Foremost in all our minds and on our hearts are the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon. We all send condolences and offer deepest sympathy to those who lost loved ones or suffered injuries during these attacks. Our prayers continue for the families involved, including rescue and safety workers.

I feel somewhat guilty discussing the wonderful summer the town enjoyed. I would be remiss though if I missed an opportunity to show that America, including the Town of Surfside Beach, will continue business as usual in spite of these attacks. I firmly believe we cannot allow those who would see us cower the slightest chance to claim victory. We are AMERICANS! We stand proud and will not be defeated!

Town residents and visitors especially enjoyed the first annual Music in the Park, held August 25th at Martin Park. The Legacy, a local duo, provided music ranging from traditional beach music to a little rock 'n roll! How long has it been since you danced in the grass? Go ahead and mark your calendars for the third week in August 2002 to attend the 2nd Annual Music in the Park!

October was a glorious day in town when residents and visitors enjoyed the 17th Annual Fall Family Festival. Mini-shows were performed by two area theatre production companies. This year's festival included numerous food and craft vendors; games for children and adults; and lots of spontaneous visiting between friends and neighbors!

The Stormwater Committee continues to work with Steve Strickland and The Earthworks Group towards solving the town's drainage problems. One notable improvement is the new pipe and weir on Cedar Drive at Dogwood Lake. Council recently added an all-important water quality component to the scope of work to be done. I believe we are all aware that every effort must be made to control water quality as well as quantity.

The annual budget retreat will be October 19 through 21. If you have any suggestions or recommendations that might help the town; please take time to contact any council member. You may reach any council member by calling town hall at 843 913-6111 or by US mail, or by E-mail @ Town@surfsidebeach.org. Council will meet with the town's department heads to discuss goals, plans, capital expenditures, and budgeting needs for the upcoming 2002-03 fiscal year, which begins April 1, 2002. The retreat is held in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at the Santee Cooper Conference Center. All council meetings
A Tribute to my Friend, Frank!
By Brenda Alverson

On my first day at the Public Works Department several years ago, I heard the shop door open and a strange voice sing out, "I'm in the mood for love...la, la, la. Hey sweet-art, my name is Frankie. They call me Pappy, and a lot of other stuff. I'm glad you're here."

From that day on Frank was my friend. Under that short, salty exterior and colorful language, Frank had a big heart and loved his children, his grandchildren, and his extended family in the Town of Surfside Beach.

Frank was a real work-a-holic. He was first to volunteer for extra work duty whatever the need. No one could drive that truck to G&G Mining for coquina the way Frank could. He had to be pushed into taking time off. He racked up more sick time and vacation days than anyone because 'he might need it.' On the hottest or hardest workdays Frank was happy and upbeat. But lunchtime was his time. He seemed to keep to himself, even when he was enjoying his favorites like chicken-bog luncheons, pineapple upside-down cake, and brownies without the sugar on top. Sugar would cause his diabetes to act up. "The sugar in the brownies," Frank explained, "did not count because he couldn't see it."

Anytime the envelope was passed around to cover expenses for a need, Frank gave many times over to cover those who could not give. He tried to look after those "young kids" who came on board at Public Works. Looking after them meant picking on them and joking with them, especially Hans Hansen, Scott Nicholson, and George McCormick. He cared about them and of course, all the others.

Frank was also the "loan company." He loaned money to anyone that needed a few dollars. A folded, little dirty piece of paper in his wallet with names and amounts on it was his ledger. But, everyone paid up on payday or else the bank went out of business.

There was never a question in anyone's mind as to where you stood with Frank. Somehow, you just knew it. If he liked you, he did. If he didn't care for your company, so be it. That was Frank...no pretense.

My last big project with him last year was to find all of the State Quarters that were available at the time and put them in a map for his children's and grandchildren's Christmas presents. He wanted them to have that to remember him by. Little did any of us know what he meant. We shopped Wal-mart, K-mart, and all of the other marts, and every one of them received their Christmas present on time.

Last November 4 was Frank's birthday. He had no big plans that evening except to go home and sit in the chair with the dog to watch television. The next morning he was waiting at my desk with tears in his eyes. He was greeted the night before by his daughter and her family from out west. They shouted, "Surprise! Happy birthday, Daddy," from his front porch! He was so happy.

Not many days went by that Frank didn't bring cookies, crackers, potato chips, cheeze-twists, root-beer or chocolate candy, or whatever he thought I would like or, better still, what he would like. He was a trip, that Frank.

I think I speak for everyone at Public Works when I say that Frank Belcher was our friend. He passed away on August 2, 2001. This place will be a little more empty now that he is gone. But I know when I reach St. Peter at the Gates, I'll hear, "I'm in the mood for love...la, la, la. Hey sweet-art, did you bring me brownies? I want you to meet some of those Surfside guys I told you about. You remember Sparky, and Charlie? They're all here. Come on in."

