DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Discharge Drainage Project Underway

The Town’s Comprehensive Drainage and Street Improvement Project saw construction begin on the $1 million discharge drainage portion on March 12, 1990. These long awaited improvements will ultimately rid Town residents of “pocket” or area flooding during intense rains, and eliminate all dirt streets. The discharge drainage portion is scheduled for completion in September of this year, with the final street paving and remaining drainage improvements projected to begin in late August, with total project completion around Christmas 1991. What a “present” that will be!

With this heavy construction comes related construction problems. As many folks in the North end can attest to, water service “interruption” can be a major headache. Although very little can be done to eliminate water service interruption during the project, we apologize for the inconvenience. The Town has set up an information line to alert residents whenever water service is interrupted, and the expected duration of the outage. If your water service is interrupted, the phone number to call is 238-5531. It should be noted that the North end outage was not planned, but occurred when water lines were accidentally broken. Planned service interruptions will be announced on radio stations, WYAV 104, and WYAK 103, as well as in the Sun News. Also tune to the Jones Cable Information Channel #45, for weekly updates.

An additional construction problem is re-routing of vehicle traffic. Although the contractor is scheduled to be off Ocean Blvd. in June, other streets will be impacted during the construction process, and detours will be necessary. Again, we apologize, and will attempt to keep these inconveniences to a minimum.

Town Council and Staff are very excited to have these projects underway, and ask you to be patient while the drainage system is overhauled and the streets are being paved.

After all, Christmas 1991 is closer than you think!

STREET PAVING TO START IN THE FALL

Election Results

On Tuesday, March 13, 1990, the Town of Surfside Beach held a General Election for three (3) seats on Town Council. Incumbent Roy Hyman, Jr. was re-elected to his council seat, garnering 495 votes. The next high vote getter was Joe (Joseph E.) Whitmore, former councilman (1984-88), with 379 votes. Incumbent candidate John A. Purcell won 302 votes and Melvin (James M.) Truett received 309, which forced a run-off election on March 27, 1990. The winner in that election was Melvin Truett, with 393 votes.

New councilmembers were sworn into office at the regular Council Meeting of April 3, 1990. We welcome the new councilmen into office and bid “Adieu”, to outgoing Councilmen Neil Wright, who served three terms (12 years) 1978 to 1990, and John A. Purcell, who served one term (4 Years) from 1986 to 1990. We wish them both Godspeed, and good luck in future endeavors.

Ocean Front Repair Well Underway

“Hugo is now over six (6) months past, and the beach area restoration is coming along well. The Beach Renourishment Project is now completed, as is the state-funded Sand Fencing and Beach Grass Program. Construction of replacement dune walkovers has begun, and is scheduled for completion by the end of May. Additionally, the observation deck will be replaced by the “Season”, as will the emergency vehicle access ramps and handicapped accessible dune walkovers. Repair of the Ocean Boulevard pedestrian walkway will begin by the end of April, and will also be completed before June. Although not Town property, the Surfside Beach Pier reconstruction has begun, and the owner’s projected time frame for completion is early summer of this year.

All in all, much work has already been completed, with remaining items to be completed in the next few months. Please bear with us as we get the Town “back in shape”.
From the Mayor’s Desk

Dear Residents:

I am pleased to announce that this year I will serve as the Horry County League of Cities Chairman. The League of Cities is made up of the eight (8) municipalities in Horry County: Atlantic Beach, Aynor, Briarcliffe Acres, Conway, Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach and Surfside Beach. The League’s purpose is to discuss and work to resolve the common issues that face our cities and towns in Horry County.

Some of the more important issues that have been discussed in the past are: solid waste disposal, Myrtle Beach Air Force Base closure, local option sales tax, and dual taxation. I want to give mention to the latter two.

In February of this year, Governor Campbell signed into law the local option sales tax. In order for Horry County to impose this one cent sales tax, the voters of Horry County will have to approve it on the November 6, 1990 referendum.

Passage of the local option sales tax will mean a mandatory rollback of property taxes of 63% the first year, to 71% in the fifth year, and every year thereafter. The local option sales tax also means that local governments will have an alternative source of revenue to fund its operations. But, more importantly, it will mean that those who visit our area will pay their share of the cost of providing local government services, and relieve the property owners and businesses of this entire burden. You will hear more about this in the months to come.

