



# Surfside Town Gazette

February 2009



## Mayor's View

*Dear Friends  
and Neighbors,*

Last month I wrote and asked for your intervention with regard to the Community Center project and you came through. On January 15th, I, along with a packed Commission room of concerned residents attended a special meeting with only one subject – the Community Center.

After a few hours, here's what happened: The Commission, against my no vote and with no opposition from the Town Manager, decided to spend up to another \$75,000 for a new set of construction plans in order to be able to obtain an estimate from a contractor. Clearly this is one ridiculously expensive estimate that just adds to the more than \$1,400,000 I'm told has already been spent!

It's important to remember that the Commission already had a detailed estimate from the architectural firm of around \$9,000,000 (excluding money already spent) to build a somewhat reduced version of the first design, but at the January 15th meeting Commissioners warmed to a revised version of the original design and were not willing to accept the \$9M estimate from one of their experts to whom they often rely, and wanted, sorry hoped, that someone else would give them a lower construction cost number. Please note that at our meetings, the experts are

“expert” when they give some Commissioners the information they want. And when the experts provide information that doesn't fit into their program? Well, you now see what happens in that case. I feel compelled to say this because it seems to me that my friends on the Commission like to remind residents that the “experts” told them this or that for justification for some of their decisions. I would submit that the “experts” are fine to listen to as part of an education on a subject; however we're likely in this current mess because of the over or complete reliance on the so-called experts and a lack of basic good judgment. Good judgment and following the “experts” advice are two very, very different things in my opinion.

The above still does not address, nor did any of the other elected

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officials want to get into a discussion on how this project is going to be paid for. One Commissioner did announce that he believed Miami Beach would not do the Fire switch deal which totals millions annually in benefits. This comment will surely make already challenging discussions even more difficult. Clearly County officials are pulling out all

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the stops to put economic pressure on Miami Beach officials to not enter into a fire service deal which would provide millions in revenue to Miami Beach and savings for our Town. In the end however, it is clearly a business decision for Miami Beach. If County elected officials make it economically dangerous for Miami Beach to complete a deal with Surfside, and if the County cuts off other funding amounts to Miami Beach which are larger than what Miami Beach would have derived from an annual Surfside fire service contribution, well then the County's going to have beat us! Having said that, it's not over yet and announcing that it probably is - at public meetings - doesn't help us get it done! Still, I haven't given up yet even though our opposition at the County is massive.

Another glaring example and casualty of the economic crisis we're in was the idea to buy the house next to the park on 96th Street as we have just been told that the matching State funds are frozen. While acquiring this property was an interesting idea, I'm quite convinced that its timing was off economically and likely in other ways too. I now hope the Commissioners and Manager pushing this idea will see this as a wakeup call to the coming fiscal crisis we are likely going to have to face. The almost \$2,000,000 that the Manager had appropriated for the land acquisition should now be designated towards the greater priority item, the building of our Community Center and pool. I've also cautioned the Town Manager that I expect the empty lot, where the Community Center was, be put into temporary usable condition pending the outcome of the interminable circular discussions that this Commission continues to engage in. Grass, access to the beach, a play field or other simple accoutrements is what I have in mind and expect. Certainly in these very difficult times this would be

more useful in my judgment than the almost \$50,000 he spent for a few weeks worth of PR campaign and temporary banners used to "persuade" residents to borrow \$16,500,000.

In other matters, I'm not happy with the direction of the majority who voted to limit the resident participation section of Commission meetings. This regular agenda item, known as "Good and Welfare", has now been limited to 15 speakers at 3 minutes per person or to a 45 minute maximum, even though the majority mentioned that residents could speak at other times during a Commission meeting. I've always protected residents' right to speak on any issue that comes before us and Good and Welfare has consistently been my favorite part of the meeting. ***Making sure that everyone who offers a different perspective gets to speak, thus providing open and accessible government, has been one of my top goals and accomplishments as Mayor.*** I hope my friends on the Commission will reconsider this most disturbing move and recognize that hearing from and considering our voters concerns is of paramount importance. Taking these kinds of steps sends a chilling message to the community we serve and I for one am opposed to this recent Commission decision.

