

**Surf City Taxpayers Association**  
**www.surfcitytaxpayer.com**  
**2013 Spring Newsletter**

**General Meetings in 2013**

All members are encouraged to attend the summer general meetings. In addition to an established Agenda, each meeting provides a forum for members to ask questions or bring issues to the attention of the organization. The **June 22** meeting features **Mayor Connors** who will discuss issues of special interest to all Surf City taxpayers, and will include a question and answer session. The **August 17** meeting will feature the presentation of the **Beautification Contest winners, and the election of Officers and the Board of Trustees**. In addition to attending the meetings and staying involved, we also encourage current members to ask their neighbors to consider joining our organization.

**Election of Board and Officers**

The Nominating Committee will announce its candidates for the Officers and Board of Trustees at the June 22, 2013 meeting. The candidates will serve a two-year term of office beginning August 2013 and continue through August 2015. The elections will take place at the general membership meeting on August 17, 2013, 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.

**Donations**

In 2012, your organization donated \$2,000 to the Surf City Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, and \$1,000 to the St. Francis Food Bank. A Donation Drive is planned for 2013.

**Visit Association Web Site for Current Information**

Please visit our website at [www.surfcitytaxpayer.com](http://www.surfcitytaxpayer.com). It has continued to improve by providing updated news items on a regular basis on our **Home** page, key information about our town in the **Borough Info** section, access to other important websites in the **Links** section, information and pictures in our **Events** section, and information about the local businesses that support our organization in the **Support Our Partners** section. In addition, anyone can ask questions or respond to any of the issues on the website by simply entering what is on your mind. Let us know what you think.

**Email Newsletter Started After Super Storm Sandy**

Although originally planned to be introduced in 2013, the Board agreed to accelerate the process to last October after Hurricane Sandy created a need for timely, pertinent information delivered directly to Surf City property and business owners as well as renters. This Newsletter along with our Website was a great success in providing information in those difficult days following the storm. The Newsletter will continue in 2013 to communicate important information such as rebuilding after Sandy, beach replenishment, the impact of FEMA regulations on flood insurance premiums, and kicking off our drive for increased donations and volunteers. If you have not signed up for the Newsletter already, please do so on our website.

**Contests and Events in 2013**

Once again, we have organized numerous fun-filled events for your enjoyment. Please see your Calendar of Events brochure for details and note that volunteers are still needed.

### **Beach Wheel Chairs**

Beach Wheel Chairs are available to handicapped individuals or those with limited mobility. Call the Borough Clerk's office to reserve a chair at (609) 494-3064. Chairs are available on a first come/first served basis. Any donations made to the Beach Wheel Chair Fund would be greatly appreciated.

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

We thank all our sponsors for their support and encourage you to patronize local businesses.

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

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. Our Association will be working with local officials and businesses in 2013 to promote awareness of local auto safety laws.

### **Borough Beautification**

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. Our Association is planning on improving the medians one at a time beginning in 2013. Keep watching our website and newsletter for the latest.

### **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.