

"WHOLE LOTTA POOPIN' GOIN' ON"

For sanitary reasons, each dog owner, walker or custodian is required to immediately "Scoop-the-Poop" deposited by the animal on public or private property and properly dispose of the fecal matter. Failure to do so may result in a violation.



TREE CUTTING ADVISORY

Residents are reminded that all tree cuttings must be removed by the person, landscaper or contractor providing the service. The Town is not responsible for removal of this material. Failure to remove your tree cuttings promptly, may result in a citation.



Town of Surfside Website Update Remember to check out the new and continuously improving Town of Surfside website at www.town.surfside.fl.us. Future design features will include pertinent department phone numbers, meeting notification and minutes, agendas, recreation class updates, Town events and archival newsletters. Eventually, request forms for Building Permits and Public Records will also be available for downloading.

COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2004 AT 8:00 PM

TOWN COMMISSION

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Season's Greetings

FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Surfsiders,

I am pleased to report that during this season of celebration there will be a number of exciting activities being held in the Community Center for residents of all ages. Please check the Town's Website at www.town.surfside.fl.us for further details.

By now you may be aware that plans are being made to renovate and modernize our 40-year-old Community Center. The building, while structurally sound, is in need of a complete electrical, HVAC, and plumbing makeover. Additionally, the original building was designed for a far different demographic and set of activities. However, it is no longer suitable for the events and programs required to accommodate and reflect our Town's more diverse resident profile. A public workshop has been scheduled to discuss the proposed renovations. Once a design has been approved, the general schematics will be available for viewing on our website.

The Community Center is not the only Town facility that is in need of renovation. Your current Commission will be studying several required engineering projects that will need to be scheduled over the next few years.

The water and sewer systems are also in need of improvement. Age, and the penetration of plant roots have caused cracks in our sewer system. These factors, combined with our naturally high water table, have resulted in an infiltration of salt water. Investments will have to be made to restore the integrity of the system.

Similarly, our potable water system's infrastructure is aging and in need of replacement. Surfside was originally platted with the water utilities, in most cases, located in the rear yard easement of the lots. New side-bore technologies look promising due to their less invasive, less expensive nature, and they allow for a relatively non-disruptive replacement of the system.

These water & sewer issues have a direct impact on the mandate given to the Town by the EPA in the mid-90's. This mandate requires us to cease directing rain water and all accompanying effluent (yard and animal waste, fertilizers and chemicals etc.) into Biscayne Bay by altering the pattern of our storm water drainage system. The Town must present a reasonable abatement plan to the EPA and DERM by the year 2010.

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A Public Workshop is scheduled to discuss the Community Center/Library renovations on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Commission Chambers, 9293 Harding Avenue. Please make every effort to attend this important Workshop.

IN MEMORIAM

The Employees and Town of Surfside mourn the recent passing of Harold Gardner, Executive Director of the Surfside Tourist Bureau, and well-known figure in the South Florida communications industry. His career highlights include positions as journalist, war correspondent, business owner, movie producer, Vice-President of Public Relations for the Fontainebleau Hotel, and Executive Director of the Miami Beach Convention Authority.

When Harold joined the Town of Surfside in 1996 his vast experience was invaluable to the Surfside Tourist Bureau. His commitment to

excellence and to our community was inspiring, as he raised the Town's national and international profile, and established the popular Surfside Concert Series. He enjoyed an enviable, and successful, twenty-nine year marital & career partnership with his wife Ruth, whose talented marketing skills complimented his public relations expertise.

His kind & generous spirit left an indelible mark on our Town. He was our colleague and our friend. He will be sorely missed.



*Town of Surfside Tourist Bureau Director,
the late Harold (Harry) Gardner*

SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Town Manager reported that the Town's web site is in the process of being updated. He explained that in the near future, the Town's residents will be able to see the past Newsletters, agendas, and the minutes of the meetings.

The Town Manager reported that the Administration is exploring different options to record the Commission meetings digitally. Obtaining a digital recorder, will allow for a more efficient way to prepare the minutes, and duplicate the recorded meetings.

