A Consolidated Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is required by State statutes and is an annual audit by independent certified public accountants. Town Council selected the accounting firm of Smith, Sapp, Bookhout, Crumpler & Calliham, P.A. who completed the audit for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005 in July, 2005.

As part of the audit, a study and evaluation of the town’s internal account control system was to the extent considered necessary as required by generally accepted auditing standards, and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Transactions were selected and tested for compliance with certain laws and regulations. The independent auditor’s report related specifically to internal control over finance reporting and compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants is included in the CAFR, a copy of which is available at Town Hall, and at www.surfsidebeach.org.

Finance and Management Services Director Diana King said, “Based on CAFR, the Town is in excellent financial condition. The General Fund

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ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
October 19, and 20, 2005

The Town’s Annual Budget Meeting was held Wednesday and Thursday, October 19 and 20, 2005. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Town Hall Complex for the third consecutive year.

The 2-day meeting provided time for detailed discussions by Town Council and staff about the budgeting process, programs that need to be provided, and projects that need to be completed to enhance and maintain the Town’s quality of life.

The public was welcomed to enter and leave as necessary throughout the meeting, and time was allotted for public comments.

Budget meetings will continue during January and February. The public is invited to attend. The schedule follows:

- **02/10/2006** Staff recommended budget delivered to Town Council
- **02/16/2006** Town Council Workshop to discuss staff recommend budget
- **February through March, subsequent meetings as desired**
- **03/14/2006** Public Hearing on proposed FY06-07 budget and fees; First Reading of Ordinance to Adopt FY06-07 Municipal Budget
- **03/28/2006** Second Reading of Ordinance to Adopt FY06-07 Municipal Budget
- **April 1, 2006** Fiscal Year 2006-2007 begins; new budget in effect

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RECYCLING SAVES MONEY!

Since April 1, 2005, the beginning of the Town’s fiscal year, 155.87 TONS of recyclable materials have been delivered to the Solid Waste Authority and YOU, the taxpayers, have saved $4,520.23

The Town is not charged to deposit recyclable materials.

**Free** recycle bags are available at town hall and will be delivered to you upon request. **Free** postage-paid mail bags are available for empty toner cartridges. Telephone 843.913.6360 or email publicworks@surfsidebeach.org.

Recycling is picked up town-wide every Thursday.

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TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thursday, December 1, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

Call 843.650.9548 for more details.

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CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY-DECEMBER 10TH

2:00 P.M.

OCEAN BOULEVARD

10TH AVENUE SOUTH TO 16TH AVENUE NORTH

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TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thursday, December 1, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

Call 843.650.9548 for more details.
General Municipal Election
Tuesday, April 4, 2006

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Polling Locations: Precinct #1: Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, 829 Pine Drive directly behind Town Hall; and Precinct #2: Calhoun Hall, Surfside United Methodist Church, 13th Avenue North, Surfside Beach.

Qualifications for Voting: Citizens desiring to vote in the upcoming election must be duly registered on the Horry County Books of Registration as an elector at the precinct in which he or she offers to vote by March 3, 2006 (30 days prior to the election).

Citizens must present his or her voter registration certificate or drivers license at the polling place. To register, contact the County Board of Voter Registration, telephone 843.915.5440, or visit the Horry County Library-Surfside Beach Branch in the Fuller Park Complex on Surfside Drive.

To receive a duplicate voter registration card, or to obtain an absentee ballot, please contact the Horry County Election Commission. Requests must be made by the party wishing to vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are not available from Town Hall.

Challenged Ballot & Certification Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at Surfside Beach Town Hall. Any protest must be filed by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2006.

A run-off election will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, if it is determined that a run-off election is necessary.

Successful candidates must receive a majority of the votes cast for the seat for which he or she filed. Majority is calculated by totaling the total number of votes casts for the seat, divided by the number of seats, divided by two.

For example, three candidates are running for one council seat. There are 1,473 votes cast. Candidate A received 595 votes, candidate B received 737 votes, candidate C received 141 votes. After totaling the votes and dividing by 2, the sum is 736.5. Candidate B wins the election because Candidate B received a majority although it was only by one-half of one vote.

Candidates must provide the following documentation at the time of filing—No exceptions: current voter registration card, and proof of residency (SC drivers license, or other evidence,) and also pay a $25 filing fee. Candidates must also complete a statement of candidacy, and statement of economic interest form at the time of filing, which will be provided.

Candidates must submit Campaign Disclosure Forms to the SC Ethics Commission 15 days prior to the election. Contact SC Ethics Commission, 803.253.4192 or visit www.state.sc.us/ethics/.

Please contact the town clerk with questions, telephone 843.913.6333, or email dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org.

