



MUNICIPAL MESSAGE

Dedicated People Providing Quality & Responsive Service to our Community.

A free publication for residents and friends of Surfside Beach.

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Residents living within the Town of Surfside Beach corporate limits will continue to receive free printed newsletters.

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE! Are you prepared?

The *Insurance Journal* reports that there is no reason to expect any change in hurricane patterns in the near future. Hurricane numbers have been increasing and will continue to do so for the next several years. Insurance adjusters and attorneys have been cautioned to prepare for what very likely will be a repeat of 2005 in the upcoming 2006 hurricane season and the number may very well exceed expectations.

No matter how well a home is constructed, if you stay when asked to evacuate, there is a strong possibility that your home, and possibly you, will not survive.

Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center, said there is an unwillingness to evacuate areas in which the cone-of-probability shows hurricanes may strike. If your area is in the cone-of-probability, you are in danger until the storm is gone.

Hurricane season began June 1st. **NOW** is the time determine where you will go, make arrangements for your family,

Incumbents Win April 4, 2006 Election

Joe Martin, Doug Samples, and Sammy Truett, incumbents on Town Council, were successful in their bids for re-election. Vote totals were 352, 489, and 435 respectively. The councilmembers were sworn in at the regular council meeting on May 9, 2006, and their terms expire May 11, 2010.

Challengers Darrell Willm received 311 votes; J. D. Lee received 115 votes, and Bill Blankenship received 100 votes.

There were 1,807 votes cast by 707 voters, representing 23.05-percent of the total registered voters in Town, an increase of 5.5-percent from the 2004 election.

Thank you all for your willingness to represent the Town of Surfside Beach.

Town election commission chairman Georgie Martin said the vote was certified on April 6 at Town Hall. She said she was very pleased with the new voting machines used for the first time for this election.

A special thank you to the Election Commission and poll workers, who volunteered their time to work during the election. Without their assistance, it would be impossible to conduct the election.

Election Commissioners: Georgie Martin, Camellia Lane, and Evelyn Cockey.

Poll Workers: PRECINCT #1—Helen Chapman, Dora Eaddy, Peggy Inman, Wes Sparkes, John Tellet, and Ann Ward. PRECINCT #2 — Ann Dodge, Anita Hopkins, Mary Beth Mabry, and Ann Wescott. Standby Workers: Max Inman, Sarah Armstrong, and Janie King.

The next General Municipal Election is April 8, 2008 when the election will include the mayor and three councilmembers.

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Planning, Building & Zoning

The Planning, Building, & Zoning department has made changes in an effort to provide Town residents more opportunity to contribute their opinions. Planning & Zoning Commission meetings are now held the 1st Tuesday of the month in council chambers at 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals hearings are held in chambers at 6:00 p.m. when an appeal is filed. Both meetings are advertised on the Town website and marquee.

"Smart Growth" workshops targeted on managing the Town's future growth are on-going. The current focus is the Surfside Drive business district and commercial Highway 17 area. The workshops are open to the public. Their success is dependant on residents and business community members voicing their concerns and opinions. Workshops are also advertised on the Town website and marquee.

WANT TO KNOW HOW TO PROTECT YOUR WATER QUALITY? Help is on the way! A series of articles are forthcoming with information for property owners concerned about water quality. They are designed to help you understand ways to protect and preserve the quality of life and the water resources that we enjoy. Tips address landscaping and gardening, household hazardous waste, and caring for your boat and dock. All the information will be available on-line at www.surfsidebeach.org. The series is sponsored by Coastal Waccamaw Stormwater Education Consortium, which was formed to maximize the efficiency of stormwater education efforts in the northeastern coastal region of South Carolina.

Please contact the PB&Z staff with questions: Director, 843.913.6340; Zoning Administrator, 843.913.6352; Planning Analyst, 843.913.6339; Construction Permits, 843.913.6341. Email addresses and additional information are published at www.surfsidebeach.org.

Operation Rescue

The Public Safety Department needs your assistance in identifying town residents that are homebound, disabled, or who have special needs that might prevent or slow their movement in case of an emergency evacuation. This information is being requested as part of the Town's emergency operation plan.

Please canvass your neighborhood and bring this information to the attention of any resident having special needs. Ask them to contact Lieutenant Miller who will respond to each inquiry to coordinate each person's need for assistance during an emergency evacuation.

Contact Lieutenant Arron Miller, 843.913.6345 for additional information.

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS DIAL 9-1-1

Public Safety Non-Emergency 843.913.6368

Dick M. Johnson Civic Center & Special Events

July: Independence Day Celebration: Monday, July 3rd, 6:30 p.m., Martin Field, 6th Avenue South & Dogwood Drive. Bring your beach chairs! Music, games, concessions.

August: Surfing/Kayaking Camp: Wednesday through Friday, August 16th, 17th, and 18th, on the beach.

September: Labor Day Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, September 2nd, on the beach.

Skyhoundz Disc Contest: Saturday, September 9th, 10:30 a.m. at Huckabee Complex.

SC Sea Grant Beach Sweep: Saturday, September 16th, 9:00 a.m. Meet at the pier; bags and gloves provided.

October: Surfside Beach Family Festival: Saturday, October 7th, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Surfside Drive. Vendors, concessions, free kids games, hourly entertainment venues.

