



# Surfside Town Gazette

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Mayor  
Charles  
Burkett

## **SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUES FULL ACCREDITATION STATUS**

Over the past year, the Surfside Police Department has been conducting a comprehensive review of every aspect of the agency's organization, management, operations and administration by pursuing Accreditation from the Florida Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

In order to be successful in the accreditation process, a police department must be in compliance with 39 chapters of standards. The chapters are sections pertaining to specific areas: communications, holding facility, fleet and training etc. There are 260 standards to achieve.

The many, positive benefits of accreditation impact the community, the chief and police department personnel.

### **THE COMMUNITY:**

Accreditation increases the law enforcement agency's ability to prevent and control crime. Accreditation enhances community understanding of the law enforcement agency, its role in the community, and its goals and objectives. Citizen confidence in the policies and practices of the agency is increased. Accreditation, in conjunction with the philosophy of community policing, commits the agency to a broad range of programs (such as crime prevention) that directly benefit the public.

Accreditation creates a forum in which police and citizens work together to control and prevent crime. This partnership helps citizens understand the challenges that confront law enforcement. Law enforcement will, in turn, receive clear direction from the community about its expectations. Thus, a common set of goals and objectives will be arrived at and implemented.

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The Town of Surfside is pleased to announce the official opening of the Town Attorney's Office in the municipal building at 9293 Harding Avenue. The office is located on the 2nd Floor. Feel free to stop by and say hello!

## **SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETINGS In Commission Chambers**

**TUESDAY, MAY 5 AT 7:00 PM**

**TOPIC:**

**Review of Bids, Design Concepts  
& Financing for  
Community Center Complex**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 7:00 PM**

**TOPIC:**

**Fiscal Year '09-'10 Goals and  
Priorities with Town Manager and  
Department Heads**

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# — SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS —

**At the Commission meeting held on April 14, 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 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 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 for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**2.** An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Section 90.19.8 required for submittal to Design Review Board; Amending 90.41.4 to delete Section 1.d. amending Section 90.45 relative to building massing, lot coverage and setbacks in the H30A, H30B Zoning Districts; renumbering Sections 90.45; amending Section 90.48 to create a restriction on new balconies and decks; amending Section 90.50 to provide design standards applicable to Zoning Districts H30A and H30B all with reference to controlling the scale and mass of the expansion of single family homes as well as new and redeveloped single family homes; providing for a revision to Section 90.61.1 relating to pavers and pervious surfaces and to create Section 90.h. describing allowable driveway materials; providing for severability; providing for repeal of conflicts; providing for inclusion in the Code of Ordinances; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**3.** An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 90 of the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinances providing for inclusion in the Code by creating a new Section 90-36-1 in Article II. Division III to provide for application for a Temporary Use or Structure Permit not otherwise treated as a Permitted Use or Conditional Use in a particular Zoning District; providing for inclusion in the Code; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**4.** An Ordinance amending the Code of the Town of Surfside; creating Section 2-180(d) of the Code to Institute Pre-tax Employee “Pick-up” Contributions as permitted by Section 414(h)2 of the Internal Revenue Code; providing for severability; providing for codification; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**5.** An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Section 6.05 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: 3-1** (Mayor Burkett opposed, Commissioner Weinberg absent)

**6.** An Ordinance of the Town Commission 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 to downtown commercial establishments with a 10% fee reduction which shall be effective October 1, 2009; providing for inclusion in the Code by; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**7.** An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 2 “Administration” of the Town Code of Ordinances to create and adopt Section 2-27 “Legal Defense of Public Officers, Employees and Agents”; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: 4-1** (Mayor Burkett opposed)

**8.** An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 90 “Zoning”; Article V “Design Standards”; Section 90-56 “Fences, Walls and Hedges”; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**9.** An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Article III “Property Maintenance Standards” of Chapter 14 “Building and Building Regulations” to establish Section 14-55 “Maintenance of Vacant Lots”; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**The following Ordinances were introduced for First Reading. Second Reading is scheduled for May 12, 2009:**

**10.** An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Sections 90.52 and 90.92 relating to circumstances under which required clearance may be waived; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for repeal of all conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: 3-2** (Vice Mayor Imberman and Mayor Burkett opposed)

