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CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION AGENDA
October 8, 2024

STATEMENT OF MEDIA NOTIFICATION

"In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, all local media was duly notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting."

WORKSESSION - City Hall, Planning Conference Room, 1st Floor - 5:00 PM

Please note, this meeting will be broadcasted via zoom and live streamed on Facebook. You can view the meeting at the City's page; City Beaufort SC

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Philip Cromer, Mayor

II. EMPLOYEE NEW HIRE RECOGNITION

- A. Capital Improvement Program Director - Raul Dominguez
- B. Community Development Department - Michael Rousseau
- C. Police Department - Steven Bell, Denzel Jackson, John Nogiewich, Ryan Panzino

III. PRESENTATION

- A. Floodplain Program for Public Information - Summary and Evaluation
- B. Safe Living Beaufort Initiative
- C. City Owned Properties- Return on Investment Discussion

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Planning Commission Update
- B. Tropical Storm HELENE Response and Impacts

V. ADJOURN



CITY OF BEAUFORT
DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 10/1/2024
FROM: Bruce Skipper, Community Development Department
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Floodplain Program for Public Information - Summary and Evaluation
MEETING DATE: 10/8/2024
DEPARTMENT: Community and Economic Development

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Mr. Skipper will be updating Council on the Floodplain Program regarding Public Information. Please see the information attached.

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: Discussion

REMARKS:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Memorandum	Backup Material	10/1/2024

Program for Public Information – Summary and Evaluation (2018 - 2024)

Background

The Program for Public Information (PPI) is an ongoing effort to prepare, implement, and monitor a range of public information activities. The PPI Credit is one of the many programs encompassed within the Community Rating System as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The program, when enrolled and enacted, provides reductions to flood insurance premiums. As with the implementation of any program, evaluation is vital to gauge the effectiveness and highlight areas for improvement. Since the adoption of the program in 2018 there have been significant changes within the City of Beaufort as well as within the program. The following are the current staff's findings.

Updates

Classification

Through continued efforts the City of Beaufort moved from Class 7 to Class 6 in 2022. This designation rewards policy holders with a 20 percent reduction in their flood insurance premiums. Non-SFHA policies (Shaded X) receive a 10 percent discount.

Members

There is a minimum requirement for the PPI committee to meet once per year. It has been determined that the City of Beaufort will consider implementing bi-annual committee meetings in an effort to better serve citizens. Since the implementation of the program the members of the committee have changed. The current members were selected adhering to the required CRS criteria. The members at the time of evaluation include;

1. Bruce Skipper, City of Beaufort Building Official
2. Annie Peifer, City of Beaufort Community Development Department
3. Martie Kay McTeer of Beaufort Community Development Department
4. Kathleen Williams, City of Beaufort Public Information
5. Libby Anderson, C.F.M. Community Member
6. Zarah Goodyear, Kinghorn Insurance
7. Stacy Applegate, Keller Williams Real Estate

PPI Committee Meeting

The PPI committee held it's annual meeting on May 17, 2024. The committee reviewed the current outreach projects as well as the current progress of active projects.

Meeting Discussions/Topics:

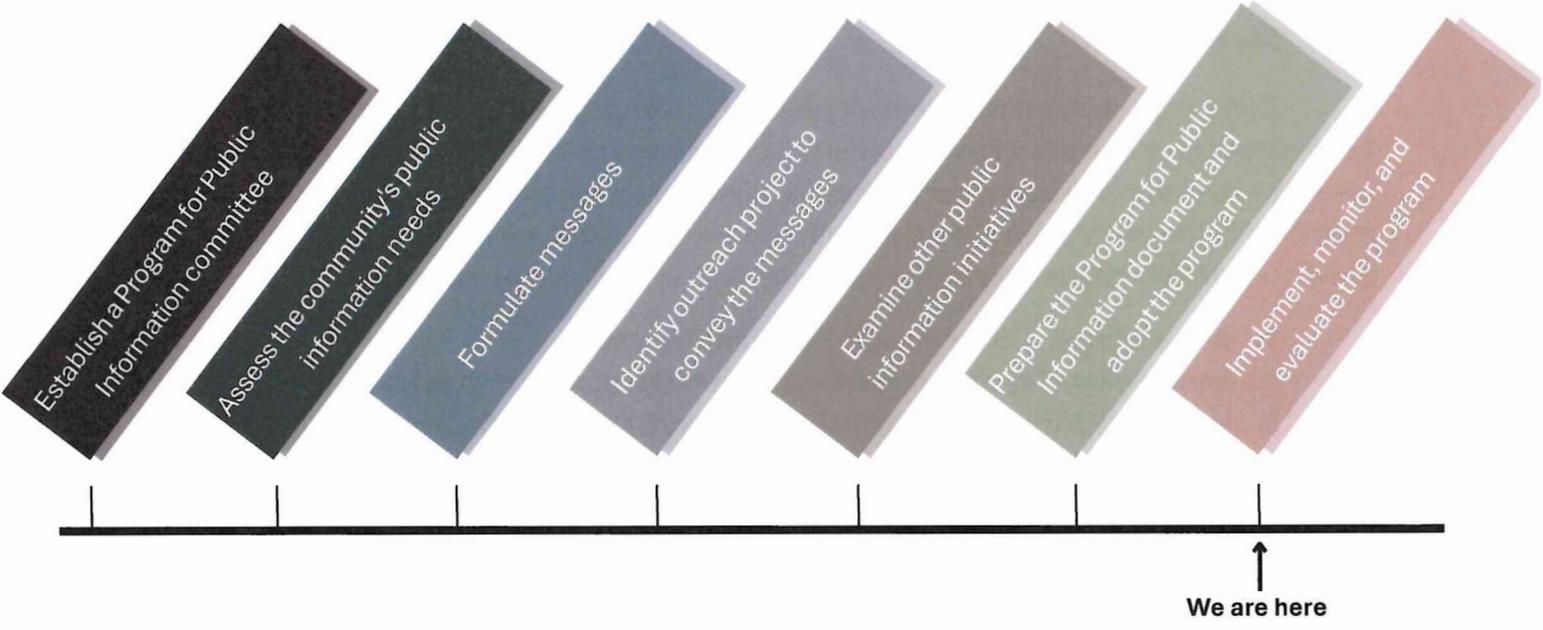
Program for Public Information (PPI)

Objective: To Provide the public with information needed to increase flood hazard awareness and to motivate actions to reduce flood damage, encourage flood insurance coverage, and to protect the natural functions of floodplains through an ongoing effort to design and transmit the messages that the community determines are most important.

How are the objectives achieved?

