Municipal Message

A complimentary newsletter for residents, neighbors, and friends of Surfside Beach

Mayor's Message

I certainly hope all of you had a safe, happy holiday and I wish you a joyous new year!

Your town council and staff are working hard to prepare the budget for the coming fiscal year that begins April 1, 2002 and the 2002 spring and summer seasons. This year you'll be able to enjoy a picnic area next to the library on Surfside Drive and new playground equipment at All Children's Park on 10th Avenue South. The town's budgeting process is on-going and we're making every effort to keep costs down.

According to The Earthworks Group, estimated costs and timelines for the town's various watersheds are: Melody Lane, 2nd Quarter 2002, $900,000; Floral Lake, 3rd Quarter 2002, $1.2 million; Myrtle Lake, 1st Quarter 2003, $1.2 million; and Magnolia Lake, 2nd Quarter 2003, $800,000. These amounts do not include dredging lakes, retrofitting pipes, and other maintenance needs around town. If you live in an area where water accumulates, town staff would be glad to discuss ways in which you could help get the water moving. Call public works at 913-6360 for details.

Municipal Elections will be held on April 2, 2002. Three council seats are up for election. Council Member Thomas M. Higgins has decided to retire. Best wishes to "Mr. Tom" as he enjoys traveling and visiting with his family. Council Member James S. "Sammy" Truett was elected in August 2000 to fill the un-expired term created when I was elected your mayor. Council Member

Phil Jones vacated his seat last October because he moved outside the town limits.

Council candidacy books will open for filing on January 17, 2002 and remain open through the close of business on February 1, 2002, between 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The filing fee for council is $25.00. Please call the town clerk at 913-6111 for more information.

Between 45-65 town residents regularly attend council meetings. That's about one percent of the town's population. Let me encourage you to attend. It's a great way to find out first-hand what your council and town staff are doing. Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month (except the fourth Tuesday in December) at 6:30 p.m. A meeting schedule is on page 7. Time is always scheduled for the public to address council.

You may contact any council member or me by calling town hall (843 913-6111), by US mail, 115 Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575, or by email, Town@surfsidebeach.org. Let me know what's on your mind.
PUBLIC NOTICE
GENERAL ELECTION

The Municipal Election Commission of the Town of Surfside Beach announces the general election for the Town of Surfside Beach to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2002. The polls shall open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on election day. This is a nonpartisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

The following offices shall be included in this election: three (3) council seats, 4-year term beginning May 14, 2002 and ending May 9, 2006.

Candidates must be registered voters and residents of the Town of Surfside Beach. Citizens desiring to be candidates for one of the above listed seats may file at Town Hall, 115 Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC. Books will be open for filing on January 17, 2002 and remain open through the close of business on February 1, 2002, between 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The filing fee for council is $25.00.

Polling Locations: Precinct #1: Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, on Pine Drive directly behind Town Hall, Surfside Beach; and Precinct #2: Calhoun Hall, Surfside United Methodist Church, US Highway 17 Business and 13th Avenue North, Surfside Beach.

Qualifications for Voting: Citizens desiring to vote in the upcoming election must be duly registered on the Horry County Books of Registration as an elector at the precinct in which he or she offers to vote by March 1, 2002 (30 days prior to the election) and present his or her Voter Registration Certificate or Drivers License at the polling place. You may contact the County Board of Voter Registration (626-1382) to register.

Challenged Ballot & Certification Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., at Surfside Beach Town Hall.

Any run-off will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, April 16, 2002.

Employee of the 3rd Quarter 2001

Lynn Sosinski
Public Works Clerk/Receptionist

Director Bobby Radford said when reviewing the criteria for employee of the quarter, Lynn met number one, “Attendance—100% excluding vacation. Sick leave should be at a minimum,” without question...Lynn is always on the job, even working when she wasn’t feeling well!

Lynn has continued to determine and define the relatively new position of clerk/receptionist in public works. Since joining the department March 8, 2001, she has taken on additional responsibilities, expanding the position to more fully utilize her particular skills. The clerk/receptionist is responsible for gathering information on problems and complaints, record keeping, inventory, and supply management. Lynn tries to relay concern and respect to residents and property owners who call with a complaint or request. She is determined to resolve every problem and fill every request in a way that will benefit the town and the resident. That concerned attitude and respect are also conveyed to her co-workers.

