Dear Citizens of Surfside Beach:

A hearty Springtime "Hello" to each of you. Things are really "jumping" in the Town of Surfside Beach! I'm sure you've noticed the increase of activity on the site of the new Library. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Tuesday, March 1st, with area dignitaries on hand, and a good crowd, weathering the driving rain and wind. It is rewarding to see things beginning to happen as the long-awaited Library facility takes shape on Surfside Drive. It will be a welcome addition and focal point on the recently revitalized corridor. A short drive West of the new Library will bring you to another center of activity...the new Public Works Division site. At this point, all the site work has been completed, bids will be let in May and construction is hoped to start in June. By October of this year we should have a brand new Public Works building and ample parking for all Public Works vehicles. This, of course, frees up lots of space for our brand new Police facility. Plans have been finalized and bids will be let on April 24th, with construction to start within 30-60 days, and a construction schedule that should see the Police Department move into their brand new building sometime in October.

Council and I have worked diligently to bring all these plans to fruition, and it makes us very proud to provide these new facilities to enhance the services rendered to you, the citizens of Surfside Beach. We want to keep this a Town that is a leader... up to date and able to provide only the very best in services for its citizens. We hope that you will agree, and also be proud of your "Hometown" as we are.

In that regard, Council recently purchased another lot on Surfside Drive, adjacent to the 3 lots purchased in 1994, for public parking.

Until our next Newsletter, best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful Spring, and a Joyous Easter.

Sincerely,

Dick M. Johnson, Mayor

CONGRATULATIONS!
CLEAN CITY AWARD WINNERS

SPRING 1995

Highway 17: People's Federal Savings & Loan - 211 North
Ocean Boulevard: Floral Villas, 5th & Dogwood North - Surfside Realty

Residential
North End: Mr. Richard Hilliard, 1315 Ocean Boulevard
South End: Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Price, 913 Hollywood

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Work continues on the new Public Works complex on Sandy Lane. This project is now planned to run concurrently with the Police and Municipal Complex improvements. Consequently, construction of the buildings is anticipated to begin in July, with permanent relocation completed around the end of Summer. In the meantime, fill material is being brought in and stormwater management and drainage work has begun. This basic sitework should be completed by May.

Since Spring has arrived, so have Spring chores like yardwork. In this regard, we would like to remind residents that raking leaves and yard debris into drainage ditches is not only illegal, but can cause localized flooding and aggravate mosquito problems. Of course, the Sanitation Department will collect your bagged leaves and yard debris, from streetside each week.

The Sanitation Division is pleased to have received a new commercial dumpster garbage truck. The new unit replaces the 1988 truck on the route, relieving the old truck back-up duty. Additionally, the Town’s 1985 residential truck was refurbished for use as the full-time recycling vehicle. The large capacity of the 1985 truck has reduced the necessary number of trips to the recyclables separation facility by half, saving labor and operation costs. As presented in our previous newsletter articles, the Town is pursuing a cardboard recycling program for commercial customers, to be in place by Summer’s end. It should be noted that residential customers can recycle cardboard now, simply by breaking the boxes down, binding them together with twine and placing next to your blue bag recyclables each week on collection day. As always, thanks so much for the support we have received in the effort to recycle.

Additionally, please be advised of changes in the Town’s “50-50 Drainpipe Installation Program”. Effective June 1, 1995, this policy will more accurately reflect the original intent, by requiring participants to pay for all materials used in the ditch piping process, including the actual pipe, backfill dirt, brick, block, mortar, inlet frame, grates, and necessary supplies to complete the work. Up until this time, participants had to pay for the actual pipe only. The intent of this change is to provide for Town Labor and equipment, as its matching portion of the Program, in the pursuit of piping the Town’s ditches, thus splitting total costs approximately in half.

YOUR NEW LIBRARY "IN THE MAKING"

New Surfside Beach branch of the Horry County Library taking shape on Surfside Drive.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Town's license season is upon us again. Business license applications will be sent out mid-April and should be renewed on or before June 1st. All businesses doing business within the Town of Surfside Beach are required to have a license and to post that license in their place of business.

