Town Administrator Resigns

Mr. Frank Roberts, the Town Administrator since May, 1982 and the first Administrator for the Town of Surfside Beach, was honored at the July 15th Town Council meeting. The Town Council presented Mr. Roberts with a plaque of appreciation for his dedication and service as the Town Administrator. Mayor Pro Tempore, Archie Benton also read a resolution that was written to recognize Mr. Roberts' outstanding contributions, not only to his position, but also to the community.

Mr. Roberts is leaving to assume the position of City Manager in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. His last day with the Town will be July 31, 1986. In confirming the resignation, which Mr. Roberts gave to Town Council at the June 17th Town Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tempore Archie Benton expressed the feelings of the Council and the staff by accepting the resignation "with much regret". Mr. Roberts has brought professionalism and a cohesive problem solving approach to the operations of the Town. Join us in wishing him well in his new endeavor and continued success to his family, wife-Terri and son-Frank IV.

The position vacancy has been advertised in the ICMA Newsletter. Until a new administrator is obtained, Mr. Ron Peaks, Town Engineer, has been appointed Interim Administrator. Mr. Peaks began assuming these duties in July.

New Council/Court Chambers Dedicated

The new Town Council/Court Chambers was dedicated in a public ceremony conducted on June 16th. Mayor Pro Tempore, Archie Benton presided and Mrs. Lib Huckabee unveiled the corner stone and cut the ribbon to officially open the building. The Town Council, staff, visiting dignitaries and many residents attended the ceremonies.

The building was constructed in response to a federal requirement which provided that all governmental facilities, open to the public, must be handicapped accessible. The new building will house the Council/Court Chambers and has a seating capacity of approximately 150 persons.

Beach Patrol Officer

The Beach Patrol Officer this summer is Mrs. Melody Henry. Melody is certified in advanced life saving and CPR techniques. She presently resides with her husband and two daughters in Myrtle Beach. Her duties consist of patrolling the beach and beach accesses on a radio equipped, all terrain vehicle, enforcing State and local ordinances and rendering first aid to swimmers and sun bathers when required.
Baseball Season
The Youth Baseball Season has been in full swing since opening day in April and the regular season was recently completed. All Star Tournament play began in July. Surfside Beach hosted the District Dixie Boys Tournament which started July 12th at Huckabee Complex. Dixie Youth Sub-District was held July 12th at North Myrtle Beach. Dixie Youth Half Stars Tournament was July 7th at Myrtle Beach.

Girls Softball
There were two girls softball teams ages 8 through 12 years. Games were played at Huckabee Dixie Youth field each Wednesday. Fun was had by all those involved, players and parents alike.

Upcoming Recreation Activities
The Recreation Department will sponsor another class for CPR certification in the fall. The last class, which was conducted by the Rescue Squad, resulted in certification of fifteen persons.
Adult Softball began its 2nd year of play on July 8th. There are six teams in this low-keyed league which will play at the Huckabee Complex fields.
Registration for tennis lessons began on July 14th.
Registration for football players and cheerleaders will begin on August 18th, at the Town Hall between the hours of 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. We are also looking for football officials. Anyone interested may call the Recreation Department at 238-4131.
The Second Old Fashioned Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 20, 1986, at 10:00 a.m., at H. Blue Huckabee Complex. There will be events and activities for members including games, carnival booths, and arts and crafts.
Please check the local paper for any new classes that the Recreation Department will conduct in the fall.

Employee Training
Bob Powell has been awarded a "D" license in Waste Water Treatment. Bob had a Waste Water License from the state of Ohio, and through board action by DHEC, he was able to be licensed in the state of South Carolina.
We are happy to report that several of our Town Employees have recently taken advantage of educational opportunities through the Governmental Training Consortium. Mr. Tom Tracy, of the Recreation Department, has successfully completed an "Introduction to Supervision" course. Mr. Terry Grady, the Town's Chief Mechanic, has successfully completed an "Electronic Automotive Fuel Systems" course. Congratulations guys! Good luck also to Mr. Frank Belcher, Street Superintendent, and Sergeant Kim Hughes, Police Department, as they are currently enrolled in the "Supervisory Practices" course at TEC.
Firefighter Bob Austin recently completed the third and final phase of the South Carolina Firefighter training program. Bob is the first fireman in Surfside Beach to complete this basic training. Congratulations Bob.

House Numbers
Our meter reading and fire crews are still having trouble finding houses, when necessary. This is due to the fact that the buildings are not numbered. Please check with the Utilities Department for the correct street number for your residence and then obtain and display these numbers.
Sun Fun Volleyball Tournament

Surfside Beach Recreation Department, WYAV 104 Radio and Sea and Ski sponsored the 3rd Annual Sun Fun Volleyball Tournament. The matches were held on the beach on June 7th and 8th. Twenty teams were entered in the tournament with a team from North Carolina (the Polecats) winning. Awards were presented following the completion of the tournament. A special "Thank You" to all those volunteers who helped make this two day event successful.

Employee Notes - Happenings

Mrs. Stephanie Leath, Secretary-Receptionist and her husband, Tom, are the proud parents of a 6 pound, 11 ounce baby boy (Austin Kennedy Leath). Austin was first introduced to the world on June 13th. Congratulations.

Mrs. Denise Voiles has begun work with the Town as Secretary-Receptionist until Stephanie returns from maternity leave. Denise has been an excellent addition and we welcome her.

The foursome of Mr. Neil Ferguson (Finance Director), Mr. Billy Hendrix (Recreation Director), Mr. Ron Peaks (Town Engineer), and Mr. Frank Roberts (Administrator) represented the Town well in the second Annual Surfside Area Rotary Club Benefit Golf Tournament. The foursome finished in first place with a net score of 47.

Neil Ferguson and his wife, Hazel, are expecting their second child sometime in late July or early August.

Sign Permits - Enforcement

A number of signs have been installed lately, without first obtaining permits. Some of the signs have not complied with the Sign Ordinance of Surfside Beach and consequently have had to be removed. This, of course, places added expense and inconvenience on everyone. Therefore, please check with the Building and Zoning offices before you order or install a sign.

Trash Disposal Requirements

Just a reminder that grass clippings and leaves should be put in bags and tree trimmings should comply with the Town Ordinance. Limbs should be cut in four (4) feet lengths and tied in small bundles. Failure to follow these requirements could delay trash collection and result in inconvenience to you and the Sanitation Department.