2006 Town Council Meeting Schedule

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

Town Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays monthly, except the 4th Tuesday in December, 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 allotted for public comments on agenda items and for general comments at every meeting.

Visit www.surfsidebeach.org to view agendas and meeting minutes. To subscribe to the mailing list to receive public notices that include agendas and minutes, send a blank email addressed to add@surfsidebeach.org. For more information, call the town clerk, 843.913.6333 or send an email to dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org.
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has approximately 10-months of reserves on-hand to use for stormwater and other projects. There were no audit comments or material items reported to management this year. Increased reporting and oversight mitigated the item observed last year.

Regarding revenue and expenditures, property taxes provide 40-percent of the revenue collected in Town. Local licenses and permits provide 14-percent and 7-percent, respectively. Municipal Association licenses provide 12-percent, and other governments (SC State and Horry County) provide 7.5-percent. Recreation fees, parking meter funds, internal transfers from other funds, and miscellaneous fees account for the balance. Expenditures include about 62-percent for salaries and benefits, 22-percent departmental operating expenses, 5.5-percent for capital expenditures, 10-percent for debt retirement, and the remaining .5-percent miscellaneous. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds, and the Enterprise Fund (Sanitation) are printed on pages 6 and 7. The financial statements are excerpts from the Town of Surfside Beach Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2005. The CAFR is published on the Town’s website at www.surfsidebeach.org, and printed copies are available at Town Hall, 843.913.6111.

The Year in Review

Development and redevelopment continued within the town during fiscal year 2004-2005. Over 80 single- and multi-family units were constructed.

Engineering and construction continued pursuant to the Town’s long-range stormwater management plan. All construction within the Floral basin and in-town Melody basin drainage projects were completed. Projects in Melody basin in the Oceanside Village were suspended. The engineering solution for the outfall portion of Myrtle basin was presented, however, the drainage portion remains to be completed. Town staff will carefully review both the outfall and drainage solutions prior to presentations to the stormwater committee and Town Council.

The public safety department completed the upgrade to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC 2000) system. The new equipment and software have improved personnel safety and efficiency. Pursuant to implementation of the public safety concept, public safety officers must obtain certifications as firefighters, EMTs, and police officers.

After retirement of Billy Hendrix, the Town’s recreation department director, reorganization led to recreation and park activities being placed under the public works department as a division renamed “beach, parks, and recreation,” to expand its focus to include the Town’s two-miles of pristine beachfront.

The 2004 hurricane season resulted in three named hurricanes that impacted our area. While Hurricane Charley was the only storm that actually caused damage, all three impacted the area economy via lost revenue. FEMA reimbursed the town $54,000 for clean up following Charley. The National Weather Service recognized the Town as a Storm Ready Community (See article in 2nd Quarter 2005 Municipal Message at www.surfsidebeach.org.)

The beach crossover at 13th Avenue South was improved to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA.)

Town Council provided the building department with needed time to review and rewrite land and zoning ordinances through a six-month moratorium in 2004. The goal was to design ordinances that would ensure a high quality of life, and included reviews of lot sizes, trees, set backs, impervious coverage amounts, and tree preservation.

Future Initiatives

Planned projects for fiscal year 2005-2006 include:

Complete review and revision of the 1999 Town of Surfside Beach Comprehensive Plan. The comp plan, as it is commonly referred to, is the basis for planning the Town’s growth and development for the next 10- to 20-years. A hearing is scheduled November 22, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. to hear public comments on the plan. Copies are available at Town Hall, 843.913.6111, and www.surfsidebeach.org.

Stormwater projects will continue with completion of engineering on Myrtle Basin, the next basin to be improved.

A sidewalk on the west side of Ocean Boulevard between 10th Avenue South and Melody Lane will be built and include upgraded stormwater control and water quality factors. Another sidewalk is planned on the south end in a high-pedestrian area.

Staff will continue to seek grant and federal/state agency funds to supplement revenue and to review operations for maximum efficiency, including a comprehensive review of all government operations and organizational structures.
Planning, Building, & Zoning
843.913.6111

The Town of Surfside Beach continues to be a development “hot bed” along with the rest of the Grand Strand area. The planning, building, and zoning department is hard at work to keep up with the demands that are being placed on the department. Rapid construction always puts a strain on things such as density issues, stormwater management, preserving green spaces, and preserving the overall look and feeling of a town. This article will try to give you a brief overview of what is being done to meet these demands.

The R-2 moratorium that was put in place to limit development in the medium density residential district until a better plan could be adopted is nearing completion. Staff has put a lot of time, effort, and research into formulating a plan that will reduce the density in the R-2 zoning district, while still giving owners plenty of options to build their homes.

