Mayor's Message

Town Council worked diligently during the past year to improve your town, provide programs, safety and other services while keeping costs at a minimum. Your council attended 23 regular meetings, three public hearings, one special meeting, 10 workshops and one three-day retreat. Actions taken during 2001 were:

- FEMA Hurricane mitigation grant to enhance the town’s emergency plan
- Federally mandated water quality studies are underway
- Sanitation billing integrated with Grand Strand Water and Sewer, which allows one payment for two services, bank draft and on-line payment options
- Numerous recreation and civic programs (Easter egg hunt, Sun Fun Super Sunday—games, activities on the beach, Music in the Park, Labor Day Volleyball, Halloween Carnival, Christmas Parade, Breakfast with Santa)
- Website: www.surfsidebeach.org
- Surfside Beach tourism brochure entirely funded by Accommodations Tax
- 10th Avenue South sidewalk project
- Bike racks installed at main beach accesses
- 13th Avenue South Parking lot
- Passive park development on Surfside Drive (next door to library)
- Recycling campaign and recycle blue bag home delivery

Surfside Beach continues growing; the 2000 Census reported 4,425 residents.

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Administrator’s Advisory
Michael Kovacs
☎ 843.913.6111

Background Issues
- Your Town at Work

Council took a number of actions during the prior year; those mentioned by Mayor Hyman in the Mayor’s Message are highly visible, yet many debates over policy directions by the Council took place and your staff worked on many projects that you are probably unaware of. We are looking out for your interests every day. The following list is just a fraction of such background issues and efforts:

- Conservative budgets—low tax, low fees directives and policies work
- Alternative financing strategies pursuit, including new franchise agreement with SCE&G
- Operational cost savings initiatives & reductions in capital purchases
- Business licensing fees, hospitality tax, and accommodations tax collection improvements
Mayor’s Message
Continued from front cover

The town is approximately 90 percent built-up. As you ride through town you will find more and more of the old beach homes have been razed and replaced with beautiful Charleston-style and other modern design homes. There are about 2,750 households in town and the number of year-round residents increases every day.

As the year-round population grows, the necessity for hurricane safety education becomes more important. The 14th Annual Hurricane Conference will be held May 30, 2002, @ 7:00 p.m. at Seaside Elementary School. This newsletter has information (page 11) that will help prepare you for the upcoming hurricane season. The town was spared during the two previous seasons, and though we all hope this year will be calm, there is no guarantee!

Growth requires change and the town is no exception. A General Municipal Election held April 2 seated incumbent Sammy Truett, and new members Joe Martin and Doug Samples. They were sworn to office on May 14. Another change to help minimize operating expenses is that the Municipal Message will be printed twice a year instead of quarterly. Beginning with this issue, a “Spring/Summer” and a “Fall/Winter” newsletter will be published. This change will save approximately $6,000 in your tax dollars. Council continues to identify ways to keep your taxes low!

You may contact any council member or me by calling town hall (843 913-6111). The US mail address is: 115 Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575. If you prefer, the e-mail address is: Town@surfsidebeach.org. Let me know what’s on your mind,

Roy Hyman, Jr.
Mayor
Meet Your New COUNCIL MEMBERS

The newly elected council members were seated during the regular council meeting held May 14, 2002. The terms of service began that night and will end May 9, 2006. The next town election will be April 6, 2004.

James S. Truett
“Sammy”

Incumbent Council Member James S. “Sammy” Truett successfully campaigned to keep the seat he won in the special election held during August 2000. Council Member Truett has lived in town for nine years. He and his wife, Carla, have been married six years and have a daughter, Gracyn Bell, age 3. Council Member Truett has been an insurance agent since 1983. He has worked for his family’s business, Moore & Associates, Inc., since 1993.

Council Member Truett credited past and current leaders along with town citizens saying, “[They] have created a wonderful family atmosphere. I am proud to call Surfside Beach my home.”

His vision for Surfside Beach includes completing the stormwater projects, additional sidewalks, eliminating the frontage roads and adding another traffic signal on the town’s south end.

Joseph P. Martin
“Joe”

A native of Cranford, New Jersey, Council Member Martin earned bachelors and masters degrees in electrical engineering from New York University.

Prior to retiring in 2000, Council Member Martin worked for TRW for 26 years in the design, construction, and operations of satellites and satellite ground stations. His assignments included managing remote sites in Colorado and North Carolina, and as head of a business organization with over 100 employees. He also owned and managed a small business in Denver, Colorado, for ten years in the commercial/industrial construction industry.

Since moving to Surfside Beach in January of 2001, he has been an active volunteer to the town in such projects as creation of the town’s web page and tourism brochure. He also served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and worked as an administrative volunteer for the Surfside Beach Rescue Squad.

When asked what his vision was for the town, Council Member Martin replied, “Imagine a small town with a beautiful beach, quiet family-friendly neighborhoods, beautiful trees and some small parks. Within the town or nearby are restaurants, entertainment and shopping. Now picture the wiring underground, the main road with a cleaner small town look, a few more small parks. For those neighborhoods that want them, sidewalks or bike paths. When there’s a heavy rain, watch the water flow through a well designed stormwater system. This is my vision for the Town of Surfside Beach.”

Douglas F. Samples
“Doug”

During the recent campaign, Council Member Samples said, “I support a community-based approach to public policy making. I will represent your interest.” He believes council should, “Protect our quality of life, our neighborhoods; preserve the beach, improve drainage, property values, and public safety; prepare for unforeseen events, spend wisely and judiciously; promote high-quality, customer friendly town services; and progress by better town planning, partnerships, volunteerism, and greater community involvement.”

He and his wife, Julie, and their daughter, Kathryn (Katie), have lived in town for over ten years. Council Member Samples has served on numerous community and school committees, in addition to coaching Dixie League Youth Softball. A graduate of American University, in Washington, DC, Council Member Samples has a masters degree in public financial management. He has over 25 years experience in public service, and is currently employed as the director of human services at the Waccamaw River Regional Planning and Development Council, which is one of ten planning districts in South Carolina. He oversees aging and employment/training programs through Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg Counties.

Council Member Samples said he is dedicated to “working hard and smart” for the town.
Scores of firefighters gather to pay respects

By Tonya Root, The Sun News
(published 01/25/02)
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SURFSIDE BEACH—Hundreds of firefighters mourned the loss of one of their own as they paid tribute to Surfside Beach Assistant Chief Tom Andersen. Andersen died of a heart attack Monday [January 21, 2002] while battling a blaze on Ocean Boulevard. He was 48 years old.

