

Town Manager's Message

As my 64th birthday approaches, I hope the readers of this message will bear with me. When you add a few years, too many pounds and a lot of grey hair, hopefully you have learned something and you feel compelled to share that experience and knowledge. The residents of the Town of Surfside are being bombarded with a fusillade of lies, distortions and half truths regarding the upcoming water, sewer and storm drainage project that is so vitriolic, personal rather than issue oriented and disrespectful of our residents, that I am compelled to clear the air. This brief message will not attempt to answer everything raised by this small group. That will be done separately, transparently, honestly and responsibly in the near future.

We learn from life experiences and I want to share two with you. My sister was born in 1939 eight years before me. She had a congenital heart defect which could not be cured by the miracle surgery that we have today. Her doctors said watch your weight, don't have more than two children, don't smoke and maintain a relaxed life style and you will be ok. She was overweight, had four children, smoked three packs a day and certainly was intense. She passed at age 55 and not a day goes by that she isn't in my mind.

A friend believed that the need for frequent oil changes was a fiction created by the Quick Change industry and therefore changed his oil about every 20,000 miles. When his engine blew up at 65,000 miles he wondered why.

What does this have to do with the Town of Surfside's water, sewer, storm drainage project. Pretty simple...these underground and invisible pipes are old, leaky and very risky. Sure, we can wait for another 20 years. Why not? Some of these pipes lasted for 70 years...to expect 20 more is certainly reasonable. Believe that and there is a bridge in Brooklyn for sale.

Good honest issue oriented debate is always welcome by the Town Commission and the Town staff. Personal attack, distortions, creation of wedge issues, going after a volunteer committee member's living, scare tactics and similar strategies simply have no place in an enlightened civil society or in Surfside. Let's hope the rhetoric and vitriol can be toned down and folks will regain responsibility and respect. This wonderful community has come too far and too much work has been done to develop a comprehensive fiscally responsible solution to the water, sewer storm drainage system problems to let a small but vocal group turn back the progress.

If you still think we don't need to replace/rebuild our system check out the March 24, 2011 Miami Herald article and see what happens when you have a major pipe break in a line that was approximately 70 years old. Better yet, drive by and see the damage and consider the cost.

- Roger M. Carlton



...And They're Off!

Hundreds Enjoy Surfside 5K Beach Run - Page 2



Above, runners and walkers kick up some sand at the start of the race. At left, children show off their medals.



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GAZETTE

APRIL 2011

Going Green!

Town Explores Community Garden Concept

The Town is investigating the feasibility of installing a Community Garden. Residents interested in registering for a garden plot please contact the Tourist Bureau at (305) 864-0722 or via email at dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov

Baynanza 2011 on April 16

All are welcome to participate in Baynanza 2011 at the Surfside site, on the beach at 94th St, on Saturday April 16, 9 a.m. -noon. Contact Jackie Villagran in Parks and Recreation Department, (305) 866-3636, Ext. 219 or visit www.miamidade.gov/derm.

You Can Help With Research At UM Miller School of Medicine

If you are at least 18 years of age and suffering from depression, you could be eligible for a low-risk research clinical study with the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine. Your time and efforts will be compensated. For more information, please call: 305-243-9373

Recycle Your Batteries at Town Hall

The Town of Surfside has begun a battery recycling program throughout Town Hall utilizing the EazyPak Recycling Program. This system provides convenience for Town employees and local citizens to recycle used batteries in a safe and environmentally conscious manner. If you have any questions about the program please contact the Public Works Department at (305) 861-4863 or via email at bevans@townofsurfsidefl.gov.

Commercial Vehicles Require Decals

Residents who own a commercial vehicle are permitted to park them in the driveway of their home upon issuance of a conditional permit. Residents may register their commercial vehicles at Town Hall with proof of residency and vehical registration. Commercial vehicle parking decals are now available at a fee of \$25 for one year. The decal should be affixed to the lower right corner of the windshield. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Assistant Chief John Di Censo at (305) 861-4862.

