. A records check revealed an outstanding administrative warrant connected to federal immigration authorities. A supervisor confirmed the detainer, and the driver was arrested. The vehicle was towed, and the driver was transported to detention on traffic charges with an immigration hold placed. Body-worn and in-car cameras were active. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 12

DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION

A FBPS officer stopped a vehicle for failure to maintain lane after observing it cross the fog line multiple times. The driver admitted he did not have a driver's license, and records confirmed a suspended status. The driver was arrested for driving under suspension. The vehicle was inventoried and towed. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 13

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AT GAS STATION

FBPS officers were alerted by a store employee about a vehicle parked at a gas pump for an extended period. Officers contacted an adult female and her children, who stated they were purchasing snacks and lottery tickets. Staff reported prior issues involving loitering. Video review showed the group was present for about 36 minutes. At staff request, officers asked them to leave, and they departed without further incident. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 13

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

A FBPS officer stopped a vehicle after it crossed into oncoming traffic. The driver admitted marijuana was inside the vehicle, and a probable-cause search located multiple bags totaling about 40.86 grams. An assisting traffic officer ruled out impairment roadside. The marijuana was seized and logged into evidence. The driver was cited under a city ordinance for simple possession and released. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 14

FLAG THEFT INVESTIGATION

A business owner reported an American flag removed from a downtown flagpole overnight. Surveillance video reportedly showed two male suspects taking the flag and leaving in a vehicle. Officers reviewed nearby camera footage and documented images consistent with the suspects' route. A captured license plate was linked to a registered vehicle for follow-up. The case remained active pending identification of suspects and recovery of the flag. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 15

FRAUD REPORT — UNAUTHORIZED PAYPAL CHARGES

A couple reported receiving a call from someone claiming to represent a bank and requesting account verification. Soon after, multiple unauthorized paypal transactions totaling about \$6,000 were discovered. Additional callers posing as fraud staff failed

to follow up as promised. The victim later learned incoming calls to his phone were being redirected to voicemail with an unfamiliar number, prompting him to shut down service and freeze accounts. Officers reviewed documents, collected signed consent forms, and obtained a written statement. The case was forwarded to investigators. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 16

OPEN CONTAINER

A FBPS officer stopped a vehicle for a tag-light violation after it was slow to pull over. Officers smelled marijuana, and the driver admitted to drinking and having marijuana in the vehicle. A field sobriety evaluation did not indicate impairment. During a search, officers located marijuana hidden in a false-bottom water bottle and two open beer cans within reach of the driver. The driver was cited for open container and released. Marijuana was taken into evidence for destruction. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 21

TRESPASS NOTICE AT HOTEL

FBPS officers responded after staff reported a non-guest in the hotel pool area. The suspect refused identification, appeared impaired, and made unusual statements during contact. Management requested a formal trespass notice. Officers identified the suspect using detention paperwork and issued the written warning, which he signed. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 21

WELFARE CHECK

FBPS officers responded to a report of loud noise and someone "flipping out." Upon arrival, officers found no signs of distress or injury, and occupants stated everything was fine. One resident mentioned ongoing issues with a downstairs neighbor. The call was documented with no enforcement action taken. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 22

PUBLIC INTOXICATION ARREST

FBPS officers responded to a late-night disturbance outside a downtown business and located a suspect who was intoxicated, loud, and unsteady. Officers attempted to de-escalate and encouraged him to arrange a ride, but he refused and continued disturbing pedestrians. A second intoxicated party was separated and later picked up by family. The suspect remained unmanageable and was arrested under the city's public intoxication ordinance. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 4

NEIGHBOR DISPUTE

FBPS officers responded to a verbal argument between neighbors after a complainant reported aggressive statements over allegedly missing car keys. A witness confirmed hearing a hostile remark but did not corroborate all threats reported. The complainant declined charges and requested an informational report to pursue a restraining order through magistrate's court. Later, the suspect came to headquarters and admitted making an aggressive comment while claiming the complainant had taken his keys. Officers advised both parties on possible charges and instructed them to contact police if further incidents occurred. No enforcement action was taken beyond documentation. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 5

ONLINE HARASSMENT COMPLAINT

A complainant reported online harassment tied to a public facebook post referencing her by name. She provided screenshots and stated the content caused emotional distress. Officers reviewed the material and noted it contained opinion-based commentary but no threats or language indicating intent to harm. The complainant could not confirm who authored the post. Officers advised preserving evidence and using platform reporting tools if the conduct escalates. The report was documented for informational purposes, and no criminal violation was established at the time. Nothing further.

FEBRUARY 5

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Sweet Seaside Harmonies

Local duo Caryn Egan and Krystal Halvorson blend folk roots and seaside performances into a signature Folly Beach sound

by Miranda Steadman | Contributing Writer

Guitarist Krystal Halvorson and violist Caryn Egan first crossed paths through Charleston's open mic circuit, introduced by vocalist Whitney Hanna at Chico Feo during The Songwriter's Soapbox, hosted by George Fox of Big Stoner Creek and The Hopeaholics. It wasn't until a follow-up gig together at Burns Alley in July 2023 that they realized just how closely their musical influences aligned, blending country, folk, and soulful reinterpretations into a sound uniquely their own.

Today, the duo has become a familiar presence on Folly Beach, regularly serenading audiences at Rita's Seaside Grille.

"It's a really special vibe out there," says Halvorson. "There's such a love of music and appreciation for music on Folly."

Their performances feel right at home in a place long tied to musical history. George Gershwin famously spent time on Folly Beach while working on *Porgy and Bess*, often cited as the first great American musical. The iconic song "Summertime" was written on the island before going on to be performed by artists ranging from Nina Simone to Janis Joplin.