Attending [the] memorial service were firefighters from across Horry and Georgetown counties and other departments, including North Charleston, Marion, Beaufort, and Charlotte, NC. They saluted and honored the 22 years Andersen dedicated to the Surfside Beach Fire Department. “If you look at the cars and trucks and see the wide area they came from to pay respect—I think that says it all,” said Surfside Beach Fire Chief Dan Thomas. “He touched a lot of people through his training. We don’t even know how many he touched, but many are professional firefighters today.” Andersen was the first Surfside Beach firefighter to die in the line of duty in more than 20 years. His death was a shock to the community and fellow firefighters.

On Thursday, [January 24, 2002] more than 10 fire engines and trucks followed Surfside Beach’s Engine No. 5 to Surfside United Methodist Church for a memorial service. As it slowly rolled to a stop at the side of the church, Engine No. 5 was quiet—no siren, its lights covered with black cloth. Andersen’s remains sat atop the engine draped in an American flag. A firefighter played “Going Home” on bagpipes as Andersen was carried into the church. During the service, the bagpiper played “Amazing Grace” before a bell rang three times to signal the end of Andersen’s final call for service. An American flag, which flew at half-staff atop the Statehouse dome Wednesday, [January 23, 2002] in Andersen’s honor, was presented to his family from state Fire Marshal Robert Polk.

Because of Andersen’s experience, training and knowledge, his death is a “huge loss, huge setback” for area firefighters, especially those in Surfside Beach, said Horry County Fire Chief Randy Webster. “His knowledge and skill, you just don’t easily replace that,” Webster said. “I really feel for the Surfside Fire Department. The impact has to be tremendous on them.”

Andersen, described as a stickler for rules and procedures, helped train and organize programs at Surfside Fire Department, Thomas said. The town’s fire staff met Wednesday to reassign Andersen’s duties, which now involve five people at the department. “That should say little something about his commitment,” Thomas said. Thomas said he will miss Andersen’s upbeat attitude the most. “Him coming into work with a cheerful hello or sometimes a cheerful grunt—but always cheerful,” Thomas said. “We’re all going to miss him.”

GOODBYE OLD FRIEND
By: Todd Cook, F-94

Goodbye old friend. You will be greatly missed. I’ve learned a lot from you and you’ve always been there for me no matter what the situation was. I will miss us eating lunch together and having pork chops on Tuesdays while watching Matlock on TV. I will carry on the tradition old friend and have memories in my mind.

I can’t begin to tell you how useless I felt with you in my arms. If I could have traded places with you, believe me my friend; you would be here right now. I’m so sorry. You are forever in my heart and my memories. I vow a promise to you and to myself; I will be an EMT.

May you rest peacefully in God’s arms F-2, Thomas E. Andersen.

Forever your friend,

Todd Cook, F-94
Governor Presents Town Resident, ASHYBY WARD, with ORDER OF THE PALMETTO

The Town of Surfside Beach is proud to claim Ashby Ward, a resident for more than 27 years, as one of its own. Ward, president and chief executive officer of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, was awarded the Order of the Palmetto on Thursday, April 4, by Governor Jim Hodges. The award, the highest honor bestowed on a civilian by the state of South Carolina, was presented at the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. Hodges was accompanied by John Durst, director of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

In presenting the award, the governor said of Ward, “He is the guy you call when you have a question about the hospitality industry, or about how measures we take in Columbia will impact tourism.” Hodges gave Ward much credit for the success of tourism along the Grand Strand. “Across the nation and globe, people recognize the Grand Strand as one of the premier travel destinations,” he said.

After accepting the framed award from Governor Hodges, Ward said, “This was totally unexpected. There can’t be a higher honor in our state, and I appreciate it.” Ward gave special credit to the chamber’s members and leaders. “In the 29 years that I have been here, the membership has elected great leaders, and they’ve given me the support I’ve needed to hire great staff. This is for everybody,” Ward said, adding that he especially wanted to acknowledge his wife, Ann, for her unwavering support throughout his years at the chamber. “I love this organization,” Ward said, “and I’m going to be around for a long time.”

The presentation was made in the chamber’s boardroom and followed a press conference on tourism held by Governor Hodges at Broadway at the Beach. Ward did not know he would be receiving the award and was surprised to find approximately 50 people awaiting his arrival, including local dignitaries, chamber personnel, and members of Ward’s family.

Ward is the former president of the South Carolina Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and of the Southern Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. He served three terms as chairman of the South Carolina Travel and Tourism Forum and two years as a member of the Advisory Council to the Congressional Tourism Caucus. He has taught tourism classes at institutes co-sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce. He is currently active on several civic, education, and church boards.

In 1995, the South Carolina State Senate recognized his work by presenting him with an honorary “Doctorate of Commerce Degree.” In 1999, Horry County Council recognized his “dedicated work and service well rendered on behalf of the county and its citizens” by proclaiming the fifth day of June “Ashby Ward Day.” In March 2002, the board of directors for the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce honored Ward for his work in promoting tourism along the Grand Strand by naming the chamber’s new visitor center in his honor. The Ashby Ward Official Myrtle Beach/Grand Strand Welcome Center is scheduled to open later this year.

Prior to joining the chamber, Ward served for four years as the director of Public Affairs with the South Carolina Technical College System. His background also includes 10 years as a news anchor for South Carolina television stations in Charleston, Florence, and Columbia.

Mayor Hyman honored Ward during the April 23 council meeting by issuing Proclamation 02-23, which follows:

WHEREAS, L. Ashby Ward has been a resident and friend of the Town of Surfside Beach since 1974; and
WHEREAS, L. Ashby Ward has been personally responsible for developing the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce into a premier organization that has received national recognition; and
WHEREAS, The Town of Surfside Beach has directly benefited from that success because of its participation in the Chamber through membership and Accommodations Tax contributions; and
WHEREAS, Governor Jim Hodges recognized L. Ashby Ward’s outstanding contributions to the tourism industry by awarding “The Order of the Palmetto,” on April 4, 2002; and
WHEREAS, in March 2002, the Board of Directors of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce named its newest welcome center “The Ashby Ward Official Myrtle Beach/Grand Strand Welcome Center” in his honor; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside Beach wishes to convey its gratitude and friendship to L. Ashby Ward, and to recognize his accomplishments,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Hyman, Jr., Mayor, do hereby proclaim that L. Ashby Ward is recognized for his commitment and commend his contributions to the growth and success of the Town of Surfside Beach and the Grand Strand.

