Administrator’s Report

By Ed Booth

A lot has happened in the past 4 months. The Yaupon Parking Lot is near completion with only the landscaping yet to be done. The entrance to Surfside Drive now has pavers and new vegetation as the first of many beautification projects comes to fruition. The dredging of our lakes and the underground utility project on 14th Avenue South have both been successfully completed in a timely and cost effective manner. In addition, Ocean Boulevard has been repaved, sidewalks have been installed on Poplar and 14th Avenue South and although much maintenance remains to be done on the pier, much work has already been completed.

All early signs seem to indicate that in spite of the bad economy the tourists are still choosing to vacation with us. This (Continued on page 5)

It’s All Right Here

By Sharon Pinnell

I had my entire family here last summer ... Mom and Dad and seven siblings with their spouses and kids. All twenty seven of them rented condos on the beach; there were sixteen adults and eleven children and being that they do not live in the area I was concerned about what kind of activities we could all participate in as a family. I mean how do you keep twenty seven people ranging in ages three to seventy three all happy? The answer was simple. Just send them all to Surfside Beach because it’s all right here!

We had the beach where the kids played in the sand and my nephews learned to surf, we had a family volleyball game on the beach, the kids loved going to the pier to see if they could see anyone catching fish and they were especially excited to see the small sand sharks. They shopped at the gift shop and beachwear stores. We had a family softball game at the park while my mother took the small kids to play on the swings. My brother-in-law took his girls parasailing, which is something they still talk about today. Two of my brothers took the kids to Wild (Continued on page 9)
From the Police Chief

It’s that time of year again where our streets and beach become heavily populated with visitors as well as locals. We have endured yet another May, which brought somewhat less of a crowd of bikers into Surfside Beach. Listed below is some basic statistical information in relation to the biker events in the month of May:

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During the Harley Davidson bike event we noticed a certain degree of decreased traffic in relation to last year’s event. Local ordinances put in place obviously had an impact as well as the downturn in the economy. Additionally, periods of inclement weather affected the entire rally. Despite anticipating reductions (in the amount of individuals participating in this year’s event) we did not see as much of a reduction as we originally anticipated. The heaviest volume of riders seemed to be located throughout the “South Strand” and also located in the “Northern Strand”. Their attendance within the “South Strand” region resulted in Surfside Beach being a drive thru destination. Furthermore, businesses within the Town reaped the benefit of these visitors. Categorically, we were only down a little over ten percent in various law enforcement related statistics.

During the Harley Davidson Rally event there were three reports of motor vehicle thefts; 1 passenger car and 2 motorcycles. Oddly enough, the two motorcycles that were stolen were not Harleys but noted as being street bikes commonly referred to as crotch rockets. Officers diligently focused on traffic related issues/enforcement, noise violations/complaints, and heavily visited business establishments. In addi-
From the Police Chief

By Andy Christenson

During the month of May, officers concentrated on issues involving golf carts and various illegal activities associated with them. Unlike last year, this year there were no accidents involving fatalities or individuals severely injured during the event.

During the month of May, officers responded and dealt with a total of one thousand two hundred and sixty six (1266) incidents and made six hundred and three (603) cases. The first annual Memorial Day Car Show was a success and many visitors gathered and enjoyed the festivities. We now will endure the month of June, which presents a whole new set of challenges including the influx of thousands of high school seniors embarking on their celebratory vacation in relation to graduating from school. Next is the very busy July 4th Independence Day celebration and busy summer weeks leading up to the Labor Day blowout. This year during the July 4th holiday, law enforcement will be busy coordinating and assisting with the fireworks show and celebration concert sponsored by the Town and held at the pier. We would like to thank all the citizens for their kind words of appreciation and assistance during our busy time.

Surfside Beach Officers have worked diligently to provide the highest quality of professional services throughout these busy times. We will continue to promote the Town of Surfside Beach and combat criminal activity in an effort to make our home as safe and enjoyable as possible.

Our newly deployed “Community Policing/Services Officer” has been traveling the streets of Surfside for two months now. In just two months he has accumulated 664 miles on the police bike. Additionally, two new “Beach Safety” employees have been deployed on the beach and have been patrolling the beach on four wheelers. These Officers have not only been representatives of our department but have been ambassadors for the entire Town of Surfside Beach. Several citizens, both locals and tourists have commented on their friendliness and willingness to help them. There is no doubt that their impact has been felt immediately and that they will continue to produce as effective, efficient members of our force.

We look forward to this summer season and hope you will make time to stop by and see us.

