

## SURFSIDE GARDEN CLUB

The Surfside Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, October 26, 2004 at 11 AM, at Surfside Community Center Clamdigger Room.

The Club has invited the noted and talented Chaim Kasper, the owner of Surf Florist, who will give a floral demonstration.

Complimentary refreshments will be served by Frances Griffith.

## New members welcome!

For information please call Roni Renae Latec at 305-757-6514.

## NEWS FROM THE TOURIST BUREAU

### ENJOY DANCING SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

SURFSIDE JUBILEE

SURFSIDE CONCERTS

FEATURE DANCING & ENTERTAINMENT

FREE ADMISSION 7PM - 10PM

SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

9301 COLLINS AVENUE

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2004

"COMEDY NIGHT" STARRING MARTY BAREIS

POPPY ORCHESTRA FOR YOUR LISTENING AND DANCING PLEASURE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL

(305) 866-3635 OR (305) 864-0722

## COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2004 AT 8:00 PM

### TOWN COMMISSION

TIMOTHY WILL.....Mayor  
FRANK MACBRIDE.....Vice Mayor  
RUBEN COTO .....Commissioner  
ORESTES JIMENEZ .....Commissioner  
STEVEN LEVINE.....Commissioner  
Town E-Mail .....surfclerk@the-beach.net

### TOWN OFFICIALS

JEFF SMOLANSKY .....Town Manager  
BELLA CARCASSES .....Town Clerk  
STEPHEN H. CYPEN .....Town Attorney  
LAWRENCE BOEMLER .....Police Chief

### BUSINESS NUMBERS

TOWN HALL .....(305) 861-4863  
COMMUNITY CENTER .....(305) 866-3635  
TENNIS COURTS .....(305) 866-5176  
TOURIST BOARD .....(305) 864-0722  
LIBRARY .....(305) 865-2409  
SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT .....(305) 861-4862

**EMERGENCY ONLY**  
**FIRE/POLICE (305) 861-1115**  
ALL OTHER: (305) 861-4862

### TOWN OF SURFSIDE

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# Surfside<sup>Town</sup> Gazette

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

### Dear Surfsiders,

Surfside has recently and fortuitously dodged the ravages of three hurricanes but, in all cases, your Town was well prepared. I would like to thank Chief Boemler, Captain Martin, and all the Surfside Police Officers, Public Service Aides and Public Works employees for their magnificent work in protecting our Town while the rest of us were pre-occupied with storm preparation. Although all the Town employees performed well, Chip Cohen and his Sanitation Department stand out for cleaning up most storm debris before we got out of bed. To these dedicated employees I extend my special thanks.

The performance of the volunteers of Team Surfside in assisting the countless residents, particularly the elderly and disabled, must be mentioned. Although there were many individual efforts of neighbors helping neighbors, I personally witnessed the public spirit of Bob and Danielle Toth, Alan Gorme, Orestes Jimenez, Daniel Dietch, Galen Bakken and Richard Iacabacci and I believe such fine service needs to be recognized. To these and the dozens of other unsung heroes, I say "Thank You".

The Town serves and protects the residents in many ways. Frequently unseen and unheralded is the continuous and vigorous defense of the Town from threats to its quality of life. Many newer residents do not remember the deplorable housing conditions propagated by slumlords

that existed just seven years ago on Collins and Harding Avenue. Some of these property owners and "investors" were and are very powerful people. But the town pressed on, through the courts when necessary, and, in virtually every case, prevailed. The results are visible and dramatic. The dilapidated housing was uniformly replaced by rehabilitated or new buildings, which, in every case, adhered strictly to the Town's building and zoning ordinances. These ordinances protect life, health, safety of our environment, and your property value.

Similarly, the residential neighborhoods of your hometown are continually under attack by "investors" who in several cases have rented individual rooms to up to seven or eight non-related renters. In other cases, "investors" have rented "Surfside Resort Properties" on a daily, weekly or weekend basis to tourists and South Beach party seekers over the Internet. I know of no Surfsidian who bought in a residentially zoned neighborhood with the expectation that the house nearby would be rented to transient party-goers.

Enforcement of zoning and other codes, in many cases, requires litigation because the Town must vigorously defend the integrity and efficacy of its laws and its quality of life. Other neighboring communities have already given in to deleterious pressures, and the results are clearly visible. Surfside is unique in that all residents can walk to the business district and our kids can ride bikes in

absolute safety. We can walk without fear to religious services because we have effectively protected the residential character of our hometown. We have recognized and adhered to the highest standards of public service and community protection, and we have accepted the fact that it would be far more costly not to defend the town than it is to do so. We will continue to do the right thing, regardless of the relentless efforts to stop us from doing so. Our resolute efforts have earned our home town the highest respect and admiration of neighborhoods and communities throughout Florida.

Please look to your revamped website, <http://town.surfside.fl.us> for the schedule and description of the new recreational activities such as pilates, yoga, arts and crafts for children. We are working together to provide more and more activities for residents of all ages. Please sign up for the next beach dune planting, scheduled for October 10th, between 9:00 AM and noon by sending an email to [RCWLLCINC@aol.com](mailto:RCWLLCINC@aol.com). Look to the website for photos of the great family times had during the September 2 dune planting and be part of this historic project. Remember to bring a towel, hat and sunscreen.

Be safe and continue to help one another. It is an honor to serve you.

