



Surf City News

FOR SURF CITY RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS

SPRING 2006



Surf City Voters return two seasoned Councilman back for another four year term.

Mr. Michael Curley is serving his second four-year term on the Town Council. He is Council representative to the Surf City Beach Nourishment Committee and currently serves as Chairman on the Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Committee.

Mr. Doug Medlin is serving his fifth four-year term on the Town Council. He is Council representative on the Planning & Zoning Board. Mr. Medlin is our longest serving elected official and offers a wealth of past history on the development of Surf City and all of Topsail Island.

Bank Drafting for utility billing

The Town has started bank drafting for utility billing. Stop by and fill out the required form or print a copy from the Town website and mail it in. Look under the news heading for this form.

Mayor Guy expressed his pleasure for the returning elected officials, "We are experiencing many changes here and these two elected officials have been with us for the planning and I am pleased they are still here as we move forward with the plans for the future of Surf City."



Community Center Grand Opening

April 22, 2006 at 5:00 pm

Lt. Governor to officially dedicate facility.

Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue will be the featured

speaker for the Grand Opening of the Surf City Community Center. Mayor Guy is very pleased that Lt. Governor Perdue has accepted the town's invitation to be here for this program. "I believe all citizens will be extremely pleased with their community facility". Surf City has stepped up to the plate to ensure

that we are preparing for the future. The citizens said while planning the towns Recreation Master Plan that walking/bike paths, access to the sound, and a community facility were much needed here. "Surf City Town Council listened to what the citizens wanted, planned and actually followed through and made sure the plans were carried out," said Town Manger Michael Moore. All are invited to the Grand Opening of the Surf City Community Center on April 22, 2006 at 5:00 pm. The attire for this special occasion will be "dressy casual". We will serve heavy hors d'oeuvres and dancing will be provided by the Carousel Band which specializes in Beach Music.

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!

USAF LANGLEY WINDS WOODWIND QUINTET

at Soundside Park Thursday
June 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.



Survey of Parks and Recreation Needs

Many wonderful projects are under construction in the Town of Surf City, several of those projects are in the areas of parks and recreation. The growth in the area of parks and recreation is primarily due to the feedback received from a survey completed several years ago. Because of the responses received from the survey, we have created walking, jogging and biking paths; built a sound side fishing pier and several viewing decks; in conjunction with NC Wildlife a public boat ramp was constructed; there are picnic shelters and play-ground equipment in each of our 3 parks; and we are currently erecting a multifunctional community center. As our community grows, so should the departments that provide for the needs in the community. In trying to meet the need of our citizens, we are sending out a survey to make sure that we are on the right track and that as many needs as possible are met. Please assist us in making sure we know what those needs are by taking a few moments to complete the enclosed survey and mail it back in or bring it to the Town Hall. Thank you for your help in making sure our community is a fun place to live and visit.

New Weather Buoy in Onslow Bay

The US Coast Guard in conjunction with the University of NC at Wilmington and US Marine Corp. at Camp Lejeune installed a new 3 meter discus buoy about 8 miles southeast of Sneads Ferry.

Data from this buoy will be carried on NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards broadcasts. Boaters can also access the data by visiting the National Data Buoy Centre (NDBC) website at: www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=41035

Volunteers Needed for Town's Boards and 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.

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.

Town Website

www.townofsurfcity.com

Important notice about Vehicle Tax Changes

You can expect to receive a vehicle tax bill from the county tax assessor after you renew your registration. As a result of the change from annual to staggered registrations, the amount of vehicle tax bills will be based upon the number of months in your 2006 registration(s). For example, if you are assigned a 7-month registration, you will receive a vehicle tax notice for 7-months. If you are assigned an 18-month registration, you will receive a vehicle tax notice for 18 months. In either case, you will not receive another vehicle tax notice until after your registration is renewed again. If you have any questions regarding your vehicle tax, please contact your county assessor: Onslow County, Harry Smith at 910-989-2200 or Pender County Stan Vance at 910-259-1221. The DMV will not be able to assist with vehicle tax matters.

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.

Swing Bridge Hours

Open for boat traffic hour on the hour if boats present. More frequently for commercial boat traffic.

NO Parking

New no parking ordinance between 7pm-7am on both sides of the 1st & 2nd street from N. New River Drive to Canal Street and on N. New River Drive from 1st to 3rd Street

Workshops Planned

Planting beach plants, installation of sand fence, and dune maintenance workshop planned for the 2nd Friday of April & May at the Surf City Community Room at the former EMS Building by Coastal Transplants. www.coastaltransplants.com.

