



TOWN OF SURFSIDE

GAZETTE

Town Manager's Message

This Town Manager's message will be about the new Community Center and will answer the key question this month that everyone is asking: *Will we be on time?* The commitment made by the Town Commission and the Manager was that we would open for the summer. School is out at noon on June 9 and if all goes according to plan, we intend to have Surfside kids swimming in the pool very soon thereafter. This will be a "soft opening" meaning that the building and the pools functions under a light load while we test systems and procedures. Nearly every building, public or private, opens in this manner.

When you read this issue of the *Gazette*, we will have less than a week to meet the projected opening date. To say this is tight is an understatement. Let's review what it took your Town team and all the participants in the process to get this done.

The above ground construction really began in October 2010, barely seven months ago. The Town team includes Paul Gioia, Building Director, Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director and Bill Evans, Public Works Director. The construction team includes Chris Giordano with CGA (oversight). Coley Smith with West Construction and Alberto Lezcano with AECOM (design). As needed Courtney Jennings with Savino Miller, Design Studio (landscape design) and various subcontractors joined the team which met weekly to deal with the hundreds of issues which arise in any complex project of this nature.

We had to deal with numerous agencies along the way. Any shoreline construction requires permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Natural Resources. Thanks to Celora Jackson, Wesley Cich, Fausto Gomez and Senator Gwen Margolis for helping us with this complicated process. Any construction on Collins Avenue (SR A1A) must be permitted by the FDOT. Many thanks to Gus Pego, FDOT District Engineer for helping us as well as Esther Calas, Miami Dade County Public Works Director for her help with improving pedestrian safety on Collins Avenue and Harding Avenue. Their attention to our needs for timely permits and pedestrian safety has been extraordinary. We also have to deal with permits and inspections from the Florida Department of Health for the pools and the concession stand. Thanks to Landon Lang for their efforts. We also

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Residents Invited to Community Center Grand Opening on Sunday, June 19

Mark your calendar for Sunday June 19, 2011 to celebrate the grand opening of the new Surfside Community Center. The long-awaited event will include a full afternoon and evening of family fun and activities. The excitement begins at 1 p.m. and will include:

- Ceremonial ribbon-cutting
- Dedication of the 75th Anniversary time capsule
- Food and refreshments
- D.J. providing music
- Beach activities
- Pool games
- Commemorative giveaways

At the close of the celebration, there will be a spectacular evening fireworks display on the beach at 8:30 p.m. by Zambelli Fireworks. Proof of residency will be required. See Page 3 for hours of operation.

The Community Center Pool is scheduled to open soon after the start of summer break, 10 a.m.- 7 p.m.



For more information on the Community Center Grand Opening and Pool Hours, call (305) 866-3635

JUNE 2011

Seniors Assistance Program

If you are a Surfside Senior, you are encouraged to register with the Police Department's Seniors in Surfside program. If you are registered, the Police will regularly check on your general well being and coordinate a volunteer effort to assist with your chores. Please contact Dina Goldstein, Executive Assistant to the Chief, at (305) 861-4862 or dgoldstein@townofsurfsidefl.gov.

Volunteer With The Tourist Bureau

The Tourist Bureau is seeking dynamic volunteers to assist the office in providing information to visitors and residents, perform light clerical duties and help plan events. Please contact the Tourism, Economic Development & Community Services Director at dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov or (305) 864-0722.

Fresh Produce Buyers Club Comes to Surfside

Surfside welcomes Endlessly Organic, a fresh and easy approach to an organic produce buying club. Endlessly



Organic delivers fresh and delicious organic fruits and vegetables, sourced and selected from organic local farms and delivered directly to Surfside every other week. All produce arrives fresh picked, chemical free, ready to eat and at a cost often lower than conventional produce at your grocery store.

Deliveries are divided into full and half shares. A full share contains approximately 25-30 pounds, enough for a family of 3-4 (\$50). A half share contains approximately 14-15, for 1-2 people (\$35). A share includes a variety of 7-8 vegetables and 4-5 fruits. Add on items include eggs, meats, nuts and olive oil. To be placed on the Surfside waiting list, or for more information: visit www.endlesslyorganic.com, call 866-944-9564 or email info@endlesslyorganic.com. You will be contacted regarding a start date using the Community Center breezeway as a distribution point.

Surf-Bal-Bay Farmers Market Returns

Surf-Bal-Bay Farmers Market is set to begin in June under new management. This tri-community initiative will feature fresh local and organic produce and a variety of items, including cut flowers, tropical plants, orchids, jams, jellies, oils, vinegar, potpourri, herbs/spices, pickles, infused vinegars, pasta, gourmet teas and coffees, hummus, fresh baked goods, specialty food items, natural dog treats, handcrafted items, local honey, handmade soaps, heirloom tomatoes, specialty

Student Intern Recognized



Chantel Raymond, a student at Johnson & Wales University, was recently recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for her role as an intern in the Surfside Tourist Bureau and other departments. (L-R) Tourist Bureau Director Duncan Tavares, Chantel, Vice Mayor Joe Graubart and Johnson & Wales Experiential Education Coordinator Jessie Van Dinter.