Business license fees are calculated based upon the following: 1) the (continued on next page)
BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DON'T LIEN ON ME - AVOID PAYING TWICE FOR THE SAME WORK

You've heard of a mechanic's or supplier's lien, haven’t you? If your contractor fails to pay the subs or suppliers he used on YOUR job, they have a legal right to come after YOU, the homeowner, for payment. Even though you’ve paid IN FULL for the job already, in spite of the fact that you might not even know these people who insist they owe them money. YOU COULD END UP PAYING TWICE FOR THE SAME WORK. It happens all the time. Here's how to prevent it from happening to you:

SCREEN THE CONTRACTOR: If you hire a contractor without checking his background, you'll have no one to blame but yourself if things go wrong later. A contractor who is a bad business manager may have a pattern of late payments to his supply houses. He may also have Better Business Bureau, Consumer Affairs or State Licensing Agency complaints filed against him by other customers or sub-contractors.

STAY CLEAR OF LOW-BALL BIDS: An extraordinary low bid for your job may not mean that you’ve found your dream contractor. It could be one of the warning signs of a cash flow problem. In this scenario the contractor mistakenly believes he can catch up on his poor cash flow by getting your deposit money NOW. In his mind that means offering you a price you cannot refuse. This is a vicious cycle of escalating risk that eventually shuts him down - permanently, usually in the middle of a job. It could be YOURS.

PLAN FOR LIEN WAIVERS AT START OF BIDS: A Waiver or Release of Lien MUST be secured from all subs and suppliers at some point during the job in order for you to be safe from liens later. How you do this is up to you. Be sure, however, to discuss it openly from day one, and don’t let the contractor sweet talk or cajole you with lame, clever, or believable excuses for why he hasn’t got the piece of paper with him! BE FIRM! If he’s honest he’ll understand your concern and respect the agreement you’ve made.

PUT THE WAIVER PLAN INTO WRITING IN THE CONTRACT: You can insist that you receive a Release from any sub that will be coming onto the job BEFORE signing the contract. You can also, in writing, state that payment beyond certain points will be withheld until specific suppliers or subs have provided proof of having been paid. Or, you could add a clause to the contract that states final payment (make sure it’s substantial enough to keep the contractor motivated) will be withheld until proof of payment of ALL subs and suppliers is received.

IN THE EVENT OF FINAL PAYMENT ON THE PREMISES: That final payment you withhold should be the contractor’s profit and NOT, regardless of what he needs money he needs to make payments to the last subs on the job. In the event of some emergency claimed by the contractor you may make final payment to the contractor, IF THE UNPAID SUBS ARE PAID THEN, TOO - in your presence. This is a risky situation because it suggests the contractor has no cash reserves and could be prepared to do something unethical out of desperation. You should be prepared to do this in cash to be sure the contractor doesn’t write any rubber checks.

REMEMBER: The minute that you make final payment without confirmation that subs have been paid you have relinquished your last control over the situation. Suppliers, especially of big ticket items like lumber or plumbing fixtures, should have been paid long since.

An unsatisfied lien is an encumbrance on your title to the property. The house cannot be sold with clear title in the event it has any liens filed against it.

The contractors work for YOU. Rule to negotiate contracts by: HE WHO CONTROLS THE GOLD MAKES THE RULES. Don’t let it happen to you. The Building and Zoning Department has computer generated lists of all types of currently licensed and insured contractors.

OTHERS THAT CAN HELP:

CONTRACTOR LICENSING
S.C. Residential Builders Commission
803-734-9174

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS TOWN OF SURFside BEACH
Office of the S.C. Attorney General
803-734-3660

REMEDIES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS
Better Business Bureau of Myrtle Beach
803-448-6100

Building and Zoning Department
803-238-5531

ACBC PROGRAM NEEDS HELP

The Surfside Beach Fire Department Aluminum Cans For Burned Children (ACBC) Program was established as a part of a statewide effort to raise money to assist in the treatment of burned children. Funds are raised by collecting aluminum cans, selling them to recyclers and turning the proceeds over to the state ACBC organization for the burned children.

Aluminum can collections, in Surfside Beach, are about half today what they were a year ago. This is partially because of the initiation of curbside recycling. Other reasons include a decrease in restaurant/lounge participation and the Fire Department's difficulty in providing regular can pick-up for them.

Collections can be improved by a number of ways. These include:

• The Fire Department needs someone to volunteer to work with us in coordinating the program and collecting cans.
• More participation from the businesses and residents in collecting cans and bringing them to the collection trailer at Surfside Beach Fire Department is needed. Collection boxes and bags are available at the fire station.

The Department feels that the ACBC program is a very worthwhile project. $136,000 was raised state-wide last year and was used toward providing services and supplies which are not usually covered by insurance. Every aluminum can collected earns about 2 cents toward this end.

If you're interested in participating or would like more information, please call the Surfside Beach Fire Department at 238-2314. A big Thanks to those who are continuing to participate.

