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MEETINGS & EVENTS

01/01/25	New Year's Day / Town Hall Closed
01/04/25	Movie Under The Stars at 96th St Park 7PM
01/06/25	Resort Tax Board Meeting 6PM
01/08/25	Youth Council Meeting 5:30PM
01/14/25	Commission Meeting 7PM
01/15/25	Special Master Hearing 10AM
01/16/25	Sustainability & Resiliency Committee Noon
01/16/25	Surf Food Fest 5:30PM
01/16/25	Community Relations Board 3PM
01/20/25	Martin Luther King Jr. / Town Hall Closed
01/21/25	Parks & Recreation Committee 5:30PM
01/26/25	Family Fun Day at 96th St Park 1PM
01/30/25	Planning & Zoning Board 6PM



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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



A New Year brings a New Beginning for the Town of Surfside. 2025 is expected to be a prosperous year for the Town as we continue to improve our infrastructure, amenities and services for our residents to enjoy while living in this slice of paradise we call home. It is my honor to help deliver on the policy goals of your Elected Officials in my capacity as your new Town Manager and, more importantly, as a fellow resident of this Town for almost a quarter of a century.

We ended 2024 with the reopening of our new and improved 96th Street Park, and what an opening it was. We had snow in Surfside, an ice skating rink, music, carnival rides, presents for the children and the Surfside Santa! Over 1,500 people were in attendance to welcome and return our Park to the people of Surfside. Let's thank all Town employees who helped make this day so special, especially our Parks & Recreation Department. The joy on the faces of our kids and neighbors as they experienced the new Park made up for the challenges along the way. It is a stunning facility, and I am elated to enjoy it alongside you all.

The events at the Park will continue this month with Family Fun Day on Jan. 26 along with other Town events. Check out the Town website for more details.

Please join me in welcoming our Acting Town Attorney Thais Hernandez, who will provide legal services during my tenure as Manager. I also look forward to working with Police Chief Wayne Holbrook and Deputy Chief Arley Flaherty as they work to deliver better police services to the Town with increased patrol of our neighborhood streets and additional traffic enforcement along A1A to curb speeding through our Town. They are instituting a new shift schedule too so our police will now work a 10 hour shift instead of 12, thereby increasing the number of officers on duty throughout the day. Both have displayed exemplary qualities and formed close bonds with many of our residents so please join them at the next Coffee with the Cops (see the Town website for details).

I look forward to a great year as we work to complete ongoing capital projects, including the stormwater project on Abbott Avenue and new shade structures at our Community Center Pool, and commence the long awaited undergrounding of our Utilities at the North end of Town. We will also be enhancing our Beach Dunes for resiliency and safety of our Town.

I am here to serve as are each and every Town employee. We look forward to serving you with a smile as we make Surfside shine! Happy New Year!!!

Faithfully Yours,

Mark Blumstein

DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Recognized longtime Surfside Post Office employees Debora Kardos and Patricia Bravo following their Retirement.
- Appointed Acting Town Attorney Thais Hernandez.
- Established Mutual Aid Agreements with the Police Departments for the Town of Golden Beach, City of Miami Beach and Sunny Isles Beach.
- Resolution approving Services with RecTrac, LLC d/b/a Vermont Systems, LLC
- Resolution approving Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County
- Resolution for Reimbursement of Project Costs for Town Undergrounding
- Resolution Approving Purchase of 9333 Harding Avenue
- Passed Ordinance on Second Reading for Suitability and Resiliency Development.
- · Passed Ordinance on First Reading to Regulate Sand Removal or Digging.

Commission Corner

Commission Corner



CHARLES W. BURKETT MAYOR

One of our most sensitive promises was to create a Memorial for the 98 lost in the Champlain collapse and we have kept that promise. Currently the design of the Memorial is underway, which is a creative process with lots of starts and stops. Just last week we discussed three potential designs. I was not overwhelmed – and we can do better in my opinion. We are blessed with the land, the funds, and all we need to do now is imagine and design a project that is true to its mission; a respectful remembrance of our lost friends and family, one that conveys all the emotions and love, not unlike that which was done, albeit on a much larger scale, in NYC for the 911 Memorial.