Lastly, I have a personal message for my friends on the Commission. When I was elected, one of my first actions was to institute a "Commissioner's Corner" in the Gazette. Some of you may remember this section. While I have always greatly valued my ability to reach out to all our residents through this publication and have never missed a month, I also felt it important that each Commissioner have the same ability - should they also choose to write. Some have taken advantage of writing when they felt it important and in the past there had also been some political

efforts by elected officials to restrict messages in the Gazette - usually with the weak excuse that it's too expensive for those extra lines of text. Here's my message to my friends on the Commission: Of all the things we do for our residents, talking to them and letting them hear from us personally is paramount. I ask our elected officials to please think long and hard about the reason for the calls to eliminate the Mayor's (or any elected official's) ability to reach the residents through the Gazette. Those who wish to censor may dress it up and spin it politically as a cost saving measure, but the simple truth is that the Gazette is a powerful communication tool. I know I'm not the most popular person with my friends on the Commission right now and some would prefer that I not be communicating to our residents at this time or for that matter, at any time, but I also know that silencing any voice on this Commission would probably not be a great idea for any elected official to undertake. Having said that however, if you don't see this column next month, you'll know what happened.

Thanks for listening -

*All the best,  
Charlie*



### BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Any resident wishing to serve on the Beautification Committee should contact the Town Clerk, Beatris Arguelles via email, before Feb. 10, 2009:  
[barguelles@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:barguelles@townofsurfsidefl.gov)

The Beautification Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m.

# 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.*

Donald & Rosie Anderson  
Paul Anderson  
Encarnacio Arce  
Francisco Arroyo & Lisa Doyle  
Ramon Bakalchuk  
Laurence Baldwin  
Steven & Elizabeth Bankes  
Carmen & Lea Baruch  
Godoy Becker  
The Berkman Family  
Carlos Fernando & Pilar Bernal  
Anthony Blate & Eva Kaman  
David & Zoey Brown  
Aryeh Citron & Chana Cohen  
The Cohen Family  
Hortense De Cardenas  
The Demetrio-Perez Family  
Maurice & Madeleine Dery

Jeffrey & Andrea Diamond  
Dr. Elizabeth DiBernardo & Kimberly McNatt  
Jose Eduarte & Family  
Alexandra Egglezo  
Charles Eldredge  
Michael & Roberta Ende  
Luis & Maria Flores  
Charles & Leira Gaines  
Mario & Soraya Garcia  
Martin Gillan  
Julio & Jeanette Gomez  
Mr. & Mrs. Bolivar Gomez  
Joseph Graubart  
Peter & Jane Hall  
Michael & Jeanne Horn  
Eric & Tery Howard  
Richard Iacobacci  
Abraham & Estella Issa  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Ivens

Jeanne Jones  
Robert & Beatrice Krantz  
Elliot & Beatrice Krasnow  
Nathan & Sherri Lebwohl  
Marena Leon & Jorge Noguez  
Robert & Isabel Lugones  
Diana MacLeod  
The Miranda Family  
Belkys Nerey  
Denyse Odonell  
Jennifer Oken  
Martin & Heather Oppenheimer  
Dr. Barbara Ossip  
Painting & Services Unlimited  
Bernard & Hilda Peljovich  
Demetrio Perez  
Edward Plummer & Linda Forrest  
James & Heather Prattas

Elio & Dulce Quinones  
Raul & Luisa Ramos  
Steven & Shannon Rayman-Cohen  
Shelley Rindner  
Edward & Loraine Rosengarten  
Michael Rybolowik  
Eliana Salzhauer & David Epstein  
Solimar Condominiums  
Sally Spindel  
Christine Taplin  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Toth  
Dorota Trzeciecka  
Maria Vazquez  
Belle Harris Wolf  
Jackie & Ted Wolf  
Miguel & Esther Zamek

