FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Citizens of Surfside Beach:

First of all, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and yours, a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Since my last letter to you mentioned our accomplishments in 1994, I would now like to focus on what we can look forward to in 1995.

Public Works is relocating to a site on Sandy Lane. Public Works crews have cleared the lots and are working on the drainage system. It is expected that the final move will occur sometime in June.

The Police Department and Town Officials are excited about the new Law Enforcement facility to be built this year and hopefully, completed by early Fall. The present Police Department has been maxed out for some time now, with employees sharing a tiny office and barely able to plug in Christmas decorations without causing a power outage. Once the Police Department moves out of Town Hall, the building will undergo a "facelift", including relocation of restrooms, built to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards; some offices will be moved in order to create more space and storage area. Parking will be enhanced and enlarged, and entrance and exit areas may also be changed. The architects and Staff are working closely to "get it right", and we feel sure Town Hall will be a facility to be proud of.

At the December 20th Meeting of County Council, the Construction Contract for the new Surfside Branch Library was awarded to Hay Construction Company of Myrtle Beach. This means that we will have a beautiful new Library facility on the revitalized Surfside Drive Corridor next to Fuller Park, sometime during 1995.

The Town of Surfside Beach continues to be a "Town on the Move", and Council and I will constantly work to keep Surfside Beach, the best little beachside community on the Strand.

Sincerely,

Dick M. Johnson, Mayor

BUILDING AND ZONING

1994 SBCCI STANDARD CODES IN EFFECT:

Effective September 1, 1994, all new construction must conform to the 1994 SBCCI Standard Codes. State Law requires that any county or municipality that enforces building codes must stay current within one year of the latest published edition, with the exclusion of annual amendments. The specific codes mandatory for construction in Surfside Beach are as follows: 1994 Standard Building Code; 1994 Standard Fire Prevention Code; 1994 Standard Mechanical Code; 1994 Standard Plumbing Code; 1994 Standard Housing Code; 1994 Standard Swimming Pool Code; 1993 National Electric Code. The CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code has been deleted from the required code list. This was done to eliminate confusion among contractors due to different requirements for one and two family dwelling construction contained in the Standard Building Code. All other cities in the area and Georgetown County have, or are in the process of, using the same codes. Horry County is still using the 1989 CABO One & Two Family Dwelling Code for residential construction. Horry County Council is resisting the request by the County Building Department to also adopt the new codes because of the new Hurricane resistant construction requirements contained in the 1994 Standard Building Code. The entire County needs to be on the same codes. Help by calling your County Council Representatives and telling them the County's citizen's need protection also.

DOWNSIZING MINIMUM LOT SIZES IN THE R-3 ZONING DISTRICT:

Property owners now have numerous options for use of property they own in the R-3, "High Density and Accommodations Zoning District". Acting upon recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Council recently passed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that will allow lots to be subdivided no smaller than 3,600 square feet to accommodate single family homes or have more than one dwelling per lot in the R-3 District, so long as all requirements in the new Ordinance are met. The new requirements keep the same setback lines but do not allow any encroachments, such as entrance steps or roof overhangs. Frontage on a public street, under these special guidelines, has been reduced from 30 to 20 feet. Also, lots must be at least 35 feet wide at the building line.

Long term benefits of the changes indicate that there will probably be less condominium development to allow for more single family homes. The new regulations will mean less lot coverage, with more open space for trees and landscaping. Single family homes have been the majority of the development in the District in the last few years due to the decline in the condominium market, which makes these changes a very attractive alternative.

To qualify, a lot must contain at least 7,200 square feet to be subdivided. The request must meet the Town's Subdivision Regulations and be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Once approved by the Commission, it must be approved by Town Council before it can legally be recorded. The entire process takes about two months.

Never assume! Don't rely on hearsay information. If you have a question on building or zoning... CALL US FIRST! 238-5531.
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

This quarter the Finance Department was busy adjusting to some of the changes brought on by the transfer of the water and sewer system to Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority. Eileen Lewis, who handled all water, sewer, and sanitation accounts, was transferred from the Finance Department to the Building / Zoning Department. We understand that she is having a positive impact in that department and we thank her for her five years of dedicated service to the Finance Department.

Prior to transfer of the water and sewer system, sanitation services were billed to residents on the same bill as were water and sewer services. This quarter residents who have roll-out carts should have received their first sanitation only bill. Sanitation services for roll-out cart customers are now billed quarterly, each January, April, July, and October, at $21.75 per cart.

The Town held its Annual Budget Retreat October 28th through October 30th at Wampas Plantation in Pinopolis, S.C. At this retreat the Mayor, Council, and Town Staff met to plan and discuss issues that will impact the 1995 - 96 budget year. Among the topics were capital equipment which is funded through a capital replacement fund established two years ago. Preliminary figures reflect a favorable outlook for the Town's 1995 - 96 budget.

