I would first like to take this opportunity to introduce myself; I am Ed Booth and I was selected to be your new Town Administrator for Surfside Beach and began my work here on March 1st.

I was born into an army family and, after high school, I, too, joined the army and then spent the next twenty six years serving there. For the past twenty years I have been managing both military and civilian communities.

The community I managed prior to Surfside Beach was Malabar Florida. This was a community where I felt that I made a significant difference. During my five years in Malabar we experienced three hurricanes, two of which were significant ones. I was able to assist this community with many of their needs at that time. I took the position in Surfside Beach, not because I was no longer needed in Malabar, but because I feel that I am now needed here, where with my vast experience, I can now make a difference.

Surfside Beach is a community with a lot of potential. Both the Town Council and I are in agreement that our priorities will be in fixing our roads and taking care of stormwater. Our goal is to make the Town run more efficiently without raising taxes. You may have already noticed the various road repairs and the stormwater projects that are currently underway and we apologize for any inconveniences that you may be experiencing, but it is all being done to make our community an even better community.

Our next large project will be to clean out the many small lakes that we have. This project will increase the water quality and give us the ability to store more stormwater. Surfside Beach has become a pilot community in the area of stormwater. The reason we were selected as a pilot community was due to our proactive approach to stormwater. Due to the efforts of the Town Council and the Alliance formed between North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach and Surfside Beach, we were able to receive a $3,000,000 grant from the US Government to fix our outfalls.

I want all residents of Surfside Beach to know that I have an open door and if you ever have any issues you need to discuss, please stop by.

ED BOOTH
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of Surfside Beach is currently sponsoring a logo contest for their Public Works Department. The logo will be used on our new garbage truck.

Qualifying submissions should include our town name of “Surfside Beach” and it should have an environment conscious and recycle friendly written message along with the design. Colors used will also need to compliment our new forest green truck.

Surfside Beach wants to convey the level of importance in keeping our town clean and protecting our environment.

All submissions must be received no later than August 31st.

All entries received must be your original design and will not be returned unless requested to be. The design chosen will become the property of Surfside Beach.

A prize will be awarded to the artist of the winning logo.

Please mail your design to:

Town of Surfside Beach
115 U.S. Highway 17 N.

GOOD LUCK!

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ED BOOTH
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As reported in a recent Mason-Dixon poll, 1,000 people in 18 states along the Atlantic Coast and along the Gulf of Mexico were interviewed to find out how prepared they were in the event of a hurricane.

- 53% did not feel that they were vulnerable to a hurricane, related tornadoes and flooding
- 78% were not aware that a storm surge poses the greatest risk to human life
- 25% were unaware that damage from flood is not covered under standard insurance policies
- 88% have not begun steps to reinforce their homes
Surfside Beach Fire Department Ride
Benefits Camp for Burned Children

Several Surfside Beach Fire Department members, who are also members of the Grand Strand Chapter of Wind & Fire Motorcycle Club, an international club compiled of volunteer, retired and career firefighters, sponsored a benefit poker run this past May.

Each year since 1999, on Thursday afternoon during Harley Bike Week, the Wind & Fire Motorcycle Club has hosted a poker run which donates all proceeds to assist burned children. Benefits go to the MUSC Children’s Hospital and the South Carolina Firefighters’ Burned Children’s Fund which help to support Camp Can Do. Camp Can Do is a camp for children who have been treated for serious burn injuries. This camp has developed programs to help build self-esteem and allows children to meet and befriend others with similar injuries.

Children attend Camp Can Do for one week in July and the cost per child is $500.00. Last year the Chapter raised enough money to send two children to camp and this year, the Chapter was pleased to report, they have raised enough money to send three children.

Several businesses in the area donated items for door prizes to be given for the winning riders of the poker run.

A special “thank you” to all of our dedicated firefighters out there for all that you do!
Our prayers go out to the families of the nine firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston June 18th

FIRE SAFETY
IN THE SUMMER

Yes . . . Summertime is here again! We all know that Fire Safety is something not usually associated with going to the beach and relaxing, however, burning yard debris, barbequing and constructing burn pits for evening entertainment and enjoyment is, and these are all activities we more commonly participate in during the summer months.

