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If you want to speak with a member, call the town clerk at 843.913.6333 to get the member's personal telephone number.

Please deliver to addressee or current occupant.

Surfside Beach Directory

Any Emergency—Dial 9-1-1 (Fire, Police, Rescue)

Town Hall Main Number	843.913.6111
Town Hall Fax	843.238.5432
Town Administrator	843.913.6111
Town Clerk	843.913.6333
Events, Recreation, Civic Center	843.650.9548
Finance Department	843.913.6111
Fire Department (non-emergency)	843.913.6369
Municipal Court	843.913.6337
Planning, Building & Zoning	843.913.6341
Police Department (non-emergency)	843.913.6368
Public Works	843.913.6360

Town Hall: 115 US Highway 17 North
Civic Center: 829 Pine Drive North
Dog Parks: 1st Avenue North & Willow Drive
Fire Department: 821 1st Avenue North
Floral Clubhouse: 617 Lakeside Drive
Huckabee Complex: 499 Spanish Oak Drive
Martin Field: 6th Avenue South & Dogwood Drive
Passive Park & Veterans Memorial : Surfside & Willow Drives
Pier: Ocean Boulevard at the end of Surfside Drive
Planning Building & Zoning: 829 Pine Drive North
Police Department: 811 Pine Drive North

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Mayor's Message

There is a change to town elections! Beginning November 2019, elections for Surfside Beach Town Council will be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd numbered years, beginning in November 2019.

Election fling will be held beginning Friday, August 23, 2019 at 12 o'clock noon, and end on Friday, September 6th at 12 o'clock noon. Candidates for the upcoming election may filing for the office of mayor or town council. See page 3 for more information about the election. Ordinance #18-0886 was adopted at the February 26th regular Town Council meeting that set the parameters for changing the town election. Seated members' whose terms expire in 2020 will relinquish their seats on December 10th, 2019 when members-elect from the November election will be sworn in. Members whose terms expire in 2022 will relinquish their seats in December 2021.

Why is this a good move for the citizens? Town Council adopted Ordinance #09-0661 in March 2009 to change the town's fiscal year to July 1 to June 30 instead of from April 1 to March 31. But, the town election schedule was not changed, so when a newly elected councilmembers are seated in May they are voting on a budget that must be adopted by June 30th. With November elections, the newly seated councilmembers will have months instead of weeks to study the budget and be prepared to make recommendations before the vote. Horry County provided most of the poll workers for both the 2016 and 2018 elections, in addition to other support. The pool of town volunteers to work elections diminishes continually; it is difficult to get volunteers willing to spend 13 to 15 hours at the polls.

Visit <http://www.surfsidebeach.org/ordinances> to view Chapter 5 Elections in the Town Code of Ordinances.

Be safe! We are blessed to live in this beautiful beachside town we call Surfside Beach.

*Bob Childs
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Veterans Memorial Wall

A Veterans Memorial Wall was constructed at the Veterans Memorial. Plaques are available for purchase at \$50 each to honor or memorialize your Veteran. The order form is available at www.surfsidebeach.org. For more information contact call 843.650.9548 or send an email message to dellis@surfsidebeach.org.



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Surfside Beach Police Department Community Alert Program (CAP)

The Community Alert Program (CAP) is free of charge to town residents. Register your elderly or housebound family members with the Surfside Beach Police Department for wellness checks. You may do so by calling Tanika Parson 843.913.6346; visit the department at 811 Pine Drive or go online to obtain a form at www.surfsidebeach.org/police.

If your loved one has special needs, the department will keep that information confidential and make it available to first responders when necessary.

Don't miss this opportunity to provide your family member with an extra measure of protection.

Dates	Upcoming Events	Times	Location (Addresses on back cover)
April 13 Saturday	Pet Fair	9:00 a.m. to 12 noon	Dog Park
April 20, Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt & Kid's Fair	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Huckabee Complex
May 26, Sunday	Memorial Day Golf Cart Parade	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Ocean Boulevard
May 27, Monday	Memorial Day Service	2:00 p.m.	Veteran's Memorial
June 12, 19, 26 July 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7, 14 Wednesdays	Crafter's Cove	9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Under the Pier
Seasonal	Farmers Market	Tuesdays, May through October 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Passive Park
Seasonal	Sunday Serenades	Sundays, May 26 to Sept. 29 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Passive Park

To make reservations or for more information contact Debbie Ellis 843.650.9548 or email dellis@surfsidebeach.org

Recycling Programs at Many Cities Face Higher Costs, Cancellation

By Kathryn Martin

You may have seen recent news items about recycling programs being cancelled at hundreds of cities and towns around the U.S. A major reason for this policy change is China, which until January 2018 had been a big buyer of recyclable material collected here. According to a March 17 story in the New York Times, that stopped when Chinese officials determined that too much trash was mixed in with recyclable materials like cardboard and certain plastics. Thailand and India have also begun to restrict recyclable materials they will accept.

