



# Surfside

FLORIDA

REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOST

## FATHERS, MOTHERS, SONS, DAUGHTERS, BROTHERS, SISTERS...

Luis Fernando Barth Tobar, 51  
Catalina Gomez Ramirez, 45  
Valeria Barth, 14  
Mercedes Fuentes Urgelles, 61  
Raymond Urgelles, 61  
Arnold "Arnie" Notkin, 87  
Maria "Myriam" Caspi Notkin, 81  
Harold Rosenberg, 52  
Lisa Rosenberg, 26  
Benny Weisz, 31  
Julio Velasquez, 66  
Angela Velasquez, 60  
Theresa Velasquez, 36  
Marina Restrepo Azen, 76  
Vishal Patel, 42  
Bhavna Patel, 36  
Aishani Gia Patel, 1  
Richard Roviroso, 60  
Maria Teresa Roviroso, 58  
Andres Levine, 26  
Moises Rodan, 28  
Mihai Radulescu, 82  
Maria Popa, 79  
Cassie "Cassandra" Billedeau Stratton, 40  
Hilda Noriega, 92

Nicole Doran-Manashirov, 43  
Ruslan Manashirov, 36  
Manuel "Manny" V. Lafont, Jr., 54  
Andreas K. Giannitsopoulos, 21  
Fabian Nuñez, 57  
Andres Galfrascoli, 44  
Sofia Galfrascoli Nuñez, 5  
Marcus Joseph Guara, 52  
Anaely Rodriguez, 42  
Emma Guara, 4  
Lucia Guara, 10  
Luis Sadovnic, 28  
Nicole Langesfeld, 26  
Edgar Gonzalez, 42  
David Epstein, 58  
Bonnie Epstein, 56  
Antonio Lozano, 83  
Gladys Lozano, 79  
Oresme Gil Guerra, 60  
Beatriz "Betty" Rodriguez, 52  
Magaly Elena Delgado, 80  
Gonzalo Torre, 81  
Maria Torre, 76  
Claudio Bonnefoy, 85  
Maricoy 'Maria' Obias-Bonnefoy, 69

Rosa Saez, 70  
Margarita “Maggie” Vasquez Bello, 68  
Francis Plasencia, 67  
Miguel Angel Pazos, 55  
Michelle Anna Pazos, 23  
Anastasia Gromova, 24  
Miguel Kaufmann, 65  
Gabriela Camou, 64  
Alfredo Leone, 48  
Lorenzo de Oliveira Leone, 5  
Gino Cesar Cattarossi, 89  
Graciela Ponce de Leon Cattarossi, 86  
Andrea Maria Cattarossi, 56  
Graciela Maria Cattarossi, 48  
Stella Cattarossi, 7  
Judith Spiegel, 65  
Estelle Hedaya, 54  
Nancy Kress Levin, 76  
Jay Kleiman, 52  
Frankie Kleiman , 55  
Anna Ortiz Kleiman, 46  
Luis A. Bermudez Ortiz “LUIYO”, 26  
Leon Oliwkowicz, 80  
Cristina Beatriz Elvira, 74

Juan Alberto Mora, 80  
Ana Maria Mora, 70  
Juan Alberto Mora Jr., 32  
Stacie Fang, 54  
Sophia Lopez Moreira, 36  
Luis Pettengill, 36  
Leidy Vanessa Luna Villalba, 23  
Alexia Maria Pettengill, 9  
Anna Sophia Pettengill, 6  
Luis Lopez Moreira III, 3  
Michael Altman, 50  
Tzvi Ainsworth, 68  
Ingrid ‘Itty’ Ainsworth, 66  
Gary Cohen, 58  
Brad Cohen, 51  
Deborah Berezdivin, 21  
Ilan Naibryf, 21  
Gloria Machado, 71  
Simon Segal, 80  
Linda March, 58  
Richard Augustine, 77  
Elaine Lia Howard Sabino, 71  
Elena Chavez, 87  
Elena Blasser, 64