Lynn is goal oriented and continues to accomplish realistic, timely goals. Constantly striving to improve, she simplifies and reorients her job operation to make it efficient and thorough. Lynn is a positive influence at public works and for the town. She readily volunteers for extra duty, participates in many charity events, and is always happy to help those who are in need.

Congratulations, Lynn!

A Special Thank You

A special “thank you” is extended to Paul Phillips, manager at Lowe’s Surfside for helping with appliances for the Surfside Rescue Squad building.

Mayor Hyman presents Mr. Joe Peka, owner of a 1962 Rolls Royce, with award for best vehicle in the 2001 Surfside Beach Christmas Parade
Administrator's Advisory

Michael Kovacs 913-6111

Surfside Beach Cost Comparison to South Strand

Government services provided by the Town of Surfside Beach are extensive and low in cost compared to limited services offered by private homeowner associations to many of our neighbors in the greater Surfside Beach and south strand area.

Many private neighborhoods encompass the south strand area and provide a variety of services that are typically provided by incorporated cities such as newsletters, security patrols (gates in some areas), street lights, pools and parks, landscaping/rights-of-way maintenance, and pothole patching/street resurfacing. Many get good group rates on cable and trash services too, which occasionally are included in dues. The following actual costs do not include stormwater fees, fire district taxes, or solid waste taxes that only apply outside the town's corporate limits:

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This tax amount, $271.22, is for an actual home on the north side of town with an assessor's appraised value of $154,100 (market value higher). School and county taxes charged were $769.88 and $313.75, respectively, which are not town-related taxes.

For only $22.60 per month in taxes* plus $9.50 per month in Sanitation fees, (that is $32.10 per month total) town residents enjoy the following city government services:

Public Safety

Fire: fire & first responder medical – assisted volunteer department, 6 career firefighters, 30 volunteers, 1 ladder truck, 3 pumper trucks, 2 minute or less response time

Police: full service department, 20 personnel, minimum 1 officer per square mile on proactive patrol at all times and 2-4 officers on special problem oriented policing actions or tasks, successful investigative emphasis with 2 detectives, 1 minute or less response time with capabilities for 1 officer to arrive on scene for every minute after initial response

Court: town code, traffic, and misdemeanor local criminal trials, and a Victims Advocate to assist our crime victims

Emergency Management: hurricane and other disaster response planning, mitigation actions, coordination at local level with federal, state, county officials

Code Enforcement: zoning controls, building inspections

Public Works

Sanitation: trash collection, recycling, yard waste, odds & ends disposal at curbside

Stormwater: comprehensive engineering & planning for system upgrade in progress, ditches/swales maintenance, flood fighting capabilities/action during heavy rains

Streets: pothole repair, signs and rights-of-way/median maintenance and mowing with landscaping, street resurfacing

Parks & Recreation

Athletic programs (baseball, softball, basketball, football, cheerleading), festivals and special events, civic center and programs, parks, including two children's parks, the beach, and 9 freshwater lakes

General Government

Planning, business & economic development, intergovernmental affairs, tourism promotion, franchising, business licensing, public information (newsletter, website, etc.) and parking management

Homeowner associations cannot provide the level of services that local government can. When we consider all we as residents get for the price we pay in comparison to our neighbors in other communities in the south strand, it's easy to see that living in Surfside Beach is the best deal going. And, we enjoy 2-miles of beautiful beach on the ocean too!
Employee of the Year 2001

VALERIE RILEY
Municipal Court
Victim's Advocate and Assistant Clerk of Court

Associate Judge Tricia Wells said, "Valerie Riley meets all the criteria needed for this award."

Valerie's attendance and punctuality are excellent. Other than scheduled time off, she can always be counted on to be at work and on time. Her work attire is professional and she is always neatly groomed. Valerie keeps her work area well-organized and business-like, and meets all safety inspections.

Valerie has a good understanding of her two positions; Victim's Advocate and Assistant Clerk of Court. She is very competent in her job knowledge and responsibilities. The various schools she attends throughout the year, and her interest in continuing education at college evidence her interest in her job and initiative to better herself.

Valerie always displays a good attitude and has a pleasant disposition. Judge Wells said, "I can always depend on Valerie and she does not need to be reminded as to what tasks to prioritize." Valerie's interdepartmental cooperation, along with her effectiveness and efficiency in how she handles work and people are beyond reproach. She is a devoted and conscientious employee.

