

Surfside Honors the Fallen at Memorial Day Ceremony

Honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans from all U.S. armed forces, the Town of Surfside held a poignant and patriotic service on the Memorial Day morning at Veteran's Park (88th and Collins Ave). The event included the JRROTC color guard, Miami Beach High School drum corps, boy scouts and cub scouts and comments from the Town elected officials. Special guest speakers were Marine

Corps Captain Mark Conroy and Army Lieutenant Tim Keegan. The Second Infantry Group provided a three gun salute and military vehicles and armory. Veterans in attendance were also invited to speak.



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Daniel Dietch



Vlce Mayor
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Guest speakers Tim Keegan (L) and Mark Conroy



The Second Infantry Group



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JULY 2010

SURFSIDE BRIEFS

Indian Creek Entrance Improvements

A new project to improve the entrance to Indian Creek Village is beginning and will last almost a year. The project will improve the entrance roadway just west of Bay Drive at Sunrise Boulevard and include pavement reconstruction, curb and gutter, sidewalks, asphalt, resurfacing, paver installation, lighting, landscaping, pavement markings, signage and entrance architectural features.

Residents Eligible for Golden Passport

Surfside residents who are 65 years and older or a Social Security beneficiary and are a permanent resident of Miami-Dade County, are eligible to ride transit free with a Golden Passport. You must have Florida Driver's License with a Miami-Dade address. Pick up your Golden Passport at one of the Government Information Center's five Service Direct locations or at 701 NW 1st Court, Suite 1300, Miami, FL 33136. Call 311 for any questions about the Golden Passport. No appointments are needed.

Be Safe and Obey the Law: Don't Jaywalk

The south side of the intersection at 96th Street and Harding Avenue does not have a pedestrian crosswalk. Pedestrians should use the crosswalk on the north side of the intersection or the crosswalk in the 9500 block of Harding Avenue. Remember, jaywalking is not only dangerous but against the law. Please obey the posted signs and use the crosswalks.

Special Commission Meeting for Public Input on Zoning Code

A special Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 7 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall regarding the re-adoption of the Town's Zoning Code. The public is encouraged to attend and provide their input. Those not able to attend can submit their comments to the Town Manager's office and by email to: dhunziker@townofsurfsidefl.gov.

Public Works Update

Sixteen of the thin Carpentaria palms along Harding Avenue commercial district (94th to 96th Streets) will be replaced with Jamaican Caper bushes early in July. This is part of a downtown improvements project developed by the Beautification Committee.

2nd Annual Surfside Teen Police Academy

In conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department Summer Camp Program, the Police Department will host its second Teen Police Academy. The Academy provides teens, age 12-15, an opportunity to meet our police officers and learn about Patrol Procedures, Crime Scene Investigation, SWAT, K-9 Operations Drug Awareness, and more. The academy meets once a week for six weeks. For further information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (305) 866-3635.

Souvenir 75th Anniversary Brochure Available

The 75th Anniversary Souvenir Brochure is available from the Parks & Recreation/Tourist Bureau office in the trailer on Collins Ave at 93rd St., from 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mon-Fri for your complimentary copy (while supplies last). A copy of the brochure, can be downloaded from the Town's website: www.townofsurfsidefl.gov.

Anniversary Souvenirs Available at Town Hall

Souvenirs commemorating Surfside's 75th Anniversary are available in fashionable navy blue and white featuring the Anniversary logo. They can be purchased at the Town Hall Front Desk.

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Library Open Three Days a Week

The Surfside Library is now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through September 6, 2010 (subject to change without notice). Patrons have access to the books, magazines and movies currently in the Library circulation as well as *The New York Times* newspaper. Internet access is also available. Book donations are being accepted for books published in 2009 or 2010. For information, call (305) 865-2409.