1. Assist in determining priority areas/topics
2. Assess flood insurance coverage
3. Determine priority audiences
4. Inventory other public information efforts

There are seven steps to preparing a credible Program for Public Information



PPI Committee Annual Meeting

Typical Agenda

- Review notes from last year's meeting prior to meeting
- Discuss items that have been accomplished
- Discuss items that have not, why and how or if we should continue to implement them
- Review updated information
- Review evaluation for council work session
- Plan/Discuss for upcoming certification year (August 2024)

Outreach Project Calendar

Target Area / Audience(s)	Project(s)	Schedule	Stakeholder	Date/ Scheduled	Notes	Completed
Target Area #1: Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)	OP #1 Updated Flood Protection Brochure will be mailed to all property owners in SFHA annually	July	SFHA Residents	May 30 th	Sent to Budget Print/ Print Labels – Mailed to Flood Zone Properties May 2024	✓
	OP #2 Updated Flood Protection Brochure placed at 3 different locations: City Hall, 500 Carteret St, and the public library	Year-Round	N/A		May 2024	✓
	OP #3 Provide NFIP brochures on benefits of flood insurance at 3 different locations: City Hall, 500 Carteret St, and the public library	Year-Round	FEMA (NFIP)/Real Estate Agents, Lenders, Insurance Agents	Verify May 13th	See Photos on server May 2024	✓
	OP #4 Provide information on flood insurance (Benefits of Flood Insurance) to commercial building owners through the Chamber of Commerce	Annually	Chamber of Commerce	Drop off May 13th		✓
	OP #5 Post information on the 6 Priority and 4 additional topics on the City's social media accounts such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest and Instagram and link to information from Beaufort County, SCDNR, and FEMA	Monthly	Beaufort County, SCDNR, and FEMA	Monthly Newsletter	Topics for the year have been established and are sent to the Public Relations Office (Restart once completed)	✓
	OP #6 Hold an annual hurricane fair with local home improvement stores to provide information from the Flood Protection Brochure and additional education on hurricane preparedness and property protection	Annually	N/A		No Fairs – Had a booth at the COB Touch-A-Truck Event – See Photo on server May 2024	✓
	OP #7 Informational brochures educating homeowners on the need to elevate HVAC units for flood protection available at 3 different locations: City Hall, the 500 Carteret St, and the public library	Year-Round	HVAC Contractors, Home Builders Association	Verify May 13/ Send email May 31st	Updated Flyer (in progress)	✓
	OP #8 Maintain Copies of Substantial Damage rules and regulations (flyer) at 3 different locations: City Hall, 500 Carteret St, and the public library.	Year-Round	N/A	Verify May 13/ send May 30th	Updated Flyer (in progress)	✓

Target Area/Audience #2: Stormwater / Tidal Flooding / Sea Level Rise Locations and Realtors, Lenders, Insurance	OP #9 Mail the 10-topic Flood Protection Brochure to realtors, lenders and insurance agents with the annual mailing for Activity 320.	Year-Round	Realtors/Lender s/Insurance	May 30 th	Sent to Budget Print/ Print Labels – Mailed June 2024	✓
	OP #10 Information to advise landscapers and homeowners not to blow grass clippings or leaves into storm drains posted on the City's website along with brochures to hand out	Year-Round	Landscapers/ Yard Maintenance	Hand out to new businesses or at renewal	Updated Flyer	✓
	OP #11 Continue to place no dumping signs on top of drainage inlets	Year-Round	N/A	Year-Round	Currently working on inventory (in progress)	✓
Target Area #3: Repetitive Loss Properties/ Areas	OP #12 Updated Flood Protection Brochure will be mailed annually to all property owners in Repetitive Loss Areas	July	N/A		Mailed to 16 Repetitive Loss Properties (Per FEMA) June 2024	✓
	OP #3 Provide NFIP brochures on benefits of flood insurance at 3 different locations : City Hall, 500 Carteret St, and the public library	Year-Round	FEMA (NFIP)	Verify May 13 th		✓
Homeowners Associations	OP #5 Post information on the 6 Priority and 4 additional topics on the City's social media accounts such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest and Instagram and link to information from Beaufort County, SCDNR, and FEMA	Bi-Annually	Homeowner's Associations		Developed Newsletter/pamphlet with topics – Gave PR info thru 5/2025 (Restart once completed)	✓
Schools	OP #13 Conduct flood education and preparedness programs at a middle or high school each year to teach students about flood causes and safety. Use the Flood Protection Brochure as guide OP# 1	Annually	Port Royal Sound Foundation, Camden Science Facility		Visited Elementary School – May 2024	✓
	OP #14 Speak at a Technical College of Lowcountry Class. Use the Flood Protection Brochure as a guide OP#1	Annually	Technical College of Lowcountry	October 2024		✓

Spanish Speaking Population	OP #15 Spanish version of NFIP brochures on benefits of flood insurance and that insurance can be purchased in an X Zone will be made available at 3 different locations : City Hall, 500 Carteret St, and the public library	Year-Round	FEMA (NFIP)			✓
	OP # 16 Updated Flood Protection Brochure in OP # 1 will be translated into Spanish and provided to restaurants in the City with Spanish speaking employees	Annually	Spanish speaking Population		(in progress)	
Landscapers	OP #10 also applies to this Target Audience.	Year-Round	Landscapers	Sent email to registered landscapers 4/19		✓

See attached samples of flood information provided to the City of Beaufort residents.



CITY OF BEAUFORT

For Building Contractors and Homeowners

In accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program, the City of Beaufort Ordinance O-29-04 requires that all construction located fully or partially within the floodplain must comply with provisions for flood hazard reduction. To ensure compliance with these requirements, in addition to a building permit, all properties in the floodplain require a floodplain permit.

Before you begin any construction, please contact the City of Beaufort Building Codes Office for the appropriate permit applications.

Know the Substantial Damage Rules!

Substantial Damage

Any damage sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its pre-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50% of the structure's pre-damage market value.

Substantial Improvement

Any combination of repairs, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, alteration, or other improvements to a structure taking place over a five-year period in which the cumulative cost equals or exceeds 50% of the structure's market value before the start of construction of the improvements.

All substantial improvements must comply with the current provisions for flood hazard reduction detailed in City of Beaufort Ordinance O-29-04.

If your home has been in a flood, contact the Building Codes Office at 843-525-7049 before beginning repairs. A Substantial Damage Estimate (SDE) must be completed using FEMA's SDE software before any repairs can begin.

Keep Areas Open Between Homes & Property Lines

To allow for proper drainage and avoid flood damages, do not obstruct or alter drainage areas located between homes and property lines. Do not regrade or place fill in these areas, as doing so may redirect floodwaters away from the stormwater system and toward structures where they can cause damages.



For additional information, contact the City of Beaufort Building Codes Office:

1911 Boundary Street ♦ Beaufort, SC 29902 ♦ 843-525-7049 ♦ www.cityofbeaufort.org



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CURT FREESE
Director of
Community Development Dept.

July 29, 2024

Dear Resident:

You received this letter because your property is in an area within Beaufort that has been flooded several times. Even though the area is not located in a floodplain, 25% of all flood losses nationwide are located outside any designated flood zone; therefore, we are concerned about repetitive flooding and have an active program to help you protect yourself and your property from future flooding. Here are some things you can do:

1. Check with the Building and Planning Department on the extent of past flooding in your area. Staff can tell you about the causes of repetitive flooding, what the City is doing about it, and what would be an appropriate flood protection level. The staff can visit your property to discuss flood protection alternatives.
2. Prepare for flooding by doing the following:
 - Know how to shut off the electricity and gas to your house when a flood comes.
 - Make a list of emergency numbers and identify a safe place to go.
 - Prepare a household inventory, especially of basement contents.
 - Put insurance policies, valuable papers, medicine, etc., in a safe place.
 - Collect and put cleaning supplies, camera, waterproof boots, etc., in a handy place.
 - Develop a disaster response plan. See the Red Cross' website at www.redcross.org for information about preparing your home and family for a disaster.
3. Consider some permanent flood protection measures:
 - Mark your fuse or breaker box to show circuits to the floodable areas. Turning off the power to the basement before a flood can reduce property damage and save lives.
 - Consider elevating your house above flood levels.
 - Check your building for water entry points, such as basement or low level windows, doors, dryer vents, etc. These can be protected with low walls or temporary shields.
 - More information can be found at FEMA's website, www.ready.gov/floods.
 - Some flood protection measures may require a building permit and others may not be appropriate for your type of building, so check with the Building and Planning Department.
4. Talk to the Building and Planning Department for information on financial assistance.
 - For certain flood protection projects, FEMA grants can pay for up to 75% of project costs.
 - Get a flood insurance policy. It will help pay for repairs after a flood, and in some cases, it can help pay for the cost of elevating substantially damaged buildings.

