Mayor’s Message

Sun Fun Super Sunday was a huge success! Everyone enjoyed playing bocce ball and horseshoes, participating in the volleyball and sand sculpture contests, and listening to the US Air Force Rock Band, the “Blue Aces.” If you didn’t get to attend this year, plan on it next year. Sun Fun Super Sunday is always the first Sunday in June. It’s a great way to kick-off your summer. Programs Supervisor Debbie Ellis did a great job putting together our event. We are always looking for volunteers and new ideas to expand our program. If you’re interested, please call Debbie @ 913-6339.

Sun Fun Super Sunday was made extra special by a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Saya and their son, Jerad, of Syracuse, New York. Jerad has ALS, a form of childhood leukemia. Jerad made a wish to “build a sandcastle on a real beach.” The Town was pleased to work with the Make A Wish Foundation to make his wish come true. Mrs. Saya happily announced that the disease is in remission and Jerad is doing well.

The Town hosted a Fourth of July party on July 3rd at Martin Field. Staff chose to hold the celebration on the 3rd so families and friends could celebrate privately on the 4th. Games, prizes, food, music, what else could you ask for? We are already looking forward to next year’s party!

The EARTHWORKS Group is actively working with the Town to develop stormwater management and drainage improvements as quickly as possible. Several of you have taken time to attend recent council meetings expressing personal concerns about drainage problems. I encourage you to send your photographs, videotapes, or other documentation of flooding around your property to Town Hall so the information can be given to the engineers. Please be sure to note the date and time of each occurrence. We estimate that construction bidding will begin in September or October, barring unforeseen circumstances. I reiterate for the record, this Council is committed to resolving drainage problems and will take whatever action necessary to ensure the safety and well being of the Town and its residents.

Members of Town Council are elected to serve you, set policies, establish law, and protect your interest. I encourage you to call on any member of Town Council, including me, to let us know how you feel. Has a staff member gone out of his or her

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Short walk for a long pier

By Michael Smith, Reporter
Myrtle Beach Herald
Guest contributor

Beach patrons in Surfside Beach now have a new pier with a fresh, new look. The pier, which has been closed to visitors since December, reopened recently after having undergone extensive renovations. During a ceremony on Saturday, April 21, 2001, pier and town officials were on hand to reopen the Surfside Pier for business. "This is in fact a work of art for the pier," said Surfside Beach Mayor Roy Hyman. "It is the focal point of Surfside Beach."

Surfside Pier Properties has owned and operated the pier for the past several months. Initial work began in late December when the pier's gift and bait shop expansion began. The new bait shop showcases an ice cream and coffee shop along with a new video game arcade. Visitors should have the ability to move about more freely, pier officials said. A covered awning for the pier's

Surfside Beach Pier History

History as told in April 2001 by James C. McLeod, Jr., nephew of John Monroe Johnson Holliday.


The pier has been severely damaged or destroyed four times: (1) 1954 Hurricane Hazel destroyed the pier; (2) 1989 Hurricane Hugo destroyed completely; (3) 1993 damage from nor'easter took off the end of pier; and (4) 1996 Hurricane Fran damaged the end of the pier again. The Hollidays had the vision to rebuild the pier after each of these events.

Pier Properties, Inc., which is owned by the Scalise Family, purchased the Surfside Pier from Mr. Holliday on May 25, 2000. Pier Properties, Inc., remodeled the pier and held a grand "re-opening" ceremony on April 21, 2001.

Mayor Hyman and Administrator Kovacs participate in ribbon cutting ceremony at Surfside Pier.

front walkway entrance has also been included. Also housed at the pier is Nibils Restaurant, which reopened in late February. The outside appearance of the restaurant was also changed in order to match the natural new look of the rest of the pier.

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way to help you? Are you particularly pleased with some project or concerned about an issue? Unless we hear from you, we assume that things are okay. Town Council and I want things to be better than "okay!" Please call your Council Members and let us know what you think.

Council Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays monthly at 6:30 p.m. Every agenda has a time designated for public comments. I encourage you to attend the council meetings to learn first-hand what's going on in Town.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! Town staff is already preparing for the "Fall Family Festival" scheduled October 6th. Let us know how we can help you.
Urban Conservatism: 
Administrator’s Guiding Government Philosophy

You may occasionally hear that I am proposing new or “controversial” actions to your elected representatives. I would like to explain my goals for our Town: sustainable low tax rates, public safety, and good service.