**11.** An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 90-15(b) eliminating residency requirements for licensed architects to serve on the Planning and Zoning or Design Review Boards provided no resident licensed architect can be identified and is willing to serve at the time of the appointment and further provided the entire Commission ratifies said appointment; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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# — SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS —

**12.** An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 14-29 of the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinances to amend the format and provide a permit fee schedule contained in Exhibit “A”; providing for inclusion in the Code; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: 3-2** (Mayor Burkett and Commissioner Calderon opposed)

## The following Resolutions were adopted:

**13.** A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, authorizing the Town Attorney’s Office to participate in a clinical internship program with St. Thomas University School of Law; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**14.** A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, authorizing the rebuilding of the seawall at the end of 90th Street, authorizing the Town Manager to execute all purchase orders or other required documentation; authorizing the re-appropriation of fund balance (reserves) from the Capital Projects Fund; amending the Town’s budget for fiscal year 2008-2009; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**15.** A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida approving a work authorization with Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. for a replacement program for the water supply network, including valves and hydrants; authorizing the Town Manager and Town Attorney to execute all required documentation; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**16.** A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida ratifying the appointed Special Masters; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**17.** A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida authorizing the disposition of four (4) surplus

vehicles from the Police and Public Works Departments; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**18.** 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 five hundred dollars (\$500) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated fund; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**19.** A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida waiving the bid process pursuant to Section 3-13(3) of the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinances, approving replacement of sod and other incidental repair work at 96th Street Park to be provided by Country Bill’s Lawn Maintenance piggybacking on City of North Miami Bid #12-06-07, authorizing execution of purchase orders; providing for effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

## In other matters...

The Commission reviewed and approved the monthly budget to actual summary.

A Certificate of Recognition was given to Surfside Lifeguard, Alfonso Fontaine for a recent ocean rescue.

Assistant Police Chief, John Di Censo presented the award of Civilian of the Month to Public Service Aide, Elinor Joseph, for exceptional work above and beyond the job description.

The Commission proclaimed April as Water Conservation Month.

The Commission set May 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. as a Special Commission Meeting to approve design concepts and develop financial information for bonding of the Community Center. The Commission also set May 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. as a Special Commission Meeting for budget review with the Town Manager and Department Heads.



L-R: Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Milian, Mayor, Charles Burkett, Lifeguard, Alfonso Fontaine & Aquatic Supervisor, Jackie Villegran

## SURFSIDE LIFEGUARD, ALFONSO FONTAINE RECOGNIZED FOR HIS BRAVERY DURING SUCCESSFUL OCEAN RESCUE

On Tuesday, March 24, 2009 full-time Lifeguard, **Alfonso Fontaine**, was on duty at the lifeguard beach tower located on the 93rd Street Beach, when he noticed two active swimmers in distress approximately 100 yards south of the lifeguard tower and 200 yards out. They were moving steadily, the ocean continuing to carry them too far out to sea.

Despite the red flag warnings and heavy rip currents Alfonso ran towards the individuals and entered the water. Once Alfonso reached the victims he assessed the situation and established communication with the victims. He had both victims hold on to the rescue buoy and then he proceeded to swim them out of the rip current. Ultimately, he brought both victims to safety.

Due to Alfonso’s quick response in this emergency situation he was able to rescue not one, but two, potential drowning victims.



## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

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

**The RECYCLING days this month will be Wednesday, May 6 & 20.**

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.



## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

- Local Agency Certification (LAP) certification application and required documents were successfully submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). LAP Certification will allow the Town to more effectively apply for State grant project funding, including Stimulus Package Funds.
- The FDOT storm water drainage projects at 88th Street and 94th Street are nearing completion (94th Street is at “substantially complete” stage).
- The video filming and cleaning of the Town’s sanitary sewer system is nearly completed. Only the Harding and Collins Avenue lines remain to be filmed and cleaned (pending FDOT permitting).
- Several dead palm trees along Harding Avenue were replaced.
- The inlaid wave-shaped light on the Town’s entry feature at the southwest corner of 96th Street and Harding was repaired.



## McMANSION ORDINANCE

“McMansions” is the name of a trend that is occurring in many communities throughout the country, whereby developers are building homes whose size is out-of-scale with neighboring properties and whose design does not reflect the existing community. In order to discourage the influx of McMansions, the Town adopted Design Guidelines in early 2008.

