A Message from Mayor Childs

Between the October 2015 “Thousand-year” rain, the rain event associated with Hurricane Joaquin, the “King Tides,” and more recently Hurricane Matthew, the Town has endured some very real tests of its stormwater system that identified the system’s strengths and weaknesses.

What does it cost to maintain our stormwater infrastructure? Estimated cost details for upcoming projects are Phase II North Side Drainage Project $900,000; Myrtle Swash NorthernBulkhead (underway now) $200,000; Floral Swash Bulkheads $350,000; Dogwood Swash Bridge Replacement $450,000; Myrtle Swash, Bridge Replacement and west-side swash permitting and re-engineering, $550,000; Elimination of discharge into Garden City in the Melody Basin, $1,000,000. The total for these six projects is $3,450,000.

The question is, “How will the Town pay for them?” Town Council has discussed funding sources. Options commonly used are a dedicated percentage of property tax millage and a stormwater utility fee. A utility fee is calculated on the percentage of impervious surface or sometimes fees tied into other factors. Usually it is a flat fee for residential property with a different rate for commercial property.

One of the Town’s stormwater consultants is currently performing a budget analysis and resource allocation plan. This includes an impervious surface study to establish an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), which is the normal basis for equitable distribution of fees. The ERU could be collected through the annual tax billing by Horry County or perhaps on the monthly water bills. All ERU funds collected would be reserved in a separate account and used solely for stormwater system projects and maintenance. Some cities adopted an ERU as far back as the 1990’s. Surfside Beach is the only municipality in our area that does not have a stormwater utility fee.

The Town will always have stormwater system projects and, unfortunately, associated costs will continue to escalate. Please join Town Council on January 26th for the Vision Workshop to discuss this and other important issues that affect our Town.

Robert F. “Bob” Childs, III
2017 Town 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. View agendas and meeting minutes at http://www.surfsidebeach.org. Sign up to receive email notices for meetings and events at http://www.surfsidebeach.org/surfside-beach-meetings-and-notices.

TOWN COUNCIL

> **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.
> **Town Council Workshop** on Chapter 17, Signs, Thursday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.
> **Town Council Visioning Workshop**, January 26, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or until discussion is completed
> **Town Council Budget Workshop**, April 27, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or until discussion is completed

STATUTORY COMMITTEES

> **Accommodations Tax Committee** meets as business dictates
> **Board of Construction Adjustment and Appeals** meets when there are appeals to be heard
> **Board of Zoning Appeals** meets when there are appeals on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
> **Planning & Zoning Commission** meets the 1st Tuesday monthly at 6:00 p.m.
> **Stormwater Committee** meets the 3rd Tuesday in January, April, July, and October at 12:00 noon

AD HOC COMMITTEES

> **Business Committee** meets as called
> **Historical Society** meets the 1st Wednesday monthly at 4:00 p.m. at the Floral Lake Clubhouse, 617 Lakeside Drive.
> **Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee** meets the 3rd Wednesday monthly, except in December, at 1:00 p.m. at the Fire Station, 810 1st Avenue North.
> **Parking Committee** meets as called in the Fire Station, 810 1st Avenue North.
> **Ralph Magliette Senior Citizens Committee** meets the last Monday in February, April, June, August, and October at 5:30 p.m.

Note: All meetings are held in in Council Chambers, 115 US Highway 17 North, unless otherwise advertised. Meeting dates and/or times might occasionally change due to conflicts, travel, holidays, and/or election days. Updates will be published pursuant to FOIA §30-4-80(A) and (E). For more information, call the town clerk at 843.913.6333 or send an email message to dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org.
Committee Corner

Ralph Magliette Senior Citizens Committee

The 2nd Annual Senior Fair was held on Friday, September 23rd, at the Surfside Beach Fire Department.

Health and wellness for seniors was the theme; 26 vendors and health care providers were there providing information and advice to over 100 attendees from the town and all around.

A very good time was enjoyed by all, with refreshments, lunch, free promo items, and raffle door prizes donated by various vendors and the Town of Surfside Beach.

Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful (KSBB)

KSBB is so excited! There is a NEW way to track keeping our beach clean! Anyone can participate in the Adopt-A-Beach Program at your own pace and it’s paperless!

It’s the new DHEC app called MyCoast and it’s amazing! It’s an easy and fun way for residents and businesses to participate.

⇒ Register at www.MyCoast.org
⇒ Choose a group, KSBB, Surfsidians, or create your own
⇒ Adopt Surfside Beach
⇒ Download the MyCoast app (available in iOS and Android)
⇒ Go collect trash anytime, but make sure your smart phone GPS or location setting is “on”
⇒ Open the app and begin a new report.
⇒ Tap each trash icon as you pick up items and let the app do its thing!

PB&Z News

Flood Zones — How do I determine my flood zone and get the information I need?

Whether you own or rent a residential or commercial building in the town, you should know which flood zone you are in, the requirements to build in that zone, and the associated elevation requirements. The PB&Z staff will be happy to help you.

There are several ways for you to obtain a copy of your elevation certificate.

⇒ Call the Surfside Beach Planning, Building and Zoning Department at 843.913.6341.
⇒ Visit us at 829 Pine Drive, Surfside Beach, SC.
⇒ Check the town website, surfsidebeach.org under the Flood Plain Resources tab. Elevation certificates are added often for new structures as well as for some structures that were built years ago.

No Dumping Law — Do you know about the “No Dumping” law?

Section 14-56 of the Town Code of Ordinances states it is unlawful for any person, company, corporation, etc. to throw, drain, run, or otherwise discharge to any component of the town’s stormwater system, including streets, highways, rights-of-way, or to cause, permit, or suffer to be thrown, drain, run, or allow to seep or otherwise discharge into such system, any organic or inorganic matter that shall cause or tend to cause pollution or blockages to such waters, as provided for in this article. It further states that is unlawful for any person, company, corporation, etc. to connect any pipe, open channel, or any other conveyance system to the town drainage system that discharges anything except stormwater discharges that are identified on the approved stormwater management and sediment control plan.

For more information on this article or any other planning, building or zoning questions, please contact the PB&Z department at 843.913.6341.

Seniors from all over the area visited the 2nd Annual Ralph Magliette Senior Citizens Committee Senior Fair.
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