WELCOME HOME, DESERT STORM TROOPS!

A warm "Welcome Home" and a heartfelt "Thank You" to the men and women who served in Operation Desert Storm. The war in the Gulf brought us together as a Nation once again and has filled us with a sense of pride and accomplishment. We appreciate the families of these troops for their examples of strength and courage, and hopefully, we as a Town were some comfort and help to these families in our area. Let us also give thanks to those troops who were not deployed, but who were here to protect us and carry out the day to day tasks that keep our military going. They were very much a part of Operation Desert Storm.

The Freedom Tree on the front lawn of Town Hall honors the brave men and women of Operation Desert Storm and was decorated by La Sertoma, members of the Surfside Beach Fire Department and the families of the troops.

TOWN & CAREER CENTER FORM BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

For the past two years, the Town of Surfside Beach and Grand Strand Career Center have been Business Education Partners, a cooperative agreement whereby the Town offers its time and professional assistance to the Center with tours of the Town, guest speakers and materials, films and literature which can be used in the classroom. The Career Center’s program, OWL (Occupational Work Learner), involves 63 students and 41 local businesses. Terri Chatfield, town accountant, is coordinator of the Program, which offers qualified Seniors enrolled in a vocational course the opportunity to do an internship at a work site directly related to their course of study. Students report to the job site during their regularly scheduled vocational classes which supplement traditional classroom training.

The Program has been beneficial to both the students and the participating businesses. It provides positive experiences for the students as well as extra manpower for the business.

This year Senior students Jimmy Morton, Shannon Padgett and Jill Richesin participated in the program and offered valuable assistance in the Town’s Finance and Police Departments. We enjoyed working with these fine young people and are grateful for their help.

COUNCIL APPOINTS DIXON JUDGE

William Robert Dixon has been appointed Municipal Judge for the Town of Surfside Beach, filling a vacancy created by the resignation of John E. Batten, IV. The term runs through April 1, 1992. Batten’s resignation was effective March 31, 1991.

Judge Dixon will retire to this area from Barnwell, SC, where he was presiding Judge. He has a background of over 35 years in the field of law enforcement and corrections, ranging from policeman on the beat to Commander of a force of over 900 personnel to Deputy Director of the SC Criminal Justice Academy. He is a graduate of University of Omaha, Nebraska, and taught one year at the junior college level and five years at the SC Criminal Justice Academy. We welcome Judge Dixon and his family to our area and look forward to working with him.

We also bid “Adieu” to “Jeb” Batten and family who are relocating to Columbia, where he will be working as General Counsel to the State Vocational Rehabilitation Department. We wish him well and commend him for the fine job he has done as Municipal Judge. It has been a pleasure to work with him.

SECOND GRADERS "MARCH" ON TOWN HALL

Recently, Socastee Elementary Second Grade classes of Ms. Julie Porter and Jennifer Wingerter, along with chaperones, toured the Town Hall Complex. Approximately 45 students visited the various Town Offices and talked with employees about their jobs and exactly how a Town operates. The children sat in a jail cell, breathed fresh air through a fireman’s mask, sat in the Mayor’s chair, visited where Firemen “live” while on duty, and were treated to a film on “Latch Key Children.” The tour included snacks and juice and ended with a brown bag lunch in the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. Plans are already in the works to make this an annual visit.

BUILDING PERMITS NEEDED TO PAVE DRIVEWAYS

All property owners planning to pave or concrete driveway connections to the street must first obtain a Building Permit and must use only contractors that have a current Surfside Beach Business License and meet state specialty contractor registration requirements. All connections must be coordinated with the Streets/Drainage Department for gradation and elevations.
FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Residents:

Over the past few weeks, we at Town Hall have been visited by youth groups from area schools...second graders from Socastee Elementary School and high schoolers from Grand Strand Career Center, and I was struck by the fact that they are our "leaders" of tomorrow. In a few short years, one of these youngsters may be occupying the chair in which I now sit.

I was impressed by the interest they exhibited in the day-to-day operations of our Town. They asked intelligent and timely questions and exhibited a thirst for knowledge... "How does a FAX machine work?" "How do you know what to charge me for my water bill?" "What can we do to conserve water?" "What happens to someone who is charged with drunk driving?" "Can recycling really change the mess we are in now, or is it already too late?" "How does Town Council pass laws?"

