2000 was a great year for Surfside Beach! The town experienced steady growth balanced with the "family beach" atmosphere we strive to maintain. A new town administrator and police chief were appointed during the first quarter of 2000. The General Election in April seated a new mayor, two incumbent council members, Judy Tuttle and P. L. Mabry, and one new council member, Allen Deaton. A Special Election was held in August to fill a vacant council seat and Sammy Truett was elected. The new administration has worked hard to carry on the work of the town and provide consistent quality service for you.

Stormwater remains a big issue for the town. A stormwater committee was formed to help staff develop a comprehensive stormwater plan. Council recently interviewed three engineers selected by the stormwater committee. To provide the best engineer possible, council decided to interview two additional local engineers who also submitted bids. Council approved hiring The Earthworks Group as the town's stormwater engineer and consultant. Town officials have signed a contract with the county for the Carolina/Deerfield drainage project. Work on Phase I is currently underway on Business 17 at 6th Avenue Northwest.

The Business Highway 17 corridor study continues to be reviewed and discussed. There are some proposals in the study which council is adamantly against. Our interest is preserving the town's neighborhoods and not providing ingress/egress to the beach for non-residents.

Council has a serious responsibility to you, the citizens and residents of town, to consider the long-range impact of its decisions; how will a motion passed at the next meeting affect our town 5, 10, or even 25 years from now?

We have so much to be thankful for...our pristine beach, temperate weather,
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
COUNCIL MEMBERS

K. Allen Deaton
May 9, 2000—May 10, 2004

Thomas M. Higgins
May 12, 1998—May 14, 2002

Philip D. Jones
May 12, 1998—May 14, 2002

P. L. Mahry
May 9, 2000—May 10, 2004

James S. "Sammy" Truett
September 11, 2000—May 14, 2002

Judith K. Tuttle
Mayor Pro Tem
May 9, 2000—May 10, 2004

Debra E. Herrmann
Town Clerk
Appointed November 4, 1999

Michael W. Kovacs
Town Administrator
Appointed March 1, 2000
great neighbors, and dedicated, loyal staff whose goal is to serve you as effectively as possible.

Council is very concerned about EMS service on the South Strand. The unit formerly located on 5th Avenue Northwest is being temporarily located at the magistrate’s office on Glenns Bay Road. Once the new South Strand County Complex off Holmestown Road is completed, the EMS unit will be stationed in that building. Council is working with the County to locate an additional EMS unit at or near the Town Hall Complex. I urge you to contact County Council to express your concerns about EMS service to our area.

My invitation to attend council meetings, call or visit is once again extended to all residents, friends, and neighbors. Council, staff, and I welcome your comments and are always willing to listen to your concerns.
Administrator’s Advisory

On behalf of my wife Fonya, and my sons, Matthew and Richard, I would like to begin by thanking the elected officials and citizens of Surfside Beach for your warm reception. It has been a blessing to live and work here with you in our fantastic beach community for the last year. Following are some highlights from our recently passed budget and our projects for the future.

○ **BUDGET**

The Town has an excellent General Fund cash reserve of over $2.1 million or nearly 7 months of operational expenses.

A fraction of our prior year’s surplus funds are being drawn down to balance our General Fund operating budget this year and should bring reserves to about $2.0 million by next April.

Here is a summary of our new budget to start April 1, 2001:

- General Fund plans to take in about $3.4 million and spend just over $3.5 million
- Hospitality Fund plans to take in nearly $500,000 and spend $350,000
- Accommodations Tax Fund plans to receive over $350,000 and use just over $250,000, and
- Sanitation Fund should collect nearly $675,000 and spend around $690,000.

Highlights of our new budget include:

- no tax or garbage fee increases
- a fleet management plan by staff
- tourism advertising through the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
- beach patrol
- beach renourishment savings
- a new sidewalk along 10th Avenue South
- public safety equipment
- improved police training
- recreational facility additions/upgrades
- stormwater engineering
- special projects, and
- all the other great services you’ve come to expect from the Town.

○ **PROJECTS**

**Growth** – the Town Council will be discussing the advantages and disadvantages of moving our municipal boundaries north and south along the Business 17 corridor, south along the beach into Garden City, and to other areas. This is an effort to bring in valuable properties to build our tax base and address common problems.

**Profitability** – Town staff is working on mitigating potential tax or user fee increases by proposing innovative solutions.

**Promoting Business Success** – We want to make our Business 17 and oceanfront commercial areas as profitable and attractive as possible through a teamwork approach.