Egan and Halvorson honor that legacy with a mix of deep cuts and recognizable classics. Their setlists weave together songs like Dionne Warwick's "Walk On By," Roberta Flack's "Killing Me Softly," Des'ree's "You Gotta Be," and Christopher Cross' "Sailing," creating an easygoing soundtrack for beachgoers.

"It's such a cool thing to walk out on the beach before and after a show," says Egan.

The pair will return to Rita's Seaside

Grille Saturday, March 7, from 5-8 p.m. and again Tuesday, March 31, from 6-9 p.m. Earlier that same day, they will perform a brunch set at Prohibition downtown from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Halvorson also continues to collaborate with other Charleston musicians, including bassist Tony Cobin and percussionist Stacia Simmons. Simmons, known for her fusion of soul, jazz, gospel, and reggae, has performed at venues across the region, including the Gibbes Museum of Art, The Dinghy Tap Room & Kitchen, and Folly's Bounty Bar Sunday Sessions.

Together with Egan, the trio released a holiday recording of George Michael's "Last Christmas" under the name Daisy Chain.

"It's encouraging and uplifting to feel support from someone so talented," says Egan.

"There are many remarkable women artists in our community," Halvorson adds. "It's fun to celebrate each other and collaborate."

That spirit carries into upcoming performances and projects. Egan will appear at this year's Charleston Bluegrass Festival at The Woodlands, collaborating with Loren Griste of Purple Magnolia and performing alongside Gritty Flyright. She also plays with the jamgrass Americana group Wild Current, which continues to



perform in honor of the late mandolin player Lee Dye.

Halvorson, meanwhile, makes occasional appearances at The Burgundy Lounge inside the Starlight Motor Inn, a jazz-forward listening room featuring some of Charleston's most celebrated vocalists.

For both artists, however, the most meaningful moments often come during intimate live shows. During one of Rita's performances, a listener shared how a Carole King song moved his mother, who lives with Alzheimer's.

"Music is nourishment for the human spirit and an immediate gateway to the soul," says Halvorson.

The duo is currently organizing a women artists' jam at Lowlife Bar, with dates expected to be announced soon.

When she's not performing, Halvorson enjoys sailing along the coast, an experience she says mirrors music itself.

"You're collaborating with the elements," she said. "Sailing teaches you to adjust your sails so you can keep cruising."

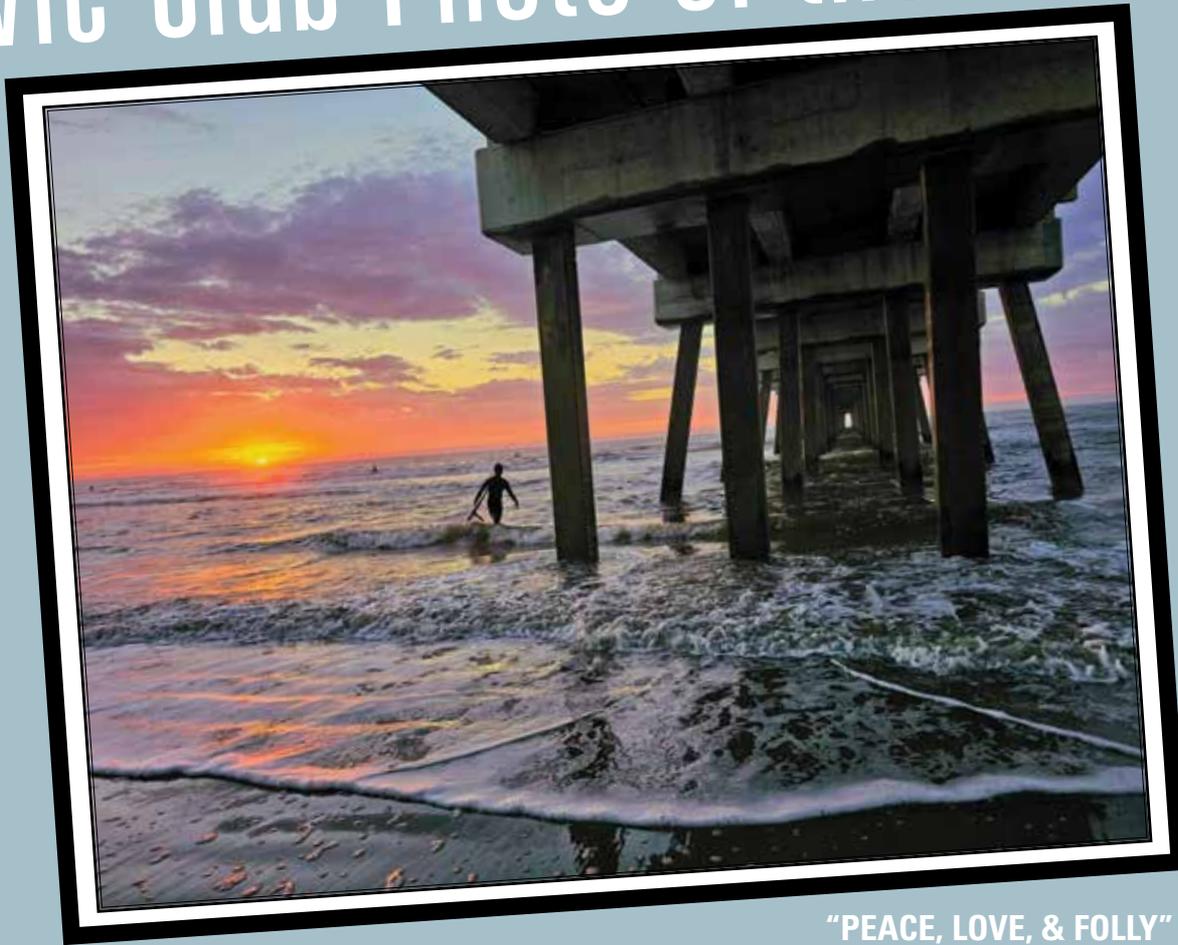
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Loggerhead's: 2-5pm Kyle Herring
Pier 101: 1-4pm Rotie Salley
Pinky's: 1-4pm Liam Murphy
Rita's 5-8pm Jack Triebold