One hears so much these days about how bad young people are. I, for one, am encouraged by what I saw and heard from this cross-section of our youth, and I feel that we must listen, encourage and assist them. We need to "be there" for them...to criticize when necessary, and know when to let go.

Above all, we must, by example, teach them right from wrong, the consequences of drugs and alcohol, and to be tolerant, kind, considerate and caring individuals...to aim high and strive for excellence in whatever they do, and to set goals and surpass them. We must continue to do our part to encourage their involvement and build citizenship in our Community. Most importantly, let us assure them that they are loved and that they are the future of America...the most valuable asset we have.

Yours truly,

Dick M. Johnson, Mayor

FINANCE DEPARTMENT DOES IT AGAIN!

For the second consecutive year, the Town’s Finance Department is the recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Surfside Beach is one of thirteen municipalities in the entire State to win this award. The Town is proud of Finance Director Neil Ferguson and his Staff for their outstanding performance.

GOLF CART OWNERS!

SC law requires that a permit be obtained from the Highway Department before operating a golf cart on public thoroughfares. Carts are allowed ON SECONDARY HIGHWAYS OR STREETS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, AND WITHIN TWO MILES OF A PERSON’S RESIDENCE ONLY. The operator must also have a valid driver's license. Please be aware the Surfside Beach Police Department will be issuing citations, following a warning, for those who disregard this law.

POLICE BEAT

With summer on its way, the influx of tourists will add to the number of calls for service. To handle the increase, three Reserve Officers are now in training and will be State certified by summer.

Training is a high priority in the department, and several others are now attending classes. Officer Bob Watkins is attending the Criminal Justice Academy, finishing the Basic Law Enforcement course; Officer Bob Anderson has completed Breathalyzer Certification School; Detective John Bennick and Cpl. Bob Trusty recently completed Basic and Advanced Fingerprinting courses; and Cpl. Trusty also attended the First Line Supervisor class. Dispatchers Cheryl Smarella and Cindy Ptak are now certified on the NCIC computer.

Private Ron Phelan has been promoted to Private First Class.

Twice yearly fire arms training is in progress in the Department.

The first half is night firing and the second half, daylight practice. In order to keep abreast of the most current police technology, the Department will be testing new automatic police side arms.

A new police cruiser has been ordered and should arrive within the next several weeks.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TELEVISION NETWORK

In mid-December, the Department began receiving the Law Enforcement Television Network via satellite, enabling our officers to receive training that otherwise would not be feasible due to time, distance and funding problems. With the network's offers, officers can view training during slow duty hours. While not all training requirements can be met by LETN, all programs are accepted by the State of South Carolina for certification requirements.

As of the end of March officers of our department had viewed a total of sixty-six hours of training programs in such areas as patrol techniques, management of small police agencies, crime scene diagramming and investigative techniques.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS

The Surfside Beach Fire Department invites you to serve your community as a volunteer firefighter and acquire skills and knowledge that will benefit you for the rest of your life. All training and equipment is furnished. For more information, contact the Station at 238-2314.

Due to dry and windy conditions, a burning ban was recently in effect. But please be aware that even under the best of conditions a fire can "get away from you."

Remember: Burning permits are required before you burn and the following rules apply:
1- No construction materials or debris from land being cleared may be burned; 2- Open burning must be conducted at least 50 feet away from any building; 3- Fire must be attended by a competent person at all times; 4- A garden hose or other suitable fire control means must be on site and ready for use; and, 5- No fuel may be added to the fire after 3:00 pm. To obtain an Open Burning Permit, call the Fire Station at 238-2314.

ALUMINUM CANS FOR BURNED CHILDREN

This program continues to be a huge success in the Town of Surfside Beach because of you, the citizens. Through your recycling efforts we are currently filling two trailers every week with aluminum cans. Each trailer equals about $200.

Over the past 14 months, the Town's collection of aluminum cans has resulted in $10,000 for the program, part of a state-wide ACBC Program which has donated over $360,000 in 1990 to the Burn Unit at Medical University of South Carolina. In June, the Department is presenting a check for the amount due to the Burn Unit.