**Stormwater Improvements** – We’re planning to give our drainage system some retrofits and get set for the future. Development west of us is bringing more and more water to Surfside Beach; at the same time water quality needs to be improved.

A keen sense of humor helps us to overlook the unbecoming, understand the unconventional, tolerate the unpleasant, overcome the unexpected and outlast the unbearable.

Billy Graham,
Hope for the Troubled Heart
Building Department

68 electrical permits; 91 plumbing permits; 142 HVAC permits; 147 zoning permits; 43 safety inspection permits; 2,687 inspections for building, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, zoning compliance and safety for new construction, repairs, and alterations. Total construction value for the year was $14,173,002.30. Staff responded to 10,370 inquiries, acted on 216 complaints and spent a total of 289 hours in various training sessions, conferences and seminars. The past year showed continued growth in our residential districts, and several permits were issued in our commercial districts for additions and alterations. The department generated a total of $207,256.64 in permit and contractor license fees.

The Planning and Zoning Commission met nearly every month and acted on two zoning amendments and 26 subdivisions. The Building Board of Appeals held one meeting and the Zoning Board of Appeals heard four appeals.

As spring begins, many residents will be contemplating repairs and maintenance of their properties. Please check with the building department to see if permits are required for any work that you are planning. We continue to stress the importance of verifying that any contractor you hire has a current town business license and liability insurance. Also make sure anyone working on your property has the proper permit. DO NOT give any up-front money, and be certain the work has been inspected by the building department prior to making final payment. If you have any questions concerning contractors, permits, property setbacks, zoning, etc., please call the building department at 913-6365.

Employee of the 4th Quarter
Freddy E. Curry

Police Officer Freddy Curry was elected Employee of the Quarter for 4th Quarter 2000. Police Chief Michael Grigg nominated Curry saying, “His sense of social compassion and his sincere desire to help ‘anyone’ at ‘anytime’ is not equaled by ‘anyone.’” The Chief’s narrative included comments such as: works frequently and extensively on his personal time to resolve criminal activities; consistently provides back-up to his fellow officers, even when he’s off duty (especially when calls are received from the bowling alley); treats department vehicles as if they are his own; and never, ever minds having his lunch interrupted to respond to a call. Officer Curry is “ROCK SOLID” dependable and he is a “gentleman.” Freddy received citations during the quarter for apprehension of a fugitive from Texas who was wanted in two separate homicides and for investigative excellence in solving burglaries and larcenies. Chief Grigg concluded his nomination by noting, “I am of the opinion that Officer Curry’s quarterly work product and professional demeanor is not only exemplary, but also difficult to equal.”

Congratulations to Officer Frederic Curry, Employee of the 4th Quarter 2000.

The employee of the quarter receives 4 hours award time and a $100 savings bond...there’s incentive to do a good job!
FINANCIAL NOTES

As the new director of the finance department, the last few months have been a learning experience for me. The town is fortunate to have hardworking and dedicated staff operating the finance department. As the keepers of the funds, we work to see that all funds are accounted for and also that all revenues are collected as required by Ordinances. Business license fee collection is a major source of revenue for the town and helps to keep property taxes low.

The finance department is responsible for providing timely and accurate financial information to council, administration, and the public. The staff includes four individuals who handle sanitation billings, cash collection and management, business licenses, accounts payable, payroll, personnel matters, financial reporting, and risk management. The department is responsible for preparing the annual budget and the comprehensive annual financial report.

One of the major functions of the finance department is to issue business licenses. Many business owners and residents who plan to open businesses are not aware that the town requires a business license. The Business License Ordinance states: Sec. 1 License Required. Every person engaged or intending to engage in any calling, business, occupation or profession listed in the rate classification index portion of this ordinance, in whole or in part, within the limits of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, is required to pay an annual license fee and obtain a business license as herein provided.

Two frequently asked questions are: (1) "Do I need a business license to rent my home or condominium if I only rent during the 'season'?" The answer is YES! Whether you rent your property yourself or through a rental agent, a business license is required and should be posted in the home or condo you rent. (2) Must I collect Hospitality Fees and Accommodations Tax? The Hospitality Fee is one percent (1%) on transient rentals, which are rentals of less than 90 consecutive days, and is payable to the town. The Accommodations Tax is a state sales tax on transient rentals and is payable to the Department of Revenue. Property owners who rent long term are required to have a town business license displayed in the rental unit, but are not responsible for the Hospitality or Accommodations Fees. Business license renewals will be sent out in April. All licenses are to be renewed by June 1.

The finance department is also responsible for preparing the annual budget. Preparation begins at the budget retreat held each October when council discusses goals and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. The draft budget is prepared and provided to council in January. A public hearing on the operating budget is held in February and the final budget is adopted in March.

