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A Message from Mayor Doug Samples

I am often asked what I like most about living in the Town of Surfside Beach. "The people" is my response, of course. People are our biggest asset. The beach is great and the weather is nice; however, it is our people who make us "the family beach." This newsletter is coming to your home or business so that those of you who do not view it online can know what is happening in your town. It is our way of ensuring that information is shared with as many town residents, taxpayers, and businesses as possible. This is a renewal of a practice from many years ago that we feel is important to bring back.

The newsletter will be published at least three times a year with relevant, current information. As always, our town website, surfsidebeach.org, will continue to share the latest town business including the town calendar; meeting and special events schedules; town council and committee agendas and meeting minutes, and who to contact for additional information.

The summer of 2012 is now past. Our town staff has once again done a great job in making us proud to call Surfside Beach our home. The Town Council has been working and will continue to work with due diligence and transparency to earn and keep your trust. Many of you serve as volunteers in various capacities helping make our town the very, very best it can be. The opportunities that lay before us are only limited by our imaginations, willingness to serve, and to work together.

Remember, Town Council meets twice a month on every second and fourth Tuesday (except in December when there is only one meeting on the second Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall.

I am always available to help you or answer your questions.

Doug Samples
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Upcoming Events

2012

- ⇒ Oct 19 - Annual Health Fair *(see article, page 3)*
- ⇒ Nov 11 - Veterans Day Service
- ⇒ Nov 29 - Christmas Tree Lighting
- ⇒ Dec 8 - Christmas Parade *(see article, page 4)*
- ⇒ Dec 15 - Breakfast with Santa

2013

- ⇒ Feb 9 - Seniors Dance
- ⇒ Mar 10 - BBQ/Bluegrass Festival
- ⇒ Mar 15 - St. Patrick's Day Dance
- ⇒ Mar 30 - Easter Egg Hunt
- ⇒ Apr 13 - Pet Fair
- ⇒ Apr 20 - Surfside Rotary Race
- ⇒ May 3 - Beach Music Party
- ⇒ May 25 - Car Show
- ⇒ May 27 - Memorial Day Service
- ⇒ Jun 10 - Kids Fair
- ⇒ Jul 4 - July 4th Celebration
- ⇒ Sep 1 - End of Summer Celebration
- ⇒ Sep 21 - Beach Sweep
- ⇒ Sep 28 - Skyhoundz Disc Contest
- ⇒ Oct 5 - Family Festival



The town was incorporated March 14, 1964, with 881 year-round residents.

The Planning, Building and Zoning staff strive to recognize public needs and respond in a timely and courteous manner.



To schedule an inspection, or inquire about how to obtain a permit please call the construction service coordinator at 843.913.6341.

Do You Know...

50th Anniversary

The Town of Surfside Beach will be 50 years old in 2014!

The town was incorporated on March 14, 1964 with 881 residents. Until the 1960s the Surfside area had little development. By 1964 the beach area was growing rapidly as a tourist and retiree destination. Today Surfside Beach boasts over 3,800 permanent resi-

Planning, Building & Zoning Department

The Planning, Building and Zoning Department provides services to residents, developers, and contractors by reviewing and processing proposed projects within the town. It administers the town's Zoning and Land Development Regulations, enforces the International Building Codes, town ordinances, Floodplain ordinance and updates the Comprehensive Plan.

Staff schedules and performs all inspections; reviews and processes permit requests; zoning requests; floodplain development inquiries;

dents, and is home to a multitude of restaurants and retail shops, four parks, a library and has one of the lowest tax rates in the Grand Strand area. The 50 year celebration, with the help of town residents and local businesses, promises to be one of family, fun, and excitement.

Historical Board

Town Council estab-

lished an historical board to oversee the collection and preservation of the town's history through collection of records, documents, photographs, artifacts, memorabilia, and other means, and to promote and provide access to the town's history for current and future generations. Town residents are encouraged to participate.

Contact the town clerk, 843.913.6333, for details.

subdivision applications, and requests for tree removal. The department monitors town land use, building codes, and also investigates building and zoning complaints and violations.

The department also advises the public on matters concerning flood zone determinations and best flood prevention practices. The staff provides support and assistance to the Town Council, the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee.

To schedule an inspection, or inquire about a permit, please call the construction service coordinator, Sue Shmaruk, at 843.913.6341.

For building code and/or plan review questions, please call the building official, Kevin Otte, at 843.913.6340.

For information regarding planning, zoning, land development regulations or flood plain determination please call the director, Sabrina Morris, at 843.913.6354 or email her at smorris@surfsidebeach.org.

Our Form of Government

Surfside Beach's founding fathers choose to adopt a council form of government out of the three options stipulated in South Carolina State Code, which are (1) council (Surfside Beach); (2) council-manager, (Myrtle Beach,) and (3) strong mayor (Charleston.)