We're proud of the Department and proud of you for the diligent efforts to raise money to help burned children.
PHOTO: RONE C. RUTLEDGE ATTENDS A HEALTH FAIR

HEALTH IS FOCUS OF EMPLOYEE DAY

On Friday, April 12, 1991, the Town held "Employee Day." From 9:00 am 'til noon, a Health Fair was set up in Council Chambers for employees to take advantage of services offered by various Health Care Professionals from the area: Grand Strand General Hospital representatives did Cholesterol Testing for 48 employees; and provided Diet/Nutrition information; an American Cancer Society worker provided literature and information; a representative of Fenwick Hospital was present to give information and distribute materials; the American Heart Association provided blood pressure screenings for 55 employees; Glaucoma and Visual Acuity testing was performed on employees by Coastal Vision Center; and Pee Dee Speech and Hearing tests 34. The testing offered was preliminary, but did indicate some problems to be followed up by visits to personal physicians on some individuals. Following the Health Fair, employees were treated to a delicious chicken dinner hosted by the Fire Department and catered by "Po' Folks".

RENEWED EMPHASIS PLACED ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

Emphasis in the 90’s seems to be on occupational safety. Though not a new concept, it is one which has received renewed interest with the rising costs of medical treatments, employee and equipment down time, and litigation costs. In that regard, Town Council adopted a Resolution of March 19, 1991, endorsing the formation of a Town Safety and Training Committee to look at the Town's operations and determine ways to make them safer. Fire Chief Dan Thomas was named Committee Chairman. The Committee will be looking at ways to improve safety, such as forming an Accident Review Board, composed of employees from various departments, to review the facts, determine the cause and whether or not adequate action has been taken to prevent recurrences. Though the Town has no major losses over the past few years, the risk is ever present, and it is the intent of the Committee to reduce that risk.

CLEAN CITY AWARDS BESTOWED

Byway 17: January — Coastal Federal Savings and Loan Association, 1251 Highway 17 South; February — Taco Bell, 1012 Highway 17 North Ocean Boulevard; January — Beach Walk Condominium, 1212 South Ocean Boulevard; February — Surfwatch I Condominium, 911 South Ocean Boulevard

BULL CREEK WATER PLANT TO GO ON LINE IN FALL: RATE STUDY UNDERWAY

Since the National Safe Drinking Water Act (PL 93-523) became law in 1974, the issue of fluoride levels in drinking water has caused much debate among local governments and the Federal government. The Act, which was amended several times, has allowed extensions for water system operators to reduce the level of fluoride in their water supply. Although the Town's current water supply is safe for consumption, the level of fluoride, which occurs naturally in this area, is slightly higher than that allowed by the Act. The regulations concerning fluoride reduction required more stringent treatment of the Town's water supply than is economically feasible.

To comply with the Act by October 1991 in the most cost-efficient manner, the Town entered into a regional contract with Little River 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.

In order to pay the Town's costs associated with the plant, water rates will increase. A Rate Study is currently underway to determine the fair costs to each user of the system. Although the consultant hired by the Town has not completed the study, preliminary reports indicate the rates will increase by $1.00 per thousand (1,000) gallons of water used.

Also, the costs to provide solid waste disposal to the residents of the Town have steadily increased over the years. Equipment, personnel and operations costs exceed the revenues currently generated by the users of the service. In Fiscal Year 1990 the cost of waste disposal was $266,000 compared with user fees amounting to $127,000, a difference of $139,000.

In light of the above, the Town's consultant was instructed to look at the fee structure for both residential and commercial users. The Study, while not final, shows a need to increase rates in order for the users to pay for the costs of the service. Findings so far call for an increase of $3.00 per month for residential pickup, and $5.00 per cubic yard per pickup for commercial users.

The rate study is expected to be completed by April 30, 1991, at which time it will be presented to Town Council.

FLUORIDE LEVELS

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

WELL SAMPLE

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Federal Regulations require that fluoride, which occurs naturally in your water supply, not exceed a concentration of 4.0 mg/1 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/1 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/1. 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/1 reduces the number of dental cavities. However, higher levels of fluoride may also cause dental fluorosis. The consequences are severe for children, but only minor for adults. The permanent teeth are under attack.

