EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

Timothy D. "Darrell" Klutz is the Town's Employee of the Quarter - Spring 1992. Darrell is a Driver in the Sanitation Department and has been with the Town since April 21, 1987. He did a fine job filling in as Sanitation Supervisor during the six months that Supervisor Bill Hunter was absent recuperating from a heart attack. Darrell, who is a bachelor, lives in Surfside Beach.

Employee of the Quarter-Summer 1992 is Wilbert Baker who has been with the Town since October 18, 1983, and is currently a Laborer on the Sanitation Litter Crew. Wilbert is truly a "Man For All Seasons" and has very capably filled in at other positions in the Department when the need arose. He is married and resides in Greetville with his family. Wilbert recently acquired his CDL License, which was not a requirement in his job, but took it upon himself to study for and pass the difficult test.

"Hats Off" to these two fine employees. WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, GUYS!

SUMMER INTERN

David Hilton, a recent graduate of Appalachian State University, is currently working with the Town in ASU's Town/County/City Management Program. David is a Political Science Major, with a Minor in Planning and Computer Science, and must serve as an Intern as a requirement to receive his degree. David hails from Raleigh, NC, has vacationed at the Beach with his family over the years, and is looking forward to his "extended vacation" at the Beach. While working with the Town for a six-month period, he will be performing various tasks in each department of Town government. His first job will be to conduct an Inventory of the Town's records in order to develop a Records Retention Program. In 1991, the Town received a Grant of $1500 from the SC Bureau of Archives and History, for that purpose.

PUBLIC HURRICANE SEMINAR

Long before a hurricane threatens the South Carolina Coast, you should know what you are going to do. The Surfside Beach Fire Department will present its annual hurricane seminar on Thurs., July 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Dick Shenot of the National Weather Service will be the guest speaker. The Civil Defense and Red Cross will also be in attendance to assist you with your concerns and questions. Plan now to be in attendance July 23 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call Jan Lewis at 238-2590.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code enforcement efforts are primarily initiated through citizen complaints. Any person or party may file a complaint provided they furnish sufficient information such as:
1. Name of Complainant - Desirable but not required. Without this information, we are unable to inform caller about the results of the complaint.
3. Address/Location of Complaint - Actual street address is most helpful in our investigation efforts.
4. Property Owner/Tenant - the owner of the property in question will be our first contact. If the caller knows his or her name, it saves time notifying the property owner of the alleged violation.

Our staff is limited in the department so we encourage your help. Complaints may be made in writing or by telephone to the Code Enforcement Department at 238-5531, or by visiting our office.

Common Code Violations
1. Any construction, additions, renovations, repairs, driveways, storage building installations, fencing, lot filling, etc.; or plumbing, electrical and heating or air conditioning work performed without a permit.
2. Cutting trees or lot clearing without permit.
3. Derelict, unlicensed or commercial vehicles in residential zones.
4. Conducting business within the Town limits without a license.
5. Erecting or adding signs without a permit.
6. Encroachments in our Shore Protection Area.
7. Depositing trash or yard debris in our drainage system.
8. There has been a significant increase in persons putting encroachments beyond property lines into public right of ways. Fencing, planting of trees, obstruction or barriers, posts, irrigation systems or landscape borders are not allowed to be placed within these right of ways. Please make sure you keep these types of things within your own property boundaries.

The Code Enforcement Official is in the Office for permits and consultation Monday through Friday only between the hours of 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM or 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. The rest of the day is devoted to plan reviews, field inspections and complaint investigations. These hours may change or be cancelled from time to time due to meetings or emergencies.

CONGRATULATIONS!
CLEAN CITY AWARD WINNERS

OCEAN BOULEVARD AWARDS: May-Sea Cloisters II, 1011 N. Ocean-Managed by Surfside Realty Co., Inc. HIGHWAY 17 BUSINESS AWARDS: April-People's Federal Saving & Loan. May-Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 627 Pine Dr. YARD OF THE MONTH: April-Mr. & Mrs. Alan Vereen, 1211 Cherry Dr. N. May-Mrs. Geneva Mason, 14th Ave. N., and Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Sharman, 314 Lakeside Dr. S.
FROM THE MAYOR’S DESK

Dear Citizens of Surfside Beach:

In our last edition of the “Municipal Message”, I mentioned several issues that the Town and Horry County will face in the future. One of them, which must be dealt with immediately, is the cost of disposing of our solid waste.

