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 Waste Authority, we were able to offer mixed, or co-mingled, curbside 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 and green glass (remove caps/lids wash);
- “PETE” Plastic (soft drink bottles, other “clear” plastic - washed);
- “HPDE” Plastic (milk jugs and laundry detergent bottles - washed).

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 and laundry detergent bottles with “HPDE” on the bottom. 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 Mondays, and pick up the recycling bags on Thursday. 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; AND remove your Moby Cart from the edge of the road after servicing.

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 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and we will 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 a.m. 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 a.m. each Friday for collection.

Participation levels have been good so far, and we applaud your cooperation and continuing efforts in this worthwhile venture. In regard to “commercial” recycling efforts, the Town is now considering proposals to recycle cardboard boxes from businesses which generate large quantities of such waste. Please bear with us as we work out the “bugs”, and thank you for your support.

SURFSIDE DRIVE DEDICATION

On Monday, May 23, 1994, Mayor Johnson and Members of Council gathered for the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremonies of the “New” Surfside Drive. Street improvements, landscaping and decorative lighting have dramatically improved the corridor, which is the Town’s “main” street, and “Gateway to the Beach”.

Reverend John Gambrell of First Baptist Church of Surfside Beach delivered the Invocation, and area dignitaries participating in the ceremonies included Senator Luke Rankin, Representative Tom Keegan, County Councilmember Jean McDowell, Mayor Julian Kelly of Pawleys Island, and Surfside Beach City Councilwoman Judy Rodman, as well as members of the Town’s Surfside Drive Revitalization Committee, Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, and Clean City/ Beautification Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS!
CLEAN CITY AWARD WINNERS

MARCH/APRIL 1994
North End: Joe and Sig Sarnoski, 512 Cherry Drive South End: Stella Thompson, 214 Hollywood

MAY/JUNE 1994
North End: Donnie and Debbie Poore, 510 Fifth Avenue South End: Floyd Worley, 119 11th Avenue
FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Citizens Of Surfside Beach:

Entering into another “Season”, our Family Beach welcomes visitors to Town with a “new look” for Surfside Drive. Revitalization of the corridor includes street improvements and beautification, which have greatly enhanced our main street and gateway to the Ocean.

As you read this newsletter, the transfer of the Town’s water and sewer systems to Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority, should be completed. This transaction was approved by the voters in the General Election of March 8, 1994. Most customers should realize a savings on their bills due to the transfer.

Certain changes in the Town's Municipal Complex will take place in the Fall. Plans are underway to construct a much needed Police facility on the site of the former recycling center at the corner of Pine and Poplar Drives. Also, plans are to relocate the Public Works Division (Streets/Drainage, Sanitation and Vehicle Maintenance) operations to an area West of Highway 17, and negotiations are underway to purchase property in that area for the move. This will allow the current location to be utilized for future expansion of other Town operations and will result in a “cleaner” look for the Complex.

These improvements and others will be possible due to the refunding of our General Obligation Bonds at a lower interest rate, which has allowed us to save money over the life of the Bonds and to borrow additional funds without a tax increase.

Town Council and I wish each of you a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Sincerely,

Dick M. Johnson, Mayor

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

April 1, 1994 was the start of a new fiscal year for the Town of Surfside Beach. The Town adopted a $3,062,156 budget for the General Fund. With the Waterworks and Sewer System being transferred to Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority on July 1, 1994, the Town adopted a three month budget of $619,345 for the Waterworks and Sewer System Fund. While a budget of $229,000 was adopted for the Accommodations Tax Fund. The total adopted budget for the fiscal year 1994-95 was $3,910,501.

Our business license department has been steadily processing business licenses this quarter for the 1994-95 business license year. Over 1800 business license applications were sent out on April 18, 1994. Business licenses were due on June 1, 1994. If you have not yet renewed your license and you need assistance with your application, please contact our office.

As a reminder to our sanitation customers, beginning July 1994 we will be billing residential (roll-out cart) customers on a quarterly basis. Commercial (dumpster) customers will continue to be billed at the end of each month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS

ACBC COLLECTIONS DOWN

As most are aware, the Town of Surfside Beach has started curbside pick-up of recyclables. This is a program whose time has come. We must recycle all that we can to help protect Mother Earth. However, no good deed goes unpunished. Although the recycling program is progressing nicely, the ALUMINUM CANS FOR BURNED CHILDREN (ACBC) Program has suffered.

ACBC is a statewide program where fire departments collect aluminum cans, sell them to recyclers and give all of the money to the Medical University of South Carolina Burn Unit for the care of burned children. These funds help defray the cost of special bandages, braces, etc. which are not covered by insurance.

