



Surf City News

FOR SURF CITY RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS

SUMMER 2006

Council Approves

FY 06-07 Budget

Surf City Town Council approved the 2006-2007 Budget. The budget decreases the tax rate to \$.31 per \$100 valuation. (.26 cents going for General Fund operations and .05 cents going into the Beach Renourishment Capital Project Fund.)

Pender & Onslow County have reported Surf City's Property Valuation for budget preparations is \$1,039,553,649.

Showing strong support for town employees, Council has approved across the board increases for all employees. "We have a small staff that does an excellent job in providing necessary services for our citizens and visitors", said Mayor Guy.

Utility rates were increased for the FY 06-07 year, (See page 2). Council continues to follow our 20 year utility development plan and the data received from the Utility Financial Business Model.

"This Council does not believe in conducting studies and not

following through with them", said Town Manager Michael Moore. Water and sewer are critical issues for Surf City and insuring that the necessary infrastructure is in place to meet the growing demands is first on the priority list of Town Council.

Council members remain committed with these initiatives:

- New Water Treatment Plant should begin construction in late summer 2006.
- New Wastewater Treatment Plant will also start construction late summer 2006.
- A new mainland Pump station will begin construction fall of 2006.
- Water lines on Hwy 210 will begin construction in the fall of 2006, These lines will tie our current water system to the new plant.

- Land for the new spray fields was purchased in July and design of new spray fields has begun with construction beginning fall of 2006.

- The main line to transfer waste water from the new wastewater plant to the new spray fields will begin construction soon.

Capital Projects

This budget does include the continuation of capital projects such as; the construction of a new Police Department; continuation of plans and development of sports facility and improvements of water area at the community center; further development at Soundside Park; additional areas at the Public Works Facility; replacement of five Police vehicles; elevator replacement at Town Hall as well as other items that continue the development of our Town departments.

Residential Trash

Because of the weather and vehicle traffic, the trash is picked up early in the morning. Please make sure that you put your residential cart out the night before the Monday and Thursday pickup. Carts must be no

more than 3 feet from the roadway. If your household or renters generate more trash than will fit in your cart, you need to order a second cart for your residence. Bags left on the ground will not be picked up.

Council Continues Planning for the Future

The Town of Surf City has done a Utility Business Model to project their future needs. Proposed adjustments in water and sewer impact fees, and water rates were presented at the June 15, 2006 Budget Workshop. They were approved at the June 21, 2006 Budget Hearing. These fees and rate will become effective July 1, 2006.

WATER			SEWER		
	Old Rate	New Rate		Old Rate	New Rate
Residential			Residential		
1st 2000 gal	15.00	15.25	1st 2000 gal	25.00	25.25
2001-4000 gal	2.15	2.25	all over 2000 gal	2.25	2.50
4001 + gal	2.25				
Commercial			Commercial		
1st 2000 gal	15.00	15.50	1st 2000 gal	25.00	25.50
2001-4000 gal	2.15	2.25	all over 2000 gal	2.25	2.50
4001 + gal	2.25				
Tap Fees			Tap Fees		
3/4" meter	300.00	500.00	Residential	960.00	975.00
1" meter	360.00	600.00	Commercial	960.00	975.00
>1" meter plus cost	360.00	600.00	>4" tap plus cost	960.00	975.00
Impact Fees	3,000.00	3,500.00	Impact Fees	3,000.00	3,500.00

Kudzu of the Coast

Beach Vitex was introduced to the Southeastern U.S. in the mid 1980's for use as an ornamental and for beach stabilization. By the mid 1990's plant specialists began to notice beach vitex spreading from original plants crowding out native dune plants and being less effective at holding and building dunes than things such as sea oats and bitter panicum. This plant may also inhibit sea turtle nesting and trap hatchlings.

If you see beach vitex, **DO NOT REMOVE IT.** Instead, record nearby streets and landmarks and contact David Nash (910) 798-7660 david_nash@ncsu.edu. Identification cards are available at the Surf City Town Hall and volunteers are needed to scout the beach area. Please contact Patti Arnold at 328-4131 if you would like to volunteer.



Mutt Mitts

Mutt Mitts have been relocated on the roadside of beach crossovers for removal of all animal waste.

Animal Waste must be removed from public or private property.

When the mitts were on the beach people were using the bags for picking up shells and not dog waste.

Please advise your renters of the ordinance to remove animal waste and the location of the mutt mitts.

FEDERAL POST OFFICE AND ZIP CODE

Citizens and Property owners we need your help to contact Congressman McIntyre to express your concern, and the Town's concern and need for a **Federal Post Office and our own zip code**.

