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& Responsive Service to our Community.*

A free publication for residents and friends of Surfside Beach.

Merryman tabbed for Surfside Beach post

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Guest Contributor

SURFSIDE BEACH—After several months of searching, the Surfside Beach Town Council during a special meeting on February 12th looked next door to the town's public safety department to find a new town administrator. Public Safety Director Clyde Merryman was named to the post to fill the vacancy left by Michael Kovacs who resigned in October. Kovacs has since obtained a similar position in Texas.

Merryman made the final cut of three candidates who had applied for the job. The other two finalist were Robert Kimrey of Pageland and Anna Caton of Bennettsville.

Following an early Saturday morning meeting to conduct interviews, the council unanimously chose Merryman. He will continue to act as an interim director of the public safety department until a new director is chosen.

Merryman, a retired FBI agent, came to the town in June of 2003 following the death of

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BUSINESS LICENSES RENEWAL DUE JUNE 1, 2005

It is time to renew your business license! Renewals are due by June 1, 2005. Please contact the business license inspector, 843.913.6342, or email sleahey@surfsidebeach.org for more information. Renewal forms are available on the town website, www.surfsidebeach.org.

The Town Code of Ordinance requires a business license for every person engaged or intending to engage in any occupation to provide services, collect money, to earn money, or to insure any risk. This includes residents that operate home-based operations and rental properties.

The town warns you to use CAUTION when choosing a contractor! Get references and talk to your neighbors and friends about contractors. To obtain a town business license, a contractor must only produce a SC State license and pay a fee. The Town does not warrant work or services performed by any business it licenses.

Town of Surfside Beach Awarded

STORMREADY Community Designation

By National Weather Service

Officials from the NOAA National Weather Service recently recognized Surfside Beach as a leader among the agency's "StormReady" communities. The criteria to be designated as a StormReady community are: (1) have an established plan to provide 24-hour warnings and an emergency operations center; (2) distribute severe weather forecasts and warnings to the public by multiple methods, including weather radios; (3) have a system that monitors local weather conditions; (4) have active promotion of public readiness through community seminars, and (5) a hazardous/severe weather plan must be developed and training provided for spotters and dispatch, with notification to the National Weather Service.

No community is storm proof, but as a StormReady community, Surfside Beach is working to protect you and your property. The town is one of

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2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ADOPTED

Town Council adopted the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year Budget (April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006) during its March 22nd regular meeting. A public hearing was held pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 6-180 that requires public input on the town's budget. The budget was developed based on the town's annual budget retreat held in October, 2004, and the staff recommended budget presented to Town Council on February 4th. Workshops were held February 10th and March 1st. All meetings were advertised and open to the public. Expenditures and revenues were budgeted at:

	<u>Appropriations/ Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$4,454,290
Capital Projects Fund	1,075,000
Accommodations Tax Fund	364,250
Hospitality Fund	640,500
Sanitation Fund	922,740
Local Accommodations Tax Fund	<u>110,000</u>
Total	<u>\$7,566,780</u>
	<u>Revenues</u>
General Fund	\$4,293,835
Capital Projects Fund	645,800
Accommodations Tax Fund	383,000
Hospitality Fund	598,500
Sanitation Fund	933,292
Local Accommodations Tax Fund	<u>110,000</u>
Total	<u>\$6,964,827</u>

The millage rate will remain 55-mils until after reassessment is completed. Staff anticipates presenting a new millage rate in August for Town Council's consideration.

A copy of the adopted budget is available at town hall for public inspection.

Did you know...

Beach wheelchairs are loaned to individuals free of charge by the town. Call 843.913.6368 for information.

Dogs and other domestic pets (§12-69) are not allowed on the beach May 15 to September 15 and owners must clean up their pet's excrement (§3-4.)

Fires are prohibited on the beach (§12-73) except for contained cooking equipment.

Fireworks are prohibited in town, except on the 4th day of July when fireworks may be discharged on the beach between the high water mark eastward to the Atlantic Ocean (§8-36.)

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PSD director Mike Grigg. His salary will jump from \$41,000 to \$60,000. His benefit package includes health insurance and use of a car.

Surfside Beach Mayor Roy Hyman said he was pleased to be able to offer the administrator's position to Merryman. "Clyde's background in management and his knowledge of public safety and other areas related to the town's operations will be a big asset," Hyman said. "He has done an outstanding job as public safety director and I'm sure he will do the same quality work as our administrator."

Since Kovacs' resignation, the town's administrative duties were first turned over to recreation director Billy Hendrix on an interim basis. When Hendrix said he preferred to work only in the recreation director capacity, each of the town's councilmembers took on the duty of overseeing one or more of the town's departments.



STORMREADY, *continued from front page*

847 cities across the United States that meet the requirements to be designated StormReady.

The Town of Surfside Beach encourages you to have an action plan for severe weather. The best warnings in the world will not save you, if you do not take action when severe weather threatens. Contact Town Hall for information on severe weather planning, telephone 843.913.6111 or email town@surfsidebeach.org.



RECYCLE! *Free* recycle bags are available at town hall and will be delivered to you upon request. Email publicworks@surfsidebeach.org or call 843.913.6360. *Free* postage-paid mail bags are available for empty toner cartridges. Recycling is picked up town-wide every Thursday.



