



Surfside Town Gazette

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Mayor
Charles
Burkett

SURFSIDE LIBRARY CLOSED

The Surfside Library is officially closed.

Residents with checked out materials must return them as soon as possible to Surfside Town Hall or the book depository on Harding Avenue. Surfside residents can now select one of the following library branches for service:

The Sunny Isles Beach Branch Library
18070 Collins Avenue
North Miami Beach, FL
Phone: (305) 682-0726

The North Shore Branch Library
7501 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33141
Phone: (305) 864-5392

For more information, visit Miami Dade Public Library System Website: www.mdpls.org

FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET ADOPTED

After two public hearings held on September 8th and 22nd, the Surfside Town Commission adopted the FY 2009-10 Budget which began on October 1, 2009. The adopted millage rate remains at 4.7332 which was the same rate adopted in the current fiscal year (ending September 30, 2009). That rate means that approximately \$4.74 will be collected for each \$1,000 in taxable property value.

Key elements of the adopted Budget include the following:

1. General Fund operating costs have been reduced by \$1,675,385 (17.29%) from one fiscal year to the next.
2. Twenty-two (22) positions have been eliminated from the new budget compared to last year. Five (5) other positions will have reduced hours.
3. The Surfside Public Library will be closed effective October 1, 2009. Limited funding to review and establish alternative services or service providers have been proposed for consideration.
4. Beach lifeguard and beach club services have been reduced to weekend and holiday operating hours only. Charges will continue for those choosing to use beach umbrellas and chairs and be implemented for initial rentals
5. The subsidy to the Village of Miami Shores for Surfside resident access to that community's public pool has been eliminated.
6. All General Town employees must accept salary reductions from the prior year.
7. The Town's *Gazette* will be reduced from twelve (12) to ten (10) issues.
8. Other than the above service reductions, most Town services typically expected in Surfside will remain at previous levels.
9. Critical water, sewer and storm water system improvements throughout the Town remain scheduled.
10. The proposed Community Center and Aquatics Complex is proceeding and has been limited to a maximum cost of \$5,000,000. These funds will come from the Town's General Fund and Capital Projects accumulated fund balance.

For further information on the newly adopted budget, please contact Town Hall at 305-861-4863.

Attention – Changes effective October 1, 2009

- Surfside **Lifeguard Tower** (located on 93 Street Beach) is only staffed with lifeguards on Saturdays & Sundays from 9:00 – 5:00 pm
- **Beach Club Rentals** located on 93rd St beach is only open Saturdays & Sundays from 9 pm – 5 pm (Call the Surfside Parks & Recreation office for new rental fees, (305) 866-3635) Please Note: First chair and umbrella rental is no longer free for the day)
- **The Miami Shores Aquatic Center** –10200 Biscayne Blvd
Surfside residents are eligible to use the Miami Shores Aquatic Center effective October 1:
*Fee is \$6 per person, children 6 months and under are FREE
*Fees paid at the gate with valid/current Surfside resident ID
*For hours of operation call: (305) 795-2241 or visit www.miamishoresvillage.com
Parks & Rec facilities available to Surfside residents at a non-resident rate

<p>Normandy Pool 7030 Trouville Esplanade 305-993-2021 Daily Fees: Adults: (\$6 non-residents) Ages 4 - 18: (\$4 non-residents) Ages 3 & under: Free</p>	<p>Flamingo Pool 12th Street & Michigan Ave 305-673-7750 Daily Fees: Adults: (\$6 non-residents) Ages 4 - 18: (\$4 non-residents) Ages 3 & under: Free</p>
<p>Scott Rakow Pool 2700 Sheridan Ave 3056797200 Daily Fees: Adults: (\$6 non-residents) Ages 4 - 18: (\$4 non-residents) Ages 3 & under: Free</p>	<p>FIU Biscayne Bay Aquatic Center 305-919-4579 Daily Fees: \$7.00 one time use \$85.00 semester pass (fall, winter, spring) Free w/valid FIU student ID, Faculty ID, or an Alumni ID</p>

