The Mayor's Message...

Dear Citizens:

How exciting to deliver my first message to you as Mayor. Thank you all for your support during the election. I look forward to your continued support as I strive to serve you and our town. There are several areas in which we are working to make Surfside Beach an even better place to live.

The town’s drainage system is currently one of the main priorities. Water quality and maintenance are two major concerns. The neighboring community's drainage has an intergral effect on our system. Council is working closely with County officials to insure that our town system is not overloaded by county water runoff. Another issue that could have serious ramifications is the US Highway 17 Business Corridor Study that has been developed by Waccamaw Regional Planning and Development. Council held another workshop to discuss this study on June 27th. Our goal is to be sure decisions made today will have positive impact 5-10-25 years from now.

Tuesday, August 8th, 2000, is Special Election Day. This election is to elect a council member to complete the term vacated by me when you elected me as Mayor. Mr. Fred Nash, Jr., and Mr. Sammy Truett have registered to run. Please exercise your right to vote on Election Day. As Memorial Day has just passed, I am reminded that our forefathers fought and died to preserve the right to vote... honor those valiant leaders and VOTE!

Please accept my invitation to call or visit at any time; your smallest concern is important! Communication only works if we take time to convey our messages, whether they are positive or negative. Council, staff and I welcome our input.

Sincerely yours,
Roy Hyman, Jr.
Mayor

Administrator's Advisory...

I’m entering my fourth month serving you as your Town Administrator. Thank you all for the friendliness and warm reception you have given my wife and me as newcomers to your wonderful town. The new Mayor and Council are also a great blessing as they are supportive and functioning well as a decision making and policy setting body. I would like to share with you a few things that are happening around the Town and give you some heads-up on upcoming items.

• Property Owners: If you rent your home or a condominium unit in town for less than 90 days at a time, Accommodations and Hospitality taxes are payable to the Town along with brief reports of total income from the units. If you rent through an agency, they will report and send in the taxes. If you personally handle short term rentals, it is your responsibility to report the activity and pay the taxes directly to Town Hall. These taxes are used for town enhancement projects like beach parking, beach renourishment, dune restoration, beach patrol police officers, beach cleaning, parks, and other amenities. The Town is beginning an audit/enforcement project soon, so please, call the Finance Department (913-6111) as soon as possible and pay any taxes due to avoid penalties for non-filing.

• We are exploring a dune restoration project with the Army Corps of Engineers and would like some public comments on how you want your dunes to look. Please call Public Works Director, Bobby Radford or me, or speak to any member of our Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (Mill Servant, "Buzz" Freeman, David Heckman, Mark Lazarus, Jon Mathers, "Bud" Lanning, and Kay Benton.) Costs for the proposed project may approach $1 million, and will likely be phased over several years using predominantly Accommodations Tax Funds.

• The Street Department is planning a pavement preservation project to protect the roads from harmful breaking. This will require the elimination of grass growing over the top sides of our roads and grading back of foliage in the town's...
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rights-of-way (or boulevard areas). This activity often generates many complaints, but residents often don’t realize the danger of allowing vegetation to block run-off thereby keeping water standing on our roads. Standing water eventually undermines the road, causing break-offs at the sides, which are very costly to repair and look terrible.

- The Town is also badly in need of staff in our Sanitation and Street Department. The following positions are available:
  - Laborer, temporary, full-time - Street Dept.
  - Laborer, full-time - Sanitation Dept.
  - Laborer, temporary, full-time - Sanitation Dept.
  - Laborer, temporary, 30 hours/week - Sanitation Dept.

The Town has various positions come open from time to time. If you know of anyone who needs work in the positions above, please have them contact Brenda Alverson at Public Works, 913-6360. The trouble with trash pick-ups for the middle-end of town being occasionally a day late is directly related to the fact that we are having a hard time finding help. The department is operating three employees short of the authorized level. Authorized staff levels are designed for the system to operate as efficiently as possible at a minimum cost. Schedules are seriously impacted when one employee is out sick, on vacation, at training, or when positions are vacant. The Town plans to address these problems in the most cost-effective ways possible in the near future.