"BILL MARTIN DAY"

On Sunday, October 23rd at 2:00 p.m., Town Council, Staff, Employees, Citizens and Friends of W.O. "Bill" Martin, gathered to pay tribute to this fine gentleman. Bill Martin has been a resident of Surfside Beach for some 32 years. A "Founding Father" of the Town, he was elected to Town Council, and served as a member for 28 years, until he chose not to run again in the Election of 1992. As a Member of the very first Town Council, he wrote his personal check for $10 to the Secretary of State to pay for the Town Charter in 1964. During those 28 dedicated years on Council, he was instrumental in projecting the image of Surfside Beach as a "Family Beach", and along with fellow Councilmembers managed to maintain that same wholesome atmosphere this very day.

Legislation enacted by the Council's of which Bill Martin was a member, brought about sweeping changes for Surfside Beach, and include: formulation of a Zoning Ordinance; Land Use Plan; Subdivision Regulations; Comprehensive Drainage Plan; Water contract with Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority; Paving of all Town streets; building of "All Children's Park"; revitalization of Surfside Drive, expanded Recreation Programs, and numerous other projects.

Mayor and Town Council felt the need to honor Bill Martin, who has courageously battled cancer for the past two years, and decided it would be a fitting tribute to rename Lakeside Park and Floral Field, the "W.O. Bill" Martin Municipal Park". The formal Dedication of the Park, located at Lakeside and Dogwood Avenues, was held on Oct, 23rd, and Bill and wife Georgie, were the recipients of a tremendous outpouring of love, good wishes, and appreciation.

Signs designating the "W.O. Bill Martin Municipal Park" will be placed at both entrances to the Park.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The "big" news in Public Works Division has to be the startup of construction for the new Public Works "Headquarters", which will house the Maintenance, Sanitation and Street Departments, on Sandy Lane. Although actual construction of the buildings is not anticipated to begin until March 1995, the Street Department has begun site work. The Department has cleared and graded the site and started drainage and stormwater management improvements. With the exception of erecting the metal buildings, Street Department crews will perform other necessary construction work. It is anticipated that the three departments will be settled into the new facility by July.

Mr. Bobby Radford was hired earlier this year as Supervisor in the Streets / Drainage Department. He replaced Tony Grice who is now with the local office of the State Highway Department. Bobby comes to the Town with nearly twenty years experience in streets / drainage construction. He was formerly employed with Dixie Construction Company.

Mr. Radford has asked that we remind all residents that it is illegal to deposit yard waste into Town drainage ditches. This raises a possibility of clogging ditches and causing flooding, maybe to your own home. It also can aggravate mosquito problems. Sanitation crews will collect your bagged leaves and yard debris including limbs, from streetside every week. Sanitation Department has collected approximately 3/4 million lbs. of recyclables in Town. Of course, the success of this very worthy endeavor to improve and protect our environment is due to the tremendous support of our residents. Thank You, and please keep up the good work!

CONGRATULATIONS!
CLEAN CITY AWARD WINNERS

November 1994

Highway 17: Coastal Federal Savings & Loan, 112 South Ocean Boulevard
Surfside By The Sea, 1210 Ocean Boulevard North, Surfside Realty
Residential
North End: Mr. & Mrs. Alan Verone, 1211 Cherry Drive
South End: Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Wiggins, 216 13th Avenue

Christmas 1994: Residential - North End
First Place: Jerome & Sue Leahy, 718 3rd Avenue
Runners Up: Hans & Susan Shoop, 1510 Palmetto Drive
Terry & Janet Adair, 151 Myrtle Drive

Residential - South End
First Place: Linda Cochran, 710 Hollywood Drive
Runners Up: John & Elena Cranston, 1010 Moss Drive
Jeff & Jason LeGarth, 1009-A Bay Drive

FIRE DEPARTMENT "HAPPENINGS"

COFFEEMAKER RECALL - Black & Decker is voluntarily recalling 750,000 under the cabinet coffeemakers because they may contain defective thermostats that pose possible fire hazards. Affected coffeemakers were manufactured between 1984 and 1988.

The SDC 1, 2 and 3 under the cabinet coffeeappliances carry either the Black & Decker or General Electric name. Models with date codes (3 digit number on outside of plug prong) of 406-822, are affected by the recall.

FIRE SAFETY AWARD - The Surfside Beach Fire Department Fire Safety Award for the October / December quarter, 1994, goes to Mason Tire and Auto Center. Crew Chief Steve Mosco, reports that Masons had only minor violations at their last Fire Inspection, and they were quickly corrected. In addition, the employees demonstrated an awareness of fire safety and fire-safe work practices. Mason's has also sponsored Fire Safety and Fire Extinguisher classes for their employees.