(Brenda Alverson worked as Public Works clerk/receptionist for two years before moving to Town Hall as receptionist.)

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Town Logo Items for Sale
@ Town Hall

Phone Orders: 843 913-6339

Coffee Mugs—$2.00

Beach Towels
$20.00

T-SHIRTS—$5.00
(s-m-l-xl)

Tote Bags
small—$5.00
large—$10.00
Benefits of a Budget Retreat

A budget retreat is an effective means of kicking off municipal budgeting tasks that is used in cities all over the country for many good reasons.

The retreat format that begins the budgeting process is advocated by the International City/County Management Association, the highest professional organization in local government. The retreat format is effective in bringing our elected and appointed officials together to build relationships, exchange ideas freely, and enhance teamwork among the Council. The meal times, breaks, and free time give Council Members and staff interaction opportunities that can’t be simulated in meetings at home. A free discussion format allows for less formal and tense discussions that produce better public policy directives. Finally, team building happens naturally as Council Members work to build consensus and discuss problems in a “can-do” results-based team atmosphere.

The goals of a budget retreat are to:

1. Get input from the Council on policy directives for the coming fiscal year;

2. Discuss concepts and gain valuable insights on possible plans that will impact operations and tax rates;

3. Receive guidance on matters that need attention for the coming year; and

4. Further budget development.

Typical outcomes of an effective retreat are:

1. An approved budget calendar;

2. A series of policy discussions and decisions on Town and departmental business plans and service levels; and

3. Sufficient information from Town Council to enable the administrator and finance director to assemble a first draft of a budget that meets Council’s desires for the coming fiscal year.

Wampee Conference Center is the location of the October 19, 20, and 21, 2001 retreat. The center is Sanlee Cooper’s retreat site in Moncks Corner, South Carolina. Area media has historically attended the retreat. All meetings are open to the public. You are welcomed to attend part or all of the conference.

Many people have the opinion that everything is settled for the coming year at these retreats, which is not the case. The retreat is the first stage in which Council provides input to steer staff toward the Council’s goals for service provisions. As was demonstrated last year, many issues were discussed and debated from January through March as we presented version after version of the budget in efforts to insure Council was satisfied with the policies, services to be provided, and financial implications of the budget. If you plan to attend any Council meetings this year to see what we are doing with your tax dollars, please mark your calendars to watch for follow-up budget workshops during that time period.

Budget retreats are an effective tool used by local governments to improve both strategic policy setting and team building with Town Councils. Retreats allow us to accomplish our mission to provide quality and responsive service to our community.

Please thank your Council Members who readily volunteer to tackle the issues of our Town and who will be sacrificing three days of their weekend in October to better serve you (they are not paid by the hour).

I look forward to seeing many of you in the budget workshops this winter.
Building Department

Jackie Donevant
Building Official
913-6365

"WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!"

Business owners, citizens, and local government need one another, but do not always appreciate one another. That's why this newsletter exists. This section will help you understand when business licenses and permits are required, and when you may need more information. The Building and Zoning Department is available to assist you with permits, information, or consultation. Our number is 913-6365.

Business License Requirements
Any type of business operating within the Town limits, including a business based in your home, is required to have a business license. For license rates and requirements, contact the Finance Department at 913-6111. Contracting trades, i.e., builders, plumbers, electricians, etc., should contact the Building and Zoning Department at 913-6365.

New Construction, Additions, Renovations, and Repairs
A permit is required before construction begins on a new building, and before additions are made to an existing building. Demolition is performed, electrical, plumbing, heating, or air conditioning work is performed. The only time a permit is not required is for ordinary minor repairs to your personal property. Please call 913-6365 if you have a question regarding proper permitting.

Flood Plain Management & High Wind Building Requirements
Whether you build or alter, Flood Plain Management Regulations & Hurricane/High Wind Construction requirements will have an impact on your structure. Obtaining certain types of insurance is dependent upon meeting these requirements. The Town does have flood hazard areas and participates in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Zoning Restrictions, Parking, Compatible Land Uses & More
Make sure the type of business or the size of home you want to build is allowed in the area of Town where you want to place it. Businesses or residences in different zoning districts face different setbacks, parking requirements, density limits, height limits, landscaping requirements, etc.

Storage Buildings, Swimming Pools, Fences, etc.
All types of accessory uses are regulated by setbacks. Permits and inspections are required for these and any other accessory use.

Sign Requirements
Our sign ordinance regulates the type, number, size, height, location, and area coverage requirements for signs. Permits and inspections are required for signs and other accessory uses.

Public Rights-of-Way
Encroachment of landscaping, fences, signs, or other hard structures onto the public right-of-way is prohibited.

