



Welcome Center Project Delay

The Town of Salisbury would like the public to know that there has been an unfortunate delay in the construction schedule for the new Welcome Center and public restroom facility that was slated to be completed on the Broadway Mall by July 4th weekend in the summer of 2021. This delay has been caused due to unforeseen circumstances, as described below, but will not deter the Town from its goal of having modern, clean restroom facilities open and operational during the upcoming summer.

The primary reason for the delay in the Broadway Mall building was the discovery of an active public water line and private electric utility duct, as well as discontinued sewer and gas mains, under the surface of the area in which the pilings for the new building were slated to be driven just after the start of the New Year. The Town had no records of these active and discontinued utility lines underneath the Broadway Mall, which were only discovered when the contractor began preliminary excavation of the site. The installation of these underground utilities likely took place at least 25-30 years ago, when the Town did not own its own water supply and infra-structure and accurate record-keeping of engineering drawings of utility placements by the Town was not commonplace. The relocation of the water line and electric utility duct and the removal of the discontinued sewer and gas mains will now cause an unanticipated delay in the Welcome Center project.

To compensate for this unfortunate development, the Town has decided to revise the schedule for the construction of the second restroom facility included in the Welcome Center project, to be located in the Town parking lot at the corner of Beach Road and Cable Avenue. The Town will now focus on having this facility open to the public first, rather than the Broadway Mall building, with a target opening date of July 4th weekend. Additionally, as construction on both sites progresses, the Town will post weekly updates on its website and social media pages.