Valerie plays an intricate role in assisting all people in and around the community. As a Victim's Advocate, many people contact her who are not qualified victims in the court system, or who reside outside the town's jurisdiction. She readily guides them to the appropriate agencies to obtain the help they need. Valerie is consistently looking for new approaches to perform her job more efficiently. She researches various law books to stay abreast of current victims' rights and revises pamphlets and forms accordingly.

Valerie Riley is an asset to the Municipal Court and the citizens of the Town of Surfside Beach.

Congratulations, Valerie Riley, Employee of the Year 2001!

Surfside Beach Web page: www.surfsidebeach.org
Surfside Beach E-mail: Town@surfsidebeach.org

RECYCLE BAGS

Blue recycle bags are available free at Town Hall, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recycle bags will be delivered to your home upon request.

For delivery of a supply of recycle bags, please call

Town Hall @ 913-6111
Or e-mail your request to:
Town@surfsidebeach.org

Recycling is picked up Townwide on Thursday each week. Please have bags curbside by 6:00 o'clock a.m.

Surfside Beach
Tour Guide & Map

The town recently published a "Surfside Beach South Carolina Tour Guide & Map," which briefly describes the town as...Located on the Atlantic Ocean just south of Myrtle Beach, we offer miles of pristine, un-crowded beaches and small, friendly hotels, motels, and vacation rentals. Here you'll find a wealth of outdoor activities, dining, and nightlife—but a quieter, gentler pace.

Inside the brochure you'll find an easy to read town map that shows locations of recreation facilities, public parking and restrooms along the beach, attractions such as bowling, mini-golf, and water park facilities, dining, nightlife, accommodations, and vacation rental agencies.

Free copies of the brochure are available from Town Hall or you may call 843 913-6111 or e-mail your request to: Town@surfsidebeach.org.

Don't forget check the website: www.surfsidebeach.org
Supervisor of the Year 2001

BRENN A MARTIN
Police Department
Senior Communications Supervisor

Police Chief Michael Grigg nominated Brenna saying, "Because of Ms. Martin's demonstration of outstanding leadership skills; superior work ethic, and her successful reorganization of the [police department's] communications unit, I respectfully wish to nominate Ms. Martin as Surfside Beach's Supervisor of the Year 2001."

Brenna has exceptional attendance. Even when chronically ill she reports for duty. Dedication is her strongest trait and she actively works to transfer this work ethic to her staff. Because of her example, it is rare that a communication operator reports "off sick."

Brenna's personal grooming and uniform appearance are "textbook compliant." Because of her demeanor, the communication operators have achieved a professional look that is reflected in their attitudes and behavior. Not only are staff well groomed, the office workstation and dispatch room are "uncharacteristically clean, neat and presentable," which provides comfort from prolonged hours of stress on the job. Every personal nuance that Brenna introduced was designed to convey the message, "How may I help you?" to both staff and visitors.

Effective leaders attain desired behavior by setting the tone in their own

Local Businessman Honored

EDDIE WILLIAMS, owner of Raccoon Run Golf Course

During the November 13, 2001 regular town council meeting, Mayor Hyman recognized Mr. Eddie Williams, owner of Raccoon Run Golf Course for his philanthropic efforts for the Town of Surfside Beach and the community. Mayor Hyman's proclamation is published below:

Whereas, Eddie Williams has lived in, worked in, and supported the greater Surfside Beach area for over 25 years; and

Whereas, Eddie Williams owns and operates Raccoon Run Golf Course, a public golf course, which opened in February 1976, located in the greater Surfside Beach area; and

Whereas, Eddie Williams' goal is to, "Provide a place for everyone who wants to play golf a place to play," and regularly and consistently provides opportunities for residents and tourists, professional and amateur golfers, to play golf at a reasonable fee; and

Whereas, Eddie Williams freely donates use of Raccoon Run Golf Course to the Socastee High School Golf Team for practice and tour-

ments, hosted Myrtle Beach High School's tournament during the Lower State Championship, and also hosts Elks Club's and other area nonprofit organization's tournaments; and

Whereas, Eddie Williams annually provides fruit for needy families at Christmas and exhibits community spirit and assistance throughout the year;

Now, therefore, I, Roy Hyman, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Surfside Beach, do hereby present this Proclamation to Eddie Williams, to honor him and publicly recognize his commitment to provide golf facilities for the community, and for his support of local schools and nonprofit organizations.