The Building and Zoning Department encourages residents and property owners to call us at 913-6365 if you have any questions relating to building or zoning issues.

"WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU!"

Dog and Pet Owners

Leashed dogs may be walked on the beach after September 15, 2001 until May 14, 2002. Code states leashes must be seven feet (7') or less.

Please be considerate of 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 §5-4)

Your dog must be registered annually if over 4 months old. Bring evidence of your pet's rabies shots to Town Hall, Mon-Fri between 8am & 5pm. The fee is $5.00. It takes about 5 minutes! Questions, please call 913-6111.

For more information on ordinances regarding pets, please contact Town Hall @ 913-6111.
SANITATION AND RECYCLING SCHEDULES

This article provides valuable information regarding the Town's sanitation services. Town ordinance requires that all citizens participate in and pay for sanitation service. The fee is $9.50 per month, per moby cart. Beginning January 2002, sanitation billing will be integrated with the Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority billing. Weekly pickups include house-hold garbage, recycling, yard waste and bulk items. Call 913-6360 for more information.

The Solid Waste Authority accepts recyclables without a tipping fee charge: trash costs $29/ton. Public Works reports that 586.61 tons of trash were delivered in August 2001 at a cost of $17,011.69. Recyclables delivered were up from 23.48 tons reported in the last newsletter (May 2001) to 34.86 tons in August. Recyclable tonnage was up almost 50 percent!!! Thank you all who participated in recycling. Recycling saved you, the taxpayers, a total of $332.34 during August, which seems like a small amount, but at that rate, savings would be almost $4,000 a year!

COLLECTION DAYS

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE -- Moby Carts

MONDAY: 3rd Ave. S. to 17th Ave. N.
TUESDAY: 4th Ave. S. to Melody Lane
WEDNESDAY: North & South Ocean Blvd., Seaside & Yaupon Drives

May 1 – Sept. 30 (*special service & fee)
*FRIDAY & SUNDAY: Ocean Boulevard, Seaside Dr. & Yaupon Dr. (from 3rd Ave N&S)

On collection day, please have your moby cart curbside by 6:00 a.m. and put away by 11:00 p.m. We suggest placing your cart curbside the evening before your schedule time.

RECYCLING THURSDAY: Entire Town, please have bags curbside by 6:00 a.m. Free blue recycling bags are available at Town Hall between 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please, use blue bags ONLY FOR recyclable items. Acceptable recycling items are:

METAL, GLASS, and PLASTIC may be placed in the same bag. Metal includes aluminum beverage cans (NO foil or pie plates). Steel and metal food cans, empty aerosol cans. Glass containers of any color. Plastic containers for soft drinks, milk, water, and foods, detergent bottles, shampoo, personal care items. Rinse containers as necessary, remove lids. Plastic grocery store bags are NOT recyclable...return to stores.

CARDBOARD, wax-free, and corrugated, i.e., cereal, cracker, cookie, pizza, shoe, and packing boxes. Flatten all boxes. Remove plastic liners, which are NOT recyclable, please place in garbage. If boxes will not fit in blue bags, please bind.

MIXED PAPERS, i.e. newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office papers, phone books, paperback, and other soft cover books may be placed in the same bag. Papers should be clean and dry.

YARD WASTE PICKUPS—WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY: Yard waste, branches, pampas grass, etc. Yard waste of all types must be bagged in trash bags. Limbs not larger than 6" diameter nor weighing more than 50 pounds may be stacked roadside. Waste placed in blue recycle bags WILL NOT be picked up. You may also obtain a permit to burn yard waste, call the Fire Department at 913-6369 for information.

BULK ITEMS PICKUPS—THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: Large bulk items, i.e., discarded furniture, appliances, and mixed debris, etc.

TOXICS: The Town does not pick up toxics, i.e., paint, chemicals, pesticides, oil containers, oil filters, roofing shingles, batteries, and tires. Please call the Solid Waste Authority at (843) 347-1651 for instructions on disposing of toxics.
Around the Fire House

Open Burning

This is the time of year when we like to rake and clean yards. Permits are required before burning any leaves, etc. Call the Fire Department at 913-6369 to find out how to obtain a permit. 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.

Lightning Safety

Lightning is the number two storm killer in the US, second only to floods. But only 10 percent of those struck by lightning are actually killed. Of the 90 percent who survive, many suffer lifelong severe injury and disability, primarily neurological. Lightning safety involves several easy steps that anyone can do.

NO PLACE OUTSIDE IS SAFE NEAR THUNDERSTORMS!

STEP 1: If you plan to be outside, be aware of the weather and plan around it to avoid a lightning hazard.

