



Surf City News

FOR SURF CITY RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS

FALL 2004



Soundside Park Pier



Ribbon Cutting and Dedication July 9th

Council Moves Forward with Water & Waste Master Plans

Town Council is aggressively pursuing the recommendations that were included within the twenty year Water Master Plan.

A new and larger 12" water line has been installed from Roland Avenue to Topsail Beach Town Limits. The cost for the new line was approximately \$1 million.

This year a new well has been drilled at a cost of approximately \$250,000 which can produce the greater capacity needed, but the iron level and water hardness are not at acceptable levels. Engineers are currently seeking alternatives to improve the quality and are investigating sites for other new wells to insure a higher water quality for the community.

The town is awaiting results of a grant application for a mainland water storage tank which will cover about 28% of the total cost. The cost of the new tank is projected at \$1.3 million. This second tank is essential to meet current and future water needs.

Surf City is also moving forward with the twenty year Wastewater Master Plan.

During the summer the main Island pump station was expanded to meet current and future needs.

Engineers and town staff are now seeking additional land for the spray irrigation fields which will be required to meet these needs.

Town Opens New Park Fishing Pier

Another phase of the Park which included two additional public restrooms is now completed at the site. The next phase is to complete the board walk connecting with the boat ramp, allowing easy access from the parking lot to the new fishing pier.

Engineers have identified two large tracks of land and are currently completing environmental studies to insure land suitability.

Plans are also progressing for a new mainland pump station which is essential to the future system.

Council has examined all phases of the plan in an effort to spread these costs over an extended period of time.

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.

Planning Board: Advises Town Council on issues addressing future planning and issues pertaining to Planning and Zoning and Community Development.

Economic Development: Advises and assist Town Council with important issues about the economic future for Surf City.

Special Events: Advises and assist Town Council with events, new and old, for residents and visitors in order to keep this community family-oriented.

Traffic and Safety: Advises and assist the Town Council in identification of needs, problems, and proposed solutions related to traffic, street improvements and maintenance.

Beach Grass, Sea Oats Plants Now Available at Reduced Cost

1-800-331-7409.

The Town of Surf City has partnered with Barbara's Bloomers and Cape Fear Farms to provide our property owners with coastal revegetation plants (Beach Grass & 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:

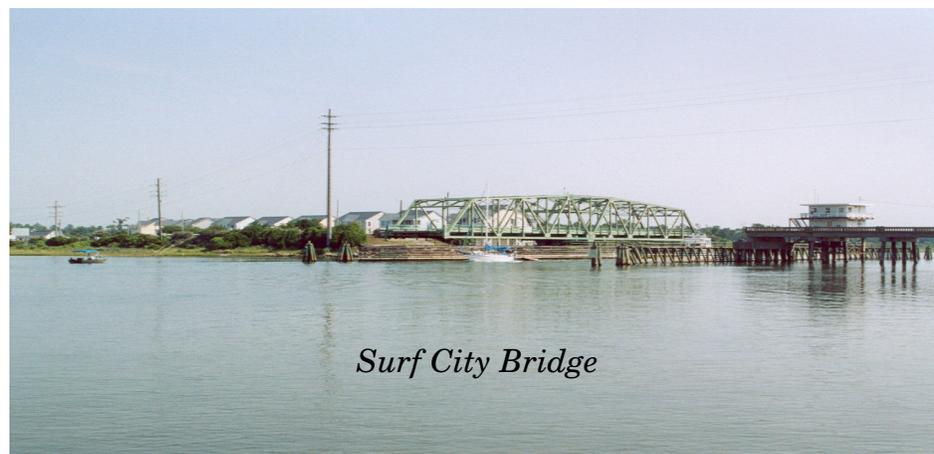
When calling leave your name, phone number, beach address and quantity of each plant desired. Identify your order as a "SURF" special. For an additional charge, both growers will install, fertilize, and water plants if needed. These growers will also offer some of the more unusual frontal dune plants as well. If you have already planted sea oats, inquire about alternative plants to help beautify and protect your property.

