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# Media Advisory

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**To: Myrtle Beach Media**  
**From: Public Information Department**  
**Date: March 20, 2020**  
**Re: Meeting Schedule and Agendas**

- 1. Next week's [meeting schedule](#) is attached, but empty.** All meetings and events for the week have been postponed or cancelled, including Tuesday's City Council meeting. No decisions have been made about the following week's schedule.
- 2. A new INFO line is available to answer your questions.** Myrtle Beach city buildings and indoor facilities remain closed to the public as a precaution, but we are still providing services. To answer your city-related questions, we have established **843-918-INFO** as a point of contact. This line is available daily, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., until further notice.
- 3. City offices may be closed, but utility billing, business license and building permit services are still available through a variety of means.** We offer both drop-boxes and electronic options. During this emergency period, the city will not suspend utility services for non-payment. For more information about these and other city services, please see our Coronavirus FAQ Page at <https://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/coronavirus/index.php>.
- 4. The City of Myrtle Beach is giving restaurants more flexibility for additional signs and tents during the coronavirus emergency.** The governor ordered restaurants to stop "dining in," but allowed them to provide "take-out" and "to-go" service. City Manager John Pedersen signed an order allowing restaurants to have:
  - Up to 32 square feet of free-standing signage, including banners and "A" frame signs.
  - Up to four extra directional signs of four square feet or less, each.
  - Up to 32 square feet of extra wall signage.

- Up to three tents, not exceeding 300 square feet total.
- Public parking spaces designated for “curbside pickup” or “delivery.”

This order remains in effect until modified or rescinded by a subsequent order or until City Council has approved the end of the civil emergency. Other zoning regulations regarding signage still apply. The rules may be updated, as needed, with proper notice.

- 5. The Charlie’s Place historic restoration project has received a \$5,000 music education grant from a rock band’s group.** Fans of the band Phish have a nonprofit foundation that awards grants for music education programs for children, and Charlie’s Place in Myrtle Beach is the recipient of one of this year’s awards. Charlie’s Place will receive \$5,000 for a program called “Inspiring Youth with Music Education.” The funding will help provide instruments and music education classes for youth at Charlie’s Place. The Mockingbird Foundation received more than 1,100 applications and presented 20 awards this year.
- 6. Myrtle Beach firefighters recently demonstrated their skills for members of the *MyBeach 101* class, and that’s the subject of our [Photos of the Week](#).** *MyBeach* participants learn about every part of city operations, from Police to Planning and Finance to Fire, as part of this general government program. It was the Fire Department’s turn a few weeks ago, and Alfreda Funnye in our Neighborhood Services Department captured these images of firefighters and class members getting a hands-on look at what it takes to be “first in service.” From donning the gear to dousing the fire, they had a fantastic time learning about the fire service.
- 7. Did you know...** That on December 16, 1941, the Myrtle Beach Town Council agreed to sell the municipal airport to the U.S. War Department for \$3,500 and other considerations, which included runway improvements? The airport was officially renamed the Myrtle Beach Bombing Range in May 1942.

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**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
MEETING SCHEDULE  
March 23-29, 2020**

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

- No Meetings Scheduled