



Surfside Town Gazette

November 2008



Mayor's View

*Dear Friends
and Neighbors,*

Hopefully, by the time you get this edition of the Gazette, it will be just days to our big election. Nationally, there are some significant choices to be made, as well as some important local ones too!

All of you know I've been very concerned and warning everyone about a serious downturn for quite a while. Why? Not because I want to take credit for being right, but rather to make sure that our steps forward are reasonable, sensible and good for us. I will go further and continue with a prediction that recent attempts at solving the mess will for the most part go nowhere except to maybe prolong the pain. Having said that, I expect a moderate to severe financial constriction in government revenues at all levels, for the State, County and the Town. Currently we're poised financially to weather the storm reasonably well with about a year's worth of revenue in our savings account. I like our position. As for the County—they're different—and looking for money anywhere they can find it which leads me to my thoughts on the 1st ballot issue.

**NOVEMBER
COMMISSION
MEETING**
*is re-scheduled to
Mon., Nov. 10th
at 7:00 p.m. in
Commission Chambers*

THE SWITCH TO MIAMI BEACH

FIRE: I've been working on this since nearly the time I was first elected. The County Commission and the County Fire Union have been working to stop Surfside from opting out of using the County fire services since about the same time. It's gotten pretty messy, but in spite of all their tactics to kill the move, it continues to prevail. While all your elected officials voted to switch to Miami Beach, at this time 4 out of 5 of your elected officials support the switch and only one of your Commissioners has had a change of heart on the issue. The reason for this change comes from a fear of a lawsuit from the County and the County's intention to build a fire station in a nearby municipality.

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These concerns still come nowhere near overcoming the financial windfall that Surfside would experience with extra Millions—each year—and with no drop in our regular service or safety level. I'd like to address the lawsuit part. A) I hate lawsuits and have settled all of Surfside's, B) We're not yet being sued and C) I think that the chance to add millions to our budget and fund our projects without a penny tax increase even possibly decreasing property taxes further, is an investment that would pay huge dividends, now more than ever! **My vote: Yes.**

Just as this newsletter is going to print, I've received notice from our Police Department and from mom's who were attending a party at our tot lot on Sunday, October 19th, that a 31-year-old female from their group passed out. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue was called and according to Police and witness reports, Miami-Dade Fire took up to 35 minutes to respond. Following their arrival, the 31-year-old female was transported to the hospital.

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



**Commissioner
Elizabeth
Calderon**

There will be four (4) Surfside issues on the November ballot. I will address each one giving my opinion and recommendation. Two of the ballot issues address a change in how Surfside votes for your elected officials.

First, the ballot issue labeled General and Special Elections of Commission Members proposes to change the method of grouping the commissioners into Seats 1-4 instead, all candidates will run collectively, not against each other and the top four vote-getters will

be the new commissioners. My recommendation is to vote FOR this ballot measure because it should remove the intense competition between individuals and focus the candidates on the issues. Additionally, it will force all incumbents to run for the office again in every election.

Second, Presiding Officers proposes to make the highest vote-getter the Vice Mayor instead of having the Mayor appoint the Vice Mayor. My recommendation is to vote FOR this ballot measure because then, you, the voter get to choose the Vice Mayor. If you prefer to have the Commission elect the Vice Mayor, then you would want to vote NO.

Third, Withdrawal from the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue District proposes to allow Surfside to opt-out of Miami-Dade and

choose a less expensive alternative to provide these services. My recommendation is to vote FOR this measure because we deserve a choice in who provides services and have a chance to lower our fees.

Fourth, General Obligation Bonds, Community Center Complex Project proposes a bond as a method of finance for our new community center with a not-to-exceed aggregate amount at a very reasonable interest rate of 5.5%. My recommendation is to vote FOR this bond measure. Contrary to what you may have heard, this bond measure will not cost each taxpayer more than .8491mil per year, a very reasonable sum for a fabulous community center.

Mayor's View

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THE COMMUNITY CENTER:

I've been severely criticized by some regarding my stand on the center. They're unhappy because I have not been a cheerleader for the effort as you may have noticed. Quite frankly and as I've said and voted for in the past, my recommendation was to have had the straw ballot on the Community Center. Currently, I am quite content to let the voters decide how they wish to proceed and will enthusiastically move forward with whatever they decide on November 4th.

Lastly, and sadly, on the subject, the Commission could have had my recommended "other choice" on the ballot regarding the pool and a scaled down facility that we could have paid for with a small part of our savings. I for one would have liked to have provided more options.