Please note that if your name does not appear, the list is complete up until the newsletter publishing deadline of Jan. 20, 2009. Any additional contributors will be acknowledged in future issues of the Gazette. **If your name was omitted by accident, please contact the Surfside Civic Association President, Julia Magnani, at (305) 864-6645 or via email [julesba1@yahoo.com](mailto:julesba1@yahoo.com).**



## 95<sup>th</sup> & Carlyle Block Party A Terrific Success

95th Street and Carlyle was the place to be New Year's Day as over 200 residents and their children, celebrated 2009 with a fantastic block party. As the sun began to set, everyone lined up their grills, and enthusiastic event organizers, **Richard Iacobacci & Chris Ivory** assumed major BBQ duty for the party goers. They cooked up a storm and kept the crowd entertained! A Surfside Police officer, hired for the event, made sure that cars were kept away. Kids were playing in the streets, riding their bicycles and razor scooters. Some were rollerblading, while others were shooting hoops. Neighbors socialized, made new friends and the spirit of Surfside reigned supreme. Kudos to Richard, Chris and all the residents who participated!

# SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

***Please note that in the Commission Highlights in the January 2009 Gazette, it was reflected that Commissioner Calderon dissented on the following Ordinance when in fact, Commissioner Calderon introduced the Ordinance and it was Mayor Burkett who dissented:***

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** (Mayor Burkett dissenting)

2. An Ordinance 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**

3. 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** (Mayor Burkett dissenting)

**At the Commission meeting held on January 13, 2009 the following Ordinances were passed and adopted following Second Reading and Public Hearing:**

1. 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**

**The following Ordinances were introduced for First Reading. Second Reading will be held on February 10, 2009:**

4. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinances Chapter 10, Article II, "Dogs"; providing for inclusion in the Code by creating Sections 10-37 through 10-39 to provide for regulations on dogs in public and private areas and removal and proper disposition of animal fecal matter required when a dog defecates on public and private property; providing for inclusion in the Code; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

## Contemplating Home/Building Renovations or Improvements? If you are, then you need to read the following:

### LIVING IN A FLOOD HAZARD UPDATE.....



The so-called "50% rule" affects buildings whose first floor is below the elevation established by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This elevation is known as the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and this BFE for most of the Town is 8.00 feet. When the first floor elevation is below 8.00 feet and improvements are to be made, the cost of the improvements may not exceed 50% of the value of the building; if the cost of the improvement

does exceed this 50% threshold, the entire first floor must literally be raised to, or above, the base flood elevation.

Improvements are cumulative for a period of 5 years. For example, if the value of the building is \$100,000 and 3 years ago improvements were made that cost \$30,000, the maximum cost of improvements planned today may not exceed \$20,000. If, however, the \$30,000 improvement cost was for work done 6 years ago, then improvements could be done today at

a cost of almost \$50,000, (50% of the value of the building, \$100,000).



The Town has prepared a handout called a Customer Assistance Guide that provides a great deal of additional information on the 50% rule. If you are contemplating renovating or otherwise improving your building, please pick up a free copy of the Guide at Town Hall (9293 Harding Avenue) and speak with the Town's Building Official before proceeding too far.

## Commission Highlights *(Continued from page 4)*

### The following Resolutions were approved:

5. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, approving participation in the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) and the Child Abduction Response Team Mutual Aid Agreement. **Approved on Consent Agenda by UNANIMOUS vote.**

### In other matters...

The Commission approved the minutes of the November 10 and December 9, 2008 Commission Meetings.

Detective Joe Matthews was recognized as Officer of the Month.

Former Tourist Bureau Director, Ellen Wedner, was recognized for her service to the Town. Tourist Bureau Commission Liaison, Steve Levine, presented Ms. Wedner with a plaque on behalf of the Town and the Bureau.

The Surfside Civic Association was recognized for taking care of the Employee Holiday Fund. On behalf of the Commission, Vice Mayor, Marc Imberman presented Civic Association President, Julia Magnani with a plaque.

addressed the Commission regarding an agreement between the St. Regis Hotel and the County whereby workers will be required to park their vehicles in an assigned facility. She stated that workers should be using the County's parking facility at Haulover and bused into Bal Harbour, rather than using the Town's limited parking facilities.