Town Council currently consists of a mayor and six councilmembers who are elected to lead the town; establish policy to represent the community, and to concentrate on issues that are responsive to citizens' needs and wishes.

The town administrator is appointed by Town Council to carry out policy and ensure that the

entire community is being served.

Town Council also focuses on the community's goals, major projects, and such long-term considerations as community growth, land use development, capital improvements plans, capital financing, and strategic planning.

Statutory Powers

Mayor - the mayor presides over meetings (by tradition), performs ceremonial duties, calls special meetings, designates a temporary judge, performs administrative duties (only if authorized by town council,) and acts and votes as a member of council. During declared emergency

events, the mayor is recognized by our South Carolina Governor as the head of the town.

Council - the council, which includes the mayor, has all legislative, policy, and administrative power. Council establishes departments and prescribes functions; may hire an administrator to assist the council; may appoint an officer to administer departments subject to council direction; elects the mayor pro tempore, and adopts a balanced budget. All council actions are by majority vote cast during a public meeting.

For more information, contact the town clerk, 843.913.6333 or email dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org.



1964 Councilmembers and Officials - Dexter Hamilton, town attorney; Councilmembers Ernest Lee, W. O. "Bill" Martin, Ralph Freeland, Leo Rogers; Mayor T. J. "Billy" Harrison and Town Clerk Shirley Layton.

There are a number of free tests, such as hearing, blood pressure, etc. and a lot of useful information will be given away free.

Annual Town Health Fair Now Open to Public

The Annual Health Fair is scheduled for October 19th at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for the public and from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. for town employees. Call 843.650.9548 to preregister.

There are a number of

free tests, such as hearing, blood pressure, etc. and a lot of useful information will be given away free at the event.

The following rates apply for all tests administered to the public (fasting is required for some blood work.)

Tests:

- ⇒ \$25- Cardiac Risk Assessment
- ⇒ \$20 - Chemistry Panel
- ⇒ \$20 - CBC including Hemoglobin
- ⇒ \$15 - TSH (Thyroid screening)
- ⇒ \$15 - HgbA1C (for diabetics)
- ⇒ \$15 - PSA (for men)
- ⇒ \$25 - Flu shot



Call to preregister 843.650.9548.



South Carolina law requires that certain committees exist. Additional volunteer committees have been established to assist and make recommendations to Town Council. The Parking Committee is pictured.

Committee service is one way in which taxpayers can become involved and help keep staff costs down.

Town Puts New Committees to Work

Surfside Beach is fortunate to have many talented and capable people willing to volunteer their services to improve the town. Committee service is one way in which taxpayers can become involved and help keep staff costs down. A group of citizens that supplements staff resources by doing some work is a big plus for the town.

Some terrific ideas are starting to come out of these groups. As these ideas are developed into firm plans and are approved by Town Council, they will be detailed in future *Inside Surfside Beach* editions.

South Carolina law requires that certain committees exist. Additional citizen volunteer committees have been established to assist and make recommendations to improve and enhance town services. Town Council has recently established its own internal subcommittees for the purpose of intense focus on specific areas of town government and reporting to the full council.

The following is a list of Surfside Beach committees.

Statutory (Required by Law)

- ⇒ Planning Commission
- ⇒ Board of Zoning Appeals

- ⇒ Election Commission
- ⇒ Accommodations Tax

Non-Statutory

- ⇒ Business
- ⇒ Historical
- ⇒ Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful
- ⇒ Parking
- ⇒ Recreation & Special Events
- ⇒ Senior Citizens
- ⇒ Stormwater

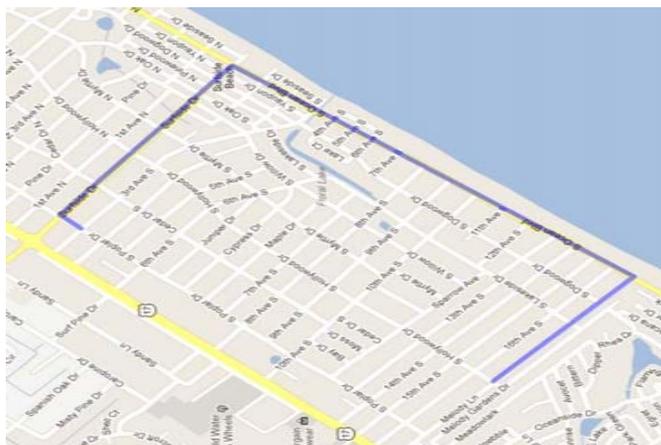
Council Subcommittees

- ⇒ Finance
- ⇒ Infrastructure
- ⇒ Organization

Contact the town clerk if you are interested in serving on a committee. Call 843.913.6333 or email dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org.

The Town of Surfside Beach needs you!

