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**Mayor’s Message**

"The Family Beach," just what does that bring to mind? A beautiful strand bordering the Atlantic Ocean, mom, dad, and the kids with a picnic basket, flying kites, enjoying the warm sunshine. Toys to play in the water's edge; perhaps, grandparents fishing from the shoreline; and surfers taking advantage of the waves? A park designed for all children, and neighbors in neighborhoods that share good times and bad...

The Town of Surfside Beach has been proud to be known as “The Family Beach,” for 40-years. It celebrated its 40th anniversary during 2004. The 50th anniversary will be here ten short years. What do we as a town have to look forward to during that time?

Many future events are predicated on what the town has done in its past. The town council consistently addresses your quality of life issues; working to maintain the standard of living and services being provided and working to improve them at every opportunity. Much of what the council does is based on citizen input, good or bad. Many times, just a passing comment brings a matter to the council's attention on which action may be taken.

I urge you to talk with the council members, attend council meetings, and committee meetings. The elected officials and volunteers serving on your committees welcome and need your opinions to help make the Town of Surfside Beach the very best it can be.

Town Council and I wish you best for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. We hope to see you at the Christmas tree lighting on December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at town hall and at the Christmas parade on December 11th at 2:00 p.m. on Ocean Boulevard.

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The 2005 Council Meeting Schedule is printed on the back page of this newsletter. Please call 843.913.6111 or email lherrmann@surfsidebeach.org for information on council meetings.

Roy Hyman, Jr.  
Mayor
Finance Department
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The Certified Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. A public review copy of the CAFR is available at Town Hall. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—Governmental Funds and The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets—Proprietary Fund as of March 31, 2004 are located on pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter.

Reporting on the Town as a Whole

One of the most important questions asked about the Town's finances is, "Is the Town as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Certified Annual Financial Report (CAFR) provides an answer to that question. The statement of net assets and the statement of activities report information about the Town as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. The statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements, net assets and activities, report the Town's net assets and changes in them. You can think of the Town's net assets, which is the difference between assets and liabilities, as one way to measure the Town's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's infrastructure, to assess the overall health of the town.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, the Town is divided into two kinds of activities:

Governmental Activities: Most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including general government, public safety, street, intragovernmental maintenance, culture and recreation and non-departmental. Property taxes, local accommodations taxes, franchise fees, hospitality fees, business licenses, and grants finance the majority of these activities.

Business-Type Activity: The Town charges a fee to customers to help cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides. The Town's sanitation activities are reported as business-type activity.

Reporting on the Town's Funds

The Town Council establishes funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to whom that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants and other money. The Town's two kinds of funds, governmental and proprietary, use different accounting approaches.

Governmental Funds: Most of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called the "modified accrual basis of accounting," which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance to the Town's programs.

Historical Hot Topics!

November 12, 1964
Council Meeting

• Building permit fee raised to $7.50.
• Council authorized the town clerk to arrange for a federal census.
• David Wiggins elected first fire chief; Winston Ballard assistant chief.
• A lengthy discussion was held on building a fire house. The mayor was authorized to order 1500 8" "solite" blocks and 28 bags of "bricksment." Horry County will grade off the land and send brick masons and laborers to begin construction.


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Administrator's Advisory
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Since the time of incorporation 40-years ago, the Town of Surfside Beach has seen dramatic growth along its two-mile coast. Compared to just 880 recorded residents in 1964, the 2000 Census reported a permanent resident population for the Town at approximately 4,425.

The past decade, in particular, brought with it significant growth in development, primarily along the Town's ocean front district. Due to the business generated as a result of tourist spending, commercial development has also risen along the Town's business district along US Highway 17 Business. Residential development and re-development has been steady, with over 100 single and multi-family units being completed during fiscal year 2003-2004.

Efforts to improve residents' quality of life continues to be a major priority for Town Council and staff. Construction began on the Town’s stormwater plan in the Melody basin during fiscal year 2003-2004. Construction in that basin was mostly completed this spring.

