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A Message from Mayor Doug Samples

The season is here, the town looks beautiful, and we are ready to welcome our visitors. Inside you will find a full schedule of planned events, along with other helpful information for residents and tourists alike. We are all looking forward to a healthy, prosperous summer season.

Please visit the Surfside Beach Welcome Center, located in Town Hall at 115 Highway 17 North (entrance is on Pine Drive.) The reception area has been given a facelift and new brochures and maps are available to the public.

Our website (www.surfsidebeach.org) is also currently undergoing a substantial upgrade. Soon visitors will have enhanced services and access available from any mobile device.

We have also included a few items about safety – public safety is a Family Beach priority. As spring turns to summer, residents and visitors alike need to have plans ready in advance should named storms approach our coastal area. Thankfully, it has been years since the Town experienced first-hand hurricane force winds or water, but we must remain alert and prepared.

Remember Town Council meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Chambers at the Town Hall Complex. The public is always welcome.

Doug Samples

Upcoming Events

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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.

From the Surfside Beach Police Department

Surfside Beach Police Department

"Our community is special to us and we value the safety of our residents and visitors."

On behalf of the men and women of the Surfside Beach Police Department, Rodney Keziah, Chief of Police for Surfside Beach would like to welcome you to the 2015 Bike Weeks.

Hosting two bike week events in the same month is no small task especially when it comes to Public Safety issues. Law enforcement agencies, area-wide, strive to provide a safe and enjoyable venue for our visitors, business owners and residents alike. Life safety issues are a priority and will remain a top priority after the tragic shooting deaths last year of three individuals in Myrtle Beach while attending the Atlantic Beach Memorial Day Bike fest. Unfortunately it only takes a few problems to create an unsafe environment for others.

During the month you will notice an increased police presence with strict zero tolerance enforcement for DUI and alcohol/drug violations. Speeding, noise, and nuisance violations will also be a top priority. These measures are in place to ensure the safety and quality of life of our residents and visitors.

Our community is special to us and we value the safety of our residents and visitors. We chose to make the Surfside Beach area home because it's a great place to live, work and raise a family. We respect where we live, and ask that when you visit, you do as well. It's my job to ensure that everyone follows the laws and enjoys a safe experience while visiting Surfside Beach.

We welcome everyone to visit, but when you do, remember to:

- Be safe;

- Have fun; and

- Follow the law!

Surfside Beach Local Laws.

1. The legal drinking age is 21.
2. Drinking alcoholic beverages in public and having open containers in vehicles are illegal.
3. Motorcycle operators and passengers under 21 must wear an approved helmet under South Carolina law.
4. Speeding laws are strictly enforced, as are seat belt laws.
5. Sleeping on the beach is illegal.
6. Thong bikini bathing suits and the public display of certain body parts are illegal and can result in a citation and/or arrest.
7. Parking restrictions are enforced. Vehicles illegally parked will be ticketed and/or towed.
8. Private property owners may tow vehicles from their property at the vehicle owner's expense.
9. Blatantly excessive revving and acceleration is a violation of Surfside Beach's noise ordinance. It is also unlawful to do the following:
   a. Weave in and out, and in between traffic; and
   b. Motorcycle burnouts; and
   c. Motorcycle riders "holding" intersections to allow their group to continue without having to obey traffic signals or signs.
10. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any motor vehicle of any kind or nature upon the public beach or within public marsh areas within the city limits.
11. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess any type of alcoholic beverage on the public beaches or public access.
12. Fireworks are prohibited within the town limits of Surfside Beach and are strictly enforced by local law enforcement.
13. When litter is thrown from a vehicle or allowed to escape the driver therein, will be held responsible for the improper disposal of the litter, regardless of who threw it out.
14. It shall be unlawful for any person to advertise for sale, manufacture, possess, sell, deliver, or to possess with the intent to deliver or sell drug paraphernalia.

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Surfside Beach Fire Department

Special Needs Outreach Program

In preparation for the 2015 Hurricane season the Surfside Beach Fire Department is working to collect addresses for people that may need extra assistance during an evacuation or severe weather event. The Department will be working with Horry County 911 to collect "Special Needs Information" for Town residents which will then be entered into the 911 system. When a 911 call is received from a registered address, the information provided will alert the dispatcher who will advise firefighters of the special needs of the resident. This information should include a person's medical history, special types of medical equipment, or where a non-mobile resident stays in a home. All of this information is vital to firefighters when they are responding to any emergency call or while helping Surfside Beach residents during an evacuation.

People who wish to register themselves or a loved one's address and special needs must complete the "Special Needs Form" and return it to the Surfside Beach Fire Department or to Town Hall. All information collected will be kept confidential and will only be used during an emergency or to do wellness checks on the resident.