2012 NEW Christmas Parade Route



head north on Ocean Boulevard to Surfside Drive, travel up Surfside Drive, turn South onto Poplar Drive, and then disband in the Grand Theatre parking lot at 3rd Avenue South.

For information or to participate in the Christmas parade, call Debbie Ellis at 843.650.9548 or email her at dellis@surfsidebeach.org.

The December 8, 2012 Christmas parade route will begin at 16th Ave-

nue South and Ocean Boulevard. Floats and parade participants will



This year's parade route will go up Surfside Drive!

Town Honors Volunteers



Evelyn Cockey



Charles Seibold



Lynn Livesay

Four residents who offered more than three decades of combined service to Surfside Beach were honored on August 14 during the Town Council meeting. Mayor Samples presented Evelyn Cockey, Lynn W. Livesay, Bob Hanson and Charles Seibold with recognition awards and thanked them for their service. Town residents showed their appreciation with an ovation.

Mrs. Cockey served on the Election Commission

from 2004 to 2012. Mrs. Livesay was a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals from 2002 until 2008, when she moved to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission until 2012. Mr. Hanson also did double-duty as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals from 2002 to 2008 and then serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission until 2012. Mr. Seibold served a four year stint on the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as a four-year term

as adviser to the Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority on behalf of the Town.

Words cannot express the deep appreciation for the service given by these and others willing to give of their time for the betterment of our town. Surfside Beach relies on the service of many to ensure that its residents and businesses continue to prosper in this wonderful place we call home.

Electronic Waste & Hazardous Materials

Surfside Beach no longer collects at curbside unwanted electronics, computers, printers, televisions, cell phones and other such devices referred to as e-waste. Semiannual drop-off events in April and September are scheduled for town residents at Public Works, 740 Sandy Lane.

E-waste is one of the nation's fastest growing waste streams, and contains metals and other materials that can be hazardous to human health and the environment, if not properly managed.

Hazardous household waste like paint, pesticides, and batteries are also collected during the

scheduled events.

Drop off events dates for 2013 are April 26-28, and September 27-29. Residents may also take their e-waste and hazardous materials to the county recycling center on Scipio Lane throughout the year. Call 843.913.6360 for more information.



Mr. Bob Hanson addresses the audience about his years as a member of two volunteer committees.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Inside Surfside Beach will continue be mailed to everyone on our list unless you ask to have your name removed.

Of course, the town is trying to conserve resources, and keep postage costs to a minimum, while keeping you informed, so you have a choice whether to have the newsletter sent to you by e-mail or just view it online. If you prefer to go paperless, let us know by sending an e-mail to newsletter@surfsidebeach.org.

Please include your full name, address and ZIP code for record purposes, and if you want to be emailed when new publications are issued or prefer to view Inside Surfside Beach online.



Always!



The goal is to have construction completed by April 2013.

All sanitation schedules are available on the website at surfsidebeach.org. Go to the homepage and click on "Government", then "Departments", then "Public Works" and choose either the "Sanitation Schedule" or "Holiday Schedules".



Carts must be curbside by 6 a.m. and removed by 11 p.m. Carts may be put out the night before.

Surfside Beach Pier ADA Compliant

The town is seeking Office of Coastal Resource Management permit approval to add an Americans With Disabili-

ties Act compliant ramp. This will make the fishing pier and its amenities more accessible, as required by law. The

goal is to have construction completed along with some minor improvements before April 2013.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Monday, November 12

Scheduled Commercial Collection
Residential Garbage Collection- North End
No Residential Yard Debris Collection

Thursday, November 22

No Commercial Collection
No Recyclables Collection
No Residential Yard Debris Collection

Friday, November 23

Scheduled Commercial Collection
Recyclables Collection - Town Wide
No Residential Yard/Bulk Debris Collection

Monday, December 24

Scheduled Commercial Collection
Residential Garbage Collection - North End
No Residential Yard Debris Collection

Regular Sanitation Schedules

Mondays - North End: 17th Avenue North to 3rd Avenue South West of Dogwood/ Pinewood only

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

Wednesdays - Ocean Boulevard, Lake Court, Pinewood, Dogwood, Yaupon, Seaside Drive and all cross streets

Tuesday, December 25

No Commercial Collection
No Residential Garbage Collection
No Residential Yard Debris Collection

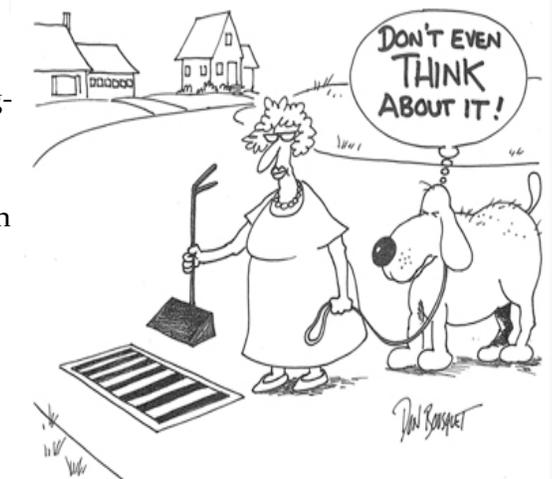
Wednesday, December 26

Scheduled Commercial Collection
Residential Garbage Collection - South End & Beach Route/Ocean Blvd.
Residential Yard Debris Collection