In May of 1991 the General Assembly passed, and the Governor signed into law, the “South Carolina Solid Waste Policy and Management Act.” The intent of this law is to protect public health and safety, preserve the quality of the environment, and conserve and recycle natural resources. Also, a 30% reduction in the amount of solid waste being received at landfills and other disposal facilities, must be met by 1997.

The Act also requires that each county submit a Solid Waste Management Plan to the State for approval. To this end, Horry County has established the Horry County Solid Waste Authority to manage the County landfill and waste disposal.

Beginning July 1, 1992, the Authority intends to fund its operating costs and meet the above regulations by charging all users of the Landfill a $25 per ton “ tipping fee”. The financial impact of this fee to the Town of Surfside Beach will be approximately $112-115 thousand dollars annually. In the past, operation of the County Landfill was funded by taxes paid by all County residents. This tax will be removed from property owners who reside in Surfside Beach, but will remain on those who reside in the unincorporated areas of the County to pay for the County’s tipping fee.

Town Council and Administrative Staff are looking at various options that are available to pay for this increase. One option would be the Local Option Sales Tax in Horry County, which would offset or lessen the financial impact.

Surfside Beach would receive over $568,000 if the tax is passed this year. Of that amount, 67% MUST BY LAW be used by the Town to reduce, or roll back, property taxes. The County must also reduce its taxes by the same percentage. Taxes in Surfside Beach would be reduced approximately 17 mills, or about $88 on a $85,000 home. County taxes would decrease by 20 mills, or $68. The percentage of the rollback will increase each year until 1995, when 71% of the funds received must be used to reduce property taxes. This not only applies to real property, but motor vehicles and boats also. The remaining 33%, or $187,000, can be used for additional programs and services or to offset increased costs, such as solid waste disposal.

Until this option is available, we will try to fund the increased cost of waste disposal in a fair and equitable manner.

Town Council and I ask that you cast a consenting vote for passage of the Local Option Sales Tax in November. Providing this vital service to our Community depends on it. We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dick M. Johnson, Mayor

STREETS/DRAINAGE PROJECT UPDATE

Although street construction is now completed, drainage improvements continue in a few areas of Town. Because of professional financial management, the Mayor and Town Council have been able to authorize additional “secondary collector” drainage improvements in several areas where minor problems still exist. It should be noted that the original construction plans did not “cure” every small “ pocket” area in Town, but did provide a remedy where none existed before. Additionally, it is the intent of Council to address all drainage problems, large and small, and to stretch available monies as far as possible. In this regard, work is now, or soon will be, in progress in and around: 1) 16th South & Hollywood area; 2) South Poplar Drive; 3) Dogwood Estates; and 4) Juniper Drive.

Drainage work in these areas is expected to be completed by the end of July. Regarding the original project, the contractor, at no additional cost, will be performing some remedial work throughout the summer. Primarily, the work consists of “grassing” work, and the contractor will be placing special emphasis on ditchbank grazing and siltation problems.

As you are aware, we have received more than our fair share of rain during the mid-May to mid-June period (estimated 10-15 inches). During this “test” period, Council and Staff were enthused about the drainage system’s performance. During the “gully-washer” the last week of May, some residents of Forestbrook, Socastee and Myrtle Beach had to drive their vehicles through water on their way home, but the Surfside Beach system performed admirably with no significant flooding reported.

Public Works Director, Ron Peaks, proudly states that there has not been one call this year with a “ dusty road” complaint.

“OH, WHAT A RELIEF IT IS!”
POLICE BEAT

Several programs are nearing completion in the Police Department. The upgrading of the standard Police revolver from the Model 656 Shot Smith & Wesson to the Model 1915 Shot Glock Auto-Loader should be completed near the end of July.

The Department’s Computer System for Criminal Records Information will be installed by early Fall.

The Department, in conjunction with the “VISTA” Volunteer Program, is reviewing several computer programs which will offer help to Senior Citizens who live alone or are disabled. Mayor Johnson has requested that more be done to assist Senior Citizens with special needs. The programs under consideration will provide a support alert system for the Senior Citizen who lives alone and falls, and cannot call for help. The service will also provide early warning for flash flooding to Seniors living in low-lying areas or forgetful Seniors who need a reminder to take medication. As a side benefit, it can be used to check on “latch key” children who should be at home. Should any of these problems occur, the Police Department will be notified and respond immediately to identify the problem and take action. Several meetings have taken place and “VISTA” Volunteers are working out logistical problems as well as ways to raise money to implement these programs, since Federal Funding for these type programs has been put on “hold”.