NEW WAY TO ELECT COMMISSIONERS:

Under this proposal Surfside will still have the choice of whom they want for Mayor in a private race, but for Commissioners, here's what's been proposed. Simply, for the remaining four Commission seats everyone runs. Surfside gets to pick the four

they like the best and the highest four vote getters are in - that simple. This does a few things; it eliminates the situation where you might have two candidates you like, but they happen to be running for the same seat and against each other - you're then forced to pick one. It also makes it easier for new faces to win and it forces candidates to mostly extol their virtues rather than attack their opponent.

My vote: Yes

Please be sure to voice your opinion at the ballot box!

*All the best,
Charlie*



The Surfside Book Club is set to meet on November 18th at 7:00 p.m.

The book selection is

"The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson.

Join other Surfside readers for fun and lively discussion.

Please be sure to confirm date, time, and place by contacting Kim at:

kimjo614@the-beach.net



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BALLOT INITIATIVES



- 1) Shall the Town of Surfside opt out of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue District and re-establish its own Fire Department by contracting with the City of Miami Beach which will provide the fire and rescue services?

The Town of Surfside receives its fire and emergency rescue service from the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue District. The cost of the service is included in the annual millage levied on Town properties.

In March 2007, the City of Miami Beach presented a proposal to provide a similar level of service to the Town of Surfside at a cost substantially less than the County currently levies for the service. It is estimated that the cost savings could be at least \$1,400,000 for the Town, annually. If Miami Beach Fire Rescue were to provide this service it would require a contractual relationship with Miami Beach which has yet to be negotiated. Further, no decision has been made to do this and currently, there has been no written offer, binding or otherwise, from Miami Beach to provide the service. In the interim, however, the Town is asking Surfside citizens to decide whether they wish to exercise the right to "opt-out" of the Miami-Dade Fire District in order to continue to explore other service options. It should be noted, however, that the County will also contain a question on the ballot which will prohibit all cities, except those with existing municipal fire departments, from ever having this option again.

- 2) The Town Charter currently provides for the Mayor and

Commission to be elected from groups. It is proposed that except for the Mayor, who shall continue to run from a separate group, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall become Vice-Mayor and that the remaining three highest vote getters become Commissioners. Shall the above-described amendment be adopted?

Presently, the Town elects its officials from groups or seats. This requires a potential candidate to select a seat from which to run. This also enables the candidate to select his or her opponent (s) based upon the seat the candidate chooses. This approach does not favor smaller towns because they typically do not have geographical distinctions or other reasons to have districts or "seats."

The ballot proposal, if approved, would return to an earlier method of election which eliminates seats or districts and enables all candidates to run as a group. This method would result in the highest vote-getter becoming Vice-Mayor and the remaining three highest vote-getters would secure a place on the Commission. The exception to this would be the candidates for Mayor who would continue to run for a separate mayoral seat.

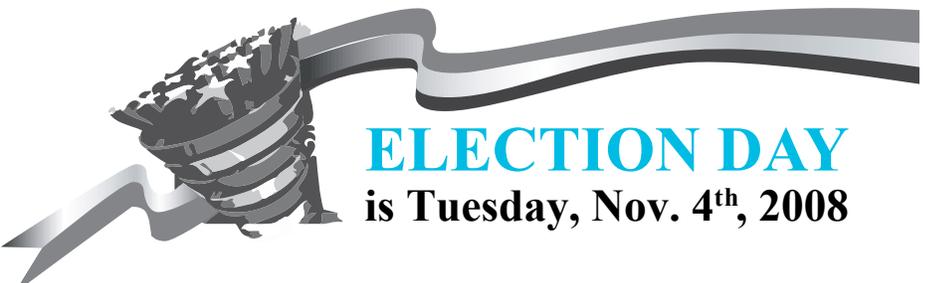
- 3) It is being proposed that if the Town elects its Commission from those who receive the highest number of votes and in the event of a tie between two or more commissioners for the fifth commission seat, a runoff election will be held on the first Tuesday in April following the

regular March election. Shall the above-described amendment be adopted?

If the question referring to the presiding officers above passes, and in the unlikely but possible event that two or more commissioners who receive the highest number of votes tie for the fifth commission seat, then the Town will hold a runoff election on the first Tuesday in April to determine who will be elected to the Commission seat.

- 4) Shall the Town of Surfside, Florida issue bonds to finance or refinance the construction of a new community center complex, in one or more series not exceeding in the aggregate \$16,500,000, bearing interest rates not exceeding the maximum legal rate, maturing not to exceed 30 years from issuance of each series, pledging the Town's full faith and credit and ad valorem tax revenues?

This question asks Surfside voters if they are willing to finance the construction of a new community center complex by issuing bonds, or indebtedness to, in an amount not to exceed \$16,500,000. If this initiative passes the Town agrees to issue debt that could be repaid over a period of up to 30 years for this purpose only. Further, it obligates the Town to pledge its ad valorem tax revenues (property tax) to repay the debt (including interest) for the duration of the debt issuance. A homesteaded property with an assessed value of \$250,000 would pay approximately \$169.81 per year.



— SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS —

At the Commission Meeting held on October 14, 2008 the following Ordinances were passed and adopted:

1. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending the Town Code by creating Chapter 4 “Liens for Town Services” to provide for placement, enforcement and collection of liens against properties by the Town of Surfside for delinquent payment for Town Services, including Solid Waste, Water, Sewer and Stormwater utility service; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS.**
2. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Section 66-35, “Schedule of Fees” of the Code of Ordinances to establish new rates for solid waste removal which shall be effective beginning Fiscal Year 2009; providing for severability; providing for an effective date of October 1, 2008. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS** (Subsequent to the vote, the Mayor expressed opposition to passage of the Ordinance).
3. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Section 66-36, “Recycling” of the Code of Ordinances to establish new rates for solid waste recycling which shall be effective beginning Fiscal Year 2009; providing for severability; providing for an effective date of October 1, 2008. **VOTE: 4-1** (Mayor Burkett dissenting).
4. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida, establishing new monthly minimum service charges for water supply service which shall be effective beginning Fiscal Year 2009; providing for severability; providing for an effective date of September 25, 2008. **VOTE: 4-1** (Mayor Burkett dissenting).

5. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Section 78-56, “Monthly Sewer Service Charge” of the Code of Ordinances to establish new rates for sewer service which shall be effective beginning Fiscal Year 2009; providing for severability; providing for an effective date of November 10, 2008. **VOTE: 4-1** (Mayor Burkett dissenting).

The following Ordinances were adopted unanimously on First Reading. Second Reading will be held on November 10, 2008:

6. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending the “Table of Uses” in Section 90.41.3 to create a new zoning district entitled “Community Facilities;” amending various sections of the Code of Ordinances including, but not limited to, Section 90.43 entitled “Maximum Building Heights;” Section 90.45.1 entitled “Required Setbacks–Tables;” Section 90.48.1 concerning modification of side and rear yard regulations, Section 90.49 entitled “Lot Standards;” to provide for regulations and performance standards for uses in the CF zoning district; providing for adoption; providing for severability; providing for repeal of conflicts; providing for inclusion in the Code of Ordinances; and providing for an effective date.
7. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending its official Zoning Map to rezone the property for the Town of Surfside’s proposed community center complex located on 1) property located at 9301 Collins Avenue, Surfside, Florida, legally described as lot 1, block 1 of “Surfside Center,” according to the plat thereof, as recorded in plat book 70, page 31, together with lot a, lying at the foot of 93rd Street formerly known as

Rose Street, facing on the Atlantic ocean as shown on “Altos del Mar No. 5,” according to the plat thereof, as recorded in plat book 8, page 92, all of the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, from public recreational to community facilities; and 2) property located at 9281 Collins Avenue, Surfside, Florida, legally described as lot 11, block 1 “Altos del Mar No. 5,” according to the plat thereof, as recorded in plat book 8, at page 92 of the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, from MU and H120 to CF, said properties both lying in Section 35, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Town of Surfside, Miami-Dade County, Florida, and containing a total net area of 80,326 square feet (1.844 acres, more or less); providing for adoption; providing for severability; providing for repeal of conflicts; providing for inclusion in the official Zoning Map and Code; and providing for an effective date.

8. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Map designation for the Town of Surfside’s proposed community center complex located on 1) property located at 9301 Collins Avenue, Surfside, Florida, legally described as lot 1, block 1 of “Surfside Center,” according to the plat thereof, as recorded in plat book 70, page 31, together with lot a, lying at the foot of 93rd Street, formerly known as Rose Street, facing on the Atlantic ocean as shown on “Altos del Mar No. 5,” according to the plat thereof, in plat book 8, page 92, all of the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, from public recreational to community facilities; and 2) property located at 9281 Collins Avenue, Surfside, Florida, legally described as lot 11, block 1 “Altos del Mar No. 5,” according to the plat thereof, as recorded in plat book 8, at page 92 of the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, from high density

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dina Goldstein, Named Civilian of the Month

The Police Department recognized Dina Goldstein, Operations Assistant for the Criminal Investigations Unit, at the Commission meeting held on October 14, 2008. Dina has a bachelor's degree in criminology. She is also a resident of Surfside and a graduate of the Surfside Citizens Police Academy.

Dina's duties are many and varied. She reviews reports, enters them into the Case Management System for follow-up, and conducts criminal intelligence checks for the detectives. Dina produces weekly, monthly and annual patrol and crime statistical reports. She creates law enforcement criminal intelligence flyers for external distribution and serves as a liaison to other agency crime analysts. She is also responsible for inputting all traffic and parking citations into the Records Management System and administers the business parking permit program.