(Signed and dated November 13, 2001.)
Building Department

Jackie Donevant
Building Official
☎ 913-6365

The Building and Zoning Department continues to issue permits for new residential construction. Permits have also been issued for two commercial buildings on Sandy Lane.

With all the construction going on, there are unlicensed, unqualified contractors and con-artists soliciting work from property owners in the area. For your protection, please check with the Building Department to see if a person is licensed prior to agreeing to any contract work. Don’t give anyone “up-front money” and make sure they show you a permit issued by the Town before they begin work. Withhold final payments until you are certain that all the required inspections have been made and approved by the Building Department. These simple rules should protect you and your bank account.

Thankfully this year the hurricane season was quiet and is finally over. The winter months are a good time to evaluate your home or business for changes that could make your structure more hurricane resistant.

Building and Zoning Department staff is available to answer any of your building or zoning questions. You may call us at 913-6365.

The Building and Zoning wishes everyone a Prosperous New Year!

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Nineteen town employees members participated in the Annual All-American Heart Walk on September 29. Their efforts raised $250.

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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 NEVER allowed in rights-of-way.

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www.surfsidebeach.org

Check out the town’s website for the following information

- Public Notices
- Commonly referred to Ordinances (laws)
- Town Council
- Department Heads
- Attractions
- Accommodations
- Maps

The town’s web site is continually upgraded. If you have a suggestion, contact Town@surfsidebeach.org.

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Interested in

SAVING MONEY

See the article on page 11—Sanitation Expenses are on the rise!
Hurricane Season Ends
The 2001 Hurricane Season ended on November 30 and once again we have escaped with no damage. Even though we had no hurricanes to deal with locally, we were still on alert. Town staff was regularly reviewing the Emergency Operation Plan and watching the tropical weather reports. Our primary goals are to protect the citizens, to provide continuity of our government, and to protect the Town’s resources. Each department has developed its own plan, which is included in the Town’s over-all plan. We’re striving to be prepared for the one we all hope never comes.

Please don’t get too complacent with our incredible luck. We are very susceptible to effects from hurricanes. Ask those who have lived through a hurricane; even a minor one passing directly overhead is not something you want to experience. If you have questions about Emergency Preparedness, call Town Hall.

Firefighter Recruitment
In every newsletter, you see some mention of the need for volunteer firefighters. If it were not for the volunteers, it would cost approximately one million dollars MORE per year to provide adequate fire protection for the Town. If we can’t maintain an adequate number of volunteers to meet the Town’s needs, then we will have to meet them with career personnel and the cost of fire protection will drastically rise. We begin a new recruitment drive in January 2002. If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a volunteer firefighter, let us know. All training and equipment is provided. Call 913-6369.

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children
We would like to remind everyone that we have an aluminum can recycling trailer located across the street from the Fire Station on First Avenue North. All cans collected are sold and the proceeds go to the Medical University of South Carolina to assist burned children. Please help us to help them.

Fire Safety Tips
➢ Kitchen fires. Most kitchen fires occur because food is left unattended on the stove or in the oven. If you must leave the kitchen while cooking, turn off the burners and take a spoon or potholder with you to remind you to return to the kitchen. Never cook with loose, dangling sleeves. Never throw water on a grease fire. Turn pot handles toward the side of the range and never use a range or stove to heat your home.

➢ Space heaters. Buy only UL approved heaters. Burning fuel can produce deadly fumes; only use them in well-ventilated areas and use carbon-monoxide detectors. Do not use electric space heaters in the bathroom or in wet areas. Do not dry or store objects on top of your heater. Keep combustibles away from heat sources.

➢ Wiring. Extension cords are not intended for use as permanent wiring. Unplug them when not in use. Never run electric cords under rugs.

➢ Smoking. Do not leave smoking materials unattended. Do not place ashtrays on arms of sofas or chairs. Use safety ashtrays with wide rims. Never smoke in bed.

➢ Smoke Detector. Having a working smoke detector dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire.

The members of the Surfside Beach Fire Department hope you had a Merry Christmas and wish you a very Happy New Year. If we can be of any service to you, please contact us at 913-6369. Of course, if you have an emergency, then dial 911.

PUBLIC NOTICE

2002 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The Code of Ordinances Town of Surfside Beach: §2-36. Time of meetings. The regular meetings of town council shall be held at the town hall on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except the fourth Tuesday in the month of December, at 6:30 p.m., unless some other hour is fixed.

