

# From the Mayor's Desk

From the June, 2008 Tybee Breeze:

The Beach Bum Parade is over and summer is officially here. I can usually tell how busy Tybee is on any given weekend by how stressed out the folks behind the counter are at Chu's on Highway 80 and North Campbell and from the looks of things, we're off to an early start this year.

June 21st is International Surf Day and Tybee will be celebrating. Jim Stephens at Underground Boardworks and Dr. Joe Richardson are in charge of the logistics. Tybee has quite a little surfing community. I've had the chance to meet some of the nicest people through surfing that I've ever met in my life. My own personal favorite summer thing-to-do is surfing. Even if the waves are small, just paddling out is enough to make my day. Nine times out of ten dolphins swim by and you can always find a fellow surfer to talk to—generally about how great the waves were had I just gotten out an hour ago. I don't know about you, but I have noticed more surfboards on top of cars headed out to the beach and a lot more people in the water. Lots of travelers, too. You wouldn't believe how many people travel to Tybee to surf.

I could write all day about surfing so had better stop before using too much precious ink.

The City Council had a workshop recently and discussed, among other things, drainage and road-paving projects. Our Department of Public Works director, presented his list of road and drainage projects so that the City can intelligently allocate resources to appropriate projects. The first project which will undertaken is the 14<sup>th</sup> Street area. This area is historically one of the worst drainage trouble-spot. The project will go out to bid soon and will include a re-paving of the entire street along with significant work on fixing the drainage problems. Other road-paving and drainage work will soon follow and we will keep everyone posted. I feel very strongly that our roads need some serious work island-wide and the City Council feels the same way.

Many thanks to Jiggs and his crew for all their work in putting together another successful Bums Parade. Despite the threat of severe weather, it went off without a hitch. The event was extended into the weekend as Tybeefest threw a successful family-oriented Luau at Memorial Park on Saturday afternoon.