The Town Manager further reported that the Town is in the process of upgrading the Operating System 400. The funds to purchase the new server were allocated and approved by the Commission during Budget hearings for F/Y 2004-2005. The purchase of the server will allow for the upgrade of the current software and will also lay the ground work for additional technology, such as networking and paying bills on-line. Total cost of the server, training, installation, and additional program is \$50,050. The Town Manager explained that we are piggy-backing on the state contract to make

this purchase and requested that the bids be waved. Commissioner Levine made a motion to wave the bids to purchase the new OS400 server and to expend the amount of \$50,050, and Commissioner Coto seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call, the motion carried unanimously by those present.

The Town Manager directed the attention of the Commission to a resolution to purchase two new bicycles, in the amount of \$3,522 to be funded by the Police Confiscation Fund. The Police Department will be implementing bike patrol in the downtown area during the holiday season.

The Town Manager reported that for the first time, the Recreation Department will offer a Winter Camp. Tim Milian, the Recreation Superintendent, reported that two sessions are scheduled to be held during the winter break: December 20-23 and December 27-30. The program will include gymnastics, arts and crafts, dance and various sports activities. The hours of camp are 8:30AM to 5:00PM. More information will be posted on the Town's web site and all individuals who attended summer

camp will receive a flyer with the information about the scheduled camp program. The registration fee per session is \$125.00 or \$200.00 for both sessions, for Town Residents. For non-residents, the fee per session is \$175.00 or \$300.00 for both sessions. Mr. Milian further explained that the camp will be accepting a maximum of 30 children.

The Town Manager reported that the staff began to process and analyze the needs of the Community Center. The engineers and architects have been working on their recommendations. They met with staff and had an initial meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee. The next step is to hold another meeting with the Committee and hold a public workshop.

1. The Town Commission passed a resolution providing for the fiscal year 2004/2005 Police Confiscation fund expenditure in the amount of \$3,522.00 to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds - State of Florida. VOTE: UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS

Following last month's focus on holiday safety, the Surfside Police Department would again like to remind our residents to be safety-conscious during this festive season and are suggesting additional safety precautions we can incorporate into our daily activities.

- Do not leave any valuables inside your vehicle where they can be seen. If possible take them with you or secure them in your trunk.
- When you go holiday shopping in the evening, park in well-lit areas and remember where you left your vehicle.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people next to you in crowded places, like shopping malls. Most distraction thefts occur in this environment. Your attention is diverted by an event and your purse or wallet is picked.
- If you encounter any suspicious activity or people that seem suspicious or out of place, report it to the Police Department at 305-861-4862.

CODE COMPLIANCE TIPS

As a safety reminder to our residents, please note that all commercial & residential properties are required to have their address displayed on the front entrance of the building. These numbers must be clearly visible from the street.

All properties in the business district are to have their street numbers displayed and clearly visible from the rear of the property.

By following this ordinance, you will assist police, fire, and other rescue personnel in locating your property during an emergency.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call the Town Hall at (305) 861-4863.



ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL REMINDER



In our efforts to ensure harmonious co-existence, residents are asked to be mindful of the needs of people & animals in the Town of Surfside.

Each household is allowed to keep a maximum of two domestic pets, such as cats or dogs, on its property. The maintenance of horses, poultry, farm animals or non-domestic pets is prohibited. The feeding of stray cats, causing them to congregate in number, is also a violation.

Animals are not permitted to run at large. All dogs must be securely leashed when off their owners' property.

All dogs over the age of four months are required to wear a sturdy collar and must have a license tag securely attached.

Barking, yelping, or howling dogs, which disturb the peace, are prohibited. It is the animal owners' responsibility to control their pets' behavior.

Dogs, leashed or unleashed, muzzled or unmuzzled, are not permitted to enter any food stores, nor are they permitted on any public beach. Exceptions to this are guide or service animals, specially trained for this purpose.



NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2004
9:00 PM – 1:00 AM
SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER**

EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURFSIDE RESIDENTS AND SURFSIDE HOTEL GUESTS

**FAVORS – REFRESHMENTS - MUSIC
DANCING – CHAMPAGNE – FIREWORKS – SPECIAL CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

ADMISSION BY ADVANCE TICKET ONLY. NO TICKETS AT DOOR. NO GENERAL ADMISSION.

SURFSIDE RESIDENTS CAN PICK UP FREE ADVANCE TICKETS, WITH IDENTIFICATION, FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE FROM DECEMBER 2-16, FROM 1-5:00 PM. – LIMIT FOUR TICKETS, WITH AN OPTION OF PURCHASING TWO ADDITIONAL TICKETS AT \$15.00 EACH.

TOURISTS MUST BE REGISTERED AT A SURFSIDE RESORT AND CAN OBTAIN FREE ADVANCE TICKETS FROM THEIR INDIVIDUAL HOTELS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL (305) 864-0722

No admission to beach because of fireworks display



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In order for us to properly respond and exceed the recreational and cultural demands of our changing population, and in order for us to accomplish the public works projects necessary to meet the EPA deadline, we must take action now. Through careful planning and budgeting we shall successfully complete these vital community endeavors. As we progress, we will continue to keep you informed.

I, Vice Mayor MacBride and Commissioners Coto,

Jimenez and Levine wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season. We extend our special thanks to Dorie Lurie and Harvey Lisker for the wonderful work they do on behalf of the Town employees. And, we thank all of the Town residents who proudly join us in our tireless efforts to ensure that Surfside continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

**Tim Will
Your Mayor surfside@bellsouth.net**

Surf-Bal-Bay Library:

Please note that the Library will be closed the following dates:

December 25, 2004 Christmas Day
January 1, 2005 New Year's Day
January 17, 2005 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Story Time at the Surf-Bal-Bay Library
Ages 4 & under welcome (parents and grand-parents too)
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am
For more information call 305-861-4317 or 305-868-4082

For your reading pleasure...New books at the Library:
The Plot Against America by Philip Roth
Echoes by Danielle Steele
How to Talk to a Liberal if You Must by Anne Coulter
Night Fall by Nelson DeMille

Holiday Garbage Pick-up Schedule:

Christmas Day Saturday, December 25, 2004 No pick-up
New Year's Day Saturday, January 1, 2005 Regular Pick-Up

Surfside Tennis Center:

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Monday Adult Beginner Group Class 7:30-8:30pm
Wednesday Adult Intermediate Group Class 7:30-8:30pm
Thursday (Begins Nov. 4) Adult Competition 8:00-9:30pm
Saturday Tiny Tot Group Class 8:30-9:30am
Jr. Group Class (6-8years) 10:00-11:00am
Sunday (Begins Nov 7) Adult Competition (Intermediate) 10:00-12pm

Note of Thanks! A great time was had by all the children and adults who attended our Halloween Party and Dance. The Recreation Department thanks our Halloween costume judges: Dorie Lurie, Harvey Lisker, Rita Lebowitz, and John Canali.

Vice-Mayor Frank MacBride congratulates William & Ana Roberts, Laura F Lambert, and Al & Linda Berni, this year's respective 1st, 2nd and 3rd place BOO BUS House Decoration Award winners. They will be presented with a plaque at the next Commission Meeting on Tuesday, December 14th at 8:00 p.m., in recognition of their community spirit. Thanks to the members of the Parks & Recreation Committee, Commissioner Orestes Jimenez, Captain Guy Martin, Lieutenant Shawn O'Reilly, our Surfside Police Officers, Recreation Director, Adele Weisberg, Recreation Superintendent, Tim Milian and the Recreation staff for organizing a safe and outstanding Halloween.



RECREATION NEWS

Santa Comes to Town

Santa will arrive on Saturday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m. Entertainment! Refreshments! Gift from Santa! Door Prizes! Children All Ages Welcome.