PARKING METER SEASON DECALS NOW AVAILABLE

Parking meter season began April 15 and will end on October 15. The charge is 50-cents per hour. Meters may be paid for up to 4-hours at a time.

Permanent year-round residents may obtain a parking decal for each vehicle registered with an in-town address for the 2005 summer parking meter season at Town Hall. Please bring the vehicle registration form for your vehicle and/or golf cart to obtain a decal. The parking decal does not guarantee a parking space, but allows you to park at a metered space without payment.

Fines for non-payment of meters is \$10 per ticket, with penalties if not paid timely.

Dick M. Johnson Civic Center

Debbie Ellis, Program Coordinator

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CLASSES at the CIVIC CENTER

Monday: Line Dance 7:00 p.m., \$3/night

Tuesday: Bridge 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Canasta 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Pinochle 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Square Dance 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Thursday: Bridge 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

2005 SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun Fun Super Sunday: Sunday, June 5, 9:00 a.m. on the beach at Surfside Pier

Kids Fair: Monday, June 6, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at Fuller Park Complex on Surfside Drive

Fourth of July Celebration: Sunday, July 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Martin Park, 6th Avenue South & Dogwood Drive

Labor Day Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, September 3, 9:00 a.m. until. On the Beach at 3rd Avenue South

Skyhoundz Disc Championship: Saturday, September 10, 10:00 a.m. until at H. Blue Huckabee Complex, Spanish Oak Drive

Beach Sweep: Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the beach the Surfside Pier.

Surfside Beach Family Festival: Saturday, October 3, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Surfside Drive

Veterans Memorial Service: Friday, November 11, 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at the Fuller Park Complex on Surfside Drive

Christmas Tree Lighting: Thursday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Surfside Beach Christmas Parade: Saturday, December 10, 2:00 p.m. on Ocean Boulevard



Mayor Roy Hyman accepts \$5,000 check from Dr. Krzyzaniak (left,) Rotary Club president and race director, and Howard Barnard, Rotary member and Horry County Council District 5 Representative.

SURFSIDE ROTARY CLUB 2nd ANNUAL 10K RACE BENEFITS TOWN

At the March 8th Surfside Beach town council meeting, Surfside Rotary President Dr. Ed Krzyzaniak presented the Town's recreation department a check for \$5,000. This contribution came from funds raised at the February 5th Surfside Rotary 10K Race.

The Town of Surfside Beach hosted the event and provided additional staffing to operate the race. The race brought in numerous out-of-town visitors, many of whom stayed in town accommodations and enjoyed the town's restaurants and shopping.

For information on future races, contact Surfside Rotary Club, www.surfsiderotary.org.

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS

Town Council meeting agendas are available on-line. Visit www.surfsidebeach.org, choose government, then public notices and information.

Agendas and draft minutes are available via email, contact town@surfsidebeach.org. Advisory public notices are also sent via email.



Veterans Brick Pavers

Honorarium or memorial brick pavers for placement at the Town's Veterans Memorial are for sale. Cost is \$50 each. Contact DebbieEllis@surfsidebeach.org or 843.913.6339 for more information.

Thank you to all those who have served and are serving to preserve our freedom!



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Lifeguards have authority to supervise and regulate surf fishing, physical activities, and swimming on the beach and to recall swimmers who are more than 50-yards from shore or more than shoulder deep. It is unlawful to disobey a lifeguard's instruction with regard to activities on the beach and in the ocean (§12-61.)

Sleeping in automobiles, recreational vehicles, or motor vehicles is not allowed in town (§8-2.)

Surfing areas are restricted during the summer season. Flagged poles mark the surfing areas (§12-64.) Questions, ask the lifeguard.

From the Town Code of Ordinances; view the entire code on-line at www.surfsidebeach.org.

2005 Town Council Meeting Schedule

January 11, 25 ♦ February 8, 22 ♦ March 8, 22 ♦ April 12, 26
May 10, 24 ♦ June 14, 28 ♦ July 12, 26 ♦ August 9, 23
Sept. 13, 27 ♦ October 11, 25 ♦ Nov. 8, 22 ♦ Dec. 13

Town Council meetings are held in Council Chambers, at Town Hall, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC, and begin at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The public is invited to attend all meetings. Time is allotted for public comments at every meeting. To receive agendas by email, contact town@surfsidebeach.org.

2005 PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETINGS

January 11 • February 1 • March 1 • April 5
May 3 • June 7 • July 5 • August 2
September 6 • October 4 • November 1 • December 6

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the 1st Tuesday every month at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Town Hall Complex. The public is invited to attend all meetings. Time is allotted for public comments at every meeting. Please contact the Building Department, 843.913.6111 for more information.



GOLF CART USE REGULATED BY SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LAW!

SC Law states that **ONLY LICENSED DRIVERS** may drive registered and licensed golf carts on a secondary highway or street within 2-miles of his residence only during daylight hours.

Golf Carts must be registered with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. The nearest office to Surfside Beach is located at 1200 21st Avenue North, Myrtle Beach. ☎843 448-9957