Town businesses have asked that the Department step up enforcement against illegal parking in handicapped spaces and fire lanes. The Department responded by issuing Warning tickets for one week and is now imposing Parking Fines on offenders, so be aware.

Folks, common decency should prevail in the instance of illegally parking in “Handicapped” spaces. It seems little to ask for those who are less fortunate than we.

Public Service Officer Howard Gold recently returned from the SC Criminal Justice Academy where he attended classes for 3 weeks to receive his State certification. Detective Bob Trusty completed a course in “Child Abuse” at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Swick, Georgia. Detective Trusty was honored by the South and Optimist Club as “Police Officer of the Year”. His wife Sherry and family were proudly by his side as Bobby received the honor at a recent Council Meeting. Good job, Bobby. Municipal Court Judge W.R. Dixon and Clerk of Court Kema Andros recently attended a course on “Ethics and Procedures in the Municipal Courts”, and on June 19th Ms. Andros attended a class at the SC Criminal Justice Academy on “New Traffic Laws and Procedures”.

RECYCLING UPDATE

In lieu of coming of “age”, recycling will be forced into “adolescence” in the next few years, primarily due to two reasons: 1) increased environmental awareness by the Public; and 2) the S.C. Solid Waste Act of 1991.

You, our citizens, have supported recycling very well at the Town drop-off center on Pine Drive. Your efforts have saved over a hundred tons of recyclables from being landfilled and generated over $15,000 to “ACBC”, the Aluminum Cans For Burned Children program sponsored by the Surfside Beach Fire Department. Your efforts to date are highly commended, yet it has become apparent that much more needs to be done.

The SC Solid Waste Act sets lofty goals for Our Town, other cities and counties for total garbage reduction (-30%), recycling goals (+23%), and other aspects of the Solid Waste dilemma... all of this by 1997.

The Town wholeheartedly supports the recycling movement as we, surely, hold the environmental future in our hands. Yet, as of now, recycling costs far outweigh the money generated by the recycled waste products, and the difference must be paid for by other user fees or taxes. As efforts to meet waste reduction and recycling goals increase, the costs are expected to dramatically increase as well.

You may rest assured, however, that Town Council and Staff perceive this as “top priority” and will be working diligently with other area cities, the new Solid Waste Authority and others, to find the best, most economical solution to solid waste disposal and recycling.

In the interim, the Town is moving the Pine Drive recycling center directly across the street into an enclosed area of the Public Works Yard. New recyclable containers and enhancement of the relocated center should be completed by mid-July. Newspapers, plastics, aluminum cans and clear, brown, and green glass will continue to be received at the Center during the Summer hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days per week.

It is very important that all slick, multi-colored inserts in the newspaper be removed, or the recycler will not accept the load. Also, be sure to place your recyclables in the appropriate containers, as mixing of recyclables can cause the entire load to be rejected.

Additionally, please note that the County recycling centers at Socastee High School and McDowell Shortcut will accept car batteries, stoves, water heaters, mattresses, used oil, old couches, and just about anything.

We will keep you advised of developments of recycling and solid waste disposal.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOU THUS FAR.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Town’s Business License season is well underway. We have recently computerized that process and feel that this has enhanced the processing of Business Licenses and that the Town will realize increased efficiency in the years to follow. As a reminder, penalties will be applied after July 15, 1992, to any businesses that have not paid their license fee for the 92/93 license year. If you have not received an application for renewal, please contact Town Hall and we will assist you.

The Town will be sponsoring a “Surplus Auction” on Saturday, July 11th, at 10:00 a.m. The Auction will be held in the Public Works yard. Among the various items to be auctioned are 2 1982 Ford LTD’s, a 1981 Ford Fairmont, a 1978 Dodge Van, a 1978 Jeep, and 2 golf carts.

The Town would like to congratulate the Surfside Beach Police Department for successfully attaining a $14,466 Federal Grant from the Drug Control and System Improvement Program. This is the second that the Town has been awarded a grant under this program. The monies will be spent on equipment used for drug prevention in the Town of Surfside Beach.