The town's funds are in four accounts: General Fund; Sanitation Fund, Accommodations Tax Fund; and Hospitality Fund.
Sanitation Fund: The Sanitation Fund is an enterprise fund, which means that it is self-supporting by charging fees for services rendered.

Sanitation Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended March 31, 2000

Revenues
Sanitation Charges $ 566,796
Penalties 41,453
Interest Earned 3,745
Operating Grants 17,197
Total Revenues $ 649,191

Expenses
Operating Expenses
Salaries and Benefits $ 285,792
Service Contracts 181,160
Operation of Motor Vehicles 21,154
Gasoline and Motor Fluids 23,070
Materials and Supplies 15,126
Depreciation Expense 76,474
Other Expenses 12,877
Total Expenses $ 615,653

Net Income $ 33,538

Retained Earnings—April 1, 1999 $ 332,080

Contribution of Fixed Assets $ 74,328

Retained Earnings—March 31, 2000 $ 439,956

Hospitality Fund: Hospitality Funds are paid directly to the town. Hospitality funds are generated by a one percent (1%) tax on prepared foods and transient rentals (less than 90 days.) Town ordinance determines use of hospitality revenue subject to town council approval.

Hospitality Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended March 31, 2000

Revenues
Hospitality Fees $ 450,204
Interest Earned 19,506
Total Revenues $ 469,710

Expenses
Recreation $ 8,548
Non-Departmental
Operating
Utilities 6,032
Other Expenditures 22,877
Capital
Equipment 222,801
Land and Improvements 202,672
Other Financing Uses 41,487
Total Expenditures $ 504,497

Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures $ (34,787)

Fund Balances—April 1, 1999 $ 203,363

Fund Balances—March 31, 2000 $ 168,576

Accommodations Tax Fund: Accommodation Tax Funds are payable to the State of South Carolina and allocated for the town to use for beach and tourism related development. The town has a 7-member advisory committee that makes recommendations to town council for fund expenditures.

Accommodations Tax Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended March 31, 2000

Revenues
Accommodations Tax $ 320,810
Interest Earned 16,354
Total Revenues $ 336,964

Expenditures
Police $ 36,821
Non-Departmental
Operating
Advertising 88,664
Other Expenditures 4,867
Capital Equipment 65,143
Other financing Uses 39,781
Total Expenditures $ 235,296
Around the Fire House

Surfside Beach Fire Department
Annual Report—2000

The fire department currently consists of six career and 35 volunteer and auxiliary members. They operate three pumper trucks, an aerial truck and a utility truck.

The department responded to 398 incidents in the last fiscal year, which represents a decrease of 26 percent over 1999. The department no longer automatically responds to assist Horry County Fire Department and this is the main reason for the decrease. The town’s fire losses were $118,000 compared to $176,000 in 1999. The incidents included 36 fires, 198 rescue calls, 90 service calls, 18 hazardous conditions, 12 good intent calls, and 35 false calls. Thankfully, there were no fire fatalities or injuries this year. The busiest time for responses remains from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. However, nighttime when you are asleep is also a dangerous time, so check those smoke detectors. Not surprisingly, summer is the busiest time with about 32 percent of the calls occurring from June through August.

Fire safety inspections of businesses, condominiums, and public buildings totaled 371; 144 initial inspections and 222 re-inspections to ensure corrections were made. There were 398 violations of fire and life safety codes and 361 corrections were obtained. Firefighters had 288 hours of training.

A program that continues to be very popular is the Hurricane Seminar. It was held at Seaside Elementary School in June 2000 and was attended by over 470 citizens and visitors as well as numerous vendors and exhibitors. We continue to try to make the program better every year. We have had three near misses in the last several years and had no hurricanes threatened us last year. We cannot stress enough how lucky our area has been, but don’t count on our luck to hold out. Please do not get a false sense of security.

Safety: priority and responsibility

Sanitation Department and Administration team win 2000 Safety Award!

The town adopted a Safety Policy and Committee Resolution on March 19, 1991, citing “safety is a basic responsibility of administration and is the first consideration in the operation of town business.” Council resolved that a Safety Committee would be responsible for establishing and administrating a safety program for all town departments.

Fire Chief Dan Thomas is the town’s safety officer. He along with all department heads form the Safety Committee. Monthly safety meetings include discussion on such topics as safety checklist, which are required to be completed by each department, injury/accident reports, vehicle accidents, and training completed by employees. At the beginning of each calendar year, the safety team sets measurable goals for the year.