NEW BOAT ORDINANCE

Code Compliance will be enforcing the “New Boat Ordinance” commencing **December 1st 2009**
For a copy of the ordinance please contact **Michael Garcia (305) 861-4863**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Halloween Spooktacular (10/31/2009)**
- **Veteran’s Day (11/11/2009)**
- **Fall Harvest Festival (11/22/2009)**
- **Winter Camp (12/21/09- 12/31/09)**
- **Family Fun Day (01/31/2010)**

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

- The 88th Street/Carlyle Avenue FDOT storm water drainage repairs are scheduled to be completed by the third week in October.
- Public Works is working with the Beautification Committee to develop plans to refurbish the landscaping at the 95th Street/Collins Avenue Post Office lot. Completion is tentatively scheduled for late October or the early part of November.
- The installation of the Town seal medallion (formerly at the Community Center) is planned for completion during the month of October or early November.



FREE METERED PARKING

The Town Commission will continue free metered parking for Surfside residents. The yellow colored parking tags currently in use expired on September 30, 2009. However, a grace period will be in effect until **Friday, October 16, 2009**

After that date, parking tickets will be issued. **New parking permits** will be available for pick-up at Town Hall (9293 Harding Avenue) **between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.** Residents wishing to obtain a valid parking pass must re-register their vehicle(s) at Town Hall. The expiration date of the new pass will be **September 30, 2010.**

PLEASE NOTE, ONLY TWO PERMITS PER HOUSEHOLD WILL BE ISSUED.

THE FOLLOWING PARKING RULES CONTINUE TO BE IN EFFECT:

The Permit is not valid at Harding Avenue parking meters (9400 & 9500 blocks)
Permit parking is limited to **4 hours** in any location. The Permit cannot be used for all day or overnight parking. The Permit is non-transferable.
Please call (305) 861-4863 for further information

TOWN ATTORNEY TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Lynn M. Dannheisser, Town Attorney of Surfside, will be speaking at the International Municipal Lawyers Association Annual Conference on the topic of Transfer of Development Rights – The New Gold, at the Marriott Miami Biscayne Bay on October 20, 2009 at 2 p.m. and at 3:15 p.m.

"Transferable Development Rights are a way for a city to acquire open space or preserve historic buildings without the Town having to pay the property owner for it," Dannheisser explained.

This enables landowners to sever their development rights on the preserved land and gets to move them to another zone that the town would find more desirable to have developed.

"IMLA is a national organization of city and town attorneys and it is an honor to be asked to speak," said Dannheisser. "I will be proud to be introduced as the Town Attorney for Surfside!"

A SURFSIDE CELEBRATION
Town of Surfside Turns 75!

Dear Neighbor:

The Surfside 75th Anniversary Committee has been diligently working in organizing next year's much anticipated 75th anniversary of our beloved Town. The committee has agreed on celebrating this historical occasion at the following events :

- The Family Fun Day
- The Annual Arts Festival
- The Feature Ceremony and Gala

All activities will have the 75th Anniversary historic theme of "Commemorating the past, enjoying the present, and celebrating the future." There will be an ongoing display of Surfside memorabilia courtesy of the Town of Surfside and the Bramson private archives. We call on all Surfsiders to send us their ideas and suggestions to make of this event a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. We encourage all residents and businesses to participate and volunteer on our events and help us in organizing and fundraising. This event will only be possible with everyone's collaboration. Let's show our pride in being Surfsiders by coming together as a community. Be attentive to the dates of the events in subsequent Gazettes and on Chanel 77. If you wish to volunteer or collaborate with the Surfside 75th Committee please contact Duncan Tavares in the Town of Surfside Tourist Bureau at dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov or by calling 305-864-0722.