Eye on Surfside Meeting April

The Surfside Police Department's new Eye on Surfside program is designed to raise public safety awareness and address quality of life issues in our community. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. The location will be announced.

Surfside Beach Run is a Breeze

A beautiful winter morning greeted the crowd of runners, walkers, volunteers and guests who attended the Surfside Winter Beach Run, held at 95th Street and the oceanfront. The top male and female runners finished one and two, just six seconds apart. They were Gene Ruotolo and Jen Walter. But everyone was a winner at the event, with plenty of food and refreshments, displays, give-aways and medals for all the children. The event was coordinated by the Surfside Parks and Recreation Department.



Above left is the leading pack with female winner Jan Walter at the right of the group.



At left Commissioner Michael Karukin (R) with the proud Parks and Recreation team.

The Welcome Channel Comes to Surfside



The Welcome Channel recently filmed a commercial in the Surfside Business District that will air in hotel rooms across South Florida. The project aims to attract tourists to the many Surfside shops and restaurants.

Citizens Police Academy Underway



Members of the Surfside Citizens Police Academy learn about patrol procedures at recent class.

Popular Latin Spice At 3rd Thursday

More than 100 residents and guests enjoyed Latin Spice at the March 17th 3rd Thursday. A talented Salsa band and Mexican mariachis got the crowd up and dancing. The next 3rd Thursday Free Concert will be on April 21, 7-10 p.m. (new time) on the 200 block of 95th Street at Harding Ave. The theme will be *Mediterranean Odyssey*.



PHOTOS: EventX

Watering Restrictions In Effect for Surfside

Because of current drought conditions, watering restrictions are in place for all municipalities, including Surfside. Residents may only water on this schedule:

- **No watering** between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- For residents and businesses with **odd-numbered** addresses, lawn watering is permitted on Wednesdays and Saturdays, before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
- For residents and businesses with **even-numbered** addresses (including multi-family and homeowner associations) lawn watering is permitted on Thursdays and Saturdays, before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
- For new plantings and landscaping: 1st day: no restrictions. Day 2-30: Water in the time allowed on any day except Friday. Day 31-90: Water in the time allowed on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. An entire irrigation system can only be used if more than 50 percent is new landscaping.
- Hand-watering with a hose fitted with an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed for 10 minutes per day for landscape relief.
- Watering-in fertilizers and insecticides may be done for one application. For other applications, follow established watering days.
- Restrictions do not apply for car and boat washing, pressure cleaning, golf courses, users of reclaimed water and certain low volume irrigation systems.
- To report water restriction violations, call 311.

2011 CALENDAR

APRIL

- Mon 4 Parks & Recreation Special Meeting 7 p.m. (Modular)
- Sun 10 Spring Egg Hunt, 96th St. Park, 10 a.m.-noon.
- Mon 11 Beautification Committee
- Mon 11 Town Tourist Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Tue 12 Town Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wed 13 Code Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee 7 pm
- Thur 14 Senior trip to Butterfly World
- Thur 14 Downtown Vision Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Mon 18 Town Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tue 19 Eye on Surfside meeting, 6 p.m., location TBA
- Thur 21 Third Thursday Music Series, 7-10 p.m.
95th St and Harding Ave. *Mediterranean Odyssey*
- Thur 21 Adult & Senior trip to Holocaust Education Center 9 a.m.-1 p.m., depart from Town Hall, \$5 residents
- Fri 22 Earth Day Planting Event (time & location TBA)
- Wed 27 Downtown Vision Committee Meeting 7 p.m.
- Thur 28 Planning & Zoning Board, 7 p.m.

MAY

- Mon 2 Town Tourist Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Tue 10 Town Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Thur 12 Downtown Vision Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wed 18 Senior Trip to Actor's Playhouse, *The 39 Steps*
- Tue 24 Downtown Vision Committee Meeting 7 p.m.

All times and dates, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. To verify, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, visit the website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or tune in to Channel 77.

