TOWN’S GENERAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, March 8, 1994, a General Election was held for three (3) seats on Town Council, for four (4) year terms. Candidates for the seats were incumbents Roy Hyman, Melvin Truett and Joe Whitmire. Other candidates included Tom Higgins, James Paul Jordan, Fred Nash, Jr., and Frankie E. Rogers. Mayor Pro Tem Roy Hyman was re-elected to office, and newly elected Councilmembers are Tom Higgins and Frankie Rogers. Incoming members took the Oath of Office at the April 5, 1994, Council Meeting.

Also on the ballot was a Special Referendum on the question, “Shall the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach be empowered to sell, convey, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the Waterworks and Sewer System of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, to Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority, South Carolina?” Voters responded in favor of the transfer, by a 537 to 195 vote. Actual transfer of the system to Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority will occur on July 1, 1994.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
ALUMINUM CAN TRAILER RELOCATED

The start up of curbside recycling in Surfside Beach has spawned a number of changes. One such change is the relocation of the ALUMINUM CANS FOR BURNED CHILDREN trailer. Since the old recycling center has been shut down, the trailer has been relocated to First Avenue North, beside the Fire Station. Aluminum cans may be deposited there just as they were at the previous location.

All proceeds from the sale of these cans goes to the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston for the treatment of burned children. A burn is one of the most painful injuries a person can experience. It requires a long, painful and expensive recuperation period.

All contributions to the ACBC trailer are appreciated. With the price of aluminum being so low, many cans are needed and every can helps. For more information, contact the Fire Department at 238-2314.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING

Your Fire Department can do and prefers to do much more than fight fires. There is a wealth of talent within the Department and this talent is available to you, the citizens and business people of Surfside Beach, in the form of fire safety training and presentations for your group. Some of the topics include: Maintenance and Use of Fire Extinguishers; Home Fire Safety Hotel/Motel Fire Safety; Installation, Use and Maintenance of Smoke Detectors; Use and Storage of Flammable Liquids; Restaurant Hood Fire Suppression Systems; Use and Maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems; Use and Maintenance of Sprinkler and Standpipe systems.

Classes on other topics can be developed and customized for your particular situation. If you’re interested in more information, contact the Fire Department at 238-2314.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As usual, the Fire Department has a need for volunteer firefighters. No experience is necessary, as all training will be provided in-house, by South Carolina Fire Academy instructors. Also, all protective clothing and gear will be provided.

If you have other talents which you feel may be useful to the Department, we’d like to hear from you, also. These could include: receptionist, inspector, hydrant maintenance, truck maintenance, small equipment maintenance, safety program assistant and administrative skills. If interested, contact the Fire Department at 238-2314.

SURFSIDE DRIVE NEARS COMPLETION

Heavy construction work has been completed along Surfside Drive, with Town landscaping and beautification nearing completion as well. We thank you all for your patience during this project and any inconveniences you may have experienced. However, we hope you will agree with us on the extremely positive impact the project has made on our “Gateway to the Beach”, and the perception of our Town as a whole.

In a related topic, plans are well underway for the new Surfside Branch Library, to be located next to Fuller Park on Surfside Drive. It is anticipated that groundbreaking for the new Library will be in early Fall of this year, and when completed, the Library will serve as an enhanced focal point along the Surfside Drive corridor, and compliment the adjacent recreational area.
FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Citizens Of Surfside Beach:

A lot has happened since the last time I communicated with you. In the General Election of March 8, 1994, you, as residents of the Town cast 537 votes "FOR" and 195 "AGAINST", the transfer of the Town's water and sewer systems to Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority. The actual transfer will take place on July 1, 1994. The Authority has assured us that they will work with all of us to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Curbside Recycling is now in place for all users of Moby Carts. This program, in association with the Horry County Solid Waste Authority, was implemented to meet State-mandated goals to reduce waste going to our landfills. Details are explained elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Phase II of the Surfside Drive Project is underway, with plantings being placed at various locations. Along these lines, the Town would like to implement an "ADOPT A BLOCK" program for Surfside Drive, where interested citizens would assist in the maintenance of landscaping on this newly revitalized corridor. If you would like to be a participant, please contact Town Clerk, Elaine K. Cowart, at 238-8025, for additional information.

Sincerely,

Dick M. Johnson, Mayor

BUILDING AND ZONING

Each week in South Carolina, people receive serious electrical shocks from faulty electrical systems and equipment. Too often, these shocks cause permanent injury, and even death. There is a device called a "ground fault circuit interrupter", that can prevent these injuries.

This week, a child may fall into a glass storm door. If the glass is not safety glazed, serious injury can occur. All glass installed after 1972 in doors and other hazardous locations must be safety glazed.

Did you know that if your water heater malfunctions, enough pressure can be created to launch the water heater through your roof like a rocket? There is a device called a "temperature/pressure relief valve", that will prevent such an explosion.

This year, a number of homes will catch fire. Some of them will catch fire at night, while the family sleeps. Some families will be awakened by a smoke alarm. Some families won't.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY! Always use properly licensed and insured tradespeople. Require contractors to show proof of a Permit, and make sure inspections are made by the Building Inspector before any payments are made. For further information call the Building and Zoning Department at 238-5531.

RECYCLE SURFSIDE BEACH

The Town Council and Staff were proud to begin providing curbside recycling for all Moby Cart customers on March 10th. Working with the City of Myrtle Beach and the Horry County Solid W Authority, we were able to offer mixed, or co-mingled, curb collection in "free" plastic bags for your ease and convenience.