“Dual Taxation” has received a lot of lip service in previous years. Dual Taxation is the concept that residents who reside in a municipality are paying twice (city taxes and county taxes) for services not made available by the County. Municipalities in Horry County claim that our residents are paying County taxes, yet County services are either limited or non-existent for municipal residents. In an effort to “quantify” the dual taxation claim, the municipalities joined together along with the County, and hired the accounting firm of Deloitte-Touche to study and analyze the dual taxation problem in Horry County. In addition to an overall report of dual taxation, the cities and towns will also receive a report of dual taxation for their respective jurisdictions. This study is the first hurdle in overcoming dual taxation. Upon its completion, the hard work will begin toward resolving this issue with the County, through negotiations. The League of Cities is committed to solving this issue for its residents and business community. We need your input and support.

Yours truly,

Dick M. Johnson, Mayor

Police Beat

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. The recent drug seminars and slide programs that the police department is presenting to the various civic and church groups are proof of that. The programs have met with complete success. Should your organization want to know more about the drug problem please contact the police department for information on a guest speaker.

Several new ordinances are now in effect, or are being considered, for example the “Careless Operation of a Vehicle” has been passed by the Town Council. This new traffic ordinance will assist your police department with those traffic violations who do not pay attention to their driving. The new “Safety Belt Law” is now a part of the State Traffic Code and is being enforced. As of January 1, 1990 anyone stopped for a moving violation not wearing a seat belt may be fined $10.00 in addition to the fine for the moving violation.

With the summer season upon us, skate boarding will increase. While the police department is conducting a study to ascertain if a Town ordinance is needed, it should be noted that any skate boarding ordinance would not be applicable to private property. If you wish to comment on this study, please contact the department.

GTE has informed the department that they expect to have the 911 Emergency Number on line by April 30, 1990. Experts maintain that in jurisdictions where the 911 number becomes available, calls for service will increase by a minimum of 33%. With the police personnel currently available the department would not be able to maintain service at an acceptable level, should this occur. Therefore steps have been taken to remedy the situation by adding seven reserve officers to the department. These officers must give a minimum of 20 hours free time per month to the Town in order to keep their certification. The cost to buy a complete uniform for one officer is $1,050. It is the department’s opinion that no police officer should be placed on the street without the benefit of a bullet resistant vest. The vest cost approximately $275 each. In order to offset the cost to the Town of the additional reserve officers’ uniform vests, the department is requesting that citizens, civic and church groups make donations to buy the additional vests, which will cost approximately $1525.00.

Please make your tax deductible check out to the SURFside BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT. Thank you for the support that each citizen has given to the Police Department, with your help we can succeed.

Fire Protection Systems Maintenance

In many cases, considerable investments have been made in fire protection systems in both commercial and residential buildings. These systems include sprinklers, standpipes, roof hood extinguishing systems and alarms. If properly maintained, these systems provide a quick and efficient means of protecting life and reducing loss from fire. However, if not maintained, these systems just provide a false sense of security and inflate building costs. All of these systems should be checked at least twice yearly by qualified and licensed persons and at least monthly by building occupants or managers. Also, please remember, before any of these systems are disabled or altered in any way, the fire department must be notified. For more information or assistance in maintaining these systems, contact the Surfside Beach Fire Department at 238-2314.

Employees Honored


Smoke Detectors Save Lives

What a wonderful feeling it is for a firefighter to realize that everyone has safely escaped a burning building. And what a horrible feeling to realize that someone has perished in a fire. Surfside Beach firefighters have experienced all of these emotions recently. A simple device, which costs less than ten dollars, can and has prevented many needless deaths throughout South Carolina and the nation. This device is a smoke detector.

The law says that a smoke detector must be located and maintained on every story of every dwelling unit. This includes single family, duplex and multifamily buildings. While it may be the owner's responsibility to provide the smoke detectors, tenants must assume some responsibility, also. If the detector is not there, who is going to suffer?

There is no excuse for not having smoke detectors. If you feel that you cannot afford the ten dollars to protect the lives of you and your family, or if you are physically unable to install a smoke detector, or if you are unable to check and change the battery in your detector, then contact the fire department and we will attempt to assist you.

REMEMBER, USE SMOKE DETECTORS. NOT ONLY IS IT COMMON SENSE, IT'S THE LAW.

Town Council Adopts a False Alarm Ordinance

In 1989, the Surfside Beach Police and Fire Departments responded to 529 false alarms, caused by improperly maintained equipment, improperly installed equipment or improperly used equipment. This cost the Town an estimated $32,000. Some other problems caused by responding to false alarms include: increased risk to personnel and citizens due to vehicles rushing to reported emergencies, delayed response to actual emergencies due to responding to false alarms, and wear and tear on vehicles and equipment.