Town Lobbyist, Fausto Gomez submitted a written report, which he summarized for the Board. In his report, he identified funding through which municipal capital projects would be eligible for funding. He noted that the Town should identify capital projects, which will contribute to the local economy in terms of economic impact and jobs. He noted that lobbying efforts have begun at the State level to assure that a reasonable portion of the federal stimulus funds will be provided to qualifying projects.

Town Auditors, Rachlin LLP submitted the Annual Financial Report to the Board. Michael Futterman, Rachlin, LLP summarized the report which was accepted by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

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

## WATER RESTRICTIONS: Two days a week ONLY

Residents and businesses with an ODD numbered street address (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) - **lawn watering** is permitted on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS from 12 a.m. - 10 a.m. and/or from 4 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.



Residents and businesses with an with an EVEN numbered street address (ending in (0, 2, 4, 6, 8\*), no street address, or who water both even and odd addresses within the same zones, including multi-family units and Homeowner Associations - **lawn watering** is permitted on THURSDAYS and SUNDAYS from 12 a.m. - 10 a.m and/or from 4 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.

Residents should CHOOSE from ONE of TWO "watering windows" on their designated irrigation days. For the most efficient use of water, residents should AVOID irrigating during both time periods on the same day.

**Fines may be imposed if you are caught watering on a non-designated day or during an unauthorized time.**

## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

- The Surfside Tennis Center building is sporting a new coat of paint
- The wall around the 96th Street parking lot has also been painted
- Cleaning of the storm sewers will commence in early February

Residents are also reminded to please **keep garbage cans, in your side yard, for pick-up. Help keep Surfside properties neat in appearance.**



Residents are reminded that the **RECYCLING** days this month will be **Wednesday, February 11 & 25**. The wheeled, recycling container is only to be used for recyclable materials (e.g. glass, plastics, aluminum). Do not use it for garbage or trash.

# SURFSIDE LIBRARY

**Storytime** will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 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.

**The Surfside Library will be CLOSED: Feb. 16 (President's Day)**

## Adult Books:

- **A Mercy** by Toni Morrison
- **The Associate** by John Grisham
- **The Beach House: A Novel** by Jane Green
- **Letter to my Daughter** by Maya Angelou
- **Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief** by James M. McPherson
- **Lost on Planet China** by J. Maarten Troost

## Books on CD:

- **The Five Secrets You Must Discover Before You Die** by John Izzo, Ph.D.
- **The Ruins** by Scott Smith

## Children's Books:

- **The Wickit Chronicles: Book 1-Ely Plot** by Joan Lennon (Junior)
- **The Legend of Bass Reeves** by Gary Paulsen
- **Little Louie the Baby Bloomer** by Robert Kraus
- **Cecil's Garden** by Holly Keller (Easy Reader)
- **Born to Read** by Judy Sierra (Easy Reader)
- **13: A Novel** by Jason Robert Brown
- **New Moon** by Stephanie Meyer (Sequel to Twilight)

## DVD's:

**The Little Mermaid II (G)**  
**Singing Sensation-Sing Along With Dora (G)**  
**The Mummy (PG-13)**  
**The Wedding Director (Foreign Film-not rated)**  
**Vaccinations (Medical-not rated)**

## Surfside Book Club

The Surfside Book Club is set to meet on February 17th at 7:00 p.m.

The book selection is "**The Enchantress of Florence**" by Salman Rushdie.

Please be sure to confirm date, time, and place by contacting Kim at: [kimjo614@the-beach.net](mailto:kimjo614@the-beach.net)

## BUSINESS DISTRICT NEWS



After thirteen years in the Bal Harbour shops and 30 years of experience, **Femme Coiffure** has moved to the Surfside business district located at 9563 Harding Ave. The Reboh family, specializes in extraordinary hairstyling in a high end salon. Visit this beautiful place for elegant celebrity styling, color, nails, waxing, spa treatments and hair extensions that will impress many and give you the look of your dreams. (305) 864-4444 Open Sunday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Closed on Saturdays.