The contracted Post Office in Surf City closed on June 30, 2006. The Postal Service knew of her decision to retire for sometime but waited until the 12th hour to see what needed to be done about our postal service and now if you used our contracted Post Office you can understand the problem we now are experiencing.

The Postal Service attempted to have a mobile postal van to handle the Post Office box mail, but that failed because of the quantity of mail that goes through Surf City for the Postal Boxes. The Postal Service realized that they could not handle the volume of mail that comes to the Post Office boxes on the small van. The Postal Van is still here but to only receive mail going out and to sell stamps.

Surf City residents that have Post Office boxes must drive to the Holly Ridge Post Office and stand in line, only during their business hours, to pick up their mail. Some residents have resorted to putting up mailboxes at their homes, but with our Town being on an island with limited space, and heavy vehicle and foot traffic; this is causing us to be concerned for our citizens' safety.

The current arrangements are a real inconvenience for the citizens and 100+ businesses that we have in the Town. Post Office boxes owners can only go to the window to receive their mail, unlike being able to get the mail with their key at any time of the day. The hours for the window is Monday – Friday 9am – 4:30pm and Saturday 9am-12pm. Due to the influx of customers the Holly Ridge Post Office has stopped closing for lunch to help service the Surf City customers. The limited hours of availability along with the timing of traffic for the swing bridge are a big obstacle.

Within the next two years the Town of Surf City alone is looking to have 1353 new homes in our area plus an additional 400,000 square foot of commercial space consisting of a variety shops, retailers, and commercial flex space. With this growth the amount of mail will only increase – possibly double.

The Town having its own zip code and Federal Post Office would resolve a few problems. With the Town sharing a zip code with Holly Ridge and Topsail Beach, the mail is often delayed and misdirected to the wrong addresses. With the Town of Surf City growing and the numbers of homes and citizens being increased this need is one of Mayor Guy and the Town Council's main concerns and priority.

If we are to have any chance of our own Federal Post Office and Zip Code your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Congressman McIntyre to express your concern and the Town's concern and need for a Federal Post Office and our own zip code. Note we had to use a different Zip Code just to be able to contact Congressman Mike McIntyre by email.

Congressman Mike McIntyre www.house.gov/mcintyre

click on [Contact Mike](#) click on [Email Mike](#)

Fill out the required fields For [ZIP Code](#) put **28401**

Wilmington, NC: (910) 815-4959 Fax 910-815-4543

Lumberton, NC: (910) 735-0610

Fayetteville, NC: (910) 323-0260

Washington, DC: (202) 225-2731 Fax (202) 225-5773



GRAND OPENING

On May 22nd Surf City truly had a Grand Opening for the long awaited Community Center. Towns people, local community citizens and area dignitaries braved the weather to join Surf City's Mayor and Town Council in welcoming Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue as the Honored Guest speaker. In her speech, the Lieutenant Governor noted what a wonderful area we live in , as well as how remarkable the people are that live here. She also commended Mayor Guy and the Council for first asking what the Surf City's citizens wanted, second agreeing to get it done, and most importantly, following through and making it become a reality. Our elected officials are to be thanked for their decisions to allow the wonderful Surf City Community Center to be built and for their continued support of all the activities and events Surf City Parks and Recreation is a part of.



Dolphin Summer Day Camp

The inaugural **Dolphin Summer Day Camp** program started off with an enthusiastic group of kids ready for fun in the sun at the new community center. Denise Rossi, Summer Camp Leader has kept campers busy with trips to Wilmington to watch a movie, crabbing at Sound-side Park, miniature golf and arcade, trips to the beach and pool, and the Hampstead library to experience African music and native tales. The NC Aquariums' Ocean Program, Turtle Talks and Kid's Yoga keeps them excited about what's coming up next. Campers have been busy with arts & crafts projects, including learning how to tie-dye shirts! Volunteer Shannon Sessions is a marvel at finding inexpensive educational crafts related to our activity of the week. The kids want to thank local business owner Bill Johnson for supporting the program and transporting them all over the island, they LOVE him and his great Beach Buggy Bus! The kids also want to

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910-328-4887
Kristie Grubb, Director of
Parks & Recreation
Lani Minihan, Administrative
Assistant

thank Jimmy Grubb and Richie Murgo for not only donating the supplies to go crabbing but also donating their time to teach the campers how to crab.

We too would like to thank Mr. Bill Johnson with the Beach Buggy not only for taking us on field trips, but also for helping fund our NC Aquarium program. Special thanks also to:

- Volunteers—Cameron Hall & Stephanie Kenneway who help out with the campers a couple of days each week.
- Mr. Gene Casey for donating lots of juice boxes and fruit snacks for the campers!
- Patio Playground (Topsail Beach Putt Putt) & Lanier's Pool for extending discounts so that we may enjoy some local fun.



