2004 Election Results

The 2004 General Election was held Tuesday, April 6, 2004. The mayor’s seat and three councilmember’s seats were open for 4-year terms beginning May 11, 2004 and ending May 13, 2008.

Incumbent Roy Hyman, Jr. was elected mayor by the voters with 422 votes. John Tellet, also vying for the mayor’s seat, received 410 votes.

Incumbent Judy Tuttle saw victory on April 6th in the General Election for another term on town council, receiving 511 votes. Newcomer Bill McKown with 538 votes also received a majority and won his bid for a seat on town council.

Neither incumbent P. L. Mabry with 321 votes nor newcomer Rebecca Hiatt with 329 votes received a majority of the votes and were named to participate in a runoff election on April 20th, 2004.

The runoff election resulted in Hiatt winning the council seat with 428 votes versus Mabry’s 270 votes.

Other town council candidates in the General Election included newcomers Jackie Donevant (244 votes) and Mark Johnson (283 votes.)

The Town of Surfside Beach Municipal Election Commission conducted the general election with the invaluable help of numerous volunteers. The town and staff thank the commission and volunteers for their support and willingness to serve the town.

Next election is April 4, 2006.

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10K Race—A Great Success

The 1st Annual Surfside Rotary 10K Race held on February 7, 2004, was a great success. Participants included 164 runners and walkers, dozens of volunteers, and numerous spectators. The weather was perfect for race day; beautiful sunshine, the temperature was about 55 with a light breeze.

The race starting line was at the Surfside Pier. Runners and walkers traveled a marked course through the town. Organizers said this race was the perfect “warm-up” for the Myrtle Beach Marathon scheduled for the next weekend.

Runners and walkers were divided in categories based on age and gender.

Female Overall Results: 1st-40:39 Lisa Tolley of Seneca, SC; 2nd-43:44, Tricia Lee, Garden City, SC; 3rd-44:34, Karen Howard-Goss, Surfside Beach, SC.

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Male Overall Results: 1st-38:03, Randy Melko Surfside Beach, SC; 2nd-40:35, Charlie Epperson, Wilmington, NC; 3rd-41:35 Tate Phillips, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Female Masters Overall Results: 1st-43:26 Debra Peters, Surfside Beach, SC; 2nd-54:06 Elane Miller, Myrtle Beach, SC; 3rd-54:40 Delores Horn, Pawleys Island, SC.

Male Masters Overall Results: 1st-41:57, Jim Gummow, Wilmington, NC; 2nd-42:28 Larry Milner, (address unknown); 3rd-Joe Hock, Surfside Beach (see photo above).

Other town winners were: MEN Age 1-19, 2nd-50:39, Joey Hock; 20-29, 2nd-1:04:18, Josh DeLong; 30-39, 1st-46:14, Troy Campbell; 50-59, 3rd-49:41, Henry Prisby. WOMEN Age 50-59, 1st-1:00:06, Kathryn Martin; 2nd-1:08:37, Jenny Gomoll.

Race results were compiled by Race Management Systems, (RMS), www.rmssports.com. For additional race information, contact www.surfsiderotary.org. Howard Barnard, president of the Surfside Rotary, reported to Town Council that plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Surfside Rotary 10K Run scheduled on Saturday, February 5, 2005.

Start your exercise plan now so you can participate next year!

Surfside resident Joe Hock, finished 3rd in Male Masters Overall, with a time of 43:33.
Mayor and Councilmembers Sworn In

MAY 11, 2004 COUNCIL MEETING

Approximately 90 residents and guests were in attendance at the May 11, 2004 council meeting and witnessed the newly elected officials being sworn to office.

Town council consists of a mayor and six councilmembers who serve a 4-year term. Elections are every even-numbered year alternating between the mayor and three council seats up for election or only three council seats up for election.

Incumbent Roy Hyman, Jr. was sworn in for his second term of service as mayor by Mr. Nelson Jackson, founder of Ocean Lakes Campground, as Darlene, his wife, held the Holy Bible and stood as a witness.

Incumbent Judith K. Tuttle, and councilmembers-elect William M. McKown and Rebecca J. Hiatt, were sworn in by The Hon. Dick M. Johnson, who formerly served as the town’s mayor. Horry County Councilmember Howard Barnard held the Holy Bible and stood as a witness for the councilmembers-elect. Councilmember Barnard is the Horry County District #5 representative.