In spite of the strong resistance Surfside Police union boss Tammy Campbell has shown regarding our efforts to improve the safety of our residents, we are starting the process of dramatically reducing the number of hours our police work each day. This will result in all our officers being better rested, and of course more energetic when doing their jobs, especially in light of all the thefts we are experiencing in our neighborhood. Some don't appreciate my involvement in the effort to improve our police department. Union boss Campbell has actually called me a "bully," but of course has provided zero evidence of same. It has also been said that I am now making traffic stops, because, yes, I did pull up and stop behind a resident parking in front of their home to complain about their dangerous and illegal traffic maneuver. But no, I haven't gone on patrol in Surfside, but, I do care very much about the safety of our residents, and especially our kids when it comes to speeding, cut-through traffic and unconcerned drivers in a selfish hurry to take shortcuts by using our streets. And on that subject, I will always speak out.

To that end, I have worked with our commission to fund and add new officers, who will respect the wishes of our commission and serve our residents with a grateful, happy disposition, one that makes residents believe that our police "have their backs." Now of course, I expect that the Tammy Campbell's of the world will jump on that statement and chirp about my trying to replace all of our officers, and again, there will be a small bit of truth in her words. What union boss Campbell won't tell you, is that the mayor is constantly praising most of our police officers, loves (most of our) Police and only wants to address those, who like Campbell, oppose increasing patrols, adding more radar, reducing the too-long daily work hours and any other intervention intended to make things better and safer for our residents.

The bottom line? Either union boss Tammy Campbell will win and things will stay the same, or we will get the change your commission has requested. I'm betting on the latter.

What else? With your help we have also passed all the ballot questions designed to protect our Town from future Elected Officials who would exploit, rather than protect our incredible quality of life. Those protections now are in the hands of our residents and won't change unless our residents vote to change same. Meetings are shorter, kinder, more open to residents and what they want to say, and most importantly are respectful and productive – come see! We've now got a school bus for our kids and are working to make it affordable and permanent. The 96th Street Park is done. The undergrounding for the northern one third of Surfside is underway. The flood project for Abbott and the surrounding areas is underway.

There's more, but I've gone over my word limit. See you next month!



TINA PAUL VICE MAYOR

On Dec. 15, 2024, we welcomed residents to the long awaited, newly designed $96^{\rm th}$ Street Park.

Some of my fondest childhood memories were times we played at this park. I remember the merry-go-round near the bay, the elephant slide in the sandbox, the monkey bars, swings and seesaws, and tetherball, which was the favorite of my sister and brothers. As teenagers, we climbed a Rocket to sit on top and watch the beauty of the late afternoon sunlight.

Over the years the Park had updates with modern features though mostly it still looked like it did when I was a kid. I attended Spooktacular and Family Fun Day events in recent years and would come here to practice flying my drone, taking in the magnificent aerial views of our Town and waterway. Many of you have memories of this Park, watching your children play and grow, or playing here as a child yourself, and now we all begin new adventures and memories.

I first learned about plans for the 96th Street Park renovation when I was elected to the Commission in 2016. The economic state of the Town was modest with the goal to put aside funding according to the five-year

Capital Improvements plan. From 2016 to 2020 the Commission allocated 2.5 million dollars for the park, and authorized the mural by artist Douglas Hoekzema. During that time, I served with former Mayor Daniel Deitch, and Commissioners Michael Karukin, Barry Cohen, and Daniel Geilchinsky.

From 2020 to 2022, I served with Mayor Charles Burkett, and Commissioners Nelly Velasquez, Eliana Salzhauer and Charles Kesl. We hired Savino Miller Design Studio and selected the design by architect William Lane. The Parks and Recreation Department and Committee worked with the design team, the Commission, and communications to provide public outreach to the community to ultimately envision the park you see today. Although the budget increased significantly, we were able to finish this beautiful new sustainable Green Building LEED Gold/ Silver facility and natural environment.

Construction of this project began during the last term when we were not in office. After being elected, we encountered a bumpy road of mishaps that had dramatically slowed the completion of this Park. On behalf of the Mayor and Town Commission, it is our honor to present the newly designed 96th Street Park to the Community, to play and form adventures and experiences that will become lasting, cherished memories from this day forward.

Thank you for your patience and enjoy the amazing new 96th Street Park and facility!

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RUBEN A. COTO COMMISSIONER

A New Year of Gratitude and Community Spirit.

As we usher in a new year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all my neighbors my colleagues on the commission and our dedicated Town staff. We are all coming together with a genuine commitment to making our town a wonderful place to live.

