

**Accomplishments**  
**January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003**

**50th Anniversary Celebration:** In concert with a citizen appointed committee, put together and executed a successful 50th anniversary celebration March 7th, 8th & 9th, 2003.

**Safety Audit:** Received second year of 100% on the City's safety audit receiving credit on the City's insurance premium. Also implemented requiring liability and workers compensation insurance for all City contracts (per requirement of City's insurance).

**Blue Wave Designation:** Applied for and received second Blue Wave designation by the Clean Beaches Council. Added a Blue Wave flag at the Rec Center in addition to the ones flying at Public Works, front beach, the Marina and at Wild Dunes.

**Rec Center Expansion:** Held two public hearings leading to a successful referendum to expand the City's recreation center, drafted prospectus and closed on the bond issue, bid and awarded the construction contract to Harbor Contracting and broke ground on the construction.

**Front Beach Enhancement:** Completed and approved the design of the final project, received bids and awarded a construction contract to Landscape Pavers and broke ground on construction. Implemented "Aisle of Palms" fundraiser for Isle of Palms selling engraved bricks, benches and palm trees. By the close of the calendar year, over \$90,000 in sales have occurred.

**Fire Apparatus:** Sold Pierce ladder truck and purchased Emergency One 95' platform truck. Took delivery on new Emergency One pumper authorized under the budget.

**Definition of Tourist:** Successfully lobbied to maintain a definition of tourist that does not eliminate the day visitor.

**Dredging:** Amended dredging agreement to require that the City's marina site be dredged first, that General Engineering Labs be hired to oversee the City's portion of this project and that pre & post dredge plans be implemented. All areas have been completed.

**New Dockage:** Authorized and completed dredging of the site and authorized engineering design of the expanded facilities.

**Bulkhead:** Completed another review of the status of the bulkhead at the marina.

**Tree Ordinance:** In an effort to preserve and protect the City's tree canopy, further modified the tree ordinance to make it more restrictive.

**Comprehensive Plan:** The Planning Commission initiated work on the Revisions to the City's Comprehensive Plan and completed a draft for Council's consideration.

**Isle of Palms Scholarship:** Decided to ask the Exchange Club to allocate the City's scholarship money rather than doing it within the Mount Pleasant Scholarship program.

**Municipal Association:** City Council attended the annual meeting where City Administrator was involved in a re-enactment of the "Council of Errors." In addition, City Administrator was selected to represent the MASC in a closed circuit ETV broadcast called Budgeting for Municipal Elected Officials. Administrator was asked to participate in this same type of session for the annual meeting; however, due to demands on the schedule, the invitation was declined.

**Septic Tanks:** This ordinance was revised to require consideration of an upgrade or connection of the homes plumbing to the public wastewater treatment system, if available, if the home is substantially expanded or reconstructed.

**Isle of Palms Water and Sewer:** Partnered with the Commission on a sewer line replacement in the front beach area, a briefing concerning sewer capacity and a modification to the project design for the equalization basin at 41st Avenue. Also implemented having a Council representative attend Commission meetings.

**Breach Inlet:** Following the completion of the new *H. L. Hunley* bridge, participated in the dedication of a historic marker at Breach Inlet commemorating the significant historic activities having occurred at that location.

**Lot Filling:** Enacted an ordinance regulating the amount of fill that may be added to a lot.

**City Seal:** Initiated an ordinance to modify the City Seal.

**Real Property Advisory Committee:** Created new committee of City Council to advise council on matters related to the marina site and other real property locations owned by the City.

**County Transportation Committee:** Sent letter to state legislature requesting that this organization not be banned.

**Pelican Guide:** Printed the *Pelican Guide*, an environmental resource designed to educate new residents or visitors to the island.

#### **Ways and Means**

**Bob Abele**  
**all members of City Council**

**Amended Budget:** Formally amended the City's budget to accommodate expenditures on major projects to include additional cost above estimates for the Front Beach Enhancement project, the unscheduled replacement of the City's ladder truck (lease payment), additional costs associated with rehabilitation of the City's fire stations, anticipated costs for increasing the pipe size for the drainage project on 54th - 57th Avenue, estimated cost for full bulkhead replacement and second opinion survey and additional cost for construction of the new dockage. The budget was amended with no additional property tax revenues required.

**Table of Equipment:** Implemented the City's first ever table of equipment for each department.

**Accommodations Tax Application:** Changed policy to require that the cost of City support be included on applications to document the City's general fund expense associated with ATAX funded activities.