Staff has been hard at work to enforce the rules and regulations put into place with the passing of the stormwater ordinance. With the combined efforts of planning, building and zoning and public works departments the quality and control of the Town’s stormwater continues to improve.

The Town’s landscape and tree protection requirements continue to be monitored and updated on a regular basis. The tree committee completed several of the phases necessary to allow the Town of Surfside Beach to be designated as a “Tree City-USA” and hope to complete the remaining requirements within the next year.

Much work was put into the formation of the 2005 Town of Surfside Beach Comprehensive Plan, which guides the long-range vision of the Town, by the comprehensive plan subcommittee, the planning & zoning commission, and staff. Town Council is reviewing the plan and will hold a hearing at 5:30 p.m. on November 22nd to hear your comments. Copies of the plan are available at Town Hall for your review, or visit the Town’s website at www.surfsidebeach.org.

The planning, building and zoning department has experienced a complete turnover in personnel over during the last year. Your new staff includes: Don Elder deputy building and acting department director; Wendy Evans, planning analyst; Michelle Grandell, zoning administrator; Frank Puricelli, construction services coordinator, and Jack O’Quinn, code enforcement officer.

Together staff brings approximately 80-years of planning, building, and zoning experience to the Town. Staff’s purpose is to help both the citizens and the contractors through the different phases of construction.

If you have any questions about the requirements of your next project, please do not hesitate to give one of us a call at 843.913.6111, or send an email to:

Construction: building@surfsidebeach.org
Zoning: zoning@surfsidebeach.org
Planning/Website: planner@surfsidebeach.org
Permits: fpuricelli@surfsidebeach.org

2006 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Schedule

January 3 • February 7 • March 7
*April 3 • May 2 • June 6
*July 11 • August 1 • September 5
October 3 • *November 6 • December 5

The Planning and Zoning Commission generally meets the first Tuesday monthly at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Town Hall Complex.

The public is invited to attend and time is allotted for public comments at every meeting. There are three meeting dates that will not be held on the first Tuesday during 2006. Explanations follow:

*Special Meeting Dates:

Monday, April 3rd: Tuesday, April 4th is Municipal Election Day.

Tuesday, July 11th: Tuesday, July 4th is Independence Day

Monday, November 6th: Tuesday, November 7th is General Election Day.

Visit www.surfsidebeach.org to view agendas and meeting minutes. Please contact the Planning, Building & Zoning Department, 843.913.6352 for more information.
# TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
#### Year Ended March 31, 2005

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**Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures**

$308,854
84,632
582,479
$106,654
(964,438)
$118,181

## OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

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Veterans Brick Pavers

Honorarium or memorial brick pavers for placement at the Town’s Veterans Memorial are for sale. Cost is $50 each. Contact Debbie Ellis at 843.650.9548, or send an email message to DebbieEllis@surfsidebeach.org for more information.

Veterans Day Memorial Service, 2:00 p.m., Fuller Park Complex on Surfside Drive. Thank you to all those who have served and who continue to serve to preserve our freedom!
The public works department is charged with managing, maintaining, and repairing the Town's infrastructure including all Town streets, sidewalks, storm water drainage system, dunes protection, beach restoration, street beautification, cleaning drainage canals, ditches and swashes; meeting the Town’s sanitation needs; and maintenance and repair of all Town vehicles and equipment.

SANITATION is an 11-man division that provided year-round sanitation services that included three times-a-week summer roll-out service to over 400 accounts from May through September; fall-winter services, a recycling program; brush and yard debris collection; and weekly collection of discarded large items such as appliances and furniture. The crew collected more than 3,000 Moby carts each week and serviced 184 commercial dumpster accounts each month.

The total solid waste collected from Town amounted to 5,755.33 tons of garbage, 1,157.53 tons of yard debris, 387.20 tons of mixed debris and 311.55 tons of recyclables during Fiscal Year 2005-2006. The average monthly Solid Waste Authority fee was $16,144.00.

The Town saved $9,035 this past fiscal year due to recycling. Blue recycling bags and an informational flyer explaining what can and cannot be recycled are available at Town Hall or by calling 843.913.6362.

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 eliminating disposal fees for the Town. **Remember:** SC State law prohibits mixing yard debris or construction materials with household garbage in a Moby cart or dumpster. The crew will not collect a cart or dumpster if items are mixed. The Solid Waste Authority Landfill will 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. The Town cannot recycle Styrofoam. Hazardous materials such as batteries, tires, paints, and pesticides can only be collected at the Solid Waste Authority Landfill. Hazardous waste collection is done on the third Saturday monthly from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information on hazardous waste collection, please contact Kevin Ward at 843.347.1651.