Forms will be located at the Surfside Beach Fire Department. There is no cost for participating in the program.

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South Carolina Safe Home Program

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee has identified the "SC Safe Home" grant program as a possible great benefit to local homeowners.

According to Program Manager Ann Roberson, "SC Safe Home is a grant program established by the state legislature under the Omnibus Coastal Property Insurance Reform Act of 2007. It establishes the SC Comprehensive Hurricane Grant Mitigation Program known as SC Safe Home. The program provides grants to SC property owners to assist them with the retrofit of their homes focusing primarily on roof retrofits and opening protection retrofits thereby making them more resistant to loss from hurricane winds."

The grant award is a "dollar-for-dollar match" of funds up to a total grant award of $5,000 (e.g., if the total cost is $11,000, then the homeowner may receive $5,000 toward the cost of the retrofit). The grant award funds are paid directly to the contractor that completes the retrofit. Requirements include that the home be a single family, site-built owner-occupied, insured, property. The structure must also be the homeowner's primary residence. The value of the home may not exceed $300,000. Low-income homeowners (a status determined by the HUD LMI Guidelines found on the SC Safe Home webpage) may qualify for a non-matching grant. In other words, the homeowner may receive up to $5,000 in grant funds with no match requirement necessary. All work must be completed by a SC Safe Home participating contractor. Additional requirements apply, including compliance with the local building code and permitting processes.

Applications require that a completed Wind Certification Inspection Report be submitted . The application also must include photographs, exact measurements and detailed specs. Approval of the grant award may take 9-12 months, and the work must be completed within 3 months from the grant approval date.

Program staff encourages anyone presently experiencing difficulties with their roofing system to reach out to a licensed contractor for assistance immediately as this is not a home repair program and, therefore, may not be able to assist them.

For more information and required forms, visit the website www.doi.sc.gov and look for the SC Safe Home tab, or call 803-737-6209, 803-737-6087. You may also contact program staff via e-mail at SCSafeHome@doi.sc.gov.

Fourth of July

Kid's Fair

Beach Luau

Skyhoundz Disc Contest

Farmer's Market

2015 Events at the Family Beach

May 24	**Blessing of the Beach** – Sunday – 7:00 a.m. – Surfside Pier
May 24	**Memorial Day Cook Out** – Sunday – 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Surfside Dr.
May 25	**Memorial Day Service** – Monday – 2:30 p.m. – Veteran's Memorial
May 26	Farmers Market (details below)
June 2, 9, 16	Farmers Market (details below)
June 18	Movie (details below)
June 23	Farmers Market (details below)
June 25	Movie (details below)
June 30	Farmers Market (details below)
July 4	**4th of July Celebration** – Saturday – 6:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. – Pier
July 7	Farmers Market (details below)
July 9	Movie (details below)
July 13	**Kids Fair** – Monday – 4:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. – Fuller Park
July 14	Farmers Market (details below)
July 16	Movie (details below)
July 21	Farmers Market (details below)
July 23	Movie (details below)
July 28	Farmers Market (details below)
July 30	Movie (details below)
August 4	Farmers Market (details below)
August 6	Movie (details below)
August 10	**Beach Luau** – Monday – 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. – Pier
August 11, 18, 25	Farmers Market (details below)
September 1, 8	Farmers Market (details below)
September 12	**Skyhoundz Disc Contest** – Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – Martin Field
September 15	Farmers Market (details below)
September 19	**S. C. Sea Grant Beach Sweep** – Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – Pier
September 22	Farmers Market (details below)
September 26	**Car Show** – Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – Pier
September 29	Farmers Market (details below)
October 3 –	**Surfside Beach Family Festival** – Saturday – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Surfside Dr.
October 6 –	Farmers Market (details below)

Farmers Market. **Tuesdays**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. Harrison Park is located at the corner of Surfside Drive and Poplar Ave. North. May 5 through October 27.

Movies After Dark. **Thursdays** at 9:00 pm. Refreshments available for purchase. Martin Field is located at the corner of 6th Ave. South and Dogwood Drive:

June 18 – Frozen
June 15 – Dolphin Tale 2
July 9 – Muppets Most Wanted
July 16 – Paddington
July 23 – Zookeeper
July 30—The Lego Movie
August 6 – Big Hero 6

Sunday Serenades. **Sundays** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm. Passive Park is located near the library on Surfside Drive.

Did You Know?

Fireworks: On the 4th of July the town sponsors a beautiful fireworks display from the pier. Except for the 4th of July, fireworks are prohibited in the Town of Surfside Beach, including on the beach.