From (L-R) Police Chief, Dave Allen, Honoree, Dina Goldstein, Mayor, Charles Burkett, Assistant Police Chief, John Di Censo.

Amidst these many activities, Dina found time to establish a photo arrestee library.

Although Dina has only worked at the Police Department for six months, she has quickly become a valuable and dependable civilian member of the Criminal Investigations Unit. Dina's greatest qualities are her positive attitude, her willingness to help others, and her readiness to take on additional responsibilities. For these reasons Police Chief, Dave Allen highly recommended Dina Goldstein for the Civilian of the Month honor.

Surfside Police Crime Statistics Monthly Activity by Classification

Classification	Aug	Sep	+/-
Homicide	0	0	0
Involuntary Sexual Battery	0	0	0
Lewd / lascivious	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault-Battery	1	0	-1
Burglary Structure	1	1	0
Burglary Conveyance	5	2	-3
Grand Theft	2	3	1
Fraud	1	3	2
Robbery	0	0	0
Grand Theft Auto	0	2	2
Total Part One Crimes	10	11	1
Battery Simple	5	4	-1
Domestic Violence	0	1	1
Theft Under	0	2	2
Criminal Mischief	1	1	0
Driving Under Influence	7	9	2
Total Part Two Crimes	13	17	4
Traffic Citations	471	555	84
Arrests	39	27	-12
Parking Citations	504	508	4



Moonlight MADDness



The Surf-Bal-Bay Police Departments partnered with Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) for a mini-walk and beach BBQ to raise funds for the MADD organization. Participants used glow sticks to light up the sky to spell out the acronym, MADD. Over 1,000 people attended the evening event which featured a delicious dinner, fireworks and great music.

Commission Highlights

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residential to community facilities, said properties both lying in Section 35, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Town of Surfside, Miami-Dade County, Florida, and containing a total net area of 80,326 square feet (1.844 acres, more or less); providing for adoption; providing for severability; providing for repeal

of conflicts; providing for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan; and providing for an effective date.

The following Resolutions were approved:

9. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida authorizing the Town to accept a vacated right-

of-way parcel from the Florida Department of Transportation for use in connection with the Community Center; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS.**

10. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida approving an extension of
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Due to November 11th closing, Storytime will be held on Tues., November 18, from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m.

The library is closed Tuesday mornings, so please knock on the door for admittance.

Storytime is open to children age 4 and under.



FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE...

Adult's Books

Fiction:

- **The Lucky One**
by Nicholas Sparks
- **The Other Queen**
by Philippa Gregory
- **Hot Mahogany: A Stone Barrington Novel**
by Stuart Woods
- **Heat Lightning**
by John Sandford
- **Tsar: A Thriller** by Ted Bell

Non-Fiction:

- **Easygoing Guide to Natural Florida** by Douglas Waitley

DVDs

- **Dora Saves the Snow Princess**
- **You're Not Elected, Charlie Brown**
- **Nickelodeon Back at the Barnyard When No One's Looking**
- **Then She Found Me (R)**
- **The Scorpion King 2 (PG-13)**
- **National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets (PG)**

The Surfside Library will be CLOSED on: Veterans' Day (Nov. 11) and on Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 27- Nov. 30)

Children's Books

Fiction:

- **The Boy Who Was Raised by Librarians** by Carla Morris (easy reader)
- **The Perfect Thanksgiving** by Eileen Spinelli (easy reader)

Non-Fiction:

- **Thanksgiving: Why We Celebrate It The Way We Do** by Martin Hintz & Kate Hintz
- **Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving** by Laurie Halse Anderson
- **Twentieth-Century Immigration to the United States** by Stuart A. Kallen
- **Mechaforce: Draw futuristic robots that fly, fight, battle & brawl** by E. J. Su

Commission Highlights

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time for the issuance of a building permit with regard to Resolution 2007-1756 approving an application submitted by 9501 Collins Avenue, LLC ("applicant"), property owner(s) of the property located at 9501

Collins Avenue, legally described as lot 1, block 2, subdivision Altos del Mar No. 6, folio #14.2235.007.0110, for a variance from the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 155 of the Town Code for a lot width of 55 feet, which is a variance of 45 feet, where a minimum lot width of 100 feet is

required and a south side corner yard setback of 10 feet, which is a variance of 10 feet where a minimum south side corner yard setback of 20 feet is required, subject to certain conditions; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS.**

In Other Commission Matters...

Ms. Dina Goldstein was recognized as Civilian of the Month for September 2008.

