1991 — THE YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION

The year 1990 will be remembered by the massive reconstruction efforts brought about after the devastation of Hurricane Hugo. However, 1991 may prove one truly for memory lane, as a whole host of construction projects are currently underway.

**Streets and Drainage Improvements**

The final phase of the Town's $4.3 million Street Paving and Drainage Improvement project began in January and substantial completion is expected by Christmas. At that time, not only will the storm drains flow much better but all Town streets will be 'dirt' and 'dust' free.

Along with these much needed improvements, US Highway 17 Business is getting a face-lift as well. Construction by the State Highway Department of merging and turn lanes along this heavily traveled roadway through Town should be completed before the summer season. These improvements will greatly enhance traffic flow throughout the year.

**Water and Sewer System Upgrades**

The Town's water and sewer systems are in for major changes during 1991. As you may know, the Town has purchased 2.0 million gallons per day capacity of vastly improved quality water from the new 'Bull Creek' water plant being constructed jointly by the Town, City of Conway, Little River Water and Sewer Authority, and the Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority. Plant and transmission lines construction is well underway and Town residents should expect to receive this improved water by mid-fall of this year. Stay tuned for further information on the water source changeover and steps you can take to minimize inconveniences during the process.

Other water projects now under construction include erecting a new 250,000 gallon elevated water tank and placement of connecting water lines with the 'Bull Creek' water source, as well as repainting the elevated water tank at the 'All Children's Park' on Hollywood at 10th Avenue South. All these remaining water improvements should be complete before summer. Additionally, engineering design will soon be started to upgrade our sewer pumping systems, with construction planned for start-up next winter. These water and sewer projects will provide the majority of Town utility needs throughout the decade of the nineties.

Of course, with all these good things being built all over Town comes the inconvenience of construction activities. Please be careful and be patient during the upcoming months! Keep in mind the badly needed improvements in our infrastructure will result in a Town we can continue to be extremely proud of.

As time and construction progresses, the Town will be advising residents and property owners on the work through this newsletter, radio and TV coverage, special mailings and door-to-door handouts. As service and access interruptions are inevitable, we will do all we can to advise you and minimize these inconveniences. Let's do our part in helping these improvements to move along smoothly, and look forward to the 'new improved' Surfside Beach.

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**ALL CHILDREN'S PARK**

The Town of Surfside Beach proudly unveiled its All Children's Park at 10th Avenue South and Hollywood on Wednesday, December 19. Lt. Governor Nick Theodore was present to dedicate the park, along with local Sertoma officials and Sertoma's National President, Dick Smith.

The Park, which enables handicapped and able-bodied children to play together, is the first of its kind in the State and the third in the Nation. Thus, it is a welcome addition to our Community and one that we are very proud of.

The Town is grateful to South Strand Sertoma for funding the park as well as donating their services to build it. We would also like to give special thanks and recognition to Stu Anderson and Allan McLain of the Town's Recreation Department for the many hours of hard work they contributed to make the Park a reality.

The park is open from 8:00 a.m. until dusk.

NOTE: Swings for the handicapped can be checked out at the Surfside Beach Police Department, where they must be returned.
Dear Residents:

I am pleased to announce that for the time being, at least, Myrtle Beach Air Force Base has been taken off the closure list.

In a letter from the Department of the Air Force, dated December 31, 1990, James F. Boatwright, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations) stated that in November, President Bush signed into law the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, which establishes a Base Closure Commission to make recommendations to the President and Congress on all base closure decisions in this country between now and the end of calendar year 1995. He further stated that “In conjunction with this legislation, all base closure studies announced in early 1990 will be terminated at the next convenient milestone.” The independent Base Closure Commission will consist of eight members nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

This new bill institutes a more equitable and non-partisan process for the closure or realignment of military installations. The Pentagon will first select bases on criteria subject to public and Congressional review. Once selected, the bases will be evaluated by the Commission, which will publicly review the proposals and report their findings to the President. If the President approves the list or any revised list reported by the Commission, he will submit it to Congress. Congress may enact a joint resolution disapproving either the Pentagon's criteria for selecting bases for closure, or the Commission’s recommendations for specific base closures. The Commission process will be used every two years and will allow for more community and Congressional input.

As you all know, the Base is vital to our economy as well as the national defense. We applaud all efforts to objectively evaluate and determine future base closures. We welcome your thoughts and input.