The Floral basin project is being constructed now and will be completed by April 2005. Myrtle basin and the remainder of the Town will be studied, and projects designed and constructed to protect the Town and its residents from stormwater drainage problems and to improve ocean water quality.

The Town Council established a Capital Projects Fund to account for the funds expended and collected for the Town’s stormwater management plan. Five mils of the current property taxes are earmarked for the Capital Projects Fund to be used for stormwater projects. The fund will collect this millage for five years at which time the Town will assess its progress on stormwater projects.

The Town also issued $3,165,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2004 to redeem the outstanding General Obligation Refunding and Municipal Improvement Bonds issued in 1994. The interest rates on the new bonds range from 2% to 3% and will result in a savings of $252,266 over the 9-year period.

Other initiatives during fiscal year 2003-2004 included continued work on the Town’s Comprehensive Plan revision, which is required by State Law to be reviewed every 5-years. The Planning and Zoning Commission is reviewing the plan to make recommendations to Town Council. In addition, the Public Safety Department saw completion of system upgrades required by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. The department completed installation of a new records management system, as well as upgrades to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system. Efforts began this spring to further integrate the system by providing officers with immediate, remote access to information stored in the NCIC and record management system databases while in the field. The project is expected to conclude in fiscal year 2004-2005 with the installation of a wireless mobile broadband system for the Public Safety Department. Dual certification of the fire and police personnel as public safety officers will continue as the Town completes the integration of fire and police operations. Staff will continue seeking grants and federal/state agency funds to supplement revenue and to review operations for maximum efficiency.

It is Town staff's responsibility to provide quality services to our residents, customers, and visitors. Every day, there are approximately 79 staff members that perform tasks that help to enhance and preserve the beauty and appeal of our community by securing state and federal funds for community improvements; regulating development, performing necessary upkeep and repair of Town streets, sidewalks, stormwater drainage pipes, and rights-of-way; collecting refuse and recyclables; maintaining our parks, facilities, beaches, and public space; organizing and overseeing athletic programs and special events; and improving the safety of our community by patrolling for crime, keeping the peace, and providing rapid response to fire and medical calls; and answering questions either in person, by telephone, or Internet about our Town for residents, customers, and visitors.

We are your servants. We thank you for the opportunity to work for you and make Surfside Beach a wonderful place to live and visit.
Parks & Recreation
Billy Hendrix, Director 843.650.4131
recreation@surfsidebeach.org

The 2004 football and cheerleading season has over 200 children participating! Games are played Monday through Thursday nights at H. Blue Huckabee Complex. Games start at 6:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. and last about an hour each. The Small Fry League, ages 8, 9, and 10, play on Monday and Wednesday nights. The Mite League, ages 11 and 12, play on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Following the regular season, the recreation department will host a "Pigskin Tournament," in which all the town's teams participate.

Basketball registration for boys and girls (co-ed league) will be held November 1st through 12th at H. Blue Huckabee Complex from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Age categories are 11, 12, and 13 years old, and 14, 15, and 16 years old. There are four teams in each league. Practices and games will be played at St. James School. Games will be played on Saturdays during January and February. For more information call 843-650-4131.

2005 baseball and softball registration for town residents will be held February 14th through 18th from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. each weekday at the Huckabee Complex. This registration will be for boys ages 9-14 and girls ages 9-15.

Town residents can register for T-Ball, ages 4-5, Coach Pitch, ages 6-7, and Machine Pitch, age 8, beginning Monday, May 2nd, 2005 through Friday May 6th, 2005 between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day at Huckabee Complex. All of these leagues are co-ed.

Non-resident registration for baseball and softball leagues are held at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. February 19th, 2005: Boys, ages 9 through 14, @ 9:00 a.m. and girls, ages 9 through 15, @ 12:00 noon. May 7th, 2005 @ 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for T-Ball for boys and girls, ages 4 and 5; Coach Pitch for boys and girls, ages 6 and 7; and Machine Pitch for boys and girls, age 8.