One of the standout moments of the previous year was the Grand Opening of our new park at Winter Wonderland! The event was a fantastic celebration that brought residents of all ages together. It was truly a reminder of what community is all about: coming together to celebrate our achievements and each other. Let's continue to support Town events including Surf Food Fest and Family Fun Day coming up later this month.

As we look ahead, I am filled with excitement and optimism for what 2025 has in store for our Town. I am eager to continue collaborating with our

Mayor, fellow Commissioners, and dedicated staff as we work to enhance the quality of life in our community. There is much to accomplish, but I have confidence that together, we can make this year extraordinary.

Of course, like any journey, we did encounter a few bumps in the road last year. Challenges arose, whether they were related to infrastructure, services, or other issues affecting our daily lives. However, it is essential to recognize that these challenges do not define us; rather, they serve as opportunities for growth and improvement. We will continue our efforts to overcome obstacles and will continue working tirelessly for you, our community.

This year, I am particularly excited about upcoming initiatives that will focus on enhancing public spaces, improving local services, and fostering community engagement. We are exploring new programs that promote sustainability, wellness, and inclusive activities that can be enjoyed by all. Everyone's input is always welcomed!

Finally, I pray for peace, happiness, and prosperity for our town, our state, and our nation. Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with opportunities for growth and joy. Thank you, neighbors—let's make 2025 remarkable together!



NELLY VELASQUEZ COMMISSIONER

Dear Surfside Residents,

December has brought joy and excitement to our community as we celebrated the grand opening of the much-awaited 96th Street Park. This beautiful new space is more than just a Park—it's a hub for connection, recreation, and togetherness. Whether you're enjoying a walk with loved ones, watching your children play, or taking in the serene surroundings, this park is a testament to the vibrant spirit of Surfside.

Looking Ahead: Exciting Projects for Surfside in 2025

As we step into the new year, we are filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the future of our Town. The Town Commission has been hard at work on several transformative projects that will enhance our community, improve infrastructure, and provide new amenities for all residents.

One of the most significant initiatives underway is theunder grounding of

power lines. This critical project will not only beautify our streets but also improve reliability and safety during storms, ensuring Surfside is better equipped to handle severe weather events.

Additionally, we're thrilled to announce the repurposing of the recently purchased property on Harding Avenue to benefit our residents. The vision includes converting the space into a multi-purpose facility that could serve as a gym, library, or social room—a welcoming place where the community can gather, stay active, and connect. We look forward to hearing your feedback as we shape this project together.

Another vital improvement is the ongoing drainage project, which will help mitigate flooding and improve water management throughout the Town. With these updates, we are investing in Surfside's resilience and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

These projects represent our commitment to making Surfside a better place to live, work, and play. We are grateful for the continued support and collaboration of our residents, which makes these initiatives possible.

Here's to a prosperous and successful 2025! Together, we will achieve great things for our Town.



GERARDO VILDOSTEGUI COMMISSIONER

I am generally not a fan of reality TV, but I occasionally make an exception for programs of a very particular kind: for that sub-genre of reality show in which skilled judges evaluate contestants who are trying to distinguish themselves in some interesting human endeavor, like cooking, or singing, or fashion design. Even when the judges dole out harsh criticisms—and they are pretty much required to, according to the unwritten rules of the genre—it's still uplifting to see people who care deeply about some art form or craft try to uphold its best standards.

My occasional weakness for that kind of TV show may help to explain why I derive so much enjoyment from serving as the Commission's liaison to our Planning and Zoning Board. It's thrilling to watch the skilled and dedicated members of that committee as they work to promote good design in Surfside.

And the P&Z meeting of Dec. 19 was an excellent final episode for the 2024 season! At that meeting, the Board enthusiastically approved plans for two single-family houses that had failed to win approval on prior occasions. In each case, the breakthrough came after thoughtful discussion, give and take, among the Board, the applicants, and their architects. If you haven't watched the recording of that meeting, I encourage you to. It's proof-positive that you can have new construction in Surfside without sacrificing our high standards. Thanks to the P&Z Board for all their work, and for showing us all a path forward.

JANUARY 2025 SURFSIDE GAZETTE

News From Town Hall

STUNNING 96TH STREET PARK REOPENS WITH WINTER WONDERLAND EVENT

On Sunday, Dec. 15, more than 1,500 Surfside residents and friends eagerly awaited the start of Winter Wonderland to experience the stunningly upgraded 96th Street Park. Years in the making, the fully transformed park enthralled attendees with its striking set of features and spaces which had been reimagined to create a Winter Wonderland feel with ice and snow, a ribbon entrance feature, Nutcrackers, a live Dreidel, and much more.