The town’s departments are paired to form teams for competition for the quarterly safety award. In 2000, the Recreation and Maintenance Department won two quarterly awards, as did Administration and Sanitation. Administration and Sanitation ultimately won bragging rights when the Safety Committee voted that team winner for 2000.

Congratulations Administration and Sanitation staff.
Police Department
Emergency 911

2001 Annual Report

The ultimate “worth” of a police department cannot be assessed in terms of a facility, nor the presence of sophisticated cameras, high tech radios, new dispatch systems or vehicles. Instead, its “worth” must be viewed in terms of the quality of staff professionalism and by their displayed dedication to serve and protect the community.

By reviewing the past Surfside Beach annual reports, it is crystal clear that as each year passes, the police department has shown continued improvement.

Chief John Lloyd implemented the creation of a department facility separate from the town hall. The acquisition of a modern, upgraded dispatch system was also realized under his “watch.” In many ways, a police agency is like a young adolescent—growth is a naturally occurring phenomenon to be anticipated. At some point in time, the child’s height ceases to increase, and the body begins “filling in.” Such is also true for a police department. The department no longer experiences growth spurts, but is focusing upon refining its systems.

In the last year, the bulk of our improvements have been subtle—that is, their “value” is not easily perceived. A new portable radio system was acquired, which without question contributes to the safety of everyone who is “on the street.” However, many other improvements are evident by the department’s quality of performance.

The most important rule in staffing is simply “round pegs” have to be placed in “round holes.” This was our goal. Longstanding duties and responsibilities were examined in detail and in many instances a new focus was placed upon personnel performance. Merely “doing the job” was not acceptable—our residents and visitors deserved much more.

Our objective shifted to attaining a heightened degree of effectiveness and efficiency. The simple completion of a task or assignment is insufficient—“doing it well” is our intended goal— anything less is unacceptable.

Any modern and progressive police department must view its mission in terms of the potential service delivery to the citizens. A reactive department responding predominately to 911 calls for service is at best marginal. Proactive and aggressively planned problem solving plans are the key to success.

We have endeavored to identify “problems” that continually detract from the quality of life in Surfside Beach, and have developed work programs to resolve those issues. In many cases, we have obtained assistance of units or offices from county and state governments, as well as from the private sector. To solve complex social problems, a police department must work with citizens and governmental entities.

In today’s complicated environment, training separates the professionals from the “wanna be’s.”

Our ongoing personnel training has been significantly expanded. Sgt. J.C. Dean has even recently implemented Roll Call Training. Topics of department-wide concern have included officer survival, use of force, public safety dispatching (not just NCIC certifications), computer systems, disaster training, and basic supervision. A staff member whose training exceeds minimum standards is far more capable of rendering an upgraded service to the community.

Every member of staff has conscientiously endeavored to increase positive interactions with the community. We care... and this has been the central theme for everyday work.

We also maintain an obligation to protect the public through our enforcement of traffic regulations such as stop signs. We care. Perhaps if a van had honored a stop sign recently on South Hollywood Drive, a young, promising college soccer player would not have suffered a disabling injury so early in his life. We care.

Stay safe... and we’ll see you on the street!!

Pay attention to STOP signs. Remember to check both directions twice for traffic. Look left, right, and left again to avoid a collision. At 4-way stops, the person to your right has the right-of-way. If you’re in doubt; yield to the other driver.

For a refresher on traffic rules, pick up a copy of the drivers handbook from the Department of Motor Vehicles on 21st Avenue North, Myrtle Beach.
LIFE SAVED BY ONE OF TOWN’S FINEST!
Sgt. Steven Homitz performs CPR

Without a doubt, the high point of an officer’s career comes not at the site of an armed robbery... or in action with a barricaded suspect... but in the saving of a precious human life.

In this profession we seldom have the luxury of planning for an emergency, a disaster, or in how to save a life. A catastrophic event occurs without warning and we are compelled to react in the briefest moment. Sometimes we choose the appropriate action without any hesitation – in other circumstances, we waver, and... well, who ever knows the future?

During any life-endangering event, a police officer must instantly assess, decide and commit to action without regard to his personal safety or comfort level. Such is the life that we have chosen, and we have done so voluntarily.

At 1:12 p.m. on January 30, 2001, Sgt. Steve Homitz was faced with such an unanticipated event. A life-or-death situation occurred in the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. Without hesitation Sgt. Homitz committed to a response honoring the oath of office he swore so very long ago.

Sgt. Homitz swiftly responded to an excited call for help from an elderly woman, who unexpectedly shouted through an open window of the police department! As a matter of course, Sgt. Homitz always wears a “one way” disposable CPR mask on his gun belt.

