Inside SURFSIDE BEACH

A Message from Mayor Childs

WOW! What a terrific summer we had here in the Family Beach! All in all, the summer was busy, fun, and HOT. Sunday Serenades will continue through September and the last day for the Farmers Market is October 31, which is also Halloween Day. There are still several great events coming up during the fall and holiday seasons. They are listed on page 2.

Beach nourishment just completed along our shoreline. The Army Corps of Engineers estimated the cost to the town at $672,000, plus $52,769 in project engineering costs. The federal government contributes 65% of the overall project cost, and the state provides a matching grant for 17.5% of the remaining cost, excluding engineering fees. The Town has adjusted spending over the past two years to have the required funds available. This project is done about every ten years.

On Saturday, August 26th, Town Council held a workshop to hear presentations from the architects, engineers, and financial advisor about reconstructing the pier. The meeting provided a lot of detailed information for the council and public. Council decided to construct a pier with a concrete substructure and break-away wooden deck. The existing pier will be razed. Construction on the new pier should start in the spring of 2018. It will take about one year to complete the project.

It doesn’t seem possible but the 2018 General Election is approaching. The Municipal Election Commission is working diligently to be prepared. If you are at least 18 years old, a registered voter, have lived in town for at least 30 days, and a desire to serve your community, I encourage you to think seriously about running for office.

Lastly, as we approach the holiday season, let me encourage you to do something unexpected… take a morning or afternoon to visit nursing home residents, donate some time to Helping Hand or any of the many charities in the area, but most importantly, nurture the ‘holiday spirit’ and keep it safeguarded in your heart throughout the coming year.

Robert F. “Bob” Childs, III

MAYOR’S HOURS

If you would like to meet with Mayor Bob Childs during his office hours, please contact the Town Clerk at 843-913-6333.

It’s a Fact:

Golf Carts are Motor Vehicles!

South Carolina Code states that golf carts are treated the same as a motor vehicle. Carts should be operated by licensed drivers, during daylight hours, within four (4) miles of your home, and should follow the laws of the road. NEVER allow children to drive a golf cart, and never drive a golf cart on the pedestrian sidewalk. Visit www.surfsidebeach.org/police for more information.
Events at the Family Beach

September 2017

Sunday 3, 10, 17, 24, **Sunday Serenades**, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Passive Park
Saturday 9, **Skyhoundz Disc Contest**, 10:00 a.m. Martin Field
Saturday 16, **SC Sea Grant Beach Sweep**, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Pier

October 2017

Saturday 7, **Surfside Beach Family Festival**, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Surfside Drive
Friday 20, **Senior Fair**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Surfside Beach Fire Station
Saturday 28, **Halloween Car Show**, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Pier
Tuesday 31, Last **Farmers Market** for this season

November 2017

Friday 10, Town Hall Closed to observe Veterans Day
Saturday 11, **Veterans Day Service**, 2:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial, Surfside Drive
Thursday 23, **Thanksgiving Day**, Town Hall Closed
Friday 24, **Town Hall Closed** to observe Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday 30, **Christmas Tree Lighting**, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Town Hall Lawn

December 2017

Saturday 9, **Christmas Parade**, 2:00 p.m. Starts at Melody Lane & South Ocean Boulevard, and travels up Surfside Drive
Saturday, 16, Breakfast **with Santa**, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Golden Egg Restaurant, 410 Highway 17 North, **Reservations Required**, contact dellis@surfsidebeach.org
Monday 25, **Christmas Day**, Town Hall Closed
Tuesday 26, **Town Hall Closed**, to observe Christmas Holidays

Meeting Calendar

Public Notice—2018 Town of Surfside Beach Meeting Calendar
This notice is published pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) §30-4-80(A). The public is invited to attend all meetings. To view agendas and meeting minutes or to sign up to receive email updates for meetings and events visit www.surfsidebeach.org.

**Town Council:** Regular meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays monthly, except in December when there is one meeting on the 2nd Tuesday. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** Meets the 1st Tuesday monthly, except January, July, and September, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Accommodations Tax Committee:** Meets the third Wednesday in January, at 4:00 p.m., and then meets as business dictates in Council Chambers.
General Election 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Election
Tuesday, April 3, 2018

The Town of Surfside Beach Municipal Election Commission announces that a General Election for the Town of Surfside Beach will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 to elect three Town Councilmembers.

Candidate Filing Opens Monday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m., and closes Friday, January 12 at 4:00 p.m. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age; registered voters, and town residents for at least 30 days.

Filing fee for Town Council is $25. Walk-in candidates are welcomed during business hours while filing is open or by appointment (after hours appointments are available when made in advance) scheduled with the Town Clerk.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. This is a nonpartisan election and no reference to party affiliation will be placed on the ballot.

Offices included: Three (3) Town Council Seats to fill a term beginning May 8, 2018 and ending May 10, 2022. For more information, or to schedule a filing appointment, contact Town Clerk Debra Herrmann. Call 843.913.6333 or email Dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org.