Mayor Burkett, Vice Mayor Paul and Commissioners Coto, Velasquez and Vildostegui were all on hand to celebrate the momentous occasion alongside neighbors.

Town Manager Mark Blumstein, Police Chief Wayne Holbrook, Parks & Recreation Director Tim Milian and Capital Improvement Projects Director Andre Eugent joined the many staff members who were also in attendance.

The Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was led by Mayor Burkett and commenced with blessings from Father Sosa from St. Joseph's Church and Rabbi Citron from The Surfside Minyan.

Surfside's Elected Officials spoke joyously of their commitment and vision for the Park which was now fully open and ready to shine. Current and Past Parks & Recreation Committee Chairs Frank McBride and Retta Logan also provided remarks and recounted the hard work and effort entailed by all involved.

During the event, kids and parents enjoyed the sate-of-the-art playground equipment, wide variety of rides, games and vendors, and also indulged in free food. To promote the park's new kayak launch, attendees even had the opportunity to enter a raffle for a brand-new kayak!

After a magical event, Surfside's beautiful new park is now open and available to the entire community.

Thank you to our partners Savino Miller Design and Lunacon Construction. The Town is grateful to the Commission, the entire Parks & Recreation team, Capital Improvements and all the people behind the scenes who helped make this facility and event an incredible success!

*Photos by Town of Surfside, Arhlene Ayalin & Tina Paul, Judy Martinez.









News From Town Hall











96TH STREET PARK KAYAK LAUNCH ACCESS

The Kayak Launch at 96th Street Park is open and operates from 8 a.m. to sunset. Entry and exit to the Launch closes at sunset. To gain access, please see a Parks Attendant.

Proof of Residency is required to gain access to the Kayak Launch (Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation ID Preferred).

Below are the Kayak Launch Rules:

- All minors under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
- Life Jackets are required at all times. Enter at your own risk.
- Kayak Launch will operate from 8 a.m. sunset. All persons must return prior to sunset.
- Wildlife may be present. You are entering a natural area and wetland preserve. Do not touch or feed the animals. Maintain a safe distance of 30 feet.
- No fishing. No swimming.
- Wear non-slip shoes to avoid accidents while on the dock or in the kayak.
- Surfside Hotel guests must present proof of stay documentation to Park Attendant on site.

Visitors must adhere to all other park rules, regulations, and operational guidelines.



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TOWN HOSTS FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

On Sunday, Dec. 1, more than 130 residents and staff members rejoiced in the true spirit and joy of Christmas and community at the Town's first-ever Tree Lighting Ceremony. Vice Mayor Tina Paul, Commissioner Ruben A. Coto and Acting Town Manager Mark Blumstein were present to join the celebration.

Presented by the Resort Tax Board and executed with assistance from members of Surfside's Youth Council, the evening featured complimentary coffee, baked goods, and sweets in addition to a special appearance by Santa Claus, who spent time with some of Surfside's best-behaved kids.

Thank you to all the residents and staff members who helped execute the event, including Resort Tax Board Chair Diana Gonzalez, Tourism Director Frank Trigueros, Lucero Herrera & family, and Public Works. Merry Christmas from Surfside.











SURFSIDE EXPANDS BEACH ACCESSIBILITY WITH NEW ADA MATS

Surfside marked a significant milestone in promoting inclusivity with the unveiling of ADA-compliant beach access mats at the 94th Street beach entrance. The event, held on Wednesday, Dec. 11, celebrated the installation of three additional mats made possible by a generous grant from AARP. These new mats are now available at 94th, 92nd, and 88th Streets, enhancing accessibility for residents and visitors with mobility challenges.

The mats provide a safe, durable pathway, allowing individuals using wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers to navigate the sandy terrain and enjoy Surfside's beautiful beaches. This initiative reflects the Town's commitment to fostering a welcoming environment for everyone.

The Town expressed gratitude to AARP for their support and to the community members who attended the unveiling to celebrate this achievement. The mats symbolize Surfside's ongoing efforts to prioritize inclusivity and enhance quality of life for its residents and visitors alike.

Special thanks to the Park & Recreation Department and Public Works Department for their work completing the mats installation.







