

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Public Services Department



MEETING DATE:	July 14, 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**

- Robinson Street graded and stone added and spread
- Lawrence Street graded and stone added and spread
- Green Street graded and stone added and spread
- Cut tree overgrowth back along Hampton Parkway

5. **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Watershed signs were installed at Oscar Frazier Park and New River Side Barn, per Andrea's Locations.
- Barricades and Signs placed at Martin for Landscaping upgrades

- TV Mounted at Watershed
- Old Desk removed and New Desk assembled and Set Up at Watershed
- Golf Parking Signs Assembled and Installed at Martin Family Park along Boundary Street. This after more vehicles used the grass to park on.
- 8 Garbage Cans assembled, Mounts in ground installed and Garbage Cans installed at sites. 4 – New River Side Barn and 4 – at Oyster Factory Park
- 2 – New dog stations installed at Oyster Factory Park
- Additional Bollard installed at Oyster Factory Park where Gold Carts were Squeezing thru a “Closed Off” area
- Fence repairs at Oyster
- Juneteenth Banners Installed on May River Road
- Large Juneteenth Banner Installed at 4 – Way stop
- Playground equipment repaired at Buckwalter Park
- Playground equipment (Shrimp Boat) repaired at Dubois
- New safety pads were installed at all parks where there are swings or equipment that rotates
- Main entrance door handle adjusted, mount installed for hanging vacuum at Welcome Center
- Addressed Electrical issue at the Live Oak tree in front of Welcome Center
- Doors to Council Chambers (Rear of Chambers) were adjusted to close without assistance.
- Smoke detectors replaced at Garvin Garvey House
- Martin Family Park was aerated, top dressed and seeded. – It will be closed for four weeks
- New Bench Pad Completed at Oyster Factory by Garvin Garvey
- Temp repair to Misting Station at Red Barn, have follow up call with manufacturer for final resolution
- Began prepping step area at Oyster
- New Lighting installed at Buckwalter traffic circle. Palms were addressed.
- Additional flag mounts installed along Bluffton Rd.
- Old flag mounts on Calhoun St. (Square) removed and new mounts installed.
- Patriotic Banners installed along Calhoun St.
- Water feature at Splash Pad repaired
- Hooks installed at Watershed
- Sidewalk Pads were power washed in prep for Vinyl “Art” stickers
- Bollards at May & Goethe and May & Wharf installed
- All town structures were sprayed for Wasp’s
- Flags and Ropes replaced at LEC
- New Thermostats installed at RCC
- All Flags - U.S., State and Town replaced at remaining poles
- Playground equipment at NRB replaced/Repaired
- Bench transferred to new pad and a new bench placed in its spot
- Repair Electrical issues @ NRB
- Assemble Tables and swap locations at DRCI
- Installed window blinds @ DRCI
- Fences at Oyster Factory Park Repaired
- Addressed Misting Pad issues with the manufacturer
- New Gun Lockers installed at the PD

- Barnacles scraped at Calhoun Dock
- Bumpers repaired at Oyster factory Dock
- Wall of Honor @ Town Hall was re-organized along with display case
- New Latch and Lock placed on gate at LEC adjacent to Conex Lot
- Light replaced at DRCI
- Lights replaced at LEC
- Crossbar for Fence Jump at the LEC obstacle course repaired
- Barricades transported to predesignated locations for Juneteenth event on May River
- Warning Labels and Safety stickers installed on all playground equipment at NRB Playground
- Juneteenth banners removed from May River and Patriotic Banners installed
- Intersection Banner for Juneteenth removed, and 4th of July Banner installed
- Drainage at Oyster Factory Bathrooms addressed and Corrected
- Podium for DRCI was assembled
- “Do Not Block” sign assembled and placed per Constances request at location she selected
- Boat Launch Ramps at Oyster were cleared of debris
- Electrical issues at NRB addressed, breaker 20 outlets near podium were damaged during construction, Osborne and Jamie notified. Awaiting resolution.
- Assisted Welcome center with mounting items
- NRB bathroom pad was power washed to clear mold and mildew
- Kitchen door entrance to NRB was soaked in cleaner, scrubbed then rinsed off. Heavy Mold issues
- Additional wear pads placed at Buckwalter playground
- Outlets at NRB and Veterans were checked for upcoming events
- Dock pilings at Oyster Factory were scraped to remove oyster shells and barnacles
- Barricades from Juneteenth event were removed and returned to service yard
- Storm Grates cleaned at Oyster Factory
- Benches relocated from DRCI to Cove
- Back filled excavation work at the Substation
- Town Signs and Street Signs at Martin, Dubois and Wright were cleaned
- Park entry gates to playground portion of NRB, needed to be reset 3x last week. I have reached out to Brian Osborne (Who handles repairs) and Pete Ocasio (what is the schedule). Fix in the works

