



Surfside Town Gazette

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Happy New Year!



Mayor's View

*Dear Friends
and Neighbors,*

I, actually, we, need your help. The Community Center project has really divided our Commission from one extreme to almost the other. By that I mean, elected officials have a huge range of personal opinions on the dais from my proposal to build our pool as proposed and do a modest building with our accumulated savings, not go into debt and not raise taxes, to one proposal which essentially brings back the project that was on the last ballot and was voted down. In the middle is a fuzzy effort that will somehow re-design the last project proposed at \$16.5M to one that may drop to approximately \$12M. However, this re-design would still require a new bond to issue the debt which would be paid back with additional property taxes.

Further, Commissioners have called for more workshops and more meetings. More financial estimates and more expert presentations. More money and more time..... Enough!

At this point I want to analyze the situation, the possible outcomes and for the record, my intentions. Suffice to say as a resident, taxpayer and observer, I'm very

frustrated with the manner in which the project is being handled. As one vote on the Commission, lately one very lonely vote, I'm not optimistic that my "let's build a project we can afford" message will carry the day.

(Regarding the Community Center) "I know my colleagues mean well, but we've got to build what we can afford, not try to afford what we want to build. It's that simple."

It now seems as though the majority are intent on a somewhat reduced version of what we had in the last go around, to be paid for with a new bond issue put out to voters in the next 6 months. On the contrary, over the past months I have become much less optimistic about the overall financial picture and our residents' ability to pay more in taxes and fees which the majority has seen fit to raise significantly in most cases. My inclination now is for our Town to be in a defensive posture with respect to our finances, as I outlined last month.

**Attention Surfsiders
Your Input is Needed !!!
SPECIAL
COMMISSION MEETING
Jan. 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Commission Chambers
TOPIC:
COMMUNITY CENTER
PROJECT**

Given that, unless someone can help me understand why going deeply into debt at this moment would be a good idea, why raising taxes would be a good idea, and why re-designing a project to nearly the same scope as the one that just failed at the ballot box would be a good idea, then I'm only interested in doing what I think we can afford!

I know my colleagues mean well, but we've got to build what we can afford, not try to afford what we want to build. It's that simple.

There's more: Leaving our Town without a pool and facility to support that pool is entirely

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**Temporary Limitation
of Services at Town Hall**

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unacceptable. Some elected officials are taking the position that if we can't build it big, then we're not going to build it at all. In my opinion, that is just wrong!

I'm comfortable with my plan, but if someone's got one that is better, doable and affordable, I want to hear it.

In the meanwhile, there's also another important question that a majority of our elected officials must consider and it is this: Should we now be allocating scarce financial resources to other atypical projects while our first and most important obligation, the re-building of the Community Center, remains in limbo? The answer in my opinion is no.

I believe we must temporarily put aside one Commissioner's proposal to buy a waterfront home next to the 96th street park in order to slightly expand the field area. There are many important, unanswered questions regarding this idea. Given that the house must remain on the lot, what will the Town do with a waterfront home in a park in a residential area? What would the Town have to spend to bring the 1920's home into compliance with the building codes? What would be the use of the house? How would the Town pay for the maintenance and operation of the house? How does the Community, and how do the nearby residents, feel about this proposal? And on and on.

While there are other land acquisition ideas that have been presented, which include the potential purchase of available lots near Town Hall and on the Ocean, at this point in time I would propose the following: let's agree that replacing a Community Center that we removed be 1st on our priority list. I see its replacement as akin to our basic responsibility to maintain sidewalks, parks and the like.

On the contrary, going into the land acquisition/purchasing business is somewhat more exotic. Instead of the contortions that the majority is going through with respect to the Community Center's development, let's just agree that we've simply got to put it back and leave the other exotic questions to our voters.

Let's ask the voters if they want to own a house on the water, next to the park, thus making it larger. Let's ask them if they want the Commission to focus on adding more Oceanfront property to the Town's inventory of land. But let's stop wasting time and money and give our residents their Community Center back.