Dated April 23, 2002.
Employee of the 4th Quarter 2001

NEAL JOHNSON
Public Works-Sanitation Department

Neal works in public works, sanitation division, as a heavy equipment operator/CDL driver. In the nomination, his supervisor commented, "Consider hours worked." When asked for clarification, Mr. Grady replied, "To Neal, scheduled hours means 'come get your job done; he needs no supervision!'" Neal regularly works from as early as 1:30 or 2:00 a.m. until noon or later, especially during the summer, to empty the dumpsters in town, haul the debris to Conway, and return to repeat the process. Neal often makes the one-hour and 45-minute, 44-mile round trip three times a day in the busy season.

Neal joined the town's public works department on May 10, 1985 with seven years of experience. During his employment, he has never had a single accident...not even a fender-bender! He performs his job so well that when computing the number of dumpsters emptied versus the number of complaints re-

ceived, out of every one thousand, yes 1,000 service calls, there is an average of two (2) calls! WAY TO GO NEAL!

Neal is well liked and respected by residents, fellow employees, and visitors. Neal's proactive attitude and work ethic exemplify the attributes of "Employee of the Quarter."

Congratulations, Neal Johnson!

Employee of the 1st Quarter 2002

BRENDA ALVERSON
Town Receptionist

Brenda Alverston, town receptionist, was nominated for Employee of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter 2002 by her supervisor, Town Clerk Debra Herrmann. Brenda was originally hired by public works where she served as clerk/receptionist from March 1999 until February 2001, when she left for other employment. When the town receptionist resigned due to family medical problems in May 2001, Clerk Herrmann contacted Brenda to determine if she would be interested in returning to the town as receptionist for town hall. Brenda laughingly told her she had found that "the grass really isn't greener!" She made the appropriate application and was the most suitable applicant for the position. She rejoined town hall staff on May 9, 2001.

Since her rehiring, Brenda has been a model employee, requiring minimum supervision, and training. Experience gained during her tenure at public works carried her through the initial indoctrination process. Her familiarity with town policies, procedures, and codes has been very beneficial as she is the direct liaison for everyone who calls or enters town hall.

Brenda is seldom absent. When necessary, she schedules appointments during her lunch hour or during "quiet" time—early or late in the day. Clerk Herrmann said, "She is always at work early; quick to put the coffee on and get the rest of us jump started!"

Brenda is consistently cooperative, friendly, and helpful; always has a greeting smile and makes everyone who enters or calls town hall feel welcomed. Often serving as an information center for the public, she is knowledgeable about the town and the Grand Strand area. She is quick to assist every co-worker regardless of the project. Brenda quickly volunteers to work overtime when necessary and also helps with town-sponsored activities. Clerk Herrmann said, "Brenda Alverston's positive, proactive attitude and work ethic exemplifies the term 'model employee.' I'm delighted she is here!"

Congratulations, Brenda Alverston!
THANK YOU
COMMITTEE MEMBERS, BOARD MEMBERS, and VOLUNTEERS

The Town of Surfside Beach thanks those residents and friends who volunteer their valuable time to serve on committees and boards and to volunteer their services to help make the town work. Those who serve are listed below. Please take time to thank these individuals; we all benefit from their efforts.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee
E. J. “Mil” Servant, III, Chair; Michael J. Arakas; Kay Benton; M. E. “Buzz” Freeman; Leo “Bud” Lanning; Mark Lazarus; and Jon Mathers

Building Board of Appeals
Barry Green, Chair; Felix Ayers; John Bacot; Buck Briggs; Bill Dunaway; Kirk McQuiddy; and Mary Lynn Stalnaker

Commissioners of Election
Georgie B. Martin, Chair; Marty Hardwick; and Camullia C. Lane

Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority Advisory Board
Lynn Manchester

Planning & Zoning Commission
David Benton, Chair; Tom Dodge, Vice Chair; Vicki Blair; Guy W. Lanham; Lois McGuire; Alan Vereen; and Janine Peccini, Consultant

Parks & Recreation Committee
James S. Truett, Council Member; Resident Members: Dr. John Gambrell; Mary Maruca; Julie Samples; Mary Lynn Stalnaker; Non-Resident Members: Dennis McElveen and John Truelove

Stormwater Advisory Committee
P. L. Mabry, Council Member & Chair; K. Allen Deaton, and Douglas F. Samples, Council Members; Bobby Radford, Public Works Director; Philip Floyd; Barry Green; Andrew McTeague; and James Mitchell

Zoning Board of Appeals
Gene Edwards, Chair; Sam Scialdone, Vice Chair; Alice Durham; Lavon Hughes; James Loup; and Barbara Vahey

Poll Workers
Jeanne Duncan; Alice Durham; Joe Durham; Dora Eaddy; Gene Edwards; Dot Fuggetta; Dottie Giarth; Marty Hardwick; George Lee; Lynn Lee; Lois McGuire; Chris Peterson; Jay Rucker; Joan Vandiver; and Mary Lou Woodey

If you are interested in serving on a committee, board, or as a volunteer, please contact Mayor Hyman or Clerk Herrmann at 843.913.6111.

Employee Anniversaries

The Town of Surfside Beach values its long-term employees and recognizes their efforts, dedication and loyalty. Thank you!

Ernest “Ernie” Collins
March 3, 1987
15 Years

Brenna Martin
January 3, 1992
10 years

Gary Phillips
April 1, 1997
5 years
Surfside Beach  
Building Department  
2001 Annual Report  
Jackie Donevant, Building Official  
843.913.6365

The Building and Zoning Department consists of three employees; a certified building official who serves as director, a deputy building and zoning official, and an administrative assistant. During the year ending December 31, 2001 staff accomplished 181 plan reviews. There were 55 permits issued for single family construction, four permits for duplexes and 505 permits for additions and alterations. Total construction valuation for the year was $14,486 million. Other permits were issued in the following categories: 48 non-residential; 199 electrical; 96 plumbing; 133 HVAC; 166 zoning; and 45 safety inspections.