Terms of office began on May 11, 2004 and end on May 13, 2008.

All councilmembers may be contacted by calling town hall at 813.913.6111 or by e-mail, town@surfsidebeach.org.

PERMITS REQUIRED for Homeowner Repairs

Call 843.913.6111 or E-mail: 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 register with the building department.
When the high-keening hurricane-force winds subsided and the driving rain slowed to gusting showers and fog, the house still stood. Every building around had been flattened or washed away, and so it earned its nickname “The Ark” the hard way, by surviving storm after storm for about a century and a half.

The Arke Plantation was mentioned in the 1820 Robert Mills Atlas of South Carolina as the home of John Tillman. A survey of Tillman’s plantation was recorded in Horry County, marked Resurvey of an 1838 Map; 3,194 acres, 1.5 miles of ocean front and stretching 3-miles inland. Since no deed to the property was ever recorded, it might have been a royal grant to the Tillman family before the Revolutionary War in the 1770s. The map showed the house (the Old Arke), outbuildings, and cleared fields.

Tillman’s plantation house, like many others, was a “four-square” house. It had four rooms downstairs, with a wide hall separating them, a stairway and four rooms upstairs. It was a stark, bare house, with unpainted gray board siding, built with no pretense of beauty or ornamentation. It would not be found in a book of classic Southern mansions. But, it was built to stand through summer storms and winter gales, through frigid cold and untimely heat, a haven of safety for those who sheltered there. It survived the worst storms of the 1800s and on until the 1950s. “The Ark” was a very appropriate name for such a house.

In 1822, a violent hurricane struck Pawleys Island and all along the Grand Strand. It was one of the worst storms recorded and resulted in a great loss of life and property. It was in this storm that one of South Carolina’s favorite ghosts first appeared; the Gray Man of Pawleys Island. He’s a friendly, helpful ghost warning people of coming storms.

Through all of the “hard blows” and storms and hurricanes of the 1800s, the Old Arke still stood, a refuge for those in need. In 1894, two storms devastated the coast. The “Great Storm” late in August caused the loss of a thousand ships at sea and hundreds of deaths. Two ships washed ashore in Myrtle Beach; The Freeda A. Wyley and The Jonathan May. In October, another storm and tidal wave washed away buildings and landmarks with terrible loss of life.

Fishermen along the Surfside Beach area made their way to the Old Arke, thereby saving their lives. When the tidal waters swirled inland, inundating houses, people and crops, the old house stood. When water swept into the house, the fishermen chopped a hole in the floor to help the water flow through. And they survived. After the storm and flooding waters, the Old Arke was one of very few buildings left standing on the coast between Murrells Inlet and Wilmington, North Carolina.

In the 1920s the property, including the old house, was bought by George Holliday of Gallivants Ferry. He added 20 new rooms to the century-old building and wide front and side porches. It became a fine summer hotel for Floral Beach (now Surfside Beach.) At last, the Old Arke had a new look and a new life, for a while.

By the 1950s, it stood abandoned and decaying on the site at 3rd Avenue South and Willow Drive. People began to take away a board or door or piece of molding. It was the death knell of the Old Arke, and it was finally dismantled; another lost landmark of our times past along the Grand Strand.

Blanche Floyd is a retired history teacher and a member of the Horry County Historical Society. A free-lance writer, she is author of “Gentle Persuasion” and “Tales Along the Grand Strand of SC.”

Firefighter of the Year 2003

Public Safety Fire Lieutenant Mike Lewis receives certificate from Murrells Inlet Veteran’s of Foreign Wars. Lt. Lewis also serves as the town’s arson investigator. Congratulations!
Summer is here and we’re a big city again. A special thanks goes out to all the residents in the rental district areas for your patience and hospitality as we experience the fun everyone else is enjoying at our terrific family beach. Of course, if things get out of order, please contact our public safety department at 843.913.6368 for non-emergency assistance.

Along with our summer activity, we’ll see some interesting happenings with our new Town Council. If you’re interested in big policy items like development and growth control, you’ll be excited to see the Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council working on the comprehensive plan. July will mark the delivery of the first segments of our new 5-year plan and we expect a good deal of interest and attendance.