5. Get a flood insurance policy.

- Homeowner's policies don't cover damage from floods. However, because our community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even properties that have been flooded. Because Beaufort participates in the Community Rating System, if your property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area you will receive a reduction in the insurance premium.
- Because your area is not mapped as a Special Flood Hazard Area, you may qualify for a lower-cost Preferred Risk Policy.
- Don't wait until the next flood to buy flood insurance. In most cases there is a 30-day waiting period before National Flood Insurance Program coverage takes effect.
- Contact your insurance agents for more information on rates and coverage.

The enclosed outreach brochure provides you more flood protection information and phone contact numbers in the City of Beaufort.

Sincerely,



Bruce Skipper

City of Beaufort Building Official & Certified Floodplain Mgr.

Enclosure



CITY OF BEAUFORT
DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 9/17/2024
FROM: Stephenie Price, Police Chief
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Safe Living Beaufort Initiative
MEETING DATE: 10/8/2024
DEPARTMENT: Police

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In June 2023, there appeared to be an increase in "shots fired" calls for service, prompting a metadata analysis to confirm the pattern. This analysis revealed a significant cluster of incidents concentrated within two multi-housing complexes. Additionally, four homicides occurred at these same locations that year. Immediate action was taken, leading to the development of a comprehensive and adaptable phased plan to address the rise in violent crime and service calls.

The Safe Living Beaufort initiative was introduced to tackle these challenges swiftly and effectively, focusing on building strong connections with residents and creating a safe environment where families and youth can thrive.

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: Discussion

REMARKS:

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SAFE LIVING BEAUFORT

1 YEAR REVIEW



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88 Units

SPANISH TRACE APARTMENTS

September 2023- August 2024

01

Calls for Service/Major Crimes:

A 78% decrease in September 2023 and dropping to a 100% decrease for several months, indicating zero reported major crimes.

02

Officer Initiated Actions:

Starting from 165 in the March-August 2022 average, peaking at 372 in September 2023 (125% increase).

Incident Types	March-August 2022 (Average)	Aug-24
Calls for Service/Major Crimes	46	0 (-100%)
Shots Fired	5	0 (-100%)
Assaults	15	1 (-93%)
Drug Offenses	3	0 (-100%)
Larceny	1	0 (-100%)
Weapons Offenses	4	0 (-100%)

CROSS CREEK APARTMENTS

December 2023-August 2024

01 Calls for Service/Major Crimes:
 Calls for service/major crimes saw a 100% decrease from December 2023 to January 2024, with minimal activity throughout the year, peaking at 2 incidents in June and August.

02 Officer Initiated Actions:
 Officer-initiated actions increased significantly, with a 585% rise in July 2024, a 505% peak in March 2024, and the highest count of 193 actions in August 2024.

Incident Types	May-October 2023 (Average)	Aug-24
Calls for Service/Major Crimes	7	2 (-71%)
Shots Fired	1	2 (100%)
Assaults	11	1(-91%)
Drug Offenses	0	0 (0%)
Larceny	3	1 (-67%)
Weapons Offenses	0	2 (200%)

MOSSY OAKS VILLAGE

March 2024-August 2024

01 Calls for Service/Major Crimes:
 There was a 100% decrease in incidents during March, May, June, and July 2024, with April and August each reporting 1 incident, an 80% reduction.

02 Officer Initiated Actions:
 Officer-initiated actions saw consistent increases peaking at 97 actions in August 2024, a 131% rise.

Incident Types	September 2023-February 2024 (Average)	Aug-24
Calls for Service/Major Crimes	5	0 (-100%)
Shots Fired	0	0 (0%)
Assaults	7	0 (-100%)
Drug Offenses	0	0 (0%)
Larceny	3	1 (-67%)
Weapons Offenses	0	0 (0%)

COMBINED 1-YEAR AVERAGE PERFORMANCE SUMMARY



177%

Officer Initiated
Calls

30%



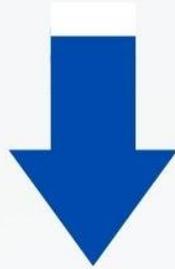
Weapon
Offenses

93%



Major Crimes

47%



Shots Fired

92%



Assaults

29%



Drug Offenses

71%



Larceny

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Wilderness Cove Apartments



Effective September 1, 2024, a new 48-unit apartment complex at Wilderness Cove Apartments, located at 1305 Talbird Road, Beaufort, SC 29902, was added to the initiative.

Smart Technology



Starting in September 2024, the department will implement smart technology in a phased rollout to reduce crime, enhance patrols, and improve response times.

- Phased rollout of smart technology throughout the year
- Acts as a force multiplier to assist in reducing crime
- Enhances directed patrols through data analytics
- Improves response times across the initiative



Beaufort Police Department

SAFE LIVING BEAUFORT

1 YEAR REVIEW



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Inception:

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The Safe Living Beaufort initiative was introduced to tackle these challenges swiftly and effectively, focusing on building strong connections with residents and creating a safe environment where families and youth can thrive.

Spanish Trace Apartments

September 2023 - August 2024

Average Officer Initiated Actions per Month:

- There was a significant increase in officer-initiated actions, starting from 165 in the March-August 2022 average, peaking at 372 in September 2023 (125% increase).
- The highest increase was seen in March 2024, with 343 actions (108% increase).
- The lowest point occurred in July and August 2024, with 141 and 134 actions respectively, showing declines of 15% and 19%.

Calls for Service/Major Crimes:

- A sharp decline was observed throughout the year, starting with a 78% decrease in September 2023 and dropping to a 100% decrease for several months, indicating zero reported major crimes.
- Only slight fluctuations, with one incident in May and June 2024, but still an overall reduction.

Shots Fired:

- No shots fired incidents from September to November 2023.
- December 2023 saw three incidents, but it reduced again to zero for most of the following months.
- June 2024 reported two incidents, marking a 60% reduction from the average.

Assaults:

- Assaults saw a consistent reduction, starting with an 80% decrease in September 2023.
- There were zero incidents reported in several months (January, February, April, July, August 2024).
- Occasional spikes occurred in November 2023 and June 2024, but overall, assaults remained low.

Drug Offenses:

- A downward trend in drug offenses, with several months showing a 100% reduction (no incidents).
- Only a few isolated incidents were reported in September and October 2023, as well as March 2024, but still a significant decrease from the previous averages.