MONDAY, MARCH 2

The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
Chico Feo 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Jeff Houts
Planet Follywood 7pm Bingo

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
Drop In Deli 7pm-12am Honky Tonk
Tuesday
Planet Follywood: Free Golden Tee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Ronnie Johnson
Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
Loggerhead's 6-9pm Blake Zahnd
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am John Knuckles
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

The Crab Shack 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
Planet Follywood 9pm-1am Karaoke
The Washout: 7-10pm Dan's Tramp Stamp duo

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

The Bounty Bar 9:30pm Big Stoner Creek
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhouns Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Pinky's: 5-8pm Eric Vaughn
Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Thomas Champagne Band
Rita's 5-8pm Krystal Halvorson duo
Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Minute to Midnight
The Washout 8-11pm The Green Thieves

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

The Bounty Bar: 9:30pm Johnny Holliday & The Silver Lining
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Pier 101: 1-4pm Bubba Bryant
Pinky's: 1-4pm Super Reggae Man; 5-8pm Danny May
Planet Follywood: 12-5pm Anniversary Street Party: George Fox, Jessie Pritchard, Charlie & Miranda Stonycypher, & Shakin' Martini's; Inside: 9pm

Dan Marsh & the Cosmic Sailors
Rita's 5-8pm Gracie
Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Minute to Midnight
The Washout: 8-11pm Dan's Tramp Stamp & the Money Bags

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

The Bounty Bar: 9pm The Sunday Sessions
Chico Feo: 4:30pm-until Strat Cat & Friends
The Crab Shack: 1-3pm Dave Grunstra
Pier 101: 1-4pm Zach Q.
Pinky's: 1-4pm Molly D.
Planet Follywood: 8pm The Hopeaholics
Rita's 5-8pm David Sink

MONDAY, MARCH 9

The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
Chico Feo 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
The Crab Shack 6-9pm Jeff Houts
Planet Follywood 7pm Bingo

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
Drop In Deli 7pm-12am Honky Tonk
Tuesday
Planet Follywood: Free Golden Tee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Ronnie Johnson
Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
Loggerhead's 6-9pm Blake Zahnd
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Whitney Hanna
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
Planet Follywood 9pm-1am Karaoke
The Washout: 7-10pm Dan's Tramp Stamp duo

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

The Bounty Bar 9:30pm Mike Martin & The Beautiful Mess
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhouns Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Pinky's: 5-8pm Tom Crowley
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Wild Current
Rita's 5-8pm Dereck Cribb
Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Casual Suspects
The Washout: 8-11pm Live Music

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

The Bounty Bar: 9:30pm Mike Martin & The Beautiful Mess
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Pier 101: 1-4pm Tom Crowley
Pinky's 1-4pm Liam Murphy; 5-8pm Rotie Salley
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Dr. T & The Side Effects
Rita's 5-8pm Sufferin' Moses
Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Casual Suspects
The Washout 8-11pm Live Music

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

The Bounty Bar: 9pm The Sunday Sessions
Chico Feo: 4:30pm-until Strat Cat & Friends

The Crab Shack: 1-3pm Dave Grunstra
Pier 101: 1-4pm Liam Murphy
Pinky's: 1-4pm Return of the Mac
Rita's 5-8pm Kenley Young

MONDAY, MARCH 16

The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
Chico Feo 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
The Crab Shack 6-9pm Jeff Houts
Planet Follywood 7pm Bingo

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
Drop In Deli 7pm-12am Honky Tonk
Tuesday
Planet Follywood: Free Golden Tee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Ronnie Johnson
Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
Loggerhead's 6-9pm Blake Zahnd
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am John Knuckles
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
Planet Follywood 9pm-1am Karaoke
The Washout: 7-10pm Dan's Tramp Stamp duo

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

The Bounty Bar 9:30pm The Green Thieves
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Pinky's: 5-8pm Michael Duff
Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Stono
Rita's 5-8pm Gracie
Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Dan & The Donuts
The Washout: 8-11pm The Midnight City Band

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

The Bounty Bar: 9:30pm Model #
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Pier 101: 1-4pm Johnny Holliday Duo
Pinky's: 1-4pm Super Reggae Man; 5-8pm Eric Vaughn
Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Travellin' Kine
Rita's 5-8pm Krystal Halvorson duo
Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Dan & The Donuts
The Washout: 8-11pm River Mason Band

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
Chico Feo: 4:30pm-until Strat Cat & Friends
Pier 101: 1-4pm Zach Q.
Pinky's: 1-4pm Matt Mackelcan
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MONDAY, March 23

The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
Chico Feo 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
The Crab Shack 6-9pm Jeff Houts
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TUESDAY, MARCH 24

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Ronnie Johnson
Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
Loggerhead's 6-9pm Blake Zahnd
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Whitney Hanna
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
Planet Follywood 9pm-1am Karaoke
The Washout: 7-10pm Live Music

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

The Bounty Bar 9:30pm Jeff Caldwell Band
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhouns Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Pinky's: 5-8pm The Bozswells
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Folly Beats
Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Pluff Mudd
The Washout: 8-11pm Sun Dawgs