A few rules must be followed for the safety and consideration of others:

- You must call the Fire division at 913-6369 during normal business hours to request a burn permit
- Fire personnel will need to come out to see that all regulations have been met and that the area is free of hazards
- Regulations require that the burn area be NO less than 50 feet from any structure or overhanging trees and it must be restricted from advancing beyond the specified area
- The fire must be attended at ALL times. DO NOT leave it unattended
- A garden hose and, if possible, a rake must be kept near the fire for immediate use if fire gets out of control
- Burn small amounts of debris or wood at a time to keep flame height to a minimum
- NO plastics, hazardous materials or chemicals can be burned.

Permits will not be issued if:
- Winds are over 15 miles per hour
- During a “Red Flag” alert from SC Forestry indicating very dry conditions

Also keep in mind that if complaints come in from your neighbors, you may be asked to put out your fire. Many people suffer from asthma and burning irritates this condition.

Grilling and Barbequing are other summer pastimes where safety rules also apply. Grilling on balconies is NOT permitted. Cooking under a fixed structure or house is not recommended and needs to be at a minimum of 10 feet from the building. Please make sure that someone is always attending the grill while cooking and please make sure it is entirely out when you are done.

Bonfires on the beach are strictly prohibited

Please keep all of these rules in mind so that we can all have a safe and enjoyable summer.
My name is Andy Christenson and I am your new Public Safety Director. As a child, I grew up running up and down the Surfside Pier. My wife Michelle and I have two children, Kade, who is four and Kammy, who is two. We live in Garden City just off the beach.

I began my law enforcement career in the US Air Force and, upon completion of my Air Force obligation, I began working at the Georgetown Police Department. I left Georgetown in 1993 and began a long tenure with the Horry County Police Department where I recently resigned my position as the Deputy Commander of the South Precinct to become the Public Safety Director here at Surfside Beach. I am very excited to be here and look forward to providing comprehensive, quality, public safety services to all of the citizens of Surfside Beach.

The Surfside Beach Public Safety Department just endured one of its busiest months, which is May. The rigorous services demanded from Public Safety by the events held in this month were combated with a very dedicated and professional work force. What use to be two separate Bike Weeks has basically evolved into a month long event. Public Safety Officials are faced with a multitude of challenges during the month of May. Public Safety Officers handled 1,432 various incidents throughout the month. In addition, officials handled large crowds, heavily traveled streets and an array of avid beach goers.

Officers worked in an overtime capacity to ensure that the safety and the serenity of the town was not compromised. We, as Public Safety Officials, are merely a formal representation of every citizen, doing what is right and helping to ensure that the quality of life within Surfside Beach remains harmonious. We would like to thank all of the citizens for their kind words of appreciation and assistance during our busy time. The dedication displayed by those involved is indicative of the professionalism we instill in all our Public Safety Officers. We will continue to strive to provide our citizens with the highest quality of professional services.

We look forward to this summer season and hope you will make time to stop by and see us. If you have any questions, please contact me at (843) 913-6351.

ANDY CHRISTENSON
PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Surfside Beach’s Finance Department consists of 5 full-time employees:
Finance Officer: Kim Hursey
Payroll Accountant: Kathy Blair
Accounts Payable Accountant: Tammy Gardner
Business License Inspector: Sharon Leahey
Business Licenses: Angie Mangan

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Tammy Gardner joined the Finance team this past April. She has an accounting degree from USC and has lived in the area her whole life. Her background is in Accounting and Banking and she previously was employed at Coastal Federal Bank. We are lucky to have her.

Angie Mangan began as a part-time employee in the Business License office June of 2006 and recently went to full-time this past April. Angie is originally from Delaware but has lived in South Carolina for 17 years. Her background is in Banking and State Government and she has proven to be an asset to our department.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN

• Always supervise children playing in or near water
• Use a sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher-even on cloudy days
• Always wear life preservers while boating, rafting or jet skiing
• Don’t overestimate your child’s pedestrian skills. All children under 10 need help crossing the road
• Make sure your child rides their bicycle in the daylight

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1
NON-EMERGENCY:
POLICE (843) 913-6368
FIRE (843) 913-6339

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

A note from our new Public Safety Director,
Andy Christenson

Mayor Hyman Inspecting our Beach Patrol Jet Ski

DON’T FORGET TO RECYCLE!