There were a total of 3,034 inspections for building, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, zoning compliance and safety for new construction, repairs and alterations. Staff also responded to 11,229 inquiries, acted on 122 complaints and spent approximately 300 hours in various training sessions, conferences and seminars. The past year had steady growth in our residential districts. Several permits were issued in our commercial districts for new businesses as well as for additions and alterations to existing businesses.

The department generated a total of $222,301 in permit and contractor license fees. The Planning and Zoning Commission met nearly every month and acted on one zoning amendment and 13 subdivision requests. The Building Board of Appeals scheduled one meeting. The Zoning Board of Appeals met and heard one appeal.

Throughout the year, especially in spring and summer many residents consider and make repairs and maintenance to their permanent and part-time residences. Please check with us to see if permits are required for any work that you are planning. We continue to stress that if you need to use a contractor for any repairs or renovations, please make sure they have a current town business license. Also check that anyone working on your property has the proper permit. DO NOT give any up front money, and be certain the work has been inspected by the building department prior to making final payment. The building and zoning department is always available if you have any questions about contractors, permit requirements, property setbacks or zoning. We encourage residents and property owners to call us at 843.913.6365 with any questions.

A REMINDER TO BUSINESS OWNERS: If your business is having a special event and you plan to advertise with banners, portable signs or use a tent, a zoning compliance permit is required. Permits may be obtained Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Also remember that signs of any type are not permitted within the town rights-of-way.

Golf Cart Rules

Many residents and visitors enjoy using their golf carts in town. Council urges you to adhere to the South Carolina Law regarding golf carts. Particularly, ONLY LICENSED DRIVERS may drive carts on the town streets. The town’s police department actively enforces these laws.

§56-3-110. Vehicles required to be registered and licensed.
Every motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, pole trailer and special mobile equipment vehicle driven, operated or moved upon a highway in this State shall be registered and licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to drive, operate or move upon a highway or for the owner knowingly to permit to be driven, operated or moved upon a highway any such vehicle which is not registered and licensed and the required fee paid as provided for in this chapter.

§56-3-115. Golf cart on highway or street.
The owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, if he has a valid driver’s license, may obtain a permit from the department upon the payment of a fee of five dollars and proof of financial responsibility which permits him to:
(1) operate the golf cart on a secondary highway or street within two miles of his residence during daylight hours only; and
(2) cross a primary highway or street while traveling along a secondary highway or street within two miles of his residence during daylight hours only.
### Town of Surfside Beach
**General Fund**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**
**Year Ended March 31, 2001**

#### Revenues
- Property Taxes $1,484,180
- Franchise Fees $389,423
- Licenses and Permits $473,182
- Fines and Forfeits $891,821
- Interest Earned $173,044
- Intergovernmental Revenues $172,098
- Other Revenues $645,570
- Other Financing Sources $19,027
- **Total Revenues** $4,360,345

#### Expenditures
- Administration $234,769
- Finance $184,908
- Court $130,013
- Police $816,707
- Fire $359,441
- Building and Zoning $120,714
- Streets and Drainage $527,005
- Vehicle Maintenance $141,638
- Recreation $347,153
- Non-Departmental $290,784
- Debt Service $431,742
- **Total Expenditures** $3,603,956

#### Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures $756,389

#### Fund Balances - April 1, 2000 $242,876

#### Fund Balances - March 31, 2001 $999,265

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### Town of Surfside Beach
**Accommodations Tax Fund**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**
**Year Ended March 31, 2001**

#### Revenues
- Accommodations Tax $378,970
- Interest Earned $31,898
- Other Financing Sources
- **Total Revenues** $410,868

#### Expenditures
- Police $44,770
- Street $4,642
- Non-Departmental $15,585
- Operating
  - Advertising $106,191
  - Other Expenditures
- Capital Equipment $13,783
- Other Financing Uses $42,698
- **Total Expenditures** $227,669

#### Revenues Over Expenditures $183,199

#### Fund Balances - April 1, 2000 $377,068

#### Fund Balances - March 31, 2001 $560,267

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### Town of Surfside Beach
**Hospitality Fund**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**
**Year Ended March 31, 2001**

#### Revenues
- Hospitality Fees $473,182
- Interest Earned $15,431
- **Total Revenues** $490,613

#### Expenditures
- Police $9,515
- Fire $1,840
- Street $3,622
- Recreation $6,013
- Non-Departmental $13,033
- Operating
  - Utilities $8,256
- Other Expenditures
- Capital
  - Equipment $97,710
  - Land and Improvements $118,643
  - Other Financing Uses $74,168
- **Total Expenditures** $332,801

#### Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures $157,812

#### Fund Balances - April 1, 2000 $168,576

#### Fund Balances - March 31, 2001 $326,388

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### Town of Surfside Beach
**Sanitation Fund**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity**
**Year Ended March 31, 2001**

#### Revenues
- Sanitation Charges $632,748
- Penalties $7,502
- Interest Earned $6,679
- Operating Grants
- **Total Revenues** $646,929

#### Expenses
- Operating Expenses
  - Salaries and Benefits $290,505
  - Service Contracts $175,896
  - Operation of Motor Vehicles $18,693
  - Gasoline and Motor Fluids $24,594
  - Materials and Supplies $20,848
  - Depreciation Expense $81,407
  - Other Expenses $75,491
- **Total Expenses** $687,434

#### Net Income (Loss) $40,505

#### Retained Earnings - April 1, 2000 $439,956

#### Retained Earnings - March 31, 2001 $399,451
Surfside Beach Fire Department 2001 Annual Report
Dan Thomas, Operations Officer 843.913.6369

The Surfside Beach Fire Department's mission is to protect lives, and property. This is achieved by extinguishing and investigating hostile fires, enforcing fire codes, presenting lifesafety education programs, rescuing persons in danger, controlling hazardous materials incidents, mitigating the effects of natural disasters, and providing first responder service to life-threatening medical emergencies.

The department responded to 524 incidents in the last fiscal year, which represents a 31 percent increase over FY 2000. Our fire losses were $278,000, compared to $119,000 in 2000. The incidents include 29 fires, 256 rescue calls, 36 service calls, 14 good intent calls, 48 false alarms, and 102 other assorted calls. We had no fire-related fatalities in 2001, but have already had one this year. The busiest time for responses is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Nighttime and when you're asleep are dangerous times, so check those smoke detectors. May through October seems to be the busiest months for calls.