Sincerely,
Ricardo Mualin, Chairman
Surfside 75th Anniversary Committee

**COMMUNITY CENTER-AQUATICS COMPLEX:
A PROGRESS REPORT**

In September the Surfside Town Commission authorized architectural construction drawings for Phase 1 of the Surfside Community Center / Aquatics Complex. The budget for Phase 1 is limited to a maximum of \$5,000,000 and includes all furnishings, permit fees, landscaping and design costs.

Included in Phase 1 construction will be a full-service aquatics complex including a children's splash pool, adult pool with five lap lanes, water slide, lockers and restrooms. Further, pending the bids received for the project, a portion of the Community Center (up to one story) could be built. If the budget permits, a snack bar, recreation activity rooms, and a spacious multi-purpose area could be built. The building would be constructed to allow for future expansion.



Surfside Community Center—Phase 1

A second level addition would possibly be financed and constructed at some future date.

Currently, the architects are preparing design construction documents. Needed permits for the project are being sought from the State and County. Bids could be taken on Phase One in November with a contract awarded in December. As such, construction on the complex could begin on the Community Center / Aquatics Complex in January. The complex should be completed within 12 months from construction commencement.

Adult Programs in Progress

Class Name	Day	Dates	Hours	Fee (per person)	No class
Beach Bootcamp	Sunday Ages 18 - up	9/13/09 - 11/1/09	8:00 - 9:00 am	Resident \$64 Non-Resident \$96	11/24
Senior Social Time	Wednesday	9/9/09 - 12/9/09	10:30 - 12:30	FREE	11/25
PLEASE BRING A YOGA MAT TO THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS					
Zumba	Monday	10/26/09 –12/14/09	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Resident \$35 Non-Resident \$70	11/23
	Tuesday	10/13/09 –12/8/09	9:30 - 10:30 am	Resident \$40 Non-Resident \$80	11/24
Aerobics	Tuesday	10/13/09 – 12/08/09	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Resident \$40 Non-Resident \$80	11/24
Yoga	Wednesday	10/14/09 - 12/16/09	7:00 - 8:00 am	Resident \$40 Non-Resident \$80	11/11 & 11/25
	Monday	10/26/09 - 12/14/09	9:00 - 10:00 am	Resident \$35 Non-Resident \$70	11/23
Pilates	Thursday	10/15/09 - 12/10/09	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Resident \$40 Non-Resident \$80	11/23
Senior Yoga	Wednesday	9/9/09 - 12/9/09	9:00 - 10:00 am	Resident \$36 Non-Resident \$60	11/11 & 11/25



Town of Surfside -New Coastal Cleanup Site 2009

On September 19th, 2009, 150 volunteers from Surfside and Hands on Miami turned up for the cleanup event of the year.

All of them signed up and spent their morning collecting millions of pounds of litter and debris on inland roadsides, coastal areas, inland lakes and rivers. This was part of a collective effort to clean and protect the environment by eliminating debris that injures wildlife, and contaminates our beaches and waterways in Miami-Dade County.

The Coastal Cleanup was part of the 24th Annual International Coastal Cleanup sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy and supported locally by businesses and environmentally conscious organizations. Volunteers were afterwards treated to free T-shirts and appreciation party at the Miami Seaquarium.

Youth Programs in Progress (Space Limited)

