

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Public Services Department



MEETING DATE:	August 11, 2026
SUBJECT:	Public Services Department Monthly Report
DIRECTOR:	Larry Beckler, Director of Public Services

PUBLIC SERVICES UPDATE

1. **MS4 MCM – #6 Good Housekeeping (Ditch, Drainage and Roadside Maintenance)**
 - **Street Sweeping** - Performed weekly street sweeping on Calhoun Street, Highway 46, Bruin Road, May River Road, Pin Oak Street, Bridge Street, Church Street, Lawton Street, Lawrence Street, Allen Street, Water Street, Boundary Street, and curbs and medians on Simmonsville and Buck Island Roads.
 - **Ditch Inspections** - Performed ditch inspections
 - o Arrow ditch (2,569 LF)
 - o Red Cedar ditch (966 LF)
 - o Buck Island roadside ditch (15,926 LF)
 - o Simmonsville roadside ditch (13,792 LF)
 - **Ongoing Roadside Mowing, Litter Clean-up and Maintenance** of Hampton Parkway, Buck Island and Simmonsville Roads, Goethe Road, Shults Road, Jason and Able Streets, Whispering Pine Road, May River Road, Bluffton Road, Boundary, Calhoun, Bridge Street, Pritchard Street, Buckwalter Boulevard, Bruin Road, Green Street, James Gadson Drive, Thomas Heyward, Church St, Water St, Lawton St. and Colcock St.
2. **FACILITIES**
 - **Ongoing Maintenance** of Town Hall, Law Enforcement Center, Public Services, Rotary Community Center, Watershed Management, Police Sub-station, Don Ryan Center, The Cove and general repairs of the Garvin House and Sarah Riley.
3. **PARKS**
 - **Ongoing Park Facilities and Landscape Maintenance** of Dubois Park, Martin Family Park, Oscar Frasier, Field of Dreams, Buckwalter Place Park, Oyster Factory Park, Pritchard Pocket Park, May River Pocket Park, Wright Family Park, Eagles Fields, New Riverside Barn, New River Trail, Evercore Park.
4. **ROAD MAINTENANCE**
 - Cut tree overgrowth back along Hampton Parkway

5. **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Kitchen Door entrance at NRB was covered in mold and dirt. Scrubbed and washed
- Water Barricades and signs removed from Martin Family
- LEC shower drain investigated and addressed.
- Barricades placed at intersections per Police Department
- Roof of pavilion and bathroom at Oyster Factory were cleaned
- Bollards on Lawrence repaired and repainted
- Gate at NRB was addressed, Palmetto Security will be ordering a new part. Said part was damaged as a result of a food truck striking the gate.
- Until the part comes in the Left Gate as you head towards the playground can only be worked manually. No one should attempt to manually close that gate unless they are shown the necessary steps.
- Unknown persons ignited fireworks in the Men's Oscar Frazier bathroom. Burn marks on the floor, were addressed but could not be removed. Damage is minor but it will need to be spot painted if possible. Police report filed
- Signs at the oyster factory were damaged, put back on the pole as best as possible.
- Welded, repaired and installed damaged street sign Guerrard & May River Rd
- Final clean up from weekend events in Old Town
- Repaired AC at LEC Shed
- Yellow legged Hornets Nest discovered at The Cove. Contacted Clemson Extension & had it removed
- Resident crashed into gates at Barn Park and Damaged gates and brick piers. Police report filed. Working on estimates for repairs
- New 5ton HVAC unit installed at LEC for Gym area
- GC for The Cove working on resolving issues with front door
- Repairs made to HVAC at Calhoun Station
- Repaired Door & Lock at LEC
- Splash pad at mister (NRB) was power washed (will be needed monthly to maintain)
- Fences repaired at Oyster, over several days of different incidents
- Women's Stall lock, repaired at Oscar Frazier
- Additional Bait traps placed outdoors at Watershed
- Lights replaced at Water shed
- 4 new "Flags of Honor" hung at/around Veterans Park, along with brackets
- Minor items removed from Welcome center for garbage
- Damaged Water Main at May River Rd. was addressed, to include making a pedestrian walkway until all repairs can be completed.
- Sink Faucet and Controllor were replaced at Wright Family Men's Room
- Air Conditioning Units were powered back on at Wright Family. Unknown why they were off. Will Monitor
- Air Conditioning Unit for IT closet in Chambers was serviced

- 6 New Benches were assembled and placed at pavilion at Oscar Frazier Park. After the pad was power washed. The older benches were then placed at various locations in the wooded area of the park
- Outlets Inventoried at Old Town Parks
- Toilet paper dispensers inventoried
- Fence repaired at Oyster Factory
- Buildings sprayed for Bugs “Joe”
- BJWSA notified us of water leak at Buckwalter Place Blvd adjacent to Park. Determined leak was on our side. Will be addressed
- Ventilation noises addressed at Welcome Center
- Water Fountain at NRB was treated on riser room side for any locations insects could enter building
- Greenheck needed to be reset twice this week
- Placed additional traps at exterior of Stormwater
- Followed up with duct cleaning service on location of potential separation in duct work
- McCarthy assessed door issues at the Cove. They need two techs, so an appointment was scheduled for following week
- Doorbell Chime replaced at back door