Safety inspections of businesses, condominiums and public buildings totaled 505, compared to 371 in 2000. That's about a 36% increase. 231 of these were initial inspections and 274 were re-inspections to assure that corrections were made. 947 violations of fire safety codes were noted and 845 corrections were obtained. Training for firefighters totaled 1,368 hours.

A program which continues to be very popular is the Hurricane Seminar. It was held at Seaside Elementary School in June 2001 and was attended by around 300 citizens and visitors as well as numerous vendors and exhibitors. We continue to try to make the program better every year. No hurricanes have threatened us in the last 2 years; but we had three near misses during the past several years. We cannot stress enough how lucky our area has been, but don't count on our luck to hold out. Please do not get a false sense of security and get prepared for hurricane season. Please read the article on page 11 and call us if you have any questions.

The fire department had a busy year and we're constantly looking for new ways to serve the community. For several years now, the department has assisted Horry County EMS by being first responders to medical calls in our town. Firefighters now carry automatic defibrillators to assist those in cardiac arrest until the advanced life support crew arrives. We have six emergency medical technicians (EMT) and one paramedic on staff. We also have several people in EMT school and will continue EMT training until all career personnel and interested volunteer members are certified EMTs.

These services would not be possible if not for the volunteers.

Our heart-felt thanks go to those who give so unselfishly to our town. If not for them, adequate fire protection in Surfside Beach would cost many times more than current service. Our biggest on-going challenge is the recruitment of volunteers to assist with these programs and with firefighting. If you are interested in serving your community through the fire department or know of someone who may be interested, please contact us at 913-6369.

Thank you to the elected officials, administrators, other town departments, other public safety agencies, and citizens at large for the support provided in helping to reduce fire losses. Special recognition is due the members of the Surfside Beach Fire Department, who dedicate themselves to maintaining a high level of service to the community, often at great personal risk. And as always, check your smoke detectors and have a safe year.

Administrator's Advisory
Continued from front cover

- Representation of our citizens' financial interests regarding Solid Waste Authority user fee issue, local accommodations tax, and successful cooperation on requests for federal, state, and county assistance
- Annexation policy debate & commercial area campaign (slow results to date)
- Fire district merger attempt with Murrells Inlet Garden City Fire Department (not successful)
- Town tourism & business promotion
- Right-of-way closing in Highway 17 area to promote economic development
- Stormwater master plan in progress
- Melody Lane Drainage Basin stormwater improvement preliminary engineering design
- Water Quality improvement planning beginning to meet federal standards
- Update to Beach Front Management Plan
- Beach renourishment full-funding cash plan for 2006
- Dune Restoration Project entering final design stage
- Parking management data collection and planning
- Expansion of summer sanitation service area to provide litter- and trash-free tourists areas and to beautify the Town
- Improvements in public safety capabilities
- Law enforcement quality emphasis netting reductions in serious vehicle accidents and increases in criminal arrests in the hopes of promoting an awareness of the high level of security our municipality offers
Hurricane Preparedness

Save this information for future reference.

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

What is a hurricane?
A hurricane is a tropical storm with winds at a constant speed of 74 miles per hour (mph) or more. Hurricane winds blow in a spiral around a calm center known as the "eye." The eye is generally 20 to 40 miles wide. The storm may extend outward for 400 miles.

A single storm can last for more than two weeks over open water and can run a path across the entire length of the eastern seaboard. Hurricanes may also spawn tornadoes, adding to the potential for destruction. Hurricanes are classified by wind speed and storm surge (see "major risks," below):

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

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

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

How can I get information about a hurricane or possible evacuation?
All local TV, AM and FM radio stations receive direct information from the National Weather Service and will broadcast continuous updates.

In addition, if an evacuation is ordered, Surfside Beach Emergency Services will travel through the town announcing the order by loudspeaker or other means.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To learn more, call FEMA at 1-202-646-4117 or visit www.fema.gov/
Surfside Beach
Police Department
2001 Annual Report

Michael Grigg, Interim Public Safety Director
843.913.6368

In last year's annual message we promised the community that every member of staff would conscientiously and diligently attempt to provide you with a high quality of service. We have maintained that promise.

Simply asserting that an agency mission is to "serve and protect" is not adequate. Each and every resident and visitor, insofar as feelings of safety and security, may only view the proof of success in the day-to-day reality that we call life.

During most tours of duty the department staffs the town with two marked units. However, the quality and quantity of our staff's service delivery is enviable equal to the best. To state that for every dollar of tax revenues expended, you are returned $1.25 worth of quality performance by the staff is absolutely reasonable. For instance:

During the past year, the town was subjected to five acts of arson. Some were not originally viewed as arsons by fire experts; we enthusiastically and vehemently disagreed, and continued with our case investigations. All were proven to be intentional acts of arson. Arrests were made and confessions were obtained for all of the incidents. Assistant Fire Chief Tom Andersen's death was resolved with an arrest.

This past summer four individuals from North Carolina were committing armed robberies "up and down" US 17 Business, extending from Garden City to Myrtle Beach. The offenders in this conspiracy were finally identified by the unrelenting efforts of Detective Miller and Detective Jordan. This information was provided to both Horry County and Myrtle Beach. Myrtle Beach located the offenders prior to their "hitting" a commercial establishment. All were armed. As I have stated so many times in the past, there are too many weapons on the street.

This fall, a North Carolina-based burglary ring victimized the Grand Strand. Cpl. Jerdon obtained the original information connecting "people" with the crimes in a routine vehicle stop. The information was shared, and Myrtle Beach officers experienced an unanticipated vehicle stop, where the violator simply "gave up" her associates. Approximately 15burglaries were solved, and recovered property was returned to some of the victims.

An area of everyday interest is the ever-present danger of intoxicated individuals driving on the roadways. Using the Datamaster breathalyzer the department doubled the number of arrests in 2001 over year 2000; there were 64 cases in 2001. "Less than a handful" of prosecutions were unsuccessful. Some of the blood alcohol levels were virtually beyond reasonable belief; yet those individuals still operated motor vehicles. Their behavior represents a clear and visible danger to you, your children, and your grandchildren.

The frequency and intensity of vehicle accidents is always a significant and daily concern to a police department. The frequency was noticeably less than the previous year. "Stop sign" accidents have been reduced from generally two to three a week, to approximately one a month (knock on wood!)