Also visit www.surfsidebeach.org/elections-commission.
At the July 24 Town Council Meeting, Town Administrator Micki Fellner presented Police Lieutenant Kenny Hofmann to be appointed the Town’s Police Chief. Council Chambers erupted with applause and a standing ovation led by Town Council.

Chief Hofmann was sworn into office on July 27 before a full house. Family, friends, and area law enforcement officers came to witness the ceremony. Hofmann began working for the Town in 2007, and has a BA in Criminology from the University of Georgia.

“I want everybody to be happy and feel safe in their homes and enjoy what an awesome little town we have here,” Hofmann said after being sworn. “He is, clearly, the right person for this position,” Town Administrator Micki Fellner said.

How safe is your home? This checklist will help you identify areas that need attention.

**Smoke Alarms.** Smoke alarms are on every level of the home; inside and outside sleeping areas; are tested each month; batteries are changed as needed, and are less than 10 years old.

**Test the alarm regularly.** Your smoke alarm is working if it makes a noise when you press the “test” button.

**Cooking Safety.** Keep flammable items away from the heat source; stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food. Always turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.

**Escape Plan.** A fire escape plan for your home that shows two ways out of every room; establish a safe meeting place outside the home, and ensure that everyone understands that is where to meet; practice the escape plan twice a year.

**Carbon Monoxide Alarms.** Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.; alarms are less than 7 years old.

**Electrical & Appliance Safety.** All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken or cut.; Clean the dryer lint basket after every use; plug outlets are safe and are not warm to the touch. If they are warm, call your landlord or an electrician.

**Candle Safety.** Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won’t be tipped over.; Blow out all candles when leaving the room or going to bed. Candles are kept out of reach from children and pets.

**Curious Children.** If you have children in your home, lock up any items that can start a fire, i.e., matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc. Make sure children cannot reach burning candles. Teach your children fire safety. Need help, please contact the Fire Department.

### Safety First
**Emergency**
Dial 9-1-1

**Non-Emergency**
Fire 843.913.6369
Police 843.913.6368

Tuesday Trash: South End: 4th Avenue South to Melody Lane West of Dogwood/Lake Court only

Wednesday Trash: North End-17th Avenue North to 3rd Avenue South West of Dogwood and Pinewood only

Saturday Trash: Ocean Boulevard Route: All of Ocean Boulevard, Lake Court, Pinewood, Dogwood, Yaupon, Seaside Drive and all cross streets in between.

Friday Recycle: Town wide.

Carts must be curbside on collection day by 6:00 a.m. and removed by 11:00 p.m. that night. Carts may be put out the night before the collection day.

**Need extra Moby Carts or Recycle Bins?**

If you’re having an occasion when you have excess trash and recycling, the Public Works Department will deliver extra carts or bins to you for temporary use.

Call 843.913.6360 for more information or send an email message to jadair@surfsidebeach.org
2nd Beach Art & Music Event—June 25, 2017

Art Show
Residents and visitors flocked to the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center to see beach-themed artworks, listen to beach music, and munch beachy snacks on Sunday, June 25, when Surfside Beach held its second Surf’s Up Beach Art & Music Event.

The free event featured dozens of art works by 16 Grand Strand artists, in a wide range of media. On display were oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings; fiber art, photography, sculpture, collage, and mosaics made with ceramic tile, glass beads and found items. All had beach themes, many of them whimsical, like Trayvon Conyers’ painting of a bubble-blowing mermaid.

Several pieces focus on the show’s theme, “Found at the Beach,” by incorporating articles literally found at the beach.

As art lovers perused the exhibits — several of which sold during the day — keyboardist and vocalist Steve Carrigan performed beach music and oldies favorites. Guests had a chance to nominate their favorite artworks for the People’s Choice Award. The winning selection was Wendy Shelley’s painting, Peace Be the Journey. Runner-up was Debbie Ann Hicks’ fiber art work Turtle Love. The winner received a $50 gift certificate from the Surf Diner on the Surfside Beach pier.

The Town plans to repeat the event next year June 23-24. Artists wishing information on entering should contact Debbie Ellis at 843-650-9548.

Peace Be the Journey, an oil painting by Wendy Shelley, won the People’s Choice Award in the Surf’s Up Beach Art & Music Event June 25.

Runner Up—Fiber Art
Turtle Love
By Debbie Ann Hicks

Art Lovers perused the display of artworks by 16 local artists at the Surf’s Up Beach Art & Music Event June 25. Several of the pieces were purchased by residents or visitors during the show. One of the more unusual items in the Surf’s Up Beach Art & Music Event was Thomas Britton’s Neptune’s Chair, painted on every surface with ocean scenes and mystical symbols.
Newsletter Distribution Policy

In an effort to save tax dollars, “Inside Surfside Beach” will be posted on the website three times a year (i.e., January, May and September). It can be viewed at www.surfsidebeach.org.

If you would like an email notification when a new issue is posted to the website or if you require a paper copy please contact the Town Clerk at Phone: 843.913.6333 or Email: dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org