The regular town council meetings dates are listed below. Meetings are held at 6:30 o’clock p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall Complex, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC.

Requests to be placed on the agenda must be received in the town clerk’s office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the schedule meeting date. The public is welcomed to address council; time is provided at each meeting for public comments. For more information, please contact the town clerk at (843) 913-6111.

January 8 & 22
February 12 & 26
March 12 & 26
April 9 & 23
May 14 & 28
June 11 & 25
July 9 & 23
August 13 & 27
September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22
November 12 & 26
December 10
MUNICIPAL COURT

Thanks to all the jurors who participated during the November 5-9 jury trial term. Out of 300 jurors summoned, 72 served during this term of court. There were 42 jury trials scheduled during this term; a total of 64 citations/warrants were disposed of as follows: 21 were continued; 7 were dismissed; 7 forfeited bond; 12 were plea bargained; 4 pled guilty; 1 pled Nolo Contendere (No Contest); 7 received a conditional discharge; 1 went to a bench trial; and were enrolled in the Pre-Trial Intervention Program. Our next session of jury trials is scheduled for the week of February 18-22. For those jurors who will serve, please do not park in the People’s Federal Savings and Loan parking lot.

During the year 2001, there were approximately 3,830 metered parking tickets processed through the court system; approximately 225 warrants/citations were processed through our court system to be heard in General Sessions Court in Conway; approximately 2,800 warrants/citations were processed to be heard at Surfside Beach Municipal Court; and 1,200 juror summons were issued for jury trials.

Many people wonder what happens to those who do not pay their personal property tax on vehicles. As of September, 2001, the Department of Public Safety shall suspend the driver’s license and vehicle registration of a person who fails to pay personal property tax on a vehicle. The delinquent taxpayer of the pending suspension will be notified by letter from the county treasurer of the county where the tax is delinquent. Each county allows thirty days for the payment of taxes before the county notifies the department to suspend the person’s driver’s license and vehicle registration.

SURFSIDE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.
EMERGENCY 911
Non-emergency 238-1216
Ryan Nix, Chief

Thank you everyone for helping Surfside Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc., in its mission to help the people in our community. Over this last year, thanks to your financial support, the Rescue Squad was able to purchase another ambulance to replace an older vehicle, which was no longer reliable for emergency transport. It is our hope that this replacement ambulance will proudly serve our area for the next ten years! Horry County Fire and Rescue Service is now sharing the Rescue Squad facilities, which keeps another ambulance right in our town!

Obviously, we have worked hard to keep our squad strong and ready, but we definitely could not have accomplished nearly so much without the generous support of our community. Although I could thank hundreds of individuals, I would like to just note a few who deserve special recognition for the assistance and generosity that they have always shown us and ask that you support and patronize the Rescue Squad’s benefactors:

Ocean Lakes Campground
the Jackson Family
Clayton Hemp, Laurel Woods
Lube Express
Benjamin’s Bagels
Surfside United Methodist Church
Surfside La Sertoma
Myrtle Beach Harley-Davidson
Coca-Cola
Lowery & Medlin, PA

Of course, we are especially indebted to Mayor Hyman, the Surfside Beach Town Council, Michael Kovacs, town administrator, Debra Herrmann, town clerk, Patricia Essing, finance assistant, and Gary Phillips, maintenance custodian, for everything they have done for us this year. Thank you is also extended to Joe Martin of Surfside Beach who is helping organize the squad’s office.

The new president of the Surfside Rescue Squad is Ryan Nix. Congratulations to Ryan as he works to improve the squad to serve the community.

Again, thank you so much to the volunteers, staff, and citizens who work to make Surfside Rescue Squad a success! Hope your holidays were the best and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2002.

Employees and their families enjoy a beautiful fall Saturday, while playing putt-putt and par-3 golf at Tupelo Bay Golf Center.
Police Department Bulletin

Epitaph

The holidays have passed much too quickly as I sit here composing this article. At this point in my life, my expectations are very basic and simple: I merely dream of a new year with a promise for quiet, calm passage. I don't need to remind you that the year 2001 has dramatically changed the entire course of America's way of life. But all things must come to an end and I guess a life-changing event was due.