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

The Bounty Bar: 9:30pm Jeff Caldwell Band
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Pier 101: 1-4pm The Bozswells
Pinky's: 1-4pm Bubba Bryant; 5-8pm Danny May
Planet Follywood: 8pm-until Laura G
Rita's 5-8pm George Fox
Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am pluff Mudd
The Washout: 8-11pm Live Music

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
Chico Feo: 4:30pm-until Strat Cat & Friends
Pier 101: 1-4pm Molly Durnin
Pinky's: 1-4pm Gator Food Duo
Rita's: 5-8pm David Sink

MONDAY, MARCH 30

The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
Chico Feo 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
The Crab Shack 6-9pm Jeff Houts
Planet Follywood 7pm Bingo

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
Drop In Deli 7pm-12am Honky Tonk
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Jack of Cups Sets up a New Trading Post

Beloved Folly restaurant opens third concept just down the road on James Island

by Lorne Chambers | Editor

Twelve years ago, Jack of Cups Saloon took over a tiny Center Street space, which had previously housed a cozy craft beer bar. What owners Lesley Carroll and Nick Della Penna did with that tiny space changed the Folly dining scene. Carroll's creativity in the kitchen and Della Penna's craftiness and woodworking skills turned the old Folly Brew Pub into a beloved dining spot for locals and a destination for people from off the island. With its vegetarian-forward approach, rotating seasonal menus, and globally inspired flavors, Jack of Cups offered a welcomed change of pace from the typical beach fare found in most island towns.

While Folly Beach remains the O.G. spot, Carroll and Della Penna have taken their show on the road ... well, just up Folly Road, that is.

For the last couple of years, the Trading Post has been a work-in-progress. Faced with just about every challenge you can encounter when opening a restaurant, the Trading Post took longer than planned and forced Carroll and Della Penna to alter their original vision a tad. But after a full renovation, which saw a boring Mediterranean take-out spot get the full Jack of Cups treatment, the Trading Post is officially open for business.

While you can expect the same creativity coming out of the kitchen, the concept is quite different from the original Jack of Cups Folly Beach location or even its pop-up residency at the Charleston Pour House, Jack of Cups BeBop. For James Islanders unfamiliar with Jack of Cups, they're just now finding out what Folly Beach residents have known for over a decade.

"The common thread between all three spots is creativity," says Carroll. "We try to push the 'normal' a little. We mash up different flavors and try to come up with something unique and delicious."

For now, The Trading Post is only open for breakfast and lunch, offering a full espresso bar, bagels, and biscuits made fresh every day. There are fresh-baked pastries and creative sandwiches, like the Frijoles Ranchera (black beans with pepper jack cheese and salsa ranchero),



the El Bohio Ruz (roasted turkey-pepperoni cream), and the Pork y Pickle (roasted pulled pork, pickled red onion, and crunchy quick pickles). All sandwiches are served on a ciabatta roll. You may also spot some Jack of Cups classics on the Trading Post menu, like its beloved Peanut Ginger Soup.

Carroll says a grand opening party will be held later this month, with lots of treats and a chance for folks to see what the Trading Post is all about. Stay tuned to social media for updates.

"Because this is our third place, expectations are so high, and it's a lot of pressure," says Carroll, who seems to thrive when the under pressure. "We're still kind of easing into the space. We had such different plans initially, but don't worry, we'll get there."

Carroll promises there are more changes coming to the restaurant and café. For one, Jack of Cups Trading Post will soon offer dinner and evening hours, with beer and wine options. Carroll likely has some other tricks up her sleeve. We'll just have to wait and see what comes next.

Jack of Cups Trading Post is open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every day except Tuesday. It's located at 915 Folly Rd. Unit M. For more information, follow @jackofcupstradingpost on Instagram.

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Her Own Personal Paradise

Gerrie Delaney makes the most of her life on Folly

I first met Gerrie Delaney at a retirement party at my neighbor's house, where the women received hats that read "The Real Housewives of Folly Beach." There were about 20 hats, and someone took a group photo of everyone wearing them. That night, I met several new people and immediately bonded with them since we shared common ground. Living as neighbors naturally made us friends.

Folly Current: Where were you born, and how long have you been tied to Folly?

Gerrie Delaney: I'm originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and have lived in Turn of River across the bridge for two years now. My daughter moved into the dorms at College of Charleston 20 years ago, and from that day forward, I always knew I would find my way here someday. Both of my kids live on James Island.

FC: What's your favorite thing about Folly Beach?

GD: Folly is eclectic and lively. I regularly pinch myself because I'm in awe that I live in paradise. Between waking up to dolphins

swimming in the river, beach walks all year round, and the many amazing events that we have here on the island. Life is good! I'm an avid gardener with a career background in recreational therapy and horticulture therapy. The climate and growing season here allow for a unique and diverse landscape. I am in heaven!!

FC: Share a story you are fond of about Folly Beach.

GD: It's difficult to pick one. Over the summer, I was able to attend a turtle hatching. We were able to guide two hatchlings into the ocean. It was a beautiful experience.

FC: In your opinion what is the most important issue facing our community today?

GD: Because of the recent political environment, our community has been fractured. We are all so much more alike than different, yet silly political issues divide us. I'd like to see more of a single team. Let's all be proud to be part of the 29439 family and do things together!

FC: If you were in charge, how would you fix it?