On another note, I feel compelled to share my feelings with my friends on the Commission regarding what I think was a very bad vote by the Majority. Recently, a Commissioner asked for an emergency meeting to address a request by our merchants for any help that the

Town could provide as their businesses have been suffering during this difficult time. Ironically, while there were complaints about a drop off in business, the most serious complaints centered around the majority's, mistaken in my judgment, decision to raise property taxes, garbage rates, and water bills. Merchants were outraged that in some cases these bills were almost doubled, without notice and virtually overnight!

This particular situation strikes me as what is worst about government. Why raise fees to a level that will potentially put businesses out of business and then call for an "emergency" meeting to see how government can help those businesses? It's sadly laughable, and I hope my friends who voted for these increases will see the hypocritical irony in it and really do something to help our commercial and residential Community. They need to revisit all of their tax and utility fee increase votes and join me in an effort to put our budget on a diet, as everyone is now doing. In my judgment, this is how we can be most helpful.

Please let me hear from you.

*All the best,
Charlie*

ATTENTION RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS:
Temporary Limitation of Services at Town Hall

Due to computer software upgrades being installed in Town Hall, the building and permitting, utility and business tax departments will only be able to provide limited Customer Service from **Wednesday, January 28 through Friday, January 30, 2009.**

UTILITY PAYMENTS:

Customers will need to bring in the detachable stub or complete bill along with their payments. Please be

advised that staff will not be able to conduct computer inquiries regarding monies owed.

BUSINESS TAX PAYMENTS:

Customers will need to bring in the bill along with their payments. Please be advised that staff will not be able to conduct computer inquiries regarding monies owed. Staff will not be able to issue business licenses until complete computer service is restored.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

Inspections will continue to be scheduled. Permit applications will be accepted. The Building Department will not be able to process permits or issue any permits, certificates of occupancy or completion.

Barring any unforeseen conditions, the Town plans to be fully operational on Monday, February 2, 2009. Thank you, in advance, for your patience and understanding.

SURFSIDE EMPLOYEES HOLIDAY FUND

It is the pleasure of Town Hall employees to serve, and work, with all the Surfside residents and business owners throughout the year. We wish to acknowledge everyone who so generously contributed to the 2008 Holiday Fund, and extend our sincerest gratitude to the **Surfside Civic Association President, Julia Magnani**, and members **Barbara McLaughlin** and **Barbara Cohen** for their tireless efforts on our behalf.

We thank you for making our holiday even brighter.

