



Surf City News

FOR SURF CITY RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS

SUMMER 2005

Community Center Groundbreaking



(Pictured from left to right) Recreation Advisory Committee Chairman Walt Turner, Councilman Doug Medlin, Mayor Pro Tem Nelva Albury, Mayor Zander Guy, Councilman Mike Curley, Councilman and Liaison to the Recreation Advisory Committee Buddy Fowler, and Councilman Don Helms.

July 8, 2005 Surf City's Mayor and Town Council broke ground for the much anticipated Community Center. Also sharing in the groundbreaking was the Surf City Recreation Advisory Committee: Chairman Walt Turner, Micki Tucker and Peggy Bailey. Construction is now underway with a scheduled completion in October 2005.



Director of Parks & Recreation
Kristie Grubb

Parks & Recreation Director

The Town of Surf City welcomes Kristie Grubb, the new Director of Parks & Recreation.

Kristie is a graduate of East Carolina University. Prior to coming to work with the town, Kristie taught Physical Education in the Onslow County School system and also worked with Exceptional Children. Kristie has also spent two of her past summers working with Surf City's maintenance department mowing grass and keeping our beaches clean. Kristie will now be developing and directing the new dynamic Parks and Recreation Department, creating short term and long range programs for all ages and interest levels. She will be actively involved with the construction of the new community facility, developing new and maintaining current parks and playground systems.

"Having grown up in this beautiful place, I am pleased that I will be able to give something back to a place that has given so much to me" says Kristie.

If you have any questions or suggestions contact our Parks & Recreation Director at (910) 328-1444 or email her at kgrubb@townofsurfcity.com.

Re-Entry Permits Required

2005 Hurricane Re-entry Procedures for Citizens

Town Council has approved the recommendations of the citizen advisory committee to further improve of re-entry procedures following a hurricane. A copy of the re-entry requirements and new permit applications are available at Town Hall or the Town's website at <http://surfcity.govoffice.com>.

The following are key elements:

- Safety and Damage Assessment Teams will check the area before it is re-opened to property owners and the public. Only official vehicles will be allowed in Surf City until it is re-opened to property owners.
- A public information center will be set up on the mainland. Plans call for a videotape of post-storm conditions, taken by the Safety/Damage Assessment Teams, to be available for viewing by property owners until re-entry is allowed.
- Re-entry permits for vehicles (issued by all three Island towns) will be mutually recognized at security check points. Surf City residents will be able to re-enter through North Topsail Beach, as well as Surf City, pending road conditions.
- Two new vehicle permits will be issued to each Surf City homeowner, business property owner or residency occupant who is a long-term renter.
- Repair workers will need a permit to re-enter the Island to perform emergency repairs prior to public re-entry. A copy of each property owner's access authorization must be available in the repair worker's vehicle at all times. Re-entry permit applications for repair workers must be obtained in advance, signed and notarized by the property owner and filed with the Town Clerk.

Town officials will make every effort to keep property owners informed about damage and re-entry. Check out the Town's new web site or obtain a copy of the re-entry rules from the Town Clerk.

PROPERTIES MUST HAVE HOUSE NUMBERS

Every property owner of improved property shall on or before the third day of October, 1990, purchase and display in a conspicuous place on the property the number assigned which shall be of a type approved by the town council and at least seven (7) inches in height.

Every property owner of an ocean front lot shall, on or before the 30th day of June 2004, place their assigned street number on the ocean front side of the primary structure located thereon. The numbers are to be placed on the right side 4 x 4 of each staircase or if no staircase attached to the structure, then the numbers shall be placed on the right corner of the structure closest to the beach

(house, porch, deck, etc.). The right side of the structure shall be that side located on the right when looking at the structure from the beach. The four-inch numbers shall be placed on an 18-inch x 6-inch green aluminum placard. The uniformity of street numbers required by this section will greatly assist emergency services in fulfilling their duties when called upon to do so.

