Survey Shows 97% Favor Recycling

RECYCLE: That’s the word in Surfside Beach these days. The Town is very actively involved in the recycling of newspapers, aluminum and metal cans, and clear, brown and green glass. The program began in town on August 27th, and the response has been great. Just in case there are some of you out there who do not know... the Town’s recycling site is located behind People’s Federal Savings & Loan, on Pine Avenue (right across from the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center). Bins are on site for bundled newspapers, rinsed clean aluminum and metal cans, and clear, brown and green glass... and as of Friday, October 5th, we are now taking plastics. A survey performed by the Town on September 20th indicates that 91% of those contacted prefer a voluntary over mandatory recycling program. When asked if a curbside recycling program would be preferable, 77% responded favorably, and the same number said they would accept once per week garbage pickup and once per week recyclables pickup service.

Folks, it’s our DUTY to do something about the glut of plastics polluting our planet, as well as the paper, glass and metals, before it’s too late! Should you have any questions, please give us a call at 238-2590. And don’t forget, LET’S DO OUR PART.

Town Hall Facelift

Have you visited Town Hall lately? Offices in the Town Hall Building have recently undergone a “facelift”. New paint and wallpaper adorn the walls and countertops sport a fresh, coat of blue paint. Pastel color pictures have been hung, Williamsburg blue carpeting runs through the Administrative, Water, and Police Department offices. Blue/gray tile has been installed in the hallways. Employees are proud of their cheerful “new” environment.

In Memoriam

T.J. Harrison, 1920 – 1990
First Mayor of Surfside Beach
1964 – 1967

All Children’s Park

The Town of Surfside Beach and the South Strand Sertoma Club are in the process of building an “All Children’s Park” at the corner of 10th Avenue South and Hollywood Drive. This park will enable handicapped and able-bodied children to play together and enjoy many different experiences. This is the first park of its kind in the state. The dedication ceremony is planned to be held in November.

Code Enforcement

Over the past quarter, the Department has seen building activity return to normal residential and commercial growth, and the completion of most “Hugo” repairs. During this period, forty (40) new single-family dwellings have been added to the Town. Highlights for building were the reopening of the Surfside Pier and the opening of the “Wild Water and Wheels” amusement park.

In the Zoning Department, the Planning and Zoning Commission contributed to the passage of the “Adult Entertainment Ordinance”. This ordinance regulates sexually-oriented business defined as “adult book stores/video stores, adult cabarets, adult motion picture theaters, and adult drive-in theaters”. Exhibition of specified anatomical areas and certain sexual activities are prohibited. Adult businesses are also prohibited within one thousand feet (1000) of any residential zone, church, library, house of worship, primary or secondary school, public park, public facility, public playground, public swimming pool, or other regulated adult business. Parking requirement for these businesses is one (1) space per one hundred (100) square feet of floor space, and signs cannot have graphic or pictorial depiction.

An amended “Billboard Ordinance” was also passed allowing billboards in the C-1 Highway District, provided the signs are no longer than three hundred seventy-eight (378) square feet, do not exceed a maximum height of fifty feet (50), are single pole, with the sign a minimum of fifty feet (50) from the highway right-of-way, not to exceed fifteen (15) signs, and separated by a minimum of six hundred feet (600). All signs shall be in compliance with the Town’s Tree Protection Ordinance.
From the Mayor’s Desk

Dear Residents:

It’s not difficult for us to be discouraged as we look at local and world events these days. The Federal budget deficit is out of control, and one wonders if the Congress and President will seriously begin to resolve our fiscal crisis. Not too long ago, a federal “sting” implicated several state legislators, thus further reducing public confidence in politicians. One wonders if it is time for dramatic political reforms.

The potential closure of Myrtle Beach Air Force Base threatens our economic and military stability. One wonders if the final decision is economic or just another lesson in protecting one’s political turf. And of course there is the mid-East crisis which threatens world security and thousands of human lives. Is our military presence there to stay?

You can see why one could become cynical after reading this. These truly are troubled times in which we live, but isn’t it also true that it is very easy to feed our cynicism? History shows that we, as Americans, have always been able to overcome troubled times. Our spirit and determination have not allowed temporary setbacks to keep us down very long. As a matter of fact, we turn our problems into opportunities and challenges, and most often conquer them.

As we face these times together, let us remember the American spirit that has survived for over 200 years... the same spirit that has enabled us to overcome the many physical, economic, moral and fiscal crises. We stand together as, “...one Nation under God, indivisible”... ready to meet the times ahead.

Yours truly,

Dick M. Johnson, Mayor

Police Beat

The Town of Surfside Beach now has a full time Clerk of Court. The Municipal Court also has a brand new PCS SS (Professional Computer Software Services System) computer, which will streamline the entire court operation. With the significant increase in visitors to our area, the court caseload has also increased dramatically. With the computer on line, all information is stored, and the docketing, scheduling, payment of fines, jury trials, and final disposition of tickets are accomplished in a much more timely fashion. The lengthy and complicated monthly reports are also compiled and printed in just a few minutes. Only in operation a few months, staff is excited about the new system, which is a great timesaver.