A few years ago as a young student in large city far away, I watched a municipal council sell a 30-year bond to buy garbage trucks that would have a maximum life of 10 years, simply to avoid an immediate trash rate increase. Ever since that time, I have believed that my mission is to be directly involved in local government and to advocate responsible fiscal policy. I am happy to say that the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach is the most fiscally prudent group at the elected level I have ever worked with.

Advocating policies based on “urban conservative” is not necessarily about low taxes in the short term. It is about having the smallest government possible, but at responsible levels. It is about providing quality professional level services and sticking to core missions like public safety, infrastructure improvements and maintenance, and parks/recreation for our children. To some, development and growth control issues may appear pro-business/anti-resident, liberal, or expansionist in nature. From my view, it’s all about getting you the lowest tax rate possible over the long-run.

One of the toughest issues facing our town is the rapid urbanization of areas just outside our town limits. The “Surfside area” encompasses a population that is easily five times bigger than ours, and growing quickly. Large corporate businesses are locating in unincorporated areas on Highway 17 Bypass and elsewhere, beyond the limits of our control and taxing authority. These businesses compete unfairly with our stores and small businesses.

Such uncontrolled low-density growth, called “urban sprawl,” can have devastating long-term effects. It contributes to traffic problems, increases the costs for city/county/state governments, and triggers a wide range of problems that town officials and staff must deal with: flooding, water quality, violent crime, business loss/economic development, to name a few. At the same time, businesses and residences beyond our limits are not contributing revenues to meet those problems. In the long-run that burden shifts to you, the residents and property owners. These issues are complicated. I would greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we seek to find solutions and work together in a positive spirit.

Please thank your Town Council members for serving. They have difficult jobs ahead as we seek to preserve the things you love about our community and deal with the major obstacles we face in the future.

Please see page 13 for a notice requesting information about specific drainage problems in town. This will help our stormwater engineer compile a map of the town’s problem areas, which will help us prioritize drainage basins for study and flood relief projects.

Scouts will soon be knocking on your door...

Scouts from Troop 890 will soon visit you to deliver sanitation schedules, recycling guidelines, sample recycling “blue” bags, and a complementary litter bag.

Troop members are working towards citizenship badges and have formulated the project to benefit town residents. Their goal is to make every resident aware of the availability and need for recycling and the Town’s sanitation service schedule.

Thank you Troop 890!
Building Department
☎ 913-6365

As you know, the 2001 Hurricane season began on June 1. We encourage you to 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. Once the trees are inspected and approved for removal, a licensed contractor may obtain a permit.

If you plan to hire a contractor for any repairs or renovations, make sure they have a town business license and current liability insurance. You may obtain this information by calling the department. Also, make sure that anyone working on your property has a permit. Permits should be posted on the job site.

DO NOT pay any money up-front and be certain work completed has been inspected and approved by the Building Department before making final payment.

The Building Department encourages you to call us with any questions about contractors, permit requirements, property setbacks, or zoning.

☎ 913-6365

Building Official Donevant, pictured with Administrator Kovacs, displays 5-year Anniversary Award.

REMINDER to Business Owners: Special Event banners, portable signs, and tents require a Zoning Compliance Permit. You may obtain a permit from the Building Department Monday—Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

Signs of any type are NOT allowed in rights-of-way at any time.

Why Attend Town Council Meetings?

We're all busy these days, and the thought of attending one more event can be tiring just to think about. What can you gain from attending your Town Council meetings? Here are a few things:

• Learn about upcoming events: festivals, fairs, concerts, entertainment
• Learn about planned construction or public works projects that may affect you: street repairs, storm drains, new city facilities, etc.
• Find out where the money comes from to run your town - and how it's being spent.
• Hear about potential increases in taxes or user fees.
• Learn about actions by other government agencies (county, state, federal, other cities) that could impact Surfside Beach.
• Help provide input on where we are headed as a town.
• See how your elected officials vote on issues that are important to you; and
• Tell them what YOU think!
The Finance Department is just finishing its “busy” season with the renewal of business licenses, billing for sanitation service, and completion of the year-end audit. We have talked to many property owners during the last few months regarding the summer sanitation service in the beach areas, the need for a business license, Hospitality fees collection, and delinquent sanitation charges. We hope all of your questions have been answered. Staff tries to inform everyone of current ordinances and to apply them fairly.

Business Licenses
The Finance Department has been renewing business licenses for all businesses operating in Town limits. The licenses are valid from June 1 to May 31. A business is defined as an establishment that generates revenue and applies to operations based in a commercial establishment or in a home. We have answered many questions about licenses during the last month, but the most questions have been about rental properties. A license is required for all properties rented within the Town of Surfside Beach. This includes all homes, condominiums, offices, and commercial properties. The license must be displayed in all businesses, including rental property. Licenses applications for new businesses are available from the Finance Department at Town Hall, or you may call 913-6111.