STEP 2: If you are going to be outside when a storm is forecasted, stay near proper shelter and use the 30-30 Rule. The 30-30 Rule is to count the seconds from the time you see lightning until you hear thunder. If it's 30 seconds or less, you should seek proper shelter. If you hear thunder but don't see lightning, then you should ALREADY be in proper shelter. Wait 30 minutes after hearing the last thunder before leaving the shelter. Proper Shelter is a substantially constructed building, e.g. typical house, school, or other public building. The structure must have walls with plumbing and wiring in them. Once inside, stay away from electrical appliances, lighting, etc. Stay off of corded phones. Stay away from plumbing. Stay away from doors and windows. Inner rooms are generally the best.

STEP 3: Don't hesitate to seek shelter. There are many lightning casualty stories where people wish they had started to shelter just a minute earlier.

STEP 4: If you can't get to proper shelter, at least avoid the most dangerous locations and activities. Avoid higher elevations; avoid wide open areas such as sports fields and beaches; avoid tall, isolated objects such as trees and poles; avoid water-related activities including indoor pools; avoid golfing; avoid open vehicles such as tractors, riding lawn-mowers, and golf carts (even with roofs); and avoid open buildings such as picnic shelters.

STEP 5: Do not go under trees to keep dry during thunderstorms!

STEP 6: Lightning first aid:

(1) Call 911.

(2) Know how to perform CPR and be prepared to do it.

(3) If you're still in an active thunderstorm, consider moving the victim and yourself to a safer location.

A vehicle with a solid metal roof and sides is a reasonable second choice for shelter. Close the windows, lean away from the doors, put your hands in your lap, and don't touch the steering wheel, shifter, or radio. Convertibles and vehicles with plastic or fiberglass shells are NOT good lightning shelters.

Finally, lightning victims are NOT electrified. It's perfectly safe to touch them to give them first aid.

Firefighters Needed

The Fire Department always 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 or call 913-6369.
Police Department Bulletin

With anticipation of each morning’s dawn, we mark the passage of another day. Time passes by ever so quickly. We realize without any special acknowledgement that our lives have changed ever so slightly from the previous day. Then all at once, without any preparation, we cannot understand why “what was” is not now “what is.” Change, like the seasons of the year, is inevitable and cannot be delayed! We casually refer to this process of change as life.

Such is also true for the life of a police department. As change impacts residents, neighborhoods, and the town proper, the police department is continually compelled to alter its style and manner of service delivery to meet the “needs” of the new day.

Many years ago in a Surfside Beach that only existed in the past, the passage of summer marked the town’s entry into a state equivalent to hibernation. Everything stopped. A person could easily rest in a lounge chair on Ocean Boulevard at the height of the day and wait an hour for a vehicle to pass!

The tremendous growth and success of the Grand Strand has directly impacted Surfside Beach. The daily demands upon government services do not experience a hiatus. What was previously referred to as a “peak” in the season, now continues throughout the year.

To successfully respond to the ever-changing needs within the community, the police department is compelled to constantly train staff to handle new types of social problems, family abuse, narcotic addictions, and general criminally oriented events.

Tactics, procedures, and programs must be continually designed or altered to meet not only the challenges of today... but of tomorrow as well... and tomorrow comes all too quickly.

“New times” require dispatchers to attend specialized instruction courses. The training addresses a wide variety of tasks previously never or seldom experienced, which are now commonplace.

The dispatch operators experience simulated true-to-life exercises. The classes are designed to teach them proper responses to emergency or high-risk situations. Operators learn how to approach young child concerning his or her address, and the appropriate procedure when hearing statements like “daddy is hurting mommy.” As the population changes and Surfside Beach’s tourists increase, increased social and family problems are a common companion. Dispatchers must keep a victim on the telephone; diffuse their stress and fears; and stabilize personal emotions until officers arrive on the scene.

The town’s police officers continually attend specialized courses learning how to effectively and efficiently respond to the new needs of Surfside Beach.

Police Officer Shannon Castle just completed an intensive 5-day course on meeting the frustrating challenges of domestic abuse prosecution. Believe it or not, obtaining the cooperation of the female victim and her assistance is a very, very difficult task. In many instances, we are not successful! Life continues, but at what quality?

Police Officer Thomas Jordan attended a 5-day course on conducting narcotic investigations. New words surfacing within the community are “eight balls,” and the even more emotion evoking, “ecstasy.” Now this is really scary.

Cpl. James Jordon is very busy preparing himself to train the staff in simulated “live-fire” training. Officers have sustained some very serious injuries from being assaulted. Well, we all need to know alternative ways of “rendering safe” an aggressive, tenacious, and vicious suspect.

Well... you know we’re trying. Sometimes we find it difficult to attend a needed class when you’re “up to your neck in alligators!”