Crews make every effort to pick up on time. However, if all types of items are placed together or hazardous materials are put out for pick-up, those items will not be removed.

Staff continues to evaluate existing sanitation services. Objectives include, but are not limited to, improvement of the Town’s recycling program, the possibility of extending the summer roll-out service to meet ever-changing demands from the expanded tourist season, and improvement of the fall-winter services. If you have any questions in regard to the sanitation division, please contact Joan Saleem at 843.913.6360.

STREETS & DRAINAGE is an eight-man division that provides year-round maintenance for all Town streets, drainage ditches, sidewalks, and the beach. The crew completed placement of parking stop blocks and repainting of parking space striping at 6th Avenue South and Melody Lane parking lots. In response to citizens’ requests, “Watch for Children” signs were installed at 2nd Avenue North, Myrtle Drive, and South Willow. For approximately four weeks during August and September, crews hauled trash and storm debris left by Hurricane Charley out to Scipio Lane dumpsite and removed trash and limbs from Town rights-of-way and easements.

Street division personnel cut and removed asphalt, excavated and re-graded soil, and installed pipe for showeers to prepare area for construction of the new boardwalk and deck at the pier beach access. At the pier parking lot and 13th Avenue South asphalt was cut and replaced to tie new boardwalk ramps into parking lots. Parking meter posts at beach parking lots were re-arranged to make all parking spaces the legal size. Banner poles were installed at the intersection of Surfside Drive and Poplar.

To address safety concerns from area residents and to clean up the area, crews removed Elaeagnus (hedge row) shrubbery at 16th Avenue North beach access. A four-foot high divider fence was constructed and shrubbery was replanted. Old and broken fences from 14th Avenue South, 13th Avenue South, and 3rd Avenue North were replaced with four-foot privacy fencing.

Crews also constructed 80 linear feet of privacy fencing at the 14th Avenue South channel and at Lakeside. **Continued on page 14.**
During the past year, the public safety department (DPS) has continued to strive toward the goals set forth by its former director, Clyde Merryman. The goals were developed based on the expectations and needs of the citizens of the Town of Surfside Beach and the department has strived to reach that standard of excellence. Staff recognizes that maintaining the highest standards of ethics and integrity is imperative for the continued improvement of public safety as a whole. The dignity and the worth of all people is valued and appreciated as staff works to perform duties with integrity, courtesy, respect, and loyalty.

The department's mission is to protect the safety of residents and visitors, their property, and the quality of life in Surfside Beach. Staff strives to provide state-of-the-art firefighting, fire prevention, police patrol, and crime prevention services. From lessons learned throughout our country, emergency and disaster preparation continues to be on the forefront of DPS planning. DPS has developed an effective emergency operations center that is capable of serving the community's needs during natural or man-caused emergency events. The 2005 Hurricane Plan and All Hazards Mitigation Plan was completed recently and adopted by Town Council.

A close partnership with the community continues to be one of the department's top priorities. DPS provides a variety of community services to residents, visitors, schools, churches and civic groups that includes public safety training, and personal safety education.

The employee safety committee was reinstated and addresses the prevention and reduction of accidents and injuries to employees through education and continued training. There are also programs such as the Law Enforcement Network (a DUI and traffic safety program), 15th District Drug Enforcement Unit, K-9 enforcement, and public safety officer program.

The South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust (SCMIT), the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Rating Fund (SCMIRF), and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) offer advice for and present programs and topics for discussion. The Insurance Service Organization (ISO) training and workshops give insight into the areas where DPS can improve the Town’s fire insurance rating. Increased inspections, pre-plans, and up-to-date record keeping is vital to an improved rating and also to the reduction in insurance premiums.

Reflective blue hydrant markers recently placed in the roadways provide easier location of hydrants for DPS personnel and responding mutual aid companies in the event of a structure fire. An 80-foot tower was recently installed to house antennae to improve radio and computer signal strength within the Town. Tower benefits also include Mobile Data Link effectiveness, reduction in the cost of towers fees paid to an outside company, and the ability to become more self-sufficient.

New programs include TASER Technology that enables officers a less lethal defense tool. This program has already demonstrated that it can save lives and reduce the number of injuries to the community and to the Town's officers. All officers are now trained and certified to carry a TASER. Grant money and seized assets from drug dealers enabled DPS to obtain these valuable tools at no additional cost to the Town.

The department is also pleased with the addition of K-9 Jari. Jari is a three-year old Belgian Malinois dog who was obtained and trained with the full support of the Surfside Beach Business Association. He is a "full patrol" dog, which means that he is trained to detect narcotics, to track and apprehend. He is the only dog in this area who is certified to be called a "full patrol" K-9. He is an asset to the Town and to the neighboring agencies who can access his services in the spirit of teamwork to promote public safety. (See related story on page 15.)