VICE MAYOR PAUL ATTENDS MDCLC BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE

Vice Mayor Tina Paul recently attended the Miami-Dade County League of Cities (MDCLC) Best Practices Conference held at The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. County Mayor Daniella Levine-Cava presented Keynote Speaker and philanthropist Ken Griffin with honorary keys to municipalities in Miami-Dade County, which also included Surfside, thanks to his notable contributions to Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The evening featured insightful sessions, marquee speakers and meaningful conversations discussing common interests within Miami-Dade County.





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GOLF CART USAGE SURVEY

The Town of Surfside wants to learn more about golf cart usage within our community! To participate, please scan the QR code and answer the survey questions.

Survey ends on Monday, Jan. 6

SCAN ME



Sustainability Corner: A new Year's Resolution for a Cleaner and More Sustainable Surfside

By the Sustainability & Resiliency Committee

The holiday season often leaves us with abundant packaging, decorations, and other materials that must be managed properly. As we start a new year, let's commit to recycling "right" and reducing waste throughout 2025. Proper recycling helps safeguard our environment and reduces costs for our community. Here's how you can do your part.

The Scale of the Problem

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), over 292 million tons of municipal solid waste are generated in the United States every year, which equates to nearly five (5) pounds per person per day. Shockingly, only 32% of this waste is actually recycled, with the rest combusted or disposed of in a landfill, contributing significantly to greenhouse gas emissions. Globally, waste accounts for about 3-5% of total greenhouse gas emissions, and our country is one of the most significant contributors. (Source: EPA - Facts and Figures about Materials, Waste and Recycling.

Recycling incorrectly or not at all adds to this problem, as contaminated or misplaced materials can disrupt recycling processes, leading to more waste and higher costs. However, when our communities come together, we can make a real difference in reducing this impact.

What can be recycled curbside in Surfside? What about special items?

Scan the QR code to read the full blog post & learn more!



BUILD SANDCASTLES, NOT HOLES, ON THE BEACH

From Code Compliance - When families head to the beach, it might be a fun tradition to grab a shovel and start digging a sand hole. Even though this activity might seem fun, it poses a significant risk. Sand holes can rapidly collapse, causing injuries to humans and wildlife, especially when holes are deep.

Building sandcastles is a fun, creative, but significantly safer way to pass the time while enjoying the beach. But please flatten them out before you leave the day to avoid any wildlife injuries.

The Town Commission remains committed to passing ordinances to keep public safety. Last month, a new ordinance prohibiting sand digging passed on first reading, and it is expected to be approved on second reading later this month. The ordinance prohibits digging any holes deeper than 18 inches and requires filling them before leaving the beach.

We hope you continue to enjoy our beautiful beach and to keep you, your family, and other visitors safe.

Police Beat

RESIDENTS MEET SURFSIDE POLICE AT COFFEE WITH THE COPS

The Surfside Police Department hosted its "Coffee with the Cops" event on Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club, Barton Room.

Residents, business owners, and visitors joined the Chief of Police and department staff for coffee and conversation, providing feedback and discussing community concerns. The casual setting allowed for open dialogue and strengthened relationships between the Police Department and the community.

For information on future events, contact Sgt. Matelis at 305-861-4862.



Police Beat

Uptown FunTown

GET TO KNOW CHIEF HOLBROOK: LEADING SURFSIDE WITH EXPERIENCE AND DEDICATION

With over three decades of law enforcement experience, Chief Holbrook is committed to bringing his expertise to the Town of Surfside. A seasoned leader with a history of tackling high-stakes investigations, Holbrook's career spans prestigious agencies such as the Miami Beach Police Department, Broward Sheriff's Office, US Marshals, and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Starting his career in the Opa-Locka Police Department in 1991, Holbrook quickly established himself as a key player in disrupting criminal networks and advancing homeland security. His work has been pivotal in preventing terrorist activities and ensuring the safety of communities nationwide. Notably, in 2007, he was named 'Detective of the Year' by the Miami Beach Police Department for his role in significantly reducing crime rates in the area. His contributions were later recognized in 2023 when he was awarded the Key to the City of Miami Beach.

Holbrook's qualifications extend far beyond his extensive field experience. He holds a Top-Secret Security Clearance and is a certified ITW Police Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officer, and Weapons of Mass Destruction Instructor. His advanced training in forensics, counterterrorism, and crisis management further enhances his leadership capabilities.

As Chief of Police in Surfside, Holbrook is focused on ensuring the safety of the community by applying his knowledge in crisis management, emergency response, and cross-functional collaboration. His track record of success and dedication to public service make him a trusted leader in maintaining Surfside's security and peace of mind.