Congratulations to the Surfside Beach Belles All-Star Team, ages 13-15, for winning the 2004 Sub-District Tournament in Kingsree and to the Dixie Youth All-Stars, ages 11-12, for taking first place in the 2004 Sub-District hosted by Surfside Beach.

The Town of Surfside Beach and the recreation department staff thank all of the volunteer coaches, cheerleading squad leaders, game officials, and parents for all they do to support the department's programs. Without all of you these programs would not be possible.

Checkers, balloons, beach balls...fun galore at the July 4th celebration!

Children enjoy blowing bubbles during the 4th of July celebration at Martin Field. The 2005 celebration will be July 2nd from 6:30 to 8:30. Plan now to attend.

To see the Municipal Message in color, view it online at www.surfsidebeach.org.
This year has been another successful year for the town, special events, and the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. There are several on-going classes at the civic center and the Floral Clubhouse. Both buildings are available to rent for special meetings, parties, and on-going meetings. For additional information or pricing, email DebbieEllis@surfsidebeach.org or call 843.913.6339.

**CLASSES**

**Line Dance** - Mondays, Civic Center, 7:00 and Thursdays, Floral Clubhouse, 7:00 p.m., $3/night

**Square Dance**: Wednesdays, Civic Center, 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Bridge**: Tuesdays, Civic Center, 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.; Thursdays, Civic Center 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Canasta**: Wednesdays, Civic Center Day Room, 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Pinochle**: Wednesdays, Civic Center Day Room, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Veterans Memorial Service**: Thursday, November 11, 2:00 p.m., at the Veteran's Memorial, Fuller Park Complex, Surfside Drive

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**Christmas Tree Lighting**: Thursday, December 2, 7:00 p.m., Surfside Beach Town Hall

**Surfside Beach Christmas Parade**: Saturday, December 11, 2:00 p.m., Ocean Boulevard from 10th Avenue South to 16th Avenue North

**10K Race Sponsored by Surfside Rotary Club**: Saturday, February 5, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at Surfside Beach Pier

**Can-Am Reception**: Monday, March 14, 2005, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center

**Sun Fun Super Sunday**: Sunday, June 5, 2005, 9:00 a.m. on the beach at Surfside Pier

**Sun Fun Kids Fair**: Monday, June 6, 2005, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Fuller Park Complex, Surfside Drive

Upcoming events will be posted on the town's website, www.surfsidebeach.org. Next year's plans include the Fourth of July Celebration in Martin Park, the Labor Day Volleyball Tournament, Skyhoundz Disc Championship, Beach Sweep, Family Festival, Christmas tree lighting and Christmas parade.

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**RECYCLE!** It's easy. Free recycle bags are available at town hall and will be delivered to you upon request.

Call 843.913.6360, or email publicworks@surfsidebeach.org to place your request. Free postage-paid mail bags are also available for empty computer toner cartridges.

Recycling is picked up town-wide on Thursday each week.
Building—Zoning Department
Michael Kovacs, Administrator  843.913.6111
building@surfsidebeach.org

It's no surprise that our property values are up, way up. As the Grand Strand continues to lure more permanent residents, much is changing and the market forces of demand are astounding. In an effort to manage these development pressures and regulate orderly redevelopment, your Building & Zoning department staff performed 4,977 field inspections in fiscal year 2003-2004, issued 1,714 permits, and saw $19,152,557 of value in additions and new construction. The Town lost a valuable employee, David Barra in late October 2003 to a stroke, but the department carried on and progressed by leaps and bounds in spite of this challenge.