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 slower release sources of drinking water for their children to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting.

A 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. Tad's Hardware, Atlantic Avenue, Garden City
3. Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority, Route 544, Conway

For further information, contact Public Works Director Ron Peake, Surfside Beach Town Hall, 29576, or call 228-5531. 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/1.
You told us you wanted top quality drinking water—and now it's on the way!

The Bull Creek Regional Water System construction is on schedule and in September you'll have top quality drinking water available right from your tap. Bringing you the quality of water you've always wanted has been a major objective of the Town. Although this unprecedented effort is close to completion...it's not finished yet. We know from the experiences of other jurisdictions that when you make a change in the type drinking water you are providing, temporary changes and inconveniences will be experienced. We have been working hard to minimize these. In fact, the Town and other Bull Creek participants have brought in a team of national water experts to review all our preparation plans and assist us in minimizing any transitional problems. These experts have given us an "A" on our switch-over plans and procedures.

Without your help and cooperation, however, no matter what we have done or are doing, the changes and inconveniences you could experience could be more troublesome!

Why? Because the water you receive in September will be of much higher quality than the water you're now receiving. The water produced at the Bull Creek Plant will meet all State and Federal Drinking Water Standards. All the undesirable ingredients typically found in coastal water — such as excessively high levels of fluoride, chloride, sodium, and other dissolved solids will be well within all guidelines. As this higher quality water initially flows through your system, a chemical reaction, with the materials built up over the years in your internal system and our transmission system, can occur. There are still other special customers which must make adjustments in how they use the water, such as beauty shops, hospitals, etc., to avoid more serious problems. With your help, however, any potential transitional problems can be avoided or minimized. As a result, we encourage you to please carefully read the instructions below to see if any of these preparatory measures apply to you.

1. GENERAL TEMPORARY DISCOLORATION OF WATER: The top quality water may dissolve the thin red film that has built up on your internal pipe walls over the years. This may result in temporary discoloration of your water. The older your internal system is the greater potential of a discoloration problem. Although discoloration may appear in the water for a while, it will still be safe to drink. We've been testing a variety of hot water heaters and water lines in preparation for the switch to improved water. What we have determined is that water heaters could cause some of the biggest problems if proper precautions are not taken by the customer. A properly maintained water heater is not likely to be affected, but most water heaters receive little and, in some cases, no regular maintenance.
There is not much we can do about this, but you can. Water heaters collect dissolved solids in the bottom of the tank which should be flushed out regularly. Without flushing, these solids can build up and discolor the hot water. Most manufacturers recommend annual flushing. If you have not flushed yours regularly, then you should do it immediately and again in September just before the treated top quality drinking water is delivered. Simply flush it until the water runs clear. (You should contact your hot water heater manufacturer for instructions or details for flushing your hot water heater.)

2. HEALTH FACILITIES OPERATING DIALYSIS EQUIPMENT, FISH OWNERS, AND AQUARISTS will need to make adjustments in their system due to a change in disinfectants. Chloramines will be used in place of chlorine. Chloramine is a longer lasting disinfectant with less chlorine taste and odor and provides you additional protection, but adjustments will need to be made by the above referenced customers and they need to contact our office for more details.

3. BEAUTY SHOPS, LAUNDRIES, RESTAURANTS, MOTELS AND EVEN HOMEOWNERS could notice a change in the sudsing properties of the higher quality water and may need to either use a little more detergent or soap or contact their supplier about a different type.

4. POTENTIAL WATER PRESSURE CHANGES: You may also notice a slight change in water pressure. This will especially be the case for people who live near wells and were accustomed to high water pressure (up to 70 pounds per square inch (psi)). They could notice reduced pressure to what is more normal (50+/−psi). Others who are close to major transmission lines could experience minor increases in pressure. Your internal plumbing facilities, if they meet all Town Plumbing Code requirements, should not have any leaking problems. Others may wish to check their internal systems to avoid possible leaks.