PUBLIC WORKS
Bobby Radford, Director
Telephone: 913-6360

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

During the spring months the eight-man sanitation crew collected over 1,399 tons of garbage waste, 64 tons of mixed debris, and 295 tons if yard and brush debris. Over 65 tons of recyclables were collected. There are times when schedules are interrupted by a disabled truck or employee absenteeism. The department appreciates your patience when delays occur.

The collection days are as follows:
  - Monday North End of Town to 3rd Ave South - Household
  - Tuesday South End of Town - Household
  - Wednesday Yard and Brush Debris
  - Thursday North End Recyclables
  - Friday South End Recyclables

Only household garbage that is not recyclable should be placed in the mowy cart. Moby carts containing other items such as paint cans, rocks, yard debris and other non-garbage debris will not be emptied. Items such as these should be disposed of in accordance with town ordinances. If you have questions regarding acceptable disposal procedure, please call us, You must call to schedule pickups for other debris such as metal, old furniture, yard debris, etc., 913-6111 is the number to schedule a pickup.

Please do not use local business dumpsters for personal use. Our businesses pay extra for dumpsters and it is very upsetting to a proprietor when he finds his dumpster full of household items and trash.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS: Town Ordinance requires dogs to be on a leash when you are off your property and that you clean up after your dog. Be a good neighbor, carry a “baggie” so that you can clean up after your dog. Ordinance §3-23 requires that you register your dog (over 4 months old.) The fee is $5.00; proof that rabies shots are current is required. A tag will be issued to you to put on your dog’s collar.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Spring has found the Maintenance Department servicing approximately 120 pieces of equipment and vehicles for minor maintenance, including about 25 lubrications, oil and filter changes. 430 parking meters have been calibrated and put into place throughout the town parking lots for the summer. The department was active in preparation of several pieces of equipment and vehicles for the annual auction. The Maintenance Department recently became computerized with the purchase of software programs for maintenance work orders and repairs as well as references for vehicle diagnostic work. Maintenance received, prepped and put into service a new backhoe, tractor and mower. These were purchased made with funds allocated in the 2000 Budget. The employees have taken advantage of various seminars offering new techniques and education so as to be better prepared to handle situations as they occur.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Spring arrived with even more beauty this year than in previous years as was seen in our trees, plants and flowers. Unfortunately, algae forms in the area lakes and that demands immediate treatment. The Street Department began lake spraying with an algicide in mid-April and it continued through May. Local residents living beside a lake were notified by doorhangers stating that the lake was being treated. While algicides do not harm fish, aquatic mammals, or other small animals, it does turn grass and other chlorophyll plants brown. Door hangers notify applicable residents not to water lawns or flowers using lake water for at least 24 hours after treatments. If you have any questions regarding lake treatments, please contact Brenda Alverson at 913-6360.

50/50 PROGRAM

The 50/50 program got off to a late start this season due to the continued cleanup efforts from the storm. However, staff completed several projects and will begin new projects after Labor Day. The 50/50 program involves the property owner paying for material cost to fill in a ditch and the town providing labor and equipment. The property owner realizes a savings of approximately 50% of the actual cost to close in a ditch. If you are interested in having a ditch on your property enclosed, please call Public Works at 913-6360.

Public Works constantly maintains the drainage system in town by cleaning and clearing overgrown vegetation in the ditches and rights-of-way and by mowing grass along Highway 17 North and South. Beach cleaning and swash maintenance are also performed by Public Works.

AROUND THE FIREHOUSE
Dan Thomas, Fire Chief
EMERGENCY: 911 • NON-Emergency: 913-6366

HURRICANE SEASON

June 1st marks the beginning of yet another Hurricane Season, and by the predictions it will be a busy one. But remember it only takes one hurricane striking us to be a "bad season." Make your plans and preparations now to deal with a storm. Determine now where you will go when the time comes to evacuate. Local shelters are NOT good choices; they should be your last option.