The McMansion Ordinance that was adopted on April 14th, 2009 has, in effect, transferred portions of the Design Guidelines into Zoning Code regulations, including permitted roof materials, permitted driveway materials, design of garage facades, and requiring windows on home additions. The most significant change is the use of an “average” setback for new multi-story homes and single-story homes wanting to add a second or third story. While homeowners will still be able to build 30-foot tall homes, the average setback requires the upper stories to be further setback from property lines and hence have less of an impact on neighboring properties.



## FENCES, WALLS, AND HEDGES ORDINANCE

Although the name of the Ordinance adopted on April 14th, 2009 is “Fences, Walls, and Hedges” the Ordinance did not change any regulations regarding hedges. Nor did it change any regulations regarding fences and walls for the rear and interior sides of single family properties. Rather this Ordinance limits the height and transparency of fences and walls in the front and corner yards only.

Surfside has always prided itself on being a pedestrian friendly, neighborly community. The majority of properties will now be limited to fences and/or walls that are 3 ½ feet in height for front and corner yards. However the Ordinance does permit taller wooden fences for corner properties. It is the intention of the Ordinance to allow single family homeowners to have privacy while preventing a walled-off community.

# TOWN OF SURFSIDE PROJECTS: A PROGRESS REPORT

**Community Center:** Pre-qualified contractors were asked to “hard” bid for 3 different Community Center Complex designs. The bid opening was April 23, 2009. A Special Commission Meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 7:00 pm to review the bids, design concepts, and financing for the Community Center Complex. The permitting process is back on a fast track in order to possibly receive dollars through the stimulus package for some of the green features which may be used in the building.

**Website, IT, TV Broadcasts:** Recorded audio distortion issue has been resolved.

**Emergency Management:** Calvin, Giordano & Associates has completed a FY 09 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant application for funding to elevate the Generator at Town Hall. This application was successfully submitted to FEMA for funding consideration and the Town is awaiting final notification.

**Wastewater System:** The initial phase is complete with the installation of manhole gaskets to reduce the amount of inflow of stormwater into the wastewater system. Force main meter readings and comparison with tide and rainfall data indicates that inflow from surface water has been reduced. The second phase of cleaning and inspection is complete, except for sewer lines within the FDOT right of way. The Contractor is waiting for a permit to work within the right of way to complete the work. The third phase will be the lining

of many of the sanitary sewer lines and manholes to again further improve function and reduce any leaks or failures.

**Water System:** The Water system atlas is complete with an inventory of complaints, low pressure, rust, and other issues noted. A renovation program in alignment with budget and needs is being prepared. The design, bid, award and replacement of the aging system will be in three phases. This project was prompted by the substantial loss of water due to leaks in the system.

Water Main Replacement Proposal, Phase I is on the May 12th Commission agenda for approval.

- a. Water main replacement will be broken into 3 phases - south of 90th, 90th to 92nd and north of 92nd
- b. Approximately 11,000 linear feet of pipe to be designed per phase for a total of 33,000 linear feet.

**Building Code Services:** Crown of the Ocean, the exclusive, oceanfront townhouse project at 9501 Collin Avenue, picked up their foundation permit. Customer service has improved since Calvin, Giordano and Associates began providing plan review and inspection services. Plumbing, Electrical, and Mechanical inspections are now being performed on a daily basis, and the same goes for the review of plans. Formerly, and for many years, inspections and plan review were only done two or three days a week.



## CHARITY DOG SHOW

Sponsored by  
**The North Shore Kiwanis Club**

Entrance donation \$10  
(All proceeds will go to the Club's Children's Programs)

Sunday, May 17, 10:00 am – Noon  
On the Beach at 94th Street, behind the Best Western



**Trophies Awarded for:**  
**Biggest & Smallest Dog**  
**Most Talented & Best Dressed Dog**  
**Cutest & Friendliest Dog**



**All participants receive a surprise doggie bag!**

**Participating Businesses & Organizations include:**  
**PETCO, Rio Pet Grooming, Les Chic Puppies, Salon Poochie and Miami-Dade Animal Services**

**For more information, please contact :**  
**Wanda Flores (305) 861-4862 Ext. 283**



## A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY: HAULOVER BRIDGE PROJECT

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6 began a Bridge Rehabilitation Project on State Road (S.R.) A1A over Baker's Haulover Cut. The intent of this project is to enhance the bridge by replacing the existing fender systems. The project will last approximately eight months and cost an estimated #3 million. Please note that bad weather and/or unforeseen circumstances could impact the schedule.