Mr. Pedro Bas, Division Chief in Operations for Miami Dade County Fire Rescue Service made a presentation regarding Fire Services Delivery.

Community Center Architects, Spillis, Candela, gave a presentation on the status of the Community Center.

Calvin Giordano & Associates (CGA) made a presentation regarding the status of various projects in Town.

The Town Commission approved an agreement with Atlantic Seawall & Dock Company to restore the Beach Walking Path and Access Road.

Also approved was a Work Authorization for CGA to begin the work on the EAR based text amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

The purchase of four Chevrolet Impala Vehicles for the Police Department and one Sport Utility Vehicle Hybrid for the Recreation Department was approved. The vehicles will be purchased from the State of Florida Sheriffs' Association Bid Contract.

“ST” by Ester Hundiashvili...

has opened its doors at 9515 Harding Avenue. This fashionable shop offers women’s wear and accessories and gifts to suit any age. Owner Ester, born in Russia, grew up in Israel and has been in the fashion industry for the last 27 years. Ester’s designs are influenced by her Russian grandmother

Sara, who owned an atelier in Georgia. As a child, Ester was often present as Sara would create her one-of-a-kind ensembles. She has worked in many trendy boutiques as a manager, buyer, merchandiser and personal shopper in Tel Aviv, New York and Miami. Ester has found Surfside the ideal place to open up her business; it has great neighborhoods, boutique shops, and an international clientele. Everyone is invited to stop by this exciting new



addition to the commercial district. Please feel free to call Ester at (305) 868-0533 to schedule an appointment for a private design consultation.

TOURIST BUREAU

Surfside Farmers Market Arrives!

Go Green! Go Local!

Locally grown organic and conventional produce including a broad variety of lettuces, herbs and vegetables will be the centerpiece of the new Surfside Farmers Market which begins Sunday, November 16, and runs through April, 2009. Much of the produce will be coming from a 400 acre farm near Clewiston.

Other delicious products to be found at the marketplace are local honey, fresh



baked breads and pastries, mozzarella, ricotta and barata along with Italian olive oil and other specialties, hummus, ceviche, orchids, cut flowers, plants, handmade soaps and much more. There will be a selection of handmade crafts.

The Farmers Market will be open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and located in the NW parking lot at Collins Avenue & 95th Street. Customer parking is available across the street in the south 95th Street lot and in the Abbott Avenue lot between 95th and 96th Streets.

Presented by
the Surfside Tourist Bureau:
305.864.0722
For vendor information call:
The Market Company:
305.531.0038

The Surfside Civic Association Carries on the 38 Year Tradition of the Surfside Employees' Holiday Fund

The Surfside Civic Association has formed a committee to collect for, and administer, this year's Surfside Employees' Holiday Fund. For further details, or to volunteer, please contact by phone or email:

Julia Magnani at
(305) 864-6645 or
julesba1@yahoo.com

Surfside & Bal Harbour Police... Play Ball!





Surf's Up Program:

Residents: \$100 / Non-Residents \$150 (per person = 4 classes)

Sundays November 9 – November 30

Ages: 5-8 / 9:30 am - 11:00 am Ages: 9-15 / 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



The following classes are in progress: Zumba, Pilate Yoga, and Yogalates.



include dominoes, cards, chess, Scrabble and Mah Jong. Coffee and light refreshments are served.



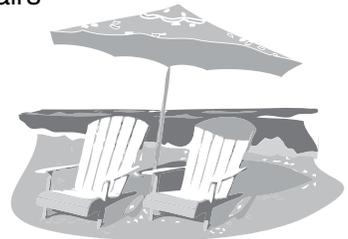
The following YOUTH programs are in progress: Youth Instructional Soccer, Gymnastics, Acrobatics & Tumbling, Hip Hop, Jazz Dance, Kidokinetics for Tots (Ages 2-4) and Kidokinetics (Ages: 3-5), Pre-School Ballet, Youth Ballet, Chess, and Arts & Crafts.

SENIOR Programs: Yoga for Active Adults—Ages: 55 and over only is in progress.

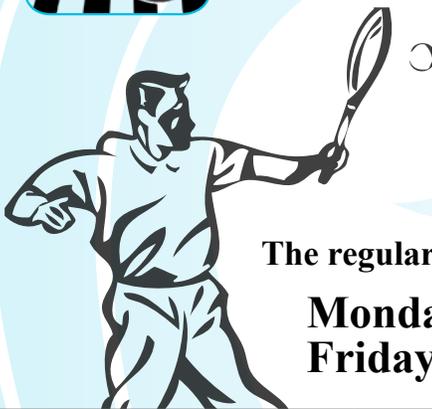


The Miami Shores Aquatic Center (10200 Biscayne Blvd., 305.795.2241) will be CLOSED on Nov. 11, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