There were many changes within DPS during the last year. The deputy chief positions were assumed by new employees that have continually worked to maximize the department’s effectiveness through proper use of allotted personnel. Deputy Chief Burke said, “We have shared a broad spectrum of duties that cross over within the DPS divisions of police, fire and administration. Together, Chief Packard and I bring a total of just over 60-years experience; 25-years of firefighting and 36-years of law enforcement.”

These positions support the operating philosophy of the department, which is to have a strong operational command and to reduce, wherever possible, top-heavy
During 2005, the parks and recreation department was reorganized, placed under the public works department, and renamed “beach, parks, and recreation” to emphasize one of the Town’s most important assets, its two miles of oceanfront beach. Specific information about each responsibility follows.

**BEACHES** are one of the Town’s top priorities. There is a constant effort to insure that the beach remains clean and safe for residents and visitors. Staff is researching methods to become more efficient and effective in its efforts to care for the beach with the possible addition of more beach cleaning equipment.

Lifeguard services are provided through a franchise agreement with Beach Services, LLC. Lifeguards provide for the safety of swimmers and beachgoers from June 15th through the end of the Labor Day holiday. Beach wheelchairs are available free of charge by asking a lifeguard for assistance, or contacting the public safety department at 843.913.6368.

All beachfront restrooms are open daily, except during the colder winter months. Staff is researching the possibility of heating all restroom buildings so they may remain open year round. An additional restroom is planned for the 6th Avenue North parking area. Public restroom facilities are located at the pier parking lot; 3rd Avenue North; 5th Avenue South, and 13th Avenue South.

**PARKS** are located throughout the Town; are open daily, and offer a variety of activities. Park use continues to increase as the Town’s popularity as a ‘family beach’ grows. The department strives to keep the parks safe and clean for your enjoyment and relaxation.

**All Children’s Park** is located on the corner of 10th Avenue South and Hollywood Drive with two playgrounds, picnic areas, and restroom facilities. All playground equipment is easily accessible for children with disabilities. The wooden playground structure at All Children’s Park will soon be replaced with a new more modern ADA approved playground unit.

**Fuller Park Complex** covers an entire city block and is located at the corners of Surfside and Myrtle Drives. The park includes the Town’s Veterans Memorial, two tennis courts, playground, picnic areas, restroom facilities, passive park area with walking trails, gazebo, and picnic tables. The Surfside Beach Branch of the Horry County Library is located at the complex. The passive park area is the site for the Farmers Market and the annual Veterans Day Memorial Service, scheduled this November 11th at 2:00 p.m.

**H. Blue Huckabee Complex** is the Town’s recreation center and offers numerous programs for children and youth. Basketball, football, baseball, and many other programs are offered. Huckabee Complex is located on Spanish Oak Drive about one mile down Glens Bay Road. The 14-acre complex includes three ball fields, a Tot-Lot playground, concession stand, bleachers, press box, football press box, restrooms, and offices for the beach, parks, and recreation division.

**W. O. Martin Park** includes two areas separated by Floral Lake and is located at Lakeside Drive and 8th Avenue South and includes Floral Clubhouse, picnic shelters, shuffleboard court, horseshoe pit, and two bocce ball courts. Floral Clubhouse accommodates up to 50 people, and may be rented for parties, and meetings by contacting 843.650.9548 or sending an email request to DebbieEllis@surfsidebeach.org. The three wooden picnic tables will be replaced at Martin Park with new molded plastic tables. In addition the south end of the park was enlarged to include the addition of a new bench.

The second area in Martin Park is generally referred to as Martin Field, which is across the lake and located at Dogwood Drive and 6th Avenue South. Martin Field houses a ball field, picnic shelter with tables, restroom facilities, and batting cage.

**LAKES** have recently received a great deal of emphasis, not only from the stormwater management control issues, but with a goal of making them more attractive for use by residents and visitors. A lakes maintenance program to remove trash and loose debris around the lakes was recently implemented.

A 24-foot pontoon boat was purchased in September, which will enable staff to start clearing the lakes of overhanging and dead limbs. Staff remains in close contact with the Estate Management Group who oversees chemical spraying in the Town lakes. Working together with correct treatment, regular maintenance, and old-fashioned hard work, the lakes should achieve their potential to be beautiful natural assets for residents and visitors. It is staff’s goal to see that all lakes meet the Town’s standards for water quality and

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Summer has come to an end and the fall and winter seasons are upon us. Special events held this year included annual events such as Sun Fun Super Sunday, Kids Fair, Independence Day Celebration, Labor Day Volleyball Tournament, Skyhoundz Disc Contest, Beach Sweep (see related article page 12), and the Family Festival.