When the kingdom of "Camelot" was reborn with JFK [John Fitzgerald Kennedy, former President], a popular television show was suddenly cancelled because of the Cuban Missile Crisis. "That was the week that was." Network executives felt the show much too accurately portrayed the tense anxieties of the Cold War, and made us all too aware of a possible nuclear conflict occurring on American soil. Such a thought was unheard of; yet policemen and firefighters have long recognized the never-ending dark side of humanity! The public has always chosen to ignore threats of war and terrorism. The extraordinary trauma of 2001 has certainly proven to be the "year that was." We all fervently hope such acts shall never happen again.

Since September 11, I have observed that time after time, almost religiously, everyone acknowledges the sacrifices that public safety personnel have made over the years. Were safety officers previously invisible? I believe that this newfound praise has been sadly missing for too long. Where was this appreciation in the 70's, the 80's, and in the 90's? I constantly ask myself if this is merely a transitoryfad that will quickly disappear as time passes. Perhaps because the years have rolled by in such rapid succession, that I've begun to doubt displays of "genuine sincerity." Unfortunately, cynicism is a common trait among long-term police officers! To be used as part of a carefully calculated "slick" advertising campaign is not only insulting, but also patronizing. I have always had the opinion that safety officers are better than that and are deserving of recognition for their efforts.

But as night passes, a new dawn quietly rises above the horizon. Some people maintain that time heals all wounds. I tend to question this adage. I still vividly remember nameless faces on a television monitor, and the grotesque image of a plane striking a once majestic skyscraper transforming it into the world's largest tomb.

Each and every day police officers and firefighters are casually taken for granted. We expect such; but please do not make the mistake of believing that while in the line of duty we do not bleed. That we are never crippled; and that safety officers never die as a result of hostile action. Some of us are destined to never return home after roll call. But even more sad are those of us whose families are unable to attain closure, because mortal remains will never be recovered.

To most of you, the events in New York City on September 11 were sad and shocking. But many of us in public safety viewed our own fragile vulnerability, realizing the gossamer thin line that separates life from death. That which was, is no longer. Merlin's magic wand is a pleasant myth. Unfortunately, there is no magic wand capable of replacing the sense of security we had prior to the September 11 attacks.

An entire host of dedicated police officers and firefighters nationwide have shed a multitude of tears. We have experienced the irrepressible pain of permanent grief. We have uttered the words, 'now I lay me down to sleep,' and very quietly spoken to ourselves in a low and hushed tone saying, 'there, but for the grace of God, go I.' Gone but not forgotten; so many of our brothers and sisters. More than ever before, I recognize that John Donne was absolutely correct when he wrote, "Never ask for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

May God have mercy on the souls of the men and women of public safety who offered up the supreme sacrifice on September 11 so that others could live. They forever lost the opportunity of experiencing another Christmas with their loved ones.

Animal Control

Animal control problems and questions should be directed to the Horry County Animal Control Office at 347-3898.

Information regarding dogs may be obtained by calling town hall @ 913-6111 or website at www.surfsidebeach.org, choose "Public Notices," then choose "Dog Owner Ordinance." For other animal related information, please call the town clerk @ 913-6111.

Town Logo Items for Sale @ Town Hall  Phone Orders: 843 913-6339 web orders: Town@surfsidebeach.org

Coffee Mugs: $2.00
Tote Bags: small $5; large $10
Towels (beach): $20.00
T-Shirts (s-m-l-xl): $5.00
Dick M. Johnson Civic Center
Debbie Ellis, Program Supervisor 913-6339

The holiday season is behind us and a new year is ahead of us. Many people make health and fitness resolutions for the new year. The Civic Center has several exercise classes available. We encourage you to come and join us during the coming year. Listed below are dates and times for the classes.

AEROBICS: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00—10:00 a.m.
SENIORCISE: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
FITBALL: Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
YOGACISE: Saturday, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
JAZZERCISE: Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Call 913-6339 for more information.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 30, 2002
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Huckabee Complex

South Carolina Litter Laws
What are the laws?
> No person shall dump, deposit, discard, or dispose litter or solid waste on public property, private property, or in the waters of South Carolina.
> Cigarette butts are considered litter as well as a fire hazard.
> No vehicle transporting litter may be driven or moved on any highway unless the litter is securely covered, which is fastened securely.
> Regardless of what the vehicle is hauling, the load must be covered or secured to prevent the load from escaping from the vehicle.
> When transporting brush or tree limbs, the load must not drag on the road or obstruct the vehicle's operational lights or license plate.
> Vehicles may be confiscated by the authorities if used to illegally dump large quantities of litter.