Jose & Carmen Almirall	Joshua & Dr. Shoshana Feingold-Studnik	Andree & Rolande Lehmann	Selma Rosenberg
Juan & Dulce Alvarez	Andy & Lisa Feldman	Carol Leinwand	Harold Rosenstein
Donald & Rosie Andersen	Michael & Philippa Feldman	Rose Lesniak	Simon & Hilda Rozen
Stewart & Patricia Aronowitz	Arthur & Linda Fernandez	Alan & Denise Lieberman	Nicoletta Rutt
Gloria Asher	Mercedes Fernandez	Danya Lindenfeld	Jan & Maria Rybolowik
Edward & Susana Averbach	Teresa E. Fernandez	Henrietta Logan Don Brennan	Azzaz & Elian Azaz Samaan
Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Bakalchuk	Bob Fisher (Crown Trophy of North Miami)	Nicholas Lombardo	Leslie Schiff
Steve & Elizabeth Bankes	Jack Frank	Charles Lunsford & Ed Gomez	Melvyn Schlessler
Daniel Basulto & Family	Dr. Sylvan & May Freeman	Naum & Maria Lusky	Allen & Anagenia Schloss
Peter Battye & Danilo Ong	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Fuhrman	Larry & Penny Mager	Robert & Jennifer Schwartz
Arthur & Marion Baumann	John Gaige & Yvonne Hayes	Elida Mangan	Carolos & Clara Seage
Samuel & Reina Bejar	John Gallo	Morris & Charlotte Marcus	Phyllis & Scott Shamis
Ethel Berens	Mario Garcia & Soraya Batista-Garcia	Nevenka & Zivko Matorcevic	Sidney & Mary Silber
Henry Michael & Rosanna Bernstein	Charles & Sue Gelatt	Alexander & Sofia Matz	Dr. P.C. Slutzker
The Bershadt Family	Raul Ginobal	Victor & Estrella Maya	Raquel & Perfecto Smith
Rene & Rose Betancourt	Sarah Gold	Mr. & Mrs. John Mayo	Renee Spector
Margarita Bichachi	Carmen Gonzalez	Barbara McLaughlin	Sylvia Steinfeld
Herbert & Claire Block	Christopher & Amy Jean Goodwin	Luis & Maria Medina	Marijo Stewart & Edith Martinez
William & Dina Blumenkranz	Alan & Karen Gorme	Jaime, Esther, & Alberto Mitrani	Violet Storer
Melisa Boross	Dr. Robert Grayson	Harold & Thelma Millen	Eric Stupel
Aram Brazilian	Benjamin & Ressa Greenstein	John & Kim Millerick	Norman & Madeleine Superstein
Mrs. Catherine Calcanes	Sergio & Sophia Grobler	The Mindes Family	Surfside Towers Condominium
Carmen Capote	The Gutierrez Family	Dr. Edmundo & Antonia Molina	Mr. & Mrs. Israel D. Szlapak
Mr. & Mrs. Vicente Carrodegues	Hannlis Hawk	Baerbel Morlock	Howard Talesnick & Phyllis Crane
Jose & Maricelsa Castano	David Helmle	Chris & Gabrielle Moscona	Jose & Elena Tellez
Miguel & Maria Chailosky	Beatrice Henowitz	Andrew & Noel Norden	Isaak & Ida Tomshinsky
Aron & Silvia Cigelman	Richard & Sara Hoke	Oscar & Marta Olchyk	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Toth
John Cimo	Marc, Kathy, Max & Hannah Imberman	Maria Oliver	Eli Tourgeman
David & Silvia Cohen	Marvin Jacker	Maria Onichini	Marie Tsakrios
Louis & Barbara Cohen	Lorraine Jimenez	Geraldine & Susan Ossakow	Maria Vasquez
Michael, Dawn & Travis Cohen	Samuel & Lily Jurkevich	Jesse Payne	Vidal & Manuel Viera
Victor & Fonseca Concepcion	Scott & Gloria Kass	Demetrio Perez	Sophie Vincelli
Jorge & Ileana Cortes	Hal & Roberta Kaye	Carlos & Donna Planas	Marguerite Von Borsig
Clarence & Revalle Courtley	Emil & Anna Keller	Thomas & Nancy Pletcher	Lucy Weinman & Ilene Cohen & Family
The De la Cadena Family	Angel & Josefina Kerbel	Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo Rabago	Reinaldo & Arleen Winer
Edythe Elson	Marion Kinzer	Marilyn Rerecich & John Pardo	Efren & Adelfa Yero
Luis & Yita Entenberg	Michel Kouliche	Jacqueline Rivadeneira & Decker	Miguel & Esther Zamek
Omar & Thais Ergui	Jack & Elise Kratish	Isaac & Sarah Rodriguez	
Dr. Ruben Fabre & Dora Escalona	Mr. & Mrs. Kummala	Marco & Theodora Rose	
Josefina Fabregas	Leopoldo & Adelaida Ladaga	Boris & Jeanne Rosen	
David & Esther Farin			

Please note that if your name does not appear, the list is complete up until the newsletter publishing deadline of Dec. 17, 2008. Any additional contributors will be acknowledged in future issues of the Gazette. If you have any further questions, please contact the Surfside Civic Association President, Julia Magnani, at (305) 864-6645 or via email julesba1@yahoo.com.

SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the Commission meeting held on December 9, 2008 the following Ordinances were passed and adopted:

1. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Article IV "District Regulations," Section 90.41 "Regulated Uses" of the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinances to include new paragraph 23 under Section 90.41.4 "Use Table Notes" prohibiting the sale of live animals as a retail and general commercial use; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: 4-1** (Commissioner Calderon dissenting)
2. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, adopting the annual update to the Capital Improvements Element with the Town's Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Section 163.3177, Florida Statutes; providing for severability, conflict, inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan and an effective date. **VOTE: 4-1** (Mayor Burkett dissenting)
3. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida to adopt its 20-year water supply facilities work plan to amend the Town of Surfside's Comprehensive Plan to strengthen coordination between water supply and local land use planning by amending the text contained in the future land use, infrastructure, conservation, intergovernmental coordination and capital improvement elements; providing for transmittal of certified copies of this

Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Florida Department of Community Affairs and all other units of Local Government or governmental agencies as required under Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes; providing for adoption pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes; providing for inclusion in the Town of Surfside Comprehensive Plan; providing for repeal of conflicts; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

The following Ordinances were introduced for First Reading. Second Reading will be held on January 13, 2009:

4. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, creating Article IX, Section 90.99, entitled "Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 Relief Procedures," to implement policy to avoid unintended violations of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 and the Florida Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1998; 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. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
5. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 42, "Floods," Article II, Section 42.26 "Definitions"; providing for severability and repeal of conflicting provisions; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**



"Whole Lotta Poop'in Going 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 is considered a violation.



Grass Cutting Removal

All grass cuttings and hedge trimmings, done by a resident must be placed in plastic bags and securely tied before setting them on your property for collection. Please do not place any cuttings or trimmings on the street or right of way. All grass cuttings and hedge trimmings must be completely removed and cleared from all paved areas, and shall not be blown or swept into streets, sidewalks or gutters. The use of blowers is prohibited.

Residents are reminded that all tree cuttings and hedge trimmings must be removed by the landscaper or contractor providing the service. The Town is not responsible for removal of the material that has been cut or trimmed by a landscaper or contractor.

Commission Highlights

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6. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Sections 2.01, 4.01, 4.02, 7.02, 6.05, 7.03, 8.01, 9.01 of Article VI, "Rules of Procedure for Town Meetings"; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: 4-1** (Commissioner Calderon dissenting)

The following Resolutions were approved:

7. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Police Confiscation Fund Expenditure in the amount of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

8. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, expressing concern for the protection and maintenance of Municipal Home Rule Authority relating to public meeting requirements for governing boards of local government authorities by the Florida Legislature; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

9. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, awarding bid to build-out Town Hall office for the Town Attorney, among others, to Laz and Associates, LLC; authorizing the Town Manager to execute all contracts required to complete the build-out; authorizing the re-appropriation of fund balance (reserves) to the Capital Projects Fund; amending the Town's budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

In Other Matters...

The 4th Citizens Police Academy Graduates were recognized.

The Commission received an update on pending projects from Calvin Giordano & Associates.

Spillis, Candela gave a presentation on a revised plan for the Community Center which included removing the third floor, the library, the fitness center, kitchen, Jacuzzi, saunas, floating floor; service elevator, cistern lutron lighting system, decorative entry fountain and other alternatives. **Following the report, the Commission asked that a Special Meeting be held to discuss options. Subsequently, the meeting has been scheduled for: January 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm.**

By a **4-1 vote** of the Commission (Commissioner Calderon dissenting) an Interlocal Agreement was approved to include the Town of Surfside in the Miami-Dade County Curbside Recycling Program. The approval was subject to indemnification of the Town by the County.

The Commission approved a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town and the Miami-Dade County School Board.

The Commission awarded a three-year contract to Solid Resources, Inc. for Public Assistance Specialist Services.