Beach Club—November
Sunday—Saturday 9 am to 5 pm
Residents & Non-Residents
Please Note: Rental fees apply for umbrellas & chairs



Senior Social Time:
New—Bridge Group Forming!
Every Wednesday, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation modular unit behind Town Hall, seniors are invited to drop in for free activities which



Surfside Tennis Center

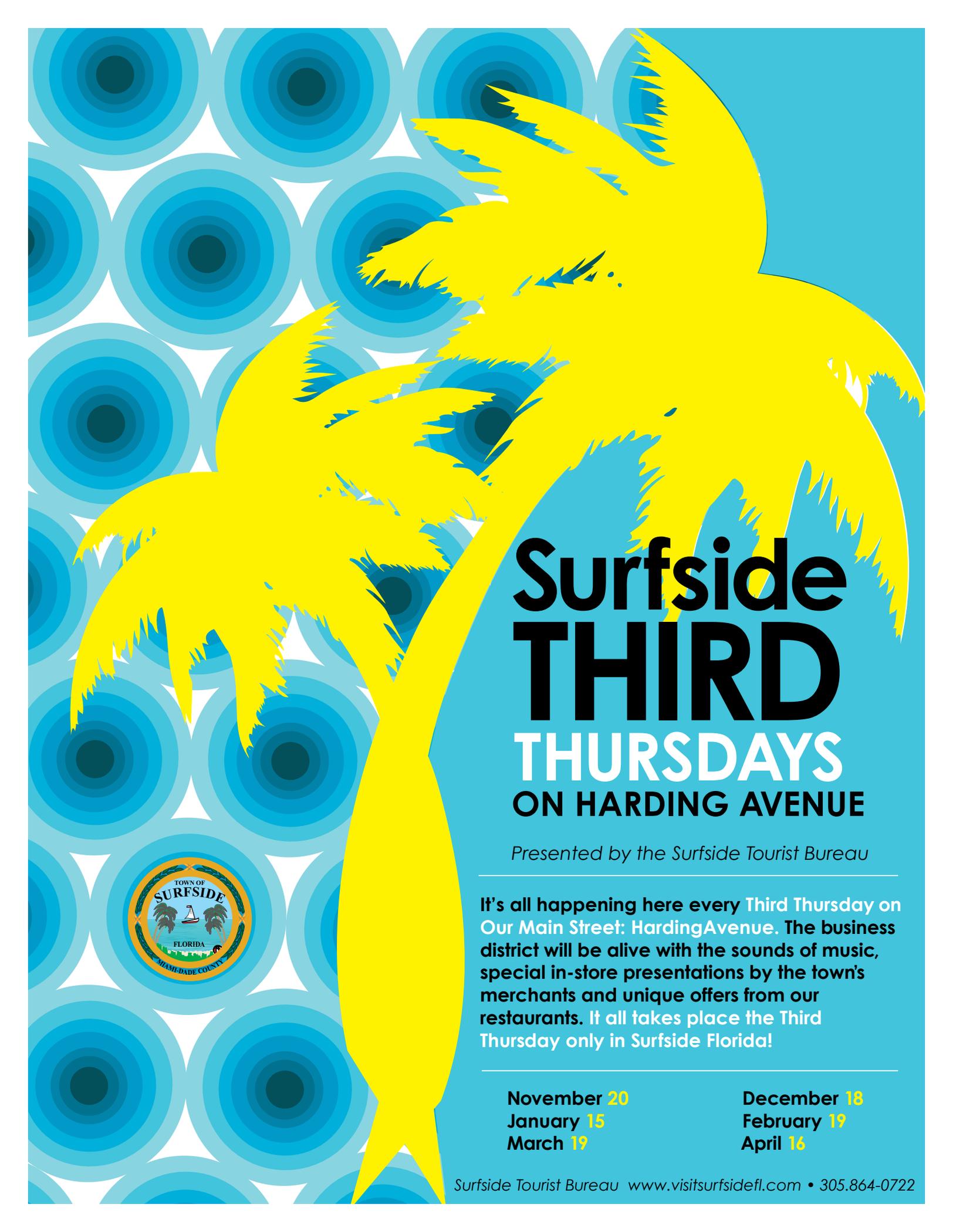
The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below:

Monday–Thursday 8:30 am to 10:00 pm
Friday–Sunday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Class Name	Age Group	Day	Hours	Fee (per person)
Meet, Greet & Play Tennis	Adult	Mondays & Thursdays	8:00 pm – 10:30 pm	Resident \$9 Non-Resident \$10
Sign Up Doubles (Reservation Required)	Adult & Juniors	Wednesdays	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Resident \$6 Non-Resident \$8
Junior Clinic	9 – 11 yrs. old	Wednesdays	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Resident \$17 Non-Resident \$19

“Let us make a tennis match for you.”