Ping Pong Tournament (FREE)

Come join the fun and play in a ping pong round robin tournament. Sunday, December 12th, from 1-3pm in the Surfside Community Center Game Room. All Ages Welcome!

Recreation Department December Programs

Kids Classes:

Gymnastics: Come join our gymnastics program taught by certified instructors. Through praise, encouragement and skillful attention, your child will be taught the sport of gymnastics. Session 3 starts in January. Registration will begin December 13th. Ages: 3-5 & Ages 6-10

Acrobatics and Tumbling: Boys and girls 10 and up are invited to join our tumbling and acrobatics class taught by certified instructors. Learn the basics of both tumbling and acrobatics. Session 3 starts in January. Registration will begin December 13th. Ages 10 & up.

Arts & Crafts: \$40 per child 8 weeks = 8 classes Join the fun with this instructional Arts & Crafts program for kids. Children will learn how to create fun filled project of all types. Classes taught by certified teachers.

Saturday (Session 2) Oct 23-Dec 11
Ages: 3-5 9:30-10:30 am
Ages: 6-up 10:45-11:45 am
Tuesdays (Session 1)
Oct 26-Dec 14 4:00-5:00 pm Ages: 4-8

Adult Classes:

Yoga: \$40 per person 8 weeks =8 classes Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefits your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition. Mondays (Session 2) Nov 29- Jan 17 7:00-8:00pm

Pilates: \$40 per person 8 weeks = 8 classes Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) helps reshape the body by creating long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility.

Tuesday (Session 2) Oct 26- Dec 14 7:00-8:00pm
Wednesday (Session 2) Dec 1- Jan 19 7:00-8:00 pm

Adult Education Classes:

Yoga
Tuesday 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Ages Adults

Thursday 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Ages 55 & over

Water Aerobics
Wednesday 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Ages Adults

*Conversational Spanish 1
Wednesday Noon - 1:30 pm
Ages Adults

*Conversational Spanish 2&3
Wednesday 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Ages Adults

Oil Painting/Drawing
Thursday 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Ages Adults
Thursday 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Ages 55 and over

Current Events/
Adult Life Stages
Thursday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Ages 55 and over

* All adult education classes are free, except Spanish classes. The fees for Spanish classes are \$48.00 per class.

For more information on any of our programs, please call Adele Weisberg, Recreation Director, or Tim Milian, Recreation Superintendent at 305-866-3635.

SURFWATCH UPDATE

Crime Prevention Workshop:

The next Town of Surfside Crime Prevention Workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. The 45 minute workshop will be held at the Surfside Municipal Building, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Complimentary coffee and refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will focus on increas-

ing our holiday safety habits during this season of frequent celebration. Topics will include drunk driving awareness, towing and cab options, street safety for pedestrians and drivers, the availability of free gun locks and safe fireworks handling.

For more information on available SurfWatch programs, or for a free residential and commercial survey, please contact Lieutenant John

Madden or Lieutenant Shawn P. O'Reilly at 305-861-4862. Our e-mail address is: Surfside pd@the-beach.net Please visit our website at: www.town.surfside.fl.us



TOWN OF SURFSIDE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Surfside Winter Camp

Gymnastics, Hip Hop Dance, Sports, Field Trips, Arts and Crafts.

This camp is filled with lots of fun. The campers will have gymnastics and dance classes everyday. As an added bonus certain days they will also go to the pool, play sports and be creative with arts and crafts.



Camp Dates

Session 1- Dec 20-23

Session 2- Dec 27-30

Ages 6-12

Camp will take place Monday thru Thursday from 8:30-5:00pm

Camp will be located at
Surfside Community Center
9301 Collins Avenue



Cost

Surfside Residents \$125 per session
(Must bring proof of residency) \$200 for both session

Non-residents \$175 per session
\$300 for both session

Space is limited.

Register at the Surfside Community Center from 9-4:30pm.

Registration for Surfside Residents starts Nov.15

Registration for Non-residents starts Nov 29.

Note: There will be an additional fee for field trips.

For more information please call 305-866-3635

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