New events added this summer were the Beach Music Festival, and the Daddy/Daughter Dance. Participation at all of these events was great thanks to the support of Town residents. A thank you also goes to volunteers and town staff who help make these events successful.

Several new events are being planned for 2006. The Beach Music Festival in April was such a success that plans are being made to hold several sessions during the summer months of 2006. Also, with the success of the Daddy/Daughter Dance and receiving several requests, plans have been made to conduct a Mother/Son Dance. Movie in the Park, Memorial Day Celebration, Labor Day Celebration, Field Day and Visit with Santa are also being added to the activities for next year.

This summer the Town hosted a Farmers Market on Thursdays at the Fuller Park Complex behind the Veterans Memorial. Responses from vendors and customers was good for the first year. Plans are being made to reopen the market during November and to definitely open next spring.

Upcoming events for fall and winter season are listed below with dates and times. We encourage everyone to join in these activities.

The Dick M. Johnson Civic Center and Floral Clubhouse regularly conducts classes including line dance, hula lessons, square dance, and round dance; meetings including Lions Club, Sons of Italy, Alanon; bridge, canasta, pinochle and blood drives during the year.

These two facilities are available for rent throughout the year for birthday parties, reunions, meetings, receptions, etc. The civic center is located at 829 Pine Drive, just behind Town Hall. Floral Clubhouse is located at 617 Lakeside Drive, at Martin Park.

All classes, meetings, activities, and special events are posted on the town’s website, www.surfsidebeach.org, or you may contact Debbie Ellis, special events coordinator at 843.650.9548, or send an email message to DebbieEllis@surfsidebeach.org, for additional information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER: Veterans Memorial Service – Friday, November 11th, 2:00 p.m. - Fuller Park Complex

DECEMBER: Tree Lighting – Thursday, December 1st, 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall

Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 10th, 2:00 p.m. – Ocean Boulevard

FEBRUARY: 10K Race – Saturday, February 4th, 10:00 a.m. – Surfside Pier

MARCH: Can-Am Reception – Monday, March 13th, 9:00 a.m. – Civic Center

APRIL: Beach Music Festival – Thursday, April 13th, - Surfside Pier parking lot

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 15th, 2:00 p.m. – Huckabee Complex

MAY: Mother/Son Dance – Friday, May 12th, 6:00 p.m. – Civic Center

JUNE: Sun Fun Super Sunday – Sunday, June 4th, 9:00 a.m. – on beach at 1st Ave. S.

Kids Fair – Monday, June 5th, 4:00 p.m. – Fuller Park

Daddy/Daughter Dance – Friday, June 16th, 6:00 p.m. – Civic Center

Meetings, Parties, Reunions, Receptions

Pinochle, Bridge, and Canasta
Beach Music Festival

The Town hosted a Beach Music Festival on Wednesday, April 20th, at the pier parking lot in recognition of the “Fifth Annual Beach Music Day.”

About 200 residents and guests enjoyed the live band, Sea Cruz, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Surfside Beach resident Cecil Chandler, a popular television and radio host, emceed the event and kept the crowd lively and shagging (the South Carolina State Dance) on their toes. Concessions were provided by the Divine Dining Group.

The Town anticipates hosting the next Beach Music Festival on April 13th, 2006 with more participation from area restaurants and businesses. If you would like to participate, you may telephone the special events coordinator 843.650.9548, or email DebbieEllis@surfsidebeach.org.

Beach Music is the official South Carolina State Music and April 13th is the official recognition date. The Town event was postponed one week due to inclement weather.

Al & Etta Stein, volunteers who along with many others worked diligently to clean up the town’s beach on Beach Sweep/River Sweep Day.
Public Works—Beach, Parks & Recreation

ATHLETICS DIVISION

BASEBALL and SOFTBALL

Baseball and softball season was a huge success this summer. There were a total of 16 teams in ages 9- through 15-years. Four new teams were added in T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Machine Pitch for a total of 20 teams. The new teams were possible because of the generous donation by the Surfside Area Rotary Club. The Town and staff thanks and appreciates its donation.

Town residents may register for the 2006 Baseball and Softball season from Monday, February 13th, until Friday, February 18th, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Huckabee Complex, located on Spanish Oak Drive. This registration date will be for boys ages 9- through 14-years and girls ages 9- through 15-years.

T-Ball, ages 4- and 5-years; Coach Pitch, ages 6- and 7-years, and Machine Pitch, age 8, Town resident registration will be from Monday, May 1 until Friday, May 5, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Huckabee Complex.