Traffic flow will be affected. Lane closures are scheduled for non-peak hours on non-event days, on weekends from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sunday through Saturday. At least one lane will remain open in each direction and pedestrian access will be maintained on one side of the roadway at all times.

# SURFSIDE LIBRARY

## DONATIONS BY AUTHORS



The Surfside Library thanks **Bennett S. Flaum, Psy.D and Mitchell P. Flaum, Ph.D** who co-authored **How Sweet It Is: living & learning from diabetes**. With over 20 million Americans afflicted with diabetes the book helps patients better understand their illness and the options available to them. This knowledge may empower them to make more informed choices and feel more in control of their healing and recovery. The book is a timely and informative addition to the medical collection at the Library.

The Surfside Library would like to thank **Mr. Jack Frank for Hello Dolly!** He wrote the biography of his wife Dolly. She was one of the library staff's favorite patrons. Mrs. Frank is truly missed, especially her smile and her wonderful outlook on life!!



**Storytime will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 from 10:00 am-11:00 am. The library is closed at this time, so please knock on the door for admittance.**

*For your reading pleasure...*

### Adult

**The Complete Illustrated Guide to the Presidents of America: An Authoritative History of the American Presidency** by Jon Roper

**The Alzheimer's Answer Book: Professional Answers to More than 250 Questions about Alzheimer's and Dementia** by Charles Atkins, MD

**Smart Parenting During and After Divorce** by Peter J. Favaro, Ph.D

**Murder at the Academy Awards: A Red Carpet Mystery** by Joan Rivers

**Corsair: A Novel off the Oregon Files** by Clive Cussler

### Children's

**Max: A Maximum Ride Novel** by James Patterson

**Air Pollution and Health** by Emily Sanna

**You and the Environment** by Rae Simons

**Mustang Canyon** by Jonathan London

**Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed** by Mo Willems

**Diary of a Fly** by Doreen Cronin

### DVD's:

- Baby Einstein World Music
- Bolt
- Quantum of Solace
- Renovation Nation: Save Water, Save Money



### SUMMER HOURS AT THE LIBRARY:

Begin June 1 through August 30, 2009

Mon - Wed - Thurs - Fri	10:00 am - 5:30 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED

The Library now has a rack of Tourist Bureau brochures for our patrons' convenience.

The Library will be closed on Memorial Day Monday, May 25, 2009

### THE SURFSIDE BOOK CLUB WELCOMES ALL RESIDENTS!!!

The Surfside Book Club is set to meet on May 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The book selection is "Reading Lolita in Tehran" by Azar Nafisi.

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

[kimjo614@the-beach.net](mailto:kimjo614@the-beach.net)



# BAYNANZA 2009



Wonderful weather brought a great turnout to the Surfside Baynanza event held on April 18th. More than 200 people, at least half of whom were children under age 16, participated in cleaning up the Town's beautiful beach. Under the capable direction of Surfside resident & Baynanza Coordinator, Heather Oppenheimer, volunteers collected more than 60 large garbage bags full of trash, two 95 gallon recycling bins full of aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and glass, and a shopping cart overloaded with interesting items like broken strollers, lounge chairs, and 6 foot long boards-even though Surfside is one of the cleanest Baynanza sites around!

LOTS of cigarette butts were found, and although they may not fill up a garbage bag quickly, they never degrade and only break apart after over 12 years. Worse still, within an hour of contact with water, they can begin leaching cadmium, arsenic, and lead into the marine environment, as well as ending up in the intestines of marine animals.

## Special thanks go to:

- The Surfside Parks and Recreation department for providing the tables, chairs, recycling bins, and the pickup truck used for collecting the garbage bag. In particular, thanks to Parks and Recreation Director, Tim Millian for organizing the support, Recreation Leader, Mark Green for coordinating staff and volunteers (and counting all the garbage bags), and Department custodians Gene and Nicholas for all their help with set up, clean up, and carting off the garbage when the event finished.