Yours truly,

Dick M. Johnson, Mayor

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**CLEAN CITY AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AWARDS**

**Monthly Residential and Commercial Awards**

**Commercial** — Wild Water & Wheels; Adventure Fall, Inc.; First Baptist Church

**Ocean Boulevard** — Surf Walk, Surfwatch II, South Shores II

**Residential** — Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Price, 913 South Hollywood Drive; Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Ratcliffe, 614 10th Avenue North; Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Lane, 1510 South Hollywood Drive; Mr. & Mrs. Ashby Ward, 415 13th Avenue North; Mr. & Mrs. James Hegg, 715 North Cedar Drive; Mr. & Mrs. M. D. Parnell, 913 South Cedar Drive.

The Clean City and Beautification Committee awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Les and Pat Wade, 514 15th Avenue North and Leo and Dorothy Lanning of 717 8th Avenue South for their outstanding displays of Christmas house and yard decorations. Presentation of similar awards will be an annual event.

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**TREE DAY**

The Town of Surfside Beach held a Tree Day ceremony on December 7, 1990, on the south lawn at Town Hall. Town officials were present and planted the first tree.

Hurricane Hugo destroyed thousands of trees in Surfside Beach, which to some degree reduced the attractiveness and natural environment of the Town. Mayor and Council proclaimed December 7th as Tree Day in the Town and seedlings of yellow poplars, red cedars and loblolly pines, furnished by the SC Forestry Commission, were distributed to Surfside Beach property owners in an effort to replace the trees lost in the storm.

If you would like more information about tree planting techniques, call Lois Edwards of the SC Forestry Commission at 248-5810.

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**WHEN IN DOUBT USE EMERGENCY 911**

Recently a citizen had a need to request fire department assistance for a minor emergency. This citizen could not decide if his emergency was large enough to utilize the county-wide E-911 system, and he ended up calling on the business line. The Fire Department was dispatched immediately and the situation was handled quickly and satisfactorily.

The point of this true story is to advise you that the 911 system is, in fact, there for reporting emergencies. For routine business, inquiries and other non-emergency reports, the Surfside Beach Police and Fire Departments can be reached at 238-2314 or 238-2621. If, however, you cannot decide if your call is an emergency or not, then don’t hesitate to call 911. This will put you in touch with assistance immediately and, if it is determined that your call is not an emergency, then no harm is done and you will be directed to the proper number.

Again, when in doubt, don’t waste time. Call 911.

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**VISTA — VOLUNTEERS IMPROVING SURFSIDE BEACH THROUGH ACTION**

The Town is excited about its plans for a volunteer program. We are now laying the groundwork for the Program, which will enlist the help of citizens who want to “get involved” or do something with their spare time.

Presently, Town Administrator Pat DiGiovanni and Secretary/Receptionist Jan Lewis are fine tuning job descriptions submitted by Department Heads, for help in their respective areas. Some already identified are: greeting the public, responding to inquiries, answering phones, typing, filing, preparing, sorting, distributing mail, prove water bills for mailing and payment, auditing, folding, stapling, labeling of Newsletters and Special Reports, researching information, maintaining green areas, working with children in our recreation programs and firefighting. Be sure to watch for more news as the program develops further.
EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR - 1990

Janet M. Lewis was named 1990 Employee of the Year for the Town of Surfside Beach and Terri L. Chatfield was named 1990 Supervisor of the Year. Walter P. Bresnan was named 1990 Firefighter of the Year.

The Employee of the Year is the recipient of an engraved plaque and one week's salary, while the Supervisor of the Year receives an engraved plaque and $200 Savings Bond. The Firefighter of the Year, selected by his peers, is awarded an engraved plaque in the shape of a Maltese Cross, which is the International symbol of Firefighters.

We are proud to work alongside these dedicated people and congratulate them on a job well done.

Left to right: Walter P. Bresnan, 1990 Firefighter of the Year; Janet M. Lewis, 1990 Employee of the Year; Terri L. Chatfield, 1990 Supervisor of the Year; Mayor Johnson.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LICENSING LAWS IN EFFECT

On January 1, 1991, new State licensing regulations went into effect for all residential contractors and all construction trades doing subcontract work and repairs.

The new law requires that all residential construction trades be State registered or certified for any work exceeding $200 in cost. Business license and construction permits will not be issued to any individual or company not properly licensed.

For your protection, property owners should check out anyone doing work with Codes Enforcement to make sure they are licensed, bonded, insured, and have the proper permits before you allow them to do any work.

