

From the Mayor's desk -8/8/25

Happy Friday!

A brief letter today as I have been working in Michigan for most of the week. Back in City Hall on Tuesday morning!

EMS:

Advanced EMS Treatment Protocols have been officially signed off by our Medical Director. These updated protocols mark a significant step forward in our ability to treat the wide variety of medical and trauma related emergency situations we encounter in Surfside Beach. An expanded medication formulary and enhanced skills now authorized for use, our medics are better equipped than ever to provide life-saving care. From cardiac emergencies to trauma, respiratory distress, and beyond, we are committed to delivering the highest standard of prehospital care in every situation.

Emergency Management:

We've completed a comprehensive, citywide emergency Operations Manual for all departments. Also implementing new procedures to ensure coordinated, rapid response across the board.

Volunteer Coordination – Volunteers play a critical role after disasters but must be registered and coordinated in advance to maximize impacts. If you are interested in helping, please contact us to be registered.

Public Works:

With the heavy rains and flooding comes the failures of our sewer pit controllers. The crews are busy repairing what has failed, and manually pumping as required to keep individual pits operational. The AIRVAC sewer system has significant failure mechanisms that result from heavy rains and flooding. Not good, but good to know.

Other Items of Interest:

FEMA Disaster Relief – I want to personally thank Janet for the massive amount of time and effort being applied to working with FEMA to collect on our Beryl disaster relief funds that

are owed to us by the Federal Government. She is now on her 3rd or 4th contact person with FEMA and they have required an enormous amount of detail on each individual claim. For example, they now need GPS coordinates of every sign that needed replacement, a photo of the new sign, a receipt of payment for the new sign, and it must be properly documented on a very specific form. Janet averages 20+ email communications per day with our FEMA representative to provide the new (and ever changing!) requirements necessary to claim our disaster relief funds. She deserves our thanks for her patience and attention to detail on behalf of VOSB.

Correction from a past Mayor's letter...the new restaurant on the corner will be called the Salty Pelican. I believe that I told everyone the wrong name before! Salty Pelican it is.

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

Thanks,

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