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 at 3:00 pm
- Municipal Court, Wednesdays, 5:00 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.
PERSONNEL POTPOURRI

A "heart" WELCOME to newcomers: Sharon D. Cashion, our new Finance Director. Sharon succeeds Neil Ferguson, who became our Town Administrator on November 5, 1991. Sharon is a CPA and comes to us from the Smith, Sapp, Bookhout, Crumpler & Callaham Accounting firm. KIDS to Terri Chatfield, Town Accountant, who served as Interim Finance Director until Sharon came aboard. We also welcome Mark Alford, who recently achieved "permanent" status as a Dispatcher in the Police Department. Diane Beldt replaces Mark as a part-time Dispatcher in that office. Tammy James is the smiling new face in the Water Department, replacing Cynthia Watson as the Finance Assistant. New Recreation Department personnel include Paul McCulloch, who replaced Chris Musser as Recreation Aide, and Steve Kreibel, part-time employee, who is a Recreation Laborer; Don Ramsey is a temporary employee working under Jim Dove on construction of the new Public Restrooms at 5th South and the All Children’s Park. Carl Thompson recently transferred from the Street Department to Utilities, as a Laborer, and Herbert Aurand has taken over Carl’s slot in the S Department, as a Light Equipment Operator. We hope each of you will enjoy being a part of our Surfside Beach “family”.

So good to see former Town Administrator Pat DiGiovanni. He, wife Jan and youngsters recently vacationed in the area. Happy in their new Community of Kalamazoo, Michigan, the DiGiovanni’s were glad to be here visiting friends and sent along their regards to the folks of Surfside Beach.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NOTES

- The Easter Egg Hunt held on Sunday, April 19th at Fuller Park was a great success, with approximately 200 children, ages 10 and under in attendance.
- The American Cancer Society sponsored a “JAIL AND BAIL” session at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center on May 5th and 6th. The “Jailors” spent a lot of time trying to reach family, friends, or associates to “bail them out” of the pokey, which included being photographed in typical jail garb of striped shirt and hat. It was a good time and a goodly sum was raised for the worthy cause.
- Sun Fun “Super Sunday” June 7th was very well attended. A Volleyball Tournament was sponsored by the Recreation Department, and teams competed. Other events held on the strand included a “Shag” contest, sandcastle building, beauty contest and surfing demonstration. Many favorable comments were heard regarding the events.
- 50’s Plus members meet each Monday at 8:00 a.m. at 3rd Avenue South for their weekly 2 mile beach walk and, those who wish, go for breakfast following the hike. The group meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. This lively group also plays Shuffleboard and Horseshoes at Lakeside Park each Wednesday starting at 1:30 p.m.
- The main room at the Center is open each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 for those who are interested in a game of cards, book swapping, games, or some TV-watching with friends. Bridge lovers get together Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- The Civic Center and the Lakeside Park Clubhouse are available for rent for various functions. Scheduling should be done at least one (1) month in advance and may be arranged by calling Sparky Tomko at 238-4131, Extension 333.
- This year’s Baseball-Softball Season has had the largest registration of any Season to date. In the T-Ball program, for 6-7 year olds, there are 6 teams. In Baseball, the 8 year old league has 3 teams, and in the Minor League (9-10) we have 6 teams.
- “Ponytail” Softball for 8-12 year olds has 4 teams, and the “Belles” will field 3 teams. In the Boy’s League for 13-14 year olds, there are 4 teams and Pre-Majors (15-16 years of age), there is 1 team, in the Majors for those 17-18 years old, there is also 1 team.
- Football/Cheerleader Registration will be held August 17 through September 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays. Ages 8, 9, and 10 have a 115-pound weight limit; Ages 11-12, 130 pound weight limit, and Cheerleading is for 8 to 12 year olds. All ages are as of November 1, 1992.
- Surfside Beach Recreation Department will host the Dixie Youth (11-12 age group) District Tournament at Huckabee Complex, starting July 20th.
- Construction has begun in public beach restrooms located at 5th Avenue South and “All Children’s Park”. Opening should take place about the end of June.
- Another project the Department is working on is the public covered benches at 6th Avenue South and Willow Drive, and 12th Avenue North and Dogwood. Covered picnic tables will be added at Lakeside Park, and a covered swing will be installed at Fuller Park.