Serving on the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission was a busy volunteer job to have this year as it continued to work on studying a host of initiatives and changes desired by Town Council. A lot of activity was also seen on the legislative agenda as Town ordinance changes were enacted by Town Council. These changes included:

- Adopting revisions to the International Residential 2000 Code to include seismic requirements
- A complete rewrite of the Town’s subdivision ordinance
- A new planned development district ordinance
- A top-to-bottom review and adjustment to many of the Town's zoning ordinances regarding district regulations and supplemental regulations
- The reduction of height limits on the highway and ocean (R-3, C-3, C-1 districts) to 55-feet

- An increase in permit fees and calculation method changes
- Stormwater regulation reforms and the implementation of the new stormwater ordinance (special thanks to the Stormwater Advisory Committee)
- A change to increase off-street parking requirements to one (1) space per bedroom for new construction

Work continued during the winter on the comprehensive plan with Administrator Kovacs, Management Analyst Hucks, and the Tree Committee completing much of their work on the new tree protection ordinance. After the General Election in the spring, a subdivision moratorium was adopted by Town Council to allow time to reconsider density levels in rental districts. Other changes included a change to the boards, commissions, and committee appointment methods and introduction of term limits, which largely impacted the Planning & Zoning Commission netting many new citizen volunteers.

The future is busy and bright in Building and Zoning as we look forward to making final changes to address the moratorium issues, enforce the newly adopted tree ordinance, and continue recruitment efforts to staff critical positions in this demanding regulatory field.

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**PERMITS REQUIRED for Homeowner Repairs**

Call 843.913.6111 or email: building@surfsidebeach.org

Homeowners may perform ordinary, minor work valued up to $2,000 with a free permit. Before you begin any construction, painting, plumbing, remodeling, or renovation, please call the building department to obtain a permit.

Your permit must be displayed while work is in progress.

All contractors and subcontractors must be licensed and registered with the building department.
Public Safety
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Protecting the Family Paradise

Public safety is synonymous with quality of life. The Department of Public Safety’s (DPS) mission is to protect town residents and visitors from the fear of being victimized by crime; to contain the number and severity of structure fires; to provide rapid and effective first responder medical service; and to provide support to youth before they become entangled in drugs and crime.

Surfside Beach is recognized as the Grand Strand’s true “family beach,” that is now experiencing an expanding beach season and an annually growing number of beach-goers of both locals and outsiders. This past summer I visited the beach to talk with beach-goers who favorably commented their preference of our town and our beaches over others along the Grand Strand. DPS personnel are committed to protecting our family paradise.

During the past year, many changes took place within the department. Dan Thomas, former fire operations officer, retired. Efforts are underway to hire a replacement that will be an experienced firefighter with command credentials for this fully operational position.

Five DPS personnel were cross-trained as public safety officers; only three engineers are expended to cost effectively staff the fire division. Public perception of DPS has dramatically improved; the morale within the entire department is upbeat; DPS personnel approach their duties with genuine enthusiasm. The public safety concept is working! An officer from another department recently observed that Surfside Beach is now the place to work.

While we are proud of our progress, much remains to be done. All DPS job descriptions will soon involve public safety officer titles that reflect specific job specialties. A comprehensive review of the firefighting and first responder/EMT capabilities and training is underway.

The DPS youth summer camp was a major success. The only cost to the town was $160. Interagency crime, fire prevention and traffic safety initiatives are underway. The town’s first ever drug interdiction/enforcement program has taken drugs, guns, a drug lab, and several dangerous fugitives out of the town. Surfside Beach is not a safe haven for criminals.

At the conclusion of the FY 2004 budget year, a DPS budget surplus was returned to the town’s general fund; the modified Capital Replacement Plan allows a cost effective retention of patrol vehicles.

Other changes have reduced the patrol and beach fleet without decreasing operational effectiveness.

A costly second beach truck was eliminated and the use of people-friendly and equally effective golf carts is coming. The perception that many DPS employees “ride desks” is history.

During 2004, a K-9 program was initiated, despite my own initial reluctance, but abruptly ended with the tragic death of our K-9, Dezo. A cross-trained K-9 is a tremendously cost-effective law enforcement and community relations resource. No DPS program has received the level of citizen support that the DPS K-9 Program has received. Having a K-9 on shift increased our law enforcement capabilities when they were most needed. Loaded guns and drugs that “other” officers could not find were found by Dezo, who commanded the respect of the criminal element. His presence increased the safety of our officers and reduced the likelihood that criminal suspects would fight or flee. A commitment to the continuation of this program and other progressive initiatives will Continued on page 13

Dancing on the beach during
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 Avenue 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.

