From the Fire Chief  

By Robert Packard

It seems like every year the residents of coastal communities wonder when or if we will have to deal with some type of winter weather. Most of the time our version of winter weather has to deal with a short period of colder weather, however there are times when conditions are just right and we end up dealing with winter precipitation that some residents are not prepared to handle. A small amount of snow or ice sends some into a panic and the inevitable trip to the grocery store for the staples of milk and bread. Thankfully we do not have to deal with a significant amount of winter weather which has been the case so far this year. There are however several tips for surviving the winter season that may assist you or at least make winter bearable until the return of warmer weather which should be just around the corner.

1.) Remember to check on the elderly and disabled and make sure that they are prepared for winter conditions. Keep a check on pets and provide a warm safe area for those members of the family.

2.) Stock up on essentials such as tea, hot chocolate, coffee and soups, also food items that do not have to be cooked in the event of a power outage.

3.) Maintain good nutrition and get plenty of rest.

4.) Prepare your home by having your furnace or wall heaters checked by a professional. Check all space
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heaters and make sure you maintain proper clearance from combustibles. Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors especially if you have any gas appliances or plan to use a generator. Remember generators should never be operated in a closed space. Carbon monoxide kills an average of 300 people in the U.S. each year.

5.) Check the batteries in your NOAA radio so that if we have an event you will be able to monitor forecasts and other information related to the event.

6.) Prior to the winter season have your fireplace and chimney checked by a professional and make sure that you maintain proper ventilation.

7.) Prepare a survival kit to include food and water for several days in addition to flashlights, batteries and food and water for pets.

8.) Maintain a list of emergency telephone numbers with your cell phone so that you can call for assistance should the need arise.

We all hope that we do not have to use these tips but it is a good idea to have them and to practice your family emergency plan just in case. If you have these items and maintain them they will also serve you well when hurricane season comes. Until then we will all wait for the warm breezes of spring.

Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Information

It’s budget time again. We are currently working on our budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Our annual budget retreat will be held March 8th and 9th at Santee Cooper's Wampee Conference Center on Lake Moultrie in Pinopolis, South Carolina. The budget retreat is open to the public. As required by South Carolina state law a public hearing will also be held prior to the adoption of the budget. This will be held on May 8th, 2012 in Surfside Beach at Council Chambers. The Town's budget is adopted by ordinance which requires two readings. The first reading of the FY 12-13 budget will be presented at the May 8th meeting. The second reading will be presented on May 22 at the regularly scheduled Town business meeting. If you have any questions regarding the location of these upcoming meetings please contact the Town Clerk, Debra Hermann at (843) 913-6111 or email clerk@surfsidebeach.org. Those with financial questions should contact Kim Hursey at (843) 913-6111 or finance@surfsidebeach.org.
From the Athletic Department

Athletics has begun preparing for the 2012 Dixie League Baseball/Softball program. Sponsorship signs are available for the field fences. High traffic, reasonable pricing, and are an excellent advertising vehicle for local business.

Registration for ages 9 – 15 will be held the week of February 20, 2012, from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm at the Recreation Office located within Huckabee Complex. For more information regarding sponsorships or Athletics, please contact Mary Lynn Stalnaker at 839-8332.

2011 Christmas Parade

As usual, the Annual Christmas Parade began on Ocean Boulevard at 10th Avenue South and ended at 16th Avenue North. With over 100 entries, hundreds of attendees and perfect weather the 2011 Christmas Parade was the most successful yet!

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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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