What are the penalties for breaking them?
> The minimum fine $200.
> The maximum fine can be has high as $1,000.
> Guilty convictions can lead to jail time of 30 days to one year.
> The court may also impose community service hours for litter cleanup.

Town of Surfside Beach
What is the law?
Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-1. Littering. It shall be unlawful for any person to put, place or throw any trash, paper cups, garbage, shavings or other refuse upon any sidewalks, public streets, public alleys, beaches or other public places in the town, except in receptacles of the type required by the town. No person shall deposit in or sweep into any street, sidewalk, beach or in any gutter or catch-basin of the town, any paper, trash, rubbish, broken glass, tin cans, bottles, fruit or vegetables, peelings or any other refuse, ashes or waste. Such materials shall be accumulated as herein before specified and placed in receptacles. No householder or storekeeper, by himself or agent, shall cause to be swept from any house, yard, store or elsewhere, any dirt or refuse in or upon the sidewalks or public places of the town.

What is the penalty for breaking it?
Up to $425 per incident and required community service.

Employee Anniversaries


Tom Richards, fire department, hired October 3, 1996, celebrated his 5-year anniversary with the town on October 3, 2001.

Congratulations to both of these dedicated employees who to serve the town and its residents.

Tom Richards
Fire Department
5 Years

Thomas Nophsker
Public Works
15 Years
Recreation Department
Billy Hendrix, Director  650-4131

ATHLETIC EVENTS
The “kids” had another fun, exciting football season at Huckabee Complex. Allen Rogers and his Buccaneers won the local league championship. Steve Corkum and the Bears had a very successful season as did the Falcons, coached by David DuRant, who went all the way to a Tournament Championship.

Basketball registration was held on November 5th for ages 11-13 and 14-16. Four teams in each league will hold practices and games at St. James School. Games will be played on Saturdays during January and February. Call 650-4131 for more details.

Baseball and Softball registration is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. for town residents.

Non-resident registration dates and times follow (registration remains open until the teams are filled). Ages are based on August 1, 2002 for boys, and June 1, 2002 for girls.

March 2—9:00 a.m. Boys Ages 9-14
March 2—12:00 noon Girls Ages 9-15
March 11—9:00 a.m.
8-Ball Boys & Girls Age 8
T-Ball Boys & Girls Ages 4-7

All registrations will be held at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, located on Pine Drive at the Town Hall Complex.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS & REPAIRS
A passive park is being developed on the corner of Willow and Surfside Drives (the land located beside the library.) Nature walkways, picnic tables, and a gazebo will provide a relaxing, enjoyable addition to complement the town’s park system. This spring, plan to enjoy a picnic with your friends in the gazebo, find a shady spot to read a book, or just simply enjoy being outdoors to experience nature in the park.

THE TOWN’S LAKE SYSTEM
The town’s lake system provides drainage, habitat for wildlife, and beautiful scenery. The lakes also provide recreation for fishermen and boaters (motor-boats are prohibited.) Plan to take a tour soon to enjoy the town’s natural resources.

Cherry Lake, 16th Avenue North, bounded by 13th Avenue North, Cherry & Spruce Drives;
Dogwood Lake, Cedar Drive, bounded by 10th & 13th Avenues North;
Floral Lake, Lakeside Drive south, bounded by 8th Avenue South, Lake Court, and Dogwood Drive South;
Holly Lake, 2nd Avenue North, bounded by Myrtle & Oak Drives;
Magnolia Lake, 16th Ave North, bounded by 14th Avenue North, Magnolia & Dogwood Drives;
Myrtle Lake, Dogwood Drive North, bounded by 3rd & 5th Avenues North and Myrtle Drive;
Palmetto Lake, 10th Avenue North, bounded by 7th Avenue and Palmetto and Myrtle Drives;
Rogers Lake, 16th & 17th Avenues North;
Pine Lake, 8th Avenue South bounded by 9th Avenue and Willow and Lakeside Drives.

Sanitation Expenses are on the rise!
What can YOU do to keep costs down?

During the 2001 Budget Retreat, council and staff members discussed the town’s sanitation department at length. The sanitation department is an “enterprise” fund, which means that the department should generate revenue equal to costs. As it now operates, the sanitation department is subsidized by the town’s general fund and operates at a loss.

Council believes that residents and property owners generally do not realize or understand that they can impact sanitation fees. Sanitation fees have not been increased in about 10 years. Without your help, fees will increase at least $2.50 per month beginning April 1, 2002. Two recent issues of the Municipal Message have cited the tonnage and price for tipping trash and the savings for recycling.