Manager's Message - From P. 1

Here is a very recent example of what aging infrastructure can cause next door in Miami Beach - an incident we want to avoid in the Town of Surfside.

Miami Herald

March 24, 2011

MIAMI BEACH WATER MAIN BURSTS; REPAIRS TO TAKE DAYS

Construction crews will likely remain in the La Gorce neighborhood of Miami Beach until Saturday to repair the pipes and road damaged late Tuesday night when an underground water main erupted and flooded the area of 63rd Street and La Gorce Drive.

City spokeswoman Nannette Rodriguez said the busted 16-inch water pipe should be repaired and water flow restored by Thursday morning. Contractors, however, will remain in the area to repair a Florida Department of Transportation storm line also damaged in the deluge.

According to Rodriguez, engineers said the underground damage was severe because of the water pressure that burst from the



water main." It's the biggest break we've had in 17 years," she said.

The cost of the repairs and what caused the water main to burst about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday and spew inches of water onto the roadway are still unknown, she said.

Police were rerouting traffic off Alton Road near the water main break Wednesday, and traffic delays are expected to continue in the area while crews repair the pipe and roadway.

DAVID SMILEY

Youth Spring 2011 Parks and Recreation Programs

Registration now in progress. Call (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurlsidefl.gov for holiday hours and more information.

CLASS	DAY	DATES & TERM	HOURS	Fee (per person)	No class
Surfing, age 5-15	Sunday	3/27/11-4/17/11	10-11:30 a.m.	\$100 residents/\$150 non	
Pre-School ballet, age 3-5	Monday	3/21/11-5/2/11	3:45-4:30 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/18
Pre-School ballet, age 3-5	Monday	3/21/11-5/2/11	4:45-5:30 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/18
Ballet, age 6-10	Monday	3/21/11-5/2/11	5:45-6:30 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/18
Toddler & Me, 18-36 months	Tuesday	3/22/11-5/3/11	9:30-10:15 a.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/19
Tots Kidokinetics, age 2-4	Tuesday	3/22/11-5/3/11	9:15 a.m. -10 a.m.	\$66 residents/\$96 non	4/19
Adventure Crafts, age 4-7	Tuesday	3/22/11-5/3/11	3:45-4:30 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/19
Fitness Fun Bootcamp, age 10-15	Tuesday	3/22/11-5/3/11	4-5 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/19
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Wednesday	3/23/11-5/4/11	3:45-4:40 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/20
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Wednesday	3/23/11-5/4/11	4:45-5:40 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/20
Gymnastics, age 6-13	Wednesday	3/23/11-5/4/11	4:45-5:40 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/20
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Thursday	3/24/11-5/5/11	3:45-4:40 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/21
Gymnastics 6-13	Thursday	3/24/11-5/5/11	5:45-6:35 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/21
Hip Hop Jazz Dance, 6-13	Thursday	3/24/11-5/5/11	4:45-5:40 p.m.	\$48 residents/\$96 non	4/21
Kidokinetics, age 3-5	Thursday	3/24/11-5/5/11	4:30-5:15 p.m.	\$66 residents/\$96 non	4/21
Kidokinetics, age 3-5	Thursday	3/24/11-5/5/11	5:15-6 p.m.	\$66 residents/\$96 non	4/21
Junior Group Tennis, age 4-7	Tue & Thur	4/1/11-4/30/11	4-5 p.m.	\$48, 5 classes/\$95, 10 classes	
Junior Group Tennis, age 8-11	Tue & Thur	4/1/11-4/30/11	5-6 p.m.	\$48, 5 classes/\$95, 10 classes	
Junior Group Tennis, age 8-11	Tue & Thur	4/1/11-4/30/11	6-7 p.m.	\$48, 5 classes/\$95, 10 classes	