For these reasons, the Town Council is considering an administrative fee to curb owners of alarm equipment when the equipment continually functions or is misused. The proposed fees are:

- 1st false alarm — no charge
- 2nd false alarm — $25.00
- 3rd false alarm — $65.00
- 4th and subsequent false alarms — $100.00 each

If you have questions, feel free to contact the Surfside Beach Police or Fire Departments at 238-2314.

"Hugo" Debris

The date for the Town to haul away "Hugo" debris expired on January 15, 1990. The Town is working with FEMA to see whether the Federal agency will extend its emergency period beyond March 22, 1990 and reimburse the Town for debris hauling.

In the meantime, a second notice has been sent to property owners (including vacant lots) informing them that they will have 30 days to remove "Hugo" related debris. The letters further informs owners that if no action is taken within the 30 days, the Town will contract to have the debris removed. The Town will then bill the property owner for payment. If payment is not received within 30 days, the Town will place a lien on the property at the County Court house in order to collect the money for this work.

A survey is also being conducted of all other properties (not in immediate "Hugo" area) that may have been affected by "Hugo", so that those property owners will be advised of any debris and/or fallen trees that may be an endangerment. These owners will also be given time to clean up their properties. If you know of any serious areas needing immediate attention, please give us a call at 238-5531.

Mayor Johnson Honored

Mayor Jonson was recently honored for his "Hugo" Recovery efforts, by the Town, the State Senate and State House of Representatives. Dignitaries from the Agencies were on hand to present the Mayor with commemorative plaques and certificates. Congratulations, Mayor, on a job well done!

Recreation Department Update

Athletic Programs:

The Surfside Beach Recreation Department just concluded its 1989-90 basketball season. Four teams competed in each league. The Midget Division (13-14) had the Lakers, Hawks, Jazz and Bulls competing for the regular season championship. The Lakers, coached by Bill Kempf came out on top with an 8-1 record. In the Mite Division (11-12), the Blazers won the league championship with a 7-2 regular season record. The Blazers were coached by Mike Holmes. Other teams competing in this league were the Sixers, Gamecocks and Wildcats. All Star teams were selected to compete in post season tournament play.

Baseball season is fast approaching with registration beginning on March 5th. Last year, the department fielded 25 youth baseball and softball teams. 1990 should be another year for great participation with the local league starting its games on April 23rd.

Civic Center

The dedication of the new Dick M. Johnson Civic Center was held on March 18, 1990 at 3:00 pm. There was a large turn-out for this ceremony.

The new Dick M. Johnson Civic Center is a gathering point for programs which are conducted by the Recreation Department to enhance the participation of local residents in educational and instructional activities. Also, when scheduling permits, to provide a place for meetings.

This year, we proposed to start new programs and classes now that we have a facility of this type. We will now be able to offer programs and classes that we have not been able to offer before.

Donation For Civic Center

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Receive a Surfside Beach "coolie"
Receive Surfside Beach License Plate
Receive Surfside Beach Tee Shirt
Receive Surfside Beach Poster

Manager's Advisory Committee

On January 30, 1990, Town Administrator, Pat DiGiovanni appointed the "Manager's Advisory Committee". The Town Administrator will meet on a monthly basis with non-supervisory employees to discuss common issues that affect departments, overall organization and the Town, in general. Furthermore, the committee is to serve as a means to provide valuable information that can be used to enhance our ability to better serve our residents and tourists.

Employees serving on the committee for the first quarter are Sue Sennies, of the Police Department; Mike Lewis, Fire Department; Stu Anderson, Recreation Department; Lillian Gary, Finance Department; Gene Frazier, Streets/Drainage; Wilbur Baker, Sanitation, and Tom Nophsker, Utilities. Committee members will serve on a quarterly rotation basis.

The Town Administrator said, "I am looking for a lot of great ideas to come out of this committee, so that we can improve our services, our work force, and our Town".

Clearing of Empty Lots

We have many requests from citizens wishing to clear debris from empty lots which adjoin their property. We cannot give you permission to clean someone's lot, but once you have obtained permission from the owner the Town is willing to place a dumpster on the right-of-way at the property. This will ensure the debris is removed in a timely manner. We thank the concerned citizens of this community for their cooperation.

Door hangers

In the near future "door hangers" will be used to alert residents of any Sanitation Ordinance violations. The door hanger will state the violation, and give a number to call should you have any questions.

If the violation continues to exist the violator will be issued a summons to appear in Town court.