County residents may register for baseball, ages 9- to 14-years or softball, ages 9- to 15-years on Saturday, February 25th at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, located on Pine Drive. Baseball registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and softball registration begins at 12:00 noon. T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Machine Pitch registration for county residents will be Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 a.m. at the civic center.

Congratulations to the Surfside Beach Dixie Youth All-Star team, ages 11- and 12-years, champions of the 2005 Sub-District Tournament held at Huckabee Complex.

FOOTBALL and CHEERLEADING

The football and cheerleading program included 220 children participating this season. Registration for the 2006 season will be from Monday, August 14, through Friday, August 25, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Huckabee Complex.

A Punt, Pass & Kick Competition was held with the assistance of the South Strand Lions Club, on October 22nd for ages 8- through 12-years. Each child received a hot dog and drink, and a certificate for participating. Trophies were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. There were a total of 50 children participating, many of whom also participate in the Town’s football league. Thank you South Strand Lions Club for your sponsorship!

BASKETBALL

Registration for basketball for boys and girls will be from Monday, November 1, through Friday, November 18, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Huckabee Complex. Ages are 11- through 16-years.

Over 750 children and over 140 coaches participated in the Town’s athletic programs this year. The Beach, Parks and Recreation Division staff thank all the coaches, officials, children, parents, and sponsors for supporting the Town’s programs.

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natural beauty, and the lakes will receive special emphases to insure the standard is met. A listing of the lakes and their locations follows:

- **ROGERS LAKE** is located between 16th & 17th Avenues North at the end of Cherry Drive.
- **CHERRY LAKE** is located between 13th & 16th Avenues North between Spruce & Cherry Drives
- **MAGNOLIA LAKE** is located between 14th & 16th Avenues North between Palmetto & Magnolia Drives
- **DOGWOOD LAKE** is located between 10th & 13th Avenues North and Dogwood & Cedar Drives
- **ELIZABETH LAKE** is located between 7th & 10th Avenues North and Cedar & US Highway 17 Business
- **PALMETTO LAKE** is located between 7th & 10th Avenues North and Palmetto & Myrtle Drives
- **MYRTLE LAKE** is located between 3rd & 5th Avenues North and Dogwood & Myrtle Drives
- **HOLLY LAKE** is located between 2nd & 4th Avenues North and Oak & Myrtle Drives
- **6TH AVENUE SOUTH LAKE** is located at the corner of 6th Avenue South & Willow Drive
- **FLORAL LAKE** is located in the middle of W. O. Martin Park between 3rd & 8th Avenues South and Dogwood & Lakeside Drives
- **PINE LAKE** is located between 8th & 9th Avenues South and Lakeside and Willow Drives
PUBLIC WORKS

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Drive. New larger, street name signs were installed at intersections along US Highway 17 Business.

Throughout the year crews dug-out drainage ditches. The pipe laser was used to ensure proper grade slope and to maintain proper water flow. The street crew picked up litter along US Highway 17 Business, Ocean Boulevard, and all municipal parking lots every week. Grass was mowed on US Highway 17 Business; Surfside Drive, and Ocean Boulevard. Curb areas in the central business district were cleaned. Bushes were trimmed along the Frontage Road, US Highway 17 Business, along Town rights-of-way, and Town streets. Potholes, washouts, broken roadway edges, and street signs were repaired and replaced as necessary.

The beach crew regularly cleaned litter, debris, and abandoned beach chairs from the beach. The Town’s 70+ beach trash cans were emptied six to seven times each week during the summer season. 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 department is presently in the process of reviewing a comprehensive list of “actual” Town mileage surface areas that are maintained. Results from the Town sidewalk survey has been analyzed. Those results will enable staff to continue to develop a long-range sidewalk development and maintenance plan with particular emphasis on areas that require immediate attention. Efforts are also underway to determine the best method for canal maintenance. Once all data has been compiled staff will develop a proper maintenance schedule.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE was a one-man division until April 2005 when a second full-time mechanic was added to staff to provide better maintenance for the Town’s fleet and equipment, which includes 65+ vehicles and 200+ pieces of equipment. This division is responsible for keeping everything, vehicles and equipment, “running smoothly” for the entire Town, including police and fire, recreation, administration, planning, building and zoning, and streets and drainage, and sanitation. Work was completed on-site as often as possible resulting in budgetary savings to the Town. During the past fiscal year 806 work orders were completed, which was comprised of 589 repairs on Town vehicles and equipment, and 145 scheduled maintenances (lube/oil change/filter.) In addition, 38 vehicles had tires replaced, and 34 flat tire repairs were made.