Each and every community in the nation experiences drug related problems. Despite what some individuals believe, Surfside Beach is definitely not the exception to the rule. In one incident over $10,000 was seized from a North Carolina drug dealer—we have the money and he does not! About a dozen vehicles were seized as "fruits of the crimes." Search warrants are frequently executed on persons residing within the town who deal in the illicit drug trade. We do not negotiate reductions of these punishments. Substantial amounts of heroin, ecstasy, cocaine, prescription drugs, and marijuana are routinely discovered in traffic stops and other events. Myrtle Beach police recently "ran out" one of their dealers; he relocated the entire operation to Surfside Beach. Within 10 days, the town's uniformed officers convinced him to relocate once again, this time to Atlantic Avenue in Garden City.

Fugitive and "wanted individuals" are routinely and repetitively arrested (confirmed by the local FBI office and to the Administrator). What everyone tends to forget is that US Highway 17 is a 2-way corridor to Myrtle Beach and Georgetown. "Anyone and everyone" passes through "Little Surfside Beach." A total of five fugitives wanted for homicides have been arrested in Surfside Beach by our officers. An individual wanted in three states for upper level drug trafficking (DEA case) and deadly assault, was missed by only minutes. The suspect "trains" individuals to successfully commit deadly assaults upon police officers.

Bank robberies, while not generally lucrative for the offenders, are always an area of interest to our residents. All of the past offenses except for one, have been successfully solved. Detective Jordan identified the individual based upon a "piece" of information obtained from a teller. The individual was arrested in Indiana by Federal and state authorities and written confessions were obtained. He was in the shower when the warrant was executed — a "clean" hit.

But, our "invisible" dispatchers carry out the most difficult and stressful assignment. Only one dispatcher is on duty per tour. The telephones, fire department radios, police radios, computers, and Horry County dispatch are always seemingly active at one time. The stress levels are significant and the staff deserves our appreciation.

And of course, I have not even cited the "everyday" actions and calls for service that occur between those mentioned, but are continued on next page
They say things in life go in cycles. This has proven true in the life of Surfside Beach Rescue Squad. In the past the rescue squad was known on the Grand Strand as one of the top squads in the area; however, in recent history the squad has been on the down slope of the cycle. The cycle has begun its upward turn and the members of the Surfside Beach Rescue Squad are the main reason. Through their hard work and determination, the squad has come out of some of the hardest times known. Every member is to be commended on their efforts. Also, the squad could not have made it without the support of everyone in the community who has stayed with us through the trials and tribulations. A heartfelt thanks goes out to each and everyone who has given us a helping hand. I would hate to leave anyone out so I won't try to list everyone here. Please realize all your contributions and efforts have not gone in vain.

As I stated the squad is working back on the upwards slope. With this in mind, your help is still needed desperately. We are looking for dedicated volunteers to join our ranks of healthcare providers, as well as anyone interested in just lending a helping hand to a group of friends. We, as Americans, have been tasked by President Bush to volunteer our time to those who need our help. The squad is one such way to answer that call from our commander-in-chief. Let's answer the call to duty and help make America the best it can be.

As the squad continues to grow, please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. We have come a long way, but still have a ways to go. We would not have made it this far without the community and we can not continue without your support. Any assistance you can give the squad will be greatly appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. We are all too familiar with road construction along the Grand Strand right now; pardon our mess as we build towards a better tomorrow. With your help, we can and will reach the top of the mountain. Thank you and God bless.

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Police Department

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very important to your quality of life: barking, defecating, and unleashed dogs; fireworks noise and bombardment; domestic violence incidents; neighbor disputes etc. As I always say to my children, "We do the best we can with what we have." Professionalism is what we strive for; for us there isn't any room to be second best.

Stay safe, and we will see you in the street.

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MUNICIPAL COURT

Tricia Wells, Associate Judge
& Clerk of Court
@843.913.6337

Thanks to all the jurors who participated during our February 18th through the 22nd, 2002 jury trial term. Out of 300 jurors summoned, 85 served during this term of court. There were 72 jury trials scheduled during this term; a total of 110 citations/warrants were disposed of as follows: 32 were continued; 19 were dismissed; 14 forfeited bond; 27 were plea bargained; 7 pled guilty; 1 pled Nolo Contendere (No Contest); 6 received a conditional discharge; 2 were transferred to General Sessions Court in Conway; 1 was found guilty at a jury trial; and 1 was found not guilty at a jury trial. Our next session of jury trials is scheduled for the week of May 13th through the 17th. For those jurors who will serve, please remember not to park in the People's Federal Savings and Loan parking lot.

Starting in May 2002 there will be new jury trial procedures that will be easier on those chosen each term of court as jurors. All jurors will be required to appear on Monday, the first day of jury trials for that particular term of court, and roll call will be given at that time only. All attorneys representing defendants, as well as those defendants not represented by counsel, will also appear on that first morning, regardless of what day their jury trial is scheduled. At that time, all jurors for each case will be chosen. If a juror is not chosen, they will not need to appear for jury trials the remainder of that week. All jurors chosen to serve on trials will only appear at the scheduled jury trial day and time during that particular week. Prior to the jurors’ appearance for trial, they can contact the court office, where there will be telephone recordings in order to ascertain whether their appearance is still necessary, or whether that particular trial has been settled and their appearance is not necessary. The court is hoping that, with this new procedure, those jurors who are self-employed or work will be less burdened with scheduling time off from their employment, and this will also alleviate the parking problems as a result of jury trials.

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Notice: The Municipal Message has a new publication schedule. There will be two issues printed per year.

Spring/Summer Issue

Fall/Winter Issue
Surfside Beach
Public Works
2001 Annual Report
Bobby Radford, Director
(7) 843.913.6360

STREET DEPARTMENT

This nine-person division of the Surfside Beach Public Works Department has been busy this winter. They kept the roadside drainage ditches and swales cleared and clean to maintain proper flow of storm water. During sudden heavy rainstorms, debris (leaves, limbs, trash, etc.) may wash into the drainage ways and cause water to backup and pond. At these times, department personnel are on the roadway checking and clearing away blockages to prevent flooding. Beach cleaning and swash digging continues as needed and street crews are continuously repairing potholes in the roadways, maintaining signage and keeping the road and drainage rights-of-way trimmed and mowed. In addition, you may have noticed that the street crew has been busy working on a new sidewalk project on 10th Avenue South. The sidewalk will run from Ocean Boulevard to Highway 17. Department personnel have also cleaned and stripped the beach parking lots in preparation for the summer season.