The day and age of an officer being equipped with just a gun and a night stick has long since passed. It is now the age of the professional, possessing technical competencies in a multitude of law enforcement, social, and scientific disciplines!

Welcome to the 21st century.

As always, stay safe and wave to us...
It's hard to believe but the summer is over and the holidays are just around the corner. Listed below are several events for the season. I look forward to seeing you at each one of them. Have a great holiday season!!

**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Huntings By the Sea**
  - Saturday, October 27, 6:00—8:00 p.m. on the beach @ 3rd Avenue North

- **Halloween Carnival**
  - Tuesday, October 30, 6:00—8:00 p.m., DM Johnson Civic Center

- **Christmas Tree Lighting**
  - Thursday, November 30—7:00 p.m., Town Hall

- **Christmas Parade**
  - Saturday, December 8, 2:00 p.m., Ocean Boulevard

- **Breakfast with Santa**
  - Saturday, December 15, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., DM Johnson Civic Center

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**Exercise Classes**

- Aerobics: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.
- Seniorise: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
- Fit Ball: Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Yogacise: Saturday, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Pilates: Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Jazzercise: Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

- Monday, December 10, 4:00—6:00 p.m.

Call 913-6339 for more information.

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**Trick or Treating will be observed Town-wide on Wednesday, October 31 Between the hours of 5 to 8 pm**

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Administrator Kovacs presents 5-year anniversary plaques to Lynn Cox and Patricia Essing, both of whom are employed in the Finance Department. Lynn Cox’s hire date was June 19, 1996 and Pat Essing’s hire date was July 16, 1996. The town recognizes and appreciates its long term employees who make up your team of “dedicated people providing quality and responsive service to our community.”

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**5-year Anniversary Lynn Cox**

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**5-year Anniversary Pat Essing**
Recreation Department
Billy Hendrix, Director  650-4131

The recreation department offers many youth baseball and softball programs during the spring. Approximately 425 boys and girls enjoy baseball each spring.

Dixie baseball is for boys, ages 9 through 14. The minor league all-stars won the sub-district in North Myrtle Beach and advanced to district tournament in Conway. The Ponytails (ages 9-12) softball all-star team won the district tournament and advanced to the state tournament in Sumter. Dixie softball is designed for girls, ages 8 through 15. Eight Ball is for all youngsters of that age group and helps to prepare them for the next level of play. T-ball is separated into two groups: children 4–5 and 6–7.

Football games began October 1 and will be played Monday through Thursday at Huckabee Complex. Eight football teams will take the field with each team receiving support from a cheerleading squad.

Two games are held nightly at 6:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Admission is FREE; come out and enjoy some "live" entertainment and support these hard-working young people.

Junior basketball is offered during the winter months for boys 11–16 years old. Games are played at the St. James Middle School gymnasium; approximately 80 boys participated during last season. Basketball registration will be held November 5–16, 2001 at Huckabee Complex weekdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. For more information call 650-4131. Games will be played on Saturdays in January and February.

The parks and grounds division upgraded the All Children's Park by planting ivy on the fence and installing a new handicap swing. Wood chips added for ground cover enhance the park's beauty and helps control dust and dirt. The parks and grounds crew also maintains the town's other parks and public grounds.

The 2nd Annual Surfside Beach Guy Daniels Memorial Surf-off was held Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, 2001, at 13th Avenue South in Surfside Beach. This event was made possible by contributions and support of businesses and individuals. Monies raised enabled the committee to award three scholarships to area students and also supports a medical fund for children in our local schools.

There were 120 competitors in this year's tournament, who surfed in 47 events. Surfers ranged from 5- to 55-years old and traveled from as far south as Beaufort, South Carolina; as far inland as Lancaster, South Carolina, and as far north as Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Approximately 400 spectators attended the contest.

T-shirts were sold and continuous raffles were held throughout the 2-day event. An awards cookout and trophy presentation finalizes the contest on Sunday, which included competitors and their families.

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Employee of the Quarter
2nd Quarter 2001

Lois Duffy
Building & Zoning Department

Lois is the clerical assistant for the Building and Zoning Department. Her position requires performance of clerical work of considerable variety and complexity. Her tasks involve knowledge of activities, practices, and procedures of the department. She is also responsible for performing certain office management functions that require independent judgment, and exercising discretion while under general supervision.

Lois is the first contact and liaison for residents, property owners, and contractors planning to build or make improvements to property within the town limits. The information she provides directly affects the permit application process to insure smooth and proper function of the office in the processing of permit applications, establishment of property and contractor files, and issuing approved permits. She greets and interviews visitors, independently answering questions relating to department operations, provides assistance where necessary, and gives out information about department services.

Lois is a very dependable employee and has served the department very efficiently since being hired on April 20, 1998. She is very deserving of this award as employee of the quarter.