Maria Artamendi is the proud new owner of **Rod's Cleaners** located at 9463 Harding Ave. Maria comes to Surfside with many years of experience in the dry cleaning business. Rod's Cleaners offers dry and wet cleaning services. New and extended hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (305) 866-3029.



Alexis Irausquin comes to us from the world of the stars in Hollywood, California. Alexis got his hair and beauty start in Caracas, Venezuela and has traveled the world participating in the beauty industry for men and woman. He found Surfside to be a unique and progressive community and as such is bringing his hair design talents to our residents. His partner Teudy Amador specializes in men's hairstyling. **L'equipe Salon** is located at 9461 Harding Ave. (305-865-8650). Open Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

# TOURIST BUREAU

## Tourist Bureau Leadership Changes



(L-R) Tourist Bureau Director, **Duncan Tavares**, Tourist Board members **Barbara Cohen** & **Bernie Edelstein**, outgoing Tourist Bureau Director, **Ellen Wedner** and Tourist Board Commission Liaison, **Steve Levine**.

At the Commission meeting on January 13th the Surfside Tourist Bureau recognized **outgoing Director, Ellen Wedner**, for her professionalism, dedication and outstanding service to the Town of Surfside. **Incoming Director, Duncan Tavares** was introduced to the Commission and community. Duncan is a very welcome addition to Town staff and he brings many years of experience in the hospitality and tourism industry.

**Surfside**  
is alive with exciting and fun events!

Join us February 19th for our

## Falling for February

3rd Thursday.

Surfside Tourist Bureau presents special performances, demonstrations, entertainment, special offers, food and merriment.

6:00-9:00pm  
Harding Avenue in Surfside, Florida.

Metered Parking Available: NW & SW lots  
95th St & Collins Ave, Abbott Ave lot  
between 95th & 96th St, Harding Ave lot at  
94th St & meters along Harding Ave.

## Surfside Farmers Market

### 9-4, EVERY SUNDAY

Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22  
Collins Ave. & 95th St.



**Miami-Dade County  
Commissioner  
Sally A. Heyman, District 4**

## Announces Funding Opportunity Through

## The Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program

Applications are now being accepted  
January 27 – February 27, 2009

For further details, please contact (305) 787-5999. Applications are available at the District 4 office at 1100 NE 163 St., Suite #303, North Miami Beach or may be downloaded from the County Website: [www.miamidade.gov/district04](http://www.miamidade.gov/district04)

## Town Commission Recognizes Volunteers

**Surfside Civic Association President, Julia Magnani** was honored by the Town Commission for carrying on the 37 year tradition of the Surfside Employees Holiday Fund. This undertaking requires the sacrifice of many personal hours during a very busy time of year and the outstanding efforts of Julia and Association members, **Barbara McLaughlin** and **Barbara Cohen** were acknowledged.



*Surfside Civic Association President, Julia Magnani*



# 3rd Annual Winter 5K Run/Walk

## Sunday, February 15, 2009



Race Day Registration & Packet Pick-up:  
**6:30 am - 7:15 am,**

at the Start Line behind the Best Western Hotel  
(94th St. & Collins Ave., on the beach hard pack)

**Race START Time is 8:00 am**

**Registration Entry Fees:**

**Online: \$20 / Race Day: (on site) \$25**  
Online Registration at [www.multirace.com](http://www.multirace.com)



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

**Post Race:** Award Ceremony will be held, light food and refreshments will be served.

For more details, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at (305) 866-3635, or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) or [www.multirace.com](http://www.multirace.com)



**TOWN OF SURFSIDE**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
 SUNDAY JAN. 25, 2009 - 1:00 PM - 4 PM  
 96th ST. PARK  
**MUSIC, FOOD & FAMILY FUN**  
 For More Info. Call 305-866-3635 or [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)



# 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 AND YOUTH SPRING PROGRAMS TO BE ANNOUNCED.



### THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER

(10200 Biscayne Blvd., 305.795.2241)  
will be **CLOSED** on February 16, 2009.