SURFSIDE POLICE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDE UNDERCOVER OPERATION, ARREST THEFT SUSPECT

A focused undercover operation by the Surfside Police Department has led to the successful arrest of an individual linked to multiple thefts in the community.

The monthlong initiative culminated on Monday, Dec. 9, with the suspect's apprehension along the 9400 block of Harding Avenue while allegedly committing a bicycle theft. Investigators had previously connected the suspect to a theft behind CVS and a retail theft at Big Daddy's Liquor, both captured on surveillance footage.

"This arrest highlights the dedication of our officers and their commitment to safeguarding Surfside," Deputy Chief of Police Arley Flaherty said. "The proactive measures taken during this operation are a testament to the teamwork and professionalism of our Criminal Investigations Unit."

The operation's success reflects the department's continued focus on preventing crime and fostering a safe environment for residents and businesses.

For further details regarding the case, contact the Criminal Investigations Unit at 305-861-4862.

HISTORICAL WAKING TOURS RETURN ON JAN. 12

The Town of Surfside will be celebrating 90 Years on May 18. As we gear up for this impressive milestone, now is the time to learn more about. Surfside's Historical Walking Tours in partnership with HistoryMiami return in 2025 starting in January. Renowned Miami Historian Dr. Paul George will lead participants through a journey down Surfside's past, highlighting the Town's ancient Tequesta heritage, its incorporation, the establishment of The Surf Club and the various factors that accelerated development after WWII. Scheduled dates: Jan. 12, Feb. 2, March 2, May 4.

Space is limited. Please visit the Town website to register.









It Starts In Parks

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BEACH 5K RUN/WALK

Join the Town of Surfside for the 17th Annual Beach 5K Run/Walk.

REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 1ST, 2025

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2025

RACE STARTS 8:00AM

ONLINE REGISTRATION

RACE COURSE ROUTE

- Race begins on the beach hard pack east of the Surfside Community Center located at 93rd Street
- Participants will run south to 87th Terrace and loop around to head north.
- Participants will run and turn at 93rd Street for a second loop.
- Participants will run south to 87th Terrace and loop around to head north.
- Participants will run between 95th and 96th Street and loop around to conclude at the finish line.
- Finish line located at the beach hard pack northeast of the Community Center



FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY, JAN. 26 | 1PM-4PM 96TH ST PARK, LOCATED AT 9580 BAY DR.

JOIN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT OUR ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY. BRING THE FAMILY OUT FOR A DAY FILLED OF FUN, FOOD, MUSIC AND MORE!

★ FOOD

* FIIN

* RIDES

* & MORE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER (305) 866-3635 OR VISIT WWW.TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV

A SENSATIONAL DECEMBER FOR SURFSIDE SENIORS

Parks and Recreation closed out the year with exciting events for our senior community. The Town hosted its monthly Senior Brunch Bunch at the Community Center and organized a Senior Trip to The Miracle Mile theater in Coral Gables. Participants were treated to a performance of "Tick, Tick... Boom!" a musical written by Jonathan Larson who also wrote the hit musical, "RENT!" Attendees, including Vice Mayor Paul and Former Commissioner Marianne Meischeid, enjoyed the cultural outing and outstanding performances by the talented ensemble.

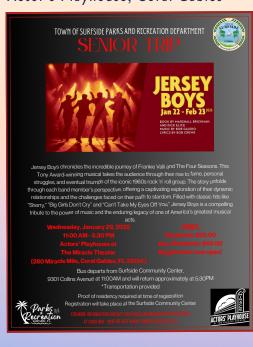




SENIOR BRUNCH BUNCH Friday, Jan. 10, 2025 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Community Center



SENIOR TRIP "Jersey Boys" (Musical) Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025 Actor's Playhouse, Coral Gables