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**Basketball Registration**

November 1 through 12, 2004, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at Huckabee Complex. Ages 11 through 16. Ages are calculated as of April 1, 2005. Birth certificates are required for first-time participants.

**Baseball & Softball Registration**

Town Residents: February 14 - 18, 2005, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Machine Pitch: May 2 - 6, 2005, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Huckabee Complex

Non-Town Residents – February 19th, 2005
Boys @ 9:00 a.m. and Girls @ 12:00 noon, ages 9-14, at Dick M. Johnson Civic Center

T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Machine Pitch: May 7, 2005 9:00-12:00 noon at Dick M. Johnson Civic Center.

For more information call 650-4131 ext. 0

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83 Children & “a million” Lego Blocks!
Sun Fun Festival Kid’s Fair
Monday, June 7, 2004
Public Works Department

Pobby Radford, Director  843.913.6360
publicworks@surfsidebeach.org

SANITATION

The 11-man division collected more than 3,000 Moby carts each week; serviced 179 commercial dumpster accounts each month; collected and hauled yard waste on Wednesdays; collected recyclables every Thursday, and performed bulk item pick-up on Fridays. Beginning in May and ending in September the crew provided 3-times a week summer rollout service to 400+ accounts.

The total solid waste collected this fiscal year from town amounted to:

- Garbage: 5,604.68 tons
- Yard Debris: 1,123.72 tons
- Mixed Debris: 380.40 tons
- Recyclables: 306.80 tons

The average monthly Solid Waste Authority fee was $15,720. Average monthly savings due to recycling was $720. Each month approximately 60 cubic yards of metals were removed from Town streets and hauled away by a private contractor for recycling at no cost to taxpayers, and eliminated disposal fees for the Town.

For those using the Moby Cart Garbage Service, please have your cart curbside by 6:00 a.m. and removed from the curb by 11:00 p.m. on collection day. State law prohibits mixing yard waste or construction materials with household garbage in a Moby Cart or dumpster. The crew will not be able to service that cart or dumpster if items are mixed. The Solid Waste Authority landfill may not accept mixed debris. The Town can be fined for dumping contaminated materials at the landfill.

Along those same lines, debris placed curbside must not be mixed. Metals must be separated from materials such as mattresses. Leaves must be bagged and yard debris must be placed separately from other materials. Crews make every effort to pick up on time; however if all items are placed together, they will not be removed. If you have any questions in regard to the Sanitation Department, please contact Joan Saleem at 843.913.6360.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Vehicle maintenance keeps the Town's 100+ vehicles and various equipment operational. Although located within Public Works, this division is responsible for keeping everything "running smoothly" for all Town departments. During the past fiscal year 805 work orders were completed. The total consisted of 651 repairs on Town vehicles and equipment and 154 scheduled maintenance tasks (lube/oil/filter). In addition, 45 vehicles had tires replaced and 34 flat repairs were made.

STREET & DRAINAGE

This division maintained and repaired the Town's 25-mile long local roadway system as well as maintaining and cleaning the Town's 2-mile long beach front.

Kudos to the Street crew for the beautiful job they did on the construction of the sidewalk along 16th Avenue North to Highway 17 Business that was completed in January.

The Street crew picked up litter along Highway 17 Business, Ocean Boulevard, and all the municipal parking lots every week. Grass was mowed on Highway 17 Business, Surfside Drive and Ocean Boulevard. Curb areas in the central business district were cleaned. Bushes were trimmed along the

Frontage Road, Highway 17 Business, along Town rights-of-way and streets. Potholes, washouts, broken roadway edges, and street signs were repaired or replaced as necessary.