Halloween Carnival: Monday, October 30th, 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. Free games, prizes, and supervised Halloween fun! Children ages 10 and under.

November: Veterans Day Service: Saturday, November 11th, 2:00 p.m. at the Surfside Beach Veterans Memorial at Fuller Park Complex, Surfside Drive.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: Thursday, November 30th, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

December: Christmas Parade: Saturday, December 9th, at 2:00 p.m. on Ocean Boulevard.

Everyone is invited to attend Town sponsored events, visit www.surfsidebeach.org or call special events coordinator, Debbie Ellis, 843.650.9548, or send an email message to DebbieEllis@surfsidebeach.org.

Litter Bug! When's the last time you were guilty of being a **Litter Bug?** The Town provides trash receptacles at each beach walkway and at all municipal parking lots for your convenience. Please remove your litter as you leave the beach!

Don't be a litter bug! Help Keep Surfside Beach clean!

UNDERGROUND UTILITY PROJECT

WORKSHOP TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006 @ 6:00 P.M.

Residents are invited to participate in a workshop on Tuesday, July 18th, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall to discuss removing the Town's overhead utility wires and placing them underground.

A three-member subcommittee, including Mayor Pro Tempore Sammy Truett and Councilmembers Rebecca Hiatt and Joe Martin, was appointed by Town Council to lead the planning for this project. Council approved an addendum to the Town's franchise agreement with Santee Cooper that establishes the fund to pay for these projects.

The subcommittee determined three components of the

plan: (1) order of projects, (2) cost estimates, and (3) work supervision, which are explained briefly:

Order of Projects: Priority will be given to projects that offer the greatest benefit in relationship to cost and combine projects with other infrastructure improvements like road resurfacing, and sidewalk installation. Areas in which residents desire to participate will also be given preference. The subcommittee identified these potential locations: 14th Avenue South; 17th Avenue North; 13th Avenue North; Ocean Boulevard; Seaside Drive; 1st Avenue North, and 3rd Avenue South.

Cost Estimates: The program's first phase has a budget of approximately \$660,000. Costs for 14th Avenue South are \$425,000 from Santee Cooper, and \$33,000 from Time Warner Cable. Seaside Drive costs are estimated at \$410,000 from Santee Cooper; Verizon \$880, and Time Warner Cable \$17,500. The 17th Avenue North estimates were \$155,000 from Santee Cooper; Verizon, \$16,710, and Time Warner Cable, \$13,000. Horry Telephone Cooperative lines are already placed underground.

Work Supervision: The Surfside Beach Public Works Department will oversee the projects, and hire an electrical contractor to do the street-to-home connections. Santee Cooper costs and connection costs will be paid out of the underground wiring fund; grants will be sought to offset other project costs.

The subcommittee wants to hear from you, the residents and property owners in town. Permission will be required from property owners whose home connections must be modified and where easements are needed. The town will contact affected property owners prior to project starts.

Recommendations to Town Council as a whole for approval of the first project will be made shortly after the July 18th meeting. Please take this opportunity to make your opinions heard. You are welcomed to attend the subcommittee meeting; telephone 843.913.6350 or email your opinions to town@surfsidebeach.org.

RECYCLING SAVES MONEY!

The Solid Waste Authority does not charge the Town to dump recycled materials, which saves you money! **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. email publicworks@surfsidebeach.org or telephone 843.913.6360.

Recycling is picked up town-wide every Thursday.



Hurricanes, *continued from front page*

your special needs neighbors, and your pets. Purchase non-perishable food, water, and other necessary supplies that will last at least three days. Determine what supplies you need to have on hand to secure your property.

Residents with special needs may contact Lieutenant Arron Miller, 843.913.6345 to find out more information about **Operation Rescue**. (*Related article page 2.*)

Helpful Tips

EVACUATE: Plan to evacuate when asked to do so and know in advance where you will go. If possible, leave when the voluntary evacuation notice is published. This will ensure safe travel, and help you avoid traffic jams.

PETS: Do not stay home to care for your pets. Identify shelters or hotels that accept pets, or locate a safe kennel, and make arrangements in advance when possible.

DOCUMENTS: Keep insurance policies, include flood insurance policies, car titles, deeds, photographs and/or video footage of your property with you in water proof containers.

PREPARE: Inspect your property; make necessary repairs now to the roof and gutters; trim trees, and be prepared to batten down any objects that might become projectiles during high winds.

An **Emergency Supply Kit** is essential for both evacuation and at home. Include daily medications, bandages, mosquito and bug repellent, anti-bacterial creams, eye wash, phone numbers for your doctor and pharmacy.

Survival depends upon **YOU** and how you choose to plan! For more information contact:

American Red Cross 843.477.0020

**Surfside Beach Public Safety Department
843.913.6369**

Town Hall 843.913.6350



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843.913.6111 Town Hall-Main Number
843.238.5432 Town Hall-Fax Number
843.913.6111 Building-Planning-Zoning Department
843.650.4131 DM Johnson Civic Center
843.913.6337 Municipal Court
843.650.4131 Parks & Recreation
843.913.6369 Public Safety-Fire (*non-emergency*)
843.913.6368 Public Safety-Police (*non-emergency*)
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Regular Town Council Meetings
2nd and 4th Tuesdays Monthly @ 6:30 p.m.
The public is invited to attend.