Hospitality Fees
Hospitality fees are a major source of funding for the Town. These fees are used mainly for public safety items and parks. Hospitality fees are collected from businesses serving food and beverages, collecting admission fees, and also from those renting accommodations for less than 90 days. These funds help maintain a lower real estate tax rate for all property owners.

Sanitation Fees
We are fortunate in Surfside Beach to have excellent sanitation service at a low cost. The Town picks up household trash, yard debris, and recyclables each week. The Finance Department has been contacting sanitation customers who have delinquent accounts to inform them of a new ordinance, which allows the Town to issue a Municipal Ordinance Summons and assess fines. If the account remains unpaid, the ordinance also allows the Town to place a lien against the property. We especially urge all landlords to be sure that tenants are paying the quarterly sanitation bill.

Families on vacation produce a lot of extra trash. With this in mind, the frequency of sanitation service in the beach area has been increased during the summer season to help keep the area free of debris.

The Town is working hard to maintain its low sanitation rates, but we urgently need your help in reducing trash. Please recycle all items possible. Recyclable materials sent to the landfill generate no costs to the Town. The more we recycle, the lower our overall sanitation costs.

We are hoping to offer bank draft payment for sanitation bills during the fall. More information will be in our next newsletter.

Sanitation Payment Drop Box
A drop box is in the reception area at Town Hall for those of you who just want to drop off your sanitation payments. The box is red and white, clearly marked “Sanitation Payments Only,” and is positioned on the counter next to the cashier’s desk.

Finance Department Staff
The five members of the Finance Department are responsible for revenue collections, personnel, payroll, accounts payable, and special projects. We will be visiting the businesses in Town during the coming months to meet owners and offer our assistance. At the same time, we are always looking for ways to reduce costs and improve service. Your suggestions are always welcome.

"Beaties and the Beach," with Mayor Hyman
Sun Fun Super Sunday
June 3, 2001
Around the Fire House

June 1 marked the beginning of yet another Hurricane Season. And the professionals say it will be an active season. 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 and should be your last option.

Plan now and prepare to safeguard your property. Determine what tasks you will need to complete. Purchase materials and supplies you will need in advance. The Institute for Business and Home Safety is an excellent information source on ways to fortify your property against a storm. They can be contacted on the Internet at www.disastersafety.org, or by calling toll free, 1(866) 657-4247. Make a list of items you will need when you evacuate, including food, clothing, cash, medicine, and important papers. Make sure your homeowner's insurance is up to date and keep a policy copy with you.

The annual Hurricane Seminar was held on June 14 at Seaside Elementary School. If you did not attend, you missed presentations by Tom Matheson, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Wilmington, NC; Captain Harry Stubblefield of the South Carolina Highway Patrol; James Byrd, Senior Advisor to the Director of Insurance, South Carolina Department of Insurance and Dr. Steve Lyons, Hurricane Expert, The Weather Channel. If you were not able to be there and have questions about emergency preparedness, give us a call at 913-6369.

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. Almost everyone wants to get 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 crowds and/or traffic control. And 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.

Fire Safety Inspections

The Fire Department continues to make the rounds conducting business and public buildings fire safety inspections. We are trying to assist you in making your establishment as safe as possible for your employees and patrons. Some common problems found are: improper use of extension cords, outdated 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.

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 station or call at 913-6369.
YOUR CLIP-AND SAVE GUIDE TO

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. Peak months are August and September. This year’s hurricane forecast predicts a 45% probability of a hurricane landfall somewhere on the East Coast and a total of 12 named storms. What you do now and in the event of a hurricane can protect your life and property. Now is the time to prepare!

What is a hurricane?
A hurricane is a tropical storm with winds at a constant speed of 74 miles per hour or more. Hurricane winds blow in a spiral around a calm center known as the “eye.” The eye is generally 20 to 40 miles wide. The storm may extend outward for 400 miles.
A single storm can last for more than two weeks over open water and can run a path across the entire length of the eastern seaboard. Hurricanes may also spawn tornadoes, adding to the potential for destruction. Hurricanes are classified by wind speed and storm surge (see “major risks,” below):

- Category 1: 74 to 95 mph winds; 4-5 foot storm surge
- Category 2: 96 to 110 mph winds; 6-8 foot storm surge
- Category 3: 111 to 130 mph winds; 9-12 foot storm surge
- Category 4: 131 to 155 mph winds; 13-18 foot storm surge
- Category 5: 156+ mph winds; 18 foot (or higher) storm surge

What are the major risks of hurricanes?
Wind: can dislodge roofing, siding, patio or garage doors on homes; can turn even small debris (tree branches, flowerpots, outdoor furniture, etc.) into missiles.
Flooding: can make roads impassable, cause damage and loss of life.
Storm surge: a dome of ocean water as large as 20 feet high and 50 to 100 miles wide.
Nine out of 10 hurricane fatalities are attributable to storm surge.