The woman emotionally informed the police department that an elderly man was lying on the floor of the civic center, unable to breathe. Sgt. Homitz immediately ran the half block to the building to respond to the call for help. Upon arrival, he immediately recognized the symptoms of a massive heart attack. The victim was pale, cold to the touch, and was not responsive or breathing. He also displayed lifeless eyes. Sgt. Homitz immediately started CPR even though the facts indicated death.

To the wonder and amazement of all of those who observed, Sgt. Homitz revived the victim. Through his actions, he returned Mr. Ivan Richardson to life.

Sgt. Steve Homitz saw... acted... saved a life. That is the reason he chose to be a police officer. Nothing less is expected of him.

"Why" Steve Homitz chose this profession I cannot say, but both Mr. Richardson and I are very pleased with his decision.

To merely say that Sgt. Homitz' action was a "job well done" is insufficient, but it is the best that can be offered.

On behalf of the entire staff, thank you, Steve.

Michael Grigg
Chief of Police

NOTE: Mr. Richardson must undergo bypass surgery. Town staff wishes him full recovery and renewed good health.

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Wanted: Used Eyeglasses

The Lions Club has an used eyeglass collection box at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. The glasses are furnished to individuals in third-world countries. We invite you to contribute your old prescription glasses for distribution by the Lions Club to needy individuals. The Lions Club also helps area residents with prescription glasses.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. For more information, call Jim Kinard @ 690-5176.
Municipal Court

Thanks to all the jurors who participated during the February 19 through 23 session of jury trials. Out of 300 jurors summoned, 66 served during this term of court. There were 54 jury trials scheduled during the term; a total of 82 citations/warrants were disposed of as follows: 32 were continued; 9 were dismissed; 3 were nolle prosequi (no prosecution); 13 forfeited bond; 16 were plea bargain; 3 were found guilty at jury trial; 1 pled to nolo contendere (no contest); 4 pled guilty; and 1 went to bench trial. Our next session of jury trials is scheduled for the week of May 7 through 11. For those jurors who will serve, please remember not to park in the People’s Federal Savings and Loan parking lot.

The court has the authority to reduce points on citations for “speeding” and “driving too fast for conditions.” If you appear in court for any other offense, you may receive a fine reduction, but cannot receive point reductions. Please remember that the court accepts only cash, money orders, or certified checks as payment per state law. Only parking tickets can be paid by personal check.

Tricia Wells
Associate Judge/
Clerk of Court
☎ 913-6337

New Sanitation Ordinance

Town council unanimously passed an ordinance at the January 23 meeting revising Town Code §7-13, which sets out penalties and remedies for unpaid sanitation accounts (trash pickup). The ordinance follows for your information.

Sec. 7-13 Late payment penalty, lien against property.

If a bill is not paid in its entirety within twenty-one (21) days of the billing date, a penalty of ten (10) percent of principal per quarter, billed quarterly, shall be accrued until such time as the account shall be paid in full. Subject to State Code §6-11-170, all charges not paid when due shall constitute a lien upon the property served. In the event a foreclosure action is necessary to collect a past due account, the town shall be entitled to a reasonable attorney’s fee in addition to principal and accrued penalties.

Accounts not paid within thirty (30) days of the billing date shall be deemed in default. An ordinance summons shall be issued to the account holder and a penalty of not more than Fifty ($50) Dollars shall be imposed during each 30-day period in which the account is past due in addition to accrued penalties set forth above.

When an account is in the name of a tenant or person other than the property owner, and is past due for three (3) or more quarters, the town shall have the option to transfer the account to the property owner of record. The property owner shall be billed for the arrearage, including late penalties (but not fines.) The property owner shall have twenty-one (21) days in which to bring the account current. In the event the owner fails or refuses to bring the account current, a foreclosure action shall be instituted through the County Clerk of Court of the 15th Judicial District wherein the town shall be entitled to place a lien against the property for the past due amount plus reasonable attorney’s fees and accrued penalties and foreclosure upon that lien.

For more information, please call town hall at 843 913-6111.
Let me introduce myself, I am Debbie Ellis, the new programs supervisor for the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. I have worked for the town’s recreation department for 5 years. I enjoy my job and would like to increase the town residents’ participation in our special events for this year.

The civic center continues to have a variety of ongoing classes, which include exercise classes (step aerobics, senicise, fit ball, yoga-ize, floor aerobics, etc.), karate, bridge, canasta, square dance, round dance, and tennis. Some classes are scheduled periodically throughout the year. These classes include shag, line dance, oil painting, and American Red Cross babysitting courses.