Mr. Joe Mason, Sr., was presented a Certificate of Appreciation at the January 3, 1995 Town Council Meeting. He also received a Fire Safety Award sign to display at his place of business for the Quarter.

Congratulations and thanks, Joe Mason and staff, for providing a fire safe environment for your customers and employees.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Town of Surfside Beach Annual Christmas Parade took place Saturday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m. A total of 12 beautifully decorated floats and 6 colorfully attired bands high stepped along Highway 17, down 5th Avenue North and back to Surfside Pier.

Dignitaries, including Mayor Dick M. Johnson, Senator Luke Rankin, Representative Tom Keegan, and "Citizen of the Year", M.E. "Buzz" Free-
man, rode atop shiny new convertibles, 2 furnished courtesy of Addy's Harbor Dodge, Sales Manager Buddy Burnett; 1 courtesy of Mr. Jim Smith, of Jim Smith Chrysler / Plymouth / Jeep / Eagle, Sales Manager Blaine Ladd; and private citizen Ms. Ginny Nordstrom, for the use of her personal vehicle. 

truly appreciate the gracious cooperation of these dealers and Ms. Nordstrom for allowing us the use of their "snappy" looking automobiles each year.

Luckily the rain held off until later in the day, and huge crowds gathered at Town Hall and along the Parade Route to view the "Finest Christmas Parade in the Area".

Following the Parade, excited little ones were invited to "Visit With Santa" in the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center.

Kudos to Surfside Beach Area Business & Professional Association for sponsoring a great Parade each year. Special accolades to Dana P. Arneaman, Jr., President, for giving of his talents as Coordinator of the event for the second consecutive year.

Fantasy Harbour's "Euro Circus" performers, this year's GRAND MARSHALS, enjoyed waving to the crowds along the Parade route.

POLICE BEAT

Have you called the Police or Fire Department lately?? If so, you may have noticed a "beep" every few seconds while on the line. The "Beep" is generated electronically. All incoming and outgoing telephone calls made to the Police and Fire are recorded. A new "voice logger" was recently purchased and put into service in the Dispatch Office. There are several reasons for recording of the calls, the most important being to ensure that Police and Fire personnel have accurate information when responding to calls for service. The recording unit has an instant "playback" feature, which allows the dispatcher to go over the call, to ensure that vital information is correct.

Citizens understandably, are often excited when calling in, and may speak loudly and rapidly, making it difficult to understand exactly what they are saying. The voice logger will be a great help to Dispatchers.

The Department has received many favorable comments from citizens regarding the electric golf cart that patrolled Town streets during Halloween. This enabled officers to monitor neighborhood children one-on-one, during Halloween activities.

Regarding the rash of automobile Breaking & Entering crimes, 2 arrests have been made. Several citizens experienced auto break-ins, and did not report the incidents because they felt that "nothing could be done about it". Chief Lloyd reports that nothing could be further from the truth! For each break-in that occurs in Town, a Report is compiled, which helps the Department in determining where and when to assign its manpower. Reports are analyzed and further information is sought. Most criminals develop a pattern, and if officers can determine the criminal's routine, they can be caught. That is why it's important to report all crimes to the Police Department.

"CRIMEWATCH" extended a "Helping Hand" to the Police Department when 6 of its members spent the entire night patrolling neighborhood streets in their personal vehicles. They wrote down car license numbers of suspicious persons driving around late at night. We applaud these dedicated citizens.

SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GOLF CARTS. On secondary highways, or streets within 2 miles of their residence, DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY. The cart must be operated by the registered owner only. Should the vehicle be sold or traded, notification must be forwarded to the Department of Highways & Public Transportation in writing, giving the name and address of the new owner, together with the date of sale. The registration must be carried when the golf cart is being operated.

REMEMBER: Buckle Up and Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Department's Football / Cheerleading Season was a great success, with over 200 youngsters participating. Ted Watts coached the "Chiefs" to a 1994 League Championship in the "Mite" League, for ages 11 and 12. David McKinney coached the "Oilers" to a League Championship in the "Small Fry" League for ages 8 through 10. The 1994 / 95 Basketball Season is currently underway, with 8 teams and games started on Saturday, January 7th at the St. James Middle School Gym.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 1995 Baseball / Softball Season Registration: Saturday, March 4, 1995, starting at 11:00 a.m., until Leagues are filled (Boys Ages 9 - 14); Saturday, March 4th, starting at 2:00 p.m., until Leagues are filled (Girls Ages 8 - 15); May 22 - June 2, 1995, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Weekdays (Boys Ages 15 - 18) and (Boys Age 8) as well as (Boys and Girls Ages 6 and 7) for T-Ball; All ages as of August 1, 1995.