Camp Photos courtesy of Kristie Grubb

Concerts in the Park

The concert in the park series is alive and well at Soundside Park this summer. Concerts in the park kicked off with the band **Green Shack** from Wilmington, playing “reggae music with a jazzy flair”.

The very diverse and talented **Langley Winds Quartet** shared some great chamber music on a beautiful sunset evening to a very appreciative crowd. Their set of patriotic songs got the crowd clapping along and got everyone in the spirit of the upcoming Independence Day Celebration.

Concerts in the Park will continue throughout the summer at Soundside Park, with the next concert on July 8th. Two more are scheduled August 12th & September 9th.

Many thanks to the businesses who have donated to these events:

One-Stop Bait & Tackle for providing us with ice for our soft drinks.

The Beach Buggy for providing shuttle service to Soundside Park.

Beach House Marina for providing an overflow parking site.

Unburied Treasure for

providing ice cream.

Surf City Crab for providing ice to keep the drinks nice and cold for all of our events.



Photo courtesy of Kristie Grubb



Movies in the Park

The inaugural “Movie in the Park” at Soundside Park went off without a glitch on Memorial Day weekend as the island kicked-off the busy summer season. The Beach Buggy was revved up and ready to offer complimentary shuttles to the park. Families arrived prepared with beach chairs and blankets to enjoy the Sci-Fi adventure “Zathura” on the 25 ft. inflatable movie screen with an impressive sound system to boot. Children enjoyed the moon bounce and play ground as anticipation grew for the movie to begin. The aroma of freshly popped popcorn enhanced the mood of the evening, with a “drive-

in movie” atmosphere.

For the 2nd Movie in the Park, spectators viewed “Shark Tale”. With the crowd almost tripling since the first showing, we concluded that the series was officially a success. With lots of prayers, the rain held off and a cool summer breeze blew throughout the evening. The children designated the moon bounce as the place to meet with friends before the movie. Local Surf City business, Unburied Treasure, donated ice cream to go along with popcorn and drinks.

The next Movie in the Park is Saturday, July 22nd, the movie begins shortly after sunset. The finale for the summer Movie in the Park

series will be September 2nd. Come out to enjoy this wonderful event before the summer ends. Check website for times and movies.



Photo courtesy of Kristie Grubb

Thank you to all of the **Town of Surf City employees** who volunteer their time to set-up and clean up before and after the events, and help man the concessions stand. We could not do it without you!!

Re-Entry Permits Required

2006 Hurricane Re-entry Procedures for Citizens

Town Council has approved the recommendations of the citizen advisory committee to further improve 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 www.townofsurfcity.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.

The current valid permit says "2005-2006" and is green. We will be renewing March of 2007. If you have received a 2005-2006 permit and have lost it, you will not be reissued new ones until March of 2007.

Welcome to the Community Development Department

Our staff is ready to assist you in all your Planning, Permitting, Inspections, CAMA, and Compliance needs. 910-328-1077 Fax 910-328-4132



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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

Town Website

www.townofsurfcity.com

Information Sources on

Web Sites:

Town of Surf City

<http://surfcity.govoffice.com>

www.townofsurfcity.com

Greater Topsail Area Cham-
ber 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 Manage-
ment 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 informa-
tion

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

Radio Station you can listen
to when a storm arrives

1610 am Town of Surf City

1620 am and 1640 am

Dial 911 only for Emergencies

G O D B L E S S A M E R I C A

Surf City held its annual Independence Day Celebration July 3rd at Soundside Park. The Breeze Band kicked off the festivities at 6PM as the crowd danced and enjoyed the fabulous summer weather. Mayor Guy got the ceremony underway by welcoming the crowd, introducing the Town Council and dignitaries and inviting everyone to have a great time. Councilman Doug Medlin gave the invocation, thanking God for our Freedom and those who have given all for us to remain free. As the Star Spangled Banner played in the background, the American Legion Honor Guard Post #167 presented the flag. The Breeze Band continued with the entertainment until 9:00 when the crowd of around 3000 "land lubbers" and mariners as far as the eye could see, turned their attention to the dazzling pyrotechnic show. Some watched in amazement as the bombs burst in the air, while others reflected on just how blessed we truly are. God bless America, indeed.



Photo courtesy of Jeremy Lingle



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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 runs June 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. Please do not use these to pick up shells.

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.

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.

Yard Debris: The Town does not collect yard debris left in front of your house. Please call for assistance in locating a contractor to help you remove the limbs and brush.

Appliances/Chairs/Carpets: These items are not picked up by the town, please do not put them out by the roadway.

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**