Beautification & Appearance: Advises and assist the Town Council by identifying, recommending, and developing programs and projects to improve community appearance.

Recreation Advisory: Advises and assist Town Council by carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a Parks and Recreation Commission.

Beach Renourishment: Advises and assist the Town Council in investigation, developing, and advocating a beach renourishment project for Surf City Beaches.

Water & Sewer Advisory: Advises and assist the Town Council in the planning and development of a sound water, wastewater, and storm water management infrastructure.



Surf City Bridge

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.

Bike Path Receives Final Nod From State

The next phase of the Bike Path from Mecklenburg Avenue to the North Topsail Beach Line has successfully completed it's final hurdle. After planning and design, Surf City was notified October 1st that the town could proceed with advertising for bids. This will require three weeks before the construction phase can begin.

Mayor Pro-tem Nelva Albury said, "Council has been waiting a long time for this approval so we can complete our Bike Paths."

When this phase is completed Surf City will have alternative means of transportation from North Topsail Beach through Surf City to the Topsail Beach town limits. Bike Paths were the number one item that residents requested on the Recreation Survey three years ago.

Beach Renourishment Needs Citizens Help

Topsail Island, Surf City and all coastal communities need your support by contacting your United States Senators and United States members of Congress.

Shoreline protection funding has all but been eliminated in the FY 2005 recommended Federal Budget. There has been strong movement to completely cut federal support for shoreline protection.

Every Topsail Island property owner is encouraged to contact their representatives and express concern for shoreline protection. Ask you representative to contact Chairman Domenici and Ranking Member Reid on the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee.

Topsail Beach was slated for no funds during the FY 2005 and Surf City/North Topsail Beach are slated to receive \$214,000 of the \$700,000 for FY 2005. If we are not successful in gaining additional funding the Corps of Engineers will stop FY 2005 work sometime in January/February. If this happens our actual construction or pumping of sand could be delayed by a year or longer.

Surf City beach is estimated to cost \$30,000,000 for nourishment.

Please contact our Congressional Representatives and request that Surf City/North Topsail Beach Shore Protection Feasibility Study continue.

Making it Safer

Council Upgrades Beach Ordinance

Town Council, at the request of several citizens, has reviewed the current ordinance regarding digging holes on the beach.

The problem arises with people digging large holes on

the beach then at the end of the day simply leaving them. The citizens making the request are concern that people could trip or fall in these holes at night and injure themselves.

The new wording in the ordinance now states: *"To help prevent personal injury and damage to property, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation within the corporate limits of Surf City to dig into the sand on any part of the beach strand, greater than 12" deep, without having a responsible person attending the area to prevent any person or persons from walking into any existing hole and risking personal injury, and to allow public safety vehicles the ability to respond to emergencies without risk of damage to equipment or personal injury.*

Prior to leaving the area, any hole greater than 12 inches deep shall be filled to the level with the surrounding area, leaving the area in the same condition in which it was found."

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



Soundside Park

**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.**



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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.

Beautification & Appearance Committee: 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. call for location.

Recreation Committee: 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at 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.

Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Committee: Town Council has approved the concept of a Island Wide Shoreline Protection Committee composed of members from North Topsail Beach, Topsail Beach, Surf City, Pender County, and Onslow County. This committee is an information and advocacy committee..

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.

Christmas Tree Lighting: Council will light the Surf City Christmas Tree on **Saturday, November 20, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Soundside Park.**

R-U-OK Program: This is a voluntary registration program designed to keep an eye on elderly and handicapped residents of Surf City. The registered members will be called and if something is wrong or the phone is not answered the police department will come by and check. The checks are made on a daily basis in the morning. This service is free to all Surf City elderly and handicapped residents. For Details call Surf City Police Dept. 910-328-7711.

Vehicles Driving on Beach: September 10- May 15th. Vehicles are allowed to drive on the beach in designated areas for fishing purposes from Sunrise to Sunset. Permit must be purchased from the Surf City Police Dept.