For more information, please contact the Tennis Center at (305) 866-5176.



Surfside **THIRD** THURSDAYS ON HARDING AVENUE

Presented by the Surfside Tourist Bureau

It's all happening here every Third Thursday on Our Main Street: Harding Avenue. The business district will be alive with the sounds of music, special in-store presentations by the town's merchants and unique offers from our restaurants. It all takes place the Third Thursday only in Surfside Florida!

November 20
January 15
March 19

December 18
February 19
April 16



"It Starts In Parks"



Veterans Day Ceremony

Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

**Tuesday,
November 11, 2008**

Time: 10:00 am

**For more information
contact :**

Phone: (305) 866-3635

Website:

www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony. The event will include:

- Master of Ceremonies, Mayor Charles Burkett
- Presentation of Colors
- Local Boy and Girl Scout Troops
- Guest Speakers

Light refreshments will be served.



"It Starts In Parks"

Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Fall Harvest Festival

**96th Street Park
9572 Bay Dr**

**Sunday
November 23, 2008**

**Time:
1:30 - 3:30 pm**

**Surfside
Residents Only**



The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting its' first Fall Harvest Festival. The event will include:

- Arts and Crafts
- Games
- Light Refreshments
- Rides
- Prizes
- Face Painting
- And More!

Cost:

Free of charge for Surfside Residents and their guests. Proof of residency is required. Guests must be accompanied by a town resident for admission. Hotel guests are also welcome free of charge, but must present hotel ID.

**For more
information:**

**Phone:
(305) 866-3635**

**Website:
www.townofsurfsidefl.gov**



"IT STARTS IN PARKS"

TOWN OF SURFSIDE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Winter Camp



Session I A late charge of \$5 will be assessed for every 5 minutes after scheduled closing time.	Monday December 22 8:30 am - 5:30 pm	Tuesday December 23 8:30 am - 5:30 pm	Wednesday December 24 8:30 am - 1:00 pm Please Note: Early Release	Thursday December 25 NO CAMP Please Note: NO CAMP	Friday December 26 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
	Session II A late charge of \$5 will be assessed for every 5 minutes after scheduled closing time.	Monday December 29 8:30 am - 5:30 pm	Tuesday December 30 8:30 am - 5:30 pm	Wednesday December 31 8:30 am - 1:00 pm Please Note: Early Release	Thursday January 1 NO CAMP Please Note: NO CAMP

Ages: 6 - 12

(Child must turn 6 by December 22, 2008)

**Note: There will be additional fees for field trips.
(Field Trips must be paid in CASH)**

Registration Begins:
 Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
 Friday thru Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Permanent Surfside Residents **October 20th**
 Non-Residents **November 10th**

Registration spaces are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis. Everyone must present a proof of residence such as a current water bill, lease or electric bill.

No driver licenses will be accepted as proof of residency.



Registration Fees: (Excluding Field Trips)	Resident	Non-Resident
1 Week	\$80	\$140
2 Weeks	\$120	\$200



For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at
 Phone: (305) 866-3635
 Website: www.townofsurfsidefl.gov



LIVING IN A FLOOD HAZARD AREA



LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD-

The Town of Surfside has, in the past, been somewhat lax in enforcing the FEMA rules and regulations that govern flood prevention activities and the continual, conscientious management of the flood prevention system. As a result, residents may no longer be entitled to a 10% discount in their flood insurance premiums. The Town will be making a concerted effort to follow the federal rules to a "T" in order to obtain the premium discount once again. The following information is provided to suggest actions, which residents living in a flood hazard area may take to minimize potential flood damage.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM-

Any substantial flood experienced by Surfside residents will likely come from a hurricane or tropical storm. Since Surfside is on a barrier island, any storm surge is likely to flood coastal, as well as interior properties. Because of this, you should heed all hurricane and tropical storm warnings. These warnings will be broadcast through local television and radio stations, such as WFOR-Channel 4, WTVJ-Channel 6, WSVN-Channel 7, and WPLG-Channel 10, or on radio on WQAM-AM 560 or WIOD-AM 610.

FLOOD SAFETY / PROPERTY PROTECTION-

If an evacuation is ordered, you should proceed to rapidly evacuate to a point of safety, such as a County shelter or other prearranged site. Remember that pets are not allowed in public shelters, so special arrangements should be

made for them. People with special needs, who are disabled, or under a doctor's care, can and are encouraged to register in advance, for special assistance with the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management by calling the general information number (305) 468-5400 or by dialing 311 to request an application for the Emergency Evacuation Program. Before you evacuate, there are a number of flood safety precautions to follow. Know appropriate escape routes, turn off your electricity and gas, and close all your windows, doors, and shutters. If you have time, you can move valuables and furniture to elevated areas that are less prone to water damage. Prepare emergency supplies of food, water, medicines, and other personal essentials to have readily available upon evacuation.