Peter Neville, a Surfsider, library volunteer and author, has donated copies of his novel for purchase at the library. *The Awakening of the Lion: Singapore*, a story of Singapore after the Japanese occupation in 1945 to its independence from Great Britain, is available for \$10 with all proceeds going towards financing this summer's temporary library operation. Those interested in volunteering for the Library should contact Duncan Tavares, Tourist Bureau Director, (305) 864-0722 or dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov

County Water Report Available



The Town of Surfside is committed to provide its customers with high quality drinking water. Drinking water in the Town of Surfside is purchased directly from Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD).

We are pleased to report that our drinking water supplied by WASD meets all federal, state and local standards for drinking water for the calendar year 2009. This information was obtained from the 2009 Water Quality Report for Miami-Dade WASD. A complete report was sent by the Town to all residents and additional reports are available at Town Hall.

The Town of Surfside routinely monitors for lead, copper and coliform bacteria in your drinking water, in accordance with EPA Federal Regulations.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least

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Town Commission Highlights

At the June 8, 2010 Town Commission Meeting, the Town Commission took the following actions:

Voted to approve ordinances on second reading:

- Landscape ordinance to increase landscaping requirements in downtown.
- Base Flood Level Elevations, which changes the definition of substantial improvements relating to the 50 percent rule.

Voted to introduce on first reading:

- Re-adoption of Zoning Code (Ordinance 08-1491).
- Proposed Franchise Agreement Renewal with Florida Power & Light for a 30-year period.
- Parking Trust, allowing payment into fund in lieu of providing space.
- Appoint Planning & Zoning Board
- Solar Lights/Handicap Ramps/Pads Construction on Harding Avenue
- Retention of Genovese, Joblove & Battista, P.A. for Special Assessment Liens to recover delinquent bills.
- Proposed Mid-Year Budget Amendment Resolution, providing for reduction in expenses.

Town Commission voted to:

- Approve the Jamaican caper bushes in downtown.

At the June 3rd Special meeting:

- Voted to reopen the Library on a temporary basis for the summer months.

Special Note

The Town Mayor and Commission conveyed an apology to former Mayor Paul Novack and the Novack family for previous actions of former Town Officials.

Students Receive Awards

Miami Beach High School students Alexander Bennet and Cora Colfman received the Town of Surfside's Exemplary Student Awards at the June



Commission Meeting. Presenting the awards were Mayor Daniel Dietch and Vice Mayor Joe Graubart.



Commission Agenda Review Meetings Scheduled

In an effort to become better informed and streamline regular Town Commission meetings, the Town Commission has agreed to conduct agenda review meetings on the Monday morning preceding the regular Tuesday evening Town Commission meetings. These review meetings will be held in the Commission Chambers at 8:30 a.m. **Meetings will be televised and open to the public.** All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

ADVERTISING IN THE GAZETTE

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Early Preparations Made Should Oil Arrive

While South Florida is not currently being affected by the Gulf oil spill, South Florida communities are in extremely early stages of preparations. The first sign would be tar balls. If tar balls are spotted on our beaches, they are only to be handled by trained personnel.

If Surfside may be impacted, a "pre-beach cleanups" could be held, but none are planned at this point. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer they can visit Miami Dade County's [website, www.miamidade.gov/OEM/deepwaterhorizon](http://www.miamidade.gov/OEM/deepwaterhorizon) or the Volunteer Initiative website at www.iaminvolved.org.

Water testing will continue as normal. If any health hazards appear, Surfside will be notified. Miami Dade county is confident if Surfside is affected by the spill, the County is prepared and taking all the necessary precautions.

New Utility E-billing Notification Service

Surfside is pleased to announce a **NEW utility e-billing notification service!** The service allows for Surfside customers to receive an email notification of their utility bill. We encourage you to participate by providing your name, address, account number (if available) and email address, to utilities@townofsurfsidefl.gov. Please note, this service will be in addition to the normal monthly printed utility billing you receive via regular mail. Don't wait, sign up today!

Spice Up Your Summer!

Local Restaurants Offer Specials



Surfside Spice, specials from the Town's Harding Avenue restaurants, runs from August 1 through September 30. Restaurants in our downtown will offer a *Prix Fix Dinner Menu* for \$22

per person in addition to their regular menus.