Parking on Ocean Boulevard: Meters have been removed from Ocean Boulevard except between 16th and 17th Avenues North. No parking is allowed on the East (ocean) side of Ocean Boulevard. Parking on the West side of Ocean Boulevard is restricted to those vehicles displaying a current Town of Surfside Beach parking decal.

Fines for cutting trees without permit: In an effort to preserve our beautiful trees, Town Council has recently raised the fines for trimming or cutting trees without a permit. Contact the Planning, Building and Zoning Department for further information.

Golf Cart Reminder: State law requires that golf carts be operated only by a licensed driver.

The Beach Accesses of Surfside Beach

(Courtesy of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee)

There are undoubtedly many reasons why the full and part time residents of Surfside Beach chose to live or vacation here. Our two miles of beautiful beach is more than likely a major factor in that decision. The many accesses that we have to the beach make it even better. Between Melody Lane and 16th Avenue North, there are 32 access portals to the beach. The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee has compiled a listing of the varying amenities found at each location. The Public Works Department is making ongoing improvements, but as of this writing:

Bike Racks: Pier Area. North: 3rd, 6th, 13th & 14th. South: Pier area, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 13th and Melody Lane.

Restrooms: Pier Area. North: 3rd. South: 5th and 13th.

Seating: Pier Area. North: All *except* 5th, 7th, 11th, 13th and 16th. South: All *except* 4th and Melody Lane.

The easy access to the beach by walking, bicycling, golf cart or car definitely make Surfside Beach a great place to be.

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Beach Access

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Citizens Police Academy

The 3rd session of the Surfside Beach Police Department Citizens Police Academy graduated on March 25th.

Participants were exposed to various police practices and legal issues and had an opportunity to meet the Police Officers that serve their community. The ultimate goal was to help citizens understand the complex tasks and requirements that law enforcement officers face today to keep their community safe and to engage attendees in a cooperative effort with the police department to ensure a peaceful community.

Graduates of the Surfside Beach Police Department Citizens Police Academy

Did You Know? (continued from page 5)

Revised Schedule for Pickup of Yard Waste and Bulk Items

In an effort to further streamline the town's sanitation services, the Public Works Department has initiated a new pickup schedule for yard waste and bulk items only. Effective April 13, 2015:

-All bulk items collection in town will be performed on Monday,

-All yard debris collection will be performed Tuesday through Friday in accordance with a color coded map. (This map was distributed in door-hangers and is available at Town Hall and on the town website at surfsidebeach.org.)

All disposals within these special collections must adhere to Town ordinances (summarized below):

*Dumping on open lots or right of way areas is not permitted.

* Depositing of any debris where it may wash into storm drains, ditches, or other bodies of water is prohibited.

*All leaves must be bagged. Bundled tree limbs shall not exceed four (4) feet in length.

*Stumps, logs or other materials or tree limbs placed by landscape or tree service contractors or workmen shall not be hauled by the town. The landscaper/tree service is responsible for their removal.

Questions pertaining to this program may be addressed by calling Public Works at 843-913-6360.

The Side Arm Truck

"The Public Works Department has initiated a new pickup schedule for yard waste and bulk items only."

Holiday Trash Service / Collection Schedule

THANKSGIVING DAY & CHRISTMAS DAY ARE THE ONLY DAYS SANITATION DOES NOT WORK

Monday, May 25th/Memorial Day
Scheduled Commercial Collection
Residential Garbage Collection - North End
Residential Bulk Debris Collection
Public Works Office Closed

Friday, July 3rd/Scheduled Holiday
Scheduled Commercial Collection
Residential Garbage Collection –
3xWeek Summer Service Collection
Scheduled Residential Yard Debris Collection
Public Works Office Closed

Monday, September 7th/Labor Day
Scheduled Commercial Collection
Residential Garbage Collection - North End
Residential Bulk Debris Collection
Public Works Office Closed

Wednesday, November 11th/Veterans Day
Scheduled Commercial Collection
Residential Garbage Collection - South End
Scheduled Residential Yard Debris Collection
Public Works Office Closed

Thursday, November 26th/Thanksgiving
No Commercial Collection
No Recyclables Collection
No Residential Yard Debris Collection
Public Works Office Closed

