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A Message from Mayor Doug Samples

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to a very special edition of our town newsletter. The Town of Surfside Beach was incorporated as a municipality on March 14, 1964. This new year—2014—we celebrate and recognize our 50th year of service to and from the people of the town. While much has changed—thankfully, much remains the same. This newsletter shares with you the plans for upcoming events honoring the past 50 years. We hope you will be able to attend these events and join in the celebration of our heritage and quality of life we now enjoy. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who came before us and have a duty to those who will follow. Let 2014 be a year of peace, prosperity and one of thanksgiving for all as we begin our next 50 years.



Upcoming Events

Town Election

Tuesday, April 8th, 2014, is Election Day to fill three expiring town council positions.

Interested candidates must file in person the week of January 13th - 17th, 2014, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Appointments are recommended and required for evening hours. There is a filing fee of \$25.00.

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50th Anniversary Merchandise

T-shirts, long and short sleeve, and baseball hats depicting the 50th Anniversary Logo are available for \$12 each at Town Hall or you may contact Debbie Ellis via email at dellis@surfsidebeach.org



Town of Surfside Beach 2014 Events

In addition to the usual fun and fantastic town events, extra special events have been planned to celebrate our town's 50th Anniversary. Everyone is invited!

Friday, February 14, 2014 — Seniors Dance, 7pm to 10pm — Civic Center

Saturday, March 8, 2014 — BBQ/Bluegrass Festival, 10am to 4pm — Surfside Drive

SPECIAL 50th EVENT:

Friday, March 14, 2014 — 50th Anniversary Ceremony, 5pm to 7pm—Surfside Library

This is a special event acknowledging the people and events that shaped the past 50 years.

Saturday, March 15, 2014 — St. Patricks' Day Dance—7pm to 10pm — Civic Center

Saturday, April 12, 2014 — Pet Fair, 9am—Surfside Beach Dog Park

Saturday, April 19, 2014 — Easter Egg Hunt, 2pm — Huckabee Complex

SPECIAL 50th EVENT:

Saturday, April 19, 2014 — Town of Surfside Beach Pelicans Baseball Night, 7pm—Pelicans Field
A special night to gather and enjoy some baseball. We will have a food drive to support the South Strand Helping Hand. Stay in touch for specifics.

SPECIAL 50th EVENT:

Friday-Sunday, May 2, 3, and 4, 2014 — Founders Day Weekend, Friday, 5pm to 9pm, Saturday, 11am to 3pm, Sunday (TBD) - Surfside Pier

This weekend will begin Friday night with music by Sea Cruz and food at the Pier. Saturday, the theme is Nostalgia and will begin with an old-fashioned carnival. We will have jugglers, magicians, games and carousel rides with hot dogs, corn dogs, cotton candy and candy apples. Saturday night will be a spectacular fireworks show, courtesy of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce. Sunday morning will be a Blessing of the Beach with gospel singing and Sunday afternoon a picnic at Passive Park with music and concessions.

Sunday, May 25, 2014 — Memorial Day Cookout, 4pm to 8pm — Pier

Monday, May 26, 2014 — Memorial Day Service, 2:30pm — Veterans Memorial

Thursday, June 12, 19, and 26—Movies After Dark, 9pm — Martin Park

Friday, July 4, 2014 — July Fourth Celebration, 6pm to 10pm — Pier

Monday, July 14, 2014 — Kids Fair, 4pm to 7pm — Fuller Park

Thursday, July 10, 17, 24 and 31 — Movies After Dark, 9pm — Martin Park

Thursday, August 7 and 14 — Movies After Dark, 9pm — Martin Park

Monday, August 11, 2014 — Beach Luau, 6pm to 10pm — on the Beach

Saturday, September 20, 2014 — S.C. Sea Grant Beach Sweep, 9am — Pier

Saturday, September 27, 2014 — Skyhoundz Disc Contest, 10am — Martin Field

Saturday, October 4, 2014 — Surfside Beach Family Festival, 10am to 4pm — Surfside Drive

SPECIAL 50th EVENT:

Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11, 2014 — Thanks For The Memories, Friday at dusk and Saturday, 12pm to 6pm—Surfside Drive

Blues and Jazz, Oyster Roast and BBQ. Friday night Drive-In Movie and Saturday a car show.

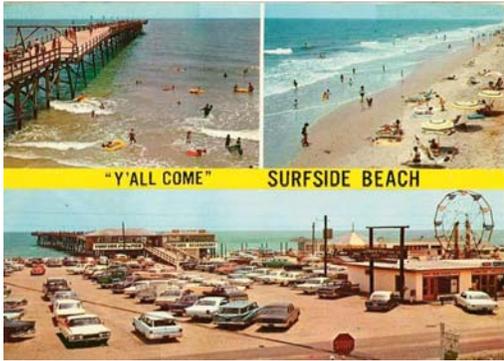
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 — Veterans Day Memorial, 2pm — Veterans Memorial

Thursday, December 4, 2014 — Christmas Tree Lighting, 7pm — Town Hall

Saturday, December 13, 2014 — Christmas Parade, 2pm — Ocean Blvd.

Saturday, December 20, 2014 — Breakfast with Santa, 9am to 10:30am — Golden Egg

Surfside Beach Historical Board



In December 2012, the Surfside Beach Town Council passed a resolution that established the Surfside Beach Historical Board, “to collect and preserve the history of the Town of Surfside Beach, through collection of records, documents, photographs, artifacts, memorabilia and other means.”

Capturing the history of Surfside Beach has been and continues to be a daunting task that is worthy of our attention. If you can help us gain a better understanding of our past, there are opportunities to lend a hand. Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/surfsidebeachhistory.



Surfside Beach Oral History



*Holliday Family,
Circa 1940's*

This year, join us at the Surfside Beach Library to listen to the stories and recollections of contributors to our Oral History Project. Check out the visual displays that will be presented in the library

throughout the year. Anyone with information to share is encouraged to contact Jeff Lane, “Town Historian”, 843-347-9194 ext. 7389.



*Creel Family,
Circa 1930's*

Commemorative Book

It's coming! After many months of preparation and development, the Town of Surfside Beach 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book will be revealed in March 2014.



First Town Council, 1964

50th Anniversary Focus Group

By Bob Childs, Chairman

As Chairman of the Town's 50th Anniversary Focus Group, I would like to thank those who have generously shared pictures, and stories of the past 50 years. The focus group has worked many months and countless hours planning a number of events during the coming year to recognize and celebrate the 50th Anniversary. A special thank you to our focus group and town residents: Howard and Connie Barnard; Jeff Lane, Historic Committee Chairman; Debbie Ellis, Recreation and Special Events Supervisor; Faye Creel, Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce; and Sherrie Spratt, Intern, HGTC.

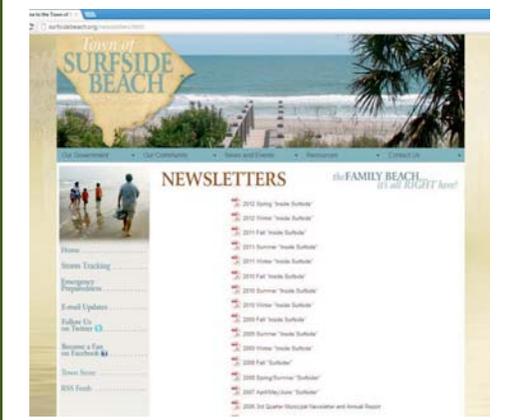
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