Since the inception of curbside recycling in Surfside Beach, our can collections have decreased by more than 50%. Obviously, funds collected have decreased also. This is a request to all Surfside citizens to assist us in our ACBC Program by bringing your aluminum cans to the Surfside Beach Fire Department on First Avenue North. A trailer is located in the parking lot beside the Fire Station to receive your cans. Please make a special effort to help us help these unfortunate children who have suffered burns.

OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

Open burning of trash is one of the most frequent calls for service to which the Fire Department responds. The Department GENERALLY does not object to open burning as long as the rules are obeyed. They are as follows:

1. A permit is required for all open burning activities. This can be obtained by calling the Fire Department at 238-2314.
2. No construction materials or garbage may be disposed of by burning. No burning is allowed in connection with land clearing.
3. No open fire can be kindled or maintained within fifty (50) feet of ANY structure.
4. Open fires must be CONSTANTLY attended by a competent person until the fire is extinguished.
5. A garden hose connected to a water supply must be readily available for use.
6. Open burning may be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. Please remember, there are many residents of Surfside Beach who suffer breathing problems. To them, smoke makes life terribly uncomfortable. If the Fire Department receives a complaint about smoke, the fire will have to be extinguished.

BAR-B-QUES BELONG ON THE GROUND

Another frequent complaint the Fire Department answers is persons grilling on balconies of condominiums or apartments. Really folks, how much sense does it make to dump a pint or more of a flammable liquid on a pile of charcoal and ignite it causing a three to six foot high flame, all on the combustible deck or balcony of a combustible building. “Not much”. And if fire is caused by this senseless act, you will probably be held liable both legally and criminally for damages and/or injuries.

L.P. gas grills are not the answer, either. It is illegal to have an L.P. gas cylinder above the ground floor level of a building. Let’s keep our bar-b-ques and grills on the ground, and help keep ourselves, our families and our neighbors safe from fire.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As always, the Fire Department has openings for volunteers, and not just firefighters. There are many tasks in the department which must be accomplished. Some of these include developing standard operating procedures, rules and regulations, developing a safety program, directing traffic, vehicle maintenance, etc. If you’re interested in helping your community in this way, please contact the Fire Department at 238-2314.
EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER - SPRING 1994

Wayne Stewart is the Town’s “Employee of the Quarter - Summer, 1994”, which includes the months of April, May and June. Wayne attained the position of Detective in the Surfside Beach Police Department in 1992 and has been with the Town since he was hired as a Patrolman in 1990. He has worked in virtually all aspects of criminal investigation. Wayne retired from the Air Force in 1989, and worked for the Benton, TN Police Department until moving to Surfside Beach. He and wife Rhonda reside in Surfside Beach with daughter Kristin. Detective Stewart enjoys a good working relationship with local and federal agencies, and has assisted the Secret Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF), and the FBI on several cases. Congratulations, Detective Stewart, from all your fellow employees.

POLICE BEAT

“SURF’S UP!” To some that means fun; however, to the Police Department it can mean problems at the beach...problems like surfers not obeying the lifeguard’s commands, people swimming too far out into the ocean, fishing boats coming too close to shore, etc. These are just a few of the problems that occur everyday, and continue with each new season.

In an effort to alleviate these problems, the Department has obtained a “WAVERUNNER”, a vehicle which can take off from the beach quickly and safely, and get to the problems before they become widespread. Use of the WAVERUNNER for the Summer months was funded by Yamaha International, courtesy of Jeff Nance, Manager of Cycle Sales, Myrtle Beach.

Have you noticed the new 1994 4-wheel drive GMC “Jimmy” being driven by the Beach Patrol? This is a leased vehicle, which will help officers to better control problems and activities on the beach, which is now covered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week, thanks to the addition to Staff of Sgt. Ruth Burleson. Certified in Ocean Rescue, Sgt. Burleson will cover the beach on those days when regular Beach Patrol Officer, Howard Gold, is off duty. She has agreed to help the Department this Summer on her days off from duties as a Supervisor at the J. Reuben Long Detention Center.

Recently, there have been numerous requests for use of the 2 beach wheelchairs donated to the Town last year. The chairs have a sun shade and are light-weight and easy to push over the sand. It’s a great way for those who are handicapped to enjoy the ocean and the beach. If you would like to use one of these chairs, please call 238-4038 during normal business hours to make arrangements. It is suggested that you call at least a day in advance.