- The Surfside Police Department, under the direction of Assistant Chief Di Censo, who made sure that the tent and port-a-potties provided by Miami-Dade DERM were safe and secure overnight.
- Special Projects Coordinator, Jody Roodman for making sure Baynanza was well publicized in the Surfside Gazette and on our website.
- Vice Mayor Marc Imberman, Commissioner Elizabeth Calderon, and Lourdes Ruiz from Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's office, who stopped by to lend their support. Marc and his family have been cleaning up the beach as Baynanza participants for several years.
- Jesse Oppenheimer and Dave Frank of The Glove Store who donated boxes of disposable gloves, so no one had to touch "icky" stuff.
- Jennifer Rodero, Carlos Medina, Luis Espinoza, and all the staff of Miami-Dade Department of Environmental Resources (DERM), and especially Bruce Coward, the County Coordinator for the Surfside site, for organizing a great event!

**Thank you to everyone who came out and helped clean up our beach.** As one volunteer said, "You don't really want to find trash on the beach, but when you're out looking for it, it's exciting when you do!" Until Baynanza time next year, please consider bringing a little trash bag with you every time you go to the beach to pick up litter all year round.



Surfside  
3rd Thursday  
Encore  
May 21st.  
The Salsa Band  
returns to Harding Ave!  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

## SURFSIDE FARMERS MARKET

9-4 EVERY SUNDAY  
COLLINS AVENUE AT 95TH STREET

### LOCAL & ORGANIC PRODUCE • FLOWERS BREAD • CRAFTS

**THANK YOU**  
Surfsiders for making the first  
season of the Farmers Market  
such a success!

### SURFSIDE SUMMER SIZZLER

Continuing the success of 3rd Thursdays  
on Harding Ave.  
Information Coming Soon!

The Surfside Business Association  
proudly presents...

Parents will  
"hunt" for their  
child's artwork  
MAY 4 - MAY 9

3rd Annual  
**PARENTS HUNT  
FOR ART**



The artwork of  
Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary  
School students will be on display in all of  
Surfside's Harding Avenue businesses

Parents will receive 2 entry forms from every  
business they visit to win prizes. The more  
businesses visited, the greater their opportunity  
to win the fabulous prizes donated by the  
Surfside merchants & restaurants.

## PARKS & RECREATION



### SURFSIDE TENNIS CENTER

Hours of Operation:  
Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 10:00 pm  
Friday - Sunday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Meet, Greet & Play Tennis  
Adult  
Mondays & Thursdays 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm  
Resident \$9 Non-Resident \$10

Junior Clinic (Reservation Required)  
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.

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

# Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 25, 2009  
10:00 am  
Veterans' Park  
8791 Collins Ave

The Town of Surfside will be hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony. The event will include Presentation of Colors, Local Boy and Girl Scout Troops, as well as Special Guests. Light Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (305) 866-3635  
"IT STARTS IN PARKS"

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

# Town of Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins

Kids and Adults come and join the Town of Surfside for a night out at a ball game with the Florida Marlins!

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Transportation provided to and from the stadium. Bus will depart from the Town of Surfside Town Hall (9293 Harding Ave) at 5:30 pm SHARP. Game will start at 7:10pm. Buses will return to the Town of Surfside at approximately 11:00 pm.

Limited to 45 Tickets

Tickets must be purchased at the Surfside Parks and Recreation Department in advance. Purchase deadline is Friday, June 12, 2009.

Ticket Price:  
Bullpen Box—(Formally known as Terrace Box) Section 102 Rows 22-25  
\$38.00 per person includes Admission and Transportation  
All kids under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.  
(Tickets are Non-Refundable)

For more information or to purchase tickets contact the Parks and Recreation Department (305) 866-3635 or visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)

## STORYBOOK FESTIVAL





**NEW PROGRAM!!!**  
**BEACH READY BOOT CAMP**

A high intensity outdoor group exercise program. The latest way to burn calories, get fit, and have fun all at the same time! Boot camp will integrate interval training, alternating cardio spurts and strength training using your body weight as resistance. This program will improve your cardiovascular system, strength and endurance in one great class. **Classes taught by Certified Personal Trainer.**

**Residents \$64 / Non-Residents \$96**  
**(per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

**Sunday May 3rd - June 28th**  
**Ages 18 and older**  
**8:00 - 9:00 am**

Note: Space is Limited. No class May 24th  
 Registration is currently in progress. Lessons will be held at 9301 Collins Avenue, in front of the Lifeguard Tower.

Proof of residency is required at time of registration. Refunds will not be given for classes missed.