**Marina Management Contract:** Successfully negotiated a new contract.

**41st Avenue:** Approved landscaping at the 41st and Palm Boulevard curve. Supported Garden Club by providing base dirt.

**Marina Fund Reserve Account:** Established a formal reserve account for the Marina with a commitment to place \$75,000 in the account each budget year.

**Banking Relationship:** Re-structured the City's funds handling to maximize interest earnings.

**Public Safety**

**Dee Taylor  
Bob Abele  
Mike Sottile**

**Customer Service:** At the direction of the Chairman, implemented an agenda item of customer service for both public safety departments to report on instances of service to the public.

**Traffic Counts:** Completed installation of embedded traffic counters to ensure more accurate, reliable counts that are less labor intensive.

**Fire Boat and Other Water Mission Vessels:** Successfully secured title to the Boston Whaler and transferred the asset from the Police Department to the Fire Department for their use in water missions. Also, sold wave runners and accepted donated wave runners in place of them.

**Fire Stations Structural:** Continued further investigation into possible structural problems and subsequent moisture then mold infestation at fire stations and initiated process to recover expense of remedying the problem.

**Traffic Study -- 34th Avenue:** In response to the neighborhood and at the City's request, SC DOT conducted a traffic study of 34th Avenue.

**Re-surfacing of Palm Boulevard & Addition of Streetprint Crosswalks:** Work was completed on these two activities.

**Golf Cart Parking:** Established beach access designation for golf cart parking at 25th Avenue.

**Criminal Investigations Division:** Approximately 223 cases were assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division for investigation. Of the assigned cases, there were 2 arsons, 2 bomb squad call outs, 29 burglaries, 13 identity thefts, 2 rapes, 4 child molestations, 1 stabbing (assault and battery with intent to kill), 57 narcotics cases, 2 home invasions, 2 suicides and 34 grand larcenies including stolen vehicles. Case investigations have led to the execution of over 145 arrest warrants and 10 search warrants. Of the approximate \$150,000 in larceny loss,

approximately \$90,000 was recovered. Arrests were made in arsons, all confirmed rape and child molestation cases, the stabbing, and both home invasions. One of the identity theft cases produced approximately eight victims with a loss exceeding over \$35,000 and led to the discovery of a statewide identity fraud ring. The case has been adopted by the U. S. Secret Service for Federal Grand Jury Indictments. Of the 57 narcotics cases, four were jointly investigated with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Metro Major Case Unit leading to additional arrests and seizures. A Federal arrest warrant was also served by the U. S. Drug Enforcement Agency.

**July 4th:** Held another successful and safe fireworks show.

**Flags:** Retrofitted new mast arms at Palm and 14th to accommodate American Flags.

**Heritage Motorcycle Event:** Entered into a Mutual Aid Law Enforcement agreement and successfully managed this event without incident.

**Beach Services:** Added an additional officer for the 2003 summer season.

**Breach Inlet Boat Ramp:** Police department implemented a daily check to make sure the ramp is secured and fire department implemented a periodic check to clear the ramp of silt.

**Honor Guard:** Successfully initiated a formal honor guard in the fire department and used for Inauguration, Front Beach Enhancement and Rec Center groundbreakings.

**Fire Prevention Parade:** Initiated a parade from Station II through the Island and participated in fire prevention activities.

**Noise Ordinance:** Further refined provisions of the noise ordinance.

**Statistics:** 2003 represented an increase in calls for service by 14% over the prior year and an increase in arrests, more than two times the number in the prior year.

**Disaster Preparedness Committee:** Re-established the composition of the committee.

**Closed Circuit Bond Hearings:** Approved future implementation of closed circuit bond hearings to be held within the City Hall complex eliminating the need for officers from both islands to have to go to the County facility for these hearings.

**Grant:** The City applied for approximately \$191,000 in funding for Victim/Witness Advocate Program (VOCA Grant) to fund the addition of one officer over five years.

**Emergency Call Boxes:** At the suggestion of Kinley Taylor approved the incorporation of Emergency Call boxes into the Front Beach Enhancement project.

## **Public Works**

**John Marino  
Marty Bettelli  
Bob Miller**

**Breach Inlet:** Planted additional palm trees and added a message board at Breach Inlet. Also reduced illegal parking by placing sign to prohibit parking on the grass.

**Parking at 42nd Avenue:** Area was expanded and graveled.

**Contingency Plan for Pumping Flood Waters:** Developed and amended written contingency plan for pumping floodwaters in the area of 44th through 57th Avenues.