Local civic organizations hold their weekly or monthly meetings in the civic center. The organizations include the 50’s Plus of Surfside Beach, Lions Club, Sons of Italy, TOPS, Alanon, National Alliance, Boy Scouts, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Crime Watch. Several local homeowners associations also hold their annual meetings in the civic center.

Special events are organized through the civic center for the town. They include Can-Am Reception, Easter Egg Hunt, Sun Fun Super Sunday, Alpo Canine Frisbee Championship, Family Festival, Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas Parade, Breakfast with Santa, and Santa’s Hotline. New events for this year include a surfing contest, and two special events to be held at Martin Park, a Fourth of July celebration, and Music in the Park. A schedule of dates and times for these events is listed. I encourage anyone to come out and participate in these special events that the town provides for its residents, neighbors, and friends at no charge.

The Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, located on Pine Drive behind Town Hall, and Floral Clubhouse, located on Lakeside Drive, are available to rent for receptions, reunions, parties, meetings, family picnics, etc., for a nominal charge.

If you have any suggestions for new classes or events that you would like to participate in, or if you would like to rent either facility, please feel free to call me at any time, 913-6339.

I look forward to this year and hope to hear from you about classes and to see you at the special events.

Special Events

Can-Am Reception
March 12, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Easter Egg Hunt
April 15, 1:00 p.m.

Sun Fun Super Sunday
June 3, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

4th of July Picnic
July 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Alpo Canine Frisbee Championship
September 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Family Festival
October 6, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Hauntings By the Sea
October 27, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting
November 29, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Parade
December 8, 2:00 p.m.

Santa’s Hotline
December 17 & 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa
December 15, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Recreation Department

RECREATION DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Surfside Beach Recreation Department works with more than 500 area young people to develop and fine tune their athletic skills. Programs scheduled throughout the year include baseball, softball, basketball, football, and cheerleading.

Dixie Baseball begins in the spring for ages 9 through 14. Dixie softball provides activity for girls ages 9 through 15. There are two other baseball programs: 8-ball for 8-year olds, and T-ball for ages 6 and 7. T-ball and 8-ball are very popular because they provide sports training for younger children. Town residents may register their children on Saturday, May 5, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center on Pine Drive behind Town Hall.

Six teams are selected each year to participate in tournament play. Tournaments are played at the sub-district and state levels. State Winners advance to the Dixie World Series. The Ponttails softball team (girls 9-12) coached by Frank Bradford won the district tournament in North Myrtle Beach and then advanced to the state tournament in Spartanburg. Even though the team did not win the tournament, they represented Surfside Beach well. GO PONTTAILS!

Late summer brings men and women 30 years old and over to the field for softball. Eight teams participate during the regular season with a double elimination tournament at the end of the season.

During the winter months basketball for ages 11 through 16 is offered. Eight teams play at St. James Middle School gymnasium. The winners this year were the Tar. heels (11-13 year olds) coached by Mark Neill and the Heat (14-16 year olds) coached by Jeff Davis.

Eight football teams and eight cheerleading squads hit the field in the fall. Ages 8, 9, and 10 play on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Ages 11 and 12 play Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Regular season winners were the Buccaneers (8, 9, 10 year olds) coached by Allan Rodgers and the Packers (11 and 12 year olds) coached by Larry Hendricks. A local tournament is held at season end. The Buccaneers won the 8, 9, and 10 year old award and the Cowboys coach by David Durrant won the 11- and 12-year old award.

Keeping the town's much-used ball fields in top condition is a major job and a year-round responsibility for our three-man parks and grounds divisions. In addition to maintaining the ball fields, the crew also maintains the parks and beach restroom facilities. The parks and grounds crew also plants flowers and shrubs throughout the town and keeps all the lawns mowed and weeded.

The town invites you to enjoy one of its many facilities:
• Fuller Park, located on the corner of Surfside and Myrtle Drives
• Martin Park, located on Dogwood Drive between 6th & 7th Avenues South
• All Children's Park, located at the corner of 10th Avenue South and Hollywood Drive
• H. Blue Huckabee Recreation Complex, located at Spanish Oak Drive and Glenns Bay Road

Billy Hendrix
Director
650-4131

• "Tot Lot," located within the H. Blue Huckabee Complex
• Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, located on Pine Drive directly behind town hall

The town also has two passive parks. The locations are 6th Avenue South and Lakeside Drive and 12th Avenue North and Dogwood Drive.
# TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH

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**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, for Today, Tomorrow, Forever!**
PUBLIC WORKS

Bobby Radford
Director
913-6360

Street Department

This 10-person division of the Surfside Beach Public Works Department has been busy clearing and cleaning roadside drainage ditches and swales in order to maintain proper stormwater flow. During sudden heavy rainstorms, debris such as leaves, limbs, and trash may wash into the drainage-ways and cause water to back up and pond. During storms, department personnel are out on the roadway checking and clearing away blockages to prevent flooding. Beach cleaning and swash digging continue as needed throughout the year. Staff is continuously repairing potholes in the roadways, maintaining signage and keeping the road and drainage rights-of-way trimmed and mowed.