The Town Manager explained the utility billing process.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

- Town Hall flag pole illumination: a high-power light fixture was installed to properly illuminate the flag at night.
- Business District tree lights – small, white tree lights were installed along Harding Ave. in December. The lights will remain installed to improve aesthetics within the business district.
- Roof repairs were conducted in Town Hall recently to address a number of leaks.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EXPANDS RECYCLING PROGRAM "Easy on the Earth. Easy on You"

Last month, Surfside residential customers became participants in the County's new curbside "single-stream" recycling program. This means that it is no longer necessary to separate your recyclable materials. The expanded number of recyclable products includes:

- ✓ paper products (e.g. magazines, newspapers)
- ✓ cardboard (e.g. cereal & packing boxes)
- ✓ metals (e.g. aluminum cans)
- ✓ glass (e.g. clear, brown & green)
- ✓ plastics (e.g. water bottles, milk, detergent)



Please **DO NOT** use the recycle toter for:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food scraps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chemicals |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plastic bags | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> electronics |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> coat hangers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> batteries |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> small appliances | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medical waste |



SURFSIDE LIBRARY

Storytime will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. 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.

The Surfside Library will be **CLOSED: Jan. 1, 3 & 19**



Adult Books

- **The Host: a Novel** by Stephanie Meyer (author of Twilight)
- **Devil's Blood** by Sharon Kay Penman (historical)
- **Just After Sunset** by Stephen King (short stories)
- **The Memorist** by M. J. Rose
- **Flat Belly Diet: A Flat Belly is About Food & Attitude. Period. (Not a Single Crunch Required)** by Liz Vaccariello
- **Tycoon's War: How Cornelius Vanderbilt Invaded a Country to Overthrow America's Most Famous Military Adventurer** by Stephen Dando-Collins
- **Samuel Adams: A Life** by Ira Stoll

DVDs

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who (G)
Tinker Bell (G) • The Longshots (PG)
The Neighbor (PG-13) • Mamma Mia • Animalia (NR)



Children's Books

- **Here There Be Dragons: The Chronicles of the Imaginarium Geographica** by James A. Owen (Junior)
- **The Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo (Junior)
- **Elephant Run** by Roland Smith (Young Adult)
- **Billy Monster's Daymare** by Alan Durant (easy reader)
- **Big Words for Little People** by Jamie Lee Curtis (easy reader)
- **Bantam of the Opera** by Mary Jane Auch (easy reader)
- **In a Blue Room** by Jim Averbeck (easy reader)
- **Charlie Cook's Favorite Book** by Julia Donaldson (easy reader)

On behalf of the children at
**Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary
Nautilus Middle School • Miami Beach High**
the Surfside Education Committee seeks your help.

Due to State & County spending cuts in public education, our local feeder pattern schools are very much in need of basic supplies. Our local school personnel have identified the following items of particular need:

SUPPLIES:

large paper clips • dry erase whiteboard markers (Expo 2) • sticky notepads
1 inch-three ring binders staplers • copy paper • loose leaf notebook paper
construction paper • paint brushes • clay • watercolor paints
colored pencils

TONER:

HP Laser Jet 1012 (cartridge #Q2612A)
HP Laser Jet 115-0 (cartridge #Q2624A)
Lexmark Optra E312 (cartridge #13T0101)

For your convenience, a drop-off box is located in the lobby of Town Hall. Please keep in mind that the box is accessible to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For further details, please contact the Education Committee via their email address: educationcommittee@townofsurfsidefl.gov

The Surfside Education Committee and the Bobcats, Sharks & High Tides thank you for your generosity.

The Surfside Book Club Welcomes All Residents!

Enjoy pot luck dinners based
on the theme of the book

Meet your neighbors

Join the fun and have a
few laughs

The discussion is entertaining
and always lively

The next meeting of the Surfside
Book Club will be on January 20
at 7:00 p.m.