Congratulations, Lois!
Thanks to all the jurors who participated during our August 20th through the 24th jury trial term. Out of 300 jurors summoned, 73 served during this term of court. There were 38 jury trials scheduled during this term; a total of 56 citations/warrants were disposed of as follows: 14 were continued; 14 were dismissed; 12 forfeited bond; 10 were plea bargained; 11 pled guilty; 1 pled Nolo Contendere (No Contest); 1 was found guilty at jury trials; 1 was found not guilty at jury trials; and 1 received a conditional discharge. Our next session of jury trials is scheduled for the week of November 5th through the 9th. For those jurors who will serve, please remember not to park in the People’s Federal Savings and Loan parking lot.

Concerned Citizens Commended for Rescue

A hero is most often the average man or woman who ceaselessly toils day after day, without want of either recognition or notoriety. They are always "there," usually unnoticed, but always taking care of business. To those men and women, the mere thought of special recognition is unconscionable. To these people, recognition and fame is meaningless. Getting through the day, and moving onto tomorrow is their purpose. At the end of a day’s work they simply look into a mirror and say, "Thank God, I’ve done the best I can with what I have. I wonder what fate has in store for me tomorrow."

On Monday, August 20, a freak accident at the Holiday Inn caused 5-year-old Jacob Simon Norin to lose his right index finger. The ocean wind caused a vacuum at the hallway entry door, slamming it shut and amputating his finger. Christopher King and Richard Sapp, Holiday Inn staff members, immediately recovered the fallen severed limb and placed it on ice to preserve the tissue for possible reattachment.

King and Sapp grimaced at the unusual site. They reacted quickly to assist a young emotionally and physically traumatized child. They simultaneously exhibited appropriate concern for young Jacob’s well-being without panic or posturing.

Chris King and Ricky Sapp are two people who live and work in a little corner of the world that is simply known as Surfside Beach! On behalf of the officers and staff, the Surfside Beach Police Department extends to Mr. King and Mr. Sapp a “job well done.”

Michael Gregg, Police Chief
Public Works

Bobby Radford, Director
913-6360

Your Public Works department is comprised of three divisions that are responsible for developing, maintaining, and improving the town's streets, and sanitation service, and maintaining town-owned vehicles.

Street Department

During the past quarter street department personnel kept the beach cleared of litter, debris, and abandoned beach chairs. The drag-rake cleaned up marsh grass washed ashore and "dressed up" the beach above the surf line. Beach swashes were regularly dug to keep the water flowing.

A new headwall of 18 inch reinforced concrete pipe was built at the 3rd Avenue South and Yaupon Drive swash. The eroded embankment was filled in with crushed rock and dirt. The larger ditches on the town's drainage easements were sprayed for weeds and vegetation cleared. Thank you to the crew who suffered numerous yellow jacket stings while cleaning the ditches!

The street litter crew picked up litter along Highway 17, Ocean Boulevard, and all the municipal parking lots every week. Five additional parking spaces were created at the 4th Avenue South parking lot. Parking meters will be removed for the winter season beginning October 15. Town Code requires parking fees from April 15 to October 15. Resident parking decals will be available for the 2002 summer season beginning March 15, 2002.

The landscape crew kept the grass mowed on Highway 17, Surfside Drive, and Ocean Boulevard. The crew cleaned the curb area in the central business district and trimmed the bushes along the Frontage Road, Highway 17, and along rights-of-way and town streets. Potholes, washouts, broken roadway edges, and street signs were repaired or replaced as required.

During heavy rains, mulch, leaves, and pine straw float to drainage inlets causing clogs. Tall grasses and weeds also cause water to back up and trap floating mulch, leaves, and debris.

This debris creates small dams which slows down water runoff. With arrival of the fall season, falling leaves may be a potential problem. Thanks to all of you who keep your drainage ways clear.

To clear your drainage ways (pipes and/or drains), please keep all leaves, pine straw, mulch, etc., away from storm drain inlets and out of ditches and swales. Also, regularly mow the grass and cut weed growth in ditches. Check the pipes under your driveways and clear them of debris or build-up soil. These small efforts will pay off in a big way towards keeping water flowing during rain storms.

Sanitation

September brought about a welcomed slowdown from the busy summer schedule for the sanitation department. Throughout the summer the sanitation crew worked 7-days a week to provide quality service to town businesses, residents, and visitors. The three times a week roll-out moby service continued through September; however, the Saturday dumpster pickups for commercial businesses and Sunday beach can pickups ended Labor Day. Special thanks to the crew who worked rain or shine with scarcely a sick day all summer. A big thank you is also extended to public works mechanic, Dan, who kept the trucks rolling! These great guys ably accomplished all the "extras" required during the summer months.