What is the difference between a hurricane “watch” and hurricane “warning”?
A hurricane watch means there is the threat of a hurricane.
A hurricane warning means a hurricane is expected within 24 hours.

How can I get information about a hurricane or possible evacuation?
All local TV, AM and FM radio stations receive direct information from the National Weather Service and will broadcast continuous updates.
In addition, if an evacuation is ordered, Surfside Beach Emergency Services will travel through the Town announcing the order by loudspeaker or other means.

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Where should I go if an order to evacuate is given?
If possible, to family or friends outside the storm area. Emergency public shelters will be set up at area schools and other facilities. Locations will be broadcast on local TV and radio stations. **Remember: most public shelters will NOT accept pets.**

What route(s) do I take to evacuate?
The official evacuation route for Surfside Beach residents is Highway 544. You may also use Glenn’s Bay Road to get to Highway 17 Bypass, then to Highway 544.

What if I have a disability and need help or a shelter with special facilities?
If family or friends are not available to help, call DHEC at 843-365-3126. If you require special medical equipment or supplies, be sure to take this equipment with you.

What if I choose not to evacuate?
If you stay, you do so **at your own risk.** ALL Surfside Beach emergency personnel will be taken off the streets when winds reach 55 mph. Not all emergency medical facilities will be in operation, and driving may be impossible.

A curfew will likely be in effect within the town; persons found driving or walking on the streets by police may be arrested.

How long after the storm is over must I wait before returning home?
At least three days will generally be necessary for emergency and utility personnel to ensure that streets, buildings, and utility equipment are safe. However, water and electricity may not be available for longer periods.

 Residents who have evacuated may call toll-free to **1-866-246-0133** to receive information on reopened areas.

What should I do **BEFORE** a hurricane to protect my family from harm?
Teach all family members how to turn off utilities. Stockpile emergency water and nonperishable foods, prescription medicines, flashlights, candles, first aid supplies and a battery-powered radio or TV. Choose a meeting place in case you become separated. Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to act as “family contact,” and be sure everyone knows the phone number. Plan for pets. And if evacuation is ordered, **GO!**

How can I minimize damage to my property in a hurricane?
Trim back or remove dead or weak tree branches. Purchase storm shutters or prepare plywood panels (1/2” marine plywood is best) to fit all windows. Bring in outdoor items. Check on wind and/or flood insurance for your home. If evacuating, shut off water and electricity at mains.

To learn more, call FEMA at **1-202-646-4117** or visit www.fema.gov/impact.
Recently, I firmly disagreed with an officer who believed he deserved a medal for a past effort. My belief was that he was merely serving as a dedicated professional; the term "hero" was an unreasonable distinction.

In the weeks that followed, I realized that Surfside Beach has many heroes deserving recognition:

1. **The council member who served in Europe in 1944 as a US Army combat engineer, who has since made Crime Watch a "blue ribbon" civic organization.**
2. **The harried town clerk who constantly interrupts her work to personally assist a citizen with a request or a problem.**
3. **Two ladies, a T-shirt manufacturer and an ex-surf, who generously dedicate untold hours and money to make the surfing contest a success.**
4. **The attorney who takes time out of his busy practice to teach the art of "pond fishing" to young men at risk of drug abuse.**
5. **The quiet and unassuming Socastee High School staff member who serves as a role model to aspiring young athletes, nurturing tomorrow's leaders.**
6. **The local restaurateur and his wife who work day after day, teaching their children valued principles of the American work ethic and the importance of family.**
7. **The well recognized, church-going matriarch, who finds time to substitute teach despite the stress of raising her family.**
8. **The officer who as a young man in the 1960's, was called upon by his country to serve in far away South East Asia.**
9. **Life's heroes and heroines are not usually well recognized nor are they highly paid. Real heroes and heroines are generally quiet, unassuming, and are rarely in the limelight.**
10. **And who are my most important heroes? Possibly the harried "soccer mom", with several kids to drop off in various locations, who is patiently praying for the day to end, in hopes of protecting her children from the predators of society.**
11. **Or the dedicated father who gives of himself to coach or referee a little league team with hope of building character, extolling leadership, and civic responsibility to the young men and women of tomorrow...**

These are the individuals who are real heroes. They don't ask for any awards, medals or recognition. Theirs is the "stuff" that provides the promise for the future of our tomorrows. They are the residents, the business people, and town staff of a little corner of the world simply known as the Town of Surfside Beach!