GD: Let's all be a force for cohesive living. Let's

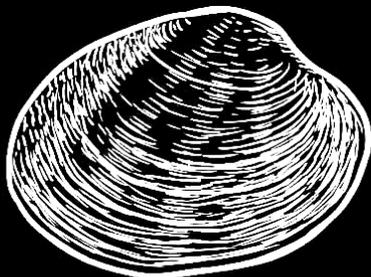


all be a light for coexistence at its best. We start by volunteering for groups and activities and getting to know our neighbors on a deep, personal level. The mahjong group has now grown to 30 members in just two short years. Many in the group never played before but had the courage to come and be a part of it. I can say we need more classes or groups like mahjong, but really, we just need more friends to show up. I teach the SilverSneakers class, a cardio class at the community center on Center Street, with people from ages 40 to 90.

We also have a yoga class. Last week I went on a bird walk. Twelve neighbors showed up to look for birds. There is so much to do for free here, and I highly recommend that all locals find something for themselves here on the island. If it's not offered ... share it and see who wants to do it too!

Pat "Wiggy" Hiban interviews a different "Face of Folly" for this column each month. If you have an idea of someone you think Pat should chat with, please send suggestions to editor@follycurrent.com.

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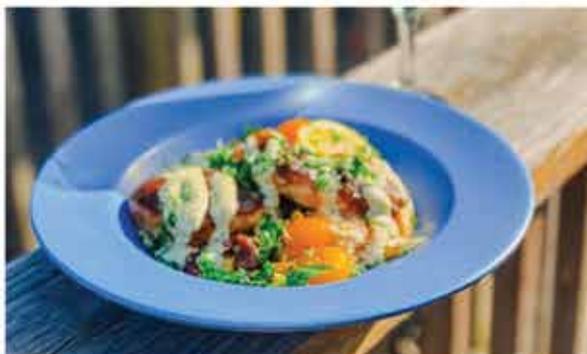


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Getting the Boat Ready for Spring

Annual maintenance is the key to staying on the water

I ran my first kayak tour around Crab Bank in the spring of 2010. I was instantly enamored with the birds scurrying along the shore, preparing for nesting season. In the years that followed, I celebrated with the baby pelicans as they made their way out of the nests and again, the first time they were brave enough to push their heads under water, mimicking their parents who patiently showed them the basics of plunge diving. I smiled at the young skimmers with their fluffy heads and long beaks. I cheered with the shorebirds running from the waves pushing up on the sand. Countless hours were spent floating around the island quietly observing, teaching tourists and locals alike, and explaining the importance of rookeries like Crab Bank - and conservation as a whole.

As the weather starts to warm up, I can't help but start planning outside adventures. We spend the winter dreaming of sandbar days, slow sunset boat rides, sunrise beach walks, and floating in the creeks—anything and everything outside. Then spring shows up with those two-ish perfect weeks of mid-70s weather and no pollen (yet), and suddenly it's time.

If your boat has been tucked away for the winter, now is the moment to dust it off. Boats are a lot like cars: when you use them regularly, they tend to behave. When they sit for long stretches, trouble tends to pop up at the worst possible time—usually when the weather is perfect, and the kids and cooler are already loaded into the car.

We like to start with the basics. A good rinse and scrub go a long way after months of sitting. Salt, grime, and leaves have a sneaky way of settling into every corner. While you're scrubbing, give the boat a once-over and look for anything that doesn't seem quite right.

Annual maintenance is key. Engine service schedules run on hours or time. Even if you didn't log many hours last year, most manufacturers recommend a full service once a year. That includes oil and filter changes, spark plugs, and an inspection of belts, pumps, and other components you don't think about until they fail.

Preventative maintenance may not be exciting, but it's far better than troubleshooting at the dock while the kids are crying. We've all been there.

If you didn't schedule fall service, get

ahead of the curve and call sooner rather than later. Once the weather turns warm, marine shops fill up quickly. You'll be ready to roll when that perfect calm Saturday arrives!

Don't forget safety gear. Check expiration dates on flares, test your horn, and make sure everyone has a properly fitting PFD. It's easy to overlook the emergency kit during the off-season, but spring is a good time to refresh it. (Pro tip: We keep two on board. A small kit with band aids and light first aid, and one full heavy duty kit we never touch so we know it's ready in the event of a serious emergency.)

Snacks. Easily my favorite part of boat prep. No boat trip is complete without them. We like to keep a stash on board for those long days out!

Spring in the Lowcountry doesn't last long before the heat and humidity remind us who's in charge. So if you've been thinking about getting back out there, consider this your



nudge. Give the boat a little attention now, and you'll be ready when the creeks start calling.

Found something and want to know more about it? Send a photo to saltmarshadventure@gmail.com for help identifying and a chance to be in the next Creature Feature!

Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate Folly's longest-running festival, the 34th Annual Sea & Sand Festival. Salty Saturday on Center Street was a great day where locals and visitors got to enjoy the magic of Folly. And Sunday's Sandsculpting Competition wrapped up the weekend with tons of family fun.

Our next scheduled event will be the **July 4th Festivities** ... and remember, we'll be celebrating America's Semiquincentennial (that means 250th anniversary), so it should be a big time!

At our February meeting, we enjoyed our usual networking and also hosted a representative of **Gulfstream Construction**, who provided an update on the upcoming schedule for the Center Street project and its impact on business access and traffic. It was incredibly informative and helpful.

Happy Spring, y'all!



If information such as this is important to your business, please join us at the next meeting or contact secretary4FAB@gmail.com with any questions. Get more info at JoinFAB.org OR join us for our monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 12, at Tides Hotel**. Cocktail mixer in the Pinky's Bar starting at 6, followed by the 6:30 meeting in the 2nd-floor ballroom.

