

From the Mayor's desk – 10/3/25

Happy Friday!

Don't miss out on the Old Guys Surf Reunion tomorrow at Stahlman Park. Always a great event, so mark your calendars and make it out for that one!

Police Department:

Chief Hester wanted to thank everyone for coming to the Town Hall meeting. He will be planning another one soon to continue these formal conversations between PD and the citizens of Surfside. He also wants to encourage everyone to come see the Surfside Beach Police Department booth at the Surfside 50th celebration. They will have gear for the kids to try on and Hotdogs and Sausage on a stick for everyone.

Public Works:

Erick met with two engineer representatives from FloVac this week. They did a site walk through along with providing some technical support. FloVac are giving us two "freebies" of their improved product which will be delivered within the next week or so. We will be installing their new controller outside of the pit pedestal that will remove our current controller from within the sewer pit. They will be mounted up top inside the pedestal at two of our pits that suffer the most I&I.

Again, we will be offering a \$5 utility bill credit to every account that signs up for e-billing by January 1st. This \$5 credit will hit your account by March 1st. If you need help to get registered and sign up for e-billing, Breana at City Hall would be happy to assist you. She can also assist you with making sure that you sign up for fee free bill payments!

Last reminder... the red disconnect notices will be placed on doors starting next week for anyone that is 60+ days overdue on their water bill. If the water bill is not paid in full or a payment plan agreed upon with City Hall in 10 days, your water service will be disconnected.

Other Items of Interest:

Janet reports that we are starting to see some of the Hurricane Beryl FEMA disaster relief funds trickle in. In total we are expecting an estimated \$800k in new relief funds. We had received close to \$300k several months ago when Category A was closed out and

processed quickly with the Governors action to use TDEM to provide immediate assistance. In this most recent distribution from FEMA we will take in close to \$100k of the \$800k total expected.

Things continue to shape up for the 50th Anniversary of Surfside planned for October 25th. Kick off at 4pm with fireworks to close the celebration after dark. The epicenter will be in and around City Hall and the Ft Velasco Monument & Timeline Fence. PD will have some free food and there will be entertainment along with the evening fireworks. 50th Anniversary merchandise will also be available for purchase. More news on other vendors, booths and activities still to come, along with any special plans for 50th celebration festivities at local establishments and retailers. This should be a great time as we kick off the 50th anniversary festivities for the Village.

Another reminder that on October 7th, the National Night Out will be celebrated at the Surfside Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department will host visitors from 5-7pm and will have a smoke detector give-away, including an offer of installation scheduled for a few days later on October 11th from 9am – 5pm. The event is intended for owner/occupants, not for rental properties, or anyone that has a monitored system. Take advantage of this opportunity and offer from our VFD.

As always, I hope that you have a great day in wonderful Surfside Beach! Get out and enjoy the beach this weekend.

Thanks,

Zach