The following are items we CAN accept for curbside recycling:
- Steel and aluminum cans (wash);
- Newspaper and magazines (bag separately in grocery store type plastic bags and place in recycling bag);
- Clear, brown & green glass (remove caps/lids wash);
- "PETE" PLASTIC (soft drink bottles, other "clear" plastic bottles - wash);
- "HDPE" PLASTIC (milk carton ONLY - wash).
- PUT ALL RECYCLABLES IN THE SAME BAG.

Plastic items generate the most questions, therefore, the following helpful hints are offered:

All plastic containers are stamped or embossed with the type of plastic used in the making. Generally, this identification is shown on the bottom of the container with a recycling "triangle" directly adjacent. Currently, we can accept ONLY clear plastic bottles with "PETE" on the bottom; and milk jugs with "HDPE" on the bottom. Laundry detergent bottles or other plastic containers, which do not meet this criteria cannot be accepted, since no market exists for them at this time.

Your curbside collection days remain the same, except that now the first collection day of the week is for Moby Cart household garbage, and the second collection day of the week is for recyclables ONLY. If you live North of Surfside Drive, we will service your Moby Cart on Monday, and pick up the recycling bags on Thursdays. If you live South of Surfside Drive, we will service your Moby Cart on Tuesdays, and pick up recyclables on Friday. Of course, you will need to place the filled recycling bags at the edge of the road, off the pavement.

For those of you who live in condominiums and other multi-family complexes and have Town dumpster service, you can also join the recycling effort. Please call 238-5531, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, and we can provide the recycling bags to you. Then, if your development is North of Surfside Drive, place the recyclables bags at the edge of your road by 6:00 am each Thursday for collection. Again, if your development is South of Surfside Drive, place the recyclables bags at the edge of the road by 6:00 am each Friday for collection.

Participation levels have been good so far, and we applaud your cooperation and continuing efforts in this worthy venture. Please bear with us as we work out the "bugs", and thank you for your support.

Town employees pick up bags of recyclables.
Grand Strand General Hospital had read the Newsletter and became suspicious of someone visiting a patient at the Hospital, and called our Police Department. Detective Stewart and a Myrtle Beach Police Officer rushed to the hospital, and apprehended the fugitive. We are happy to report once again, that CRIMEWATCH WORKS!

As your Police Chief, I would very much appreciate 2 volunteers from CRIMEWATCH to assist in the enforcement of the HANDICAPPED PARKING LAW. These individuals would be uniformed and equipped with a camera and ticket book. They will also be required to testify in court, if called to do so. Details have not yet been worked out, but we would like to get this program started to crack down on those who continue to ignore the Handicapped Parking Law. If there are any of you out there who are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact me.

REMEMBER TO BUCKLE UP AND DRIVE SAFELY!

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

On January 18, 1994, the Town adopted a new business license ordinance. This ordinance replaces the original ordinance that was adopted in 1964. The new ordinance classifies businesses into groups according to their ability to make a profit. The ability to make a profit is based upon nationwide statistics published by the IRS. Each business within a group pays a license fee based upon the same rate. This new ordinance is similar to those of Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, and Conway. The rates will differ from one City to the other because each City sets its own rates.

Along with the adoption of the ordinance, Staff has been making the necessary changes to our business license system in order to prepare for the 1994-95 license year. Business license applications will be sent out by April 15th. Business licenses will be due on or before June 1st. Any business that does business within the Town limits is required to have a license. If you have any questions about business licenses, please contact us at 238-2590.

On March 1, 1994, the Town completed the refinancing of our 1989 General Obligation Bonds. In addition to refinancing those bonds, the Town issued an additional $800,000 in General Obligation Bonds to pay for the ladder fire truck purchased last September and to provide funds to construct/improve Town facilities. Through the refinancing of the 1989 General Obligation Bonds, the Town will save $185,000.

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TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULES

Town Council, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm.
Planning and Zoning Commission, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 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.
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Surfside Beach Recreation Department’s Youth Basketball Program at St. James Middle School concluded its season in February. The “Bulls”, coached by Gary Awalt, won the League Championship in the boys’ age 14-15 group. The “Blue Devils”, coached by Terry Shea, won the boys’ 11-12 League Championship. Baseball/Softball Season is now underway. Player registration was held Saturday, March 5th. Practice began on March 28th and regular season opens April 18th. Opening Day ceremonies will be on Saturday, April 16th. Nineteen teams are scheduled for play in April, with an additional eleven teams scheduled to play about June 1st. T-Ball (ages 6-7); 8-Ball (age 8), and Pre-Majors/Majors (ages 15-18) will register on May 23 between the hours of 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the H. Blue Huckabee Complex. For further information call 650-4131.

CIVIC CENTER PROGRAMS

NEW PROGRAMS UNDERWAY!

Floral Arranging Class meets on Wednesdays, from 10:30 am to 12 Noon; Crafts classes will meet on Fridays, at a time to be announced. The newly formed Chess Club has 20 members, who meet Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. A Tournament is planned for April. Watch for dates.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Oil Painting - Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Aerobics - every Tuesday and Thursday 9 - 10 a.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m.; Easy Stretch Exercise - Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 a.m.; Seniorize - Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 - 11 a.m.; Free Blood Pressure Checks - First three Wednesdays of each month, from 9 - 10 a.m.