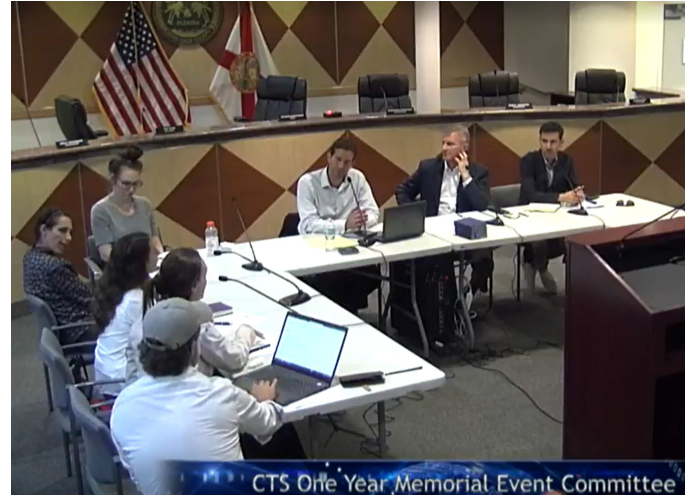
98 SOULS LOST THEIR LIVES ON JUNE 24, 2021.  
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.

## HONORING THOSE WE LOST

### SURFSIDE REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

The Town of Surfside has organized proceedings to commemorate the 98 souls tragically lost in the June 24, 2021 building collapse. Comprised of victim relatives, Jewish Community Services South Florida on behalf of additional relatives, Surfside Mayor Shlomo Danzinger, Town Manager Andrew Hyatt and staff, the Committee held a series of public meetings to plan the Surfside Remembrance Event scheduled for Friday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to noon.

After the event, the Committee's scope will expand to consider options for a permanent memorial close to the building site. A memorial site that offers solace and pays tribute to the memories of the 98 souls lost that day.



### COMING SOON

A special exhibition with recovered items from the Surfside Wall of Hope.

## Surfside Remembrance Event

RELATIVES, SURVIVORS, DIGNITARIES, ELECTED OFFICIALS,  
SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS, & THE PUBLIC

Friday, June 24 | 10 a.m. to noon | Building Site

More details at  
[TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV](http://TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV)



# HONORING THOSE WE LOST

## SURFSIDE INSTALLS SIGNAGE HONORING THOSE DEPARTED

On May 12, the Town installed a windscreen memorial along the fence where the condominium stood to help honor the 98 souls departed. Multiple departments collaborated to ensure the project, originated by Mayor Danzinger, was executed with the blessing of all victim relatives who provided feedback through committee representatives.

A press conference was held on installation day to mark the occasion and its significance. Speakers included Mayor Danzinger, Senator Jason Pizzo, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman and Bal Harbour Village Mayor Gabe Groismam. Pablo Langesfeld, father of Nicole Langesfeld, and Chana Wasserman, daughter of Tzvi and Itty Ainsworth, also spoke at the event. A representative from the Office of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis was in attendance.

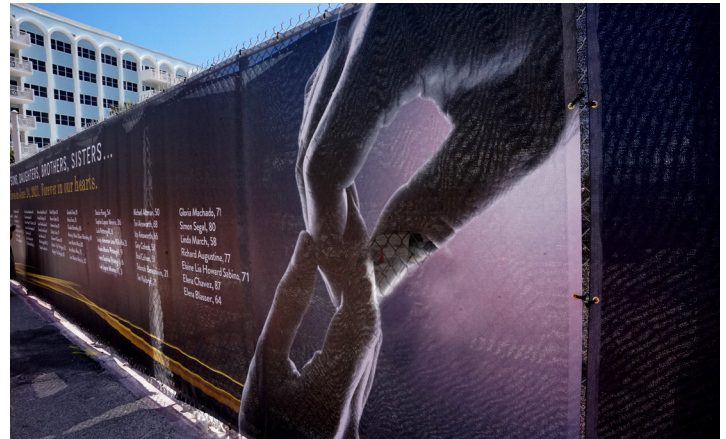
A special permit from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was obtained to allow for the windscreen memorial which is located at the site along Collins Avenue and the hard pack.