A very special thank you to Boy Scout Troop 890 who canvassed the community distributing recycling information and sample recycle blue bags. Surfside Beach has a very aggressive recycling program and we are thankful for their efforts, which helped us make every household in town aware of the need to recycle. The Solid Waste Authority accepts recyclables with no tipping fee, versus a $29/ton fee for garbage. (See page 5) Recycling not only helps preserve our resources, it saves you money.

Maintenance

All town departments depend on the maintenance department to keep the town's vehicles in good running condition. The crew provides regular lube, oil, and filter changes, brake inspections, and tire rotations for all town-owned vehicles. During the summer, 28 scheduled maintenance checks were completed along with minor repairs to approximately 80 vehicles and various pieces of equipment. Priority service is given to safety vehicles; but every repair is completed as efficiently as possible, usually the same day. Maintenance also repairs and calibrates the parking meters during meter season (April 15 to October 15.)

In Memoriam

The street department suffered the loss of one of its crew members this summer when Frank Belcher, an employee for the past 23 years, died suddenly of a heart attack in early August. In his honor, public works employees represented the Town of Surfside Beach in the American Heart Walk on September 29th.
Community Service Campaign Performed by Boy Scout Troop 890

When there’s a tough job to be done in Surfside Beach, town officials call in the troops—Boy Scout Troop 890 of the Pee Dee Area Council, that is.

Troop members and their committee chairman, Gordon Weaver, walked door-to-door throughout Surfside Beach, visiting every home and business in the town, during the month of July 2001 delivering complementary litter bags filled with sanitation schedules, recycling guidelines, a starter supply of blue recycling bags, and a recreation events calendar.

Surfside Beach has been promoting recycling over the past several months and continues to encourage residents and businesses to participate in recycling. When asked by the Scouts for permission to work in Surfside Beach on an environmentally-oriented service project, town officials jumped at the chance to enlist the boys’ help. Troop members were working towards citizenship badges and formulated the project to benefit the town. Their goal was to make every resident and business owner aware of the services available and the need for recycling. Their efforts were successful; recycling is up from 23.4 percent reported in May 2001 to 34.86 percent in August 2001. That’s an increase of 48.97 percent!

The Salvation Army In Horry County

The Salvation Army in Horry County, South Carolina, has played an important role in improving the lives of people in this community for more than 50 years. During the Army’s 50th anniversary year (1999) more than 35,000 individual lives were improved by programs of The Salvation Army in Horry County; this number does not include the many thousands served during disasters.

During its 50-year history The Salvation Army in Horry County has constantly broadened the base of its services and crucial social services needs as well as focusing on character building activities for youth and adults. Alcohol and drug rehabilitation services for the family have been important focal points in its social service programs while a variety of activities for youth and adults have been the focus of its Corps Community Center.

The Salvation Army has the enviable reputation of putting the largest percentage of its income into its services for people. Approximately 10 percent of revenue is applied to administrative costs; the remaining 90 percent goes toward services delivered through its wide range social services programs, shelters that care for men, women, and children; sponsoring boys and girls clubs, and the Corps Community Center.

The Salvation Army enjoys a broad base of revenue support. About 40 percent comes from general public support; 45 percent from thrift stores and approximately 12 percent from United Way and the remaining percent comes from membership fees.

The commanding officers and staff are always seeking new ways to increase income through the Advisory Board and a variety of specialized fund raising efforts. If you are interested in helping raise revenue, please contact Captain John Leidy, commanding officer of The Salvation Army in Horry County, South Carolina, at Post Office Box 629, Conway, SC 29528-0629 or by telephone @ (843) 381-6400.
SURFSIDE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. 
NEEDED! Volunteers with NO Medical Training!!!

After the horrific events of September 11, it is clear how important and dedicated emergency service personnel are. I am not implying that Surfside Beach will ever confront the carnage seen in New York, but I know that the police, medics, and rescue workers in our area would have behaved exactly the same way as those heroes who rushed into the World Trade Centers and perished when the buildings collapsed.

Understanding this, I ask anyone who could spare a few hours a week or who has any experience operating a small business to contact me. You do not need to plunge into a damaged building or respond to an emergency in the early morning hours to be important. Our volunteers are willing to undergo the training and face the risks. What we need are dependable people with clerical training, business experience, and people skills to help organize paperwork, balance the books and respond to phone and mail inquiries. I await your call.

Since the world witnessed tremendous hatred on September 11, a tide of compassion and charity originating from all points of the globe has flooded New York's shores. On Friday, September 21, members of the Surfside Volunteer Rescue Squad (SVRS) dodged traffic to collect money from vehicles stopped at the traffic signal light at the intersection of Glenns Bay Road and Highway 17 Business. The generosity of people was humbling. People circled the block to give if they missed donating at the light. Many gave more than once. At times, Business 17 resembled a toll booth as cars after car emptied change cups and dropped ones, fives, tens, and twenties into our buckets. By the end of the day, we had raised close to $7,400!!! ALL of that money will be combined with funds raised by other area rescue squads and sent to New York as part of the Heroes Fund.