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 mail public-works@surfsidebeach.org.
Recycling is picked up town-wide every Thursday.
The Department of Public works is charged with managing, maintaining, and repairing the Town’s infrastructure including all Town buildings, parks, and recreation center, streets, sidewalks, stormwater drainage system, dunes protection, beach restoration, street beautification; cleaning drainage canals, ditches and swashes; meeting the Town’s sanitation needs; Athletics and Special Events; and with maintenance and repair of all Town vehicles and equipment.

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SANITATION
This twelve-man division provides year-round sanitation services that include 3 time-a-week Summer Roll-out Service from May through September; 1 time-a-week Winter Roll-out Service in the rental district; emptying beach trash cans; a Recycling Program; brush and yard debris collection; and the weekly collection of discarded large items such as appliances and furniture. The crew services approximately more than 3,000 Moby carts each week and 188 commercial dumpster accounts each month.

We continue to encourage people to participate in recycling. Not only is recycling good for the environment, it also provides savings to the Town when we do not have to pay fees to the landfill for disposal. Once the new County MRF (Material Recovering Facility) is completed in early 2008 we will no longer be able to use blue bags for recycling. We are currently examining options for recycling containers that will be distributed to town residents in the fall.

For those using the Moby Cart Garbage Service, PLEASE HAVE THE CART CURBSIDE BY 6:00 AM AND REMOVE THE CART FROM CURBSIDE BY 11:00PM on the day of collection. Each Moby cart has a sticker indicating the collection days. State law prohibits mixing yard waste or construction materials with household garbage in a Moby cart or dumpster. The crew will not be able to service that cart or dumpster if items are mixed. The Landfill will not accept mixed debris. We 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 separate from other materials. Crews make every effort to pick up on time; however, if all items are placed together, they will not be removed.

We are not able to recycle Styrofoam. Household hazardous waste such as batteries, paints and pesticides can only be collected at the Solid Waste Authority Landfill. Hazardous waste collection is done on the third Saturday of each month from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. For more information on this type of collection, please call Kevin Ward at (843) 347-1651. We continue to evaluate existing sanitation services. If you have any questions in regards to the Sanitation division, please contact Terry Grady at 913-6362.

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FLEET MAINTENANCE
The two-man division keeps the Town’s nearly 200 vehicles and pieces of equipment operational. Although located within Public Works, this division is responsible for keeping everything “running smoothly” for the Fire, Public Safety, Recreation, Administration and Building Departments as well as Street/Drainage and Sanitation. During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, Kevin and Keith completed 986 Work Orders. This total was made up of 872 repairs on Town vehicles and equipment and 114 scheduled maintenances (LOF). NAPA continues to provide training opportunities throughout the year, many of these classes free of charge. Our “preventative Maintenance Program” is functioning well. This scheduled maintenance results in better performances, longer life spans and less down time for most, if not all, of our vehicles and equipment thus saving the Town money. Having the necessary vehicles/equipment available and in proper working condition is essential to productivity.

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STREETS & DRAINAGE
The nine-man division maintains and repairs the Town’s twenty-five mile long local roadway system as well as being responsible for beach maintenance. The Street crew picks up litter on Business 17, Ocean Blvd., and all of the municipal parking lots every week. Grass is mowed on Business 17; Surfside Drive and Ocean Blvd. Curb areas in the central business district are cleaned. Bushes are trimmed along the Frontage Road, Business 17, along Town right-of-ways and Town streets. Potholes, washouts, broken roadway edges and street signs are repaired or replaced as necessary.

The Beach crew keeps the beach cleaned of litter, debris, and abandoned beach chairs. The drag-rake is utilized to clean up marsh grass that washes ashore. Beach swashes are dug out on a regular basis to keep water flowing.