**Street Lighting:** Improved street lighting in the area of the Methodist Church and initiated the replacement of ornamental street lights along Palm Boulevard.

**NPDES -- storm water management:** Submitted paperwork to SC DHEC as required meeting federal mandates regarding the future of storm water management.

**Beach Cleaning:** Extended the term on the beach cleaning contract.

**Drainage:** A recommendation was made and funding approved for consideration of an alternate design for the flow of water from 54th - 57th Avenue if Destination Wild Dunes did not construct their convention center.

**Monthly Reporting:** Added a monthly accounting of the vehicle maintenance line to the department's monthly reporting.

**Lighting of Flag on Connector:** At the suggestion of the Public Works Committee, the fire department made arrangements for the installation of a turtle friendly light for the flag on the connector.

**Pooper Scooper Dispensers:** Revised, increased and mapped collection stations.

**Marina Parking Lot:** Made some repairs and delineations to the parking at the Restaurant. The recycling container and the area in front of Fire Station II was repaired and paved.

**Drainage:** Tackled and corrected drainage problems at 21st Avenue, 26th Avenue, 27th and 28th Avenues.

**Dune Nurturing:** Participated in the planting of Sea Oats as part of a grant funded project in conjunction with Charleston County and the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

**Drainage:** Made request to the CTC for assistance with drainage inventory and received a positive response in the form of a \$35,000 grant and the hiring of LPA Group to do the inventory.

**Non Point Source Project:** Completed final round of sampling to complete quantification of results. Published article in trade publication regarding the project.

**Beach Advisory Type Committees:** Surveyed other beach communities about whether or not they have a committee similar to the Isle of Palms Beach Advisory committee.

**Rollout Cart Enforcement:** Initiated a discussion on possible changes to this ordinance to improve enforcement.

**Fuel Dispensing:** Worked with SC DHEC concerning management of the City's Underground Storage tank permits.

**Recreation**

**Ryan Buckhannon  
Bob Abele  
Carol Rice**

**Surf Camp:** Implemented the first ever surf camp through the City's Recreation Department.

**Connector Run:** Became an official sponsor of the Isle of Palms Connector Run.

**Monthly Reporting:** Added a revenue and expense report by program to the Department's monthly reporting.

**Skateboarding:** Conducted thorough investigation associated with development of skateboard park and what facilities are available in other municipalities. Designated skateboard area on the existing Rec Center grounds.

**Fast Start:** Added early childhood soccer program to offerings with the Rec Department.

**Web Site Improvements:** Made the following additions/improvements to the City's web site: Added link under "residents" to the Flood Alert, Aisle of Palms and committees, added Aisle of Palms under "visitors," under "Departments" added committees and also added links for Non-point source Monthly Status Reports, Source Molecular -- newsletter, 50th Anniversary info and photos, Front Beach Enhancement and flood insurance news.

**Holiday Lights:** Held first island wide competition for holiday decorations.

**Parent's Code of Ethics:** Implemented a Parents' Code of Ethics similar to the Coaches Code of Ethics for activities in the Rec Department.

## **Personnel**

**Marty Bettelli  
Ryan Buckhannon  
Leola Hanbury**

**Solicitation of Candidates for Boards and Commissions:** Changed the solicitation process to a friendlier process and adopted a policy and flow chart for future vacancies. Added process and description of goals of each of the committees to City's website.

**Re-hiring of Retirees:** Considered and rejected a policy for this activity.

**Re-structure of the Building Department:** Implemented permanent re-structuring of the Building Department.

**High Speed Internet Access:** Recommended approval of and completed installation of fast access, high speed internet service.

**Personnel Accomplishments:** **South Carolina Budget and Control Board Executive Institute:** In March 2003, City Administrator graduated as a scholarship student from the year long Executive Institute. Additionally, the City Administrator was appointed to the Legislative Committee of MASC. **SWANNA:** In 2003, David Mobley served as the Membership Chairman to this organization. **CALEA:** Chief Buckhannon continues to work for this organization in the evaluation of law enforcement entities seeking accreditation. Officer Derrick Ambras participated in the Police Unity Tour in honor of fallen Summerville Police Officer William Bell. Several City employees successfully completed both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements under the City's professional development program. Judge Harper was named President of the National Judges Association.

**Job Descriptions:** Revised job descriptions in the Fire Department and added the description of the non-paying position of Medical Control Physician.

**Changes to the Personnel Manual:** Made numerous modifications and improvements to the City's Personnel Manual to include improvements to the drug testing policy, the request for pay for annual leave and the addition of a privacy policy.