6. PREPPING FOR SPECIAL AND CIVIC EVENTS

- Set-up & support for following events:
 - Farmers Market- Martin Family Park
 - Prepped for Summers Out Let’s Celebrate (Wright Family Park 10-5)
 - Prepped for Town of Bluffton Jump into Summer Waterslide Event (Field of Dreams 9-12)
 - Set up for SoLoCo
 - Prepped for Town of Bluffton Movie Night (New Riverside Event Lawn 5-8)
 - Prepped for Black Food Truck Friday (New Riverside Barn Event Lawn 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm)
 - Prepped for Juneteenth Celebration, Ma Daisy’s Porch (1255 May River Road) 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm)
 - Prepped for Board of Elections Dropping Polling Equipment

7. Equipment Maintenance & Repair

- Assembled Trash cans for Barn park & Oyster factory Park

- Assembled two new park benches
- Red Tractor repaired due to rodent damage to wiring
- Exhaust on UTV repaired
- Trailer wiring repair
- Trailer Shelf and tire mount welded/installed
- Mower repairs
- Blue Tractor – Replace/repair throttle cable

8. Training

- Staff completed weekly training topics
- Staff completed Snake Identification Class
- Public Services Team Building event at Station 300
- Training on adjusting slack line at NR

9. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

- **Agenda & Minutes Attached**

10. ATTACHMENTS

- **Public Services Monthly Cost Report – (Below)**

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

ASSETS AND EVENTS	COST
FACILITIES	\$8,030.00
PARKS	\$19,266.00
ROADS AND TRAILS	\$17,008.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$2000.00

Beautification Committee Meeting

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

May 21, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Johnny Bowen called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Johnny Bowen

Vice Chair Dot Jeger

Dan Ciufreda

Jessica Palladino

Hugh Williamsonh

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chairman Johnny Bowen made a motion to approve the April 16, 2026 minutes as written.

Motion was seconded by Dan Ciufreda.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Jeger, Jessica Palladino and Hugh Williamson.

All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Storm Drain Art Project Update

Town council approved the project. Pavement stickers were ordered and should arrive by the end of May.

2. Linear Trail Renovation Update

Construction delayed. Estimated completion of project is now early fall 2026.

3. White Goods Pickup Update

This event was not as successful as the Public Services Department had hoped. Less than a dozen residents called to schedule pickup of their white goods.

4. Arbor Day Tree Planting Update

Planted 2 8inch caliper oak trees at Town Hall in celebration of Arbor Day on Friday, April 24th.

5. Rotary Center Pet Waste Donation Update

Rotary has approved of project and plans to order pet waste stations. Public Services to match donation.

6. Solar Powered Charging Stations

Committee discussed the possibility of a collaboration with Palmetto Breeze Bus Company to create shaded bus stops with charging stations.

7. Replacement of Oscar Frazier Pavilion Mural

Vice Chair Jeger's letter to be put on Town Letterhead and forwarded to Chris Forster for presentation to Arts Committee.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. FY 2026 Budget Expenditure Review

VII. DISCUSSION

1. Committee discussed the possibility of using FY 2027 funds to create a public Town Garden.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bowen adjourned the meeting at 9:39 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026



Beautification Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 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. ROTARY CENTER PET WASTE STATIONS DONATION UPDATE
3. OSCAR FRAZIER PAVILION MURAL UPDATE
4. PALMETTO BREEZE BUS STOP COLLABORATION UPDATE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. JESSICA PALLADINO RE-INSTATED FOR SECOND TERM
2. PUBLIC GARDEN PROJECT
3. FY 2027 BUDGET REVIEW

VII. DISCUSSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

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