## SENIOR'S PERFORMING ARTS TRIP

### Tony Award Winning Musical "Les Misérables" Wed., Mar. 11th, Noon – 6:00 pm

(Non-refundable) Fee Includes Transportation to Actor's Playhouse

\$15 for Residents / \$30 Non-Residents

Registration is in progress & on a first come, first serve basis • Call (305) 866-3635

## Surfside & Bal Harbour Police Personnel Volunteer On Their Day Off and "Work the Car Wash" to benefit the North Shore Kiwanis Club.



Kiwanis President, Louis Cohen, thanked the Officers for their hard work and the Surfside community for its generous support.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## OFFICER OF THE MONTH

At the January Commission meeting Surfside Police Chief, Dave Allen recognized **Detective Joseph (Joe) Matthews** as Officer of the Month. On December 12, 2008, an unknown suspect confronted two juveniles and one adult at the 9500 block of Abbott Avenue. The subject implied that he had a gun and forcibly took property from the victims and fled the area. Over the next two days, Detective Joseph Matthews, through the use of his resources and interviews, was able to ascertain the subject's identity and complete a photo line-up. The subject was positively identified by the victims and a witness, and was subsequently arrested.

Due to his diligence and excellent detective work, Joe Matthews was able to take a dangerous felon, with a history of committing robberies and other violent crimes, off the street. In front of Surfside's elected officials, Joe's colleagues and family members, Police Chief, Dave Allen commended Detective Matthews for his effort and dedication.



*Officer of the Month, Joe Matthews (holding plaque), Police Chief Dave Allen (far left), Mayor Charles Burkett (back row-left), retired Miami Beach Homicide Sergeant, Joe Matthews, Sr. (back row-right), Joe's Mom, Ginny Matthews (right) and many other members of Joe's family.*



## SURFSIDE POLICE KEEPING THE PEACE!

Surfside Police Officers, responding to a noise complaint, successfully carried out their duties, and brought a little good cheer to **Rose Karukin's** lively New Years Eve birthday party. Husband, **Michael Karukin** insists he did not hire the officers as a 'special surprise' to entertain his wife & other female guests! However, the Karukins do extend their thanks to **Officers Lovellette and Smith** (pictured) and to **Officer Leonard** (not pictured) for their good nature and professionalism.



On January 8th, Surfside's female residents participated in an important seminar called **"SURVIVAL MINDSET FOR WOMEN"** North Miami Beach Police Major **Donna Kinsey, M.P.A.** was a superior instructor, who used recent, real-life crime events to teach women how to think like a police officer.



As part of the Florida Department of Education "Celebrate Literacy Event", Crime Prevention Specialist, **Wanda Flores** visited students at Natural Bridge Elementary. The students learned about the lives of community workers. Wanda read excerpts from the book

"Police Officers" and spoke to the children about safety skills and stranger danger.

### THE SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ALLIANCE FOR AGING

Invite senior residents age 60 & older,  
their family members & caretakers  
to learn about

#### "ELDER HELPLINE"

An information & Referral Service for Seniors

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

In the Parks & Recreation modular,  
behind Town Hall

Light refreshments will be served.

For further details, please contact  
Crime Prevention Specialist, Wanda Flores at  
(305) 861-4862, ext. 283.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## REGISTRATION IS IN PROGRESS FOR THE SURFSIDE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

A new Citizens Police Academy 11 week course begins March 5, 2009. Classes are held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at Town Hall, in the Police Training Room. Participants will gain a greater understanding of police duties, their training and the skill level required, especially given the life and death decisions they can be faced with.

issues. Those who enroll will also have the opportunity to experience Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.), K-9 demonstrations, and the firearms range.

For more details, please contact Surfside Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist, Wanda Flores at (305) 861-4862 ext. 283.