Culinary Event Will Kick-off Surfside Spice on June 26

The Tourist Bureau, working with the Surfside Business Association, will host *Culinary Passport to the World* on Sunday June 26 from 7-10 p.m. on Harding Avenue. Downtown Surfside will come alive with street musicians and restaurants will be offering samples of their culinary specialties. For more information, contact the Tourist Bureau at (305) 864-0722.

Surfside Spice Will Make It Twice

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Surfside Spice restaurant specials. This popular discounted dinner promotion will be available July through September. More information will be provided at the culinary event on Sunday June 26, in the July Gazette and through other Town communications.

oils, marinades and other natural products.

The market will alternate weekly, year round, between Kane Concourse in Bay Harbor Islands and 95th Street (at Collins Avenue) in Surfside. Tentative start date in Bay Harbor Islands is Sunday June 12 and in Surfside on Sunday June 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Look for more information on the Town's website and Publix bulletin board.

Students Visit Bank

Working on a project called *Pennies for Peace*, a fifth grade class from Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center collected pennies to send to schools located in small villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan to help them buy school supplies, books and capital projects. They have raised hundreds of dollars so far. The students went on a field trip to the Wachovia Bank in Surfside to deposit the money into the PTA bank account.



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have to demonstrate life safety systems that meet Miami Dade County Fire Rescue requirements. FPL's Aletha Player and her team have gone the long mile to power up the building, a very complex process that is critically necessary to complete the building on time.

Finally, Surfside Building Director Paul Gioia has been extraordinary in coming up with creative ideas to meet all necessary codes while containing costs and meeting schedules. CGA, West Construction, AECOM and Barry Miller have all made Herculean efforts. We have worked seven days per week nearly 12 hours a day for months. The patience of our neighbors in the Manatee Bay, Regent Palace and Mirabella condominiums is certainly appreciated.

The Town Commission also deserves kudos for their foresight in adding the additional meeting room (1100 square feet) and in trusting their team to make the right decisions from a timing and cost standpoint by delegating their change order approval until the project is closed out later this year.

Keep your fingers crossed and say a little prayer that we are all enjoying the facility soon after school is out. There is still a lot to do. Next month's Manager's message will explain how a project like the Community Center is closed out financially and how we did on budget. It will be very tight to meet our goal of \$5 million plus some other revenues that relate to the project. In the meanwhile, enjoy this wonderful facility and as always, thank you and the Town Commission for the opportunity to manage this extraordinary community.

- Roger M. Carlton, Town Manager

2011 CALENDAR

JUNE

- Mon 6 Town Tourist Board Meeting , 5:30 p.m.
- Mon 6 Special Parks and Recreation Committee, 7 p.m.
- Thur 9 Downtown Vision Advisory Committee
- Fri 10 Community Center pool opens for swimming
- Mon 13 Beautification Committee, 7 p.m.
- Tue 14 Town Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Sun 19 Surf Bal Bay Farmer's Market 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Tentat.)
- Sun 19 COMMUNITY CENTER GRAND OPENING
- Mon 20 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tue 21 Eye on Surfside Meeting 6 p.m.
- Sun 26 Culinary Passport to the World, 7-10 p.m.
Participating restaurants in the business district

JULY

- Fri 1 Surfside Spice Begins
- Mon 4 Independence Day (Town offices closed)
- Wed 6 Town Tourist Board Meeting , 5:30 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.



Surfside Business Directory Available

A complimentary copy of the new and revised Business Directory, produced by the Tourist Bureau, is available at Town Hall.

Resident ID Cards Needed for Community Center Access

Surfside will begin providing Resident ID cards to provide quick and convenient access to the new Community Center. The Parks and Recreation Department will begin processing the cards on **June 1**. There will be a \$5 charge for lost, stolen or replacement cards. Parental proof required for ages 5-15. Residents must come in person to the Parks and Recreation office and present proof of residency from one of the following: current utility bill, current bank statement, credit card statement, current lease or current Florida Driver License. For more information please call, (305) 866-3635.

COMMUNITY CENTER POOL HOURS

From opening through July 3, 2011

Main pool/Sand Dollar Key: every day, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
(water slide: 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Lap Swimming (Limited lanes): Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Monday, July 4 Holiday Hours

Main pool/Sand Dollar Key: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
(water slide: 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.) **No Lap Swimming**

Highlights of the May 10 Commission Meeting

Resolutions:

- Approved a site plan application and a conditional use application to permit the development of a three story structured parking facility, hotel swimming pool and jacuzzi submitted by Transacta Lanai Developers, LTD on property located at 9200 Collins Avenue.
- Approved a variance for a side setback and a setback for the entire length of the pie shaped lot at 1355 Biscaya Drive
- Ratified and re-appointed Special Masters
- Approved an after-the-fact easement granting FPL a ten foot easement for underground utilities to be installed in the Community Center

Voted to adopt the following ordinances on second reading:

- Amended Town Code for Regulated Uses and added a section entitled Short Term Rental of single family dwellings, two-family dwellings, multi-family dwellings and Town homes and requiring registration of short term rentals in residential neighborhoods.