GOOD WEATHER SAFETY

Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, we will be experiencing some good weather for a change. It'll be time to work in the yards, enjoy cook-outs, etc. But let's not forget safety while we're enjoying ourselves.

Burning of leaves is permitted, provided you contact the Fire Depart¬ment first and follow the safety regulations. These include burning at least 50 feet away from any structure, burn no construction materials, attend the fire constantly, and keep a garden hose readily available. If any complaints are received about the fire or smoke, then the fire will have to be extinguished.

Cook-outs are fun and safe when done properly. Grills should be used only on non-combustible surfaces, and should be kept a minimum of 36 inches from combustible walls, etc. They should not be used at all under combustible ceilings. For those of you who live in condos or apartments, the use of grills above the ground floor is unsafe and illegal.

While you're at it, why not go ahead and check your smoke detectors for proper orientation. Although 75% of the homes now have smoke detectors, 30% of these do not work because batteries are dead or have been removed. Do a complete home fire safety inspection. If you need information, contact the Fire Department at 238-2314. If you need help doing the inspection, call us also.

IMPROVED EMERGENCY SERVICES

Through a cooperative agreement between the Surfside Beach Fire Department and the Surfside Beach Rescue Squad, improved vehicle extraction service will be provided. The Rescue Squad agreed to provide the equipment necessary to extricate victims trapped inside wrecked vehicles if the Fire Department would house and maintain the equipment and provide the service. The Fire Department conducted the necessary training and effective February 10, 1995, began providing this service.

Prior to that, if a person was trapped in a vehicle, Murrells Inlet - Garden City Fire Department or the Socastee Station of the Horry County Fire Department was depended on for extrication. Although both of these Departments provide excellent service, it often took 10 - 15 minutes for them to arrive on the scene in Surfside Beach. Now, with equipment immediately available in Surfside Beach, a 4 - 5 minute response time should be the norm. This quicker response can mean a lot in the paramedic's treatment of the auto accident victim's injuries.

This is just another example of how different organizations work together to provide quality emergency services to the citizens and visitors of Surfside Beach.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Surfside Beach Fire Department endeavors to be a multifarious resource for the community's needs. Some of the services provided, in addition to fire suppression, are fire safety inspections of commercial and residential buildings, pre-fire planning, public fire safety education, emergency medical back-up to EMS and Rescue Squad, hazardous materials response, electrical emergency
response, assist police, disaster preparedness and response, hurricane preparedness seminars, and raising money for burned children. As reported elsewhere, we recently began providing emergency extrication service.

The point in reporting this is to stress to the citizens that we need help in continuing to provide these services. We have an immediate need for firefighters. Experience is needed. Necessary equipment and State certified training will be provided. Also needed are persons for traffic control, safety personnel, standards development personnel, fire safety instructors, medical personnel, receptionists and public relations personnel, to name a few.

If you feel that you have a skill that can be of use to the community through the Fire Department, please come by the Surfside Beach Fire Station on First Avenue North and talk to us. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

POLICE BEAT

This will be a banner year at the beach. Traffic is at an all-time high and there are more citizens strolling the streets and by-ways of our Town. This year the beachfront will have an officer assigned full-time during the normal 9 to 5 shift, seven days per week during the months of June, July and August. Once again we are grateful to the Myrtle Beach Cycle Shop, for allowing us the use of a "WAVERUNNER" jet ski for the season.

Several homes have been broken into lately on the North side of Town. Most are rental homes, and articles such as TVs, small appliances and cameras have been taken. CRIMEWATCH has been asked to assist with this problem and the Police Department will step up patrols of the 12th Avenue North area.

On 11/30/94, a member of CRIMEWATCH notified the Department of an individual attempting to break into a residence. The member gave a detailed description of the suspect and identified himself in a photographic lineup. Once again, due to the quick action of CRIMEWATCH, an arrest was made. The suspect was convicted of 2nd degree Burglary, and is now serving 3 - 5 years in prison.

Through the Federal "Cops Fast" Program, our Police Department was able to hire one additional Police Officer. Hopefully, this will allow the Department to have two officers on duty at all times. One Officer will be assigned to work North of Surfside Drive & the other to work South of Surfside Drive. With better coverage, the Department should be able to prevent problems which have occurred with local juveniles concerning vandalism, breaking & entering, etc.

Town Ordinance Section 12 - 69, prohibits any dog or domestic pet on public beach within the Town limits from May 15th through September 15th. Section 3 - 22, requires dogs to be on a leash while within the Town limits. REMEMBER: Buckle Up and Have a Safe and Happy Season!

