EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER, SUMMER 1993—STEVE MOSCO

Steve Mosco, a Surfside Beach Fire Department employee for a total of eight years, has been selected as the Employee of the Quarter, Summer 1993. Originally with the Department from 1980-83, he came back in 1988.

Steve has numerous accomplishments since returning. These include certifications as State Fire Marshal, Interior Structural Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, Hazardous Materials Technician, and SC Academy Instructor. He was selected as Employee of the Quarter for Spring, 1990, was promoted to Crew Chief in November, 1991, and was Firefighter of the Year in 1992. In 1990, Steve received a commendation from the Town for saving a worker’s life while conducting a fire inspection at Wild Water and Wheels. Recently, he created and developed the Fire Safety Award program which recognizes businesses for fire safety efforts.

All of these accomplishments speak volumes for Steve and his dependability, initiative and relationship with citizens and fellow employees. The Town is indeed very fortunate to have an employee of his caliber. Steve is very deserving of this award.

TOWN SAYS GOODBYE TO BILL HUNTER

On June 30, William H. “Bill” Hunter, Sanitation Supervisor, officially retired from employment with the Town of Surfside Beach. Council and employees said their “Farewell” at the Employee Day luncheon on July 2.

Bill first came to work for the Town as a Heavy Equipment Operator and eventually worked his way up to Sanitation Supervisor. Sidelined in 1991 by a heart attack, he was out of work for several months. Following recuperation from a triple bypass, Bill was back at work as usual.

With thanks for a job well done, the Town of Surfside Beach wishes Bill a happy, healthy retirement and a “bon voyage” on the cross-country trip he and wife Geneva have planned.

We’ll miss you, Bill!

SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

All indications are that we will have a hot, dry summer. Along with this comes the increased chances of wildfires. A wildfire is any fire which is out of control. Here are a few tips on summer fire safety:

- Open burning is allowed by permit only. Before you intend to burn, call the Fire Department at 238-2314. You are required to (1) limit material burned to small leaves and lawn clippings originating on premises; (2) locate the burn site at least 50 feet away from any structure and from beneath trees; (3) keep a competent adult with the fire until it is completely extinguished; (4) have a garden hose with water supply at the burn site; (5) keep smoke levels to a minimum. If weather conditions are favorable, you will be permitted to burn.

- One of the most dangerous practices seen during the summer season is the use of bar-b-que grills on or near combustible surfaces. Locate the grill on the ground or a non-combustible surface at least three (3) feet away from any walls. Never use the grill under any type of roof or cover.

- To keep our lawns looking good, we must mow them regularly. When your mower runs low on fuel, wait for it to cool before refueling. Gasoline on a hot motor or muffler can be explosive. This is a good time for you to take a break and cool down, too.

- Fireworks are fun to watch, but they are dangerous. They are also illegal to use or even possess in the Town Limits of Surfside Beach.

- While you are thinking about fire safety, check your home for hazards. Check your electrical cords, storage practices, smoking, and disposal habits. Also, check your windows to make certain they will open, and specify a place outside for all family members to meet in the event of a fire.

- Most importantly, check your smoke detectors to make sure they are working properly. Do it now so you won’t forget it later.

Congratulations to Lt. Mike Lewis who will be with the Town five years on July 25. Your dedicated service is appreciated.

Have a fun and safe summer!

CONGRATULATIONS!
CLEAN CITY AWARD WINNERS

Ocean Boulevard Awards: April - Point of View, 613 North Ocean Boulevard; May - Beachwalk, 1218 South Ocean Boulevard; June - Holiday Inn, 1610 North Ocean Boulevard.


Yard of the Month: North End: April - Al K. Bazar, 513 Maple Drive; May - Roy W. Sullivan, 312 Sparrow Drive; June - Tom and Mary Ulam, 716 10th South.
FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Citizens of Surfside Beach:

From time to time, I like to boast a little on the accomplishments we have achieved in the Town of Surfside Beach. I like to think that it makes our citizens proud also. In that regard, I would like to congratulate Town employees for the good things they have done. The Town’s Finance Department is a good example.

For the past four fiscal years of 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992, the Town has been the recipient of the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. This award is the highest form of recognition in the field of government financial reporting, and the attainment of a Certificate of Achievement represents a significant accomplishment for a government and its management. This past fiscal year was the first time our Finance Director, Sharon Cashion, has shared in the honor, and under her supervision, we look forward to even more honors.

I think it’s important to let our employees know from time to time that we appreciate their dedication and hard work. We could not have achieved so many important goals over the years without them, and on behalf of Town Council, it is a pleasure and privilege to say “Thank You.”

Sincerely,

Dick M. Johnson, Mayor

POLICE BEAT

The Department has received and installed its first video camera in cruiser #504. This is a test unit, and the efficiency of its use will be monitored. Once its effectiveness is proven, the Department hopes to purchase three additional units with funds donated by civic groups and corporate sponsors.