The book selection is
"Musicophilia"
by **Oliver Sacks.**

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

kimjo614@the-beach.net

BUSINESS DISTRICT HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL



Holiday Musical Event



During the afternoon on December 10, 2008 the Surfside Business Association (SBA) & HSBC sponsored a “**Holiday Musical Event**” in the downtown district which featured a fabulous **Choir from Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary**. The children’s choir strolled down Harding

call came in from the North Pole and in 2009 Santa will be joining these wonderful kids, as they bring their *joyful spirit of the season* to the Surfside community.

- **Specchio** for providing the much needed filtered water
- **Rolling Pin Bakery** for providing sweet treats
- **2 for 1 Pizza** for the great “Pizza Party” for parents and kids. What a way to end the event!
- **Eli Campos** from HSBC in guiding the group
- **Alberto Aguirre** for collecting the much needed donations
- **Surfside Police Department** for providing parking to the parents of the children
- **Jody Roodman** for designing the flyers



Eli extends a special thank you to:

Avenue and visited many of the stores & restaurants. Residents, visitors, business owners and shoppers were treated to the sweet “sounds of the season” and the choir members extended warm wishes to everyone for a Happy Holiday, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Feliz Navidad.

- All the **Surfside merchants** for the warm welcome they gave to the kids and for their generous donations in support of the choral group
- **Music Teacher, Abigail Rubin** for a terrific job
- All the kids in **the choir from Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary** for their wonderful voices & enthusiasm
- **Serendipity Yogurt Cafe** for providing tasty treats

Kudos go out to former Surfside Mayor and current **Business Association President, Eli Tourgeman**, who was responsible for organizing the musical showcase. According to Eli, “there were so many individuals and departments that contributed to the success of the event.” He also mentioned that, “a

Organizers regret the accidental breakage of a beautiful blue vintage cup at “**ST by Ester**” the fashionable shop located at 9515 Harding Avenue, and vow to be much more careful in 2009.



Fall Harvest Festival



TOURIST BUREAU



The Tourist Bureau presents
a special

3rd Thursday in Surfside

Warm up your
January evenings
with the sounds of

Hot Jazz

Stroll down Harding Avenue
on January 15th, from
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Indulge in the enticing offers
from our restaurants
and merchants.

Visit with your neighbors.

Meet new people.

Enjoy a beautiful night
in Surfside.



**GO GREEN!
GO LOCAL!**
January
4, 11, 18 and 25, 2009

How Can **YOU** Make A Difference in the Fight Against Cancer?



Learn How By Joining Us
At The

**KICK OFF PARTY FOR:
“Relay For Life”
(of Surfside, Bay Harbor & Sunny Isles)**

Wed., Jan. 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

At Flanigan's (event room),
9516 Harding Ave.

Light refreshments & hors d'oeuvres will be served.

“Relay For Life”, the American Cancer Society's signature activity, is an overnight team event to fight cancer. The event takes place at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary School on May 8-9, 2009.

Clubs, Organizations, Churches and Businesses
are welcome!

Invite friends & family to join you. Proceeds benefit the
American Cancer Society's programs & patient services.

**Please RSVP to Jacquelyn Villagran
Town of Surfside**

305-866-3635 or

E-Mail: jvillagran@townofsurfsidefl.gov

“Relay For Life - It's about a community that takes up the
fight against cancer!”



THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER

(10200 Biscayne Blvd.,
305.795.2241)

will be **CLOSED** on
January 1 & 19, 2009.



SURFSIDE BEACH CLUB

(January)

Sunday - Saturday:
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Residents & Non-Residents

Please Note:

Rental fees apply for
umbrellas & chairs

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



"It Starts In Parks" Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Family Funday
Sunday,
January 15, 2009
96th Street Park
1:00 - 4:00 pm

The Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the annual Family Fun Day. Come out and join us at 96th Street Park with your family for a day filled with Fun, Food, Entertainment and more. All Residents should come prepared to show either a Surfside ID or a picture ID with your Surfside Address.



