Surfside Senior Center Gets Spring Spruce-Up

By Kathryn Martin

The Surfside Beach location of the Horry County Council on Aging Senior Center on 10th Avenue North got a spring clean-up and spruce-up last month from members of the Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful committee, the Ralph Magliette Senior Citizens Committee, Public Works staff, and many who donated plants and supplies.

Volunteers from the groups spent most of a Saturday at the facility weeding, planting flowers and bedding plants, and mulching. Workers from the Town’s Public Works Department pitched in with a new hard-packed gravel material on the center’s parking area and walkways.

The result, says committee chair Tabitha Mull, was “something beautiful to enjoy, and a safe walkway for the seniors.”

Some of the newly installed plants were purchased by committee members; others were donated by town residents. They included hydrangeas, impatiens, coleus and hostas.

The final touch, happening later this month, will be a pressure-washing of the entire building by Murrells Inlet Eagle Scout Tom Serviss.

All seniors are welcome to participate in the myriad of programs at the Horry County Senior Center. It is located at 1032 10th Avenue North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575. Telephone 843.238.3644.
Travel to Space this Summer—at Surfside Library

By Kathryn Martin

Take a trip to outer space this summer—without ever leaving town. The Surfside Beach library is hosting a full summer of activities for all ages to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the moon mission of US Spacecraft Apollo 11, when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the moon.

Called Summer Quest, the program will include activities for kids, teens and adults. Kids and teens can participate in classes, book readings and science labs.

Kids and teens will both have summer reading programs with space-themed reading materials. Those who complete a specified number of books will get to choose from a variety of space-themed prizes—key chains, toys, drink cups and more—and can even get credits to forgive library fines.

Each Monday, there will be a class geared to younger audiences, typically with a STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math) topic; among the planned activities are creating a solar cooker, building a moon face with Oreo cookies, or building other structures with Lincoln logs or Legos. On July 8, guest speaker Pat Stanley will give a talk on financial literacy for kids—yes, kids. Stanley is a vice president at South State Bank.

One of the highlights of the summer for kids from upper elementary through middle school age will be an interactive program titled “Solar System Shuffle,” to be presented by Ron Revere, a Coastal Carolina University Physics and Engineering Science instructor. The event is a one-hour hands-on, participatory lesson on our solar system, its components and how they are arranged. The program is part of NASA’s Solar System Ambassadors program, which works with volunteers around the country to share the latest science and discoveries of NASA’s missions.

Teen participants will spend the June reading club sessions exploring the “Wild Robot” book series by author Peter Brown.

The following month they’ll create a play of their own, with the help of Librarian Stevie Jepson, which they’ll perform for all the Summer Quest readers late in July. Jepson will also direct the young actors.

Grownups will have some engaging summer activities as well. Thursday mornings are set aside for “Morning Adventures,” some space-themed and some on other topics such as genealogy. On June 6 the program is “Galaxy Flowers,”

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Agenda Changes for Council Meetings

Town Council adopted Ordinance #18-0892 at the May 14th meeting. Some of the sections in this ordinance have not changed since the town’s inception in 1964. Hopefully, the amendments will provide for more efficient meetings. To view the ordinance visit www.surfsidebeach.org/ordinances

The ordinance changes the code to hold one regular council meeting every month at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated, or there is an executive session published on the agenda.

The remainder of the 2019 regular meetings are May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, and December 12.

Executive sessions are at the beginning of the meeting when one is necessary. The Freedom of Information Act enables council members to discuss personnel matters, appointees, contracts, legal matters and some other things in private. Actions are taken during the business portion of the agenda during the regular meeting.

Other changes include clarification of “public comments.” Any individual at the regular meeting may speak about agenda items; business conducted and/or town services and operations at the proper time. Also, comments are limited to three (3) minutes for all speakers, including council members during their discussion/comment time.

To avoid conflicts or the appearance of impropriety, this ordinance states that immediate family members of council, which includes the mayor, are not eligible to serve on any statutory committee. If a family member is elected to Town Council, then the seat is deemed vacated by Section 2-61(n). Neither are immediate family members allowed to serve simultaneously on boards, commissions or committees.

Section 2-54(c) addresses decorum for speakers. Basically, be nice! You can disagree, or have a different point of view, but agree to disagree! Basic rules are

- No personal attacks
- No speaking on behalf of others
- No speaking about personnel
- No calling names
- No addressing an individual
- No profanity, disruptive or personal comments
- No deferring your time to another

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Memorial Day Service and Veterans Memorial Wall

Memorial Day is Monday, May 27th. The town will host its annual Memorial Day Service at 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on Surfside Drive at the Passive Park.

Attorney Matthew Breen, the currently President of the Colonel Lemuel Benton of the SAR and Vice President of the Pee Dee Region South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution will speak.

The Veterans Memorial Wall was constructed to enable more Veterans to be honored or memorialized. Plaques are available for purchase at $50 each. Visit www.surfsidebeach.org/events (scroll to the bottom of the page.)

For more information contact call 843.650.9548 or send an email message to dellis@surfsidebeach.org.

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a watercolor class in which participants will be painting flowers with a cosmic twist: purples to simulate the night sky, white paint used to create stars.

On June 20, meteorologist Ed Piotrowski gives a talk on how the interaction of our planet with the atmosphere creates our weather. And on July 25, Ian Hewitt, of the CCU Physics and Engineering Science faculty, gives a presentation on the 1969 moon landing of Apollo 11.

Throughout the summer, the library will also have Marvel Kits. Marvel Kits are STEAM (science, technology, engineer, art, mathematics) kits that contain various activities including curriculums, virtual reality, robotics, and more. The kits will be available for use in the library.

The library promises a cosmic summer for all! For more information, call the Surfside Library at 843.205.5280 or visit the library’s website at https://horry.ntl.sirsi.net

Note that all Horry County libraries will be having Summer Quest activities.

Photo: Librarian Stevie Jepson, standing next to Star Wars’ Chewbacca, shows off some of the library’s summer reading prizes: t-shirts, tote bags, a magnetic star sculpture and space-themed toys.

Memorial Day Service
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Golf Cart Parade
Crafter’s Cove
Farmers Market
Sunday Serenades

Dates     | Upcoming Events              | Times                | Location
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May 26, Sunday | Memorial Day Service Golf Cart Parade Registration not required | 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Line up on 16th Avenue North at 12:30 travels on Ocean Boulevard
May 27, Monday | Memorial Day Service | 2:00 p.m. | Veteran’s Memorial
Wednesdays June 12, 19, 26 | Crafter’s Cove | 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. | Under the Pier
July 10, 17, 24, 31 | Farmers Market | 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Passive Park
August 7, 14 | Tuedays | 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Passive Park
Sundays May 26 to Sept. 29 | Sunday Serenades | 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Passive Park

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