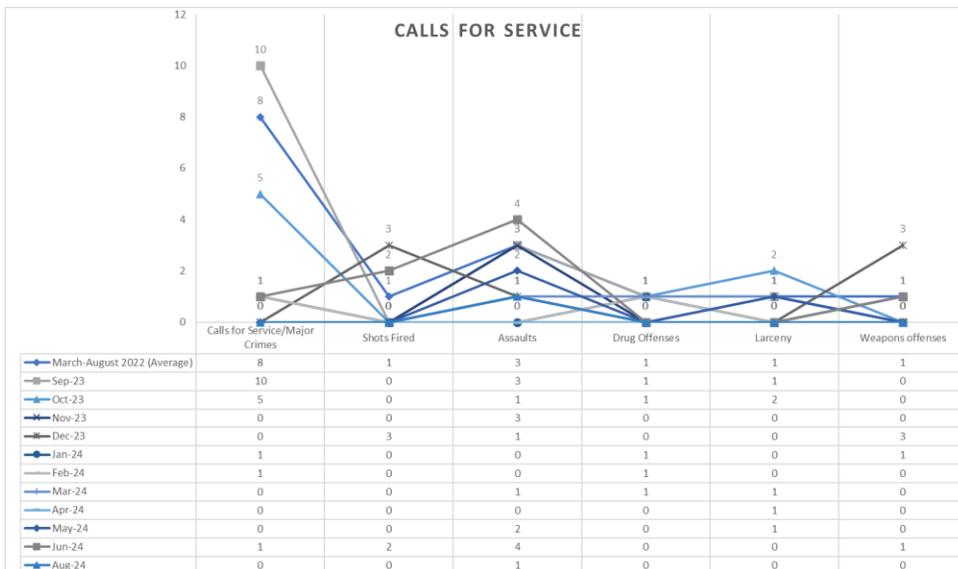
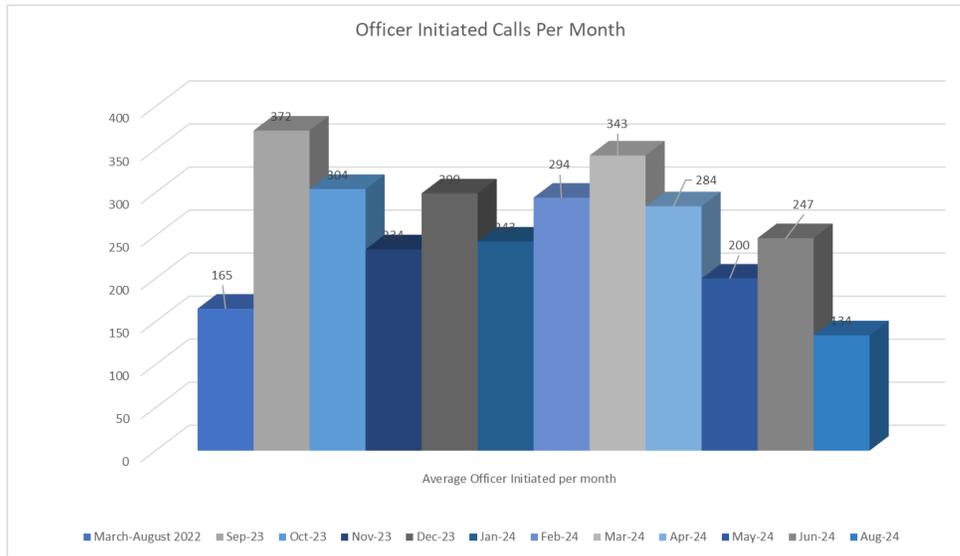
Larceny:

- Larceny incidents remained stable, with no major changes throughout the year.
- A few months showed incidents (September, October, March, and June), but there were long stretches (November 2023 through May 2024) with no reported cases.

Weapons Offenses:

- Weapons offenses also saw a large decrease, with no incidents reported for most of the year.
- December 2023 saw three incidents (25% reduction), and sporadic incidents were reported in June 2024, but overall, weapons-related crime was significantly reduced.

The one year marked by active policing efforts and significant reductions in major crimes and incidents at Spanish Trace Apartments. The trend highlights a successful crime prevention strategy.



Cross Creek Apartments

December 2023- August 2024

Average Officer Initiated Actions per Month:

- Officer-initiated actions saw a large increase from the May-October 2023 average of 20, peaking at 137 actions in July 2024 (585% increase).
- December 2023 experienced a 370% increase with 94 actions, while February and March 2024 saw even higher increases at 490% and 505%.
- August 2024 showed the highest count with 193 actions.

Calls for Service/Major Crimes:

- Calls for service/major crimes dropped to 0 incidents from December 2023 to January 2024, reflecting a 100% decrease.
- A slight increase occurred in February and March 2024 (1 incident each, representing an 86% decrease).
- Activity remained low throughout the year, with June and August showing 2 incidents.

Shots Fired:

- After a 100% reduction from December 2023 to January 2024, shots fired incidents stayed at 0 for most months.
- August 2024 had a slight increase with 2 reported incidents.

Assaults:

- Assaults dropped sharply by 100% between December 2023 and February 2024.
- March to July 2024 maintained low levels with 1 incident each month, still marking a 91% decrease.
- August 2024 saw 2 incidents, resulting in an 82% reduction from the previous average.

Drug Offenses:

- After December 2023, where 1 drug offense was recorded (100% increase), January 2024 saw a 400% increase with 4 incidents.
- Drug offenses decreased in the following months, with no incidents reported from March to July 2024.
- August 2024 saw 1 incident.

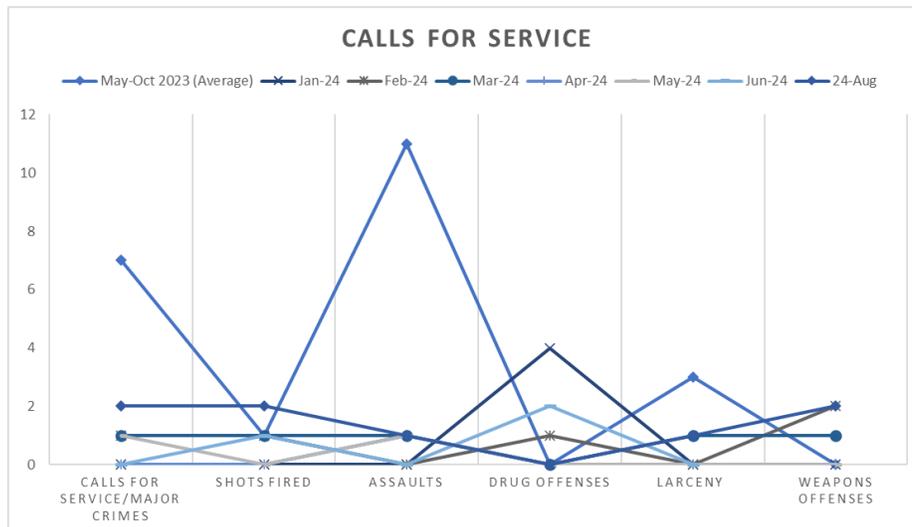
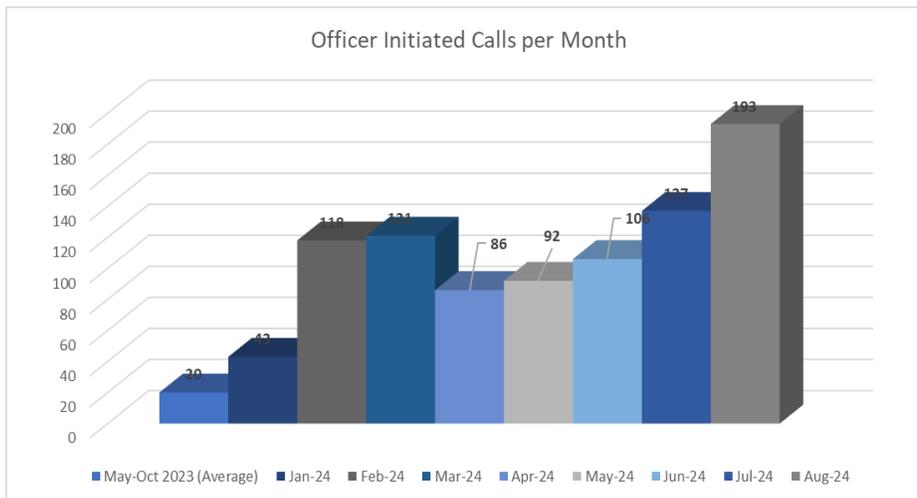
Larceny:

- Larceny incidents reduced to 0 between December 2023 and April 2024 (100% decrease).
- May, July, and August 2024 each saw 1 incident, indicating a slight return of larceny crimes, but still significantly lower than the earlier average.