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Hurricane Season began June 1 and will continue through November 30. An average activity year is predicted for 2009 with 12 named storms and 6 hurricanes two of which might be intense. If there is only one hurricane in 2009 and it affects South Carolina, it has been a busy year. Preparation is the important factor in dealing with most emergencies. Evacuation, Pet Care, Disaster Kits, Insurance Policy Review are among the many points of concern when preparing for hurricanes and other emergency events.

Before the Storm ...

1. Know your flood zone
2. Have your address clearly marked on the front of your home.
3. Make sure your car has a full tank of gas.
4. Secure all windows and doors with manufactured shutters or plywood. (Using tape will only keep the windows from shattering – they will still blow in).
5. Withdraw money beforehand – the storm may interrupt power to ATM’s
6. Keep updated on the storm’s status by listening to advisory reports on television and radio.
7. Remember, when the winds reach 50 MPH, emergency vehicles are removed from the roads. If a member of your household becomes ill or injured, or if your home catches on fire, emergency personnel will not be able to reach you.
8. 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.
9. Ensure your medication supplies are adequate to last for at least two weeks.
10. Ensure you have batteries for your flashlights and battery-operated radios. Charge cell phones and other rechargeable items.
11. Have your Emergency Supply Kits handy. Ensure there is drinking water enough 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-internal purposes.
12. 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 your pet!
13. When asked to evacuate ... LEAVE!

It is never too early to begin making personal and family preparations for the approach of the hurricane season.

By Jan Lewis
**Hurricane Safety**

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**After the Storm ...**

1. Do not plan to return until you are told it is safe to do so.

2. Keep your identification handy.

3. Drive with care – there is likely to be debris scattered on roads.

4. When you return home if you have lost power, do not light matches or use candles. Use only flashlights and battery-powered lanterns until assured the power is safe to turn on.

5. Keep grills and cooking stoves outdoors in a well-ventilated area.

6. 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 purposes.

7. Drive only when and where necessary – Do not sightsee!

8. Stay clear of all downed power lines.

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**Administrator’s Report**

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will be good for the local economy and the Town budget. The Town staff will focus on the tourist population for the next few months; however, a number of new projects will also be started. One major project that has recently started is the construction of the new Surfside Beach Fire Station. You will also notice a smaller fire truck on the road. In keeping with efficiency and maneuverability the Town Council agreed to the purchase of this new first response vehicle. This truck will not replace any of the older trucks but will enhance the fire fighting effort.

I have one final thought which concerns the diligent work of the committees in our Town. Our committees make a huge difference in this town, serving to help guide the Town Council and staff. They all have a profound impact on the Town with regard to how it looks, the quality of life the town provides to its citizens, which projects are pursued and what facilities are built. The spirit and enthusiasm of the Town’s citizens to willingly participate in our municipality only serves to make a better place for everyone to live.

By Jan Lewis

“...serve to make a better place for everyone to live.”

By Ed Booth

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

(P) 843-913-6111
(E) ebooth@surfsidebeach.org
All divisions of Public Works are gearing up for what we hope will be a busy summer season! It is hard to believe that the month of June is already here. Beach crews began the three times a week beach cleaning and maintenance on May 11th. A reminder to residents and visitors alike, Town ordinance prohibits leaving items such as tents, chairs, umbrellas, and the like on the beach between the hours of 9:00pm and 7:30am. Crews will remove and dispose of any items that obstruct Town equipment. Since the week of May 11th beach cans have been serviced five times a week. Please remember that pets are not allowed on the beach within town limits during the calendar period from May 15th through September 15th. Please respect our beach by following these regulations and disposing of litter properly.

Please take the time to visit our Pier. Renovations involving new boards, handrails, and paint have taken place over the past several months. We plan to have several town events at our Pier over the course of the summer months.

Public Works: Streets and Drainage

By Ty Taylor

Lakes: Cooper Sand & Gravel has completed dredging/excavating the contracted lakes. Licensed town crews have taken over the spraying of town lakes. Water quality testing will be conducted as needed.

14th Avenue South Underground Utilities project is complete. Letters have been sent out to property owners on Seaside Drive where the next phase of the conversion will take place.

Sidewalk installations are nearly complete on Poplar Drive from Surfside Drive to 5th Avenue South and from Hollywood Drive to Ocean Boulevard on 14th Avenue South.

Ocean Boulevard – we are awaiting final paperwork from the state so the Town can take over Ocean Boulevard as well as the parking lot located on 13th Avenue South.

Dogwood Bulkhead – Seventy-five percent (75%) of the bulkhead has been installed. The project is running on schedule. Once the bulkhead is complete, Eco Express will install geo-fabric to prevent future erosion.