We ask all residents to assist us in this endeavor to keep our Town clean.
The US Environmental Protection Agency requires that we give you this 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 levels above 4.0 mg/l for many years may result in some cases of crippling skeletal fluorosis, which is a serious bone disorder.

Federal law also requires that we notify you 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 might 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, in its moderate and severe forms, is a brown staining and/or pitting of the permanent teeth.

Because dental fluorosis occurs only when developing teeth (before they erupt from the gums) are exposed to elevated fluoride levels, 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 costs. Treatment systems are also commercially available for home use. Information on such systems is available at the address below. Low fluoride bottled drinking water that would meet all standards is also commercially available. Free (maximum of 5 gallons per week) low fluoride drinking water is available for all Surfside Beach water account customers at the following locations:

1. North entrance of Surfside Beach Town Hall
2. Garden City Realty Building, Atlantic Avenue, Garden City
3. Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority, Route 544, Conway

For further information, contact Public Works Director Ron Peaks, Surfside Beach Town hall, 29575, or call 238-5531. The Town has entered into a regional contract with Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority, the City of Conway and Little River Water and Sewer District, to construct a surface water treatment plant on Bull Creek. Projected completion date is Fall of 1991. At that time, fluoride concentrations will be reduced below 2 mg/l.

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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS BY BANK DRAFT?**

We have received customer inquiries concerning the possibility of paying Town Utility Bills (water/sewer/sanitation) by automatic bank drafts. If you would be interested in this service, please fill out and detach this form and return to Town Hall.

_______ I would utilize a bank draft service to pay my utility bill(s).

_______ I would not use such a service.

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**CUT ALONG PERFORATION AND MAIL TO:**

TOWN HALL
115 HWY. 17 NORTH
SURFSIDE BEACH, SC 29575
OR
DROP OFF AT TOWN HALL
BY MAY 30, 1990
Personnel Potpourri

Hard to believe, but 1990 is 1/4 over. Lots of things happening in the Town of Surfside Beach... We welcome newcomers: Debbie Nickerson, dispatcher in the Police Department, who hails from Hyannis, Massachusetts; Jim Dove, our new part-time Building Inspector in the Codes Enforcement Department, and Jerry Beal is the “Resident Inspector”, on the Town’s Drainage Discharge System Project. We say So Long to John Woodward, as he leaves the post of Codes Enforcement Official, on April 2nd. Good luck, John. Fire Chief Dan Thomas will be holding down that job until a new Codes Enforcement Official is hired, and Assistant Fire Chief Tom Andersen, fills in as Fire Chief. WELCOME BACK! Denise Voiles, our Executive Secretary, is back on the job and all smiles, after becoming a Mamba for the second time. Denise, hubby Dave, and little sister Robin, welcomed David Fenton, II, on February 8th. Little Dave weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces. Jan Lewis, our petite lady firefighter, filled in while Denise was on maternity leave, and did a great job! Jan has now moved over to Codes Enforcement, where she is being Girl Friday and assisting Dan Thomas and Jim Dove. Furthering their education in law enforcement, Kay Long, SSB’s first “Lady Blue” has completed her 8 weeks basic training at the SC Police Academy, and is now a Certified Police Officer in the state of SC. Detective Johnny Bennick, who came to us, certified, from the state of NC, has completed an 8 day class in Basic Law Enforcement at the Academy, and is now certified in the state of SC; Acting Corporal “Butch” Suth has completed a week-long “Basic Instruction” course, and Debbie Nickerson became certified on the NCIC/SLED computer after a week at the Academy. Congrats to Joel Hoover, of the the Recreation Department, who has been promoted to Recreation Aide, and Ernie Collins, Athletic Supervisor, attended the School of Sports Management in Wheeling, W. VA during the week of February 2-16. Firefighters Mike Lewis and Ron Phelan recently completed an Arson Investigation course at Horry Georgetown Tech. Way to go, troops! “I QUIT”!!! Kudos to Terry Grady, Sanitation Supervisor, and Finance Director, Neil Ferguson! To date they are the “die hards” who still have not reverted back to the “nasty old smoking habit”...that takes a lot of determination guys, and we’re proud of you! Originally 11 of our workers were signed up to kick the habit at Drs. Bob and Sheila Janes’ clinic, but looks like Grady and Neil are the only true holdouts! Now, they are taking a ribbing about gaining those extra pounds and eating us out of house and home! Looks like that’s all from this corner until next quarter, folks. Hope you have an enjoyable spring.

Women’s Club Donates “Welcome Sign”

L - R Mrs. Joyce Galbraith, Mayor Pro Tempore Archie Benton, Mrs. Virginia Benton