The Mayor’s Message...

Dear Citizens:

WOW! Another summer has passed! I know you all understand when I say, "It seems like we enjoyed the summer kick off, Sun Fun Super Sunday, last week." I’m sure your summer was just as busy and fulfilling as it has been for the staff at town hall and me.

Welcome to Sammy Truett who was installed during the regular council meeting on September 11. Mr. Truett completes the council membership and we look forward to working together to improve our town and keep it growing in the right direction. Thank you to the 540 residents who took time to vote! The turnout equaled a little over 20% of the town's registered voters. An excellent percentage, the normal average turnout for special elections is 10%.

Stormwater and drainage continue to be priorities. We anticipate a December delivery date for the information being developed by Horry County. In the meanwhile, your council has approved a Stormwater Citizens Advisory Committee. Please call any committee member, council member, or town hall staff with comments or concerns. Council met with Horry Council Member Terry Cooper on Monday, September 25 to discuss these issues and many topics that affect the county and town.

The holiday season is approaching quickly. Watch out for “Trick or Treaters” who will be roaming the streets Halloween evening between dusk and 9:00 pm. Veterans Day is November 11 and Thanksgiving is just a few short weeks later. The town’s Christmas Parade is scheduled on December 9 at 2:00 pm. Let me encourage you to participate in the “Angel Tree” activities sponsored through area churches, schools or Helping Hand. These programs help needy children and families by providing Christmas gifts when they might otherwise receive nothing.

As always, the invitation stands for you to attend council meetings or to contact me about any town business. Council’s goal is to serve you and the town and hearing from you makes that possible.

Sincerely yours,
Roy Hyman, Jr.
Mayor

Local Surf Off Successful
By Cindy T. Johnston, Guest Contributor

The 1st Annual Guy Daniels Memorial Surf Off was August 12-13, 2000, at the 6th Avenue South surfing area in Surfside Beach. The contest was deemed successful with over 100 competitors. Hundreds of spectators enjoyed watching surfers ranging in ages 4-year to 54-years old. The 2-day event culminated in a cookout at W.O. Martin Field, where participants enjoyed food and fellowship and were recognized with trophies and prizes.

Guy Daniels was a lifelong Surfside Beach resident and avid surfer. The 19-year old athlete died last summer while jogging in his neighborhood. Daniels attended College of Charleston where he was a rising sophomore. He was the son of Jim and Rhonda Daniels.

The contest was the first of which local residents hope will be numerous opportunities to provide activities for the town’s youth and was the result of a cooperative effort between the community’s parents, youth, businesses, town council and police department. The contest was made possible entirely by donations and contributions of local businesses and individuals.

Proceeds from the event will be used to fund scholarships to be awarded annually to the Surfside Beach/Garden City Lifeguard of the Year and to a local student. Ivan Leverette of Beach Services, Ltd., was named Lifeguard of the Year 2000 and was awarded $750 along with a guard stand replica trophy. Runner-up Gareth Powells received $250.

Area students interested in applying for the Guy Daniels Memorial Scholarship may contact Debbie Owens, 238-1542, or Mary Lynn Stalnaker, 238-4347.

Trick or Treating Ghouls and goblins may enjoy Trick or Treating on HALLOWEEN

Tuesday, October 31 between dusk and 9:00 pm
Please observe the times for your children's safety.
PUBLIC WORKS
Bobby Radford, Director
Telephone: 913-6360

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Your Sanitation Department worked with extended crews and put in many long hours to keep sanitation pick-up schedules on time. The commercial and residential routes were serviced weekly and special pick-ups were done on the weekends along Ocean Boulevard. Litter crews have regularly collected trash on the beach, along Highway 17 throughout town, and all the town parking lots.

The town encourages recycling and provides free bags for this purpose. You may pick up a supply at town hall between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If your moby cart isn’t emptied, please check for non-garbage debris that should be disposed of by special pickup. Please call 913-6111 to have bagged yard debris, metal, old furniture, appliances, empty paint cans, rocks, etc. scheduled for pick up. The department thanks you for your patience during vehicle downtimes and crew shortages. Our goal is to provide quality service to the residents and visitors of the Town of Surfside Beach.

The Street Department crew began repairing and maintaining the town’s streets and beach in early summer. Grass cutting, debris cleaning, pothole and stop sign repairing, swash and drain repairing and beach raking has been performed. This season the beach got special attention because of the influx of seaweed washed ashore during storms. Area lakes had annual treatments of algaecide. The “50/50” program is still available for those property owners who want ditches tiled. This program allows the property owner to purchase materials and the town contributes labor and equipment to close in ditches. Please call Public Works @ 913-6360 for more information. The Street Department is also responsible for mosquito spraying. This task is performed during the early morning hours while many of you are sleeping. The town has new spraying equipment, which is much quieter.

Approximately 200 pieces of equipment were serviced by the Maintenance Department during the last quarter. The 2-man team continues to take advantage of new and modern educational techniques, which enables them to handle situations efficiently and timely. Some 350 parking meters were calibrated and positioned through the town’s parking lots for the summer. The crew will be removing, cleaning, and storing the meters for the winter. All town departments depend on this crew to keep vehicles and equipment in top running condition so staff is prepared to answer your emergency calls, empty your trash, and clean your beach.