Financial and organizational topics at council meetings and special meetings are also anticipated beginning in June and thereafter as pre-budget discussions begin and council examines town services, operations, and associated costs in an effort to ensure that what we are doing is in the public interest and in line with your expectations and desires.

If you have comments about town operations, costs, services or would like to make your opinions known regarding development, growth control, and the coming plans, please send an e-mail message to Town@surfsidebeach.org. We hope use our Town website more for many of these initiatives. If you haven’t seen it lately, surf over to the site at www.surfsidebeach.org.

My staff and I enjoy serving you and wish you the best in this beautiful summer season!

HISTORICAL HOT TOPICS!
May 7, 1964 Regular Council Meeting

- The Planning & Zoning Committee recommended zones for Surfside Beach.
- Business license fee set at $10 for beach float and umbrella rental business.
- David Wiggins elected first fire chief; Winston Ballard assistant chief.
- Volunteer Firefighters met for the first time; 37 volunteers attended.
- John Garrett, chief of police, purchased a pistol for $57.50.
- A tractor was leased for $10/hour to remove dirt from 3rd Avenue South roadway after resident Dexter Hamilton commented that it was unsafe.

Your town staff works hard to achieve the town motto, “dedicated people providing quality responsive service to our community.” It was with great pleasure that Mayor Hyman recognized and presented these employees with awards during the annual employee Christmas luncheon.
The Public Safety Department is soliciting your assistance in identifying town residents who are home-bound, disabled, or who have special needs, that might prevent or slow their movement during an emergency evacuation. This information is being requested as part of the town’s emergency operation plan.

Please canvass your respective neighborhoods and bring this notice to the attention of any residents having special needs. Ask them to contact Sergeant J. C. Dean at 843.913.6348. Sgt. Dean will respond to each request to identify and coordinate the person’s need for assistance during an emergency evacuation.

This is an important initiative that will help maintain the safety of our friends and neighbors who have special needs. Please help your friends, neighbors, and the Public Safety Department by giving this request your attention.

**Important Numbers:**

**EMERGENCY Calls:** 9-1-1

Sgt. J. C. Dean 843.913.6348
Public Safety Department Non-emergency 843.913.6368

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**Police Officer Of the Year 2003**

Deputy Chief of Police Operations Steve Homitz was recognized as Police Officer of the Year 2003 by the Murrells Inlet Veterans of Foreign Wars. Congratulations!
Dick M. Johnson Civic Center
Up-Coming Events
Debbie Ellis, Program Coordinator ② 843.913.6339

Classes and special events, and meeting room rentals for the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center and the Floral Lake Clubhouse are managed by this department. The civic center has a large room that accommodates up to 150 people and a small room with a 50-person capacity. The clubhouse will hold about 35. All three areas are available for rent for special meetings, parties, or on-going meetings. For additional information or pricing, ② 843.913.6339 or send an email to civiccenter@surfsidebeach.org.

CLASSES

Line Dance - Beginners every Monday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. $3/night
Aerobics - Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:15-10:00 a.m. $4/class
Seniorcise - Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10:15-11:00 a.m. $4/class
Fit Ball - Every Friday, 9:15-10:00 a.m. $5/class.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun Fun Super Sunday - Sunday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the beach at Surfside Pier
Sun Fun Kid’s Fair - Monday, June 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Fuller Park Complex, Surfside Drive
Fourth of July Celebration - Saturday, July 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Martin Park, 6th Avenue South
Labor Day Volleyball Tournament - Saturday, September 4, 9:00 a.m. until, on the beach at 3rd Avenue South
Skyhoundz Disc Championship - Saturday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. until, H. Blue Huckabee Complex
Beach Sweep - Saturday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, on the beach at Surfside Pier
Surfside Beach Family Festival - Saturday, October 2, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Surfside Drive
Veterans Memorial Service - Thursday, November 11, 2:00 p.m., at the Veteran’s Memorial, Fuller Park Complex, Surfside Drive
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

Be sure to check the town’s website for details on other events—www.surfsidebeach.org

Door-to-Door Solicitors Making you crazy???