Council suggest the following actions you can take that will help keep costs down:

• Require contractors to haul off carpet, wood, debris;
• Require landscapers to haul yard clippings, tree branches;
• Require plumbers to haul off old water heater, and appliances;
• RECYCLE — RECYCLE — RECYCLE! Recycled materials are tipped FREE, saving $29 per ton! The more you recycle, the more money you will save. The town provides free recycle bags. Recycle bags and detailed instructions are available at town hall Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Staff will deliver recycle bags upon request; call town hall 913-6111 or e-mail your request to Town@surfsidebeach.org.

It is good business to be sure your contractors know disposal is required. These are some effective ways you can help keep costs down.

If you have comments or suggestions, please contact town hall 913-6111 or public works 913-6360.
Sanitation and recycling schedules

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May 1 – Sept. 30 (*special service & fee) FRIDAY & SUNDAY: Ocean Boulevard, Seaside Drive & Yaupon Drive from 3rd Avenue North to 3rd Avenue South

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. You may now request blue recycling bag delivery by calling Town Hall 913-6111 or by e-mail @ Town@surfsidebeach.org. Acceptable recycling items are listed below.

- **METAL, GLASS, and PLASTIC** may be placed in the same bag. Metal includes aluminum beverage cans (NO foil or can tabs). 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, leaves, 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 toxics.

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.

Recyclables tipping is free: trash costs $29/ton. Recycling takes you just a little time; but the savings will be worth it by saving you money by keeping costs down. See the related article on page 11.
SANITATION DEPARTMENT
Because the town is so quiet, the need for garbage collectors is much less.
Although garbage tonnage reduces during the winter season, the
number of stops remains about the same. At the same time, yard
waste tonnage increases dramatically as residents do more yard
work during the fall season. Interestingly, bulk item pickups remain
fairly constant year-round.

As we conclude another year, we are proud to say that our drivers
have remained accident-free throughout the year. They drive many
thousands of miles during the course of the year and the depart-
ment averages about 30 trips to the dump in Conway each week.

We are especially proud of our commercial route driver, Neal John-
son, who was named Employee of the 4th Quarter 2001. Neal's
award will be featured in the next newsletter.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
This department provides regular lube, oil, and filter changes, brake
inspections, and tire rotations on all town vehicles as part of a
scheduled maintenance program. All town departments depend on
our mechanic to keep their vehicles and equipment in top running
condition. This quarter, Dan carried out 33 regularly scheduled
maintenance jobs and made minor repairs to about 91 vehicles and
pieces of equipment. Priority service is given to safety and sanita-
tion vehicles, while at the same time he makes every effort to per-
form service on every vehicle and piece of equipment in a timely
fashion as possible, usually the same day.

STREET DEPARTMENT
This department has made it through another busy summer of
growth-vegetation cutting in the main drainage canals, while
cleaning the beach and performing regular maintenance where
needed. The staff has already begun preparations for the next sea-
son by cleaning the beach access parking lots and walkways. The
parking lot at 13th Avenue South (beachside) was cleaned, sealed,
re-striped, and had broken parking blocks replaced.

The crew has also started stripping the grass and dirt buildup along
the edges of pavement on town streets to reclaim the full width of
the roadway. This also improves drainage from the roadways. This
project began at Surfside Drive and is proceeding southward until
the south side is completed, then the crew will begin at Surfside
Drive and work to the north end of town.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2002. Thank you all
for your help, concern, and patience over the last year. As always,
please call us if we may answer questions or help you.

Happy 2002!

THANK YOU
RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND
FRIENDS
From
Town of Surfside Beach Staff
We all enjoyed the Christmas
treats, cards, and greetings
received during the
Christmas season.

Dog Owners Notice
Martin Park and Martin Field located at 6th Avenue South & Lakeside Drives are
designed so you may safely exercise your dogs off-leash! For your convenience, two
"pooper-scoopers" have been installed at each
location along with waste receptacles. Dogs
must be leashed in all other areas of town.

Leashed dogs may be walked on the beach
until May 14, 2002.

If your dog is not licensed, please call town hall (913-6111) for details.
2001 Christmas Celebrations
Town Council

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Mayor Pro Tem
Judith K. Tuttle

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General Municipal Election on April 2, 2002. See page 3 for details.

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