As for the money donated during our spring mailing, I am thrilled to report that SVRS has purchased an used ambulance for under $10,000. This ambulance should provide reliable emergency service to the area for the next five to ten years, allowing us time to raise additional funds to purchase a brand new ambulance. At this time, SVRS is offering family portraits with all proceeds earmarked for the new ambulance fund. The photos would make excellent gifts for Christmas and Chanukah.

I understand that I have asked a lot from our community, but the tangible results of your generosity are impressive; nearly $7,400 sent to NYC and a new ambulance serving the community for the next ten years. I promise that any additional funds will be utilized in an equally effective manner.

God bless you all for your generous support.

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SOUTH CAROLINA FOSSIL & SHELL FAIR

What: “South Carolina Fossil & Shell Fair” presented by the South Carolina Fossil Association. A great opportunity to speak with collectors and learn about this educational hobby.

When: Saturday, October 27, 2001, 9 AM until 5 PM

Where: Ocean Lakes Family Campground's Recreation Building, Myrtle Beach, SC (only 160 feet from the Atlantic Ocean.)

FREE ADMISSION, FREE FOSSIL IDENTIFICATION, and FREE FOSSIL HUNT!

Who will be there:
- Experts will be on hand from the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of National History for free identification of your fossils!
- Museum Specialists from the Department of Paleobiology include Robert W. Purdy, Museum Specialist, Fossil Fish; David J. Bohaska, Museum Specialist, Fossil Whales; and Frederick V. Grady, Museum Specialist, Pleistocene Mammals.

- Many fossil collections will be on display by members of the Myrtle Beach Fossil Club, the Grand Strand Shell Club and more. The fossil displays will include shark teeth, whalebones, sand dollars, horse teeth and other fossils from this area. Collections will also include fossils from the South Carolina Lowcountry area, North Carolina, and Florida. Shell collections will also be on display.
- Visitors will have the opportunity to hunt for sharks teeth in material from the PCS Phosphate Mine! Plus "Mining Treasures Mobile Gem" will feature gems from a Brazilian mine.
- The Ocean Lakes Marine Life Nature Center will be open for everyone to tour!

To Display: Collectors interested in displaying please contact Aura Baker @ 843 347-7592 or via email @ aura221b@hotmail.com.

More Info: Visit www.oceanlakes.com for event details as the event draws near!
"Hi my name is Zach Tucker."

Master Tucker continues (printed verbatim):

"I am 7 years old. I came to your beach this summer and got lost. I was in the water and when I looked up I couldn't find my mom and Dad. I was scared so I walked down the beach (2-2 1/2 miles). Then I ran into a nice lifeguard at Surfside beach. She said her name was Katie and she said she was from England. I thought, boy, I've walked to England! After a while, she was able to find my parents by talking on the walky talkys with the other lifeguards. Thanks to everyone who helped me and got me back to my family. I will never forget my vacation. I had quite a story to write about the first day of school. Thanks again!"

(Signed) Zach Tucker

NOTE: Zach Tucker and his family were staying in Ocean Lakes Campground when he was lost on the beach. This letter was sent to Bill Bingham, Beach Services, Ltd., the town's beach services franchisee, who shared it with us. This year the town's lifeguards, police officers, and recreation staff were successful in reuniting about 75 children with their families. (An average of five (5) children each week during the 15-week season.) Thank you all who contribute to these searches.

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FREE
town HC Hall
Monday-Friday
between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Wanted:

Used Prescription Eyeglasses

On July 21, the donated/collected eyeglasses were separated, counted, packaged, and shipped to the Lions Club collection office in Columbia. There were 742 complete glasses and almost 300 assorted items including either frames or lenses. These glasses will be sent all over the world to help the needy in third world countries.

The Lions Club has an used prescription eyeglass collection box at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. Please continue to contribute your old prescription glasses for distribution to needy individuals by the Lions Club.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays monthly at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, Pine Drive, Surfside Beach.

The Lions Club also helps area residents with prescription glasses. You may call Lion Katherine Switzer at 651-3925 or Lion Jim Kinard at 650-5176 if you know of someone in need of prescription glasses or want additional information about the Lions Club.
Annual Alpo Canine Disc Championship
Pets and spectators enjoy the competition!

Bryan Gornta and his dogs, Jamal and Kakua, of Surfside Beach took 1st and 3rd place, respectively, in the competition.

...save the last dance for me...
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Town Hall Meeting Schedule
➢ Town Council, 2nd and 4th Tuesday monthly @ 5:30 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.

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