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**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Stephen Steese, Town Manager  
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#### **Town Operations / Community Meetings**

- Clean up and recovery from Hurricane Helene continued through the first part of October as we provided debris drop off locations through the community.
- Preparations were made and notifications were sent out related to Hurricane Milton shortly after Hurricane Helene. Hurricane Milton made landfall in Florida as a powerful and large storm. We were on the edge of the storm and ended up receiving very minimal impact.
- We continue to monitor and stay prepared as we move towards the end of Hurricane Season. There are several spots we are watching as October ends and will be prepared should any storms form and look to impact our region.
- The Town held a public meeting to seek input on the Pritchard Street Drainage and Streetscape Project. We had several community members come and provide input.

#### **Town Council/Town Attorney Related Meetings**

- Weekly Mayor / Mayor Pro Tempore / Manager meetings.
- Town Councilmembers and staff attended SOLOCO in Hardeeville. SOLOCO heard a report from the Beaufort County Recycling Program and an update from the Growth Sub-Committee.
- Mayor Toomer, Councilwoman Frazier, partners, and staff turned out for the groundbreaking of the Buckwalter Economic Development project. We had a great turnout, great weather, and celebrated an exciting project for the town.
- Thank you for attending and providing your input during the Strategic Planning Session on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We did not make it through all items on the agenda and will bring the remaining items as workshop items at upcoming Council Meetings.
- Mayor Toomer, Councilwoman Burden, and staff attended the State of the Region on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Council and staff attended several ribbon cuttings for new businesses within the Town.

#### **Updates and Miscellaneous Information**

- Staff from Bluffton, Beaufort County, and LCOG had an additional follow-up meeting with the engineer performing the Bluffton Parkway Study.
  - The Town's concert series started August 30<sup>th</sup> at the Buckwalter Amphitheatre Park. We had to cancel the concert scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> due to Hurricane Helene. The last one will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Buckwalter Park.
  - The Town held our annual Spooktacular event on October 25<sup>th</sup> at Oscar Frazier Park. It was well attended and continues to grow in attendance each year.
  - We have soft-opened the Splash Pad at Oscar Frazier Park. We will have the official ribbon-cutting on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am as we Elect Fun on Election Day.
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