**SENIOR TRIP**  
**TO HARD ROCK CASINO**

Thursday, May 21  
 Residents \$10 • Non-Residents \$15  
 Participants will receive: a \$10 voucher for game play and a \$5 voucher for lunch  
 Bus departs from Town Hall at 9:00 am & returns at 4:00 pm

Registration is in progress at the Parks & Recreation Department Modular, located behind Town Hall.

**THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER**  
 will be **CLOSED** on May 18, 2009.

**SENIOR SOCIAL TIME**

Every Wednesday, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Parks & Recreation modular unit behind Town Hall. Free activities include: dominoes, cards, bridge, and mah jong. Coffee & light refreshments are served.

**Senior Social Time will conclude May 27th and resume in September.**

**YOGA FOR ACTIVE ADULTS**

**(Ages 55 & over):**

Residents \$24 & Non-Residents \$40  
 (per person = 8 classes)

Sunday, June 7 - August 2  
 9:00 - 10:00 am

Note: Please bring a yoga mat. No Class July 5th

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

Please bring a mat to the following adult programs:  
 Zumba, Pilates, Yoga, Yoyalates  
 For class information during the summer, contact (305) 866-3635.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS IN PROGRESS:**

- Kidokinetics "Tots": Ages 2-4
- Kidokinetics: Ages 3-5
- Pre-School Ballet: Ages 3-5
- Ballet: Ages 5-7 and 8-10
- Gymnastics: Ages 3-5 & 6-13
- Acrobatics & Tumbling: Ages 8-15
- Hip Hop Jazz Dance: Ages 6-13
- Chess Program
- Arts and Crafts: Ages 3-5 & 6-10
- Basketball: Ages 4-6/6-9 10-13 girls/10-13 boys
- Youth Instructional Basketball

**Youth programs will end in May and resume in September**



**A Friendly Reminder for Surfside Residents!**  
**The 96th Street Park Basketball Courts will be Closed to the Public**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays until May 28th 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**\*Courts will be available for open play at all other times.**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

(Accreditation: Continued from page 1)

## THE CHIEF:

Increases cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and other branches of the criminal justice system. The accreditation process requires:

- establishment of agency goals and objectives with provisions for periodic updating
- re-evaluation of whether agency resources are being used in accord with agency goals, objectives, and mission
- re-evaluation of agency policies and procedures, especially as documented in the agency's written directive system
- correction of internal deficiencies and inefficiencies before they become public problems
- the opportunity to re-organize without the appearance of personal attacks

The accreditation standards provide norms against which agency performance can be measured and monitored over time. Accreditation provides the agency with a continuous flow of Commission distributed information about exemplary policies, procedures, and projects. Accreditation provides objective measures to justify decisions related to budget requests and personnel policies. Accreditation serves as a yardstick to measure the effectiveness of the agency's programs and services. The services provided are defined, and uniformity of service is assured. Accreditation streamlines operations, providing more consistency and more effective deployment of agency manpower.

## THE OFFICERS:

Accreditation requires that agency policies and procedures are in written form and are available to all agency personnel at all times. Accreditation assures employees that every aspect of the agency's personnel system is in accord with professional standards, and that the system is both fair and equitable. The agency is compelled to operate within specific guidelines. It is accountable to the Commission. The agency must stay in compliance with the standards set forth by the Commission in order to retain its accreditation.

The morale of the agency is enhanced by increasing the employees' confidence in the effectiveness and efficiency of their own agency. Operations become more streamlined and consistent. Accreditation policies address officer safety issues and provide for adequate training and equipment for the officers. Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence. Employees take pride in their agency, knowing that it represents the very best in law enforcement.

## DEPARTMENT'S PROGRESS:

A mock assessment of the Department was conducted by Accreditation Managers in February. The purpose was to identify any problem areas before the final onsite evaluation scheduled for July 21 - 23, 2009. Fortunately, the Surfside PD scored very well during the February assessment and only a few minor changes were suggested by the evaluation team.

## CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH



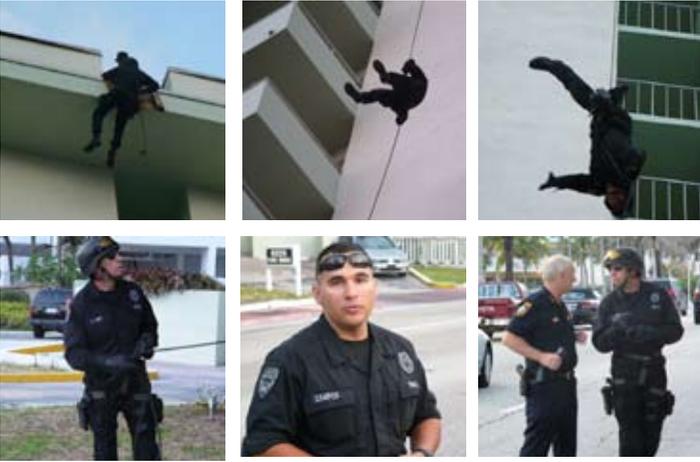
(L-R) Assistant Police Chief, John Di Censo, Public Service Aide, Elinor Joseph & Mayor, Charles Burkett

**Elinor Joseph** is a civilian employee for the police department. He is a Public Service Aide who has numerous responsibilities and duties. Some of the responsibilities include completing accident reports, issuing parking citations, programming and deploying the electronic sign, delivering uniforms and equipment, monitoring school bus stops, dispatching police calls, answering calls of service from the community, and working traffic details at special events. He also attended Property and Evidence training and is now the secondary property and evidence clerk. Recently, he inventoried the 500 plus parking meters in the Town and reprogrammed them to the new rates and hours. Most of these duties are above and beyond the job description of a public service aide. Elinor, however, accepts additional responsibilities without complaint. He is intelligent and a quick learner.

Elinor's most outstanding attribute is that he is always willing to help his fellow employees. He never says no. He is willing to come in early and leave late to get the tasks completed. He is willing to change his days off and his work hours to fill in as a dispatcher when we are shorthanded or someone is on vacation. His work ethic is exceptional.

Last but not least Elinor is a gentleman, who treats the public with respect, and represents the Town in a professional manner at all times. He is a pleasure to work with and we are very proud of him.

## SPECIAL WEAPONS & TACTICS (SWAT) TEAM



(L-R) Surfside Detectives Joseph Matthews & Frank Colonna, Surfside Chief Dave Allen, Miami Beach SWAT Team: (Commander) Ed Yero, Javier Matias, Larry Marrero, Sergio Campos, (Surfside Police Officer) Julio Torres, and Luis Sanchez.

Participants in the current session of the Surfside Citizen's Police Academy, and a few surprised residents and motorists on Collins Avenue, witnessed a special demonstration of the strength and skill of Miami Beach's Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT) Team. The members took turns rappelling off a 12 story condominium, at high speeds, upside down, while wearing body gear weighing close to forty pounds!

They are trained to perform special, risky operations, which includes serving warrants, hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, counterterrorism, vehicle/bus/vessel takedowns, and unusual or special events. The exceptional physical agility, firearm marksmanship and weaponry proficiency required by these individuals brings true meaning to the phrase "many are called but few are chosen". During his twenty-three year law enforcement career Miami Beach Police Lieutenant and Surfside resident, **Edward Yero**, has dedicated himself to protecting the community he serves. In addition to his regular duties, Ed is the SWAT Commander, with 20 years of SWAT experience to his credit. The Surfside Police Department is proud to have one of its own, Officer **Julio Torres** serve on Miami Beach's elite tactile unit.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS!!!!

### CIVIL VIOLATIONS MAY NOW RESULT IN CITATION & FINE

Acting on numerous complaints from our residents over the past six months, the police department has issued verbal and written warnings for civil violations. **Beginning May 1**, the Police Department and Code Compliance Officer may issue a **civil citation resulting in a fine** of \$50 or \$100 for unleashed dogs, pooper scooper violations, dogs on the beach and walking path, handbill solicitors, illegal dumping, and noise violations.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Representatives from the Surfside Police Department and Town Administration recently took part in the 26th Annual Florida Law Enforcement's Special Olympics Torch Relay. This signature event benefits the athletes of Special Olympics Florida. Funds are generated through individual and business contributions, as well as from the sales of popular torch run merchandise. Surfside's Detective Sergeant, Loxley Arch, carried the "Flame of Hope" from Miami Beach, running north to Surfside. The Surfside team continued the relay northward to Haulover Park.



