



Surfside Beach Municipal Message

Mayor's Message

Another year has passed; town council and staff continue to work on many projects.

There are some big changes in our future as we move towards rebuilding the pier, which was destroyed in 2016 by Hurricane Matthew. The new concrete pier will be one of the first to be built in South Carolina. The 35% plans were submitted to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) in late August so the Environmental and Historical Impact Study could begin. That process could take as long as 18 months, but because the footprint of the pier isn't changing, we anticipate approval much sooner.

Councilmembers are elected to serve you. If you have a problem or need clarification on something, I encourage you to contact one of us. You may email any member using their assigned town address, or if you want to speak with a member, call 843.913.6333 to get the telephone number.

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Surfside Beach, an Autism Friendly Travel Destination

Town Council adopted Resolution #16-162 resolving that the Town of Surfside Beach is an Autism Friendly Travel Destination on January 12, 2016.

Working with the Champion

Autism Network, founded by Ms. Becky Large, training sessions have been attended by the public, staff, and the business community towards a goal of being informed and educated about autism.

The goal is to develop a plan for families affected by Autism so they could experience

a safe, enjoyable vacation. Since 2016, there have been several events and events continue to be scheduled including surfing competitions, fishing rodeos, Easter Egg Hunts, and sensory friendly movies.

In 2016 there were 47 families registered with CAN; 2017 had

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Points of Interest:

- Accommodations Grant Requests are being sought for FY 2019-2020. See back cover for details.
- Citizens Assistance Program (CAP). Register your elderly or housebound family members with Surfside Beach Police Department for wellness checks. 843.913.6368

It's a Fact: Ms. Georgie Martin donated the town's marquee sign in memory of her husband, William "Bill Martin" who served on Town Council from 1965 to 1992. To preserve the historical significance thereof, the sign was recently upgraded to LED electronics.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE IN SURFSIDE BEACH"

The Town of Surfside Beach invites you and your family to join the festivities we have from **November 29th-January 1st!**

Surfside Beach will light the town on **November 29th at 5:00pm through January 1st.** Business and Residents will have a variety of lights and decorations for ALL to enjoy!

THEN! On **November 29th at 7:00pm,** we will gather around and welcome the season by lighting the Christmas tree at Town Hall.

November 30th at 5:30pm meet the SSB Rocks Kindness Group for an evening of painting and FUN! Start the season by spreading KINDNESS!

Make plans on **December 1st from 8:30am to 10:00am** to eat breakfast with Santa, Oceanfront at The Holiday Inn Surfside Beach.

Come early to grab a spot for the annual Surfside Beach Parade! **December 8th at 2:00pm** we will fill the streets down Ocean Blvd. and up Surfside Drive to watch over 100 floats pass by. Bring something for all your treats!

Dress warm, bring a blanket and a chair to sit and watch an old-time favorite.... **"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"** under the stars! **December 15th at 5:00pm in Martin Field** is where we will be. The show will start at 5:30pm! Plan to grab a bite from one of the food trucks and sip on some hot chocolate to help keep warm!

If all this is not exciting enough, we have many businesses who will be offering treats, sales or giveaways on **Saturdays through December 22nd** in celebration of our CHRISTMAS CRAWL! You can also follow Santa's mailbox that will travel from business to business for you to leave your letters for Santa. Want to know more? Join the **"ITS A WONDERFUL LIFE IN SURFSIDE BEACH"** and the **Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful-KSBB** Facebook pages. LOTS more information will be posted. After all isn't Christmas a time of miracles and surprises? Keep checking in for more information and don't forget to BELIEVE!



Anything But BBQ Friday, March 8 4-8 pm
 BBQ Festival Saturday March 9, 10 am-4 pm

April 20, Easter Egg Hunt
 April 20, Sensory Friendly Easter Egg Hunt

May 26, Golf Cart Parade 1-2 pm
 May 26, Memorial Day Cookout, 4-7 pm

July 4 Celebration, 6-10 pm

September 14, Skyhoundz 10 am
 September 21, Beach Sweep 9-10 am

October 5, Family Festival, 10 am-4 pm
 October 26, Halloween Car Show, 10-3

December 14, Christmas Parade 2 pm
 December 21, Breakfast with Santa 9 am

Note: Breakfast with Santa requires reservations. Contact Debbie Ellis for details:

Phone: 843.650.9548
 Email: dellis@surfsidebeach.org

Finance Notes

The town's finance department handles all business licensing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, preparation of the annual budget, town hall reception, and many other tasks.

You will find contact information, monthly finance reports, check registers by month, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the adopted budget, and more at www.surfsidebeach.org/finance.