For one low price, diners can choose from two appetizers and two entrees and enjoy a set dessert. The offer does not include beverages, taxes or gratuities. Look for further details soon.

New Restaurants Open on Harding

Bistro Cuisine Francaise, 9555 Harding Ave, 305.763.8584. Traditional French cuisine at affordable prices. A casual and relaxed atmosphere. Serving Lunch and Dinner 7 days a week. Sundays Mimosa Brunch.

Chow Down Grill, 9517 Harding Ave, 305.397.8517 A quick service and fresh Chinese cafe. Menu consists of contemporary versions of iconic Chinese/American classics, from house-made dumplings and egg rolls made fresh daily to organic meats. Chow Down Grill is reinventing what Chinese food means in South Florida.

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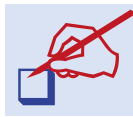
EMERGENCIES SEEN THE SAME DAY

Hurricane Guide Available at Town Hall

The Town of Surfside Building Department has created a handy hurricane preparation document that residents will find helpful. The guide includes a household "To Do" check list, suggested hurricane supply kit and what to do when a storm threatens. The 2010 hurricane season continues until November.

To obtain the guide, visit the counter in Town Hall.

2010 Census Wraps Up in July



The official end of the 2010 Census process ends on July 10. As of June 4, Surfside achieved a 54.7 percentage of citizens who had done their duty and filed their forms.

The Census numbers are a guide for critical decisions made on the national, state and local levels. It is a picture of our community and affects 10 years worth of investments in the future of our area including schools, hospitals, emergency services, streets and congressional seats. Ask your neighbors and friends if they have responded to the questionnaire. Let us make certain that Surfside residents are counted.

Please mail in your filled-out form, or you may call 866-872-6868 and complete the questions over the phone. If you have misplaced the form or you have not been contacted via mail, phone or door-to-door, visit www.myfloridacensus.gov to make sure that everyone in the community is represented.



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Historian to Write History of Miami Beach High

South Florida historian and author Seth Bramson has been contracted to write *More Than 85 Years of Greatness: The History of Miami Beach High* and all Beach High alums, faculty, staff and others who are interested in Beach High are invited to be part of this great effort. If you have any Fisher, Nautilus or Beach High material (of any kind) that could be included in the book, email him at mrfec@yahoo.com or call him at (305) 757-1016 between 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., seven days. Anything loaned will be returned. Your information and story are important and will be part of this great effort.

Attention Beach High Graduates

Stay in touch with your roots! Join the Miami Beach Senior High School Alumni Association and learn about its scholarship support and the popular "Bricks" Project. Stay aware of social and networking events. Go to www.beachhigh.com, or call Randy Golden ((66) 305-491-0190. Rededicate yourself to your alma mater today.

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small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

For additional information, contact the Surfside Water & Sewer Department at 305-861-4863 or visit our web site at www.townofsurfsidefl.gov. Miami-Dade County has a Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or visit their web site at www.miamidade.gov and click on "Find a Department," and then click on "Water and Sewer Department."

PARKS & RECREATION

Attention:

Adult Recreation Programs will resume in August and Youth Programs will resume in September. For information on Summer Adult Programs, contact Parks & Recreation office at (305) 866-3635.

Surfside Residents are eligible to use the Miami Shores Aquatic Center • 10200 Biscayne Blvd

Fees: \$6 per person /per visit. Children 6 months and under are free. Surfside Residents must present a valid/current resident ID card upon entry.

For hours of operation, please call (305)795-2241 or visit www.miamishoresvillage.com. Surfside bus service schedule available at: www.townofsurfsidefl.gov.

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MEETING CALENDAR

Town Commission Agenda Review	2nd Monday of the Month	8:30 a.m.
Town Commission	2nd Tuesday of the Month	7 p.m.
Beautification Committee	2nd Monday of the month	7:15 p.m.
Parks & Rec. Committee	3rd Thursday of the month	6 p.m.
Tourist Bureau Board	1st Monday of the month	5:30 p.m.

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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