Thirteen requests have been filled for the 50/50 program. Four additional requests are planned and should be completed soon. If you are interested in having your ditch filled in, this program allows property owners to pay for supplies with the town supplying labor. If you’d like to know more about the 50/50 program, please call 913-6360.

A new public restroom facility is being built at 13th Avenue South this summer. During the winter months the street department crew began constructing the parking lot, which is scheduled for completion by April 15. The town is working with South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to schedule resurfacing projects for Melody Lane, South Poplar Drive, and 17th Avenue North, state roads within the town’s limits, during the coming year.

We are looking forward to the 2001 season and hope everyone has a wonderful spring!

Maintenance Department

During the last quarter the Maintenance Department repaired 48 vehicles and performed 30 scheduled vehicle lubrications, oil and filter changes. The crew also calibrated the town’s 430 parking meters and will be installing them in the town’s parking lots by April 15, when the metered parking season begins. If you haven’t picked up your resident parking decal, you may do so Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A decal allows you to park free of charge in the town’s metered parking spaces; it does not guarantee a parking space.

Sanitation Department

Due to the increased demand placed upon the Sanitation Department during the summer season, scheduled changes are necessary to maintain the present level of service. Please refer to the schedule on the preceding page. This is an aggressive schedule for ten (10) full time personnel. We would appreciate your assistance in these areas:

- Please have your moby cart in position at the street right-of-way by 6:00 a.m. on collection day. With our increased population back-tracking to pick up a cart causes overtime for the crew.
- Retrieve your moby cart after it has been emptied. Code states that your moby cart should be removed from roadside by 11:00 p.m. on the collection day.
- Please remember the following rules when placing your trash or yard waste for collection:
  1. Household garbage must be bagged prior to placing in moby cart.
  2. Recycling materials, in the blue bags, are to be placed at curbside on collection day.
  3. Leaves, pine straw, pampas grass, and yard clippings must be bagged or burned. Before you burn yard waste, you must notify the Fire Department @ 913-6369.
  4. Tree limbs need to be piled parallel to the road and cut into six foot (6’) lengths.
  5. Tree trunks must not weigh more than 50 pounds.
  6. All mixed materials (wood, metal, carpet, furniture, etc.) must be separated from yard debris.
  7. Paint cans, batteries, tires, roofing shingles, and any chemicals must be taken to Horry County waste disposal collection sites. Call Horry County Solid Waste Authority at 347-1651 for assistance.
  8. Private contractors must dispose of all construction waste generated from their job sites.

There are three collection days for the beach area from May 1 through September 30. Different color moby cart lids differentiate those carts that are collected three times versus the year-round residents’ once-a-week pickup carts.

The sanitation department is looking forward to a smooth transition to the new schedule. You can assist us by telling your neighbors about the new schedule and if problems arise, please call us at 913-6360.
Town Ordinances regarding dogs

The "NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS" in the last Municipal Message resulted in numerous telephone calls to Town Hall from dog owners. Based on the response, a letter was sent to area veterinarians, pet shops, and groomers to inform them about town codes so they could advise their respective patrons. The letter also asked them to post the notice on bulletin boards if possible. A copy of the notice was also posted on the bulletin boards in town hall, the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, and police department reception areas.

If you reside within the corporate limits of the Town of Surfside Beach and own a dog over 4 months old, please take note of the following code requirements. Violations of these codes may result in fines up to $225 FOR EACH VIOLATION. Please register your dog at Town Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bring your dog’s rabies inoculation certificate with you. If you have questions, please call 913-6111.

§3-23 Registration. Any person who owns or who has in his control a dog over four (4) months of age shall register the dog by application for a certificate of registration and payment of the fee of $5. Such certificates shall be numbered in the order of issue and shall be in force until June 1 and must be renewed annually with a $5 fee. All dogs registered shall wear a suitable collar for the attachment of the tag. The tag shall have the number of the registration certificate shown thereon. Any dog running at large within the town not registered shall be impounded by the town and disposed of pursuant to this article.

