



# Surf City News

FOR SURF CITY RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS

SPRING 2010

## BEACH BULLDOZING & BEACH GRASS PLANTING

Surf City is currently pushing sand to the dune lines. This is frequently done during the spring, if we encounter areas of escarpment from the northeasterly winter winds that remove sand from our beaches. Last year we also pushed sand and set out the entire beach with three rows of plants. They fared well through the winter and we will soon be deciding if we plant more in the near future.



## NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPENS IN SURF CITY

Surf City opened its new wastewater treatment plant, in accordance with the long range plan. The first phase of the plant is designed for 1.5 million gallons per day. The Town has also purchased 2,000 acres of land for our land application site. The current site near Holly Ridge is at its maximum limit and must be replaced.



The new water treatment plant opened in early 2009 and, with our first year of operation now behind us, is producing good quality water for our citizens. The capacity is 2.7 million gallons per day and was designed so expansion may be instituted at the current site.

## WATER & SEWER RATES TO INCREASE

In 2006 the Town of Surf City developed a Utility Business Model to project the future needs of its water and wastewater systems. The Town is addressing the future needs of capacity as well as future financial needs, to ensure the system can handle the increasing demands placed upon the town.

In designing, operating and maintaining a utility system, the owners must have plans and construction to meet the peak demands of the system. The dramatic rise in demands owing to our seasonal visitation predicated a more unusual model than a more traditional locality, whose numbers and volumes are more constant throughout the year. Rate increases were projected in the model, but council was able to delay, since growth was to keep the rates stable.

The current economy has impacted everyone and local government is no exception. Surf City has delayed and slowed construction as much as possible, with hopes that the economy would soon improve. We are currently at the point where we can no longer delay and yet two more projects are to be completed to ensure our system is capable of meeting the summer demands.

We have worked closely with our auditors and the Local Government Commission to achieve a solution that would continue to maintain our utility system in sound financial condition and continue with sound debt repayment practices, mandated by the state officials.

Council has worked for several months and carefully weighed all options before adopting the new rate schedule. Council is fully aware the impacts of the current economy and only made the decision to implement an increase when no other option was offered them by the Local Government Commission.

The improvements being implemented to our system are necessary to ensure we keep the system up to date and to prevent any unfavorable incidents. Included among these improvements are:

- Repairing and replacing aging pump stations on the island
- Installing a new pump station on the mainland
- Allowing for additional flows we are expecting
- Constructing a water treatment plant to keep our water quality at the highest levels possible
- Constructing a wastewater treatment facility to comply with environmental regulations as well as the higher flows

<b>Sewer</b>			
Pender & Onslow portion of Surf City			
	<b>Old Rate</b>		<b>New Rate</b>
<b>Residential</b>		<b>Residential</b>	
1st 2000 gal	25.25	1st 2000 gal	30.00
2001+ gal	2.50	2001-5000	3.00
		5001 +gal	3.50
<b>Commercial</b>		<b>Commercial</b>	
1st 2000 gal	25.50	1st 2000 gal	30.00
2001+ gal	2.50	2001+ gal	3.50
<b>Water</b>			
Pender portion only of Surf City			
	<b>Old Rate</b>		<b>New Rate</b>
<b>Residential</b>		<b>Residential</b>	
1st 2000 gal	15.25	1st 2000 gal	17.54
2001+ gal	2.25	2001-5000	2.48
		5001 +gal	2.75
<b>Commercial</b>		<b>Commercial</b>	
1st 2000 gal	15.50	1st 2000 gal	17.83
2001+ gal	2.25	2001+ gal	2.75
<b>Irrigation</b>		<b>Irrigation</b>	
1st 2000 gal	15.00	Base Rate	17.25
2001-4000	2.15	1+ gal	2.75
4001 +gal	2.25		

- Purchasing and constructing new disposal fields that are capable of handling the flows and moving farther inland to ensure we do no harm to our precious waterways

Council has been proactive in all areas that maintain services for Surf City residents and businesses. Its goal has always been to maintain a high quality of living while trying to keep expenses as low as possible. Council appreciates each of its residents and businesses and hopes they recognize the extent to which council goes to make Surf City a premier place to live, work and play.

**TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULE**

**REGULAR TRASH**

90 Gallon Gray Cart  
Monday

**PUSH OUT TO ROAD  
SUNDAY NIGHT**

**NO TRASH BAGS MAY BE ON THE GROUND.**

**PLEASE PULL BACK TRASH CARTS BY MONDAY NIGHT**



**RECYCLING**

64 Gallon Green Cart  
Thursday

**PUSH OUT TO ROAD  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**No plastic bags** of any kind may be in the recycling bin. Put things loose in cart.

**PLEASE PULL BACK RECYCLE BIN BY THURSDAY NIGHT**

PLEASE ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS OR RENTERS TO PULL THE GARBAGE CAN AND THE RECYCLABLE CAN BACK TO THE STRUCTURE

**WM**  
WASTE MANAGEMENT  
**Recycle America**

**Acceptable Items / Articulos Recyclables:**

 <b>Flattened Cardboard</b> Carton	 <b>Magazines</b> Revistas	 <b>Office Paper</b> Papel de Oficina
 <b>Junk Mail</b> Desperdicio de Correo	 <b>Phone Books</b> Libros Telefonicos	 <b>Paperboard</b> Cartoncillos
 <b>Brown Paper Bags</b> Bolsas de Papel	 <b>Newspapers</b> Periodicos	 <b>Plastic Bottles</b> Bottelas de Plastico
 <b>Glass Bottles &amp; Jars</b> Botellas de Vidrio	 <b>Aluminum Cans, Aluminum Foil &amp; Pie Tins</b> Latas de Aluminio Papel Aluminio	 <b>Steel Cans &amp; Empty Aerosol Cans</b> Latas de Fierro Y Latas Vacias de Aerosoles

**Unacceptable Items / Articulos No Recyclables:**

 <b>Plastic Bags</b> Bolsas de Plastico	 <b>Plastic Tubs</b> Tazas de Plastico	 <b>Garbage</b> Basura
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**Put Everything In One Container!**  
**Single Stream Recycling**  
**No More Sorting**

**SEASONAL TRASH CARTS**

The town council approved allowing additional seasonal trash carts for Surf City residents. The cost will be \$9.00 per month.

Town staff will be taking pictures of homes with trash stacked on the ground. Under the new policy, homeowners will be given two warnings, accompanied by photographs.

Following the third warning, the residence will be assigned an additional trash cart and the fee will be added to the homeowner's water and sewer bill.

The town urges rental agencies and homeowners who feel they may require additional carts, even if only for the summer, to go ahead and request them.

## Bank Drafting for Utility Billing

The Town has started bank drafting for utility billings. Stop by and fill out the necessary form or print a copy from the town website and mail it in. Look under the online forms and information heading for this form.

### CAMA INFORMATION

All CAMA questions should be directed to Holley Snider at 910-796-7221.

## Don't Forget Your Permit

If you plan to put up a tent for a special occasion (tent permit,) have an outdoor party with music, DJ or band (noise permit,) or move a house or trailer (house moving permit,) please be sure and stop by Town Hall for the proper permits. For burn permits, please stop by the Fire Department at 200 Wilmington Ave. or call 328-0175.

TOWN OF SURF CITY  
is now on Facebook



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Permit No. 1

## 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.

**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.

**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 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 are not to be left on the ground.

**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/Mattresses:** These items are not picked up by the town, please do not put them out by the roadway.

**Utility Billing Update:** Please call Thelma at 910-328-4131 or drop her a note to update your utility billing account with your current telephone numbers and email address.

**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.

**Blocking of Sidewalk or Bike Path:** Do not block sidewalks or the bike path with signs or trash carts.