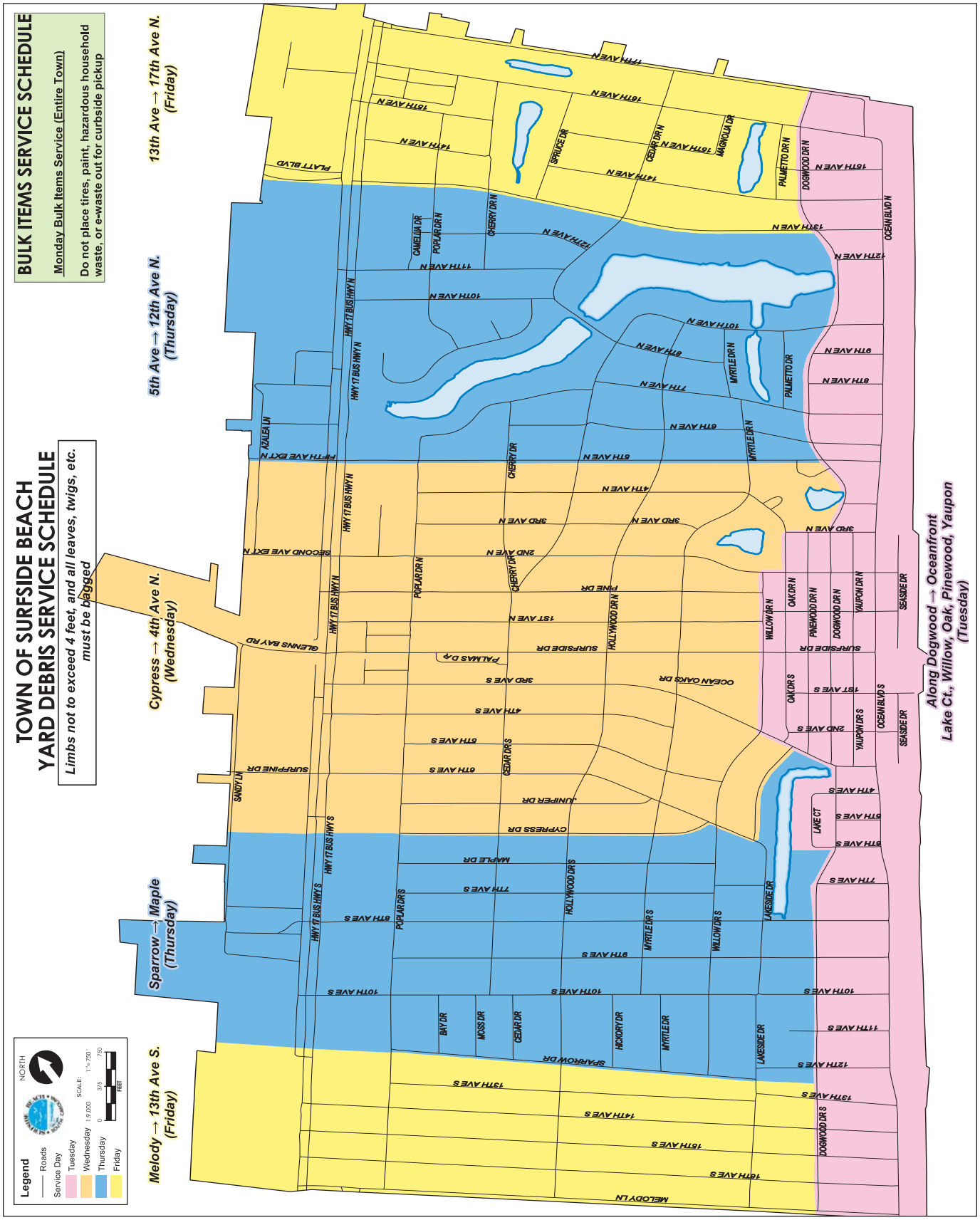
Friday, November 27th
Scheduled Commercial Collection
Town Wide Recyclables Collection
Scheduled Residential Yard Debris Collection
Public Works Office Closed

Thursday, December 24th/Christmas Eve
Scheduled Commercial Collection
Town Wide Recyclables Collection
Scheduled Residential Yard Debris Collection
Public Works Office Closed

Friday, December 25th/Christmas
No Commercial Collection
No Residential Yard Debris Collection
Public Works Offices Closed

The "Front Loader"

Surfside Beach—Yard Debris Service Schedule Map



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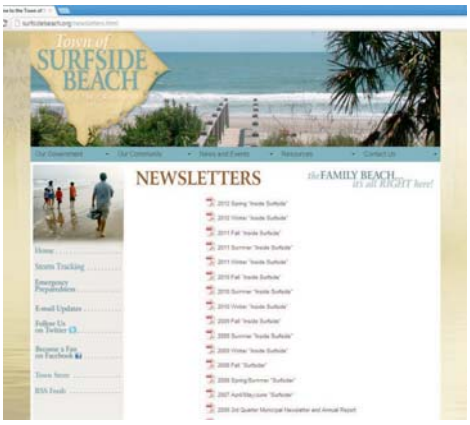

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