# Roger M. Carlton Named Interim Town Manager



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Roger Carlton

Roger M. Carlton, a highly-regarded municipal administrator with more than 30 years experience in the public and private sector, has been named Interim Town Manager for Surfside. He succeeds Gary Word, who was in the position since 2008.

Most recently, Mr. Carlton was Interim City Manager in South Miami, but he has a long record of service with city and county governments. In the 1970s and 1980s, Mr. Carlton was executive assistant to Miami Dade County Manager Merrett Stierheim. He also spent six years overseeing the City of Miami's Department of Off-Street Parking. In the early 1990s, he was City Manager of Miami Beach. In 2006, he was Assistant County Manager to George Burgess.

In the private sector, he has worked for Lockheed Martin IMS and was an executive vice president for Wometco Enterprises.

## A Letter from Interim Town Manager Roger M. Carlton

What an honor to be appointed Interim Town Manager of the wonderful Town of Surfside. Thanks to Mayor Dietch and the members of the Town Commission for making this possible.

Since this is my first message in the Gazette let me tell you a little about myself. My family moved to Miami from Malden, MA. in 1957. I graduated from Coral Gables High School in 1965 and attended the University of Florida where I received a degree in Business Administration in 1969. Two years later, I earned an MBA from Georgia State University and have been working in government and the private sector ever since. I have been married to Beth for nearly 31 years and we have two children, Abby and Judd, and three grandchildren, Laila, Sophie and Claire. A fourth grandchild is due this winter. My first experience in Surfside was visiting the Butterman family who lived on Harding in a two story home that is still there nearly 50 years later. Like many things in life we have come full circle.

Here are a few of the challenges that I see Surfside is facing, not listed in any priority.

- 1) Completing the Community Center on time and within budget.
- 2) Moving forward on water, sewer and storm drainage projects in the most cost-effective and least intrusive manner possible.
- 3) Improving citizen access to and trust in government through modern methods of communication.
- 4) Converting to electronic multispace parking meters quickly and conveniently.
- 5) Working with the many concerned individuals and groups to help to resolve the community planning issues which resulted in the recent petition.
- 6) Creating a culture of performance and a commitment to cost containment from our Town employees.

These and other "hot topics" will appear as a Manager's Report on each Town Commission agenda to keep the Commission and the community aware of

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progress toward solving the issues. Our citizens and taxpayers have the right to hold me accountable and your feedback is always welcome. You deserve and pay for no less.

One final thought: Thanks to former Town Manager Gary Word who has been very helpful in the transition. Good luck to him in his future endeavors.

Your feedback and ideas will be very much appreciated. Please contact me at my Town phone 305-993-1052 or my e-mail rcarlton@townofsurfsidefl.gov. Also stop in to say hello.

-Roger M. Carlton

## SURFSIDE BRIEFS

#### Improvements Underway at Street Ends

During September and October, Public Works crews are making numerous improvements at various street ends on both the intracoastal and the beach side. Work includes new and improved signage, sidewalk repair and minor landscaping work.

## E-Billing Notification Service Available

The Town of Surfside implemented a new utility ebilling 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**, **billing address**, **account number (if available) and email address** to utilities@townofsurfsidefl.gov. Note that this service is in addition to the normal monthly printed utility billing you receive via regular mail. *Don't wait, sign up today!* Your

feedback is welcome, send comments to: utilities @townofsurfsidefl.gov

## Police Department Hosting Halloween Block Party

Join your fellow ghosts and goblins for an all-ages block party on Halloween night, Sunday October 31 from 6 - 8 p.m.

The event will be held on 92nd Street from Byron Avenue to Dickens Avenue. Surfside police officers will be distributing candy and glow sticks.

> For more information contact Dina Goldstein or Officer Jay Matelis at (305) 861-4862.





## 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.

Large Beach Towels \$12 Beach Tote Bag \$12 • Visor \$6 • Coffee Mug \$6





# Community Center Construction Update



The construction contractor for the new Community Center has completed the installation of the pile caps (poured concrete shown above). The steel rebar shown protruding from the top of the pile cap is the structural steel which will strengthen the Y–columns. As shown below, the steel will extend 17 feet from the top of the pile cap, and will support the roof structure.