Hurricane/Storm Information/Assistance

Shelter & Evacuation Routes:

Pender County

910-259-1210

Onslow County

910-347-4270

NC Emergency Operations Center
800-858-0368

919-733-7564 (fax)

NC ENR Service Center Hotline
877-368-4968

Other information Sources:

Surf City Town Hall

910-328-4131

Jones-Onslow Electric

910-353-7117

Pender County Sheriff

910-259-1212

Onslow County Sheriff

910-455-3113

FEMA Help Line

800-621-FEMA

American Red Cross

866-GET-INFO

Hurricane Data Sheet
www.emergencyemail.org/hurricane2005

Information Sources on

Web Sites:

Town of Surf City

<http://surfcity.govoffice.com>

www.townofsurfcity.com

Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce

www.topsailcoc.com

NC Highway Information

www.dot.state.nc.us

Pender County Emergency Management

www.penderem.com

Onslow County

www.co.onslow.nc.us

Pender County

www.pender-county.com

Topsail Beach

www.topsailbeach.org

North Topsail Beach

www.north-topsail-beach.org

Weather Data

The Weather Channel

www.weather.com

National Weather Service

www.nhc.noaa.gov

www.intellicast.com

Federal Emergency Management Agency

www.fema.com

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

NC League of Municipalities

www.nclm.org

NC Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources

www.enr.state.nc.us

Important Reminder

The NC State Hurricane Evacuation Plan calls for the reversals of traffic for Interstate 40 away from the beach. Please check out their web site for more information

<http://apps.dot.state.nc.us/tims/>

Radio Station you can listen to when a storm arrives

1620 am and 1640 am

Dial 911 only for Emergencies

Tree City USA for 3rd year

Leon Craft of the North Carolina Forest Service participated in the third Tree City USA presentation to the Town of Surf City.

Tree City awards are presented annually by the N.C. Division of Forest Resources on behalf of the National Arbor Day Foundation to cities and towns that have demonstrated a commitment to the management of their trees. Picture to right: Live Oak donated by builder Larry Rice.



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Town Roundup ...

Council Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

Planning Board: 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

Public Meetings, Events: All Public meetings, hearings, events are published on the town website. If you have suggestions you would like published on the town website please contact town clerk Patti Arnold at 910-328-4131.

Dog Owners: Dog registration is \$3.00 and runs July 1st thru June 30th. Don't forget to register your dog and pick up a tag for them.

Dogs are not allowed to run at large or be off the premises of its owner without being on a leash. This is a year round ordinance. At no point during the year are they allowed to run free.

Mutt Mitts are located at crossovers and at the park for removal of all animal waste. Animal Waste must be removed from public or private property.

Mosquito Spraying: Spraying in Surf City is scheduled three times a week (M-W-F) before 6:00 a.m. except for inclement weather days.

Life Jacket Law: N.C. boaters are required to insure all children under the age of 13 must wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets while aboard moving recreational vehicles.

Jet Ski/Watercraft Operators: No persons under age 12 may operate a personal watercraft (PWC). Person at least age 12, but under age 16 may operate a PWC if accompanied by a person at least age 18 who possesses ID proof of age and boating safety certification or card indicating successful completion of State Boating Law Administrators.

No Left Turn: There is no left hand turn from NC Highway 210 (N. New River Drive) onto NC Highway 50 (Roland Ave.) from March 20th thru September 15th of each calendar year, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. Friday thru 7:00 p.m. Sunday.

Parking on Sidewalk or Bike Path: Do not park your vehicle on the Sidewalk or Bike Path. This is for safe pedestrian movement and violators will be ticketed.

Surf City Recycling Area is located under the Town Water Tower.

Recyclables Only

• No Trash Allowed •

Plastic • Glass • Paper • Aluminum

Please Put All Recyclables Inside the Green Dumpster.

Take Cardboard to Surf City IGA
Monday—Friday 8am-5pm

Cell Phones assisting Paramedics

Paramedics will turn to a victim's cell phone for clues to that person's identity. You can make their job easier with a simple idea that they are trying to get everyone to adopt: ICE.