Plan now and prepare to safeguard your property. Determine what tasks you will need to complete and what ma
terials and supplies you will need and stock up with them. Make a list of what you will need when you evacuate, including food, clothing, cash, medicine, and important papers. Make sure your homeowner’s insurance is up to date.

Finally, don’t be too hard on the weather forecasters and emergency officials. They’re all doing the best job possible with the information available. Why try to second-guess them?

**CURIOSITY AND THE CAT**

As it goes, Surfside Beach is a relatively quiet place. So, it’s only natural for people to be curious when a fire, vehicle accident or any other emergency occurs and to try to get in close for a better look. However, your curiosity could delay the arrival of needed emergency equipment and take personnel away from handling the emergency to deal with crowd and/or traffic control. Worst yet, you may be involved in an accident yourself because your attention is distracted by the emergency. Please do everything reasonable to avoid going to or through an emergency scene. We’re friendly guys, but we don’t want to meet you that way.

**FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

The Fire Department is continuing to make the rounds conducting fire safety inspections of businesses and public buildings. We are trying to assist you in making your establishment as safe as possible for your employees and patrons. Some common problems found are: illegal use of extension cords, out-dated fire extinguishers, inoperable exit signs and lights, and unlabeled and/or blocked electrical panels. Any changes ordered are spelled out in the Fire Prevention Code, which is adopted as law. Please cooperate and help us make Surfside Beach a safe place for our citizens and visitors. If you would like to request a courtesy fire inspection of your premises or would like a fire safety class, give us a call at 913-6369.

**FIRE LANES**

Fire lanes are so marked because they are reserved for emergency vehicles performing EMERGENCY DUTIES. They are NOT reserved parking places for those who are in a hurry or cannot be bothered by parking in a parking space. Fines for parking in a Fire Lane can be as high as $500.00.

**FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED**

As usual, the Fire Department has a need for Volunteer firefighters. If you are in reasonable health and physical condition, please consider serving your community in this capacity. No experience is necessary. The department furnishes all training and equipment. If interested please stop by the Fire Department on 1st Avenue North or call at 913-6369.

Reminder: **PARKING DECALS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.** If you sell or trade your car, or your car is involved in an accident, remove the decal and return it to Town Hall; a new decal will be issued to you. Parking decals are issued to town residents and are valid for one year. A parking decal does not guarantee a parking space.

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**BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

Jackie Donevant, Building Official
Telephone: 913-6365

During May, the Building and Zoning Department welcomed David Barra as its newest employee. David was hired as Deputy Building/Zoning Official to assist in field inspections, code enforcement and plan reviews. He brings additional expertise to the department by being SBCCI certified in the major code disciplines and also having several years of building inspection and plan review experience with county governments.

Our Administrative Assistant, Lois Duffy, is now located in the first office as you enter Town Hall. She was moved to this office to facilitate visitor traffic to the Building Department, but please, check with the receptionist upon arrival.

The 2000 Hurricane Season began June 1. We ask that you plan early to take necessary precautions to protect your home and property. If you are planning to have trees cut and removed from your property, please call the Building Department to arrange for an inspection. After the trees have been inspected and approved for removal, a licensed contractor may obtain a permit. When you plan to hire a contractor for any repairs or renovations, make sure that they have a Town Business License and current liability insurance. Also, make sure that anyone working on your property has the proper permit. DO NOT give any up-front money to a contractor and make sure that the work has been inspected and approved by the Building Department before you make final payment. Please call us if you need to know whether a contractor is properly licensed and insured.

Town Code prohibits ANY TYPE OF SIGN from being placed or posted with-in the street or right-of-ways. This includes, but is not limited to advertising, for sale, lease, rent, and political signs. Posting signs on UTILITY POLES may seem harmless enough, but it’s not as harmless as it seems. Besides being an eyesore that others may not appreciate, the signs also endanger utility workers who may be injured by tacks, nails and staples. Because of the danger involved, posting signs on utility poles may be against both state law and town code (depending on location) and violators may be fined. Improve your neighborhood; remove signs that clutter utility poles.