Weapons Offenses:

- No weapons offenses were reported from December 2023 through April 2024.
- February 2024 saw an increase, with 2 reported incidents (200% increase), but weapons offenses returned to 0 for May, June, and July 2024.
- August 2024 recorded 2 incidents again.

There has been a consistent reduction in major crimes, with sporadic increases in drug and weapons offenses towards the end of the period. Officer-initiated actions have seen significant increases, contributing to the overall decline in reported crimes.



Mossy Oaks Village Apartments

March 2024-August 2024

Average Officer Initiated Actions per Month:

- Officer-initiated actions dropped by 38% in March 2024, going from 42 to 26.
- Following months saw consistent increases, peaking at 97 actions in August 2024 (131% increase).

Calls for Service/Major Crimes:

- Significant decrease, with no incidents reported in March, May, June, and July 2024 (100% decrease).
- April and August 2024 showed 1 incident each, representing an 80% reduction.

Shots Fired:

- No incidents reported throughout the entire period (0% change).

Assaults:

- March 2024 saw a 100% reduction in assaults.
- A slight increase was observed in April 2024 with 2 incidents, but assaults dropped again to 0 for most subsequent months.
- The lowest number of assaults was reported in August 2024, with a reduction of 86%.

Drug Offenses:

- No reported drug offenses during the entire period (0% change).

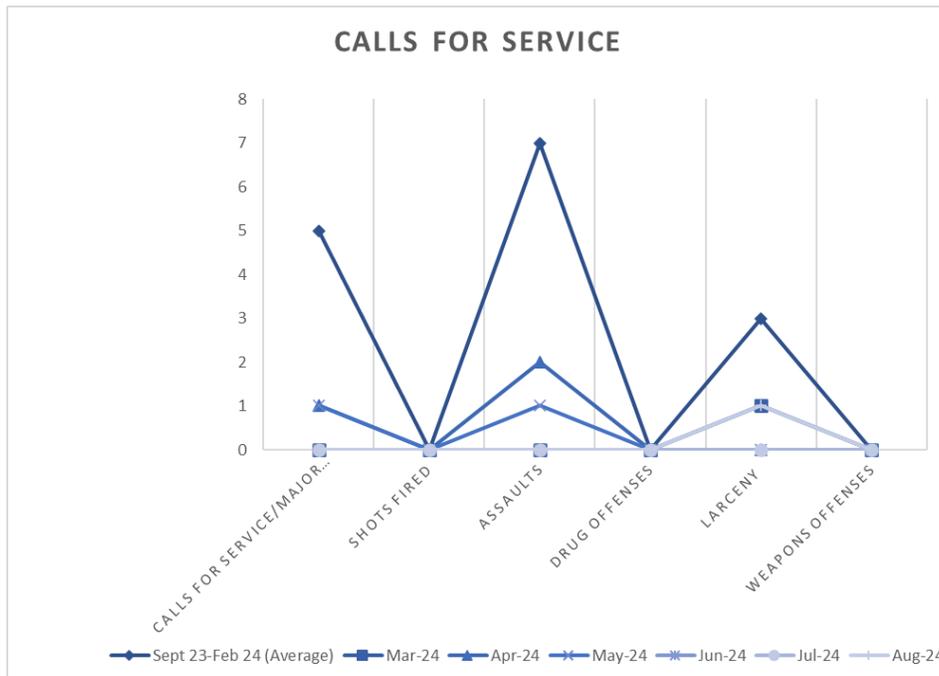
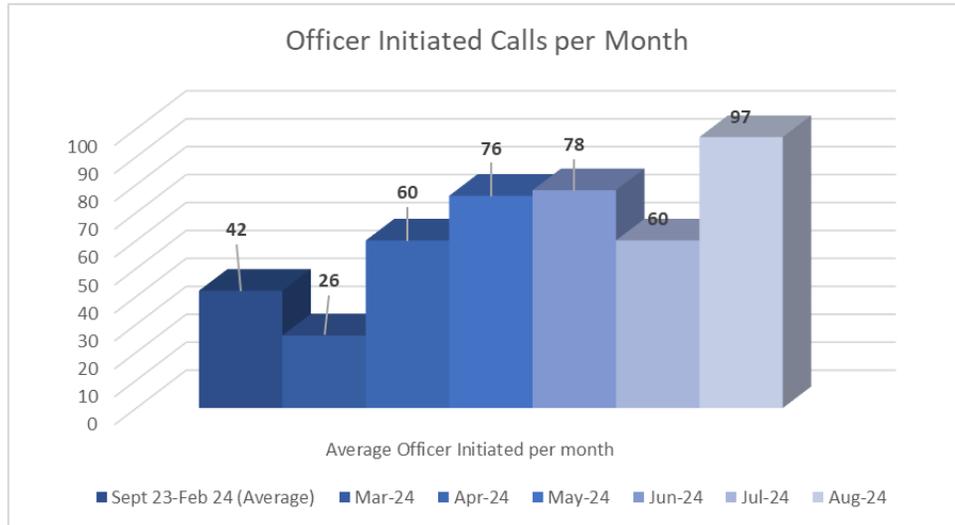
Larceny:

- Larceny incidents decreased by 67% in March 2024, and further reduced to 0 incidents from April to July 2024.
- August 2024 saw 1 larceny case, still maintaining a 67% reduction overall.

Weapons Offenses:

- No weapons offenses reported throughout the entire period (0% change).

There are strong crime control and enforcement efforts, with major decreases in crimes like assaults, larceny, and calls for service. Officer-initiated actions saw a consistent rise, indicating a proactive approach to maintaining safety.



Safe Living Beaufort Summary:

Over the past year, the implementation of focused policing efforts at residential complexes has led to notable reductions in crime and an increase in officer-initiated activities. The data highlights the success of proactive community policing strategies across the complexes.

Key Achievements:

Officer-Initiated Activities:

There was a significant rise in officer-initiated actions, with some months showing increases of over 500%. The rise in these activities is indicative of increased police presence and proactive patrolling, which likely contributed to the reduction in crime.

The highest spike was in August 2024, where officer-initiated actions reached 193 actions (585% increase).

Reduction in Major Crimes:

Calls for Service/Major Crimes saw consistent reductions, with many months reporting a 100% decrease. This indicates that serious crimes such as assaults, drug offenses, and weapons offenses were effectively minimized or eradicated in most months.

Assaults were reduced by as much as 100% in some months, particularly from March through July 2024. Only minor fluctuations were observed, showing the overall success in controlling violent incidents.

Drastic Reduction in Property Crimes:

Larceny incidents also saw significant reductions, dropping to zero in several months. This improvement can be attributed to increased awareness and officer vigilance in these areas, resulting in the prevention of property-related crimes.

Weapons Offenses:

No significant weapons-related incidents were reported throughout much of the year. This is a crucial marker of enhanced community safety.

Sustained Decrease in Shots Fired:

Consistently, there were no shots fired incidents across the majority of the months reported. This suggests that the program has effectively curtailed firearms-related violence.

Future Implementation:

Effective September 1, 2024, a new 48-unit apartment complex at Wilderness Cove Apartments, located at 1305 Talbird Road, Beaufort, SC 29902, was added to the initiative.

Starting in September 2024, the department will implement smart technology across the initiative, with a phased rollout throughout the year. This advanced technology serves as a force multiplier, helping to reduce crime, enhance directed patrols through data analytics, and improve response times.