YARD OF THE MONTH
Sponsored by Kiwanis Grand Strand

Mr. Bill Coningsby, president of Kiwanis Grand Strand, presents Mr. Ronald Bennett with the Yard of the Month Award for July 2000 as Mayor Roy Hyman, Jr., looks on. For more information or to nominate someone, please call town hall @ 913-6111 or Vicki Blair @ 238-8809

Mayor Hyman proudly shows $72,000+ franchise fee check delivered by Santee Cooper officials, Zack Dusenbury (left) and Ed Bodie (right). Franchise fees are anticipated, budgeted income and these fees help keep your taxes lower! Thank you Santee Cooper for partnering with the Town of Surfside Beach.

Sammy Truett, the town’s newest council member, is sworn in by his father, Melvin Truett, as his wife, Carla, holds the Holy Bible. Mr. Truett fills the seat vacated when Roy Hyman, Jr., was elected Mayor. The term expires May 14, 2002.
What are “Rights-of-Way?” Many of you know the streets are “public,” that is owned by everyone. But did you know that the street usually only takes up a portion of the total public right-of-way? That’s right, although many of our streets are narrow, the total amount of publicly owned space at the sides of our roads can be quite large, depending on the road in question. One quick way to tell where your property line ends and the public right-of-way begins is to check where the telephone or electrical poles are located. Public rights-of-way are gradually used up as a city develops sidewalks, parking, curbs and gutters, stormwater improvements, utility lines, and other uses. Although it can be disturbing seeing what looks like your yard being torn up, town crews are really providing a needed service that is in the best interest of us all. Please be considerate and patient with town staff as we undertake rights-of-way projects this winter.

Project Updates:

- The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will be resurfacing three state owned roads in town in connection with a recent County Transportation Committee (CTC) grant to the town for $181,000 worth in paving services for our state roads. The roads to be repaved this spring are Poplar Dr., South; Melody Lane and 17th Ave. North (to include drainage improvements at Bus. 17 & 17th Ave. North.
- Town staff has begun the budgeting process for the next fiscal year; please feel free to contact your council members to let them know your priorities. The town provides limited services at comparatively low costs to our residents. Major initiatives this year may include stormwater management planning and system upgrades, improvements in sanitation services, solving staff turnover problems, and examining supplies and capital equipment needs.
- Work will begin on a new beach parking lot on 13th Ave. South and may include a new restroom.
- 16th Ave. South and Sandy Lane will be resurfaced this fall.

PLEASE RECYCLE!!!!!! Blue recycling bags and rules are available at Town Hall. Recyclable materials are picked up once a week. Thursday mornings on the north side, and Friday mornings on the south side. Recycling saves YOU and the town money on solid waste disposal charges.

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**CIVIC CENTER**

Debbie Ellis, Program Supervisor
Telephone: 913-6339

Summer is almost gone and the holidays are coming! A schedule of upcoming events at the Civic Center is listed below. Call Debbie Ellis at 913-6339 for more details on these events or on-going classes.

- **Saturday, October 28**-“Hauntings By The Sea” ghost stories on the beach @ 3rd Avenue North (time to be scheduled)
- **Thursday, November 30, 7:00 p.m.**- Surfside Beach Christmas Tree Lighting @ Town Hall.
- **Saturday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.**- Surfside Beach Christmas Parade on Ocean Boulevard from 10th Avenue South to 16th Avenue North.
- **Monday, December 11, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**- American Red Cross Holiday Blood Drive @ Civic Center.
- **Saturday, December 16, 10:00 a.m.**- Breakfast with Santa, ages 8 and under @ Civic Center.
- **Monday, December 18, 5:30-8:00 p.m.**- Santa’s Hotline open @ 913-6111.

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**EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER, 2nd QTR 2000**

Brenda Alverson of Public Works was chosen by unanimous vote as Employee of the Quarter 2nd Quarter 2000. Brenda has worked as Clerk/Receptionist for Public Works since March 22, 1999. She is a great asset to all three divisions of the department. Because Brenda is the first “support staff” employee in Public Works, she has had the responsibility of “designing” her job. She handles all correspondence for the three divisions and maintains computer records of all vehicle maintenance schedules, orders supplies, coordinates workers, and pampers the crews shamelessly by baking cakes and goodies for them! Brenda never misses work and has a big smile on her face all the time. She sets a great example for the rest of us because of her professional yet personal attitude. Congratulations, Brenda Alverson, Employee of the Quarter 2nd Quarter 2000!!!
**AROUND THE FIREHOUSE**  
Dan Thomas, Fire Chief  
**EMERGENCY: 911 • NON-Emergency: 913-6369**

**OPEN BURNING**
This is the time of year when we like to rake and clean yards. Be sure to get a permit before burning any leaves, etc. Do so by calling the Fire Department at 913-6369. Also, please be considerate of your neighbors who may have breathing difficulties.