5. Although not a common problem, customers should check for CONTACT OF DISSTIMILAR METALS IN INTERNAL PLUMBING SYSTEM. When 2 different metals are connected, unless they are insulated from one another, corrosion at these joints will be increased. The most common is copper pipe and galvanized steel. Higher quality water can accelerate this corrosion causing early leaks and possibly red tinted water. The most likely spot to look for this is with copper pipe connected either directly to a steel water heater or to a piece of galvanized pipe that is connected to the water heater. If you have either of these conditions, it can be resolved by putting a short piece (4" to 6") of plastic pipe meeting code requirements between the 2 different metal pipes to insulate them from one another. Unless you are a skilled pipe fitter, you may wish to have a licensed plumber inspect and, if necessary, make the required adjustments.

If you have any questions about the switch to top quality drinking water, please contact Town Hall at 238-5531 and ask for extension 311.

TOP QUALITY DRINKING WATER IS ON THE WAY AND IT WILL BE OF A QUALITY AS GOOD AS ANY WATER PRODUCED BY ANY UTILITY IN THE NATION. AND WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN ALL ENJOY AN EASY TRANSITION TO THE QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER WE’VE ALWAYS WANTED -- RIGHT FROM THE TAP!
MARCH OF DIMES

On Saturday, April 6, 1991, the March of Dimes Myrtle Beach Walk America 1991 took place at the Myrtle Beach Pavilion. Eleven representatives, outfitted in Surfside Beach t-shirts, made the five mile walk. They included: Sparky and Jean Tomko, Recreation Department; 50’s Plus members Kate Wilson and Dick Rion; Town Administrator Pat DiGiovanni; Jan Lewis, Jan Barringer and Terri Chatfield from Town Hall; and Tom Andersen, Mike Lewis, Victor Woods and John Fijal of the Surfside Beach Fire Department.

Kaye Long, Lillian Cary and Linda Deveny received and donated pledges to the effort, but were unable to make the walk.

The group raised $914 (those who raised $50 or more in pledges were awarded 1/2 day of comp time) for the March of Dimes, whose efforts are now concentrated on birth defects and lowering the infant mortality rate.

We congratulate all those who participated in this worthwhile cause.

PERSONNEL POTPOURRI

A hearty WELCOME to new Volunteer Firefighters Dan Shreiner, Michael Wise and Michael Kahn...and WELCOME HOME from Saudi Arabia to Volunteer Firefighters Ray Kawa and Steve Powell. It’s good to know that there are caring people out there who are willing to give of themselves to help their fellow man...Good GRADY’ news from Terry Grady himself. He hopes to be back with us at Town Hall by June 15. CONGRAT’S to Ben Johnson and Willie Small for giving the Town ten years, and Jan Barringer, five, as dedicated employees...PROUD POP, Public Works Director Ron Peaks has been busy showing off pretty little Tara Alexandra to fellow employees and demonstrating just how accomplished he has become at babysitting...A GREAT BIG ‘atta boy’ to Recreation Department’s Sparky Tomko who kicked the habit and has been cigarette-less since February 26!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NOTES

The 1990-91 basketball season ended with our Surfside Beach teams bringing home some titles: the Sixers, coached by Warren Carr, won the League Championship for boys 11-13, and the Jazz, coached by Rick Edgar, are the champs in the boys 14-16 division. Way to go, guys!

Saturday, April 20 was scheduled Opening Day for baseball season, but it was rained out. T-ball has four teams for the 6-7 year olds; Dixie Youth Minors has six teams in the 8-10 year old group; Dixie Youth Majors (11-12 year olds) has six teams this year, up two from last year; and Dixie Boys League for ages 13-14 will field three teams. Girls softball is as popular as ever. This season Dixie Ponytails (ages 8-12) will carry four teams and Dixie Belles (13-15) will have two teams.

Games will be played every night Monday through Friday, so be sure to come out and cheer your team on.

TOWN DIRECTORY

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TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULE

Town Council, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm
Planning and Zoning Commission, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 3:00 pm
Municipal Court, Mondays, 3:00 pm

All meetings are held in the Town Council/Court Chambers located on the south end of Town Hall and are open to the public.

We welcome all interested residents to attend.

CLASSES

DAY AEROBICS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 - 10:00 AM

EVENING AEROBICS
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
6:00 - 7:00 PM

SHOW BIZ DANCING
Thursdays
10:00 - 12:00 noon

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