§3-24 Inoculation. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or have in possession any dog over four (4) months old which has not been inoculated against rabies within the preceding twelve (12) months by a licensed veterinarian.

Town of Surfside Beach Ordinances

§3-3. Police Powers. Any police officer of the town shall have the power within his discretion to take up and confine or destroy any animal which he may have reason to believe is rabid, badly maimed or in violation of the other sections of this article.

§3-4. Cleaning up after pets. It shall be unlawful for any owner or person having possession of any dog or other animal(s) to fail to remove any excrement deposited by said animal(s) on the beach, accesses, public ways, recreational parks, or any other public property.

§3-21. Ferocious and vicious dogs prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or have custody of any ferocious or vicious dog. Any dog evidencing characteristics usually associated with a dog abnormally inclined to attack or to attempt to attack other animals or persons without provocation by such other animal or person will be deemed as ferocious or vicious. This type of dog will be disposed of either by the owner or custodian or by the town upon determination and order from the municipal court.

§3-22. Running at large prohibited. No person having the ownership, possession or control of any dog shall allow such dog to run at large within the town. Any dog which is off the property of the person having the ownership, possession, or control of such dog shall be on a leash not exceeding seven (7) feet in length and shall be under the control of the person having custody of such dog.

Recycle, recycle, recycle...

Free recycle bags are available from Town Hall. You may stop by between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to pick up a supply. Staff can answer your questions to help you recycle successfully.

You may place all kinds of paper (newspapers, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, etc.) and plastics (drink bottles, milk cartons, grocery bags, etc.) in blue bags.

Furniture, old appliances, etc. are collected on Thursdays and Fridays. See pages 14 and 15 for more information or call 913-6111.

Remember: RECYCLING = SAVINGS FOR YOU!
Eagle Scouts provide birdhouses for Town Parks

Matthew Adams Abee, an Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 396 under troop leader Chris Walton, together with fellow Eagle Scouts, built and donated about 40 birdhouses to attract and provide shelter for the Carolina Wren songbird, which is the South Carolina State Bird.

Abee says the project will benefit children and families in Surfside Beach and the surrounding areas of Horry County. In his written proposal, he stated “shelter for songbirds has been negatively affected by intense urbanization in the area.” Placing nesting boxes in the parks insures the songbirds have a safe place to nest. He also noted that drawing the birds into the park will enhance “the natural beauty and serenity of the sights and sounds of songbirds in this area.”

He was drawn to include the town in his project because there are no songbird boxes in the parks. He and Stu Anderson, Surfside Beach Parks and Grounds Supervisor, decided that All Children’s Park would benefit most from the songbird boxes.

Songbird boxes were also placed at the Belin United Methodist Church cemetery.

MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 29, 2001

HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES SO THAT WE MAY ENJOY FREEDOM;
THE RIGHT TO VOTE,
TO WORSHIP,
TO LIVE.

Town Hall will be closed to observe Memorial Day.
Can-Am Days 2001

Mayor Hyman tosses the first pitch of the annual Can-Am softball game.

Hometown Team

Canadian Friends

“Louis Armstrong” performs during Can-Am Reception courtesy of Legends In Concert.

Gene Robinson of Baltimore, Maryland proudly displays her citizenship!
Santee Cooper Delivers Franchise Check

Mayor Roy Hyman, Jr., accepts $81,188.10 franchise fee check from Mr. Zack Dusenbury, Vice President of Santee Cooper. Franchise fees offset your taxes because they are budgeted revenue used to operate the town.
Town Council

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Roy Hyman, Jr.

Mayor Pro Tem
Judith K. Tuttle

Council Members
K. Allen Deaton
Thomas M. Higgins
Philip D. Jones
P. L. Mabry
James S. “Sammy” Truett

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Town Hall Main Number 913-6111
Town Hall Fax 238-5432
Police Non-emergency & Animal Control 913-6388
Fire Non-emergency 913-6369
Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority 448-1686
Public Works 913-6360
Recreation Complex, Glens Bay Road 650-4131
Time Warner Cable Trouble Line 651-6699
Santee Cooper Power Company Emergency 448-3070

Town Hall Meeting Schedule:
- Town Council, 2nd and 4th Tuesday monthly @ 6:30 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 2nd Tuesday monthly @ 3:00 p.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, 1st Thursday monthly @ 2:00 p.m.
- Municipal Court, 5:00 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday as posted

All meetings are held in Town Council/Court Chambers located on the south end of Town Hall. Everyone is welcomed to attend all meetings. Please call Town Hall for additional information.