Topsoil – is available free of charge to town residents who come to Scipio Land and load up themselves between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm on the third and fourth Saturdays of each month. Shovels will be provided.

Yaupon Parking Lot – renovations are continuing. The lot was open and available for parking on 05/21/09.

Passive Park – All necessary permits from OCRM are in place. Construction work will begin as the season permits.

Highway 17/Surfside Drive Beautification Project – pavers, flowers, and vegetation have been installed. Please take the time to appreciate our efforts.
**Public Works: Sanitation**

By Ty Taylor

Residential and commercial establishments throughout town are utilizing approximately 3500 recycle carts. From April ’08 to March ’09 we collected 383.48 tons of recyclable materials. That resulted in a savings of $11,120.92 that the town did not have to pay in tipping fees. Each month we have seen an increase in the amount of materials being collected for recycling. There is no charge for recycle carts and the delivery of carts to your residence is also free. Recyclables are picked up every Thursday. Recyclables can also be deposited in bins located at Town Hall between the Police and Fire stations. If you would like a recycle cart please call (843) 913-6360 or email your name and property address to public-works@surfsidebeach.org.

Crews are preparing for our summer roll out trash collection that takes place in the R3 and C3 districts. You may see our crew painting “dots” in front of those houses that will have the moby cart rolled out and back three times a week on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning on Sunday, May 10th. Recycle carts will also be serviced on Thursdays for these properties. In order to be exempt from this service, you must submit an exemption form indicating that you are a permanent resident or your property is non-rental. If you have any questions regarding the summer service, please feel free to contact Public Works at 843-913-6360.

The one side of the street cart collections, both mobys and recycle carts, is working out well. Crews have painted white Xs on the side of the street where carts are to be placed. Carts must be curbside by 6:00am and removed by 11:00pm. Carts may be put out the night before.

Yard debris will be picked up more often during the summer months. Trucks will be out Monday through Wednesday picking up residential yard debris throughout town. Leaves and/or grass clippings must be bagged. Pampas grass must be tied or bagged. Per Town ordinance, landscapers must remove the debris they generate. Also it is against Town ordinance to dump yard debris or bulk trash on vacant lots.

Residential bulk items such as furniture or appliances are picked up throughout town on Thursdays and Fridays. Items must be curbside and reachable by our “claw/clamshell” truck. It is not necessary to call for a “pick up”. Simply have the items curbside by 6:00am.

**Business License Reminder**

By Sharon Leahy

Business License Renewals were due by June 1, 2009 for every business or home business (including rentals) operating inside the town limits. Please contact the Business License Office at 843-913-6342 if you have any questions or visit us at www.surfsidebeach.org to download forms or to see Frequently Asked Questions.
Inside SURFSIDE

“Prior to the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, June 23rd there will be a ceremonial groundbreaking at 6:00 p.m. for the construction of the new Town of Surfside Beach Fire Station.”

New Fire House

Prior to the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, June 23rd there will be a ceremonial groundbreaking at 6:00 p.m. for the construction of the new Town of Surfside Beach Fire Station. It has been 13 years since the last major construction of a town owned building and excitement is high as we begin this new project.

Beach Safety

Summer is here and everyone enjoys the warm days on the beach and playing in the ocean. It is a known fact that human swimmers are not the only ones enjoying a relaxing afternoon at Surfside Beach. Several different types of wildlife also swim such as jelly fish, sharks and crabs. Recently, Onslow Beach, North Carolina experienced another swimmer. A 7-foot American alligator was navigating the surf trying to get back home in a nearby sound.

Alligator sightings along the coast are not a frequent event, but they are also not uncommon. With the waterway, swashes and rivers emptying into the ocean nearby, these reptiles can venture into open waters. Alligators are a protected species which are not to be harmed, harassed, or fed. It is best to just leave them alone.

While enjoying the sun and sand, be mindful that wildlife can and sometimes will be spotted. Get out of the water carefully and advise the beach patrol or a lifeguard. If it is after hours, contact the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and report the sighting location. The local number is (843) 546-8119 or the after hours number is (800) 922-5431.
It’s All Right Here

By Sharon Pinnell

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Water and Wheels for the day and when I say for the day I mean it; they didn’t want to leave! My husband, brother and sister-in-law rented jet skis and had a blast jumping the waves. They all frequented the Piggly Wiggly and kept the local restaurants very busy since they were all within walking distance. They were all so busy that we didn’t even have time to leave town! I told them they have to come back and see some other areas some time and they said “why bother, it’s all right here!”