Also shown below are the forms for the grade beams. The next step in construction is the forming of the slab and installation of the underground utilities.



Updates, including pictures, can be viewed on the Town website under the Information tab and then selecting "Community Center Construction Update."

## Advertise in the Surfside Business Directory



Looking to reach businesses and residents in Surfside? Advertise in the 2011 Business Directory. Contact Duncan Tavares, Tourist Bureau Director, for information regarding advertising opportunities at dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov or (305) 864-0722.

A complimentary copy of the present directory is available in the lobby of Town Hall or can be downloaded from www.visitsurfsidefl.com.

# Return Your Books & DVDs



To avoid any overdue charges, residents are asked to please return all books and movies to the return boxes located outside the Library modular on Harding Avenue next to Town Hall (9293 Harding Avenue).

## Thanks for Making Surfside Spice a Success



The Surfside Tourism Bureau's first annual Surfside Spice restaurant promotion program was a great success thanks to the participation of residents, visitors and the business community. The August and September restaurant specials brought great food and great fun to Surfside!

## 3rd Annual Moonlight MADDness On Oct. 15

The Third Annual fun-filled DUI awareness and fundraising event, **Moonlight MADDness**, will take place on Friday, October 15. Starting at 6 p.m., participants will walk from the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center to

#### Do you want to learn to play the bass guitar?

I'm Mariano; a musician that plays Rock, Jazz, and Classical; sophomore at MBH and Surfside resident. For \$30 dollars you'll get **45' minute lessons** and **learn theory** or **technique** in a variety of genres. I will come to you and should you need, I also will rent you a bass guitar. For appointments please **call me at: 786-333-8856**. the beach to enjoy food, music, fireworks and demonstrations. Cost is \$8 per person (early registration) and \$10 on the day of event and includes a T-shirt. To register



or for more information, call MADD at (305) 273-3744.

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# **Recent Commission Highlights**

At the September 14, 2010 Town Commission Meeting, the Town Commission took the following actions:

#### Voted to approve the following resolutions:

• Enter into a mutual aid agreement with the City of Miami, Florida

• Establish a rate per equivalent residential unit to be used in calculating stormwater utility rates

• Authorized the Mayor to enter into a severance agreement between the Town and Town Manager, Gary Word

• Approved an employment letter between Interim Town Manager Roger M. Carlton and the Town

• Approved a retainer agreement with the Law Office of Benedict P. Kuehne, P.A. to represent the Town in connection with the legal sufficiency of the petition for referendum regarding the planning ordinance 10-1558 and related issues

#### *Voted to adopt the following ordinances on second reading:*

• Amend the code to require that one member of the Planning and Zoning Board be a Florida licensed architect or a Florida licensed General Contractor or a Certified Planner or a Florida licensed landscape architect

• Amend chapter 78 "utilities" establishing among other things new service charges

#### Voted to introduce ordinances on first reading:

• Amend Chapter 90 "Regulated Uses" to allow parking as a use when subordinate to a main use in all districts

• Adopting an annual update to the Capital Improvements Element within the Town's comprehensive plan

#### Town Commission voted/concurred to:

• Investigate the purchase of POW/MIA flag to fly at Town Hall. Note: The flag has been donated by a member of the Commission

• Accept the audit for fiscal year ended September 30, 2009

#### 75th Anniversary Event Video on Website and Channel 77

The 75th Anniversary Parade & BBQ Video is now on Channel 77 and the Town's Website. Click on the top tab: "Information." Then click on "Town Meeting Videos." The video is under 2010 Miscellaneous Meeting Videos.