Training is ongoing in the Department and Chief John Lloyd and Sergeant Rod Moore recently completed Basic Computer School at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. Eventually, the entire Staff will have completed a basic computer course.

Corporal Kaye F. Long was recently named “1993 Surfside Beach Police Officer of the Year” by the South Strand Optimist Club at a luncheon at the Holiday Inn. Kaye does a fine job as a member of law enforcement in the Town of Surfside Beach, and we congratulate her for her accomplishments.

A new 1993 Ford Crown Victoria will soon be introduced into the Department’s fleet of vehicles, replacing a 1989 Chevrolet with 100,000 plus miles. The older vehicle will become Chief Lloyd’s staff car.

Chris DeMatteo is the Department’s newest patrol officer. Chris is a veteran of 25 years in law enforcement, the last 5 of those with the Town of Aynor, where he was Chief of Police from 1990 to 1992. He and his family reside in Conway, and it is our pleasure to extend a hearty “WELCOME” to DeMatteos.

The Surfside Beach “CRIME WATCH PROGRAM” is up and running. Over 100 “CRIME WATCH” signs have been erected all over Town and approximately 900 enthusiastic residents are involved in the program. The Committee has “CRIME WATCH” decals for sale which can be affixed to house doors or windows, as a deterrent to help “Take a Bite Out of Crime”. Decals are 2 for $1.00, or 4 for $1.50. You may call Councilman Archie Benton at 238-0483, Jerry Strange at 238-2956, or Tom Higgins at 238-0041 for decals and information on how you too can be a member of the “CRIME WATCH” community. Monies from the sale of decals will be used to meet ongoing expenses of the program.

KEEP IN MIND THAT IT IS A CRIME TO PARK IN A HANDICAPPED SPACE IF YOU ARE NOT HANDICAPPED. MINIMUM FINE IS $100.

Have a great Summer, and remember to BUCKLE UP AND DRIVE SAFELY!

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

The Sanitation Department is constantly looking to the future due to the ever-changing solid waste disposal problems and State Law. In this regard, recent law changes have opened the door for potential changes to collection procedures. Most importantly, for residents who qualify for the ‘Moby’, or roll-cart, trash cans, future collection may be once per week, whereas previous law mandated twice per week. Due to this change, in the near future, it should be possible to establish once per week regular collection for the roll-carts with the second pick-up of the week reserved for recyclables.

The Town’s intent, as shared by the coastal sister cities, would be to collect mixed recyclables in a clear plastic bag on the second collection day of the week. What remains to be worked out is where to take the recyclables.

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority is the lead agent to receive recyclables from the cities and county areas and is working towards securing a mixed recyclable facility in the County.

As of this date, a location has not been secured nor has the separation process been selected. It is believed, however, that within a year these problems will be worked out and curbside recycling on Surfside Beach will be a reality.

The Department wishes Bill Hunter a fond farewell and happy retirement. He will be missed.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The 1993-94 business license season is progressing well. Our department has benefited greatly this year from having computerized our business license process last April. It has allowed us to pursue licensing some businesses that otherwise had not been licensed. As a reminder to all persons that operate a business within the Town limits, business licenses were due to be renewed on June 1, 1993. Starting July 1, 1993, we will begin applying a late penalty of ten (10%) percent; and beginning August 15, 1993 and each month thereafter, we will add an additional ten (10%) to this late penalty.

Sanitation rates increased April 1, 1993. Mobile container rates increased to $7.25 per month. Bulk container rates increased to $14.90 each time a six (6) yard dumpster is serviced and $16.60 each time an eight (8) yard dumpster is serviced. These increases were necessary to meet the rising costs of disposal fees.

Congratulations to Terri Chatfield, Town Accountant, who will be celebrating her fifth anniversary with the Town on July 11, 1993. Thank you for your dedicated service to the Town.
HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE AGAIN

The Surfside Beach Fire Department will hold its 6th annual Hurricane Seminar on August 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Mr. Dick Shenot of the National Weather Service in Charleston will be guest speaker.

Mr. Shenot is an expert in the field and will advise you on how to prepare, respond and enable a faster recovery when a hurricane threatens the South Carolina coast again.

Make plans now to attend so that you will be fully prepared for this hurricane season.

STREET/DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT

This department is proud to have managed not only regular maintenance chores, but successful completion of several special projects as well. The department was able to replace approximately 1,000 feet of old asphalt walkway with concrete sidewalk along Ocean Boulevard. This replacement is part of a five-year program to replace all of the old asphalt walkway and is funded through Accommodation Tax monies.