In the end, all they are content with being able to say, "I've done the best I can with what I have."

Who needs a medal anyway?

As always, stay safe, and wave to us when you see us in the street.

Michael Grigg
Chief of Police
913-6368
MUNICIPAL COURT

Thanks to all the jurors who participated in jury trials during May 7th through 11th. Out of 300 jurors summoned, 66 served during this term of court. There were 43 jury trials scheduled during this term; a total of 63 citations/warrants were disposed of as follows: 11 were continued; 13 were dismissed; 2 were nolle prosequi (no prosecution); 10 forfeited bond; 13 were plea bargained; 3 were found guilty at jury trials; 3 were found not guilty at jury trials; and 8 received a conditional discharge. Our next session of jury trials is scheduled for the week of August 20th through 24th. For those jurors who will serve, please remember not to park in the People's Federal Savings and Loan parking lot.

People often wonder what happens when you don't pay your fine on a traffic citation. In January 1981, South Carolina entered into the Non-Resident Violators Compact (NRVC). The NRVC provides a method for the enforcement of certain traffic violations which were previously unenforceable because the defendant did not post bond, did not appear for trial, and could not be located to be brought to trial or pay the fine.

The effect of the NRVC is that following the issuance of the uniform traffic ticket for certain moving traffic violations to a person who is licensed in South Carolina, or any other member-jurisdiction, a person who fails to post bond prior to the date of trial, and fails to appear at the time of trial, will be tried in his absence, and if he is found guilty, his driver's license will be suspended until such time as he pays the fine imposed by the court. This is the basic procedure followed in all NRVC jurisdictions (40 states). Therefore, if a New York driver is stopped for speeding in South Carolina, is issued a ticket, does not post bond prior to trial, does not appear for trial, and is found guilty, his driver's license will be suspended until he pays the fine to the South Carolina court which heard the case. The same would be true if a South Carolina driver was issued a traffic ticket in Florida, or any NRVC member-jurisdiction.

When the defendant pays the fine imposed by the court, the court will issue a receipt (DL-53) to him, which will constitute proof of his compliance with the terms of the traffic citation. The defendant must present the receipt to the Highway Department in his home state in order to have his license and driving privileges reinstated. Should the defendant fail to pay his fine, even after his license has been suspended, the suspension will continue indefinitely, until he can present proof of compliance.

If the defendant fails to pay his fine and subsequently gets stopped by the police for any traffic offense, his driver's license check will show that he is suspended. In South Carolina the defendant would then be transported to jail and would have to post bond to be released from jail for the offense of Driving Under Suspension (DUS). If he is found guilty of DUS at court, a penalty of $400 or 30 days in jail, or both, for 1st offense; $1,000.00 or 60 consecutive days jail, or both, for 2nd offense; or for 3rd and subsequent offenses, imprisoned for not less than 90 days nor more than 6 months, no portion of which may be suspended by the trial judge, can be imposed. This also includes a mandatory driver license suspension for an additional like period of time imposed by the SC Department of Public Safety.

As you can see, neglecting to pay a traffic citation may seem trivial at the time, but the end result can be costly both in time and money.

Dog and Pet Owners

Please consider your neighbors, other town residents and visitors... Carry a “baggy” to clean up after your pet and dispose of your pet’s solid excrement properly. (It is the Law! Town Code §3-4)

Your dog must be registered annually if over 4 months old. Bring evidence of your pet’s rabies shots to the business license department at Town Hall. The fee is $5.00. It takes about 5 minutes! Questions, please call 913-6111.
STORMWATER DATA REQUEST
Town needs YOUR help!

Dear Residents and Property Owners:

The Town of Surfside Beach has retained the services of The EARTHWORkS Group, Inc. to review the existing drainage problems we are having in some sections of Town, and we need your help.

We are looking for pictures or videotape of any drainage problems you may be experiencing so that we can document them and ensure that these problems are addressed in the upcoming study. Any pictures you may have of your neighborhood would be helpful, provided that the location can be identified. To get your pictures in our permanent record to be reviewed by our Stormwater Engineer, we would ask that the following information be provided.