House Numbers

Town Code Section 13-2 Numbering of buildings requires that every building have the street number affixed to the structure.

If you do not have numbers identifying your property, please contact the building department, 843.913.6341, with any questions.

Numbers should be large enough to be easily visible from the road to enable emergency vehicles to identify your home.

2018 Christmas Parade

The Town's annual Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 8th beginning at 2:00 p.m. Parade Route:

Line up on South Ocean Boulevard;

Travels up South Ocean Boulevard to Surfside Drive;

Up Surfside Drive to Poplar Drive where it disbands.

Bring your beach chairs and blankets and join the fun. This year there are over 100 floats; bands and loads of fun to be had!



2019 Events

Throughout the year the town hosts several events and activities for its residents and guests. To view the town calendar online, visit www.surfsidebeach.org/calendar.

The 2019 Schedule includes (subject to change) :

Golf Cart or Low Speed Vehicle (LSV)

The State of South Carolina mandates that golf carts must follow the rules of the road just as a regular car. What's the difference between a golf cart and a low speed vehicle? Basically, the equipment and the licensing.

An LSV has the same equipment as a car, but scaled down. A license plate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles is required to operate it after daylight hours. Otherwise, you may operate it as a golf cart.

You may contact the town's police de-

partment at 843.913.6368 or visit the town website at www.surfsidebeach.org/ ordinances and open the Quick Link.

You must be a licensed driver; have your license with you, and have your insurance information with you to operate any vehicle, including a golf cart or an LSV, on the town streets.

Be safe! Remember what we learned when getting our license: Stop fully at stop signs. Look both ways; look again, and then proceed. Old lessons are easy to forget.



Tomberlin LSV Photo courtesy of S2 Golf Cars, 780 Hwy 17 South Suite F, Surfside Beach.

Meeting Calendar

Public Notice 2019 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. Meetings are held in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

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.

Accommodations Tax Committee: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of January annually at 4:00 p.m., and as business dictates

Board of Zoning Appeals: Meets when appeals are to be heard

Business Committee (ad hoc): Meets the second Tuesday monthly at 10:00 a.m.

Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals: Meets when appeals are to be heard

Historical Society: Meets the 1st Wednesday monthly at 5:30 p.m. at the Floral Lake Clubhouse, 617 Lakeside Drive.

Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee (ad hoc): Meets the 3rd Friday monthly at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Station

Planning & Zoning Commission: Meets the 1st Tuesday monthly, 6:00 p.m.

Ralph Magliette Senior Citizens Committee (ad hoc): Meets the last Monday monthly, except May, November and December at 4:30 p.m.

Stormwater Committee: Meets quarterly: January 23; April 16; July 16, and October 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Note: Meeting dates might occasionally change due to travel, holidays, and/or election days. Changes to meeting schedules and special meeting notices 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.

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175 families registered, and in 2018, 329 families registered. The tag line is "LEAD WITH LOVE."

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication.

Remember behaviors like flapping of hands, spinning or rocking, known as "stimming", calms people with autism. The entire family is in crisis; not just the person with autism. When you encounter a crisis, don't just assume it is bad behavior, instead offer assistance and a kind smile. Most likely your help will be appreciated and you will be told there is nothing

you can do. But, the impact to the family for your kindness will be remembered.

For more information or to find out how you can help, contact Champion Autism Network

<https://championautismnetwork.com>

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Town of Surfside Beach The Family Beach



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Accommodations Tax Grant Requests being Accepted

The Surfside Beach Accommodations Tax Committee is accepting grant applications for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

Grants may be awarded to any group or individual who shows the proposed grant funds will benefit the town's tourism industry.

Forms and additional information:
<http://www.surfsidebeach.org/accommodations-tax>

Or contact the town clerk at telephone 843.913.6333 or email dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org.

Surfside Beach Directory

Any Emergency—Dial 9-1-1 (Fire, Police, Rescue)

Town Hall Main Number	843.913.6111
Town Hall Fax	843.238.5432
Town Administrator	843.913.6111
Events, Recreation, Civic Center	843.650.9548
Finance Department	843.913.6111
Fire Department (non-emergency)	843.913.6369
Municipal Court	843.913.6337
Planning, Building & Zoning	843.913.6341
Police Department (non-emergency)	843.913.6368
Public Works	843.913.6360

Town Hall: 115 US Highway 17 North

Civic Center: 829 Pine Drive North

Fire Department: 821 1st Avenue North

Floral Clubhouse: 617 Lakeside Drive

Huckabee Complex: 499 Spanish Oak Drive

Planning Building & Zoning: 829 Pine Drive North

Police Department: 811 Pine Drive North