Speaker: Surfside Mayor Danzinger



Speaker: Chana Wasserman, daughter of Tzvi and Itty Ainsworth



## TOWN STAFF STANDS UP TO TRAGEDY

### LOOKING BACK

Almost one year after the tragic events of June 24, Surfside's Police Department (SPD) continues healing. First to arrive at the overwhelming scene, Officers Craig Lovellette, Joseph Matthews, Ario Lage and Kemuel Gambirazio, valiantly tried searching for survivors on the building's south side, while dust and debris made it almost impossible.

As search and rescue efforts continued for weeks, SPD coordinated with neighboring municipal and County counterparts to secure the area, which had major logistical and traffic implications. The ongoing threat of further collapse was an everpresent concern. Managing access and providing security at the Family Reunification Center was another important task for officers who worked tirelessly exhibiting professionalism, courage and empathy for all affected. In the darkest of times, they proved to be a source of warmth and light. In the months following the collapse, they have embodied the true definition of what it means to be strong for Surfside.



*From left: Officers Craig Lovellette, Joseph Matthews, Ario Lage and Kemuel Gambirazio, who received the surfside Officers of the Year Award for their response to the Champlain Towers South collapse in June 2021.*

### BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER & RESTORING NORMALCY

Within minutes after the call came just before 2 a.m. on June 24, 2021, Parks & Recreation was quickly mobilizing staff in order to open the Community Center for survivors and evacuees. The facility was rapidly set up as the first Family Reunification Center, and it was the converging location where relatives, first responders, and aid organizations funneled in to help. Several times a day, hundreds of family members gathered by the pool deck for updates from Miami-Dade County as they awaited news of their loved ones. Over the coming weeks, the Community Center welcomed supporting organizations and countless volunteers eager to do what little they could.



Following the emergency, the team worked diligently to reinstate programs. Restoring a sense of normalcy through community is this department's specialty. Often the first to welcome new people to Town, Parks & Recreation staff knew many of those who perished personally, and they will forever honor and remember their memory.

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### ONE COMMON GOAL

Each of the Town's departments performed key tasks during the emergency. The work conducted by Surfside's Public Works Department, in the immediate aftermath of the collapse and for many subsequent weeks after, played a critical role in search and rescue operations. Public Works discontinued utilities at the building site to allow for first-responder access into lower levels, used heavy equipment to clear ground on the beach side of the collapse to facilitate first-responder staging, and provided fuel and mechanical support to Miami-Dade County vehicles (among other efforts).

At Town Hall, the administrative team including staff from Communications, Human Resources, the Clerks Department, Code Compliance, the Executive Office and Finance, all assisted with sorting through the countless donations that poured in as well as distribution logistics.



### TOWN COMMISSION ADOPTS LANDMARK NEW BUILDING RECERTIFICATION LAWS IN RESPONSE TO CHAMPLAIN TOWERS TRAGEDY



The Town of Surfside Building Department announces the adoption by the Town Commission of a new law requiring the acceleration of the 40 Year Building Recertification Program, incorporating a pivotal change by Miami-Dade County in the Miami-Dade Code Chapter 8 Section 11 titled Recertification of Buildings. Championed by Building Official Jim McGuinness and his team since the early days following the Champlain Towers collapse with the slogan: "Don't Wait Accelerate", the new law accelerates the recertification period of multi-family and commercial buildings from 40 years to 30 years of age. Champlain Towers South collapsed at only 39 years of age. Additional protocols in the building recertification process have also been accelerated and strengthened. Working with other Building Officials in Miami-Dade County and then up through the County Board of Rules and Appeals, McGuinness and his colleagues were successful in amending the County wide Building Recertification Rule. Answering the call for responsible change, this historic law will dramatically increase life safety in buildings throughout the Town of Surfside and Miami-Dade County, and make sure the Champlain Towers South tragedy never happens again. This is the most significant change in Building Code safety in state of Florida since the consolidation of the Florida Building Codes 22 years ago in response to Hurricane Andrew, which decimated southern Miami-Dade County. We anticipate this significant legislation will not only have a major impact in Miami-Dade County, but also at the state level, amending the 2023 Florida Existing Building Code with the addition of a chapter entitled: "Buildings 30 Years or Older".





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