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50/50 PROJECTS
To date fourteen projects have been completed and two more are scheduled. We will continue to work on 50/50 projects as time allows during the busy summer season. For additional information on 50/50 projects call Joan Saleem in Public Works (843) 913-6360.

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SIDEWALK PROJECTS
Crews assisted Seacoast of the Carolinas with the construction of the two phases of sidewalk on Hollywood Drive South from Surfside Drive to Melody Lane and 15th South between Hollywood Drive and Poplar Drive. More sidewalks will be done throughout the fiscal year.

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Please submit your design for our Public Works Logo Contest! (See Page 1 for details)
PARKS and RECREATION

Classes are conducted on a regular basis at the Civic Center and Floral Clubhouse, which include line dancing, square dancing, round dancing, in addition to pinochle, bridge and canasta. Several civic groups such as the Lions Club, Sons of Italy and Alanon also conduct meetings at these facilities.

The Dick M. Johnson Civic Center is located at 829 N. Pine Drive and the Floral Clubhouse is located at 617 Lakeside Drive. Both facilities are also available for rent throughout the year.

Bocce Ball courts are located at Martin Park on Lakeside Drive. Anyone interested in playing may participate on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 P.M.

The Town is still partnering with Horry County Parks & Recreation on several programs, which include, tennis lessons at Fuller Park, summer and after school camps at Floral Clubhouse and Movies in the Park at Martin Park. For more information on these programs contact Horry County Parks & Recreation at (843) 915-5330.

All classes, meetings, activities and special events are posted on the town’s website, www.surfsidebeach.org or you may contact Debbie Ellis at DebbieEllis@surfsidebeach.org or call (843) 650-9548.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

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PAVING PROJECTS

Thirteen town streets have been overlaid during the past fiscal year. Four more streets have been overlaid this year to date and all stop bars in town that are 60% or less remaining will be repainted and where there currently are none, they will be added. We continue to monitor traffic patterns and will be making improvements where and when we can.

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Congratulations to our crew, winners of the 2006 Horry County Adopt-A-Highway award! We collected 594 bags of trash from Highway 17 Business. Unfortunately, that amounts to 8,910 pounds of garbage/debris that people had carelessly discarded!

We are proud of our town please help to keep it clean!

A Special “Thank You” to all town staff and the volunteers who have assisted in making the town’s events a success year after year!

ATHLETIC DIVISION

The 2007 Dixie Baseball and Softball Leagues consisted of 18 regular season teams, with 5 All-Star teams advancing to tournament play. The Town of Surfside Beach will be well represented by these young players and their coaches.

T-ball, Coach Pitch and Machine co-ed baseball includes 4 year-old through 8 year-old players. The 19 teams played their season games at Martin Field Monday through Friday nights and Saturday mornings during the month of June.

Surfside Beach’s baseball/softball season included 111 NAYS certified coaches, and 100 practice coaches. All coaches are required to pass background checks through SLED.

Parks and Recreation would like to express our most sincere gratitude to the volunteer coaches for their dedication, long hours and the benefits they provide to the youth in our community.

The South Strand Lion’s Club assists Parks and Recreation during basketball season at the Hoop It Up Contest and footballs’ Punt, Pass and Kick event as well as Baseball Opening Day. Surfside Area Rotary Club’s generosity enabled us to provide uniforms for many of the teams in our leagues. We would like to recognize the involvement of these clubs as a vital part of our department’s success in executing a positive sports program.

The Over 30’s Men’s Softball League will begin in mid-July, with games to be held at Huckabee Complex during the week.

Registration for football and cheerleading will be held August 13-24, 2007, weekdays from 4 PM– 6PM in the Recreation Offices at Huckabee Complex. This program includes children 8 years to 12 years old. Children must be these ages as of November 30, 2007.
**HURRICANES**

Hurricane Season began June 1st and will continue through November 30th. It is predicted to be a busy year, with 17 named storms and 9 hurricanes, but these are only numbers. If there is only one hurricane in 2007 and it affects South Carolina, it has been a busy year. Preparation is the most important factor in dealing with most emergencies. Evacuation, Pet Care, Disaster Kits, Insurance Policy Review are among the many points of concern when considering preparing for hurricanes and other emergency events.

