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“Apron” section of the Folly Beach Pier reopens while remainder of the pier continues reconstruction

[FOLLY BEACH] – The Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC) is pleased to announce that the newly rebuilt “apron” section of the Folly Beach Pier has reopened to the public. This portion of the pier structure includes the gift shop, observation deck, restrooms, showers and beach access. The rest of the Folly Beach Pier will remain closed through Spring 2023, while it undergoes a complete reconstruction project.



Guests to the pier can now visit the Gangplank Gift & Tackle Shop, which will offer limited food service, including ice cream, and bait for sale for surf fishing. Fishing off the pier is not available. Guests can now also access the pier’s restrooms, showers and changing stations, as well as its observation deck and beach access. These amenities are open daily from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

A portion of the Folly Beach Pier parking lot – about 30 spaces – is also now open for visitors. Due to limited parking, visitors are encouraged to arrive early, carpool when possible, and expect delays entering the parking lot.

The Pier 101 Restaurant and bar is currently closed and is

expected to reopen in Spring 2022.

The remainder of the Folly Beach Pier, including the pier walkway itself, remains closed during construction and is not expected to reopen until Spring 2023.

Lifeguards are not currently on duty on the beach surrounding the Folly Beach Pier. Starting May 29, the area will be lifeguarded on weekends only from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Starting June 21 through mid-August, lifeguards will be on duty daily.

Standard vehicle parking fees at the Folly Beach Pier during the summer season (May through Labor Day) are \$10 Monday-Friday and \$15 Saturday-Sunday and select holidays. Folly Beach Pier parking is no longer a Gold Pass benefit as of December 2020. Guests who purchased their Gold Passes prior to Nov. 30, 2020 may still use them to access the Folly Beach Pier parking lot until their Gold Pass expires.

CCPRC is replacing the Folly Beach Pier with a new pier that will provide unobstructed views of the ocean, modern improvements and a longer lifespan, while remaining reminiscent of the old wooden pier, which opened in 1995. Two locations along the pier walkway will be slightly widened to allow additional fishing opportunities and more efficient pedestrian access. The new pier will be designed and constructed using a combination of concrete pilings, and wooden decking, benches and shade structures.



For updates on the construction project or more information on the Folly Beach Pier, please visit CharlestonCountyParks.com.

Owned and operated by the Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission (CCPRC), the Folly Beach Fishing Pier is located at 101 East Arctic Avenue on Folly Beach. The mission of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC) is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes six regional parks, three beach parks, three dog parks, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, a historic plantation site, a skate park, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, an interpretive center, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, as well as wedding, meeting and event facilities. CCPRC also offers a wide variety of recreational services – festivals, camps, classes, programs and much more. For more information on CCPRC, call 843-795-4386 or visit www.charlestoncountyparks.com.