Through the efforts of Town Council, Town Engineering Staff, and several volunteers, including Mr. Jim Doe and Councilman P. L. Mabry, Oceanside Construction recently completed the bridge over Floral Lake at the Lakeside Park. The bridge has already proven extremely popular with walkers, joggers and fishermen.

As a part of the overall project, the Street Department improved the access of 6th Avenue South with ditch piping, grading and fence installation and also anticipates construction of a parking lot on the east side of the bridge in the Fall.

PARING IN FIRE LANES

Fire lanes are areas in front of commercial buildings which are reserved for emergency vehicles in emergency situations. Parking in these areas can result in a fine. People who knowingly park in fire lanes are inconsiderate and think that laws do not apply to them. If you are caught and fined, don’t complain, just “pay your dues”. You are getting off lightly!

CODE ENFORCEMENT

How To Select Good Contracting Tradesmen

- Your first step would be to call the Code Enforcement Department and ask for a list of Town licensed tradesmen.
- Ask how long they have been in business.
- Ask your tradesman if his company will do all the work or will the labor be subcontracted to others.
- Ask for references, with telephone numbers.
- Ask if they belong to any professional organizations.
- Obtain several estimates and be sure you understand each proposal.
- Resist the temptation to accept the lowest bid. A higher price may be your best value.
- Be sure you feel comfortable with your contractor and can communicate easily with him.
- Make sure that your tradesman is responsible for obtaining all permits and ask to see them before work begins.
- Start dates and completion times should be specified in the contract.
- Warranty details should be clearly stated in the contract.
- Make sure there is a procedure for handling changes.
- Sign only a complete and acceptable contract and be sure that both you and your tradesman have a signed copy.
- Make sure all permitted work is inspected by Code Enforcement before final payment is made.
- Report any problems encountered with tradesmen over faulty workmanship.

Code Enforcement stands ready to assist you from start to finish during construction, remodeling or repairs. Call 238-5531 for assistance.

ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS

The Town secured a Forestry Commission Small Business Association Tree Planting grant in the past year and was excited to begin a beautification project that has seen approximately 150 trees planted throughout Town. Six passive park locations were planted with trees as well as additional work authorized for a master plan along U.S. Highway 17 Business.

The U.S. 17 master plan was developed by Boyd & Associates, and the Town was able to plant approximately one-third of the total plants this year.

Palmettos, wax and crape myrtles were added on U.S. 17 medians. These trees, as well as Bradford pear, honey locust, magnolia, live oak and dogwood trees, were planted at the six In-Town locations.

Of course, these trees must be maintained, and the Street, Utility, and Recreation Departments have been sharing watering responsibility since early May.

The six passive park locations are as follows:
1- Lakeside Park
2- 6th Avenue South and Willow Drive
3- Observation Deck at 3rd Avenue South
4- Pier parking area
5- Dogwood Lake outfall
6- 13th Avenue North and Cedar Drive
“Tot Lot” A Big Hit

The “tot lot” recently constructed at the H. Blue Huckabee Recreation Complex is a big hit with youngsters and parents. The fenced, sand-filled area keeps the kids amused and out of the way of cars while family members watch or participate in the Recreation Department’s many ball games.

The Town gratefully acknowledges the generosity of NationsBank for funding the “tot lot”, the Surfside Booster Club for initiating the project, and Recreation Department personnel for construction of the play area.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Department would like to inform you that we have two (2) handicapped wheelchairs for use on the beach. These wheelchairs are specifically made for the beach and may be checked out through the lifeguards or Beach Service. Also, an exercise park for all to enjoy has been installed adjacent to the All Children’s Park. The All Children’s Park is open everyday of the week til dusk, and handicapped swings may be checked out at the Surfside Beach Police Department.

CLASSES

| Upcoming classes for July, August and September: |
| Tennis | Oil Painting |
| Beginners Aerobics | Watercolor Painting |

EVENTS

The Easter Egg Hunt was moved to Huckabee Recreational Complex for the first time. It will probably remain there as it attracted more children.

The Sun Fun Super Sunday was very successful. There was plenty to see and offer this year. The volleyball tournament had many teams from the local area. A team from Surfside Beach—the “Young Guns”—were the winners.

YOUTH SPORTS

The 1993 regular season for baseball and softball has come to an end and we have selected All Star teams in all leagues. These teams will be participating in sub-district and district tournaments. These tournaments are as follows:

- Dixie Minor League - Surfside Beach, June 22, 1993
- Dixie Youth League - Myrtle Beach, July 12, 1993
- Dixie Boys - Myrtle Beach, July 12, 1993
- Dixie Pre-Majors - Waccamaw, July 12, 1993
- Dixie Majors - North Myrtle Beach, July 12, 1993
- Dixie Ponytails - Surfside Beach, July 9, 1993
- Dixie Belles - Surfside Beach, July 9, 1993