<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Fee (per person)</u>	<u>No class</u>
Kidokinetics (tots 2-4)	Tuesday	9/8/09-12/8/09	9:30-10:15 am	Resident \$96 Non-resident \$120	11/24
Pre-School Ballet (Age 3-5)	Monday	9/14/09 –12/14/09	4:00 - 4:45 pm	Resident \$72	11/23
	Tuesday	9/15/09 – 12/15/09	4:00 - 4:45 pm	Non-Resident	11/24
Ballet (tots 6-10)	Monday Age 6-10	9/14/09-12/14/09	5:00 - 5:45 pm	Resident \$72 Non-Resident	11/23
Gymnastics	Wednesday Age 3-5 Age 3-5 Age 6-13	9/9/09 - 12/9/09	4:00 - 4:45 pm 5:00 - 5:55 pm 5:00 - 5:55 pm	Resident \$72 Non-Resident \$144	11/11 & 11/25
	Thursday Age 3-5 Age 3-5 Age 6-13	9/10/09 –12/10/09	4:00 - 4:45 pm 5:00 - 5:55 pm 5:00 - 5:55 pm	Resident \$72 Non-Resident	11/12 & 11/26
Acrobatics & Tumbling	Wednesday Age 8-15	9/9/09 – 12/9/09	6:00-6:55 pm	Resident \$72 Non-Resident	11/11 & 11/25
Hip Hop Jazz Dance	Thursday Age 6-13	9/10/09-12/10/09	6:00-6:55 pm	Resident \$72 Non-Resident	11/12 & 11/26
Kidokinetics	Thursday Age 3-5 Age 6-10	9/10/09-12/3/09	4:30-5:15 pm 5:15-6:00 pm	Resident \$96 Non-Resident	11/26
Arts & Crafts	Saturday Age 3-5	9/12/09-12/12/09	10:30-11:30 am	Resident \$72 Non-Resident	11/28
Soccer	Tuesday & Thursday Age 4-6 coed Age 6-9 coed Age 10-13 girls Age 10-13 boys	9/22/09-12/30/9	4:00-5:00 pm 5:00-6:00 pm 6:00-7:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm	Resident \$100 Non-Resident \$210	11/24 & 11/26

BOOK CLUB READING

The next Surfside Bookclub meeting is scheduled for:

October 20, 2009 at 7 PM

Reading:

“MARCH” by

Geraldine Brooks

For more information, email: kimjo614@the-beach.net



SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the Commission meeting held on September 8, 2009 the Town Commission voted to adopt the following ordinances on second reading:

1. A vote in favor of approving the Strike Force Voluntary Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Surfside and South Florida Law Enforcement Agencies.
2. A vote in favor of adopting an ordinance regulating boat storage.
3. A vote in favor of adopting an ordinance which allows members of the Commission to negotiate regarding the Town Code. **Vote 3-2** (*Vice Mayor Imberman and Mayor Burkett dissenting*)
4. A vote in favor of amending the code to address vacant store fronts.
5. A vote to create a section in the Town Code to regulate reimbursement of expenses for travel and other expenses of Town Officials.



Officer Jay Matellis receives plaque of appreciation for his commitment to summer program

On first reading the Town Commission introduced the following ordinances:

1. A new monthly minimum service charge for water supply as notified by Miami-Dade County. **Vote 4-1** (*Mayor Burkett dissenting*)
2. A new monthly sewer service charge for to establish new rates as notified by Miami-Dade County. **Vote 4-1** (*Mayor Burkett dissenting*)
3. An ordinance to protect the town seal and incorporate it as part of the Town Code.
4. An ordinance amending the Town's Comprehensive Plan by adopting the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Comprehensive Plan Amendments.



DeWayne Berger, Surfside Publix Manager, recognized for contributions to Town programs

Other Town Commission Actions:

1. Chief David Allen presented Officer of the Month Awards to Alberto Knight and Micah Smith for outstanding service to the Town of Surfside.
2. Chief Allen presented a plaque in appreciation to Officer Jay Matellis for his commitment to the summer boot camp program.
3. Town Commission presented a certificate of appreciation to DeWayne Berger, Manager of Surfside Publix in honor and recognition of their many contributions to the Town and Town programs.
4. **Proposed Community Center Design Update/Architectural Fees** – Lawrence Kline, Associate Principal, Director of Design, AECOM and Joe Cangialosi, Project Manager, Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. Motion by Commissioner Elizabeth Calderon to move forward with a one story design. The motion received a second from Commissioner Steven Levine. **Vote 4-1** (*Mayor Charles Burkett dissenting*)

