



## **SICTA Alert – October 6, 2008**

**Meeting Change** - SICTA's next Board meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> has had a change in time and place. It will now be at 1:30 PM and in the Community Lodge. The meeting is open to the public.

**2008 SICTA Survey** – SICTA will be posting our survey results on our website this coming Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. A great turnout of over 700 folks responded this year with a variety of opinions. The turnout was a pleasant surprise, since we were not able to offer a paper alternative this year, but that did not slow you down from taking the website version. Additionally, the website version allowed you to more easily submit comments, and boy did you respond in a big way. Written comments across all departments totaled over 700 on the 39 different City services. We think everyone will benefit from a good perspective on how Sea Isle stakeholders are feeling about almost everything in town.

**An overview will be presented at this Saturday's SICTA Board meeting (Oct 11<sup>th</sup>).**

**2009 City Budget Projection** - At a recent Council meeting, SIC Government shared a preliminary projection of their 2009 Budget. This is the first time that our City has shared information this early, and the Government is to be commended for its action. Please keep in mind that the projection is based on the best information currently available, with many portions yet to be finalized such as spending, state pension obligations, state aid, etc.

**Initial figures reveal a difficult situation for all of us.** The projections point to an 8% tax increase, while spending is increasing only 1%. Revenues are decreasing 17%, creating much of the pressure on taxes. Also, the City noted that over the last few years our surplus has been reduced to levels that probably will need bolstering.

SICTA will be discussing the projections at this weekend's Board meeting. You can review the City's budget projection at [www.sicta.org](http://www.sicta.org).

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