1. Each picture should be labeled on the back with the date and the street address of the location of the picture.

2. Any written narrative to describe the cause of the problem (as you understand it), and any potential solutions you believe will work.

Please note that we would like any information on the rain event (date, how much rain, the length of the storm event) and depth of water in the yard, road or house to be provided with the pictures.

This information should be made to my attention, Michael Kovacs, Town Administrator, and be dropped off at Town Hall or mailed to Town of Surfside Beach, Attn: Town Administrator, 115 US Hwy 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29577. The information is required to be in visual or printed form and not phoned in as we will be tabulating it and preparing a map to show the areas reported by you, our town residents. The map will be used to help set priorities on the future drainage study.

Thank you for your assistance in this very important project. I look forward to receiving your information in the near future.

Sincerely,

Michael Kovacs
Town Administrator

Horry C.A.R.E.S.

WHAT is Released Time?

Released Time is time set aside in the public school day when parents can release their children to leave the campus during an elective period to receive Christian education. The concept was started in Gary, Indiana in 1914. The US Supreme Court declared the practice constitutional in 1952.

Qualified teachers with a firm command of the Bible and a superior ability to relate to youth instruct the students. Skills are taught that enable young people to understand the Bible for themselves.

Horry C.A.R.E.S. is a non-profit, inter-denominational Christian ministry whose vision is to enrich daily the lives of students through the study of the truth found in God's Word.

Program Goals

• To aid in the spiritual growth and development of students in the Horry County School System.
• To develop a positive impact on the community through teach Biblically-based moral, spiritual, and family values.
• To provide facilities, staff, and curriculum for a Released-Time Christian Education program throughout Horry County.

To create a synergy between the activities of the C.A.R.E.S. program and the Horry County School System to develop strong Christian principled leaders for the next generation.

For more information, please contact:

HORRY C.A.R.E.S.
Eric Rutherford, Chairman
Laura Hucks, Education Chairman
PO Box 30329
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
(843) 293-0446
www.horrycares.org
NEW RECYCLING INFORMATION

Town staff has worked closely with the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) to develop these new guidelines that should make recycling easier for you. Free blue recycle bags are available at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Recycling is picked up on Thursday town-wide.

The SWA accepts recyclables without charging a tipping fee—cost for trash is $29 per ton. Public Works reports for the month of May that 463.5 tons of garbage were delivered to the SWA. Only 23.4 tons of recyclables were delivered. Cost to deliver garbage—$13,443.82. Cost to deliver recyclables—$0. Recycling not only conserves our resources, but saves you money!

MIXED PAPER: PLACE NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, and SOFT COVER BOOKS IN THE SAME BAG

Recycle clean, dry newspapers, magazines and soft cover books (including telephone books and catalogs).

METAL/GLASS/PLASTIC: PLACE ALL TYPES OF CANS, GLASS AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS IN THE SAME BAG

☑ CANS: Recycle aluminum beverage cans, steel, and metal food cans, empty aerosol cans. Aluminum foil and pie plates are not recyclable. ☑ GLASS: Recycle glass containers of any color. ☑ PLASTIC: Recycle plastic soft drink, and detergent bottles, milk and water jugs, food containers, shampoo and other personal care item containers. Remove caps and rinse containers when needed.

CARDBOARD: Recycle all cardboard that is not wax coated, i.e., cereal boxes, cracker, and cookie boxes, and pizza boxes. Flatten empty boxes before recycling. Keep corrugated cardboard separate. If boxes will not fit into blue bags, please bind with tape or string and place curbside.

Plastic bags from inside food boxes should be put in the garbage, they are NOT recyclable. Grocery store plastic bags should be returned to the store for recycling...they are not recyclable through the Solid Waste Authority.

Schedule: ALL RECYCLING IS COLLECTED ON THURSDAY. The Sanitation Crew starts at 6:00 a.m. Staff suggest you place your bags curbside on Wednesday evening.

MIXED MATERIALS

PICTUP DAYS: THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Place furniture, televisions, mattresses, chairs, sofas, toys, shades and blinds curbside on your collection day.

Mixed material pickups will begin Thursday afternoons and continues on Fridays until 4:00 p.m. Staff suggest placing items curbside the evening before to insure pickup.

The town does not collect paint cans or other toxic containers. Contractors are responsible for removing their own materials.

OTHER RECYCLING QUESTIONS

TOWN HALL ................... 913-6111
SANITATION DEPT. ........ 913-6360
SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY 347-1651

TOXICS Paint, chemical, pesticide containers. USED MOTOR OIL & OIL FILTERS Oil and oil filters from cars and other vehicles. BATTERIES Car, light truck, and marine (lead acid) batteries should be delivered to the Solid Waste Authority — 347-1651

Please call for information.