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- We are asking for anyone on the island to bring a dessert for them. It's a great way to show your appreciation from the community! Please bring your special dessert at 11:30 am to 206 West Indian, The Hut on March 11th. We'll see you then!

We put up the American Flags at the boat ramp for President's Day on Monday, February 16. Hope you enjoyed the display.

Our Golf Tournament was February 24 at The Muni Golf Course. A great time was had by all! Many thanks to FAB, all the sponsors, the players and the Muni Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will go to an island resident battling cancer. Stay tuned for more!

NEXT MEETING: March 19 at 7pm. Guests are welcome.



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Folly Association of Business's Litter Buster of the Month

U.S. Coast Guard, Cutter James



Toby is pleased to announce that the Litter Buster for the month of March is the U.S. Coast Guard from the Cutter James, homeported in North Charleston. This is just one group of many volunteers who demonstrate their love for Folly by joining in with Toby on sweeps!

Toby, with the ongoing partnership of the South Carolina Aquarium, conducts sweeps at least once or twice a month to collect trash and debris, which are recorded in the Litter Journal. With this data, we can bring to the attention of local governments the need to help resolve litter issues. You all are part of the change, helping make our environment cleaner.

Since 2020, you Earth Warriors have collected over 184,500 pieces of debris off of Folly! That is amazing! If you, your company or group would like to schedule a sweep contact: Vanessa Oltmann (Toby) jvolt243@gmail.com.



FAB's Litter Committee is made up of Folly Beach business owners who volunteer their time to help devise solutions to litter-related problems both on the beach and within the business district. This committee collaborates with city entities and the Folly Green Team on actionable strategies to address these problems. They also help fund the signage that the Green Team places at beach walkovers to remind visitors to dispose of litter properly. As our mascot Toby the Turtle says, "Don't Trash Where We Splash!" If you would like to sponsor a walkover, please email Vanessa at jvolt243@gmail.com.

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- 3/22 102: Confidence • 9-11:30am*
- 4/12 Trailing • 1-3pm, Sol Legare Landing

EVENTS

- 2/22 Oyster Harvesting & Roast • 3-6pm*
 - 4/26 Island Brunch • 9-11am*
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Spring Into Action

Time to break out your rods and reels and get ready for a great fishing season

from Staff Reports

Chilly days are quickly fading away with temperatures rising well into the 60s and sometimes pushing into the 70s. Warmer water temperatures will wake the fish up and get them feeding. Trout should be ready to go in mid-March. It's time to break out your rods and reels and get ready for a great season!

Having spent the last few months lying low and avoiding dolphins, redfish are now focused on eating instead of simply surviving. Low tide will be the best time to target large schools of redfish that can number in the hundreds. These fish are still skittish, so a quiet and subtle approach is quite important. On many days, it pays to stay in one spot when you find a school and wait for them to come to you instead of scaring them away.

As these reds are nervous, I'll try to disturb them as little as possible by minimizing my casting. This is a great time to fish with bait on the bottom. I'll put a chunk of frozen mullet or blue crab

on a size 3/0 circle hook and just let it rest until the redfish swim over it. Make sure the barb of your hook is fully in the bait, and the point is cleanly exposed. Place your rod in the rod holder and get ready for it to whip over once the circle hook sets itself!

As trout begin to feed, popping corks cast along grass banks and over oyster beds will be a good bet with mud minnows attached. I usually pair an 18"-24" fluorocarbon leader with a size 1 circle hook. While there is no shortage of options, I use oval-shaped corks that are heavier and can cast further. When using a popping cork, do your best to keep slack out of your line, and when that cork drops under, just reel without lifting the rod tip. You'll find that the circle hook rarely misses as long as your line is tight.

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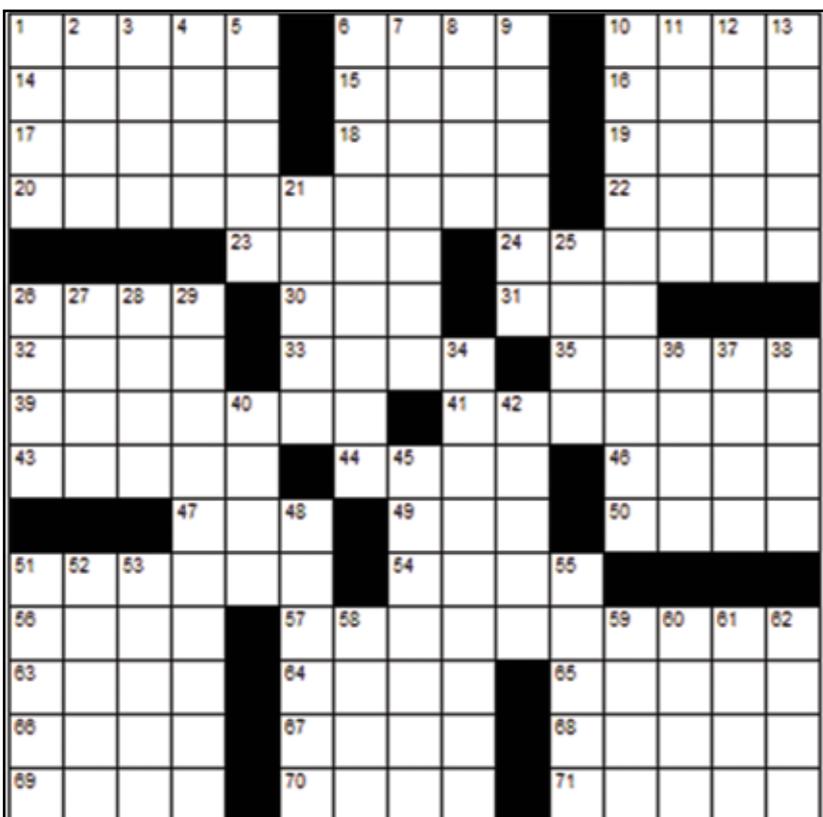


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TRIVIA

1. TRAVEL

1. ANIMALS

A pooch named Penny won Best in Show at the 150th annual Westminster Dog Show last month. What breed was she?