CIVIC CENTER

Dick M. Johnson Civic Center Ongoing Classes and Events: "Easy Stretch" Exercise - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 - 10 a.m.; Aerobics - Tuesday and Thursday 9 - 10 a.m.; "Seniorize" - Tuesday and Thursday 10 - 11 a.m.; Oil Painting Classes - Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Cards - Tuesdays 1 - 4 p.m.; Bridge - Thursdays 7 - 10 p.m.; Blood Pressure Checks - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9 - 10 a.m., at no charge; Chess Club - Thursdays 7 - 10 p.m.

NEW CLASSES

Floral Arranging - Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Aerobics - Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8 - 8:45 a.m. Watch for starting dates!

SPECIAL EVENTS

The 10th Annual Family Festival was held on Saturday, October 1, 1994, and was a great success, attracting some 12,000 plus visitors.

The 10th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony took place on Thursday, December 1, 1994; The Christmas "Hot Line to Santa", was on Tuesday, December 6, 1994, from 6 - 8 p.m., giving anxious youngsters an opportunity to tell Saint Nick everything that is on their Christmas "Wish Lists"; The Annual Surfside Beach Christmas Parade occurred on Saturday, December 10th at 11 a.m., with the "Jolly Ole Man in Red" arriving on the tail end of the parade, which featured 12 floats and 6 bands.

"EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER - WINTER 1994"

Janet 'Jan' M. Lewis is the 1994 "Employee of the Quarter" for the Town of Surfside Beach. Jan came to work for the Town in 1989, just prior to "Hurricane Hugo". Since that time she has been elevated to the position of "Executive Secretary", which means she handles correspondence, Department Payrolls, as well as conducting day to day business for each of the six Departments. Somehow she also finds the time to be a Volunteer Firefighter, and coordinate the Town's Annual Hurricane Seminar. She was also voted "Co-Employee of the Quarter - Summer / Fall 1990", and "Employee of the Year - 1990", and "Employee of the Year - 1994". Jan is an excellent employee and a valuable asset to the Town, as well as her co-workers. She is a member of the Fire Department, have 4 children and reside in Surfside Beach.

"EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR" - 1994

Detective Allan Wayne Stewart has had a "banner" year in 1994. Earlier this year he was awarded the title of "Surfside Beach Police Officer of the Year - 1994" by the South Strand Sertoma Club. In June he was named Surfside Beach "Employee of the Quarter - Summer 1994", and he is now the Surfside Beach "Employee of the Year - 1994".
Wayne does an outstanding job as the Police Department’s Detective, and has worked in all phases of law enforcement. He has worked with the SLED, FBI, ATF and Secret Service, as well as other law enforcement agencies on several cases. His experience includes just about every phase of crime investigation, and he has an outstanding conviction rate. He and wife Ronda have 2 children and reside in Salter’s Cove.

"SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR - 1994"

Corporal Kaye F. Long, of the Surfside Beach Police Department, is the Town’s “Supervisor of the Year - 1994”. Kaye was hired as a Dispatcher with the Town on April 22, 1988. On October 28th of that year she was transferred to Street Patrol as the Town’s first female Patrol Officer. In September of 1990, she was promoted to Private First Class, and on January 31, 1992, she was elevated to the rank of Corporal, and as such, is Shift Supervisor, responsible for review of Officer’s reports, Personnel Performance Evaluations, and assisting the Operations Duty Officer. Kaye does an outstanding job. She is courteous and helpful to the public and works well with her peers. She and husband, Richard, married 27 years, live in Murrells Inlet and have a son and a daughter, as well as 2 granddaughters.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - 1994"

At the Annual Surfside Beach Fire Department Christmas Party on December 17th, Firefighter/Engineer Jason Cody was named Surfside Beach “1994 Fireman of the Year”. This Award is voted on by the Members of the Department by a secret ballot. Votes are counted by the Mayor and an Award Plaque is prepared. The winner is kept secret until the Award is presented.

Jason began “hanging out” at the Fire Station when he was about 12 years old and his family would spend Summers in Surfside Beach. He would be seen pulling a red wagon, filled with discarded pieces of fire hose, or other scrap firefighting materials.

Jason became a Certified Firefighter/Engineer in March 1992. He has accumulated many hours in training, including Airport Firefighter, Hazardous Materials, First Responder and Lifesaving. He is also CPR Instructor.

a Lifeguard with the Town’s Beach Service, and is assigned to Surfside Beach’s Ladder Company. Jason and wife, Adrienne, are residents of Surfside Beach.

Hats off to all these employees for the great job they do each day!

L - R: Detective Wayne Stewart, Cpl. Kaye Long, Jan Lewis, Jason Cody.

TOWN DIRECTORY

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULES

Town Council, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 3:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, 1st Thursday of each month, 2:00 p.m.
Municipal Court, Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.
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.