MAINTENANCE

In the last quarter our mechanic, Dan, completed 51 minor repairs to town vehicles and equipment. In addition, he also performed scheduled services on 35 vehicles, which consists of lube, oil & filter changes, brake inspections, tire rotations, and fluid checks. Utilizing street department personnel, the maintenance department also cleaned, lubricated, and calibrated the town’s 440 parking meters in preparation for April 15 to October 15 meter season.

SANITATION

During the winter months, this ten-man department operated residential and commercial routes weekly and collected over 953 tons of garbage & trash. Two boom trucks collected yard debris weekly or as scheduling permitted. Over 231 tons of yard debris was transferred to the landfill. Residential recycling was collected weekly; over 58 tons were taken to the recycling center this quarter. The street department CDL driver has been on loan to the sanitation department during this quarter. Occasionally, we get reports of your Moby carts not being emptied. You might need to take a look inside to see what is in the cart. Only household garbage should be placed in carts. Items such as empty paint cans, wood and other non-garbage debris will not be dumped. Please call 913-6360 to find out how to properly dispose of paint cans and other non-garbage or non-recyclable debris.

The Public Works Department wishes everyone a wonderful spring and summer and is looking forward to the 2002 season.

Sanitation and Recycling Schedules

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. If you miss the recycling pick up, please remove bags from curbside until the next recycling pickup day.

Town businesses are encouraged to recycle. Please call Lynn Soskinski at Public Works, 843.913.6360, to arrange participation. Blue recycle bags are free and will be delivered upon request.

COLLECTION DAYS for HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE — Moby Carts

MONDAY: 3rd Avenue South to 17th Avenue North (excluding Dogwood Drive east to Atlantic Ocean)
TUESDAY: 4th Avenue South to Melody Lane (excluding Dogwood Drive east to Atlantic Ocean)
WEDNESDAY: All streets from the Atlantic Ocean to Dogwood Drive, including North & South Ocean Boulevards, side streets, Seaside, Yaupon, & Dogwood Drives
WEDNESDAY: Town-wide Yard Debris
THURSDAY: Town-wide Recycling
FRIDAY & SUNDAY: May 1 – Sept. 30 (special service & fee) All streets from the Atlantic Ocean to Dogwood Drive, including North & South Ocean Boulevards, and side streets, Seaside, Yaupon, & Dogwood Drives

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E-mail:
Town@surfsidebeach.org
When the birds start singing and the days grow warmer, baseball and softball fever is floating in the air. Nearly 500 youngsters flocked to the Huckabee ball fields to enjoy America’s favorite pastime. Parents spend their evenings cheering the kids and enjoying some of the best hotdogs on the Grand Strand. The T-Ball Leaguers begin swinging their bats at age 4, and continue until they reach the 8-Ball League. When they reach age 9, girls head for the softball fields and the boys to the baseball fields. The girls may participate until age 16 in this sport, and boys until age 15. Games are played Monday through Thursday each weekday evening at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. When regular season games end in June, each League will select an “All-Star” team to compete in Sub-District Tournaments. Depending on the level of success, a team could go all the way to the Dixie World Series. Plan on spending a few evenings at Huckabee Complex sometime soon to enjoy the games. They are very entertaining, and will keep you “young at heart.”

When the dust settles from baseball and softball, football and cheerleading take the spotlight. Football games begin the first of October with games Monday through Thursday each weeknight. Players begin at age 8 and continue through age 12. Approximately 160 boys “suit-up” for football and about 80 girls toss “pom-poms.” These games are exciting and fun to watch. Stop by and “take in” a few games. After regular season games end in November, a local tournament will be played. A team has an opportunity to win individual trophies for a League Championship and medals for a Tournament Championship. Admission is FREE!

When “Old Man Winter” starts knocking on the door, the kids head inside the gym at St. James Middle School for some “round-ball” action. Kids ages 11-16 spend Saturdays staying in shape running full court and shooting hoops. 80 players make up the eight teams in our basketball program. If you’re looking for a “change of pace,” drop in on a Saturday and catch a game. Game times are 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. and begin the first of January and end the middle of February. As with all of our sports programs, admission is FREE!

If you have any questions or need information concerning the Youth Sports Programs at Surfside Beach Recreation Department, please call 650-4131.

The Parks and Grounds Division has year round responsibility for upkeep of all of the town’s parks, ball fields, and restroom facilities. They also add additional manpower to all the special events sponsored by the Recreation Department. We are looking forward to renovation of the All Children’s Park this fall when new playground equipment, landscaping and fencing are planned.

The Town of Surfside Beach invites you to enjoy one of its many facilities: Fuller Park, on the corner of Surfside and Myrtle Drives; Martin Park, on Dogwood Drive between 6th & 7th Avenues South; Floral Lake Clubhouse, on Lakeside Drive just across from Martin Park; All Children’s Park, at the corner of 10th Avenue South and Hollywood Drive; Veteran’s Park, at the corner of Surfside and Willow Drives; H. Blue Huckabee Recreation Complex, at Spanish Oak Drive and Glens Bay Road; Tot Lot, at the H. Blue Huckabee Complex; Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, on Pine Drive directly behind Town Hall. The Floral Lake Clubhouse and the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center are available to rent for parties, meetings. Please call Debbie Ellis at 843.913-6339 to rent either facility.

The Town also has two passive parks. The locations are 6th Avenue South and Lakeside Drive, and 12th Avenue North and Dogwood Drive. These are wonderful places to relax and enjoy the beauty and nature available to us in Surfside Beach.

FISHING LICENSE INFORMATION

SC RESIDENTS Licenses are effective July 1 through June 30. State Freshwater Fishing License. ($10) Required for all public fresh waters when using manufactured equipment and / or artificial bait. Also required on all SC DNR managed and WMA lakes and with all non-game fishing devices. Saltwater Fishing License. ($5.50) Required to harvest oysters or clams and to fish for marine finfish from privately owned boats.

NON-RESIDENTS Annual Freshwater Fishing License. ($35) Required for all public fresh waters. Also required on all SC DNR managed lakes and with all non-game fishing devices. Saltwater Fishing License. ($5.50) Required to harvest oysters or clams or to fish for marine finfish from privately owned boats.