Construction permits are required for any new construction, remodeling, roofing or repairs to plumbing, electrical or heating or air conditioning, inside or out. Permits are also required to cut trees, install driveways or add accessory buildings.

For more information, please call Code Enforcement Official Eddie Richardson at 238-5531.

POLICE BEAT

By way of donations from the business community from time to time, the Department is able to purchase equipment needed for officers. Mr. Lane Raines of Lane’s Pest Control recently purchased and presented the Department with fifteen (15) mini-mag flashlights. The small, yet powerful lights have been made a part of the officers’ uniform and will be used while on night duty. The Department is grateful to Mr. Lane.

Patrolman Robert Anderson recently graduated from the SC Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia and is now certified. Detective Johnny Bennick is in the process of obtaining his Police Instructor’s Certificate and has just completed a class on Narcotics. Corporal Robert Trusty has also completed a course on Narcotics and First Line Supervision. PFC Kaye Long recently completed a course on Fingerprint Techniques.

Due to the climate of war which exists today, the Department is requesting that any suspicious persons or packages seen near any public buildings be reported immediately by calling 238-2621.

COUNCIL HONORS 1990 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Left to right: Lucius Campbell, Jr., Horry School District Teacher of the Year; Tina R. Mims, St. James Middle School Teacher of the Year; Norma F. Cooler, Socastee Middle School Teacher of the Year; Mayor Johnson.

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 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 gum) 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. Tad's Hardware, Atlantic Avenue, Garden City;

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. 
DRIVEWAY PAVING

The street and drainage project has begun and is, or will soon be, under construction in your area. Driveways will not be paved as a part of this project. However, the project contractor, the R. H. Moore Company, can be contacted directly, whereby the following driveway paving prices are available:

12 foot wide by 20' deep = $450
20 foot wide by 20' deep = $650
30 foot wide by 20' deep = $850

To arrange for driveway paving by the Moore Company, you must contact Mr. Randy Petit at 238-9081, or Mr. Danny Kelly at 650-2155, during normal business hours.

You do not have to use the Moore Company to pave your driveway. The town highly recommends you obtain paving estimates from other driveway paving companies before proceeding with the Moore Company. Please consult the yellow pages under 'paving contractors' for additional estimates.
Being a VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER offers one reward few other jobs can match. Few jobs offer you the opportunity to save a life. But as a volunteer fire fighter, 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 fire fighters 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.
PERSONNEL POTTORRI

A hearty WELCOME to newcomers Larry Benson, Utility Supervisor; Carl Thompson, Pipelitter; and Willie Howard, Laborer, all in the Public Works Division . . . Cheryl Smarella and Cindy Ptak are the new Dispatchers in the Police Department. We hope each of you will enjoy being a part of Surfside Beach “family.” We bade a temporary FAREWELL to Sanitation/Maintenance Supervisor, Terry Grady, as he answered the call to active duty in the Gulf crisis . . . we will keep Terry and all our GIs in our thoughts and prayers . . . GET WELL SOON wishes to Councilman Archie Benton who recently underwent surgery at Grand Strand General . . . HAPPY PARENTHOOD wishes to Ron and Donna Peaks, as they welcomed 7 lb. 12 oz. Tara Alexandra on January 14.

BE A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

The Town of Surfside Beach is still looking for courageous, dedicated people to become Firefighters. This is a great way to do something for yourself and your Community. Think of how you would feel if your neighbor’s house caught fire...wouldn’t you want to do more than watch? You will also need to be enthusiastic and willing to learn new skills and challenges.

If you are interested, call the Surfside Beach Fire Department at 238-2314 or stop by the Station and talk about it. Watching is a helpless feeling; imagine what kind of feeling you’ll get from helping.

TOWN DIRECTORY

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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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.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NOTES

The Recreation Department will be offering the following classes in the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center:

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS

Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 to 10:00 am
Wed/Thurs/Fri 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Cost: $25 resident, walk-ins $2.00
Six weeks

SHAG LESSONS

Classes Started January 14, 1991
Beginners 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Intermediate 8:00 to 9:00 pm
Cost: $25 resident, $30 non-resident
Six weeks
Next class - early March

SHOW BIZ DANCING

Thursdays 10:00 to Noon
Cost: $20 resident for six weeks
Ongoing

BALLROOM DANCING

Wednesdays (started 2/6) 8:00 to 9:00 pm
Cost: $20 resident, $30 non-resident
Eight weeks

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