2. SPORTS

The Seattle Seahawks defeated the New England Patriots 29-13 in Super Bowl LX. Who was named the game's Most Valuable Player?

3. HOST WITH THE MOST

Who will host the Academy Awards for the second consecutive year later this month?

4. ACTORS & ACTRESSES

Robert Duvall passed away last month at the age of 95. He was nominated for seven Oscars but only won one for what 1983 movie?

5. MUSIC

What musician won the Grammy last month for Album of the Year, marking the first time a foreign language album won the award?

6. SPIRITS

What historic Kentucky distillery was just sold to a California wine company for \$775 million dollars?

7. REST IN PEACE

What South Carolina native, civil rights leader, and former presidential candidate died last month at the age of 84?

8. OLYMPICS

What country finished with the most medals at the 2026 Winter Games in Milan?

ACROSS

- 1. Copper and zinc alloy
- 6. Stair
- 10. Resorts
- 14. Hawaiian veranda
- 15. Blacken
- 16. Desire
- 17. Another time
- 18. Employ
- 19. Harness part
- 20. Deadly nightshade
- 22. Writing styluses
- 23. Component of steel
- 24. Alter
- 26. Office fill-in
- 30. Half of two
- 31. Not hers
- 32. Jewish month
- 33. Detective ____ Wolfe
- 35. Hemlock spruce genus
- 39. Disc brake part
- 41. Wanted
- 43. Alpha's opposite
- 44. Not barefoot
- 46. Geek
- 47. Image format
- 49. Large flightless bird

- 50. Pinup's legs
- 51. Betting parlor
- 54. Religious offshoot
- 56. "Oh dear!"
- 57. Having no master
- 63. Essence
- 64. A Great Lake
- 65. American symbol
- 66. Wicked
- 67. Close
- 68. Illicit sexual relationship
- 69. Declare untrue
- 70. Sunbathes
- 71. Flavor

DOWN

- 1. Spill the beans
- 2. Anger
- 3. Nitpicky to a fault
- 4. Travel on water by wind
- 5. Red Sea peninsula
- 6. Sailing ships
- 7. Not fatter
- 8. Deserve
- 9. Sermonize
- 10. Exceeding
- 11. Primp

- 12. Growing old
- 13. Feeling
- 21. Pilotless plane
- 25. Strikes
- 26. Mexican sandwich
- 27. Type of cheese
- 28. Not female
- 29. In a prissy manner
- 34. Mileage counters
- 36. Fertilizer component
- 37. Bacterium
- 38. Combines
- 40. Hurt
- 42. Elicit
- 45. Revolutionary mercenary
- 48. Arouse
- 51. Like many a superhero
- 52. Not dead
- 53. Lustrous fabric
- 55. Delicacy
- 58. Environs
- 59. Holy man
- 60. Freudian topics
- 61. Slattern
- 62. Arid



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Read and discuss "The Demon or Unrest: A saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War." By Erik Larson. Come by the library for a copy or borrow it on the Libby app. Tuesday, March 24, from 2:30-3:30pm.

City of Folly Beach
**All programs, apart from outdoor concerts, require RSVP to hodonnell@follybeach.gov due to space and/or supply limitations. www.cityoffollybeach.com for more info.

• **Healthy Eating with a Mediterranean Diet** Talk & Sampling by MUSC Dietician Libby. Thursday, March 5, at 6pm. Held at the Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St. RSVP required.

• **Ikebana Japanese Flower Arranging** Demo & Talk by Victor Crouch. Thursday, March 12, at 6pm. RSVP required.

• **Master Gardner Jan Bolger's Veggie & Herb Planter Gardening Workshop.** Thursday, March 26, 4 and 6pm. Bring your own container. Held at the Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St. Limited space, RSVP required.

• **Free Exercise Classes** at The Folly Beach Community Center. RSVP required.

• **Wednesdays: Movement & Mobility** 9-9:45am; Cardio Circuit 10-11am; Select Wednesdays (March 4 & 18) Restorative Yoga Meditation 1:30pm.

• **Thursdays: Sip & Soles Walking Group** 8:30-9:45am; Seated Yoga 1:30-2:30pm.

• Spring Concert Series returns to Folly River Park!

• April 9th, 6-8pm: **Broken Skyline (Bluegrass Tom Petty tribute band)**

• April 23rd, 6-8pm: **Me & Mr. Jones Duo** (eclectic covers spanning Motown and 80's & 90's rock favorites)

Folly Beach Community Yoga
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-11am. Bring

your own mat. Donation based class. Folly River Park. For more information, contact Jenifer Mahanes on Facebook: Folly Beach Community Yoga.

Civic Club
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Community Center, 55 Center St. For more information, go to www.follycivic-club.org.

Design Review Board
Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm. City Hall, 21 Center St. www.cityoffollybeach.com for more info.

Exchange Club
Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Contact EXC on Facebook or Billy Grooms at bgrooms@gmail.com for more info.
• **Public Works Awards Luncheon** Mar. 11 at The Hut.

Folly Association of Business (FAB)
FAB's next meeting will be Thursday, March 12th. at Tides Hotel. There will be a cocktail mixer in the Pinky's Bar at 6pm followed by the meeting upstairs at 6:30pm. For more information, email secretary-4FAB@gmail.com or visit JoinFAB.org.

