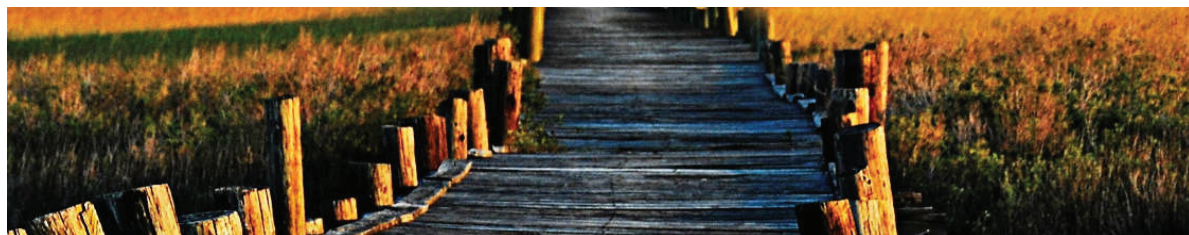




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## Get Involved!

The Town has many ways our citizens can take part and make a difference in important ways. Our Citizen's Advisory Councils offer unique opportunities for residents to help guide the Town's future.

Board of Zoning Appeals  
Business Development Council  
Children's Council  
Helping Hands  
History Council  
James Island Pride  
Neighborhood Council  
Planning Commission  
Visit our website to learn more about each group and fill out an interest form. [www.jamesislandsc.us/forms-and-documents](http://www.jamesislandsc.us/forms-and-documents)

Contact us at 843-795-4141 or at [info@jamesislandsc.us](mailto:info@jamesislandsc.us). Visit our website for a complete staff contact list.

## Town Market and Upcoming Events

The Town Market & Movie Night will be hosting a Fall Market on Friday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm and then a Holiday Market is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 to 9 pm. Come enjoy local vendors, produce, food trucks and a free movie on the big screen!

The History Council is planning a Stamp Act Remembrance Day at Fort Johnson on Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. For more details and future meetings & events, visit our online calendar at [www.jamesislandsc.us/meetings-and-events](http://www.jamesislandsc.us/meetings-and-events)

## Mayor Bill Woolsey

### Town Council

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## COVID-19 Pandemic – GET VACCINATED!

Did you know that your risk of death or hospitalization drops to nearly zero once you've been vaccinated? Get the facts at [scdhec.gov/vaxfacts](https://scdhec.gov/vaxfacts). To find a COVID-19 Vaccine location near you: Search <https://vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov>, text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-866-365-8110



Pets need their vaccines too! Contact Pet Helpers located at 1447 Folly Road.

## American Relief Funds

### How the Town is planning to invest in infrastructure

H.R. 1319, better known as the American Rescue Plan, has officially been signed into law. The \$1.9 trillion emergency relief bill provides \$65.1 billion to municipal governments to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and bolster economic recovery.

The Town of James Island's projected allotment is \$3,709,261 and I've already asked Council to amend our budget for these funds and move ahead on necessary infrastructure improvement projects. Managing our stormwater and implementing drainage relief, particularly to flood-prone areas, continues to be our top priority. The Town already has several drainage projects that are shovel-ready.

Following the Town/City/County partnership on an Island-Wide Drainage study in 2019, the Town has been better able to prioritize projects and identify areas for improvements. The Town has projects either underway or in the planning stages across all areas of the Town, including Greenhill, Oceanview, Woodhaven, Quail Run, and Bayfront.

**Implementing drainage relief continues to be our top priority.**

Town Council has budgeted the remaining half of these funds for improving the water quality of James Island Creek.

The JI Creek Water Quality Taskforce, comprised of multiple agencies, has been diligently working towards implementing improvements. One likely cause of contamination is failing septic tanks along the watershed.

The James Island Public Service District has a \$7 million dollar plan to extend sewer to homes along JI Creek, and the Town will be looking at assisting in this effort with matching funds. The Town is also working towards a requirement for regular monitoring and inspection of existing septic systems to ensure they're in good working order.

Thank you, Mayor Bill Woolsey

Project Updates >>>

# Safety & Pedestrian Improvements

Many infrastructure projects are currently underway on James Island and funded through a variety of ways, including transportation sales dollars and matches from local entities, such as the Town, City, Charleston County, SCDOT, etc. These partnerships leverage your dollars to make James Island a safer, more pedestrian-friendly community.

## Lighthouse Point Sidewalk & Drainage

The Town and Charleston County have jointly funded pedestrian and drainage improvements along Lighthouse Blvd, terminating at Brigantine Dr. A multiuse path is being constructed under the grand oaks running along the soccer fields, and on the opposite side drainage pipes are being installed to alleviate ponding at the Ft. Johnson and Lighthouse intersection. This project is currently under construction and expected to be completed early this fall.