Yard Debris — Call Town Hall 913-6111

Bagged brush from yards, grass clippings, leaves, and small limbs (less than 6" in diameter) unpainted and untreated wood and homeowner's construction debris is picked up on Wednesdays. Your call must be received before Wednesday to be on the schedule for the current week.
The Public Works department is comprised of three divisions, Sanitation, Streets, and Vehicle Maintenance. Public Works is currently working with the Stormwater Committee and The EARTHWORKS Group, Inc., on solving drainage and flooding problems. Director Radford encourages you to submit photos, videotapes, or other documentation of flooding problems around your home or property.

Upon advice of The EARTHWORKS Group, Inc., the 50/50 ditch piping program has been suspended until the Town’s drainage problems have been studied and resolutions presented.

SANITATION DEPARTMENT
In March the sanitation department replaced its 1986 Ford Knuckleboom truck with a 1999 Chevrolet model.

During the past quarter the sanitation crew collected almost 1,380 tons of garbage waste (up from 975 tons the previous quarter), 356 tons of yard debris (up from 250 tons), and over 70 tons of recycling (up from 52 tons).

The first of May the crew shifted to earlier work hours and a 7-day-a-week schedule to accomplish all the “extras” that are necessary during the summer season. Special beach can pickups began and the Ocean Boulevard, Seaside Drive, and Yaupon Drive 3-times-a-week moby cart pickup and roll-out service schedule began.

Thank you for the increase in recycling!
Not only does recycling help preserve natural resources, it saves you money because the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) does not charge when recyclables are deposited. Because of the increased demand placed on the sanitation department during the summer season, changes were made to the regular collection schedules. Please make note of the following information:

Regular Collection Schedule
(Moby carts should be curbside by 6:00 a.m. and removed by 11:00 p.m.)

Monday: Moby Carts, 17th Avenue North to 3rd Avenue South
Tuesday: Moby Carts, 4th Avenue South to Melody Lane
Wednesday: Moby Carts, Ocean Boulevard, Seaside Drive, and Yaupon Drive
*SPECIAL MOBY SERVICE & FEE
May 1-Sept. 30 — Friday & Sunday: Ocean Boulevard, Seaside Drive, and Yaupon Drive (bet. 3rd Avenues South and North)
Wednesday: Yard Debris, Entire Town-17th Avenue North to Melody Lane
(Limbs may be stacked, other debris should be bagged)
Thursday: Recycling, blue bags
(Free recycling bags available at Town Hall, see preceding page.)
Thursday-Friday: Bulk items, mixed materials, furniture, metal, appliances, etc. (Sort and separate)
Recycling items may be sorted as follows:
* Aluminum, steel, and tin cans, empty aerosol cans; glass (any color); and plastics (soft drink, milk, and water containers, detergent, shampoo, personal care, and food containers). Plastic grocery store bags are not recyclable at the SWA. Grocery store bags should be returned to the store.
* Clean, non-waxed, and corrugated cardboard, i.e., cereal, cracker, cookie, pizza, and other food and packing boxes. Please flatten boxes and bind boxes that are too large to fit into the bag. Please remove inside “freshness” bags and put in the garbage.
* Clean, dry papers, i.e., stationery, envelopes, newspaper, catalogs, magazines, telephone books, paperback and other soft cover books.

The Town DOES NOT pick up or recycle any containers or items considered toxic. For disposal information on paint cans, batteries, tires, oil, oil filters, roofing shingles, fluorescent tubes, etc., please call SWA @ (843) 347-1651.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
This department maintains all the Town’s vehicles, including fire, police, sanitation, street, and recreation, an important job. Just one vehicle out of service can have an impact on police or fire emergency response or cause delays in the sanitation pickup schedule. The two-man crew also calibrates and maintains all parking meters and keeps about 100 other pieces of equipment in good repair.

The computer software program placed into use last year to track vehicle maintenance work order and repairs provides references for vehicle diagnostic work. The program is also utilized to track inventory and costs records. The annual auction to dispose of vehicles, bicycles, furniture, and office equipment is tentatively scheduled for early fall. The auction date will be advertised in local media.

STREET DEPARTMENT
You may have noticed the new parking lot at 13th Avenue South. The nine-man street department crew completed this project in mid-April. The lot provides 38 additional parking spaces. During April and May, the crew sprayed area lakes with algaecide to retard algae growth. Mosquito spraying, which also began in April, continues to be done twice weekly during the early morning hours while residents and visitors are still sleeping.

