

From the Mayor's desk – 6/20/25

Happy Friday!

A shorter update today as most of my week was spent working my Dow job in Michigan.

Police & EMS Departments:

Sad to share a serious emergency call yesterday evening near county beach access 4 for 2 distressed swimmers. An intense search of combined efforts by Surfside, County Sheriff and Coast Guard recovered a 25 year old female, who our SS-EMS did everything in their power in a lifesaving effort that unfortunately couldn't bring her back. She was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The other 31 year old male is still missing as of this morning. I want to commend our PD & EMS for a heroic effort that unfortunately in this case, just couldn't shift the hands of fate. Thank you for all of what you do!

Beach & Parks:

Road repairs continue. The weather delayed progress, but they are back in business. The next larger project out for bid is the intersection of Thunder and Surf.

HR:

Our new Deputy Court Clerk, Desiree Worsencroft will be starting next week. Please help to welcome Desiree to Surfside Beach if you see her at City Hall.

Finance:

Made progress on Budget pre-work this week. Starting next week we will be working on the Systems Fund with all of City Council.

Public Works:

Continued work on repairing the AIRVAC sewer system after more rains and flooding.

Other Items of Interest:

We are moving forward with a new and better Short Term Rental management software. Granicus will be our new provider and we will be transitioning soon. One point of note, we had 588 previous STRs registered in the old system and using Granicus search technology, they can identify closer to 800 STRs in operation inside our Village limits. We will be using this new system to make sure that everyone is legally registered and remitting HOT taxes to the Village.

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

Thanks,

Zach