**BUSINESS OWNERS** are reminded that a Zoning Compliance Permit is required if your business is having a special event that utilizes banners, portable signs, or a tent. Permits are issued by the Building Department Monday through Friday between 8:00-12:00 noon.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

Q: How can I tell if my property is in a flood zone?
A: A survey of the property may or may not indicate if your property is in a flood zone. An elevation certificate is the document that determines the elevation of your land and structure and the flood zone. You may order an elevation certificate from a land surveyor.

Q: Do I need a permit to install a fence?
A: Yes, a permit is required and the process takes just a few minutes. A fee is not necessarily charged; call the Building Department to discuss the specifics.

Q: I hired a man to do some repair work. Can I get the permit for him?
A: A person/contractor being paid by the property owner to perform work must make application for a permit in person. Hired persons/contractors must have a Town Business License and provide evidence of liability insurance.

The Building Department is always available to answer any questions about contractors, permits, property setbacks or zoning. Residents and property owners are encouraged to call us at 913-6365.
ATHLETICS

The regular season for baseball and softball ended June 21, 2000. This year's division winning teams and their records were: Dixie Minors (Boys 9 & 10) PHILLIES 10-5, Dennis McElveen, Coach. Dixie Youth (Boys 11 & 12) MARLINS 10-5, Kevin Murray, Coach. Dixie Ponytails (Girls 9-12) STARS 13-2, Frank Bradford, Coach. Dixie Boys (Boys 13- & 14) ANGELS 10-5, Walt Hombeck, Coach. Our ALL STAR TEAMS were ready to compete in their district tournaments that began July 1.

The Recreation Department staff assisted with the First Annual Home Run Derby sponsored by Century 21 Realtors. Our local competition took place on June 3rd at Huckabee Field #1. Our local winners were: 8 and under - JODY COX; 9 & 10 - COBI CHRISTIANSEN; 11 & 12 - TANNER QULLAS; 13 & 14 - RICKEY MEADOWS. The local winners participated in the county finals that were held on June 15th. We are proud to announce that JODY COX and TANNER QULLAS won two of the four divisions. These boys will now compete in the national finals July 10th in Atlanta, Georgia. WAY TO GO SURFSIDE BEACH! 

The Recreation staff will hold a baseball camp for children 9 to 12 years old at Huckabee Field from July 17th through July 21st. Camp hours are 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. each day. All kids are welcome regardless of baseball experience. The camp cost $40. for each child and all proceeds go to the Surfside Beach Booster Club. To register, call George Schiessl at 650-4131, extension 0.

Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to register for our fall cheerleading and football program beginning August 14th through 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays at Huckabee Complex. WEIGHT LIMITS: Ages 8,9, and 10 - 125 pounds; Ages 11 and 12 - 140 pounds. Cheerleading for ages 8 to 12. Ages must be reached prior to November 1, 2000. Birth certificates are required for first time registrants.

Surfing area starts at the swash 270 feet south of 12th Avenue North and extends northward to 14th Avenue North. The new surfing area starts at 6th Avenue South and extends to 9th Avenue South. Surfing is allowed anywhere along the beach before 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m., except within 300 feet of the fishing pier. Surfing areas are designated by poles with red flags.

UNIFORMS

Eric keeps his equipment maintained and ready to go. Stu Anderson, his supervisor, says that he can always depend on Eric to perform his duties with very little supervision. Eric is also learning how to work his crew to get maximum efficiency and works well with other departments. Eric always deals with the public in a professional manner. Stu says that he has given Eric plenty of room to be creative because he is always thinking of ways to be more effective. He adds that Eric knows and understands his duties. Eric also recognizes that everything he does and says reflects on the town's image and he works hard to keep things positive. He is a very level-headed young man who is a great asset to the Recreation and Parks Department and to the Town of Surfside Beach.

Other employees nominated were Brenda Alverson from Public Works and Steve Homitz from the Police Department. Congratulations to Eric Simpson!