Surfside Beach Earns Blue Wave Designation

By Sharon Pinnell

The Town of Surfside Beach has recently received a Blue Wave designation. Surfside Beach is one of only two Blue Wave Designated Beaches in the State of South Carolina; the other is the Isle of Palms. The Blue Wave’s campaign goal is to promote public awareness and have voluntary community participation in the care, maintenance and management of our beaches. Responsible beach management includes monitoring and controlling water quality and providing regular beach maintenance.

Blue Wave beaches represent the complete eco-coastal experience. They support the Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability (LOHAS) and help promote this lifestyle for beach visitors. Since beaches are America’s top tourist destination, generating billions of dollars a year for the U.S. economy, it is important to keep them maintained to create a healthy environment. To help bring awareness and to bring full enjoyment to our beaches Blue Wave has come up with some ethics.

Seven of the Blue Wave Ethics are:

⇒ Leave no trace (what you carry in, carry out)
⇒ Move your body (walk, run or swim)
⇒ Don’t tread the dunes (use a walk-over or walk-thru)
⇒ Know your limits (swim, surf and boat safely)
⇒ You are what you eat (eat healthy seafood)
⇒ Feed your mind (read a book)
⇒ Respect the ocean (riptides, storms)

The Town of Surfside Beach along with its residents and tourists will work together to preserve our local economy and ensure that our “Family Beach” remains a healthy and prosperous environment for years to come as well as a place to enjoy and benefit from the pleasures it can bring.
Planning, Building and Zoning

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“Installing a rain barrel reduces the runoff and captures natural (soft) water that can be used in your garden (particularly during the dryer months), to water indoor plants, wash cars and animals.”

Rain barrels are attached to downspouts which collect storm water running off your roof. An overflow system allows excess water to be directed elsewhere.

Want to know how to protect your water quality?

We’re going to help! Many activities we undertake around our homes and apartments have an impact on water quality. The Georgetown High School students and their Art Dept. have come up with an excellent idea to collect and store rooftop rain water. It’s a fact that one rainfall produces 600 gallons of water runoff from a 1000 square foot roof. To collect this water, they have purchased 50 gallon capacity plastic barrels and have decorated these barrels with artwork to sell. Installing a rain barrel reduces the runoff and captures natural (soft) water that can be used in your garden (particularly during the dryer months), to water indoor plants, wash cars and animals. Rain barrels collect FREE water and reduce storm water runoff and water pollution in our streams. For information on these rain barrels contact (843) 546-8516. This is just one of the many ways to help protect our valuable coastal resources.

If you see people on the beach taking a survey on the weekends this summer, this is a survey conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency. They will also be testing water quality. Surfside Beach and Puerto Rico are the two locations that have been chosen for this project. They will be on the beach only on the weekends. If you are asked to participate in the survey, please help by answering the questions.

Hope you have a great summer and get a chance to enjoy our beautiful beach. If you have any questions regarding planning, building or zoning, please feel free to call:

⇒ Jackie Donevant, Director of Planning, Building and Zoning - 913-6340
⇒ Sue Shmaruk, Construction Services Coordinator - 913-6341
⇒ Jack O’Quinn, Bldg. Inspector - 913-6354
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*July 4th Celebration - 6 - 10:00 PM on the beach at the pier*

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*Pelican’s Night - 7 PM at Pelican Ball Park*

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*End of Summer Celebration - 9 AM - 9 PM*

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*Skyhounds Disc Contest - 10 AM at Huckabee Complex*

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*Surfside Beach Family Festival - 10 AM - 4 PM on Surfside Drive*

**Schedule of Upcoming Events**

**July 2009**

- 7/4 - Independence Day Celebration - Entertainment and music by Steve Fairchild & Band and fireworks extravaganza - 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on the beach at the Surfside Pier.

**August 2009**

- 8/1 - Surfside Beach Community Night at the Pelicans - 7:00 p.m. at Pelican Ball Park

**September 2009**

- 9/6 - End of Summer Celebration - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the Surfside Pier
- 9/12 - Skyhoundz Disc Contest - Frisbee catching canines compete - 10:00 a.m. at Huckabee Complex
- 9/19 - SC Sea Grant Beach Sweep - 9:00 a.m. at the Surfside Pier

**October 2009**

- 10/3 - Surfside Beach Family Festival - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Surfside Drive

**November 2009**

- 11/11 - Veteran’s Day Service - 2:00 p.m. at Veteran’s Memorial on Surfside Drive
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH

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Golf Cart Laws

⇒ Operator must have a valid driver’s license in their possession at all times
⇒ Operation is permitted only during daylight hours
⇒ Operator must have proof of insurance in their possession at all times
⇒ Golf carts must be registered with the Surfside Beach Police Department

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Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.

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