Monday, December 31

Scheduled Commercial Collection
Residential Garbage Collection - North End
No Residential Yard Debris Collection

Cartoon Corner



Town of Surfside Beach
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 Balance Sheets as of August 28, 2012 (Unaudited)

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Accom-</u> <u>modations</u> <u>Tax Fund</u>	<u>Local</u> <u>A-Tax</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Hospitality</u> <u>Tax Fund</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>TOWN</u> <u>TOTAL</u> <u>GOV'TL</u>
ASSETS						
Cash in Banks	\$1,624,883	\$43,140	\$69,000	\$957,145	\$326,214	\$3,020,382
Due From/Due To Others	\$39,938	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$39,938
Accounts Receivable	\$54,109	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,109
A/R - Advance to Pier Fund	\$1,304,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,304,000
Prepaid Expenditures	<u>\$87,722</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$87,722</u>
Total Assets	\$3,110,652	\$43,140	\$69,000	\$957,145	\$326,214	\$4,506,151
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenditures	<u>\$155,369</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$146</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$155,515</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$155,369	\$0	\$0	\$146	\$0	\$155,515
BALANCES & RESERVES						
Inventory/Prepays	\$87,722	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$87,722
Capital Replacement	\$486,530	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$486,530
Street Improvements	\$556,033	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$556,033
Victim Advocate	\$2,326	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,326
Parking/Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$307,660	\$0	\$307,660
Beach Renourishment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000
Prior Year Non Spendable	\$1,340,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,340,000
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$975,183	\$89,913	\$31,874	\$486,925	\$349,914	\$1,933,809
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>(\$492,511)</u>	<u>(\$46,774)</u>	<u>\$37,125</u>	<u>\$117,414</u>	<u>(\$23,700)</u>	<u>(\$408,446)</u>
Total Balances & Reserves	\$2,955,283	\$43,140	\$69,000	\$957,145	\$326,214	\$4,350,782

ENTERPRISE FUNDS
 Balance Sheet as of August 28, 2012 (Unaudited)

	<u>Sanitation Fund</u>	<u>Pier Fund</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>ENTERPRISE</u>
ASSETS			
Cash in Banks	\$695,143	\$326,477	\$1,021,620
Accounts Receivable	\$114,960	\$0	\$114,960
Prepaid Expenditures	\$15,104	\$0	\$15,104
Land/Land Improvements	\$0	\$1,508,771	\$1,508,771
Capital Assets Net of Accum. Depreciation	<u>\$603,512</u>	<u>\$1,241,026</u>	<u>\$1,844,538</u>
Total Assets	\$1,428,719	\$3,076,274	\$4,504,993
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable/ Compensated Absences/Advance Due			
General Fund	<u>\$30,372</u>	<u>\$1,304,000</u>	<u>\$1,334,372</u>
Total Liabilities	\$30,372	\$1,304,000	\$1,334,372
BALANCES			
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$800,951	(\$781,612)	\$19,339
Invested in Capital Assets	\$584,260	\$2,449,876	\$3,034,136
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>\$13,137</u>	<u>\$104,081</u>	<u>\$117,218</u>
Total Enterprise Balances	\$1,398,348	\$1,772,345	\$3,170,693



Audited financial statements should be completed in mid to late November.

The information to the left displays an unaudited financial snapshot of the Town of Surfside Beach's Fund Balances. "Governmental Funds" describe the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds like Accommodations Taxes, Hospitality Fees, and the Capital Projects Fund. The two Enterprise Funds are designed to be self-supporting and similar to a normal business operation.



Additional information is available by calling the Treasurer at 843.913.6336.

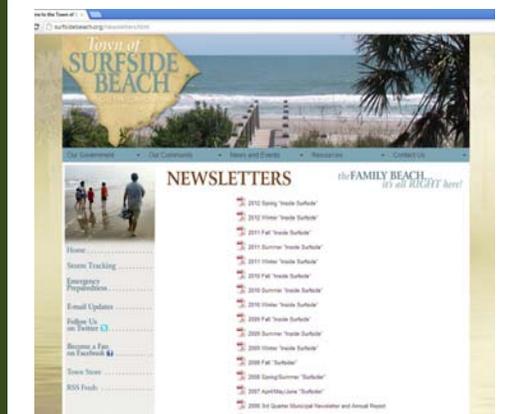
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