CIVIC CENTER

Debbie Ellis, Program Supervisor
Telephone: 913-6339

Summer is in full swing and the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center kicked off the season with a great 2000 Sun Fun Super Sunday on June 4th. It was a wonderful day at the beach with the volleyball tournament, horseshoes, bocce ball, sand sculpting, water bucket race and sun tan contests. Plans are already in full swing for next year's Sun Fun Super Sunday, which will also be the Sun Fun Festival's 50th Anniversary.

The Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, April 22nd. There were 66 children ages 4 and under; 98 children ages 5, 6, and 7; and 77 children ages 8, 9, and 10, for a total of 242 children participating! The annual Easter Egg Hunt is a big hit every year for residents and tourists.

Coming up on Saturday, August 26th is the 2nd Annual Alpo Canine Frisbee Championship at H. Blue Huckabee Complex. Activities begin at 9:00 a.m., come out and join the fun. The 16th Annual Surfside Beach Family Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th. If you are interested in participating in either of these events, please feel free to call Debbie Ellis at 913-6339.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. We encourage everyone to please donate the gift of life. Your one pint donation of blood will benefit three people. American Red Cross Babysitting courses are scheduled every three or four months.

The Civic Center has on-going classes of Aerobics, Teen Aerobics, Senioricise, Karate, Tennis, Bridge, Canasta, Square Dance and Round Dance. Schedules for these classes are listed weekly in the Neighbors section of the Sun News. Shag classes and line dance classes are offered every couple of months. You may also call the Civic Center for times or other information.

If there are other classes that interest you, please call the Civic Center. All classes are open to residents and to the public. Thank you again for your continued support.

SPECIAL ELECTION DAY. Tuesday, August 8, 2000 to fill the vacated seat when Roy Hyman, Jr., was elected Mayor. Two candidates, Fred Nash, Jr., and Sammy Truett are running to complete the term that ends May 14, 2002.
May 9, 2000

Mayor-elect Roy Hyman, Jr. is sworn in by Rev. Bill Bagnal as wife, Darlene, and daughter, Mica, hold Holy Bible.

Council Members Judith K. Tuttle and P. L. Mabry are sworn in by retiring mayor, Dick Johnson, as townspeople look on.

New Council Member K. Allen Deaton is sworn in by Mayor Roy Hyman, Jr. Wife, Debbie, holds Holy Bible as son, Kip, looks on.
SUN FUN SUPER SUNDAY
June 4th, 2000

Opening Ceremonies

Hosted by Julie Samples (far left) Mayor Roy Hyman, Suzette Rogers and Holly Fields, Chamber of Commerce Staff, Miss Sun Fun 2000 and Miss Bikini Wahini were recognized. Town resident Bill Goddard (far right) is heading for the shade!

Beauties and Dignitaries grace our beach!

(left to right) Council Member P. L. Mabry, Miss Bikini Wahini Mirandi Ranalli, Debbie Deaton and Council Member Allen Deaton, Miss Sun Fun 2000 Carley Clark, Darlene Hyman and Mayor Roy Hyman, Council Member Tom Higgins.
Sun Fun Super Sunday Games

Volleyball Tournament Winners

Water Bucket Relay Winners

Sand Sculpting
TOWN DIRECTORY

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FIRE / POLICE / RESCUE SQUAD ........................................ 911
Police Non-Emergency & Animal Control ......................... 913-6368
Fire Non-Emergency ..................................................... 913-6369
Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority ......................... 448-1686
Santee Cooper Power Company Emergency .................... 448-3070

Town Hall ........................................................................ 913-6111
Public Works .................................................................. 913-6360
Recreation Complex-Glenns Bay Road ......................... 650-4131
Time Warner Cable-Trouble Line ................................. 651-6699
Town Hall Facsimile (FAX) ........................................... 238-5432

TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULES

- Town Council, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 3:00 pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals, 1st Thursday of each month, 2:00 pm
  - Municipal Court, 5:00 pm Wednesdays

All meetings are held in the Town Council / Court Chambers located on the South end of Town Hall and are open to the public.
All interested residents are welcomed to attend.

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