

From: David Hucks
Sent: 3/14/2016 7:35:14 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Cc:
Subject: Fwd: Attached monies received by WPDE from the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber

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From: **David Hucks** <david@myrtle-beach.com <<mailto:david@myrtle-beach.com>>>

Date: Mon, Mar 14, 2016 at 7:33 PM

Subject: Attached monies received by WPDE from the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber

To: Billy Huggins <wlhuggins@wpde.com <<mailto:wlhuggins@wpde.com>>>, "smiles@wmbfnews.com <<mailto:smiles@wmbfnews.com>>" <smiles@wmbfnews.com <<mailto:smiles@wmbfnews.com>>>

Cc: Mark Kruea <MKruea@cityofmyrtlebeach.com <<mailto:MKruea@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>>>, John Rhodes <jrhodes@cityofmyrtlebeach.com <<mailto:jrhodes@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>>>, John Pedersen <jpetersen@cityofmyrtlebeach.com <<mailto:jpetersen@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>>>, hboggs1@sccoast.net <<mailto:hboggs1@sccoast.net>>, wcbell@sbgvtv.com <<mailto:wcbell@sbgvtv.com>>

Billy,

We just got the below information from Brennan McDavid's WBTW team.

I wish now to remind you of the close record keeping my team has been doing on funds paid to your News Group from the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber. As you know, we have documented every penny:

I have attached just a sample snapshot of those files which our data team can put together.

Joan and Harry Boggs deserve to know the truth. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, look for an honest report on MyrtleBeachSC.com this week.

Had we lied about the funds received from the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber by WMBFnews or WPDE those news outlets would have sued us flat out. We asked Mr. Huggins if the millions paid to him were in TDF monies or through membership dues. He declined to comment.

The attachments below are payables of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber.

This story should not be about MyrtleBeachSC.com as Mr. Kruea attempts to make it. It concerns the water quality ratings our town gets on the DHEC state government site.

Sincerely,

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From: **McDavid, Brennan J.** [<bmcdavid@wbtw.com>](mailto:bmcdavid@wbtw.com)
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Date: Mon, Mar 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Subject: Fwd: Myrtle Beach Water Safety (Concerned Horry County Residents) - Please respond
To: "david@myrtle-beach.com <<mailto:david@myrtle-beach.com>>"
<david@myrtle-beach.com <<mailto:david@myrtle-beach.com>>>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Kruea <MKruea@cityofmyrtlebeach.com <<mailto:MKruea@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>>>
Date: March 14, 2016 at 10:11:07 AM EDT
To: "bmcdavid@wbtw.com <<mailto:bmcdavid@wbtw.com>>"
<bmcdavid@wbtw.com <<mailto:bmcdavid@wbtw.com>>>
Subject: Fwd: Myrtle Beach Water Safety (Concerned Horry County Residents) - Please respond

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Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Mark Kruea <MKruea@cityofmyrtlebeach.com <<mailto:MKruea@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>>>
Date: 03/14/2016 9:48 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: hboggs1@sccoast.net <<mailto:hboggs1@sccoast.net>>
Subject: RE: Myrtle Beach Water Safety (Concerned Horry County Residents) - Please respond

Mr. and Mrs. Boggs...

Thanks for inquiring, but you have been misinformed. Nothing is being "kept silent." Instead, inaccurate information is being disseminated. Therefore, the premise of your message is incorrect. Our ocean water quality is good, we do NOT have a "no swimming" notice, and bacteria levels are not increasing

annually. The paragraph that you cite, below, is filled with inaccuracies. Here's a short list of errors in the passage you cited....

- The local media outlets/TV stations do not receive money from the TDF (tourism development fee). That statement is false. State law prohibits spending the TDF money locally. And if it were true, don't you think you'd be seeing millions of dollars' worth of commercials locally?
- We do not have a "no swim advisory." Swimming is allowed in the ocean now and in the summertime.
- The statement, "little has been spent to address these water quality issues" is a fabrication and untrue. The City of Myrtle Beach and other Grand Strand communities have spent tens of millions of dollars since 2010 on stormwater management and control. Further, the outfalls, which have been used in Virginia Beach and elsewhere and which result in removing drainage pipes from the beach, do trap debris in the rainwater. Testing here and in other states have shown that they are effective. Again, you are being misinformed.
- The City of Myrtle Beach did NOT spend \$11 million with DDC Engineering, Mike Wooten's firm. That statement is false.
- The City of Myrtle Beach and the State of South Carolina test the ocean water quality twice weekly during the swim season. The city contracted with Coastal Carolina University to test at Withers Swash earlier this month, and the water quality in the ocean at the swash was excellent. Those water quality results (two days in a row) were released to the news media.

As I said earlier, nothing is being kept silent. Instead, wrong information is being distributed. We cannot explain the attack. Perhaps you should ask the author of the statement below why he/she is promoting incorrect information.

Mark Kruea
Public Information Officer
City of Myrtle Beach

From: hboggs1@sccoast.net <<mailto:hboggs1@sccoast.net>>
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Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2016 11:06 PM