ARCHITECTURAL RENDERING OF NEW POLICE FACILITY

Sketch of new Police Facility estimated to be completed by Fall 1995.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Department Basketball season was a tremendous success with over 80 youngsters participating. There were two leagues, Mite League ages 11 - 13 and Midget League ages 14 - 15. All games and practices were held at St. James Middle School Gym.

Saturday, March 4th was Baseball / Softball registration. We had a great turnout with a long line of parents on deck to register their child. We have 34 teams this year for ages 6 to 18 years old. All games and practices will be held at J. Blue Huckabee Complex on Glenns Bay Road with opening day scheduled for Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Complex. We invite all of you to come out and help us begin the season.

The two temporary basketball courts have been rebuilt at Fuller Park next to the tennis courts. Also, new restroom facilities are under construction at Fuller Park.

CIVIC CENTER

ONGOING CLASSES AND EVENTS

| Easy Stretch Exercise | Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 am - 10 am |
| Aerobics (Tone Up) | Mon., Wed., Sat. 8 - 8:45 am |
| Aerobics | Tues., Thurs., Sat. 9 - 10 am |
| Seniorercise | Tues., Thurs., Sat. 10 - 11 am |
| Oil Painting Classes | Wed. 10 am - 1 pm |
| Ballroom Dance Lessons | Wed. 7 - 8 pm |
| Cards | Tues. 1 - 4 pm |
| Bridge | Thurs. 7 - 10 pm |
| Chess Club | Tues. 7 - 10 pm |
| Blood Pressure Screening | 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed. (Free) 9 - 10 am |

NEW CLASSES

| Clogging | Mon. 6:15 - 7:15 pm |
| Line Dance Lessons | Mon. 7:30 - 8:30 pm |

SPECIAL EVENTS

| Canadian / American Days Festival | March 11 - 19 |
| Easter Egg Hunt | Sunday, April 16, 1995 2:00 pm |

Huckabee Recreation Center

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER - Spring 1995

EILEEN M. LEWIS IS OUR "EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER - SPRING 1995". Eileen came to work for the Town of Surfside Beach in September, 1989, just in time for Hurricane "Hugo". She worked under the Finance Department from September of 1989 through July of 1994, as the Utility Billing Supervisor. When the Town turned over its Water & Sewer Systems to Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority in July of 1994, Eileen transferred to the Building / Zoning Department as Clerk, a newly created position, under Director, Eddie Richardson. Since that time, Eileen has assumed significant responsibility, fielding phone calls, helping contractors, tradesmen and customers with questions and scheduling of inspections, and issuing some permits. With the clerk performing these tasks, more time is freed up for the Director to perform vital inspections and the many other duties his position requires. On her own time Eileen studied for, and recently passed, the Southern Building Code Congress International's "Zoning & Property Standards Inspection Test". The public, Council and Staff will heartily agree that Eileen is an employee who has "made a difference". WAY TO GO, EILEEN... WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!

SUPPORT YOUR NEW LIBRARY

Did you note (Sun News 9 Feb.) that construction has begun on your new Surfside Beach Library? The new facility is being built on the grounds of Fuller Park with lots of parking space. Grand opening is scheduled for late September.

Planning and organizing for our community's optimum use of the new Library has begun. The Friends of The Surfside Beach Library, Inc. is now being organized as a tax-exempt South Carolina eleemosynary corporation. The Friends will work with the County Librarian and the Surfside Beach Branch Library staff by offering planning assistance and financial help, and specifically to:

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TOWN DIRECTORY

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FIRE / POLICE / RESCUE SQUAD  911
Town Hall  238-2590
Police / Fire (non-emergency)  238-2314 / 238-2621 / 238-2811
Recreation Complex, Glenns Bay Road  650-413
FAX  238-5432
Jones Intercable (24 Hours)  651-6699
Suwanee Cooper Power Company (emergency)  448-3670
Animal Control  238-2621
Sanitation / Public Works  238-5531
Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority  448-1686

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.

We support the mission and objectives of the Friends of the Surfside Beach Library, Inc.

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Membership dues enclosed:  ( ) $5.00 Family;  ( ) $3.00 Individual;  ( ) $1.00 Student
(Can you also contribute to the construction shortfall fund?)

Mail this Membership application and Dues (and Contribution in a single check if you wish) to:
FRIENDS OF THE SURFSIDE BEACH LIBRARY, INC.
c/o Barbara Bahr
2257-C Essex Drive, Surfside Beach, SC 29575

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