The beach crew kept the beach cleaned of litter, debris, and abandoned beach chairs. The Town's 70+ beach trash cans were emptied three to four times each week. The drag-rake was utilized to clean up marsh grass that washed ashore. Beach swashes were dug out on a regular basis to keep water flowing.

The contract with Estate Management for lake maintenance was renewed.

The Public Works Department has a variety of demanding jobs. It takes dedicated people to complete those jobs in the heat of summer and the cold of winter as well as dealing with those emergency situations and storms that appear. Your staff continues to work hard to stay ahead of, or at least keep up with, the demands of our growing community.

All three departments took part in the removal of debris left by Hurricane Charley and completed the bulk of the trash pick up in three weeks. We would like to thank our citizens for their cooperation, understanding, and patience during the past year and we look forward to being of service in the future!
Finance Department, continued from Page 2

Proprietary Fund: When the Town charges customers for the services it provides, these activities are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. The Town’s enterprise fund (a component of proprietary funds) is the same as the business-type activity reported in the government-wide statements, but provides more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for the proprietary fund.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by $7,601,618 (net assets.) Of this amount, $3,271,359 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the Town’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town’s total net assets increased by $1,595,077. This is a result of a decrease in net assets of our business-type activity of $24,774, or 5.6%, and an increase in net assets of our governmental activities of $1,619,851 or 29.1%.
- The Town’s total revenues amounted to $6,340,093 during the year ended March 31, 2004. Revenues of governmental activities totaled $5,536,538, an increase of 18.6%, and revenues of our business-type activity were $803,555, an increase of 0.8%.
- During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Town’s total expenses amounted to $4,745,016. Expenses of governmental activities totaled $3,926,687, an increase of 1.4%, and expenses of our business-type activity were $818,329, a 7.9% increase.
- At March 31, 2004, the Town’s governmental funds reported combined fund balances of $5,073,939, an increase of $349,625 in comparison to the prior year.
- The increase in the Town’s investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was $637,435, or 13.7% for governmental activities and $6,327, or 2.1% for our business-type activity.
- At year-end, the Town had $3,165,000 in outstanding general obligation bonds compared to $3,325,000 last year, a decrease of 4.8%.

These financial highlights indicate that your Town Council and Staff have managed your assets well during the past fiscal year.

| TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA |
| STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS |
| PROPRIETARY FUND |
| Year Ended March 31, 2004 |

| OPERATING REVENUES | $ 802,599 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | $ 411,828 |
| Personnel Service and Related Expenses | $ 411,828 |
| Maintenance and Service Contracts | $ 226,701 |
| Materials and Supplies | $ 14,595 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | $ 2,180 |
| Depreciation | $ 75,574 |
| Other Operating Expenses | $ 87,451 |
| Total Operating Expenses | $ 818,329 |

| Operating Loss | $ (15,730) |

| NONOPERATING REVENUES | $ 956 |
| Interest Income | $ 956 |

| Loss Before Transfer | $ (14,774) |
| Transfer Out | $ (10,000) |

| Change in Net Assets | $ (24,774) |
| Total Net Assets - Beginning, as Previously Reported | $ 440,010 |
| Adjustment for Change in Capitalization Threshold | $ (81) |
| Total Net Assets - Beginning, as Restated | $ 439,929 |
| Total Net Assets - Ending | $ 415,155 |

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets—Proprietary Fund (this page) and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—Governmental Funds (next page) are excerpts from the Certified Annual Financial Statement (CAFR), which is available for public inspection at Town Hall.
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Year Ended March 31, 2004