**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.

**FIREIGHTERS 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 913-6369.

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**SURFSIDE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Michael Grigg, Chief of Police  
**Emergency: 911 • Non-emergency: 913-6368**

**AUTUMN**
...a colorful time for falling leaves, experiencing cool temperatures, once-in-a-lifetime family gatherings and collecting precious family memories. Autumn...certainly not a time for attending funerals, impassionate prayers for life or tense visits to hospitals for those unfortunate victims who have fallen prey to traffic accidents.

The ultimate choice is yours and yours alone...compliance with traffic laws is a civic responsibility. It is a way of life. Memories can be “precious and few,” or abject nightmares. Always drive with due regard for other persons. Please drive in a reasonable and prudent manner. **Be patient** and not an advocate to road rage!

Watch your speed and pedestrian traffic----children and joggers are not watching for you!

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**BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**  
Jackie Donevant, Building Official  
**Telephone: 913-6365**

The Building and Zoning Department is always busy although the spring and summer months went smoothly. New residential building permits have not experienced a decline and permits for commercial projects were mostly for renovations to existing buildings. We continue to stress that if you are planning to hire a contractor for any repairs or renovations, make sure they have a town business license and current liability insurance. The department keeps a list of licensed contractors available to town citizens. For your protection avoid hiring anyone to perform work on your property until you check with our office to see if they are properly licensed, insured, and have necessary permits. **DO NOT** give any up-front money and make sure the work has been inspected and approved by the Building Department before you make final payment. Building and Zoning Department staff is always available to answer your questions about contractors, permits, property setbacks or zoning. We encourage you to call 913-6365 for answers to your questions.

**Frequently Asked Questions....**

**Q:** Do I need a permit to install a shed?
**A:** Yes, a permit is required and a final inspection is required to make sure the shed is properly anchored and complies with required setbacks. There are also special requirements if a shed is being installed or built in a flood zone.

**Q:** Do I need a permit to paint my residence?
**A:** The town ordinance states that property owners can perform minor ordinary repairs (maintenance) to their primary residence up to $1,000. A permit is required, but a fee is not necessarily charged to the homeowner. If individuals other than the homeowner perform the work a business license and permit are required.

**Q:** Is a permit required to replace the shingles on my house?
**A:** Yes.
2000 Christmas Parade

The Surfside Beach Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 9, at 2:00 p.m. There is a new parade route this year. The parade will start on Ocean Boulevard at 10th Avenue South and head north on Ocean Boulevard to 16th Avenue North. Need more information, please call Debbie Ellis @ 913-6111.

MUNICIPAL COURT
Tricia Wells, Associate Judge/Clerk of Court
Telephone: 913-6337

Thanks to all the jurors who participated during our June 26th through 30th session of jury trials. Out of 300 jurors summoned, 68 served during this term of court. There were 48 jury trials scheduled during this term; a total of 119 citations/warrants were disposed of as follows: 13 were continued, 61 were transferred to General Sessions; 1 was dismissed; 13 were nolle prosequi (no prosecution); 11 forfeited bond; 13 were plea bargained; 1 was found not guilty during the jury trial; 5 were found guilty at the jury trial with 1 appeal; and 1 pleaded guilty during the jury trial. Our next session of jury trials is scheduled for the week of October 16th through the 20th. For those jurors who will serve, please remember not to park in the People’s Federal Savings and Loan parking lot.

Since the beginning of the year, the court has processed 2,215 parking tickets, 136 warrants/citations have been transferred to General Sessions; and 1,717 warrants/citations for traffic and criminal cases were processed and heard at our court. In the Municipal Court jurisdiction, the three most violated traffic offenses are Speeding, Disregarding Stop Sign, and Careless Operation; and the three most violated criminal offenses are Public Disorderly Conduct, Simple Possession Marijuana, and Open Container.

Horry/Georgetown Technical College offers a Defensive Driving course for those who need to recover traffic offense points on their driver’s license. The course can only be taken for point credit once every three years (not applicable to DUI violations). Drivers who successfully complete the program can get 4 points taken off their driving record. A required textbook is available in the college bookstore and tuition is $55.

COUNCIL MEMBER TUTTLE ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Council Member Judith K. Tuttle was elected Mayor Pro Tempore during the regular council meeting on September 11, 2000. Ms. Tuttle has served on council since 1997 when she was elected to fill the council seat vacated by the untimely death of Council Member Archie Benton. “Mayor Pro Tempore” serves as mayor during the mayor’s absence.

REMININDER TO BUSINESS OWNERS:

If your business is having a special event and you plan to advertise with banners, portable signs, or use a tent, you must obtain a Zoning Compliance Permit from the Building and Zoning Department. Hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Dog Owners:

Your leashed dogs are welcomed on the beach between September 15th through May 14th, 2001. Enjoy the strand! Dog licenses are required if your pet is over 6-months old. Bring your rabies record to Town Hall, $5 fee.
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.

Editor/Town Clerk
Michelle Koves

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Jeddy K. Tindal, Manager for Town
James E. Spamer, Town
Pat Murphy, Police
Phil D. Jones
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E. Allen Dean

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