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Onslow County's 2006 Property Tax Revaluation Set

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

The State of North Carolina requires all counties to conduct a revaluation at least once every eight years. North Carolina General Statute 105-286 (a) states "unless the date shall be advanced.... each county of the State, as of January 1 of the year.... and every eighth year thereafter, shall reappraise all real property". North Carolina General Statute 105-283 requires all counties to appraise all property, both real and personal at its true value in money. It further stated that true value shall be interpreted as meaning market value.

Revaluations Notices Mailed January 2006

Appeal Step 1- Informal Reviews
February 2006—until complete

Effective Date of Revaluation
January 1, 2006

Appeal Step 2- Appeals to the Board of Equalization and Review
April 2006—until complete

Appeal Step 3—Property Tax Commission

To Be Announced

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

Onslow County Tax Office
39 Tallman Street
Jacksonville, NC 28540
(910) 989-2200



Lowes Home Improvement Opens

Mayor Zander Guy and the Surf City Town Council along with the Lowes Home Improvement team participate in the board sawing presentation to officially signify the Grand Opening of the new Surf City store located at Highway 210/17.



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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 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. 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.

Fences in Right-of-Way: 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.

Post Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-3:30pm Saturday 9:30am-11:30am.

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

SURVEY OF PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS

1. What do you think is the single greatest unmet recreational need in Surf City?

2. If funding was available, list the recreational facilities or equipment that you think are most needed in Surf City for you and other persons in your age group (please list in priority order):
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
3. If funding was available, list the recreational programs or activities that you think are most needed in Surf City for you and other persons in your age group (please list in priority order):
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
4. What are your three most favorite recreational activities (please list in priority order):
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
5. What recreational activities do you actually participate in most often?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
6. Which of your favorite recreational activities do you have difficulty enjoying in Surf City due to the lack of facilities or programs?

7. Information about the person responding (*please* complete this, too):

Age _____	Please answer <i>yes</i> or <i>no</i> :
Marital Status _____	Are you a Surf City resident? _____
Ages of dependent children, if any _____	Surf City property owner with residence in another location? _____
Employed, Student, or Retired? _____	Surf City Business owner? _____
	Surf City Vacationer? _____

(over please)

Please help us identify the recreational programs from the following list that you believe Surf City most needs to offer or improve upon in order to have a balanced and meaningful recreation program. (Please check the importance level for each item.)

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Fairly Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>
Aerobics	_____	_____	_____
Arts and Crafts Classes	_____	_____	_____
Baseball/Softball	_____	_____	_____
Basketball	_____	_____	_____
Beach Volleyball	_____	_____	_____
Bingo	_____	_____	_____
Bird watching	_____	_____	_____
Boating	_____	_____	_____
Bocce	_____	_____	_____
Bicycle Paths	_____	_____	_____
Canoeing/Kayaking	_____	_____	_____
Children's Programs	_____	_____	_____
Computer Classes	_____	_____	_____
Continuing Education Classes	_____	_____	_____
Dance	_____	_____	_____
Exercise Equipment	_____	_____	_____
Fishing	_____	_____	_____
Football	_____	_____	_____
Frisbee Golf	_____	_____	_____
Gymnastics	_____	_____	_____
Horseshoes	_____	_____	_____
Musical Performances	_____	_____	_____
Nature Trails	_____	_____	_____
Picnicking	_____	_____	_____
Playgrounds	_____	_____	_____
Self Defense Classes	_____	_____	_____
Shuffleboard	_____	_____	_____
Skateboarding	_____	_____	_____
Soccer	_____	_____	_____
Special Olympics	_____	_____	_____
Surfing	_____	_____	_____
Swimming Lessons	_____	_____	_____
Swimming Pool	_____	_____	_____
Swimming with lifeguards (in ocean)	_____	_____	_____
Tennis	_____	_____	_____
Theatrical Performances	_____	_____	_____
Volleyball (indoor)	_____	_____	_____
Walking/Jogging Paths	_____	_____	_____
Water Skiing	_____	_____	_____
Yoga	_____	_____	_____
Other (list):_____	_____	_____	_____

Send Completed Survey to:
 Kristie Grubb, Director of Parks and Recreation,
 Town of Surf City,
 PO Box 2475, Surf City, NC 28445