Hurricane Season

Hurricane Season began June 1 and will continue through November 30. An average activity year is predicted for 2011 with 16 named storms and 9 hurricanes of which might be intense, but these are only numbers. If there is only one hurricane in 2011 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 considering preparing for hurricanes and other emergency events.

BEFORE THE STORM - KNOW YOUR FLOOD ZONE - MAKE YOUR PLANS

1) Have your address clearly marked in the front of your home.
2) Make sure your car has a full tank of gas.
3) Secure all windows and doors with manufactured shutters or plywood. (Using tape will only keep the windows from shattering --- they will still blow in).
4) Withdraw money beforehand – the storm may interrupt power to ATM’s
5) Keep updated on the storm’s status by listening to advisory reports on television and radio. 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, you may be on your own for hours or even days.
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If you have sustained any damage, before you begin cleaning your property, take photos and video footage of the damage to your home.

Remove all loose items from your yard and store them in a secure shed or building.

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).

Fire, 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 your medication supplies are adequate to last for at least two weeks.

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 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.

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. Make arrangements for your beloved family members but DO NOT STAY HOME BECAUSE OF YOUR PET! Relocate to a location that will accept these family members. Take food water and kennels with you.

When asked to evacuate........LEAVE!

AFTER THE STORM:

1) Do not plan to return until you are told it is safe to do so.
2) Keep your identification handy. Drive with care – there is likely to be debris scattered on roads.
3) 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.
4) Keep grills and cookings 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 purposes.

Drive only when and where necessary – DO NOT SIGHTSEE!

Stay clear of all downed power lines.

Take care when removing large debris such as boards, siding or plywood. You may be disturbing the temporary residence of snakes, animals or insects and they will bite!

If you have sustained damage, hire only licensed contractors for repairs.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY WHEN YOU RETURN, but if you must be prepared to show identification.

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Tanika Parsons has worked at the Police Station for 10 years as the Lead Communications Operator.

“Corporal King started as a patrol officer in the Surfside Beach Police Department in the June of 2006.”

Ben Johnson has worked in Public Works as a Sanitation Driver for 30 years.

Ben Johnson
30 Years

Chris King
5 Years

Tanika Parsons
10 Years
Meet Debra Herrmann

By Sabrina Deeley

Clerk from November of 1997 to January of 2007. Debra has lived in the area since the mid 1950’s and attended Socastee High School. Debra attended Horry Georgetown Tech and Montgomery College, in Takoma Park, Maryland. In the past, she has worked in municipal government, mortgage lending, commercial banking, and as a real estate paralegal. Debra said, “I’m honored to serve as your town clerk, and I encourage everyone to attend council meetings and all the town sponsored events. Being involved in your community benefits everyone.”

We are all delighted to welcome Debra back to the Town of Surfside Beach!

Going Green for Cookouts

Nothing says summer more than a nice family cookout. Here are a couple of tips for keeping your cookout “green.”

- Nix the chemicals - Clean and prep the grill by heating it up and then rubbing it with an onion; instead of using a chemical spray.
- Shop Locally - Visit your local farmers’ market to gather seasonal produce for salads.
- Cut Down on Paper Waste - Use glasses and silverware or reusable plastic dishware and cutlery instead of paper cups and plates.

June 9th was Angie Mangar’s last day at Town Hall; she had been with the Town for 5 years as a Business License Inspector, but decided to move back home to Delaware to be closer to family. We listed the open position internally and Sharon Pinnell applied for the job. The Administrator interviewed several employees that expressed interest in the position and decided to offer it to Sharon. Sharon had been the Town Clerk since April of 2007. This change in positions left the Town Clerk position open. The position of Town Clerk was then posted externally and we received approximately 140 applications. Several applicants were then interviewed by Council, but Debra Herrmann was a stand out and was offered the position.

Debra is not new to the Town of Surfside Beach, she worked as Town Clerk from November of 1997 to January of 2007. Debra has lived in the area since the mid 1950’s and attended Socastee High School. Debra attended Horry Georgetown Tech and Montgomery College, in Takoma Park, Maryland. In the past, she has worked in municipal government, mortgage lending, commercial banking, and as a real estate paralegal. Debra said, “I’m honored to serve as your town clerk, and I encourage everyone to attend council meetings and all the town sponsored events. Being involved in your community benefits everyone.” We are all delighted to welcome Debra back to the Town of Surfside Beach!

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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 seek assistance to deal with 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 coast. Nothing we own is worth the risk.

Fiscal Year Budget Summary

By Kim Hursey

FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET SUMMARY FOR THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

Projected Revenue: $ 8,443,340

Projected Expenses: $ 8,425,078

Expected Increase in Fund Balance: $ 18,262

FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 TAX MILLAGE

The tax millage for the Town of Surfside Beach is 40 mils, that’s $0.40 per $1,000 assessed value on your home and personal property. There is no tax increase for FY 2011-2012. Here is summary of how your tax dollars are spent.

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Kimberly Hursey has been the Treasurer for the Town of Surfside Beach since April of 2007.
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Golf Cart Laws
- Must be driven by a licensed driver
- May not travel along, but may cross primary roads
- Must obey all state traffic laws
- Seating capacity of cart cannot be exceeded
- Daylight operation only
- Operator must have a valid driver’s license in their possession at all times
- Operator must have proof of insurance in their possession at all times
- Golf carts must be registered with the Surfside Beach Police Department
- Golf carts must display SC permit sticker

Surfside Beach Town Council Contact Info

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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