FLOOD INSURANCE-

In preparation for the hurricane season, you should check that your flood insurance coverage is in effect. Remember that flood damage is not covered by homeowners' normal insurance. For most people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. Protect your property by obtaining flood insurance if you have not already done so. Flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program is available and information can be obtained by contacting any licensed property or casualty broker. Also remember that there is normally a 30 day waiting period for the flood insurance to take effect, so do not wait until there is a storm warning to talk to your insurance agent.

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE-

Another way that the Town of Surfside minimizes flood damage is by maintaining its storm drainage system. Please be reminded that it is illegal to dispose debris or yard cuttings into the storm drainage system. The storm drainage system on A1A and 96th Street, installed by the State of Florida, helps to minimize flood damage. Effective maintenance by our Public Works Department, combined with

the State of Florida storm drainage system, should minimize potential flood damage.

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD MAP / PERMIT REQUIREMENTS-

Flood damage may be minimized by new buildings and additions adhering to the current Base Flood Elevations (BFE). In most cases in Surfside, it is 8.0 feet NGVD. However, it is advisable to obtain a written flood map determination from the Town's Building Official showing the Base Flood Elevation required for your proposed construction, according to the exact location. Should you require completed elevation certificates and the latest edition of the Elevation Certificate Form for your Surveyor's use, it is available at the Town Building and Zoning Department. Elevation certificates have been maintained since 1987. All construction, including reconstruction, rehabilitation, additions, alterations, and general repair work must obtain a Municipal Building Permit. Residents are encouraged to contact the Building and Zoning Department to eliminate confusion as to pertinent codes and regulations to facilitate your permit process.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS-

The "Substantial Improvement" Rule applies to all work done to an existing structure, including additions, since September 1972. If the total dollar value of this work equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of your structure (not including the value of the land), then your entire structure will be required to be raised to base flood elevation or, if it is a commercial structure, it will be required to be flood-proofed. The Federal Government requires the Town of Surfside to have an ordinance enforcing this Rule through the Building and Zoning Department. Failure by the Town of Surfside to effectively enforce the Substantial Improvement Rule may result in the virtual unavailability of flood insurance for the Town.

Further information on all of these subjects is available at the Surfside Library in the Reference Section, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida (305-865-2409). The Librarian can direct you to the Floodplain Management Section. Written flood map determinations are available through the Town of Surfside Building and Zoning Department, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida (305-861-4863).

November 2008 Calendar

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

is re-scheduled to Mon., Nov. 10th at 7:00 pm in Commission Chambers

Beautification Committee 2nd & 4th Monday
of the Month, Nov. 10 & Nov. 24 at 7:15 pm
Charter Review Committee Mon., Nov. 24
at 7:00 pm
Education Committee 1st Thursday
of the Month at 8:00 pm, Nov. 6
Green Committee 1st Wednesday of the Month
at 6:30 pm, Nov. 5
Parks & Recreation Committee..... 3rd Thursday
of the Month at 7:00 pm, Nov. 20
Planning & Zoning Board..... Due to Thanksgiving,
rescheduled for Nov. 20 at 7:00 pm
ELECTION DAY Tues., Nov. 4
BOND REFERENDUM..... Tues., Nov. 4

Veterans' Day Ceremony Tues., Nov. 11
at 10:00 am

Surfside Farmers Market begins Sun., Nov. 16,
9:00 am – 4:00 pm (will be held every Sun. thru Apr. '09)

Fall Harvest Festival Sun., Nov 23, 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Thanksgiving Day Thurs., Nov. 27

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR:

- TUES. NOV. 11 • THURS. NOV. 27 • FRI. NOV. 28**
- Town Hall & the Surfside Library will be **CLOSED**.
 - The Parks & Rec. Office, Beach Club & Lifeguard Stand will be **STAFFED** until 5:00 pm.
 - The Tennis Center will be **OPEN** for general play.
 - There will not be any regularly scheduled programming for the Recreation Dept. or Tennis Center

UPCOMING:

Surfside Winter Camp... Dec. 22, 2008 – Jan. 2, 2009
Family Fun Day Jan. 25, 2009

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. To verify the information, contact Town Hall at: (305) 861-4863, visit the Website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or tune in to Cable Channel 77.



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Tennis Courts (305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau..... (305) 864-0722
Library..... (305) 865-2409
Surfside Police Department (305) 861-4862

EMERGENCY ONLY

Fire/Police..... (305) 861-1115
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