Mayor’s Message

The “It’s a Wonderful Life in Surfside Beach” project sponsored by the Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee was a huge success. Many more town residents than usual decorated their homes and the business community also decorated. The town looked festive! I’m looking forward to the events next Christmas. Christmas spirit is still alive in Surfside Beach! Let’s keep it going all year.

Town Council is considering changing the town election day to coincide with all the other municipalities in Horry County. That would mean elections would be held in odd years in November with inauguration during the December meeting. Horry County has agreed to manage the town elections.

As the summer season approaches, there will be questions about tents on the beach, proper golf cart use, life guards’ authority, and the like. You can find detailed information about these and other topics on the town website, www.surfsidebeach.org and basic information in this newsletter.

Many of you have asked, “What do I get for my tax dollars?” Real property taxes paid by year round permanent residents equal about $500 thousand. Town businesses pay the remaining 80 percent of property taxes; accommodations and hospitality tax are also revenue sources. The town also derives income from licenses, permit fees, and miscellaneous fees. The town requires about $600 thousand to operate every month. A typical $200,000 owner occupied residence with a $30,000 vehicle, and one Moby cart pays approximately $455 in annual taxes to the town ($370 house, $85 vehicle), plus annual sanitation fees of $225, i.e. less than $60 per household per month for all the services residents enjoy: 24-hour police protection, including crime prevention and criminal investigations, and the Citizens Assistance Program (CAP); 24-hour fire protection, including fire prevention, awareness and safety programs, fire equipment operations programs; street cleaning and maintenance; drainage maintenance; beach cleaning; parks and facilities cleaning and maintenance; town planning and zoning; local elections; municipal court; spectator pier passes; half price fishing passes; free parking (residents receive a decal for each vehicle registered with an in-town address (unlimited decals) and second home owners get two free decals and may purchase additional decals at $40 each); recreation and events sponsored by the town and its committees that are free to attend, and town staff that ensures these operations are managed and delivered expeditiously.

Be safe! We are blessed to live in this beautiful beachside town we call Surfside Beach.

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<td>March 15, Friday</td>
<td>Seniors Dance</td>
<td>7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>SC Sea Grant Beach Sweep</td>
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<td>Family Festival</td>
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<td>Christmas Tree Lighting</td>
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<td>Town Hall Front Lawn</td>
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<td>Breakfast with Santa</td>
<td>9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Golden Egg Pancake House</td>
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<td>Farmers Market</td>
<td>Tuesdays, May through October 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.</td>
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To make reservations or for more information contact Debbie Ellis 843.650.9548 or email dellys@surfsidebeach.org
Tents on the Beach

The Town of Surfside Beach is the only municipality in Horry County that allows the use of tents on its public beach. Please be respectful of these basic codes to ensure this privilege can be enjoyed by everyone.

- 10' x 10' is the maximum size
- At least 10' between tents on both sides
- Keep 25' away from ingress/egress points used by first responders. 100' at the pier entrance.
- Keep tents in a straight line 8' from the base of the dune line to create an emergency access lane between the tents and the dunes
- Tie down lines must be perpendicular to the poles (not angled out)
- Remove all tents and beach paraphernalia each day. Unattended items will be disposed of pursuant to town code.
- Visit www.surfsidebeach.org/beaches-2 for more information.

Please ask a beach ambassador, a lifeguard, or call the police department nonemergency number 843.913.6368, if you have a question about proper setup.

Golf Cart Operation

The Town cannot stress enough how important it is that you understand the rules of the road as applied to the use of golf carts and low speed vehicles (LSV). The last newsletter explained the differences; that is an LSV can be licensed to operate after dark by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. A golf cart, on the other hand, may only be operated during daylight hours.

Basic rules are:

- Licensed drivers only; your license must be in your possession to drive
- Proof of Insurance must be with you
- Drive on the streets (do not drive on sidewalks or on the beach)
- Follow rules of the road
- Use hand signals if the car is not equipped with electronic signals
- Do not overload the cart
- Use seatbelts if provided
- Do not drive on Highway 17 except to cross over to another secondary road

Questions, contact the police department at 843.913.6368.

Finance Notes

The 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.

Veterans Memorial Wall

The Town of Surfside Beach has constructed a new Veterans Memorial Wall at the Veterans Memorial, located on the corner of Willow Drive North and Surfside Drive. Plaques are available for purchase.

The order form is available at http://www.surfsidebeach.org/Data/Sites/1/ media/events/plaque-order-form.pdf. For more information contact Debbie Ellis at 843.650.9548 or send an email message to dellis@surfsidebeach.org.
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If you want to speak with a member, call the town clerk at 843.913.6333 to get the member's personal telephone number.

Surfside Beach Directory

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

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Town Hall Fax 843.238.5432
Town Administrator 843.913.6111
Town Clerk 843.913.6333
Events, Recreation, Civic Center 843.650.9548
Finance Department 843.913.6333
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
Dog Parks: 1st Avenue North & Willow Drive
Fire Department: 821 1st Avenue North
Floral Clubhouse: 617 Lakeside Drive
Huckabee Complex: 499 Spanish Oak Drive
Martin Field: 6th Avenue South & Dogwood Drive
Passive Park & Veterans Memorial: Surfside & Willow Drives
Pier: Ocean Boulevard at the end of Surfside Drive
Planning Building & Zoning: 829 Pine Drive North
Police Department: 811 Pine Drive North