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To: Town Administrator Shawn J. Brown
From: Matt Sheley, Public Affairs Officer
Subject: Beach Sticker Details
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Shawn, in light of continued inquiries about some of the specifics of our Beach Parking Sticker Program, here's a "Question & Answer" sheet to hopefully clear up any issues.

1. When do beach stickers go on sale for the summer of 2022?

Answer: Online sales at <https://mdl.town/BeachStickers> begin Monday, April 11. The date for in person, preseason sales will be announced in early May. Stickers will also be available every day at the gazebo at the intersection of Sachuest Point and Hanging Rocks roads starting May 28, weather permitting.

2. How much do seasonal beach parking stickers cost?

Answer: Middletown Resident — \$70
Middletown Senior (65+) Resident — \$65
Middletown Resident Motorcycle/Scooter — \$30
Nonresident — \$140
Nonresident Senior (65+) — \$130
Nonresident Motorcycle/Scooter — \$60

3. So I've paid for my seasonal parking pass. What do I have to do to get it?

Answer: During the preseason, seasonal parking pass stickers will be mailed to the patron as quickly as possible. During beach season, seasonal passes will be available for pick up at the gazebo 48 hours after purchase.

4. What's the cost of a daily parking pass?

Answer: Weekdays — \$20
Weekends & Holidays — \$30
Motorcycles & Scooters — \$15

5. When are passes required to park at Second and Third beaches?

Answer: Parking rates apply only during the beach season, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Parking is also free before 8 am in the Surfer's End and Third Beach lots as well as after 6 pm until sunset daily in all lots during this period.

6. I'm from out of Town. Can I park at Third Beach?

Answer: Parking at Third Beach is open to Middletown residents with a seasonal beach pass only because of the limited number of spaces. However, walk-ons are always welcome at Second and Third beaches.

7. I have a scooter. Can I park for free?

Answer: Like motorcycles, the fee to park a scooter is reduced at \$30 for residents and \$60 for nonresidents. The price for daily scooter parking is \$15.

8. How about bicycles?

Answer: As big believers in reducing our carbon footprint, bicycles always are welcome at Second and Third beaches for free. Make sure to bike safely and wear a helmet.

9. When I buy my seasonal parking pass, why don't I get a second sticker for free?

Answer: With the COVID-19 pandemic, much of the world changed and how parking at Second and Third beaches was no different. By not offering the second sticker for free, we've been able to give as many residents as possible the opportunity to park at the beach. However, if you'd wish to purchase another parking pass for a second vehicle.

10. I didn't get my application in on the first couple days. Is it true that parking stickers run out?

Answer: Thankfully, we have a limitless supply of seasonal parking stickers available for sale through the end of each beach season. That means if you want a beach sticker for a couple weeks in late August, one will be available for sale.

11. I live out of Town and am concerned about getting a parking spot, even on busy weekends. Any suggestions?

Answer: Like life, one of the keys to getting a parking spot on a beautiful Saturday or Sunday is showing up early. Even on our busiest days, if you arrive by 9 am, there should be a spot available for you.

12. I've heard talk about having an Aquidneck Island beach parking pass. What's the deal with that?

Answer: While we love our neighbors in Newport and Portsmouth, being a resident of Middletown does have its benefits when it comes to the beaches. Given the beauty and desirability of both Second and Third beaches, parking is tough enough already for our residents and adding even more vehicles from our neighbors isn't something we're interested in pursuing.

13. You've mentioned that walk-ons at Second and Third beaches are free. Where can I get dropped off safely?

Answer: For Second Beach, the best spot is along Sachuest Point Road near the intersection with Paradise Avenue, where there's a walkway directly onto the beach. As for Third Beach, use the walkway by Town Beach (the former Navy Beach) near the Maidford River for drop offs.

14. Can I bring my dog to the beach with me when I visit?

Answer: The answer is complicated to this one. During the summer months, dogs are only allowed at Second and Third beaches from 5-745 am. Off season, canines can visit anytime. However, no matter the time of year, dogs must always be leashed and under the control of their owner. For more information, visit <https://mdl.town/Dogs> online.

15. There's a lot of information here. Where else can I learn more about Middletown's beaches?

First, try <https://mdl.town/BeachBasics> online. This webpage was created last summer as a clearinghouse for everything Middletown beaches and includes tide information, surf forecasts, a customer satisfaction survey and other information.

16. Okay, I appreciate all the information, but still have questions. Who do I direct them to?

Answer: The best source for everything Middletown beaches is the dedicated staff working at the beach itself. To contact those individuals, email beach@middletownri.com or call 401.842.6522. Because staff is extremely busy during the summer months, they'll do the best they can getting back in touch as quickly as possible.