The department’s three radar units have received their annual certification, and are back in full use.

The new 1990 Chevrolet patrol vehicle has been placed into service. In an average year, 36,000 miles is placed on each of the department’s three marked cruisers.

Town residents will soon notice a change in our officers’ uniforms. New dark sweaters and dark blue long sleeved shirts with ties will be implemented to give a more “official” appearance. Uniforms are of a twill blend weave, which allows the fabric to “breathe”, and are more resistance free.

Promotions in the department were awarded to Bob Trusty, who rose from PFC to Corporal, and Kaye Long who moved up from patrolperson to PFC. Congratulations to both.

Fire Kills Every 97 Minutes

4,335 people died in home fires last year. This was about 80% of the total 5,410 civilian fire deaths recorded in 1989. This represented a 13% drop from the 1988 death toll, but is still far higher than the death rates in the rest of the industrialized free world.

Further fire facts include:

- **FIRE CAUSES INJURY EVERY 19 MINUTES.** The number of civilian fire injuries last year tallied 28,250.
- **A FIRE IS REPORTED EVERY 15 SECONDS.** Public fire departments responded to 2,115,000 fires in the United States last year.
- **FIRE DESTROYS $274 EVERY SECOND.** An estimated $8,665,000,000 in direct property damage occurred as a result of fire in 1989.

This year’s Fire Prevention Week activities focused on the theme, “Make your place firesafe: Hunt for home hazards”. It was intended to teach everyone how they can make their homes firesafe. For further information on this, contact the Surfside Beach Fire Department at 238-2314.

Volunteer Firefighter

Being a **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER** offers one reward few other jobs can match. Few jobs offer you the opportunity to save a life. Being a volunteer firefighter, you could be called on to do it at a moment’s notice.

That’s why we need people with a strong desire to help others. And people with courage and dedication to the job they do.

Because the job is so important, we make sure all of our volunteer firefighters are expertly trained and properly equipped.

So if you want to do something important for your community and are willing to take on a challenging job, contact the **SURFSIDE BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT** at 238-2314 or come by the station located at 810 First Avenue North.

Employees of the Quarter

We have two (2) winning candidates for “Employee of the Quarter”. Both excellent employees, Janet M. “Jan” Lewis, Secretary/Receptionist, and Richard W. “Rich” Parkhurst, Heavy Equipment Operator in the Streets/Drainage Department, have been named as co-winners for “Employee of the Quarter – Summer/Fall 1990”. Congratulations to both from your Town Hall “family”. Town Council presented each with a plaque and $100 Savings Bond.
Notice to Taxpayers

Act 317 of 1990 provides that each county shall conduct a referendum on November 6, 1990, on the question of implementing a one cent sales and use tax within the county area. If passed in a county area, a minimum of 63% of the additional funds collected in the first year of implementation must be used as a credit against the property tax liability in the county area. The minimum to be used as a credit against the property tax liability will increase by two percent each year to a minimum of 71% of the additional funds in the fifth year, and all future years, going towards a credit against the property tax liability of the county area. This credit does not apply to school taxes, or taxes which are not levied city or countywide. The total city tax credit cannot exceed the tax bill for municipal ordinary tax purposes; nor can the total county tax credit exceed the tax bill for county ordinary purposes.

Pursuant to Section 4-10-30(D) of Act 317 of 1990, notice is hereby given that if the referendum is favorable, the anticipated credit against property taxes in the first year of implementation of the property tax credit fund (based on 63% of total collections going to the credit fund) is estimated to be as follows:

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Horry County: $57.00

Ocean Blvd. Pedestrian Walkway

At the September 4, 1990 Town Council meeting, the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism presented the Town with the Carolina Accommodations Tax/Tourism Promotion Award for the construction of the Ocean Blvd. Pedestrian Walkway.

In the spring of 1989, the Town began construction of the new walkway. This walkway is 10,200 feet of 4’ and 6’ wide asphalt adjacent to and on the ocean side of Ocean Blvd. and is the full length of the Town. The construction of this walkway did not only beautify Ocean Blvd. but also directed and gave an alternative to the roadway for foot traffic which has made Ocean Blvd. a safer place.

November 1990 Fluoride Levels

The US Environmental Protection Agency requires that we give you notice on the level of fluoride in your drinking water. The drinking water in this community has a fluoride concentration as set forth below:

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Federal regulations require that fluoride, which occurs naturally in your water supply, not exceed a concentration of 4.0 mg/l in drinking water. This is an enforceable standard called a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), and it has been established to protect the public health. Exposure to drinking water at levels above 4.0 mg/l for many years may result in some cases of crippling skeletal fluorosis, which is a serious bone disorder.

The law also requires that you be notified when monitoring indicates that the fluoride in your drinking water exceeds 2.0 mg/l. This is intended to alert families about dental problems that may affect children under 9 years of age. The fluoride concentration of your water exceeds this federal guideline.

Fluoride in children’s drinking water at levels of approximately 1 mg/l reduces the number of dental cavities. However, some children exposed to levels of fluoride greater than about 2.0 mg/l may develop dental fluorosis, which is in its more severe forms, is a brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth.

