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A Message from Mayor Doug Samples

Our 2013 summer season is now past. We have once again done a great job in welcoming our visitors and providing them a “family beach” atmosphere, while delivering those basic services of public safety, sanitation, and cleanliness. Our town employees are to be commended for a job well done as are the many volunteers who help make our town the very, very best it can be. Our challenge remains retaining the essential small, neighborly qualities that attracted most of us to live here. Town Council continues to work hard and openly to earn and keep your trust—we want you to be proud to call the Town of Surfside Beach your home.

The upcoming year of 2014 is our 50th Anniversary of incorporation as a town. All of us should pause to count our blessings—the good fortune that we enjoy today. Much effort by the many who came before us is evident in our town. We look forward to your participation in a great year of peace, prosperity and celebration.

Your comments and suggestions about our town are always welcome. Public involvement is absolutely necessary to maintain our way of life. 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.

Doug Samples

Upcoming Events
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50th Anniversary Photos Sought

The town is seeking photographs for display and to be included in a commemorative book celebrating our upcoming 50th Anniversary. Be a part of this effort. Share your old beach photos, family photographs and photos of landmarks. Date, location and identity of persons must accompany photo(s). All originals will be returned to you.

To submit a photo: mail it or bring it by Town Hall at 115 Hwy 17 North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575 or email it to: dellis@surfsidebeach.org



Christmas Parade

Newsletter Distribution Policy

Inside Surfside Beach will continue to be mailed to everyone on our list unless you ask to have your name removed. The town is, however, trying to conserve resources so you have a choice whether to have the newsletter sent to you by USPS, e-mailed to you or just to view it online. If you prefer to go paperless, let us know by e-mailing us at newsletter@surfsidebeach.org

Please include your full name, address and zip code for record purposes, and indicate if you want an email when new publications are issued or prefer to view *Inside Surfside Beach* online.

Holiday Season Events Planned

On Thursday, December 5th, the **Tree Lighting** will be at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Music will be provided by a local elementary school chorus. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served and the man in the red suit will make a surprise visit!

On Saturday, December 14th, the Annual **Christmas Parade** will begin

at 2:00 p.m. The parade route will begin on Ocean Boulevard at Melody Lane and travel north to Surfside Drive, turn left and proceed west on Surfside Drive to Poplar Drive. The reviewing stand and refreshments will be on Surfside Drive in front of the library. More than 80 entries include professional floats, bands, radio stations and SANTA!

On Saturday, December 21st, **Breakfast with Santa** will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at The Golden Egg. Children ages 10 and younger - free breakfast, bag of candy and visit with Santa for all the children. Preregistration is required.

Call Debbie Ellis at 843.650.9548 for more information on any events.

Yard of the Month

The Yard of the Month program, sponsored by the Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee, highlights attractive yards based on appearance, maintenance, grooming and uniqueness. Winners are presented an award certificate by the mayor and a sign is placed in their yard. The recent winners are:



August: 510 North Cherry Drive



July: 510 South Myrtle Drive



September: 519 South Willow Drive

Citizens Police Academy

The Surfside Beach Police Department wrapped up its inaugural Citizens' Police Academy on August 15, 2013, with a graduating class of 10 students. The participants were exposed to a variety of police topics including hiring standards, basic and advanced training, police role and authority, and various functions of the Surfside Beach Police Department. For six weeks classes met once a week for two hours in the evenings. They met with most of the police officers who serve them daily.

Participants enjoyed riding with a police officer during a shift and seeing the things they learned in class in action. They also enjoyed participating in the numerous practical exercises. Class participants reported a new understanding of what it takes to police Surfside Beach and the various roles of officers in policing effectively.

Chief Rodney Keziah is excited to report that another class will be announced in early 2014 with some changes.

Graduating participants were challenged to spread the word about the Citizens' Police Academy and ask their neighbors to team with the Police Department in the fight against crime. The Police Department hopes citizens will form Neighborhood Watch groups to partner with them.

Anyone interested in securing a spot in the upcoming Citizens Police Academy may contact Lieutenant Kenny Hofmann at 843.913.6358 for more information.



Citizens Police Academy (Staff)

Upcoming Events

2013

- ⇒ Oct 26 - Nathan Black 5k Run
- ⇒ Nov 11- Veterans Day Service
- ⇒ Nov 28 - Turkey Trot
- ⇒ Dec 5 - Christmas Tree Lighting
- ⇒ Dec 14 - Christmas Parade
- ⇒ Dec 21 - Breakfast with Santa

Dog Registration

The town's law requiring dog registration is not new and is not related to use of the dog park. The law applies to any dog within Surfside Beach. Dog Registration has been required since the town was incorporated in 1964. Regular users of the dog park are likely to point this out to anyone whose dog lacks the appropriate tag.

The ordinance (Chapter 3 of the Town Code of Ordinances) states, in part, "It shall be unlawful for any person who owns or who has in his control a dog over four (4) months of age to fail to register the dog by application for a certificate of registration and payment of a fee of ten dollars (\$10)."

It is also unlawful for any such dog not to have a current rabies inoculation. Certificates must be renewed annually starting on June 1st at Town Hall and a current rabies inoculation certificate must be presented when registering. A numbered tag will be issued and must be attached to a suitable collar.



Numbered Dog Tag

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