CITY OF BEAUFORT
DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 10/2/2024
FROM: Alan Eisenman, Finance Director
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: City Owned Properties- Return on Investment Discussion
MEETING DATE: 10/8/2024
DEPARTMENT: Finance

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During City Council's Strategic Planning Retreat in February 2024, there was discussion regarding City owned properties and their financial impact. This presentation focuses on identifying these properties and presents high level financial information.

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: Discussion

REMARKS:

City staff will provide a more in-depth analysis at a future Council work session meeting or during City Council's Strategic Planning Retreat in early 2025.

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City Owned Properties Presentation	Cover Memo	10/2/2024

City Owned Properties Return on Investment Discussion



October 8, 2024

City Owned Properties Background



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500 Carteret Street



- Lease Purchase Agreement for total of \$1,284,000 with quarterly payments made from January 2016 to January 2018.
- Office Space for Beaufort Digital Corridor, Park Beaufort, Downtown Operations and other tenants.





1100 Boundary Street

- City purchased building for \$2,300,000 in December 2021.
- Leased to USCB Cybersecurity Program and the South Coast Cyber Center.



Carnegie Library Building



- Leased to Greater Beaufort-Port Royal Convention Visitors Bureau.

The Arsenal



- Home to Beaufort History Museum and Beaufort's Visitor Center.



Beaufort Commerce Park

- City purchased 209 acres for \$1,850,000 in May 2012.
- City purchased an additional 28 acres (14 purchased/14 donated) for \$417,300 in September 2019.





Next Steps

- Are there any additional properties that Council would like City Staff to provide financial information?
- City staff will provide a more in-depth analysis at a future Council work session meeting or during City Council's Strategic Planning Retreat in early 2025.



CITY OF BEAUFORT
DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 10/1/2024
FROM: Curt Freese, Community Development Director
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Planning Commission Update
MEETING DATE: 10/8/2024
DEPARTMENT: Community and Economic Development

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Chairman of the Planning Commission, Benji Morillo, would like to provide the City Council with a short update of the code update process. A schedule adopted by the Planning Commission has been included.

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: Discussion

REMARKS:

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Date: October 8, 2024

From: Curt Freese, Community Development Director

To: Planning Commission

Schedule Thus Far:

1. Boards and Commissions

- **Summary:** Created City only PC, disbanded DRB, HRB seat.
- **Code Edit Sessions:** May-July 2023.
- **MPC:** August-September 2023
- **City Council Action:** Approved in October 2023

2. Historic Preservation Changes:

- **Summary:** Changes to COA's, contributing and non-contributing structures, demolitions.
- **Code Edit Sessions:** May-July 2023.
- **MPC:** August-September (tabled)
- **PC:** March-June, formal approval June 2024.
- **City Council:** TBA.

3. Zoning: Chapters 2-4:

- **Summary:** Changes to zoning districts and requirements.
- **Code Edit Sessions:** Sep.-Dec. 2023 Code Edit Session
- **PC:** Submitted to PC at February 2024 meeting, no action taken.
- **City Council:** N/A

4. Design: Chapter 3-4,

- **Summary:** Changes to design standards, window standards, etc.
- **Code Edit Sessions:** December 2023-March 2024
- **PC:** Not presented yet.
- **City Council:** TBA.



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5. **Trees and Landscaping: Chap. 5 Landscaping Requirements/Appendix A;** March-May 2024 at Code Edit Session. Not presented yet to PC.
 - **Summary:** Changes to tree standards, tree canopy and buffer requirements
 - **Code Edit Sessions:** March- May 2024
 - **PC:** Not presented yet.
 - **City Council:** N/A.

6. **Subdivision and Infrastructure: Chapters 7-8 and Appendix C,**
 - **Summary:** Changes to tree standards, tree canopy and buffer requirements
 - **Code Edit Sessions:** March- May 2024
 - **PC:** Not presented yet
 - **City Council:** N/A.

Proposed Schedule for PC:

1. **Subdivision and Infrastructure: Chapters 7-8 and Appendix C**
 - **PC Worksession:** September and October Work-session
 - **PC Meeting:** Formal recommendation at October 2024 PC meeting.

2. **Trees and Landscaping: Chapter 5: Landscaping Requirements, Appendix A;**
 - **PC Worksession:** November and December Work-session.
 - **PC Meeting:** January PC formal recommendation.

3. **Zoning: Chapters 2-4:**
 - **PC Worksession:** January and February 2025 Work-session.
 - **PC Meeting:** March 2025 formal recommendation.

4. **Design: Chapter 3-4:**
 - **PC Worksession:** March and April Work-session,
 - **PC Meeting:** May 2025 formal recommendation.



CITY OF BEAUFORT
DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 10/2/2024
FROM: Scott Marshall, City Manager
AGENDA ITEM
TITLE: Tropical Storm HELENE Response and Impacts
MEETING
DATE: 10/8/2024
DEPARTMENT: City Managers Office

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Tropical Storm HELENE arrived in the Beaufort area in the early morning hours of Friday, September 27, 2024. HELENE made landfall as a Category 4 Hurricane in the panhandle of Florida. It is the deadliest storm in the United States since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: Discussion

REMARKS:

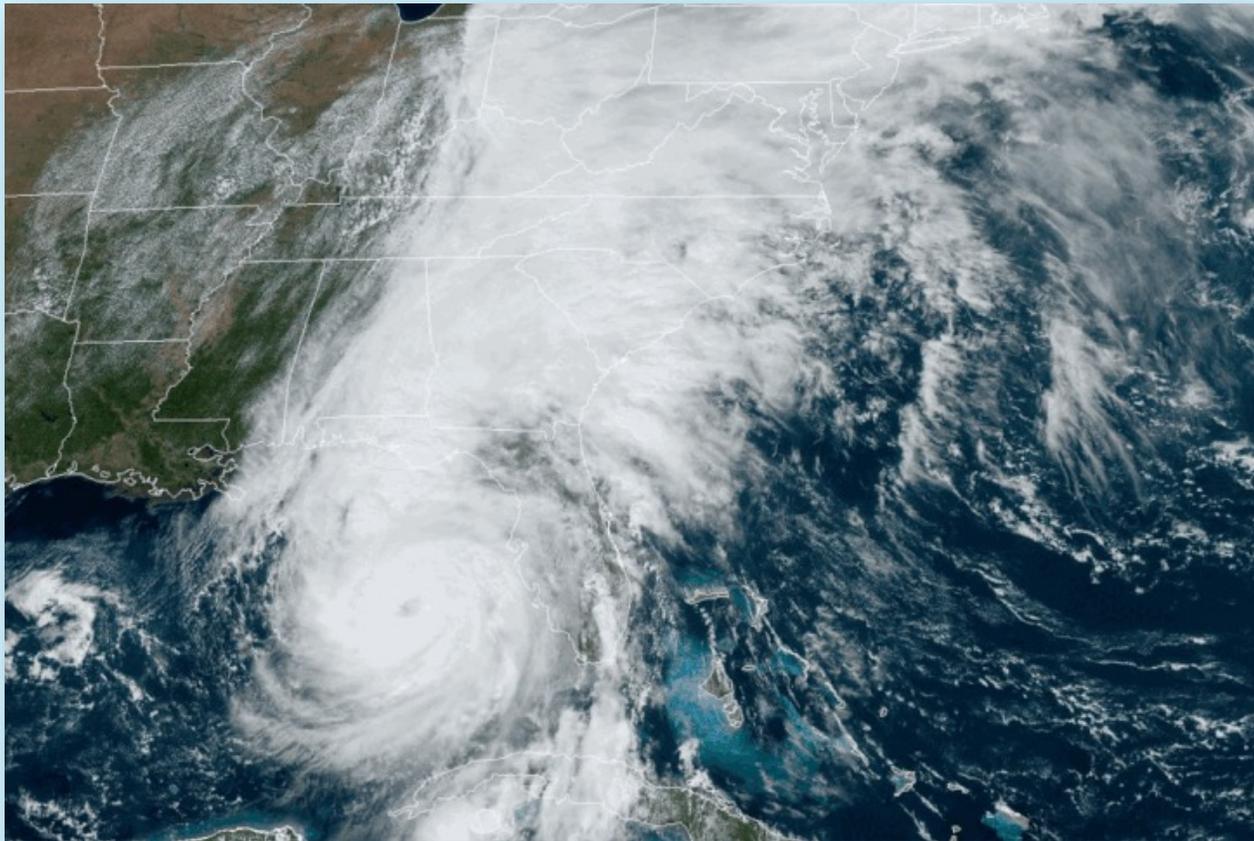
The attached presentation is provided as a summary of HELENE's impacts to the City of Beaufort and the response of the City to the storm. It is provided to both inform and generate discussion.