WHERE TO BUY LICENSES AND PERMITS: There are 1,100 license agents statewide, many local sporting good stores, bait and tackle shops, major retailers and DNR field offices. Special permits and tags are available through the Columbia office only.

DNR Field Office: Telephone 1-888-434-7472, Internet: www.dnr.state.sc.us
DNR Columbia, SC: (803) 734-3833
3rd Annual Surfside Beach
Guy Daniels Memorial Surf-Off

The 3rd Annual Surfside Beach Guy Daniels Memorial Surf-Off Committee has announced plans for its 2002 surfing competition. This popular event will be held at the new 13th Avenue South surfing area in Surfside Beach and is tentatively scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11, 2002. A practice day will be held Friday, August 9, 2002, at the same location.

This surfing contest is held in memory of Guy Daniels, a Surfside Beach youth who passed away in 1999 at the age of 19. A college student, he also served as a local lifeguard, worked in an area surf shop, and was well liked and respected by both his peers and the adults in our community.

The monies raised during last year’s contest funded three (3) $1,000 scholarships for local youth and supported a medical fund that provides assistance to local children in need.

Contestants may look forward to prizes, food, many raffle items, fair judging, and two days of good old family fun. While last year’s competitors ranged in age from 5 to 57 years old, all ages are invited to participate. Sponsorship is available through t-shirt advertising as well as donations for raffle prizes and food and beverage items. Donations are always appreciated.

For more information regarding this upcoming event, to reserve advertising space, or offer assistance, please contact Debbie Owens at 843.238.1542 or Mary Lynn Stalnaker at 843.238.4347, or by mail Guy Daniels Memorial Surf-Off, c/o Town Hall, US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575.
South-end Surfing Area Relocated
New location approved
March 12, 2002

Town Council approved second reading to adopt Ordinance No. 02-0468 during its regular meeting held March 12, 2002. The ordinance moves the south-end surfing area to the “area starting three hundred (300’) feet north of 13th Avenue South extending southward to the southern most boundary of the town.” Recreation Director Hendrix said, “Surfers feel the waves are better in that area as well as the restroom facilities are available, and parking is plentiful with the new 13th Avenue South parking lot.” The relocated surfing area allows surfers to connect with the Garden City area where surfing is allowed.

ATTENTION SURFERS: The 3rd Annual Guy Daniels Surfing Tournament will be held in August. For information, please contact Mary Lynn Stalnaker at 843.238.4347 or by mail c/o Town Hall, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575. A related article is on page the previous page.

Dick M. Johnson
Civic Center
2001 Annual Report
Debbie Ellis, Program Supervisor 843.913.6339

The Dick M. Johnson Civic Center is gearing up for a great year. Several new events are being added to our programs. These include a volleyball tournament for Labor Day weekend, a Frisbee championship for children, two musical events at Martin Park, a miniature golf tournament, and a Valentine’s Day dance.

I look forward to a fun and exciting summer, fall and winter season. I will attend, participate in, and enjoy these local events. A schedule for the upcoming events is listed below. Some events have already passed, but were included because they occur annually.

If you have any questions, would like to volunteer, or participate, please don’t hesitate to call me at 843.913.6339 or e-mail: DebbieEllis@surfsidebeach.org.

Town of Surfside Beach, SC
2002 SPECIAL EVENTS

Mar 11 Can-Am Reception @ DM Johnson Civic Center
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Mar 30 Easter Egg Hunt @ HB Huckabee Complex
1:00 p.m. Ages 10 and under

Jun 2 Sun Fun Super Sunday in conjunction with Sun Fun
On the beach @ Surfside Pier to 3rd Avenue South

Jun 22 Hyperlite Youth Disc Championship (Frisbee)
@ HB Huckabee Complex 10:00 a.m.

Jul 3 July Fourth Celebration @ Martin Park, 6th Avenue South,
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Aug 31 Labor Day Volleyball Tournament, on the beach @
3rd Avenue South 9:00 a.m.

Sep 7 Skyhoundz Disc Championship @ HB Huckabee
Complex 10:30 a.m.

Sep 21 Music in the Park @ Martin Park, 6th Avenue South
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Oct 5 Surfside Beach Family Festival, Surfside Drive
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Oct 30 Halloween Carnival @ DM Johnson Civic Center
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dec 3 Christmas Tree Lighting @ Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

Dec 7 Christmas Parade, Ocean Boulevard 2:00 p.m.

Dec 14 Breakfast with Santa @ DM Johnson Civic Center
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Due to printing schedule, some events may have passed. They were noted for your information as they are annual events.
Viewpoints

It's the annual Canadian—American Days Festival

Mayor Hyman accepts franchise check from Mr. Zack Dusenbury, Vice President of Santee Cooper. Franchise fees are integral part of the town's budget and help keep your taxes low because every electric account contributes.

Faye Creel, Manager of the South Strand Office of the Greater Myrtle Beach Chamber Of Commerce, welcomes visiting Canadian And American friends to the annual Can-Am Re-
The Town's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Huckabee Complex was enjoyed by all!

Get ready, 
Set...GO!

Surfside Beach Day at Pelican's Home Game

Mayor Hyman, right, accepts ball for first pitch on April 17, 2002. Former council member Judy Lowe leads the national anthem, above.
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**Town Hall Fax**  843.238.5432

- Building Department  843.913.6365
- DM Johnson Civic Center  843.913.6339
- Fire Non-emergency  843.913.6369
- Municipal Court  843.913.6337
- Police Non-emergency  843.913.6368
- Public Works  843.913.6360
- Recreation Complex, Glens Bay Road  843.650.4131

**Utilities and Other Numbers**
- Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority  843.448.1686
- Horry County Animal Control  843.347.3898
- Horry County Public Information Office  843.915.5000
- Surfside Rescue Squad Non-emergency  843.238.1216
- Time Warner Cable Trouble Line  843.651.6699
- Santee Cooper Power Company Emergency  843.448.3070
- South Carolina Electric & Gas Company  843.839.5555

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**Town Hall Meeting Schedule**

- Town Council, 2nd and 4th Tuesday monthly @ 6:30 p.m. (except the 4th Tuesday in December)
- 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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**Postmaster**, please deliver to addressee or current resident.