Adult Spring Programs

CLASS	DAY	DATES & TERM	HOURS	Fee (per person)	No class
Senior Social time	Monday	3/21/11-5/2/11	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	FREE	4/18
Living Healthy	Tuesday	3/22/11-5/10/11	9:30-12 p.m.	FREE	4/19
Twilight Zone Movie	Wednesday	3/23/11-5/4/11	10:30-11:30 a.m.	FREE	4/20
Senior Social time	Wednesday	3/23/11-5/4/11	10:30-12:30 p.m.	FREE	4/20
Bring a yoga mat to the following classes:					
Beach Ready Boot Camp	Sunday	3/20/11-5/1/11	8-9 a.m.	\$66 residents/\$100 non	4/17
Zumba	Monday	3/21/11-5/2/11	7:15-8:15 p.m.	\$42 Resident/non \$84	4/18
Yoga	Tuesday	3/22/11-5/3/11	7-8 p.m.	\$42 Resident/non \$84	4/19
Senior Yoga	Wednesday	3/23/11-5/4/11	9-10 a.m.	\$36 Resident/non \$62	4/20
Salsa (NEW)	Wednesday	3/23/11-5/4/11	6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$42 Resident/non \$84	4/20
Zumba	Thursday	3/24/11-5/5/11	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$42 Resident/non \$84	4/21
Pilates	Thursday	3/24/11-5/5/11	7-8 p.m.	\$42 Resident/non \$84	4/21

Tennis

Adult Meet & Greet Doubles	Monday	4/1/11-4/30/11	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Resident \$10/non \$12 (per class)	
Beginners Ladies Doubles	Tuesday	4/1/11-4/30/11	6:30-8 p.m.	Resident \$10/non \$12 (per class)	

Senior Trips

April 14	Butterfly World	May 18	Alfred Hitchcock's <i>The 39 Steps</i> , Actor's Playhouse
April 21	Holocaust Documentation and Education Center 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.		



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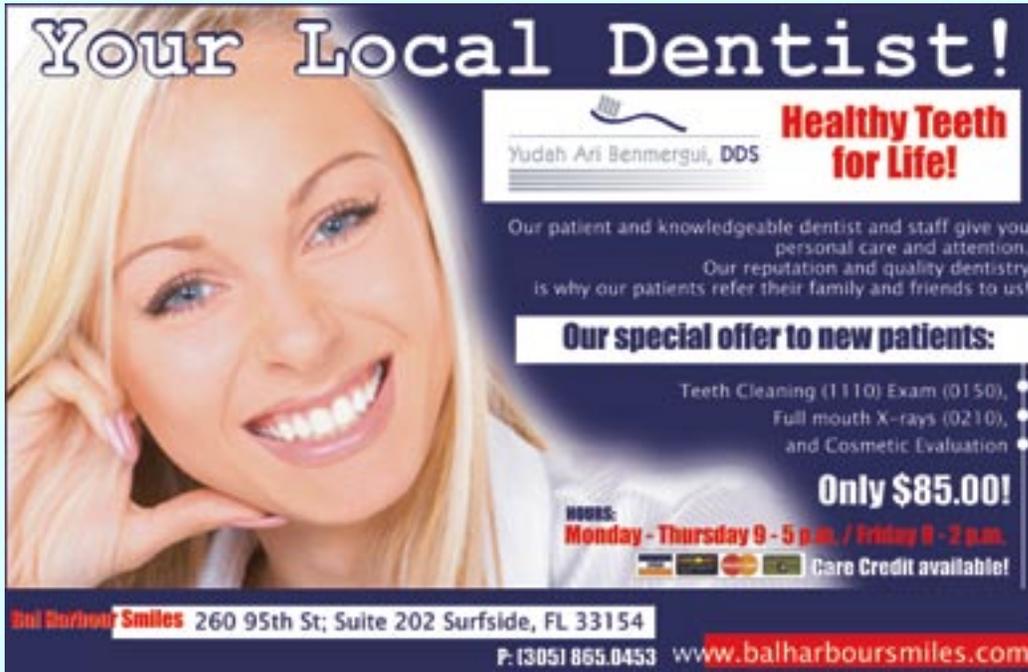
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