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Description	Type	Upload Date
HELENE Briefing	Presentation	10/2/2024

HURRICANE / TROPICAL STORM HELENE

City of Beaufort Response and Impacts





HELENE Forecast vs. Actual

	EXPECTED	ACTUAL
 Wind	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustained 25-30 mph• Gusting to 60 mph	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustained 45 mph• Gusting to 75 mph
 Rain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 to 2 inches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 to 5 inches
 Surge / Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flooding of some roads/streets• Some overflow in storm and retention ponds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor flooding of some roads/streets• Little overflow of storm and retention ponds
 Tornado Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential for many tornados	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 confirmed tornados in Beaufort Co.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daufuskie Island• Pritchardville• Gardens Corner

Chief Building Official Damage Assessment



Street Name	Address	Neighborhood	Minor	Moderate	Major	Flooding?	Roof?	Comments	Flood Zone?	Const. Value
Bay Street	1006	Down Town Marina		X		yes	No	Marina docks	Yes	TBD
Bay Street	1006	Down Town Marina	X			yes	No	Marina Store and Bathroom bldg	Yes	\$500.00
Bay Street	806	Down Town	X			Yes	No	Soltus, crawl space flooding	Yes	\$1,000.00
Craven	400	The Point	X			yes	No	Crawl space flooding	Yes	\$1,000.00
Washington	1606	Pigeon Point	X			No	Yes	Tree Limb took out the electric service	No	\$2,000.00
Pigeon Point Road	2419	Pigeon Point	X			No	Yes	Tree limb on metal roof	No	\$2,000.00
Pigeon Point Road	2209	Pigeon Point	X			No	Yes	Roof fascia and window	No	\$5,000.00
Laudonnere	926	Pigeon Point	X			No	Yes	Vinyl siding missing	No	\$1,000.00
Laudonnere	1103	Pigeon Point		X		No	Yes	Tree damage to roof, porch, ramp, elect service	No	\$10,000.00
Woodward Ave	1103	Pigeon Point	X			No	Yes	Tree damage to roof, soffit, holes in roof	No	\$8,000.00
Woodward Ave	1101	Pigeon Point	X			No	Yes	Tree damage to roof	No	\$2,000.00
Newcastle street	1402	Pigeon Point	X			No	Yes	Tree Limbs on roof	No	\$1,000.00
Boundary Street	1807	Higgonville		X		No	Yes	Tree fell through the roof	No	\$50,000.00
Holbrook	5	Battery Point	X			No	Yes	Tree fell between two homes with damage	No	\$2,000.00
Holbrook	3	Battery Point	X			No	Yes	Tree fell between two homes with damage	No	\$2,000.00
Duncan Drive	1110	Mossy Oaks	X			No	Yes	Damage to Carport only	No	\$2,500.00
Waverly Place	2401	Mossy Oaks		X		No	Yes	Tree/Roof Damage to the center of house	No	\$50,000.00
Waverly Place	2301	Mossy Oaks	X			No	Yes	Tree damage to the corner of the house	No	\$4,000.00
Dover Lane	2603			X		No	Yes	Elect. Serv., HVAC, Rafter, Soffett, Sheathing	No	\$25,000.00
Battery Creek	806	Battery Creek	X			No	Yes	Minor Roof damage by tree	Yes	\$1,000.00
North Street	1009	The Bluff	X			No	Yes	Minor Roof damage by tree, guttter	No	\$500.00
Ribaut Road	1284	Ribaut Road	X			No	Yes	Minor Roof damage by tree, Metal Roof	No	\$2,000.00
Ribaut Road	1285	Ribaut Road	X			No	Yes	Minor Roof damage by tree, Metal Roof	No	\$1,000.00
Cottage Farm	341	Cottage Farm	X			No	Yes	Roof damage to eave and HVAC equipment	No	\$2,000.00



Public Works Activities

- Number of trees blocking roadways that were cleared: 40
- Traffic Signal Callouts / Locations
 - Friday 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm: Port Royal
 - Saturday 3:00 am – 5:00 am: Bluffton and City of Beaufort
 - Saturday 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm: Bluffton
 - Sunday 2:30 am – 5:30 am: City of Beaufort
 - Sunday 1:20 pm – 4:30 pm: Bluffton
- Cleanup efforts persisted throughout the City and Historic District throughout the week of Sep 30 to Oct 4 in conjunction with preparation for Shrimp Festival

Police Department Activities



- 579 Calls for Service in 72-hour period from 6:45 pm on Sep 26 to Sep 30
- Social Media Posts: 8 on City platforms, 13 on Police Department platforms
 - Traffic lights
 - Delayed opening
 - Storm assessment
 - Public Works debris pickup
 - Spanish Moss Trail
 - Media Release echoes
- Additional storm duties to include Emergency Management ops calls, clearing debris, traffic control, marking hazards, staffed mobile charging station, fed city emergency essential workers, health & welfare checks, etc.

Fire Department Activities



- Responded to 66 calls for service during period of storm
 - 214% increase over calls related to Tropical Storm Debby
- Deployed three firefighters to assist Pickens County, SC Sep 30 – Oct 4
- Administration staff and several additional personnel reported to Station 1 at approximately 1:15 a.m. on Friday just prior to storm impacts



