

# Concerned Taxpayer Association of the Borough of Surf City

## 2010 Spring Newsletter

### **Election of Board and Officers**

The Nominating Committee has announced its new slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees. These candidates will serve a two-year term of office beginning July 2010 and continue through July 2012. The Slate of Trustees is as follows:

Board of Trustees: Kevin Gaydula-Cook  
Mike Ippolito  
Mike McGurkin

The nominations will be announced at the general membership meeting held on June 19, 2010. The elections will take place at the general membership meeting July 17, 2010, at which time any member in good standing can make a nomination from the floor. Each member present is entitled to one vote. The candidate who receives the largest number of votes shall be elected and will begin to serve immediately.

### **Local Businesses Support Your Association**

Please support our local businesses and those businesses that helped your Association in 2009. They are an important part of our community. We need all of them to keep our town vital and prosperous. Our special thanks go to: **Anchor Produce Market, Baskets by Streamers, Bay Avenue Plant Company, Beach Haven Times, The Big Dipper, Café Aletta, Chambers & Lackey Realty, Ted Fluehr, Jr. Inc., Island Golf, Island Realty, The Islander, Plate Restaurant, Ron Jon Surf Shop, The SandPaper, SCOJO's Restaurant, Surf City 5 & 10, Surf City Pharmacy, TD Bank, and Tuckerton Lumber Company.** These are the businesses that have supported one or more of last year's events. When possible, let us return their support and consider spending our "bucks" locally.

### **NJ Parking Regulations...just another friendly reminder**

The Borough police department will enforce the motor vehicle regulations and laws set by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Please be aware, especially, of those for parking. The New Jersey Driver's Manual states that a vehicle should not be parked within 10' of a fire hydrant, within 25' of a cross walk of an intersection, or within 50' of a stop sign. Cars parked the wrong way on a street will also be ticketed as well as those parked beyond the designated areas at each street end near the beach. Please inform your family, friends and renters of these regulations so an unwanted citation does not destroy an otherwise enjoyable visit to Surf City.

### **Recreation Trust Fund**

Your Association petitioned the Borough to establish this Trust Fund. The fund is exclusively used for the "purchase and maintenance of playground and recreation equipment and grounds". Similar to the already established Beach Wheels and Veterans' Park Trust Funds, monies donated by individuals to this new fund must be used for that specific purpose.. To donate, write a check payable to "Borough of Surf City: Recreation Trust Fund" and send it directly to the Borough.

### **Veterans' Park Memorial Bricks Are Still Available**

Complete an order form available from Borough Hall and submit with payment to the Borough. Be aware of the long lead-time (many months) between the order and final placement of the bricks.

### **Borough Beautification Chairperson Needed**

Interested in organizing beautification efforts throughout the town? Want to create an “Adopt-a-Block” program for the Barnegat Avenue median? Have a desire to facilitate flower and tree plantings? Would you like to organize a cadre of volunteers to maintain the Association’s plantings on Barnegat Avenue? Please indicate your interest on the membership form. Working together we can make it happen.

### **See Your Local Government in Action.**

Surf City Borough Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall. (January and February, on the first Wednesday) Get involved! Participate in the process.

### **Association Web Site Started!**

Thanks to the efforts of John Marbach and his son, John, Jr., your Association is developing its first presence on the Internet. The name of the site is [www.surfcitytaxpayer.com](http://www.surfcitytaxpayer.com) Check it out. Over the coming years, we will be able to enhance the means of communication between you and your Association.

### **Publicity Chairperson Wanted**

Have a talent for writing articles? Taking photographs? Want to coordinate event publicity for your Association? Please indicate your willingness to help on the membership form. Thank you.

### **The Community Concerns List**

The 2009 feedback that you submitted on your membership forms was presented to the Mayor and Borough Council this past March. In order to save on printing costs, this 3-page listing will only be posted on our Internet web page [www.surfcitytaxpayer.com](http://www.surfcitytaxpayer.com).

### **Pedestrian Safety Law Recent Changes**

According to the State of New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety web site (<http://www.nj.gov/lps/hts/pedestrian.html>): rather than just yield to pedestrians, **“Motorists in New Jersey MUST stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk.”** The web page states, in part, that on April 1, 2010, “The driver of a vehicle must stop and stay stopped for a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except at crosswalks when the movement of traffic is being regulated by police officers or traffic control signals...” and “...no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.” ....or stop safely.

**Please be very careful when crossing any street and always cross at an intersection.** Do not expect that a driver will stop or if that driver actually sees you or knows your intent of crossing. And, please always wear some type of reflective clothing when walking at night. Be smart. Be safe.

### **Excessive Noise Bothering You?**

No need to loose sleep over this. Surf City has a zero tolerance for noise from excessively barking dogs to those rowdy weekend parties next door that did not invite you. Call the Surf City Police at 494-8121 and anonymously report the incident.

### **Feral Cats Causing Problems?**

Surf City has an arrangement with the Popcorn Zoo to handle this issue. Contact the Borough Clerk’s office (494-3064) for details and procedures.

### **Code Enforcement Issues**

Doggie defecation defacing your driveway? Trash thrown in the street? Neighbor creating an illegal condo over their garage? Call the Borough Hall (494-3064) or Surf City Police (494-8121) and report it.