Fluoride exposure occurs only when developing teeth (before they erupt from the gums) are exposed to high levels of fluoride. Households without children are not expected to be affected by this level of fluoride. Families with children under the age of 9 are encouraged to seek other sources of drinking water for their children to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting.

Your water supplier can lower the concentration of fluoride in your water so that you will still receive the benefits of cavity prevention while the possibility of stained and pitted teeth is minimized. Removal of fluoride will increase your water cost. Treatment systems are also commercially available for home use. Information on such systems is available at the address below. Low fluoride bottled drinking water is also commercially available. For maximum of 5 gallons per week, $4.40.

Recreation Department Newsletter

CLASSES:

Low Impact Aerobic classes are held every Mon., Wed., and Fri. 9am to 10am at the Civic Center. Registration fees are required.

Tap Dancing for Seniors. If interested call: 650-4131.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

The 6th Annual Old Fashioned Family Festival was held on Saturday, Oct. 6th at H. Blue Huckabee Recreation Complex from noon to 8pm. There was entertainment, carnival booths, arts and crafts, various types of food and sporting events for all ages. A great crowd came for an afternoon of fun and festivities.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE:

The 30 and over Slowpitch Softball League completed its 5th year of play. Games were held at Huckabee Complex during July and August.

Glen’s Plumbing was the league champ and B.J.’s Dart Pub was the tournament champ.

50’s PLUS GROUP:

This group is still very active. They meet every Monday morning at 3rd Avenue South for several brief announcements and a beachwalk. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center. Anyone 50 and over is invited. For more information about this exciting group of people please call the Recreation Department.
CIVIC CENTER:
The Dick M. Johnson Civic Center is operated by the Recreation Department in which classes and various programs are conducted. If you are interested in renting the building please call the Recreation Department at least one month in advance of scheduled event.

TOWN EMPLOYEE DAY:
The Recreation Department finally got to conduct the Quarterly Employees Day on September 20. After two rain-outs at the Blue Jays game we decided to have it indoors at the Civic Center for a sit down meal and enjoy a baseball video.

YOUTH SPORTS:
The 1990 baseball/softball season was again a tremendous success. Twenty-four (24) teams participated in seven (7) leagues with nearly 400 kids involved. Surfside Beach was host for the 1990 Dixie Youth Minor League (ages 8, 9, 10) District Tournament. Three sub-district champions traveled to Surfside Beach to discover a strong host team coached by Paul McCulloch, Gary Reuber and Keith King. Surfside Beach's All Stars had a clean sweep, going undefeated in capturing the District Championship. District competition is the highest level of play for this age group. Surfside Beach's Dixie Youth Major League All Stars (11 & 12) traveled to Myrtle Beach and walked away with the Sub-District crown. The team was skippered by Steve Hawley, Dean Welch, and John Truelove.

The 1990 football season kicks off with games starting in October. Eight teams will take the field with four in the Small Fry (ages 8, 9, 10) division and four in the Mite (ages 11, 12) division. Each team will have a cheerleading squad on the sidelines cheering their team on. Each team will play a 9 game schedule with the season ending in November. Games are played each evening, Monday thru Thursday beginning at 6:00 pm. Spectators are always welcome. Come out and support our youth.

Basketball registration begins November 12, 1990. Boys ages 11 thru 14 are welcome. Registration will be taken at the Recreation Department between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

New CEO
The Town of Surfside Beach has a new Code Enforcement Official. His name is Eddie Richardson, and he succeeds John Woodward. Mr. Richardson was born in Hamlet, NC and has lived in this area since 1968. For the past sixteen (16) years he owned and operated his "PlumbCare" plumbing business. He and his wife Helen have a son, "Richie". Mr. Richardson was recently named to the Board of Directors of the SC Association of Plumbing, Gas, and Electrical Inspectors, for a five (5) year term. We welcome him as a staff member.

Personnel Potpourri
A "hearty" WELCOME to newcomers Eddie Richardson, who is our Code Enforcement Official. Kema Andros, the Town's first full time Clerk of Court, who comes to us from the Charleston area. Doug Keeler, who is from Michigan is the Town's newest Firefighter. Allan McLain, the recently hired Recreation Aide, is a local lad. Georgann McCoy, a Logan, West Virginia native, who joins the Police Department as a Dispatcher, and Allen Wayne Stewart, most recently a Police Officer in Benton, TN, has been hired as a Patrolman, bringing the Department up to full strength once again. We hope each of you will enjoy being a part of our Surfside Beach "family".

Over the past few months we said our "So Longs" to Bob Powell and Roger Lackey of the Utility Department, Joel Hoover of the Recreation Department, Suzy Sennes, Debbie Nickerson and Butch Sith of the Police Dept. Happy October birthdays to Terri Chatfield, Neil Ferguson and Bill Hendrix. Congrats to PW Director Ron Peaks, who celebrated his FIFTH year as an employee of the Town of Surfside Beach. What "aspiring" golfer made a HOLE IN ONE... a HOLE IN some ONE's window, that is!!! What Department head is experiencing all the symptoms of impending motherhood, these days???