ICE stands for In Case of Emergency. If you add an entry in the contacts list in your cell phone under ICE, with the name and phone # of the person that the emergency services should call on your behalf, you can save them a lot of time and have your loved ones contacted quickly. It only takes a few moments of your time to do. Paramedics know what ICE means and they look for it immediately. ICE your cell phone NOW!

Check out the
Town's website at
<http://surfcity.govoffice.com>
for all upcoming events,
information, and meetings.

Smoke Detector Assistance Program

Assistance is offered for inspecting, testing, and replacing batteries of smoke detectors. For details call: Town of Surf City Fire Dept. at 328-0175.

Bitter Panicum, Sea Oats Plants Now Available at Reduced Cost

The Town of Surf City has partnered with Coastal Transplants and Cape Fear Farms to provide our property owners with coastal revegetation plants (Bitter Panicum & Sea Oats) at a greatly reduced cost. With the cooperation of both growers, Sea Oats and Bitter Panicum are offered to citizens. The cost is approximately a third less than if plants were purchased individually. In addition, the growers are providing a toll free number to call and place orders:

1-800-331-7409

When calling leave your name, phone number, beach address and quantity of each plant desired. Identify your order as a

“SURF” special. For an additional charge, both growers will install, fertilize, and water plants if needed. These growers will also offer some of the more unusual frontal dune plants as well. If you have already planted sea oats, inquire about alternative plants to help beautify and protect your property. Check out their website at coastaltransplants.com.

Local companies that can assist you with your plantings:

Andy Cavender Landscaping
Inc. 910-328-0274

Terra Company

910-329-1290

Onslow County Property Tax Revaluation

Onslow County's effective date for new revaluation is January 1, 2006.

If you have any questions regarding the revaluation, you can call:

Onslow County Tax Office

39 Tallman Street
Jacksonville, NC 28540
(910) 989-2200

Residential Trash Information

If your residence is generating more trash than will fit in your trash container, you need to call and order a second cart. This service will be year round and will be an additional \$9.00 a month. If the bags are not in the cart, they will not be picked up.

Please advise your rentals that trash must be put out the night prior to pickup and no yard debris or cardboard allowed. Cardboard may be taken to the IGA for recycling.

Tree Relocation Project at Soundside Park

On April 27, 2005 the Town of Surf City was given 3 trees by local builder Larry Rice.

Mr. Rice could have torn these trees down to complete his building projects but instead decided to donate them to Surf City's new park.

The project consisted of moving 2 Live Oaks from a new home site in the Island Oaks subdivision and one Leland cypress from a property located on Atkinson Point Rd.

The builder and town staff worked together to make this relocation project a success.

The end product has two picnic tables to be enjoyed in the shade of these wonderful trees along the already much enjoyed boardwalk.

The trees have been dedicated as part of the Arbor Day celebration held on April 30, 2005.

Volunteers Needed for Boards & Committees

Surf City Town Council invites residents to join their fellow citizens by becoming active on advisory boards. These boards are vital in shaping our community's future.



Notice: Fences

As a reminder, fences are not permitted within the right-of-way of town streets as stated in Surf City Town Code section 16-4. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Community Development Department at 910-328-4131. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Tree City USA Growth Award

The Tree City USA Growth Award is provided by The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America. This award is designed not only to recognize achievement, but also to communicate new ideas and help the leaders of all Tree City USA's plan for improving community tree care.

Automated Direct Debit/Credit

Water, Sewer, & Sanitation Bills

We are currently considering offering an Automated Direct Debit/Credit feature for our customers. This service is offered through Bank of America versus having to send your payments via US Mail, purchase stamps and manually issue checks each month. With Bank of America's service, the Town will directly Debit/Credit your account at virtually any bank, savings and loan, or credit union in the United

States on the designated debit date established for payments.

The new program will be completely voluntary and whether this benefit is offered will be solely dependent upon your response.

If you would like to participate in the Direct Debit/Credit program, please contact Patti Arnold at 910-328-4131 or at surfcityclerk@charter.net and provide your name, address, email address and phone # so the appropriate forms can be mailed to you.