It Starts In Parks

TOWN OF SURFSIDE AQUATICS HOURS OF OPERATION					
MONTH	BEACH	MAIN POOL	TOT LOT		
January	9:00-5:00	PECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-6:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-6:00	10:00-5:30		
February	9:00-5:00	9:00-6:30 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-6:30	10:00-6:00		
March	9:00-5:00	PECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-7:30 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-7:30	10:00-6:30		
April	9:00-5:00	PECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00 – 8:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00 – 8:00 RECREATIONAL SWIMMING	10:00-7:00		
May	9:00-5:30	9:00-8:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-8:00	10:00-7:30		
June	9:00-6:00	PECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-8:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-8:00	10:00-7:30		
July	9:00-6:00	PECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-8:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-8:00	10:00-7:30		
August	9:00-6:00	PECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00 – 8:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00 – 8:00 RECERTIONAL SWIMMING	10:00-7:30		
September	9:00-5:30	9:00-7:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-7:00	10:00-6:30		
October	9:00-5:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-7:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-7:00	10:00-6:30		
November	9:00-5:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-6:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-6:00	10:00-5:30		
December	9:00-5:00	9:00-6:00 LAP SWIMMING	10:00-5:30		



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REFRESH YOUR BEACH SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

HOW TO BREAK THE GRIP OF THE RIP:

- Don't fight the current.Swim out of the current
- then to shore.
- If you can't escape, float or tread water.
- •Call or wave for assistance.



- Always swim in a lifeguarded area.
- Never swim alone, regardless of your age or level of swimming skills.

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- Keep within your fitness and swimming capabilities.
- Be aware of weather and water conditions and heed warnings.

FEE PER PROGRAM HOURS **AGES** DAYS/DATES **SESSION** Residents \$120.00 Non-Residents \$180.00 **Tennis Pee Wee** 01/6 - 02/19/25 4:00 - 4:30pm 4 - 5 yrs. o Class: 01/20 & 02/17 ndays, Wednesday & Friday Residents \$228.00 01/6 - 02/21/25 Tennis Champs 4:30 - 5:30pm 9 - 11 yrs. on-Residents \$323.00 o Class: 01/20 & 02/17 days, Wednesday & Fridays **Tennis** Residents \$228.00 01/6 - 02/21/25 5:30 - 6:30pm 12 - 14 yrs. on-Residents \$323.00 Challenger o Class: 01/20 & 02/17 Residents \$228.00 **Tennis Varsity** 01/6 - 02/21/25 5:30 - 6:30pm 15 - 16 Vrs. on-Residents \$323.00 No Class: 01/20 & 02/17 Tuesdays & Thursdays Residents \$140.00 4 - 5 yrs. 4:00 - 4:30pm **Tennis Pee Wee** 01/7 - 02/20/25 on-Residents \$210.00 GRAM Tuesdays & Thursdays Residents \$168.00 **Tennis Champs** 4:00-5:00pm 01/7 - 02/20/25 on-Residents \$238.00 0 Tuesdays & Thursdays PR Residents \$168.00 **Tennis Prodigies** 01/7 - 02/20/25 4:30-5:30pm 6 - 8 yrs. on-Residents \$238.00 N S Girls Tennis Tuesdays & Thursdays Residents \$168.00 6:00-7:00pm 15 - 16 yrs. 01/7 - 02/20/25 on-Residents \$238.00 Z W Varsity Tuesdays & Thursdays **Tennis** Residents \$168.00 5:30-6:30pm 12 - 14 yrs. 01/7 - 02/20/25 Non-Residents \$238.00 Challenger Girls Tennis Tuesdays & Thursdays Residents \$168.00 01/7 - 02/20/25 5:00-6:00pm 12 - 14 Yrs. Non-Residents \$238.00 Challenger Tuesdays & Thursdays Advanced Residents \$168.00 7:00 - 8:00pm 18 & over 01/7 - 02/20/25 Jon-Residents \$238.00 **Adult Clinic** Saturdays Residents \$84.00 **Tennis Champs** 9 - 11 yrs. 01/11 - 02/22/25 11:00 - 12:00pm Non-Residents \$119.00 Saturdays Residents \$84.00 **Tennis Prodigies** 01/11 - 02/22/25 10:00 - 11:00am 6 - 8 yrs. Ion-Residents \$119.00 <u>Saturdays</u> Intermediate Residents \$84.00 18 & over 01/11 - 02/22/25 Non-Residents \$119.00 **Adult Clinic**