All these efforts as well as maintaining the beach, keeping the highways litter free, cutting grass, clearing drainage pipes, repairing and replacing signs, patching potholes, and other miscellaneous tasks are performed by the Street Department crew to ensure you will enjoy the summer here in Surfside Beach.
LOCAL TEEN WILL EXAMINE FIELD OF MEDICINE
National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine Offers Career Exploration

Miss Abby Donevant, daughter of Bill and Jackie Donevant (the town’s building official) was accepted to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED), taking place in Houston, Texas from July 24 to August 2, 2001. NYLF/MED is a career development program for high school students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential, and an interest in medicine. Donevant will join 350 other high school students from around the country.

Throughout the ten-day forum, NYLF/MED will introduce Donevant to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research, and general practice, including site visits to medical facilities and clinics. Students will be faced with Problem-Based Learning, an education method familiar to most students in medical school, where they are presented with a set of patient symptoms and must come to a diagnosis and prognosis for the symptoms.

"The Nation Youth Leadership Forum provides an invaluable perspective for students who participate in our medical forum," said Donna Weldin, executive director of NYLF. "The relationships we forge with health care facilities throughout the country provide these young people with an eye-opening experience, introducing them to the broad spectrum of medical careers."

In addition to site visits to cutting-edge medical schools and clinical facilities, Donevant will hear from and have the opportunity to interact with leaders within the medical field. Students have up-close personal contact with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists, and medical educators as they go behind the scenes to view these professionals at work.

NYLF is a nonprofit educational organization that brings various professions to life, empowering outstanding high school students with the confidence to make well-informed career choices. In addition to forums on medicine, NYLF offers programs for students interested in law or national security. Since its inception in 1991, more than 50,000 young people have benefited from NYLF programming. For additional information, visit NYLF on the Internet at www.nyf.org.

Get your FREE blue recycle bags at Town Hall Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Recycling is picked up on Thursday for the entire Town.

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Wanted:

Used Prescription Eyeglasses

The Lions Club has an used prescription 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 to needy individuals by the Lions Club.

The Lions Club also helps area residents with prescription glasses.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays monthly at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, Pine Drive, Surfside Beach. Call Jim Kinard @ 650-5176 for more information.
SURFSIDE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.
Update by Chief Thomas A. McDermot

On behalf of the Surfside Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. (SVRS) it is my pleasure to sincerely thank the residents of Surfside Beach for their generous support during our Belk Days fund raiser.

In April, I sent a letter to residents of Surfside Beach and the surrounding communities explaining SVRS’s urgent need for a new, reliable ambulance to replace vehicles which have high mileage. The overwhelming response from town residents was both humbling and gratifying for us.

Thanks to you, $16,000 is in a bank account to be used ONLY to purchase a new ambulance. Obviously, this is not enough money to buy a new ambulance, which cost about $60,000, but it’s a tremendous start. With the continued support of Surfside Beach residents and businesses, we hope to purchase an ambulance in the very near future.

On a different note, Horry County Fire and Rescue announced last month that due to the loss of its lease, it would move its station out of Surfside Beach and replace it with a station on Holmestown Road. In an effort to keep Horry County Fire and Rescue within our Town limits, SVRS has offered to share our station with a County unit. Money raised by SVRS under this sub-lease would help purchase a new ambulance. If Horry County Council accepts this arrangement, Surfside Beach will be assured of prompt emergency medical attention even when our roads are congested during the summer months.

Once again, thank you for your kind, generous support.

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Town Employees Honored by VFW

**Todd Cook**
Fire Fighter of the Year

**Arron Miller**
Police Detective of the Year

**Freddy Curry**
Police Officer of the Year

VFW Post 10420 honored three Town employees during a ceremony on May 1 at the VFW Post on US Highway 17 Bypass in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. Todd Cook was named Fire Fighter of the Year; Arron Miller was named Police Detective of the Year; and Freddy Curry was recognized as Police Officer of the Year.

Because the recognitions are sponsored by veterans who have steadfastly defended our great nation with honor, dignity, and bravery, the awards instill a profound sense of pride in the recipients and the Town.

Thank you VFW Post 10420 for recognizing and honoring these individuals.

*Congratulations Todd, Arron, and Freddy.*
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Sun Fun Super Sunday

U.S. Air Force Rock Band “Blue Aces”
50th Annual Sun Fun Festival
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Public Works 913-6360
Recreation Complex, Glenns Bay Road 650-1431
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 of 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.