We have had a rash of car break-ins lately. Most have occurred at or near Ocean Boulevard, between the early morning hours of 4 to 6 a.m., on weekends. Items stolen are car phones, money, cameras, etc. The Department is trying to obtain an electric golf cart to patrol the area in order to put an end to these crimes. A marked Police vehicle is too visible and of little use for the type of “stealth” patrol that is necessary.

State Police have a new program called, “Operation Step”, and have asked the Department’s assistance in its implementation. “Operation Step” is a program developed to help encourage reduced insurance rates by getting citizens to “Buckle Up”. They would like us to assist by issuing more “Failing to Secure Seat Belt” tickets, thus making motorists more aware, and by buckling up preventing highway deaths, which cause insurance rates to go up. A recent Study indicates that each highway fatality costs insurance companies a minimum of $280,000 per death. Officers will be participating in this effort, so...“REMEMBER TO BUCKLE UP AND DRIVE SAFELY!”.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Stronger residential hurricane resistant construction methods passed by Council in 1992 may begin to pay off next year when new insurance regulations are implemented in January, 1995. The insurance industry’s National Committee on Property Insurance (NCPI) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have recognized the importance of properly trained building inspectors and stringent building codes to reduce potential losses in natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes.

The NCPI, based on findings of its survey of 12 building departments, is developing a Code Enforcement Grading System (CEGS) through its Natural Disaster Loss Reduction Committee, formed early in 1992. The goal is to emphasize to local governments the advantages of effective code enforcement and will provide incentives to those communities committed to quality code enforcement. The insurance industry plans to link the cost of insurance premiums for natural disaster coverage (wind, hail, floods, and earthquake) to local enforcement of codes, much like insurers use the Fire Protection Grading System, as a factor in underwriting and pricing coverage and its potential effect on our local building industry. Communities with good rating scores may see insurance premiums for some types of natural hazard insurance come down, while those communities with low scores could see premiums escalate or could even be refused certain types of insurance. The latter would be disastrous to the building industry along the coast.

Surfside Beach has been selected to participate in a pilot test of the property/casualty insurance industry’s building code effectiveness grading schedule. ISO Commercial Risk Services, Inc. (ISO/CRS), a subsidiary of Insurance Services Office, was in town June 16 for our evaluation and will administer the program. The results of our evaluation will be sent sometime in July.

HURRICANE SEMINAR

The Annual Surfside Beach Fire Department Hurricane Seminar is scheduled for August 11, 1994 at 7:00 PM. It will be held at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. The theme this year is “READY, SET, GO”.

Information will be available on how and when to get READY, so that you will be SET to leave quickly when the time comes, and where to GO.

Topics will include advance preparations to make your home more hurricane proof, what last minute preparations you need to make, and evacuation centers and routes.
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The 1994 Baseball/Softball Season was again a tremendous success. Thirty teams, with 450 youngsters participating. Dixie Ponytails League (8-12 year old girls) Champions are the “Sunbirds”, coached by Gary Sedlack; Dixie Youth Minor League (9-10 year olds) Champs are the “Giants”, coached by Steve Hawley. The “Phillies” are the Dixie Youth Major Champs (ages 11-12), managed by John Baco; Dixie Boys (ages 13-14) saw 4 teams in competition, with the “Cardinals”, coached by Will Rabon, taking the title; Pat Flohr coached the “Bluejays”, to the championship of the Dixie Belles Division (ages 13-15). Each league will field an All Star team to compete in tournament play at various locations. Surfside Beach will host the District All Star Tournaments for Dixie Boys, beginning July 9th, and Dixie Ponytails and Dixie Belles, starting July 11th. All tournaments will be held at the H. Blue Huckabee Complex. Come out and cheer these young athletes on to Victory, as they enjoy America’s number one pastime. For further information, call 650-4131.

The Department would like to remind our citizens and inform visitors that the “All Children’s Park”, at 10th Avenue South and Hollywood, is open daily from 8 a.m. until dusk. The park is equipped for play by handicapped and able-bodied children. Handicapped swing units may be checked out at the Police Department.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1994, at the Huckabee Complex. Approximately 100 children, age 10 and under, participated in 3 separate groups and had a great time searching for the colorful eggs.

The 43rd Annual Sun Fun Festival was held June 3rd through 6th. Surfside Beach events occurred on “Super Sunday”, June 5th, with the ever-popular Volleyball Tournament and a field of 15 teams; Horse-shoe Tourney, Best Suntan, Shag-in-the-Sand, and Sandcastle/Sand Sculpture Contests drawing large, enthusiastic crowds.

CIVIC CENTER PROGRAMS

Ongoing programs included: Oil Painting - Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Aerobics - every Tuesday and Thursday 9 - 10 a.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.

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TOWN DIRECTORY

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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.

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