6. PREPPING FOR SPECIAL AND CIVIC EVENTS

- Set-up & support for following events:
 - Farmers Market- Martin Family Park
 - Independence Day 5K, Concert & Drone Show (New Riverside Barn Park 7PM)
 - Park Party & Fireworks Show (Martin Family Park, Oyster Factory Park & Wright Family Park 5-10PM)
 - Celebration of life event at Oyster Factory Park
 - May River Shrimp Festival July 24 & 25(Oyster Factory Park East & West)
 - Intern Luncheon
 - May River Shrimp Festival July 24 & 25(Oyster Factory Park East & West)
 - A Midsummer Night’s Dream- Glow in the Dark Ballet (Buckwalter Place Park- Amphitheater July 25 8:30PM-10:00PM)

7. EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE REPAIR

- Replaced all hydraulic lines on the Nifty Lift
- Replaced main belt on Kubota Mower
- Cleaned fuel tank and flushed motor on Kubota UTV. (Wrong fuel pumped into vehicle)
- Fabricating bracket for wreaths for Barn Park for Holiday decorations
- Diagnosed issues with one mower and one UTV. Parts ordered for repairs
- All mowers rotated into shop for lubrication
- Fixed Flashing lights on Street sweeper
- Kubota Mower Deck Repaired
- All Chainsaws were serviced

- Repairs to several UTV's
- Blades replaced on all Kubota's and Ex Marks
- Shop Air compressor serviced
- Shop Main Gate roller serviced
- Backhoe was greased at all points. To include the cleaning of several grease fittings.
- Fixed Flashing lights on Street sweeper
- Backhoe Repairs
- Rack Fabrication and Mounts for Vehicles
- Golf Cart from Welcome Center was transported to shop for Battery Maintenance

8. TRAINING

- Staff completed weekly training topics

9. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

- Agenda & Minutes Attached

10. ATTACHMENTS

- Public Services Monthly Cost Report – (Below)

Public Services Monthly Cost Reports – July 2026 *(Cost Includes Labor & Equipment)*

ASSETS AND EVENTS	COST
FACILITIES	\$5,511.00
PARKS	\$18,350.00
ROADS AND TRAILS	\$9,912.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$2,430.00

Beautification Committee Meeting

Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, Okatie River Conference Room, 20 Bridge Street,
Bluffton, SC

June 18, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jeger called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Dan Ciuffreda

Vice Chair Dot Jeger

Hugh Williamson

ABSENT

Chairman Johnny Bowen

Jessica Palladino

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Jeger made a motion to adopt the minutes as written.

Seconded by Ciuffreda.

Voting Yea: Ciuffreda, Vice Chair Jeger, Williamson

All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Storm Drain Art Project - The storm drain art will start being installed on June 18, 2026. There will be one by the Montessori school, another at the corner of Calhoun St. and Lawrence St., and another at Calhoun St. and Church St. The additional murals will be installed once the Old Town streetscapes are completed.

2. Rotary Center Pet Waste Stations - The Rotary Center has received a total of \$4,000 with \$3,000 of that being in grants. All items for the waste stations need to be ordered by the end of the month.

3. Oscar Frazier Pavilion Mural - The Committee has submitted a letter to the Public Arts Committee. That letter is anticipated to be presented to them at the July 28, 2026 Public Arts meeting.

4. Palmetto Breeze Bus Stops - There aren't any true bus stops where charging stations could be added. The Committee discussed adding charging stations to the Town's pavilions instead. The focus will change to the pavilions.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Jessica Palladino Re-instated - Staff announced that Jessica Palladino was reappointed to another three-year term. The Committee discussed term limits and the amount of people who can serve on the committee.

2. Public Garden Project - The Committee discussed having a plant sale either at Town Hall or partner with a nursery. Logistics, pricing and timing were reviewed.

3. FY2027 Budget Review - Staff informed the committee that the budget was passed and approved. There was discussion about the roll up window at the Wright Family Park bathroom area. A possible mural in its location was proposed. Vice Chair Jeger proposed closing the roll up window and adding a mural depicting Bluffton's history.

Ciuffreda seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

VII. DISCUSSION

Jeger brought up a concern of the hanging pots during hurricane season. Staff discussed that removing them was a part of their hurricane preparedness. There was a question about the directional signage in Town and who maintains or operates it.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Jeger motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Ciuffreda seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30am.



Beautification Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 9:00 AM

**Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, Okatie River Conference Room, 20 Bridge Street,
Bluffton, SC**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. STORM DRAIN ART PROJECT UPDATE
2. OSCAR FRAZIER PAVILION MURAL UPDATE
3. CHARGING STATIONS AT PARK PAVILLIONS
4. BUTTERFLY PLANT SALE IN OLD TOWN

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. FY 2027 BUDGET REVIEW
2. WRIGHT FAMILY PARK WINDOW REPLACEMENT

VII. DISCUSSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

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