- Games**
- Face Painting**
- Rides**
- Arts & Crafts**

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

Seniors Performing Arts Trip



"Based on the true story of The Miami Bombshells, a circle of six perfectly imperfect women who grew from stressed out strangers to lifelong friends. By airing their dirty laundry, through laughter, tears and unbreakable spirit (s), they support one another in everything from love and family, to sex and secrets. In the process they remind us all that being a real life Bombshell is more about being courageous than curvaceous." - Actor's Playhouse in Coral Gables.

Registration is in progress.
Registration is on a first come basis.

Proof of residency required at the time of registration. Registration will take place in the Parks and Recreation Modular located behind Town Hall:



Monday thru Sunday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 9293 Harding Ave. Surfside, FL 33154

Wednesday,
January 28, 2009

Transportation provided to and from the Theater. Bus will depart from Town Hall (9293 Harding Ave) promptly at Noon.

The bus will be returning at approximately 6:00 pm.

Cost:
\$15 Residents
\$30 Non-Residents
(No Refunds)

Transportation included. Proper dress required.



Town of Surfside Beach 5K Run / Walk Sunday, February 15th, 2009

Join Surfside for its 3rd Annual Beach 5K Run. The Run/Walk will take place on the beach hard pack and beach walkway.

Race Day registration and Packet pick-up will be from 6:30 am—7:15 am at the Start line behind the Best Western.
(No packet pick up after 7:15 am on Race Day) Race Start time is 8:00 am

Start will be behind the Best Western Hotel (on the beach hard pack) 94th Street Collins Ave, Surfside Florida 33154

Course:

The course will start on the beach hard pack at 94th St and run south to 87th Terr. and turn back north for a second loop and finish at the beach hard pack at 95th St. The course will be on the hard pack sand and gravel road way and beach walk. The race will start and finish on the beach hardpack in Surfside.



Online Registration Entry Fees:
 Online: \$20.00 / Race Day on site: \$25.00
 Registrations online at www.multirace.com

Awards:

- Top 3 Overall Male and Female
- Top Masters MF 40+

Age Groups Male and Female 1st - 3rd - 14 and under (All 14 and under finishers will receive an award),
 15-19; 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70+

The first 150 registrants will receive a race T-Shirt. All participants will receive a goody bag.



Post Race:

Light food and refreshments will be served and the award ceremony will be held postrace .

For more information contact the Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department at (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or Multirace: www.multirace.com



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SENIOR SOCIAL TIME

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

Yoga for Active Adults: Ages 55 & over

January 7 - February 25, 9:00 - 10:00 am
Residents \$24 & Non-Residents \$40

ADULT PROGRAMS

Please bring a yoga mat to the following adult programs:

January – February programs:
Zumba, Pilates, Yoga, Yogalates



YOUTH PROGRAMS

January – February Programs

Kidokinetics “Tot” Program: Ages 2 – 4, Pre-School Ballet: Ages 3 – 5, Ballet, Gymnastics, Acrobatics and Tumbling, Hip Hop Jazz Dance, Kidokinetics: Ages 3 – 5, Arts and Crafts: Ages 3 – 5, and Chess

Youth Instructional Soccer Program:

Residents \$70 / Non-Residents \$200 (per person 9 weeks = 18 classes)
AYSO Membership additional \$10 per person.

Tuesday & Thursday January 20 - March 19

Ages 4 - 6 (coed)	4:00 - 5:00 pm
Ages 6 - 9 (coed)	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Ages 10 - 13 (girls)	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Ages 10 - 13 (boys)	7:00 - 8:00 pm



Fees include 1 shirt & 1 pair of shorts. Program will be held at the 96th St. Park (9572 Bay Drive).

CONGRATULATIONS TO SURFSIDE’S SOCCER STARS!



