MUNICIPAL MESSAGE

Dedicated People Providing Quality & Responsive Service to our Community.

A free publication for residents and friends of Surfside Beach.

Municipal Message Publication Changes

The Municipal Message has undergone a make-over! The Town is participating in the make-over trend to improve its newsletter.

Beginning with this issue, the newsletter will contain information about recently adopted ordinances, new policies, schedule changes, and other pertinent information that should improve your understanding of your town government and the services offered.

Visit www.surfsidebeach.org to view the newsletter on-line. On the home page choose "Click here to read the Municipal Message."

Your comments are welcomed. Let us know what you would like to see in the next issue. Send written comments to Town of Surfside Beach, Attn: Newsletter, 115 US Highway 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575, or email town@surfsidebeach.org.

HOMEOWNERS & PROPERTY OWNERS NOTICE

Permits are required for minor repairs

Town Council recently adopted an ordinance that increased the amount homeowners may spend to perform ordinary, minor repairs and improvements from $2,000 up to $5,000 with a free permit. Before you begin any construction, painting, plumbing, remodeling, or renovation, please call the Building Department to discuss your plans and to obtain a permit.

The permit specifically excludes any structural repairs as those changes may result in safety hazards. Your permit must be displayed while work is in progress. If you begin your work and find you must hire help, let your contractors know that all contractors and subcontractors must be licensed and registered with the building department.

For more information, visit the Building Department at Town Hall, call 843.913.6111 or email: building@surfsidebeach.org.

TREE ORDINANCE AND NEW TREE REMOVAL POLICY

After receiving numerous complaints about the tree removal policy in the tree protection ordinance that required an arborist to determine if a tree was dead, Town Council adopted new legislation that allows the building director to determine when non-protected and non-specimen trees, particularly Pine trees and Bradford Pear trees, constitute a danger and may be removed.

The Code specifically states that the building director may authorize removal of any tree within ten-feet (10') of a structure or driveway that is causing a safety hazard.

For more information, visit the Building Department at Town Hall, call 843.913.6111 or email: building@surfsidebeach.org.
**GOLF CART LAWS**

South Carolina 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

Thank you to McQuiddy Family Properties, Inc. for donating two poles placed on Surfside Drive to display information banners and decorations. The Town of Surfside Beach appreciates your contribution.

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**Rone Rutledge**

2004 Employee of the Year
**And**
25-year Service Award

Rone Rutledge was honored as the 2004 Employee of the Year during the 2004 Annual Employee Christmas Luncheon. Rutledge received a standing ovation as he was also honored for 25-years of service to the Town of Surfside Beach. He is employed with the Public Works Department in the Sanitation Division as a CDL Driver/Crew Leader. Congratulations, Rone!

Officer Dave Butler, pictured, and Valerie Riley received honors as co-winners as Employee of the 4th Quarter.

Service Awards: (not pictured) Terry Grady, 20 years; Willie Carter, and Steve Homitz, 5 years.

Jan Lewis, 15-years

Bobby Radford, 10-years

5-years: Stu Anderson, Freddy Curry, James Jerdon, Debra Herrmann, and Eric Simpson

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**2005 Baseball/Softball Registration**

Registration will be held at the **Dick M. Johnson Civic Center, 843.650.4131** for more information

Saturday, February 26, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Boys, ages 9-14, and Saturday, February 26, beginning at 12 noon, Girls, ages 9-15. Registrations are opened until all positions are filled.

Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Machine Pitch—Boys & Girls 8 years
- Coach Pitch—Boys & Girls 6 & 7 years
- T-Ball—Boys & Girls 4 & 5 years

All boys ages as of August 1, 2005. All girls ages as of June 1, 2005. Birth certificates are required for first-time players over 8 years old.

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**2004 Christmas Parade**

December 11, 2004

Crowds enjoyed parade entries ranging from Company C Signal Battalion to Santa Claus. The parade began at 10th Avenue South and traveled to 16th Avenue North along Ocean Boulevard. The weather was clear and crisp!
Dick M. Johnson Civic Center
Debbie Ellis, Program Coordinator
Phone: 843.913.6339
Email: DebiEllis@surfsidebeach.org

**Classes at the Civic Center**

**Line Dance:** Mondays, 7:00 p.m., $3/night

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

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

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

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

**Special Events**

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

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 26, 2005, 1:00 p.m. at Huckabee Complex.

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

Visit the town website, www.surfsidebeach.org for more information.

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**Business Licenses Required**

The Town Code of Ordinance requires a business license for every person engaged or intending to engage in any occupation to provide services, collect money, to earn money, or to insure any risk. This includes residents that operate home-based operations such as cosmetic sales, craft productions, or other such enterprises.

For more information on town business licenses, please contact the Business License Inspector, 843.913.6111, email sleahey@surfsidebeach.org.

**CAUTION!** Get references on contractors. To obtain a town business license, a contractor shows a SC State license and pays a fee. The Town does not warrant work or services performed by any business it licenses.

**Recycle!** Free recycle bags are available at town hall and will be delivered to you upon request. Call 843.913.6360, or send an email publicworks@surfsidebeach.org. Free postage-paid mail bags are available for empty toner cartridges. Recycling is picked up town-wide every Thursday.

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**Council Meeting Agendas**

Town Council meeting agendas are now available on-line. Visit www.surfsidebeach.org, choose government, then public notices and information.

To receive agendas and/or draft minutes via email, send a message to town@surfsidebeach.org. Advisory public notices are also sent to the blast group.

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**Parking Meter Season Decals Available March 15th**

Parking meter season is April 15 to October 15. The charge is 50-cents per hour. Meters may be paid for up to 4-hours at a time.

Permanent resident parking decals for the 2005 summer parking meter season will be available at Town Hall beginning March 15th for year-round residents whose vehicles are registered with an in-town address. Please bring a current vehicle registration for your vehicle or golf cart to obtain a decal. The parking decal does not guarantee a parking space, but allows you to park at a metered space without payment.

Fines for non-payment of meters is $10 per ticket, with penalties if not paid timely.
EMERGENCY CALLS Dial 9-1-1
Any Emergency, Fire/Rescue/Police — Dial 9-1-1

TOWN DIRECTORY
843.913.6111 Town Hall-Main 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)
843.913.6337 Municipal Court (traffic tickets, jury duty, etc.)
843.650.4131 Parks & Recreation
843.913.6368 Public Safety & Police Division (non-emergency)
843.913.6360 Public Works

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Surfside Beach, SC 29575-6034

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#7 E-Mail General Mailbox: town@surfsidebeach.org

PUBLIC NOTICE 2005
Town Council Meeting Schedule

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

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. Council-members may be contacted by email (see front cover) or call Town Hall, 843.913.6111.

Agendas are published on-line at www.surfsidebeach.org, and emailed to interested parties; to be added to the list, send an email message to town@surfsidebeach.org.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION 2005 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the 1st Tuesday every month at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Town Hall Complex. The public is invited to attend all meetings. Time is allotted for public comments at every meeting. Please contact the Building Department, 843.913.6111 for more information.

February 1 June 7 October 4
March 1 July 5 November 1
April 3 August 2 December 6
May 1 September 6