Surfside Beach evacuates for a Category I storm because of its proximity to the beach so when you are asked to leave, please do so.

**BEFORE THE STORM-KNOW YOUR FLOOD ZONE**

- Have your address clearly marked in the front of your home
- Make sure your car has a full tank of gas
- Secure all windows and doors with manufactured shutters or plywood. (Using tape will only keep windows from shattering-they will still blow in)
- Withdraw money beforehand-the storm may interrupt power to ATM’s
- Keep updated on the storm’s status by listening to advisory reports on television or radio. Remember when winds reach 50 MPH, emergency vehicles are removed from roads. If a member of your household becomes ill or injured, or if you need other assistance, emergency personnel will not be able to reach you
- Remove all loose items from your yard and store them in a secure shed or building. Secure any propane tanks and turn them off if asked to do so. Store pool supplies in a safe building (not your home). Remove dead tree limbs.
- Ensure you have batteries for your flashlights and battery-operated radios. Charge cell phones and other rechargeable items
- Have your Emergency Supply Kits handy. Ensure there is enough drinking water for each person in your home (1 gallon per day for each person). Fill your bathtub with water that may be used for flushing toilets, and other non-drinking purposes.
- If you have a pet, ensure they are wearing appropriate tags and have food and water available. Most hotels will not allow pets so plan where they will be boarded. Do Not Stay Home Because Of A Pet!
- When asked to evacuate. . . Leave!

**AFTER THE STORM**

- Do not plan to return until you are told it is safe
- Keep your identification handy
- Drive with care-there is likely to be debris scattered on roads
- When you return home, if you have lost power, do not light matches or use candles. Use only flashlights and battery-operated lanterns until assured the power is safe to turn on.
- Keep grills and cooking stoves outdoors in a well-ventilated area
- If you have sustained any damage, before you begin cleaning your property, take photos and video footage of the damage to your home and property if any. Keep receipts for repairs—you will need these for insurance
- Drive only when and where necessary-Do Not Sightsee!
- Stay clear of downed power lines
- Take care when removing large debris-they may be new homes for snakes, animals and insects
- Hire only licensed contractors for repairs

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**PLANNING, BUILDING, ZONING DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Summer is finally here! The time for fun, lemonade and maybe some home repairs. Before planning any additions, new construction or repairs, please call or visit the Building Department (PBZ) at Town Hall for clarification of the regulations. The PBZ Department prides itself on being very accessible and resident assistance is one of our top priorities. No appointments are necessary, staff is available from 8AM to 5PM, Monday—Friday.

Surfside Beach has instituted a regular Code Enforcement program this spring. Derelict cars, overgrown lots and debris on property have become a problem we are looking at more closely. We ask all residents to maintain their property and will be issuing reminders to property owners not in compliance with Town ordinances. If you get a notice, call Town Hall, we will assist you with suggestions of licensed contractors to haul away cars, clean overgrown lots and remove debris. Help us keep Surfside Beach looking great!

The Planning, Building and Zoning Department has a home page on our website, www.surfsidebeach.org. Links can be found to the IBC, the Town codes, Building Permit requirements and forms, department contact info and the 2005 Comprehensive Plan.

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You and your family members may experience traumatic occurrences especially if the area has been severely damaged. Remain alert for extended depression or other problems associated with trauma. It is not unusual to feel sadness, fear or light depression but if this continues it is wise to see a professional to talk out your concerns.

The effects of an emergency such as a hurricane can be lightened if you plan ahead. **Do Not** assume it won’t happen and if it does it won’t be that bad. A Hurricane is **Not Just Another Storm!** It likely will be bad if it approaches our coast, and there is much that can be done before our town is affected. Take time now to know what you will do if a hurricane threatens our shores. Nothing we own is worth the risk.
The Town of Surfside Beach is currently in need of one member for the Planning & Zoning Commission and five members for the Stormwater Committee. We are also seeking volunteers for the Fire Department and various events. We realize that time is very precious these days but this could be your opportunity to really make a difference. If you are interested, please contact us by e-mail at town@surfsidebeach.org or mail us a letter:

The Town of Surfside Beach
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