Participants in the Surfside Soccer Program had the chance to enroll their child into the American Youth Soccer Organization (A.Y.S.O.) competitive league. The North East Miami Soccer League (N.E.M.S), federated under the A.Y.S.O, held recreational competitive soccer games every Saturday from October 18, 2008 through the playoffs, which took place December 6th. The

league includes teams from Surfside, Sunny Isles, North Bay Village, JCC, etc. The games for girls and boys, ages 5 – 12 years old, were created for recreational purposes, so that children would have the chance to play, enjoy and practice the art of Soccer.

The games were held at Senator Margolis Park in Sunny Isles and

New Ives Estates Park in Miami. All Surfside teams made it to the playoffs. The under 12 & under 6 year olds won the AYSO championships. The under 12 team won 5-1 against Sunny Isles, with 4 goals made by Juan Selva and 1 from Konrad Danzer. The under 6 team won 4-2 against St. Patrick.

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT



PARKING METER RATE RISES IN SURFSIDE

Late last month, the Surfside Police began re-programming **all** of the Town's parking meters to the new, Commission approved rate, of \$1.00 per hour. Each meter will have a 4 hour limit. A notice of the changes will be applied to each meter. The higher rates will come into effect in a planned, staggered manner as each individual meter is re-programmed and brought "on-line". Project completion is anticipated to be by the beginning of 2009.

The Surfside and Bal Harbour Police Departments are sponsoring a

BENEFIT



All proceeds will go to the North Shore Kiwanis Club



Saturday, January 24, 2009

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location:
Municipal Parking Lot
94th St. & Harding Ave.

Surfside Police Crime Statistics Monthly Activity by Classification

Classification	Sep	Oct	+/-
Homicide	0	0	0
Involuntary Sexual Battery	0	0	0
Lewd / lascivious	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault-Battery	2	1	-1
Burglary Structure	1	0	-1
Burglary Conveyance	4	3	-1
Grand Theft	6	3	-3
Fraud	3	1	-2
Robbery	0	0	0
Grand Theft Auto	1	0	-1
Total Part One Crimes			
Battery Simple	1	3	2
Domestic Violence	1	4	3
Theft Under	4	4	0
Criminal Mischief	1	3	2
Driving Under Influence	12	5	-7
Total Part Two Crimes			
Traffic Citations	637	590	-47
Arrests	44	58	14
Parking Citations	713	564	-149

POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS FREE SEMINAR: "SURVIVAL MINDSET FOR WOMEN"

Thurs., Jan. 8, 2009, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm in Commission Chambers

Class size is limited to 25 female Surfside residents. Advance registration is required.

To register for this seminar, contact Dina Goldstein at (305) 861-4862 or via email at:

dgoldstein@townofsurfsidefl.gov

Light refreshments will be served.

January 2009 Calendar

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, AT 7:00 PM

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, AT 7:00 PM

Beautification Committee2nd Monday of the Month at 7:15 pm (01/12/09)
 Charter Review CommitteeMonday, January 5 at 7:00 pm
 Education Committee 1st Thursday of the Month at 8:00 pm (01/08/09)
 Green Committee Status as of this publication: **INACTIVE**
 Parks & Recreation Committee.....3rd Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 pm (01/15/09)
 Planning & Zoning BoardLast Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm (01/29/09)
 Tourist Bureau 1st Monday of the Month at 6:00 pm (01/05/09)

NEW YEAR'S DAY & MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY:

Town Hall, Parks & Rec. Office & Tennis Center will be **CLOSED: JAN. 1 and 19**

Library will be **CLOSED: JAN. 1, 3 & 19**

Beach Club & Lifeguard Stand will be **STAFFED** until 5:00 pm.

Family Fun DayJan. 25, 2009

UPCOMING:

Winter 5K Run/Walk....Feb. 15 • Spring Egg Hunt....March 29 • Bayanza....April 18
 Storybook Festival....April 26 • Memorial Day....May 25

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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