Town Commission voted/concurred to:

- Voted to contribute \$500 to Wounded Warriors Family Support.
- Voted to adopt the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2009-2010.

Building Code Requires Construction Sites to be Secured During Storms

With the 2011 hurricane season approaching, developers, contractors and homeowners should note that the Florida Building Code requires that construction sites be secured if hurricane watches and/or warnings are posted for the Town of Surfside.

Florida Building Code Miami-Dade Chapter 8 Sec. 8-11 states the owner, occupant or user of a property shall take precautions for the securing of buildings and equipment if a storm is imminent. Specifically, fabric awnings and swing signs must be secured, tents taken down and stored or lashed to the ground, roofs must be inspected and all unsecured objects securely fastened or removed. All building materials must be brought indoors or secured.

Town of Surfside Building inspectors will issue written orders to be carried out before winds of hurricane velocity are anticipated.

Yes, You Still Have Time!

Leave a Legacy. Buy a brick.

The Town of Surfside is honored to offer the opportunity to purchase a brick that will become a permanent part of OUR beautiful new Community Center. **But you better step on it!** Bricks are available in a limited quantity. To take part in this unique one time opportunity - bring this completed form, along with payment (cash or check) to the Parks & Recreation Department. All payments must be made in person. No mail-in orders will be accepted. The Parks and Recreation Office is located at 9293 Harding Ave Surfside, FL, 33154. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tel: 305-866-3635. Email: tmilian@townofsurfsidefl.gov.



Bricks are 8" x 8" and require a donation of \$250 per brick. A separate form is required for each brick.

Please use this form. Any symbol is considered one space (period, comma, dash). All text is centered unless otherwise noted. Each brick will have a maximum of 6 lines with a maximum of 18 characters per line. We reserve the right to reject any inappropriate text.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

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ON THE POLICE BEAT

Citizen's Police Academy Class Graduates

The Surfside Police Department's popular Citizen's Police Academy recently celebrated the graduation of its ninth class, pictured at right. The Academy held classes once week at Town Hall and made field trips, such as the one to the gun range pictured below. Other courses included crime scene investigation, emergency procedures, marine patrol, SWAT and K-9 operations. Congratulations to all!



Bike With the Police Chief

The Surfside Police Department is offering residents the opportunity to Bike with the Police Chief. Participants will bicycle through our residential neighborhood with Chief David Allen and the Neighborhood Resource Team. The first ride is Thursday June 30 at 6 p.m. and will begin at Town Hall.

For further information or to R.S.V.P. please contact Dina Goldstein or Officer Jay Matelis at (305) 861-4862.

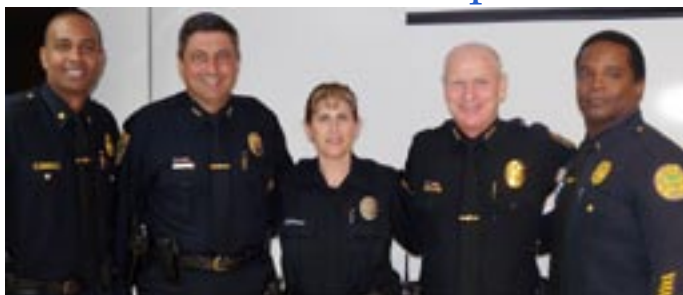
Bring Your Child To Work Day



The Surfside Police Department hosted children of employees on Bring Your Child To Work Day. At far left, youngsters take their turn operating the traffic radar gun. At left, they spend some time with the K-9 unit.

Also, for Career Day, Sgt. Julio Torres made a presentation to 300 students at Mater Beach School on being a law enforcement officer and displayed his Surfside police cruiser.

Officer Joins Police Department



Officer Dianna Hernandez (C) was recently sworn in as a Surfside Police officer. Officer Hernandez previously worked for the Miami-Dade School Police Department for 10 years and for the Polk County Sheriff's Office for one year. Two ranking City of Miami officers attended ceremony in support of Officer Hernandez.

(L-R) City of Miami Major Ian Moffett, Assistant Surfside Chief John DeCinso, Officer Hernandez, Chief David Allen and City of Miami Lt. Lorenzo Whitehead.



Officers Go to Bat For Families in Need

Hats off to members of the Surfside Police Department who recently coordinated a charity softball game to support two families struggling with hardship. Surfside employees and their families also participated. The game was at North Shore Park. Hot dogs and refreshments were served. Thanks to all who supported the event.

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TOWN MEETINGS ON DVD

A DVD recording of the current monthly Town Commission and Planning & Zoning meetings are available for check out at the Town Hall front desk. For more information, contact Debra Eastman, Town Clerk at 305-861-4863 x226.

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- Tennis Courts (305) 866-5176
- Tourist Bureau (305) 864-0722
- Police (305) 861-4862
- Fire Rescue (305) 861-1115

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