## Long-time Employee Hector Perez Recognized



Long-time Town employee Hector Perez was recognized at the September Commission meeting with a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedication and commitment to Surfside. Pictured (L-R) are Commissioner Michael Karukin, Hector Perez and Mayor Daniel Dietch

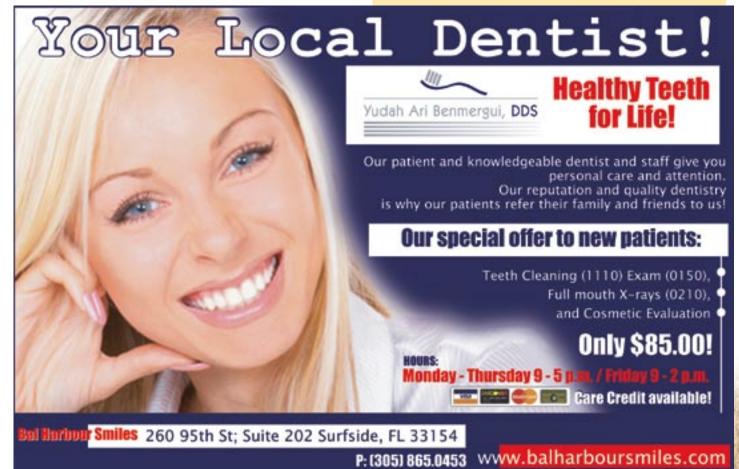
# Surfside in the Spotlight on Episode of House Hunters

The Town of Surfside received a national publicity boost on Tuesday, Sept. 28 when an episode of the cable show House Hunters featured hunters a couple who purchased a home in Surfside. The



popular program on Home and Garden Television (HGTV) took viewers behind the scenes as local realtor Jennifer Brilliant (also a resident and member of the Town's Beautification Committee) helped the couple find a singlefamily home within their price range close to the beach. The show's producers filmed for five days and included scenes of Surfside neighborhoods, the business district and the beach.





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# Surfside Hosts Coastal Clean-up

Town of Surfside was one of the host sites for the 2010 Miami-Dade Coastal Cleanup on September 25. Nearly 80 volunteers came together on a breezy Saturday to remove debris from the beach, walking path and hard pack. In total, more than 4,500 volunteers participated in the program County-wide.





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# Parks & Recreation Upcoming Events and Programs



## SURFSIDE RESIDENTS

are eligible to use the Miami Shores Aquatic Center \$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

## FALL BEACH INFORMATION

The Surfside Lifeguard Tower located on 93rd Street Beach is staffed on Saturday & Sunday from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Beach Club Rentals located on 93rd Street Beach is only open Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call Parks and Recreation at (305) 866-3635.

Lounge Chairs: Residents: \$4 - Non-Residents: \$9 Umbrellas: Residents: \$3 - Non-Residents: \$7

## Senior Performing Arts Trip

*The Color of Desire,* a play by Nilo Cruz Wednesday, Oct. 13

Residents \$20, Non-Residents \$40

Transportation will be provided. Bus will leave from Town Hall at noon and return at approximately 6 p.m.

Advance registration is required, on a firstcome basis. Register at Parks & Recreation, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

# Veteran's Day Ceremony

Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010 Veteran's Park 10 a.m.



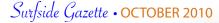
## Fall Harvest Festival

Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010 96th Street Park 1:30-3:30 p.m. Surfside residents only. Proof of residency required.

# Winter Camp

December 20 - 30, 2010

For more information call Parks and Recreation at (305) 866-3635 or visit the website, www.townofsurfsidefl.gov.





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#### ADVERTISING IN THE GAZETTE

Reach the residents and businesses of Surfside by advertising in the monthly *Gazette*. For rates, deadlines and more information go to the Town website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or email dhunziker@townofsurfsidefl.gov.



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Town Commission Beautification Committee Parks & Recreation Committee Tourist Board

#### **MEETING CALENDAR**

2nd Tuesday of the month7 p.m.2nd Monday of the month7 p.m.3rd Thursday of the month7 p.m.1st Monday of the month6 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.

#### TOWN OFFICIALS

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David Allen, *Police Chief* dallen@townofsurfsidefl.gov

Debra Eastman, MMC, *Town Clerk* deastman@townofsurfsidefl.gov

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Town Hall	(305) 861-4863
Parks & Recreation	(305) 866-3635
Tennis Courts	(305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau	(305) 864-0722
Police	(305) 861-4862
Fire Rescue	(305) 861-1115

**TOWN WEBSITE** 

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