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| **EXPENDITURES**     |              |                     |                  |                            |                       |                         |
| Current:             |              |                     |                  |                            |                       |                         |
| General Government   | $604,629     | $                   | $                | $1,574,263                 | $604,629              |                         |
| Public Safety        | 1,457,079    | 62,740              | 54,444           |                            | 1,574,263             |                         |
| Street               | 424,424      |                     | 27,365           |                            | 451,789               |                         |
| Intragovernmental Maintenance | 83,011 |                     |                  |                            | 83,011                |                         |
| Culture and Recreation| 399,927     |                     |                  |                            | 409,923               |                         |
| Non-Departmental      | 192,007      | 164,218             | 3,698            |                            | 359,923               |                         |
| Capital Outlay        | 195,063      | 10,474              | 88,083           |                            | 903,061               | 1,196,761              |
| Debt Service:         |              |                     |                  |                            |                       |                         |
| Interest              | 75,698       |                     |                  |                            | 75,698                |                         |
| Bond Issuance Costs   | 74,770       |                     |                  |                            | 74,770                |                         |
| Payment to Escrow Agent| 346,347   |                     |                  |                            | 346,347               |                         |
| Agent Fees            | 540          |                     |                  |                            | 540                   |                         |
| **Total Expenditures**| $3,853,575  | $237,432            | $183,166         | $903,061                   | $5,177,234            |                         |

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over  
(Under) Expenditures

|                      | $216,413     | $112,943            | $448,970         | $97,277                    | (612,330)             | $263,273               |

| **OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)** |              |                     |                  |                            |                       |                         |
| Transfers In          | $202,446     | $                   | $                | $862,000                   | $1,064,446            |                         |
| Transfers Out         | (722,000)    | (40,752)            | (196,725)        | (94,969)                   | 3,197,552             |                         |
| General Obligation Refunding Bonds Issued | 3,197,552 |                     |                  |                            | 3,197,552             |                         |
| Payment to Escrow Agent | (3,121,200) |                     |                  |                            | (3,121,200)           |                         |
| **Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)** | $(443,202) | $(40,752)           | (196,725)        | (94,969)                   | $862,000              | $86,352                |

Net Change in Fund Balances

|                      | $(226,789)   | $72,191             | $252,245         | $2,308                     | $249,670              | $349,625               |

Fund Balances - Beginning, as Previously Reported

|                      | $3,227,273   | $745,758            | $737,511         | $3,468                     | $4,714,010            |                         |

Adjustment for Compensated Absences Accrual

|                      | 10,304       |                     |                  |                            | 10,304                |                         |

Fund Balances - Beginning, as Restated

|                      | $3,237,577   | $745,758            | $737,511         | $3,468                     | $4,724,314            |                         |

Fund Balances - Ending

|                      | $3,010,788   | $817,940            | $989,756         | $5,776                     | $249,670              | $5,073,939             |
GOLF CART REGULATIONS

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.

**SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF 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.

Note: **Golf Carts must be registered with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.** The nearest office to Surfside Beach is located at 1200 21st Avenue North in Myrtle Beach. ☎️843 448-9957

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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS AND DRAFT MINUTES**

Town Council meeting agendas and draft minutes for the previous meeting are available via e-mail for those who wish to receive them. They are usually sent on the Friday before the regular council meeting.

Please send a message to town@surfsidebeach.org to have your email address added to the group.

The email groups also receive advisory messages during storm events and other extraordinary circumstances.

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Zack Dusenbury and Ed Bodie present Mayor Hyman with Santee Cooper's franchise fee check.

07/29/2004
Ordinances Regarding Animals

Town Hall frequently receives calls regarding animal related code. The following sections are excerpts from the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinance, which is published on-line. You may access the code in its entirety by visiting www.surfsidebeach.org. On the home page, click “Town’s Code of Ordinances,” which will direct you to Municipal Code Corporation. Once at Municipal Code’s site, choose “On-Line Library” on the side bar, then choose the State of South Carolina. A list of names will appear; scroll down and click on “Surfside Beach.”

§3-1. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Animals shall be held to include all brute creatures and domestic pets. Dog shall include all members of the canine family four (4) months or more of age, including foxes and other canines.

§3-2. Bird Sanctuary. The entire area within the town limits is designated as a bird sanctuary, and every citizen is to conserve bird life through care and feeding, and protection from danger of any and all kinds. It shall be unlawful for any person to kill, shoot, attempt to shoot, trap, or molest in any manner the birds within the town.