Are door-to-door solicitors and salesmen making you crazy? Did “Wheel of Fortune” get interrupted one time too many last week? Here’s a quick way to stop unwanted solicitors from interrupting you.

Ask the solicitor for his permit! If he cannot show it to you, simply tell him to leave your property and go to town hall to obtain a permit. If the solicitor does not leave your property after being requested to do so, he is trespassing.

The town requires that any person going from door-to-door to sell anything or to solicit business or donations must first obtain a solicitation permit that must be shown to the resident while soliciting.

Do not accept the excuse that “I forgot to bring it.” If they don’t have it with them, they are violating the town code.

If you have questions about solicitation, please call town hall, 843.913.6111.
Veterans Brick Pavers – Final Sale Now Open

Orders are now being accepted for brick pavers for the final section of the Surfside Beach Veterans Memorial. Spaces are available for approximately 125 additional pavers.

If you want to purchase a paver to honor or memorialize a family member or friend, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and submit it along with your payment, to Town of Surfside Beach, Attn: Veterans Memorial Pavers, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575. Please call 843.913.6111 if you have questions.

Paver sales will remain open until August 31, 2004. The cost is $50/paver. Pavers will be engraved and installed for the November 11, 2004 Veterans Day Memorial Service, scheduled at 2:00 p.m.

Officer Chris Howard walks past the Surfside Beach Color Guard after placing the memorial wreath at the Veterans Memorial during the Veterans Day Service. Officer Howard had just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq with the MP-133 Battalion.

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**VETERANS MEMORIAL BRICK ORDER FORM**

Orders Must Be Submitted On Or Before August 31, 2004

Checks should be payable to “Town of Surfside Beach,” and submitted along with this form to Town of Surfside Beach, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575.

Notes: Advertising (including business names) nor personal statements are allowed
Acknowledgments will be sent to honorees without charge.
Additional orders may be submitted on photocopies of this form or an attached sheet of paper.

BUYER’S NAME ____________________________

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP ______________________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____________) _______ # BRICKS _______ @ $50/EACH = $________

(BUSINESS HOURS NUMBER, PLEASE)

IMPRINT INFORMATION

NAME ____________________________

SERVICE BRANCH (CIRCLE) US AIR FORCE US ARMY US COAST GUARD US MARINES US NAVY

SUGGEST EITHER SERVICE DATES OR BIRTH/PASSING DATES

__________/__________/__________ – ________/__________/__________

To have an acknowledgment sent, please provide:

HONOREE’S NAME ____________________________

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP ______________________________________________________________________
**Palmetto Pride Grant Award Presentation**

Mrs. Meredith Smith, city clerk for the City of North Myrtle Beach, representing Palmetto Pride and the Governor’s task force on litter, and Sgt. Randy Fisher, lower regional director for the South Carolina Litter Patrol Association and a police sergeant with the North Myrtle Beach Police Department whom lives in Surfside Beach, presented the town with a Community Pride grant check (facsimile) in the amount of $4,360 (the original check was delivered to the finance department.) The Community Pride grant program funds anti-litter and beautification efforts at the local level. Sgt. Fisher encouraged the town to participate in the “Zero Tolerance” weekend held May 13-15 promoting a litter-free South Carolina. Mayor Hyman thanked Mrs. Smith and Sergeant Fisher and accepted the check on behalf of the town. Sergeant J. C. Dean of the public safety department was liaison for town participation. Thank you all for helping keep the Town of Surfside Beach and our great State litter free!

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 beginning on Thursday each week.
Do you know the fastest way to get answers to your questions? Many answers can be found on the town’s website, www.surfsidebeach.org. Information from the Town Code of Ordinances, trash pickup days, and upcoming events are published on the web. Check out the site as it continues to be updated with information and forms to provide quality service for you.

Who do you contact if you can not find the answer. First, any town councilmember, department, or employee can be reached by a telephone call to the main number, 843.913.6111. The receptionist will either forward your call, take a message from you, or give you the telephone number you need.

Second, each town department has an email address. Please feel free to send your inquiries via email if the situation does not require an immediate response. Departmental addresses are:

Town of Surfside Beach 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
Public Works publicworks@surfsidebeach.org

Town@surfsidebeach.org is the main town email address. Mail for any councilmember, staff member, or department may be sent to this address and it will be forwarded.