Home & Garden Club
• Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month Sept. through May at 12pm. Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St. For more info, contact Pauline Ray, Garden Club President.

• **The FB Garden Club** is looking for jewelry to sell. If you have any jewelry sitting around, please contact Charlotte Culpeper at (843) 908-5858 or charculpeper@yahoo.com. The Folly Beach Garden Club maintains the garden between The Folly Beach Community Center and Lost Dog Cafe and uses the sale of donated jewelry to buy flowers, lights and to fix the pavers for the garden.

Mahjong at the Library
Open play sessions for all levels on Fridays from 10am-12pm. No signup needed. Folly Beach Library and Community Center, 55 Center St.

Planning Commission
Meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 7pm. City Hall, 21 Center St. www.cityoffollybeach.com for more info.

Save the Light
Meets the 1st Monday at 6pm every month. For more information, call: 633-0099, www.savethelight.org.

Senior Citizens Club
55 and over are invited. Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 11am. Contact Pauline Ray at 588-9580.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Family Movie Night
Held the 4th Sunday of the month at 5 pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Folly Art Village
Wednesdays from 5-9pm at The Washout, 41 Center St.

Folly Family Storytime
Mondays 10:30-11am. Read stories and sing songs. Ages 0-5. Folly Beach Library and Community Center, 55 Center St.

Yoga for Kids
Tuesday, March 10, 24 from 10:30-11:30am. Blends playful activities, storytelling, and yoga poses to nurture physical fitness, mindfulness, and creativity in a supportive environment. Held at the Folly Beach County Library, 55 Center St.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Beach Yoga
Check with Serenity Tree Yoga and Folly Beach Island Yoga for weekly schedule.

Folly Beach Recreation
Pickleball: 8-10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 2-4p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday at Pirates Cove, 510 E. Erie Ave.

Tennis: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Wednesday, Friday. Registration required. Pirates Cove, 510 E. Erie Ave.

Soccer: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday. Registration required. Folly River Park, 60 Center St.

Open Water Swimming Meet Up
9 a.m. every Sunday. Meet at the Pier next to the showers.

OUTDOOR

Folly Beach Run Club
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Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk
Friday, March 13 from 8:30-10:30am. This walk focuses on the incredibly diverse northeast end of Folly Island– the Heritage Preserve that protects maritime forest, beach, dune, and marsh habitats for wildlife. Fee: \$12, ages 12 and up. www.ccprc.com for tickets and more info.

Lowcountry Street Grocery
Find the bus "Nell" popping up on Center St. every Tuesday from 11am-2pm. Bring your own bags. For more info, contact the Folly Beach Civic Club.

Seashore Exploration
Fall is a great time to explore the beach. Join an experienced naturalist to familiarize yourself with many species that may be found there. Meets at the Folly Beach County Park Dune House. Fee: \$12, ages 9 & up. Thursday, March 12, 9-11am. www.ccprc.com for more info.

RELIGIOUS

Bible Study "Understanding Revelations" lead by Geoffrey Moll (runs through Dec.). All are welcome. Bring your Bible. Folly Beach Methodist Church, 118 W. Indian Ave.

Christian Meditation Group
Meets every Monday at 8:30am. Father Kelly Hall, 105 West Hudson Ave.

Faith Formation
Meets every Wednesday at 7 pm. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Folly Beach Methodist Church
Worship times: Adult Sunday school at 9am / Worship Service at 10am. All are welcome. Come as you are. Nursery and children's Sunday school is provided during worship service. 118 W. Indian Ave., 588-9174.

• **Egg Your Yard!** Egg drops Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4. To purchase: call 864-441-3453/ 864-762-1781.

• **Community Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 4 from 3-5pm at 118 W. Indian Ave. Free, no reservation required. Food, treats, & crafts and photos with the Easter bunny.

Girlfriends Bible Study
Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am & 6:30pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Mary's Rosary Guild
Meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays at 10am. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Men's Bible Study
Meets Mondays at 7pm Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
• **Men's Club Breakfast** – Sunday, March 22. Food service 9:30-11:30am. Adult tickets \$7, children 12 and under are \$3. Event held at Father Kelly Hall, 105 W. Hudson Ave.
• **Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry** – Friday, March 27 from 5-7:30pm. Fried fish, sides, drinks, and desserts. Adult tickets \$20, children 12 & under \$10. Event held at Father Kelly Hall, 105 W. Hudson Ave.

Recovery in Christ
Biblically based; seeks God concerning our habits, hurts, & hang-ups. Meets Thursdays at 6 pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St.

Revelations Bible Study
Every Thursday at 6:30pm. All are welcome. Bring your Bible. Folly Beach Methodist Church, 118 W. Indian Ave., 588-9174.

Soup Ministry
Every Monday at 12pm. Meets in the Fellowship Hall. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Women's Bible Study
Meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church. 77 Center St. 588-9414.

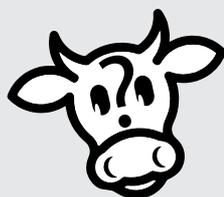
Women's Guild
Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Father Kelly Hall, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

** Please check with the individual clubs, groups, and events for updates, as some of these events may have changed.*

**If you have an idea for programming by the City of Folly Beach, please contact City of Folly Beach Community Coordinator Heather O'Donnell at hodonnell@follybeach.org.*

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1. Doberman pinscher
2. Kenneth Walker III
3. Conan O'Brien
4. Tender Mercies
5. Bad Bunny
6. Four Roses
7. Jesse Jackson
8. Norway

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