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

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

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

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

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

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

§7-28(c) Dead Animals. Small dead animals, a definition herein, will be collected by the town on request, provided that it is during the operating hours of the landfill and the body is in a place easily accessible to the collector and is wrapped or contained in a plastic bag or other suitable container that will be collected with the body. Owners of large dead animals shall be responsible for their removal and disposal.

§7-46. Certain animals a nuisance. In the interest of maintaining clean, sanitary, and quite neighborhoods, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or others to keep or exhibit within the Town of Surfside Beach any horses, mules, swine, goats, sheep, cattle, chickens or fowl, unless such animals are kept inside a residence. Likewise, there will be no stables, barns, sheds, pens, or other enclosures intended for housing such animals. The keeping of such animals would constitute a nuisance.

§7-91(b)(4). It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor any animal that frequently, or for continued duration howls, barks, or makes other sounds that create excessive or unnecessary noise across a residential area. For the purpose of this section, “barking dog” shall mean a dog that barks, bays, cries, howls, or makes any other noise continuously or incessantly for a period of five (5) minutes, or barks intermittently for ten (10) minutes or more to the disturbance of any person, particularly between 11:00 p.m.
Ordinances, Continued from previous page

and 7:00 a.m., and regardless of whether the dog is physically situated in or upon private property, provided, however, that a dog shall not be deemed a "barking dog," if at the time the dog is barking or making any other noise, a person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon property in or upon which the dog is situated.

§7-94 Pets. It is unlawful to permit any animal to make long, frequent, or continued noise which disturbs the comport or repose of any person in the vicinity.

§8-69. Malicious injury or damage to property and animals. It shall be unlawful for any person to injure any animal, the property of another or to damage any goods, wares or merchandise or other personal property of another person or any public property within the town. It shall be unlawful for any person to damage, deface or destroy any fencing, fences, trees, shrubbery, or buildings on the land of another or belonging to any other person within the town.

§12-69. Dogs and other domestic pets. It shall be unlawful to allow any dog or domestic pet on the public beach within the town limits during the calendar period from May 15 through September 15.

§12-70. Horses. It shall be unlawful for any person to have a horse, or any other animal that can be ridden, on the streets or public beaches within the town's corporate limits.

Violations of these codes may result in fines up to $225 FOR EACH VIOLATION. Please register your dog with town hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bring your dog's rabies inoculation certificate with you.

If you have questions, please telephone town hall @ 843.913.6111.

Visit the Town Website @
www.surfsidebeach.org
to view this newsletter in color, to contact Town Hall, link to the Town Code of Ordinances, find out about upcoming events and area information.

A brave rock climber goes for the limit during the Fall Family Festival.
**EMERGENCY CALLS Dial 9-1-1**
Any Emergency, Fire/Rescue/Police — Dial 9-1-1

**TOWN DIRECTORY**

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115 US Highway 17 North  
Surfside Beach, SC 29575-6034

**INTERNET ADDRESS:** [www.surfsidebeach.org](http://www.surfsidebeach.org)

**E-Mail Addresses:**
- General Mailbox: town@surfsidebeach.org
- Building & Zoning: building@surfsidebeach.org
- DM Johnson Civic Center: civiccenter@surfsidebeach.org
- Finance: finance@surfsidebeach.org
- Parks/Recreation: recreation@surfsidebeach.org
- Public Safety: publicsafety@surfsidebeach.org
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**PUBLIC NOTICE 2005**

**Town Council Meeting Schedule**

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Town Council meetings are held in Council Chambers, at Town Hall, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC, and begin at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

The public is invited to attend all meetings. Time is allotted for public comments at every meeting. Councilmembers may be contacted by email (see front cover) or call Town Hall, 843.913.6111.

Agendas are published on Fridays prior to the meeting and emailed to interested parties; to be added to the list, send an email message to town@surfsidebeach.org.