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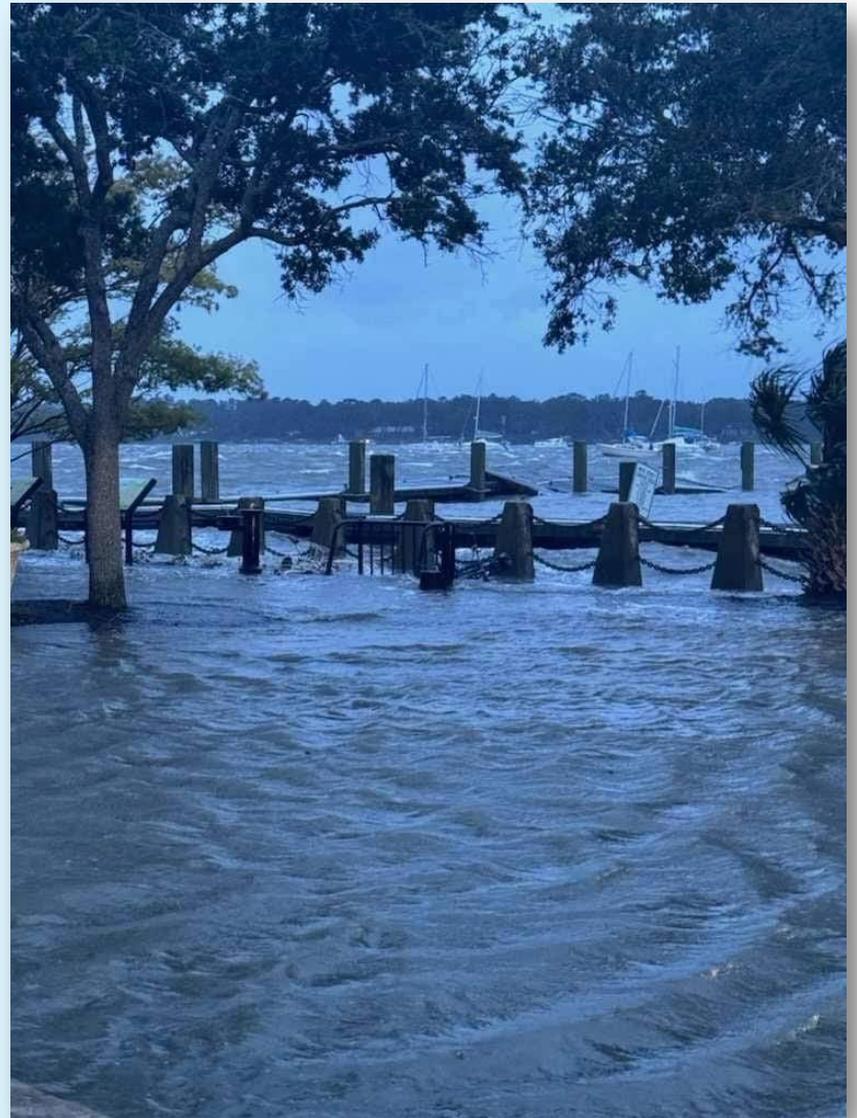
- Total of 9 vessels beached in the marsh along Bay Street
 - 8 broke free of moorings
 - Remaining vessel was independently anchored
- Identifiable damage to Marina docks
 - Missing sections
 - Structural damage
 - Detachment of floats
- Estimated cost of repairs pending report from Adjustor

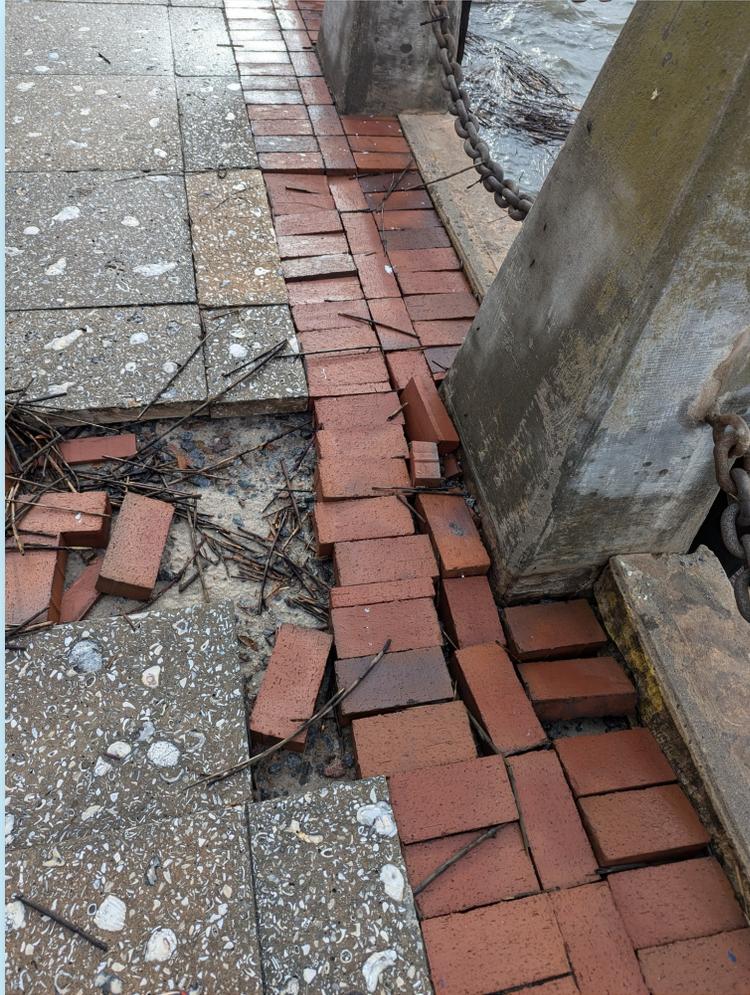
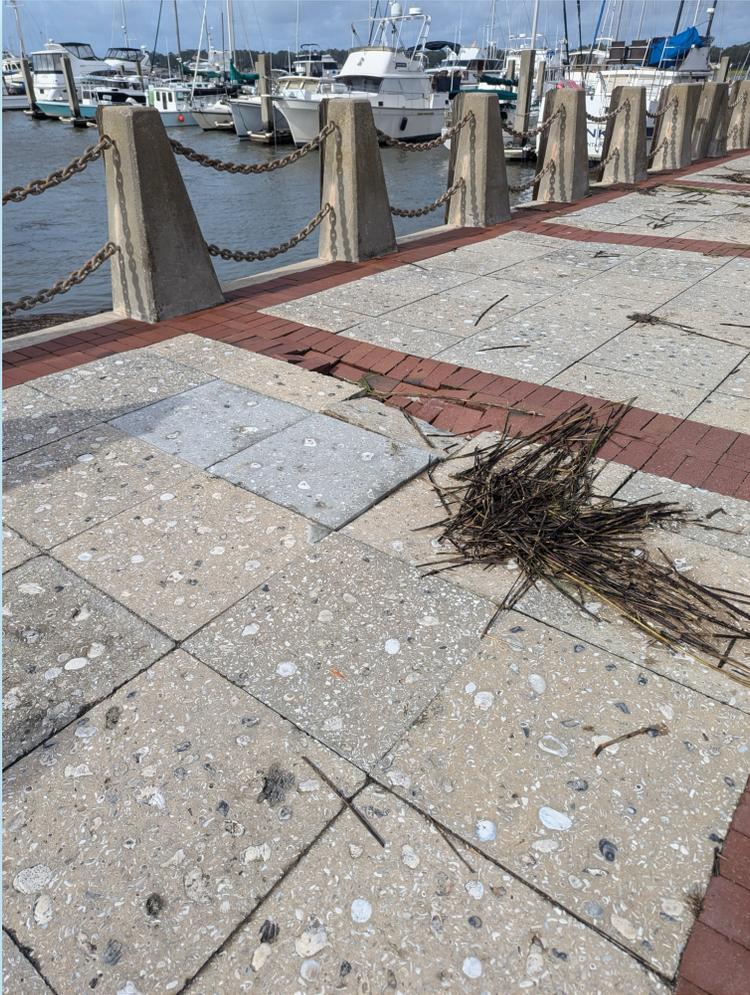




Waterfront Park

- Tree lost
- Multiple trees suffered salt intrusion
- Brick pavers displaced
- Exacerbation of several sink holes
- Mulching displaced







Observations / Lessons Learned / Discussion



- Impacts far greater than anticipated across the Carolinas
 - Hampered initial response of utility providers
- Public Frustration Points
 - Protracted restoration of power and other utilities
 - Dark traffic signals
 - Inability to clear trees entangled with power lines
- Consider standing up Municipal EOC even if County EOC is not activated
 - Centralized reporting and tracking of hazards, outages and blockages
- Pre-storm public communication should include how road clearing is prioritized and that fallen trees cannot be removed if entangled in lines
- Other Discussion Points?