As a result, many cities are being charged higher fees by recycling companies, in some cases four times what they were paying only a year ago. Some companies are also charging customers additional "contamination" fees for trash that is mixed in with recyclables.

As yet, Horry County Solid Waste Authority has not raised our fees for recycling. At this time, Surfside Beach pays nothing for taking recycling to the Horry County

Landfill, which in fact lowers our sanitation costs by reducing the amount of waste which must be placed in landfills. However, it is in all our best interests to put only items which are truly recyclable in our recycle bins.

The ONLY items we are able to recycle (placed loose in recycle carts, NOT bagged) are:

- PAPER:** Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, phone books (remove covers).
- CARDBOARD:** Cardboard boxes should be dismantled and flattened.
- GLASS:** Bottles and jars, which have been thoroughly rinsed.
- ALUMINUM AND OTHER METAL CANS,** also clean, as well as aerosol cans.
- PLASTIC:** Bottles, jugs and jars (Numbers 1 through 7) , also clean.

We are NOT able to recycle the following: STYROFOAM; PLASTIC BAGS OR PLASTIC WARE; GLASS COOKWARE; DISHES; CERAMICS; ALUMINUM FOIL OR TRAYS; WRAPPING PAPER

Please note that most electronic items (CDs, cellphones, laptops, etc.) are accepted free at Best Buy stores.



Surfside Beach Gets Official Historic Recognition

By Kathryn Martin

Surfside Beach makes history — twice.

The first two historical markers — ever — in Surfside Beach were installed March 2, commemorating the Ark Plantation, an indigo plantation that was the earliest recorded settlement in the town. A marker at the corner of Willow and 3rd Avenue South indicates the history and location of the original plantation house, which dates to at least 1765. The second, at the intersection of 6th Avenue South, Myrtle and Juniper Streets, records the location of a burial ground that was contiguous to the plantation.

Two more markers are in the works: one to be placed at the approximate location of Long Bay Road, an early highway that passed through the town and ran parallel to the ocean; and a second to be placed at the entrance to the Town of Surfside Beach, on Surfside Drive.

Obtaining the markers was a nearly four-year process, according to Joyce Suliman, chairman of the Surfside Beach Historical Society. After conducting extensive research about the early inhabitants of the area, the group made a presentation to Town Council asking for recognition of the historical evidence. There followed a lengthy application process to the SC Archeology Department, which involved verification of the historical

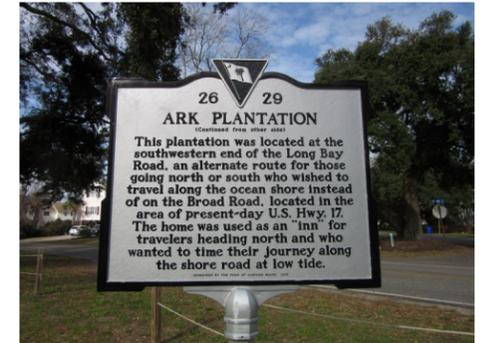
data and approval of the wording of the marker. Finally the signs had to be forged. The cost of the entire process was approximately \$5,000, which was funded from Accommodations Tax revenues.

Suliman believes the importance of the Ark Plantation can't be understated. "If not for the Ark, there wouldn't be a Surfside Beach," she says. "When John Tillman (one of the last owners) passed away with no heirs in 1867, the property was divided among several different families. One of the men who bought the plantation house was George Holliday, who added 20 rooms to the house and called it the Shady Inn. It was a way station for travelers heading down the coast. It was actually the first resort in Surfside Beach."

The Historical Society will be conducting golf-cart tours of the town's historical sites the first and third Saturdays of April and May, beginning at 2 p.m. and meeting at the Plantation site at 3rd Avenue South and Willow. Tours are free.

The Surfside Beach Historical Society meets at 5:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursday monthly at the Floral Clubhouse, 619 Lakeside Drive, Surfside Beach. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

For more information visit: www.surfsidebeach.org/surfside-beach-historical-society.



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Surfside Beach Historical Society
Chairman Joyce Suliman

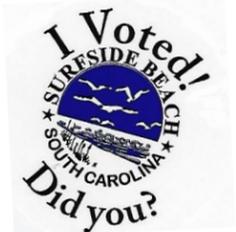
Finance Notes

The finance department handles all business licensing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, preparation of the annual budget, town hall reception, and many other tasks.

Finance information may be viewed at www.surfsidebeach.org/finance.

Election 2019

Candidate Filing for the November 5, 2019 Election to elect the mayor and three councilmembers will open on Friday August 23rd at 12 o'clock noon and close on Friday, September 6th at 12 o'clock noon. Filing Fees are \$100 for the mayor and \$75 for town council. Term of office: December 10, 2019 to December 12, 2023.



For more information or to make an appointment call the town clerk at 843.913.6333 or send an email to dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org.