The building and zoning department, commonly referred to as the “building department,” answers questions about construction, remodeling, tree cutting, painting, electrical, plumbing, and zoning requirements, i.e., my bedroom needs painting, can I do it myself? The answer is yes! A homeowner may make ordinary repairs valued up to $2,000. Contact the building department for a free plaque to place in your window so your neighbors know you’ve received approval to perform the work. The building department also publishes a list of companies that are licensed to work in town.

The Dick M. Johnson Civic Center is operated as a division of the parks and recreation department. The program coordinator plans and manages all town events, i.e., annual Easter egg hunt, Sun Fun Super Sunday, and the Christmas parade. A complete list of upcoming events and other information about the civic center is on page 8.

The finance department is responsible for receiving all payments to the town; pays bills and invoices; assists in administering the town budget, and prepares payroll bi-weekly for town employees. Finance also assists in a myriad of other functions and special projects.

Parks and recreation, commonly referred to as “recreation,” organizes and manages all sporting events, in addition to caring for town parks and the beach restrooms and accesses. The recreation department is located at the Huckabee Complex on Spanish Oak Drive, just off Glens Bay Road; telephone 843.650.4131.

Public safety consists of police and fire operations. Both stations are located at the town hall complex between 1st Avenue North and Pine Drive at Highway 17. Non-emergency telephone numbers are 843.913.6368 (police) and 843.913.6369 (fire.) Remember, burning trash or yards requires a burn permit prior to lighting the flame! Crime Watch is organized through public safety. Crime Watch has quarterly meetings and everyone is invited. For details, please call the police non-emergency number.

Public works is located on Sandy Lane and the telephone number is 843.913.6360. Public works picks up your trash, recyclables, yard and household debris. Free recycle bags are available at town hall or you may call or email your request to public works for home delivery.

Employment opportunities. An employment application and job openings are published on the town website. Please visit www.surfsidebeach.org, choose “government,” then choose “employment information.” Town policy requires an original signature on the application; therefore, it must be mailed or delivered to Town of Surfside Beach, Town Hall, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575.

In addition to contact numbers and email addresses, the town has brochures and flyers printed to help you, visitors, and guest be informed about policies, laws, and events. Please call or email your requests, comments, complaints, suggestions, or needs. Your town staff’s goal is to “provide quality and responsive service to our community.”
www.surfsidebeach.org
what's there for you?

Links to
➢ Town Code of Ordinances
➢ International Building Code
➢ Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
➢ In-town accommodations and vacation rental companies
➢ Local media, newspapers, TV
➢ State of South Carolina home page

Information on
➢ Town History
➢ Town Council and meeting dates
➢ Town Departments
➢ Civic Center & up-coming events
➢ Employment Opportunities & Application form
➢ Area schools, public library
➢ Area attractions, restaurants, nightlife
➢ Maps, directions
➢ Public Notices (golf cart laws, surfing information, pet owners’ responsibility, etc.)
➢ Senior Center
➢ The Municipal Message
➢ Trash schedules & recycling guidelines
➢ Veterans Memorial
➢ MORE!

EMERGENCY CALLS Dial 9-1-1
Any Emergency, Fire/Rescue/Police — Dial 9-1-1

TOWN DIRECTORY
843.913.6111 Town Hall Main Number
(All departments may be reached by dialing this number.)
843.238.5432 Town Hall Fax Number
843.913.6111 Building Department
843.913.6339 DM Johnson Civic Center
843.913.6369 Fire Division (non-emergency calls)
843.913.6337 Municipal Court (traffic tickets, jury duty, etc.)
843.650.4131 Parks & Recreation
843.913.6368 Public Safety & Police Division (non-emergency calls)
843.913.6360 Public Works

Mailing Address: Town of Surfside Beach
115 US Highway 17 North
Surfside Beach, SC 29575-6034

PUBLIC NOTICE 2004 June to December
Town Council Meeting Schedule
June 7*, 22 July 13, 27 August 10, 24
September 14, 28 October 12, 26 November 9, 23 December 14

*Special Meeting Day, MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2004, because Election Day is Tuesday, June 8th.
Meetings are held in Council Chambers, Town Hall Complex, 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.