It Starts In Parks

	PROGRAM	DAYS/DATES	HOURS	AGES	FEE PER
	PROGRAM	DA15/DA1ES	HOURS	AGES	SESSION
	Gymnastics	<u>Mondays</u> 01/6 - 02/10/25 No Class: 01/20	4:30-5:30pm 5:30-6:30pm	3-5yrs. 6-12yrs.	Residents \$60.00 Non-Residents \$85.00
S	Taekwondo	Mondays & Wednesdays 01/6 - 02/19/25 No Class: 01/20 & 02/17	6:30-7:25pm	7-18yrs.	Residents \$144.00 Non-Residents \$204.00
PROGRAMS	Snapology	<u>Tuesday</u> 01/7 - 02/18/25	4:00-5:00pm	7-14yrs.	Residents \$84.00 Non-Residents \$119.00
PRO	Tunes for Tots	<u>Wednesday</u> 01/8 - 02/19/25	10:00-11:00am	6 month- 5yrs.	Residents \$84.00 Non-Residents \$119.00
E E	Guitar I Lessons	<u>Wednesday</u> 01/8 - 02/19/25	4:00-5:00pm	7-12yrs.	Residents \$84.00 Non-Residents \$119.00
F 8 1	Mommy & Me	<u>Thursdays</u> 01/9 - 02/20/25 No Class: 02/06	10:00-11:00am	2yrs & Under	Registration Thru Round Robin Playgroup <u>See Flyer</u>
YOUTH	Gymnastics	<u>Thursdays</u> 01/9 - 02/20/25	4:30-5:30pm 5:30-6:30pm	3-5yrs. 6-12yrs.	Residents \$84.00 Non-Residents \$119.00
A.	Teen Scene	<u>1st & 3rd Thursdays</u> 01/9 - 02/20/25	5:30-6:30pm	12-16 yrs.	Free
	Jazz Dance	<u>Saturdays</u> 01/11 - 02/22/25	4:00-5:00pm	7-12yrs.	Residents \$84.00 Non-Residents \$119.00
	Нір-Нор	<u>Saturdays</u> 01/11 - 02/22/25	5:00-6:00pm	7-12yrs.	Residents \$84.00 Non-Residents \$119.00

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PROGRAM	DAYS/DATES	HOURS	AGES	FEE PER SESSION
Flag Football	Mondays & Wednesday 01/6 - 02/19/25 No Class: 01/20 & 02/17	4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm	5-7yrs. 8-12yrs.	Residents \$144.00 Non-Residents \$204.00
Soccer	<u>Tuesdays & Thursdays</u> 01/7 - 02/20/25	4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm 6:00-7:00pm	4-6yrs. 7-8yrs. 9-12yrs.	Residents \$168.00 Non-Residents \$238.00
Girls Soccer	Tuesdays & Thursdays 01/7 - 02/20/25	4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm	7-8yrs. 9-12yrs.	Residents \$168.00 Non-Residents \$238.00
Start Smart Soccer	Sundays 01/12 - 02/23/25	9:00-9:50am 10:00-10:50am	2-4yrs. 2-4yrs.	Residents \$84.00 Non-Residents \$119.00
Tennis	See Tennis Listing	See Tennis Listing	See Tennis Listing	See Tennis Listing

YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

	PROGRAM	DAYS/DATES	HOURS	AGES	FEE PER SESSION
	Zumba	<u>Mondays</u> 01/6 - 02/10/25 No Class: 01/20	9:00-10:00am	18-54yrs.	Residents \$60.00 Non-Residents \$85.00
GRAMS	Zumba Gold	Mondays 01/6 - 02/10/25 No Class: 01/20	9:00-10:00am	55 & Over	Residents \$25.00 Non-Residents \$35.00
PROGI	Adult Art Class	See Flyer	See Flyer	See Flyer	See Flyer
ENIOR	Pilates	<u>Tuesdays</u> 01/7 - 02/18/25	7:15-8:15pm	16 & Over	Residents \$84.00 Non-Residents \$119.00
9 SEN	Senior Time	<u>Wednesdays</u> 01/8 - 02/19/25	10:00-12:00pm	18 & Over	Free
s L	Yoga	<u>Thursdays</u> 01/9 - 02/20/25	8:45-9:45am	16 & Over	Residents \$84.00 Non-Residents \$119.00
ADUL	Current Events	<u>Thursdays</u> 01/9 - 02/20/25	10:15-12:15am	18 & Over	Free
	Self Defense	<u>Thursdays</u> 01/9 - 02/20/25	7:15-8:15pm	16 & Over	Residents \$84.00 Non-Residents \$119.00
	Silver Sneakers: Cardio & Strength	<u>Tuesdays & Fridays</u> 01/7 - 02/21/25	9:00-10:00am	50 & Over	S.S Members: Free Non-Members: \$10.00



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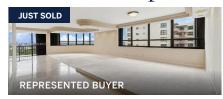
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