Lively discussions, debate and laughter are guaranteed as the class examines a multitude of current law enforcement

**Class size is limited. Don't be disappointed. Registration closes February 26, 2009.**

### SURFSIDE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY REGISTRATION FORM



Dear Resident,

Thank you for your interest in the Surfside Citizens Police Academy. To register, please complete this form and return it by Thursday, February 26, 2009 to the:

Surfside Police Department  
9293 Harding Avenue  
Surfside, FL 33154

Attention:  
Crime Prevention Specialist, Wanda Flores.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

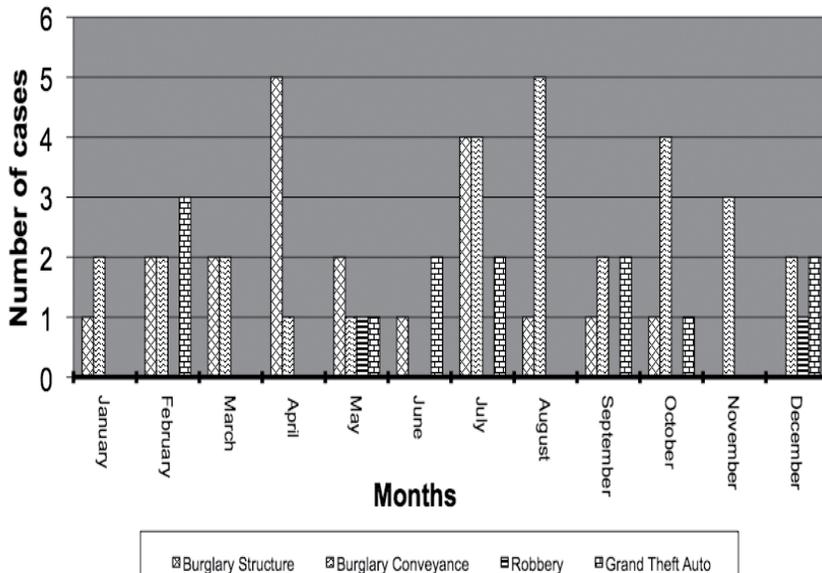
E- Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

2008 Burglary/ Robbery / Auto theft comparison



### Surfside Police Crime Statistics Monthly Activity by Classification

| Classification               | Nov       | Dec       | +/-       |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Homicide                     | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Involuntary Sexual Battery   | 0         | 1         | 1         |
| Lewd / lascivious            | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Aggravated Assault-Battery   | 1         | 0         | -1        |
| Burglary Structure           | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Burglary Conveyance          | 3         | 2         | -1        |
| Grand Theft                  | 3         | 5         | 2         |
| Fraud                        | 1         | 3         | 2         |
| Robbery                      | 0         | 1         | 1         |
| Grand Theft Auto             | 0         | 2         | 2         |
| <b>Total Part One Crimes</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>14</b> | <b>6</b>  |
| Battery Simple               | 3         | 0         | -3        |
| Domestic Violence            | 4         | 1         | -3        |
| Theft Under                  | 4         | 7         | 3         |
| Criminal Mischief            | 3         | 1         | -2        |
| Driving Under Influence      | 5         | 7         | 2         |
| <b>Total Part Two Crimes</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>-3</b> |
| Traffic Citations            | 590       | 580       | -10       |
| Arrests                      | 58        | 36        | -22       |
| Parking Citations            | 564       | 776       | 212       |

# February 2009 Calendar

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, AT 7:00 PM

Beautification Committee .....2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month at 7:15 pm (02/09/09)  
Charter Review Committee ..... Monday, February 23 at 7:00 pm  
Education Committee ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month at 8:00 pm (02/05/09)  
Green Committee ..... Status as of this publication: INACTIVE  
Parks & Recreation Committee..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 pm (02/19/09)  
Planning & Zoning Board ..... Last Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm (02/26/09)  
Tourist Bureau ..... 1st Monday of the Month at 6:00 pm (01/02/09)

Winter 5K Run/Walk.....Feb. 15, 2009

## PRESIDENT'S DAY (FEB. 16<sup>TH</sup>):

Town Hall, the Parks & Rec. Dept. Office & the Library will be CLOSED.  
Regular Recreation classes will be held. The Tennis Center is OPEN for general play.

## UPCOMING:

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](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) or tune in to cable channel 77.



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Steven Levine .....Commissioner  
Elizabeth Calderon.....Commissioner

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Community Center .....(305) 866-3635  
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  
All Other:.....(305) 861-4862

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