The public works department’s mission is constantly changing due to the addition of the former parks and recreation department and because of the recent emergence of lakes maintenance and water quality issues that have become high Town priorities. The department is undergoing an internal analysis regarding the overall effectiveness and efficiency of its operations, use of personnel, and use of equipment. Ongoing internal reorganization of the department is expected to continue so that more proactive management and an operational philosophy designed to better meet the department’s expanded responsibilities and the Town’s increasing service demands can be met.

There are a variety of demanding jobs in public works. It takes dedicated people to complete them in the summer heat and winter cold, and dealing with emergency situations, hurricanes and events. Personnel continues to work hard to keep up with the demands of the growing community. Staff thanks Town residents for their cooperation, understanding, and patience during the past year and looks forward to being of service in the future!

21st Annual Fall Family Festival, Saturday, October 1, 2005. Staff estimated that 12- to 14-thousand people attended the festival. The annual event is designed for a fun-filled family day with free entertainment venues, free games, and attractions for the children, craft vendors, and food of every type from seafood to funnel cakes! The event is the first Saturday in October. Plan to attend next year.
MEET K-9 OFFICER JARI
Will work for toy!

There is a new edition to the Public Safety Team. His name is “Jari,” a Belgium Malinois dog who is 3-years old that arrived in the United States in January 2005. Jari completed four-months rigorous training in Florida under the care of Sergeant Mile Clark, a USPCA National Judge, and a certified Police K-9 Trainer. Jari is the only full-patrol dog in the area certified in narcotic detection, apprehension, and tracking. He is out on the streets of Surfside Beach making the town a little safer. The Town of Surfside Beach appreciates and thanks everyone for their support and donations, particularly the Surfside Beach Business Association, who raised $10,135 to purchase Jari.

Jari’s handler is Sergeant Kevin Prisco. Jari made three drug seizures during his first two-weeks of duty. Jari recently completed a three-day class during which he successfully located large quantities of various drugs and narcotics with a very high degree of success.

Sergeant Prisco explained during a training exercise demonstration that Jari works for praise and is motivated by receiving his reward toy that he is allowed to play with after he completes his assignment. K-9 Jari and Sergeant Prisco train daily to ensure Jari’s readiness when duty calls.

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command positions. The department continues to remain focused on community needs and how staff can meet those needs with a hands-on approach to management and leadership.

Due to openings created within the department, DPS has been able to hire public safety officers and other personnel who have much to offer the Town. Personnel with backgrounds in police, fire, corrections, and management have enabled the department to become the professional public safety entity that was envisioned when the public safety concept was adopted. Community support for new personnel has been outstanding, and staff appreciates your support. Personnel hired within the last year and tenured staff comment almost daily on the positive contacts with citizens and visitors.

Improvements to a number of existing programs and areas were made in evidence and property, fire training, fire inspections, Law Enforcement Network, K-9 program, communications systems and radios, fleet equipment, field training officer, and other training programs. Police and fire cross-training has been a priority. In 2004 the department had five police officers who were cross-trained as firefighters. In 2005, that number has doubled to ten police officers.

It is the staff’s desire and expectation that when a citizen or visitor requires assistance from DPS, the response will be by one of the most qualified, professional and trained officers or firefighters available anywhere.

This has been an exciting year for DPS. Although much has been accomplished in a short period of time, there are many areas that will be the subject of focus and improved upon. Many more exciting and challenging projects are still to come. With all that has happened and is sure to continue happening, the department has not lost sight of its ultimate goal, which is to provide a level of public safety that the Town of Surfside Beach and its citizens have come to expect; most assuredly deserve, and can be proud to have.

Public safety staff appreciates the support received from the Town during the past year and pledges to continually do its best to meet your public safety needs. The department of public safety staff is humbled by your commitment and will continue to do all that is within its power to make you feel as safe and secure as possible.
EMERGENCY CALLS Dial 9-1-1
Any Emergency, Fire/Rescue/Police Dial 9-1-1

843.913.6111 Town Hall-Main Number
843.238.5432 Town Hall-Fax Number
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843.913.6337 Municipal Court
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GOLF CART USE
REGULATED BY SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LAW!

SC Law states that ONLY LICENSED DRIVERS may drive registered and licensed golf carts on a secondary highway or street within 2-miles of his residence only during daylight hours.

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, Myrtle Beach. ☎ 843.448.9957

NEW PUBLIC NOTICE MAILING LIST SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

The Town of Surfside Beach now offers a mailing list for individuals desiring advisory notices for meetings, special events, emergency events (i.e. hurricanes,) and meeting minutes. To add your email address, send a blank email message to add@surfsidebeach.org or visit www.surfsidebeach.org. (To remove your address, send a blank email address to remove@surfsidebeach.org.)

The Town’s website now hosts a variety of information including agendas, minutes, and current events. Visit www.surfsidebeach.org often to view the latest updates.