## Intersection Improvements

Improving the intersection at Camp and Fort Johnson Rds is a priority because of the high number of traffic incidents. Charleston County Transportation is moving forward with plans for an Urban Compact Roundabout, pictured right, which will not contain landscaping so larger vehicles can safely move across. The historic Stone Posts will be relocated within the right-of-way. In lieu of a roundabout due to right-of-way impacts, the Fort Johnson and Secessionville intersection will have a traffic light to improve traffic safety and flow.



## Other Projects

Additional ongoing projects across James Island include intersection improvements at Riverland and Central Park, Maybank Corridor improvements, sidewalk along Camp Rd from Folly to Riverland and a multiuse path along Riverland to the County Park. For more information on these projects and others, please visit <https://roads.charlestoncounty.org/projects/james-island/>.

# Drainage & Other Infrastructure Improvements

In addition to the American Rescue Funds the Town will have available for new infrastructure, the Fiscal Year 2021/ 2022 budget already included a little over \$2.1 million dollars for new projects.



James Island Creek Basin

The joint island-wide drainage study identified areas where improvements need to be made and prioritized the drainage basins based on a wide-range of criteria, such as number and severity of work orders, existing infrastructure, flood zones, density, etc. The James Island Creek basin was identified as the main priority where resources are needed, and the Town has

already begun making improvements in this area. An outfall under Simpson’s Creek was determined to be undersized for the basin, and in conjunction with the SCDOT, a new larger pipe was installed. This has relieved the previously flood-prone area of Kentwood and Kentwood Circle. These are the types of projects the Town will continue to undertake and prioritize for island residents.

In addition to stormwater improvements, the Town continues to invest in its network of sidewalks with Phase III of Dills Bluff moving into construction soon and design of the final phase, ultimately connecting to Harbor View Rd. Regatta Rd. sidewalk is also scheduled to be under construction in 2022, and the Town is moving forward with plans for sidewalk and drainage improvements along Nabors Drive.



## Hazard Mitigation

The Town recently completed a Hazard Mitigation project from a grant awarded by FEMA in which a repeat-flood property in the Clearview subdivision was converted into preserved greenspace. By restricting development here, future property owners are protected from flood impacts.

## ReThink Folly Rd

The Town, City, County and BCDCOG have partnered together for pedestrian improvements along Folly Road. The Phase I project, a widened 8 ft sidewalk, will run from Ellis Creek to George Griffith Blvd. The project will also include safety improvements at key intersections and transit stop improvements including new bus shelters. Bike improvements along the corridor will consist of green pavement markings which will better alert traffic to the bike lanes. The ReThink Folly Road Steering Committee continues to work with its consultant, Toole Design, on making Folly Road a Complete Streets Corridor. An update on Rethink Folly Rd endeavors will be just one of the topics up for discussion at the next **JJ Intergovernmental Council on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm.**

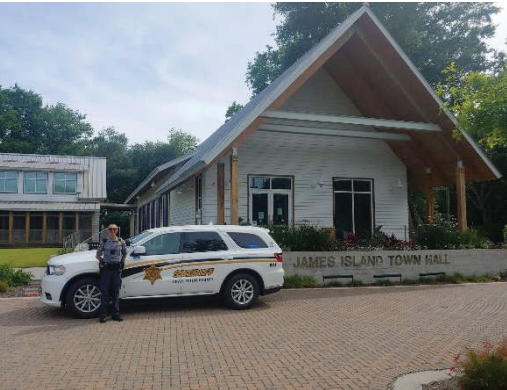
Now Open >>>

# The James Island Arts & Cultural Center

The Town has officially opened the new James Island Arts & Cultural Center (JIACC), located at 1248 Camp Rd. The facility features local James Island artists, James Island history exhibits, meeting and classroom space, tutoring areas and public computers. There is currently a traveling exhibit from the State Museum on Textile history in SC that runs through Dec. 1st and an Exhibition for Jonathan Green’s illustrations for “The Freedom Ship of Robert Smalls” for the MOJA festival, running through Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Opportunity Calls Everyone will be hosting a Youth Leadership Program through Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, stop by, call 843.823.3413 or email Caroline Self at [cself@jamesislandsc.us](mailto:cself@jamesislandsc.us).



Pictured from left to right: Town Clerk Frances Simmons, Councilman Garrett Milliken, Councilman Dan Boles, Councilwoman Cynthia Mignano, Mayor Bill Woolsey, Councilman Troy Mullinax, JIACC Coordinator Caroline Self, Charleston County Councilwoman Jenny Honeycutt, Town Administrator Ashley Kellahan



Deputy Christopher King with the Town of James Island’s newest addition to its fleet

## Island Sheriff’s Patrol Update

October will be a busy month for community engagement events and the Island Sheriff’s Patrol. Join us first for **National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8** at Town Hall and get to know your deputies and see their equipment and vehicles. Then again on **Monday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 for Faith in Blue, a Trunk or Treat** in the First Baptist / James Island Town Hall parking lot. This event looks to build bridges with the community though partnernships with our local churches. Wear your costume!