

# THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FALL of 2019

Dear Surf City Taxpayer,

The Borough Council has authorized me to brief you on important community issues that affect all taxpayers. This Governing Body together with the Chief Financial Officer and Administrator are preparing the 2020 budget. This Governing Body and the Department Supervisors will continue to work diligently throughout the year to provide the best possible services, at the lowest possible cost.

### HOLIDAY BEACH BADGES ARE ON SALE

The holiday season beach badge is valid for the 2020 summer season. The cost of each special edition badge is \$35.00, plus a \$2.00 box fee. These special edition badges are limited in quantity and are available on a first come, first serve basis at the Municipal Building. For additional information, contact the Municipal Offices at 609-494-3064.

### FLOODING ISSUES

The Governing Body is aware and have been dealing with continued street and back bay flooding. Along with the Borough Engineer, we continue to work closely with various State, County and Federal Government Officials on ways to remedy the problems and to negotiate the cost of potential projects within our budget. The Borough has recently been awarded a grant to work toward Coastal Resilience. We will continue to apply for any and all available funding.

### CURRENT MUNICIPAL PROJECTS

The municipality is presently working on three major projects. The reconstruction, raising and resurfacing of the 300 block of North 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets, the replacement of the bulkhead on Shore Avenue and the raising of the well head at S. 2nd Street above base flood. All of these projects are being financed with grant funds and borough funds. We will continue to work diligently in obtaining grant funds to perform necessary projects to support our low taxes.

### WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Borough Council and I would like to thank all of our residents for their continued cooperation throughout the summer season in limiting water consumption. We encourage water conservation all year round. Winter will be bringing those freezing temperatures soon! **If your home is vacant and unheated, it is necessary that the water lines for outside showers, sprinklers and garden hoses, etc. are properly drained and winterized.** Help to save precious water resources is appreciated and also avoidable repair bills. **Only the Surf City Water Department or a licensed plumber may turn off your water at the street. Residents may not enter the meter pit.**

### TRASH AND RECYCLING

A 2020 trash and recycling schedule is included for your posting. We trust this is helpful for you in planning ahead for the new year. For those of you with rental units, we ask that you have a copy of this schedule posted for the convenience of your tenants. Copies are always available at Borough Hall. **I would like to remind you that trash bins must be located at the curb line. In accordance with Ordinance 17-2.2, all trash and/or recycling must be in a can or dumpster with a lid and must not be overflowing. Borough ordinance provides that trash cans must not exceed 32-gallon capacity or have an attached lid. Your consideration is appreciated.**

### CONSTRUCTION & ZONING INFORMATION

Please note that zoning and building permits can be accepted and issued Monday through Friday 9:00 am from 4:30 pm. This includes fences, curbs, renovations and resale certificates. The best way to determine if you need a zoning or building permit is to call. The Zoning Officer is available at (609)494-3064. You can reach our Building Department on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at (609)494-6448.

### SAVE THE BAY

Everyday activities can affect the quality of water flowing into the Barnegat Bay. Please keep use of pesticides and fertilizers to a minimum (Ordinance Chapter 9) and do not deposit chemicals or trash into the street, gutter or storm drain. Please pick up after your pets.

### FEMA COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

Each year Surf City receives a community rating from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This rating is required for our participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Please take a moment to read the important notice included with this letter.

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DOG CONTROL

You are required to pick up after your dog and dispose of the droppings in a sanitary manner (Ordinance 8-2.2). Also, all dogs and cats residing in the Borough of Surf City must be licensed. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required when obtaining a license. Dogs on a leash are permitted to be walked on the beach between October 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to pick up after your dog.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Property owners are required to maintain their property and curb line free of brush, weeds, dead trees, garbage, trash and debris, etc. Corner properties must also keep trees and bushes cut back in order to keep the corner sight triangle open for visibility of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Please also take a moment to check your curb, sidewalk and property and clean, repair or correct any problems or deficiencies that may be present.

MOBILITY, HEARING OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED RESPONSE CARD

The Borough of Surf City prides itself on being a FAMILY COMMUNITY. Our Police and Emergency Management team need to know if any of our citizens have mobility, hearing or visual impairments before an emergency arises. You may also sign up for emergency alerts from our Police Departments at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Advanced planning can be accomplished to meet these special needs. Please complete the form below and return it to the attention of Chief Jack Casella at Borough Hall.

The Borough Council and I, as always, appreciate your cooperation in the past and once again ask for your future cooperation. We hope your family enjoyed a great 2019 summer season here in our beautiful family coastal resort of Surf City and wish you a warm, Joyous and Blessed Holiday Season. We also offer our prayers to our Armed Forces, Police and First Responders, around the world, who are continuing to defend America's freedom. God Bless!

Sincerely,

FRANCIS R. HODGSON  
MAYOR OF SURF CITY

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2019-2020 MOBILITY, HEARING OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED RESPONSE CARD

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

DOES ANY ONE HOLD A SPARE KEY TO YOUR HOME? IF SO, PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have arrangements in the event you are bound to your residence for an extended period of time? If so, please explain.

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Do you have arrangements in the event of an evacuation? YES/NO

PLEASE MARK OFF THE TYPE OF IMPAIRMENT THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH

Mobility  Do you have a wheelchair? YES/NO

Visual Impairment  Do you have a TTY/TTD? YES/NO

Hearing Impairment

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