**Tim Will**  
**Your Mayor**  
[surfside@bellsouth.net](mailto:surfside@bellsouth.net)

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ALERT

The City of Miami Beach and Surfside have experienced a number of residential burglaries. All residents are encouraged to immediately report all suspicious persons, activities or vehicles to Surfside Police Department at 305-861-4862. With every resident involved in being a good and watchful neighbor, our public safety and security efforts will be at maximum effectiveness. The anonymity and privacy of any caller will be protected. Please visit the Town's Website at [www.town.surfside.fl.us](http://www.town.surfside.fl.us) for more information.

### SURFSIDE HOMEWORK HELPERS

The Surfside Education Committee is proud to introduce the SURFSIDE HOMEWORK HELPERS, a program in which Surfside middle school students provide homework help to Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary School students. The project's goal is to assist young children who have been identified by the elementary school's administration in completing basic math, spelling, language arts, and general homework assignments. The middle school students will provide a vital service and develop leadership and civic skills through this structured community service activity.

We are currently enrolling middle school "tutors". Participants must be in seventh or eighth grade, live in Surfside, have at least a 3.0 academic average, and attend a mandatory workshop on Thursday, October 14th, at Surfside Community Center. In addition, the "homework helpers" must be willing to commit at least one hour per week from November 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005. Spaces are limited. To enroll or receive additional information, please contact Commissioner Ruben Coto at 305-861-4863.

### SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Town Manager reported that after the recent hurricane winds and rain, the sea oaks that were planted are doing well. The fencing on the beach was damaged; however, the repairs will be done by DERM.

The Town Manager thanked Chip Cohen, the Director of Public Works, and his crew for the outstanding job they did cleaning the debris after the storm. The Code Compliance Department and the Public Service Aides have visited all construction sites and advised to secure the debris before the storm.

The Town Manager encouraged anyone with special needs to register with the County in advance. He explained that there are special shelters that will tend to the need of elderly and sick persons during the hurricane evacuation.

The Town Manager reported that the Administration is working on the proposal to upgrade the accounting system, with HTE, Inc., the group that provides software service to the Town. He further explained that a formal proposal will be presented by the incoming Town Manager at the next session.

The estimated cost of the upgrade is approximately \$50,000, which includes the hardware and software changes, training

needs and support.

The Town Manager reported on some of the classes that have been scheduled by the Recreation Department for children and adults.

2. The Town Commission passed a resolution fixing the millage and levying ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2004/2005  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

3. The Town Commission passed a resolution approving and adopting the annual Budget and making appropriations for fiscal year 2004/2005  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

4. The Town Commission passed a resolution approving and adopting the annual Resort Tax Budget and making appropriations for the fiscal year 2004/2005  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

5. The Town Commission passed a resolution approving and adopting the annual Tri-Community Library Budget and making appropriations for the fiscal year 2004/2005  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

## RECREATION NEWS

### Surfside Resident ID Cards

It is now time to renew your resident ID card. Please come to the Community Center Recreation office. Upon presentation of a current electrical bill, water bill, cable bill or credit card bill, we will stamp your card.

*If you do not have a resident ID card you may obtain it at the Community Center Recreation office.*

Admission to the pool is free to Surfside residents with this card. There is a nominal fee for lounges, umbrellas and guests.

**Call the Recreation Department at (305) 866-3635 for more information.**

### Halloween Fun!!!

Halloween Fun for children of all ages will take place on Sunday, October 31st, beginning at 6:00 pm. There will be a clown, magic show and costume contest for all ages.

### Prizes – Treats – Refreshments!!!

### Exciting New Classes .....

Up and going strong are arts & crafts and gymnastics for kids, Pilates for adults.

Yoga is coming soon in the evening.

Watch for information on the new body sculpting class for adults and the learn to swim program. (Toddlers 1 1/2 – 3 years of age, Pre-school 3-5 years of age, and Beginners 6 years & up.

**If you are interested in any of the above please call the Recreation Department at (305) 866-3635.**

### Adult Education Classes

The following classes are now in progress:  
Yoga – Tues. 9 –11 am (all age adults) and Thurs. 9-11 am (age 55 & over)  
Water aerobics – Wed. 10-11 am (all age adults)

Conv. Spanish – Wed. 12-1:30 pm Level 1, 1:30-3:30 pm Level 2 & 3 (all age adults)

Oil Painting – Thurs. 10 am-12: 30 pm (age 55 & over), 12:30-3:30 pm (all age adults)

Current Events/Adult Life Stages- Thurs. 2-4 pm (age 55 & over)

**All adult education classes are Free!**

### SURFSIDE TENNIS CENTER

8750 Collins Avenue

Surfside, Florida 33154

**Please call Tennis Pro Shop at (305) 866-5176**

### ADULT CLASSES

Beginners: Monday 7 pm – 8 pm

Intermediate: Wednesday 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

### ADULT COMPETITIONS

Intermediate: Tuesday, November 2nd  
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Advanced: Sunday, November 7th  
10:00 am – 12 pm

### JUNIOR PROGRAM

Advance Beginner: Tuesday 5:30pm-6:30 pm

Intermediate: Wednesday 5:30pm-6:30 pm

Advance Beginner: Thursday 5:30pm-6:30 pm

Beginner: Saturday 8:30pm-9:30 pm  
9:30pm-10:30 pm

**\*Private lessons also available daily and nightly\***

**For group programs and events: Reservations are required, as space is limited.**