At the deferred Commission meeting held on September 22, 2009, the Town Commission voted to introduce the following ordinances on the first reading:

1. An ordinance to correct a scrivener's error in the codification of amended Chapter 90. **Vote: unanimous.**
2. An ordinance to create section 2-27 "Reimbursement of Expenses" to provide for reimbursement of travel and other expenses of Town Officials. **Vote: unanimous**

The following resolutions were approved:

1. A health plan group medical and hospital service contract between the Town of Surfside and qualified subscribers and Avmed, Inc. D/B/A Avmed Health Plans.
2. An after-the-fact expenditure for the emergency storm water repair at 88th Street and Abbott Avenue.
3. The mounting of the Town Seal Logo from the old Community Center on Town Hall.
4. The Town Commission agreed upon the stamped asphalt colors for the crosswalks.
5. Peter Gold was appointed as a member of the Education Committee upon nomination of Vice Mayor Marc Imberman.

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH



Officers King and Smith pictured with Surfside Mayor Burkett, Chief of Police David Allen and Assistant Chief of Police John Di Censo

On August 25, Officer Micah Smith responded to a suspicious person call in the area of Dickens Avenue and 88 Street. Officer Smith recovered a checkbook in the street with an address on Dickens Avenue.

noticed the vehicle parked outside the residence with an open rear driver door, the dome light on and the glove compartment open. The subject was located by Officer Knight in the 8700 Block of Abbott Avenue. Through skillful interview techniques, the subject confessed to burglarizing a vehicle and stealing a laptop.

During the course of Officer Smith's diligent investigatory work, Officer Smith identified the vehicle owner who confirmed his vehicle had been burglarized. The victim also identified the laptop as his property. The subject was subsequently arrested charged with burglary to a vehicle. Due to their outstanding police work and teamwork, Officers Smith and Knight captured a felon and recovered stolen property dedication and are awarded Officers of the Month for August.

Officer Smith responded to this location and requested Officer Alberto Knight to continue canvassing the area for the subject. Officer Smith

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL HONORS VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11



On Thursday, September 10, 2009, a memorial service was held in the form of a candlelight vigil for the victims of September 11. Surfside Assistant Chief John Di Censo welcomed guests to the ceremony site at 9293 Harding Avenue at 7 p.m. before presenting

the Honor Guard of Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands. Sergeant Rory Alberto pronounced the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mr. Ralph D'Ovido sang the National Anthem. Surfside Police Chaplain Estrada was also present for the invocation and the Benediction.

"I'd like to recognize and thank Bay Harbor Islands Town Manager and Retired NYPD Inspector Ron J. Wasson for his exceptional and heartfelt presentation during the candlelight vigil," said Chief of Police David Allen.

Wasson was featured as the guest speaker, and his speech was one of the most memorable and moving highlights that night. The South Florida Pipe and Drum Corps performed Amazing Grace, and a Moment of Silence ensued in honor of the September 11 victims.



OCTOBER 2009 CALENDAR

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

Beautification Committee	2 nd Monday of the Month	7:15 pm (10/12/09)
Education Committee	1 st Thursday of the Month	8:00 pm (10/01/09)
Parks & Rec. Committee	3 rd Thursday of the Month	7:00 pm (10/15/09)
Planning & Zoning Board	Last Thursday of the Month	7:00 pm (10/29/09)
75 th Anniversary Committee	1 st Wednesday of the Month	6:00 pm (10/07/09)
Tourist Bureau	1 st Monday of the Month	6:00 pm (10/05/09)

Please note that all times and 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 Channel 77

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Rec Center (305) 866-3635
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Tourist Bureau (305) 864-0722
Library (305) 865-2409
Police Dept (305) 861-4862

EMERGENCY ONLY

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General (305) 861-4862

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