Team Surfside (L-R): Assistant Police Chief, John Di Censo, Parks & Recreation Aquatic Supervisor, Jackie Villegran, Building Dept. Clerk (Permits), Julissa Arauz, Receptionist, Loren Mazaregios Spector, and Town Manager, Gary L. Word. (Missing from Photo: Detective Sergeant, Loxley Arch, who had already started the relay at time of photo).

The Surfside Police Department invites  
All residents to attend a

**HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS  
EXPO**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2009  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Featuring Representatives From:  
Miami-Dade County Emergency  
Management  
Miami-Dade County Animal Services  
Home Depot  
Publix**



**LOCATION:  
Publix Breezway  
94th St. & Harding Ave.**

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



**SPLASHING SAFELY  
INTO SUMMER:  
A Public Safety message  
from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue**



Summer is just around the corner, and if you live in South Florida you are surrounded by a different body of water in every direction, either by beaches, lakes or backyard pools.

We must remember to teach our kids about water safety. Drowning is the number one cause of death for children in Miami-Dade County. Since the beginning of 2007, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue has responded to 199 drownings. The majority of these incidents involved children under 16 years old, and 32 percent of them were children under five years of age. Since January of this year, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue has already responded to 11 drownings.

A drowning can occur at any time, in a split second. In Miami-Dade County, the majority of drownings occur between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Within this time range, the peak hours tend to be in the late afternoon from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The peak months for drownings are May, June, July and August. In order to make sure you have a safe summer, remember the following guidelines:

- Always think of your pool as a potentially dangerous place.
- Always directly supervise children when they are in a pool or around any body of water. Youngsters can drown in just a few inches of standing water. Bathtubs and large buckets also pose a threat. Most childhood drownings occur without an adult immediately present.
- Keep a phone at poolside so you don't have to leave the kids to answer the phone and so you can call 9-1-1 immediately in case of an emergency.
- Never assume that swimming lessons or flotation devices can completely protect a child from drowning. Don't have a false sense of security!
- Install alarms on all doors that lead into a pool area so you will know if a door to the pool has been opened.
- Secure long hair to the head, braid it, or cover it with a cap. Long hair can get suctioned into pool vacuum lines.
- Ensure that all family members learn how to swim and what to do if they see someone in trouble in the water.
- Have your family members learn CPR. Drowning victims have a better chance of surviving if they get assistance right away.
- Know and comply with the Florida and Miami-Dade County statutes for pool fencing and pool safety. Pool fencing has been proven to save children's lives.

**Surfside Police Crime Statistics  
Monthly Activity by Classification**

Classification	Feb	Mar	+/-
Homicide	0	0	0
Involuntary Sexual Battery	0	0	0
Lewd / lascivious	2	1	-1
Aggravated Assault-Battery	0	1	1
Burglary Structure	1	4	3
Burglary Conveyance	2	6	4
Grand Theft	6	3	-3
Fraud	1	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Grand Theft Auto	1	1	0
<b>Total Part One Crimes</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>
Battery Simple	1	2	1
Domestic Violence	0	2	2
Theft Under	4	3	-1
Criminal Mischief	5	3	-2
Driving Under Influence	7	6	-1
<b>Total Part Two Crimes</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-1</b>
Traffic Citations	680	390	-290
Arrests	42	41	-1
Parking Citations	530	449	-81

# MAY CALENDAR

## SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING:

Review of Bids, Design Concepts and Financing for Community Center Complex  
Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 PM

## REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, MAY 12, AT 7:00 PM

## SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING:

Fiscal Year '09-'10 Goals and Priorities with Town Manager & Department Heads  
Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM

Beautification Committee ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month at 7:15 pm (05/11/09)  
Education Committee ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month at 8:00 pm (05/07/09)  
Parks & Rec. Committee ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm (05/21/09)  
Planning & Zoning Board ..... Last Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm (05/28/09)  
Tourist Bureau ..... 1st Monday of the Month at 6:00 pm (05/04/09)

## MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Ceremony.....In Veteran's Park at 10:00 am

Town Hall & the Surfside Library will be CLOSED  
The Beach Club & Lifeguard Stand will be staffed until 5:00 pm  
The Tennis Center will be open for general play

## UPCOMING:

Charter Review Committee.....Monday, June 1 at 7:00 pm

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 channel 77.



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Steven Levine ..... Commissioner  
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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  
All Other:..... (305) 861-4862

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