

### EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANNING: INCLUDE YOUR PETS

Surfside's paradise is a wonderful asset to everyone, but geographically our area is also potentially hazardous in the case of hurricanes, floods, and other disasters that could befall any coastal community. The Town has developed emergency plans, has implemented many of them over recent years, and has continuously updated its preparations and capabilities. All residents are asked to also have a household plan, a family emergency plan, and to always be prepared. Team Surfside offers a tremendous resource of information and assistance at its web-site at [www.town.surfside.fl.us/team.html](http://www.town.surfside.fl.us/team.html)

When you make emergency plans, include your pets. Here is some information available courtesy of the State of Florida.

#### DURING THE EMERGENCY

- Animals brought to a pet shelter are required to have: Proper identification collar and rabies tag, proper identification on all belongings, a carrier or cage, a leash, an ample supply of food, water and food bowls, any necessary medications, specific care instructions and newspapers or trash bags for clean-up.
- Bring pets indoor well in advance of a storm - reassure them and remain calm.
- Pet shelters will be filled on first come, first served basis. Call ahead and determine availability.

#### AFTER THE EMERGENCY

- Walk pets on a leash until they become re-oriented to their home - often familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and pets could easily be confused and become lost. Also, downed power lines, reptiles brought in with high water and debris can all pose a threat for animals after a disaster.
- If pets cannot be found after a disaster, contact the local animal control office to find out where lost animals can be recovered. Bring along a picture of your pet if possible.

**Don't forget your pet when preparing a family disaster plan. Remember to check with the veterinarian about any special conditions, needs, or other concerns that may pertain to your particular pet.**

#### MORE INFORMATION

Tips for preparing your animals for an emergency:  
**Florida Department of Agriculture**  
<http://doacs.state.fl.us/~ai/esf17.htm>

**Hotels & Motels Which Accept Pets in Emergencies and Disasters**  
<http://www.collierem.org/pets/>

### COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 13, 2004 at 8:00 pm

#### TOWN COMMISSION

PAUL NOVACK.....Mayor  
 TIMOTHY WILL .....Vice Mayor  
 FRANK MACBRIDE .....Commissioner  
 MELBA MANERO .....Commissioner  
 ALAN RUBIN.....Commissioner  
 Town E-Mail .....[surfclerk@the-beach.net](mailto:surfclerk@the-beach.net)

#### TOWN OFFICIALS

EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ.....Town Manager  
 NANCY FERNANDEZ.....Asst. Town Mgr./Town Clerk  
 STEPHEN H. CYPEN .....Town Attorney  
 LAWRENCE BOEMLER.....Police Chief

#### BUSINESS NUMBERS

TOWN HALL .....(305) 861-4863  
 COMMUNITY CENTER .....(305) 866-3635  
 TENNIS COURTS .....(305) 866-5176  
 TOURIST BOARD .....(305) 864-0722  
 LIBRARY .....(305) 865-2409  
 SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT .....(305) 861-4862

**EMERGENCY ONLY**  
**FIRE/POLICE (305) 861-1115**  
ALL OTHER: (305) 861-4862

#### TOWN OF SURFSIDE

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### TOWN OF SURFSIDE CHARTER AMENDMENT REFERENDUM: POWER TO THE PEOPLE

The Town of Surfside has established a record of implementing its Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinances in a manner that protects and enhances the attributes of the Town and improves the quality of life of its citizens. Compliance with the public interest, law, ordinances, and policies has been adhered to without exception.

Town officials have denied all requests and proposals for exceeding the limitations of the municipal zoning code. The grand total of variances that have been granted for height or density of buildings in the Town during the last decade is zero. Simultaneously, the Town has successfully encouraged numerous redevelopment, renovation, and new development projects. All of them have all been done com-

pletely within the Code - in keeping with the character of the neighborhood and surrounding area - and have served to further beautify the Town. In fact, the renovation and redevelopment that has occurred has actually resulted in overall density decreases.

Mayor Novack, Vice Mayor Will, Commissioner Rubin, Commissioner MacBride, and Commissioner Manero have strongly and consistently protected and enhanced the Town through careful planning and strict adherence to the Zoning Code. Surfside was recognized by the Florida organization known as 1000 Friends of Florida for its leadership in protecting the public interest from overdevelopment.

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### CAPTAIN GUY MARTIN RETIRES FROM THE SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Surfside Police Captain Guy Martin thanks of a grateful community. announced his retirement in December

after serving our community for over 22 years. Captain Martin began as a patrol officer in 1981, and due to his keen intelligence, professional capabilities, and outstanding dedication to public service, he rose through



the ranks to become Captain of Police in 2001. Captain Martin has earned much praise, commendations, and the

Mayor Novack, the Surfside Town Commission, Town Manager Rodriguez, Chief Boemler, the Surfside Police Department, all of Surfside's employees, and all of our residents join together in expressing our appreciation to Captain Martin, and in wishing him all the best in the years ahead.

### ELECTION NOTICE



The Town's Commission election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2004. In this election, each candidate will be running for a specific seat. The seats are as follows:

Mayoral Seat:	Paul Novack
Seat # 1	Frank MacBride
Seat # 2	Timothy Will
Seat # 3	Alan Rubin
Seat # 4	Melba Manero

The qualifying period for this election is from Wednesday, January 21, 2004 to Tuesday, February 10, 2004.

Candidate packages are available from the Town Clerk during the qualifying period. Any candidate who wishes to run for office must identify the seat he or she wishes to run for and submit a completed candidate package by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 10, 2004.

For more information please contact the Town Clerk at (305)861-4863.

**SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS**

**1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Town Manager reported that, following the Town Commission's instructions at last month's meeting, the Town Engineer and he had negotiated the award of the bid for the installation of the two traffic calming devices. Based on the Town Manager's and Town Engineer's recommendation, the Town Commission passed a motion accepting the bid of Darcon Group, Corp. for an amount not to exceed \$88,870.00 for the installation of the two traffic calming devices.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

The Town Manager reported on the status of the maintenance projects for the Community Center, and he reported on the status of the delivery of the new Town circulator vehicle.

2. The Town Commission passed an ordinance, on second reading, amending Section 15-14 (a) of the Code of the Town of Surfside by adding the words "The original or" at the beginning thereof.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

3. The Town Commission passed an ordinance, on second reading, amending Section 90-2 (16) of the Code of the Town of Surfside to provide that a "cabana" shall be in conjunction with an outdoor "swimming pool".

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

4. The Town Commission passed an ordinance, on second reading, amending Section 90-146 (b) (1) c. of the Code of the Town of Surfside to eliminate servants' quarters in accessory or subordinate buildings and to permit cabanas in accessory or subordinate buildings in conjunction with an outdoor "swimming pool".

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

5. The Town Commission passed an ordinance, on first reading, amending Section 90-145 (b) (1) c. of the Code of the Town of Surfside to eliminate servants' quarters in accessory or subordinate buildings and to permit cabanas in accessory or subordinate buildings in conjunction with an outdoor "swimming pool".

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

6. The Town Commission passed an ordinance, on first

reading, amending Chapter 90 of the Code of the Town of Surfside, by adding a new Section 90-74.1, Discontinuance of Nonconforming Structure.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

7. The Town Commission passed a resolution approving, setting forth and submitting to the electorate a proposed Charter amendment, amending the Charter of the Town of Surfside, Florida, as amended, at a Special Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 16, 2004, for the purpose of voting upon an amendment to Article I, Section 4, of the Charter of the Town of Surfside, to provide that the density, intensity, and height of development and structures within the Town of Surfside shall not exceed the maximum allowable floor areas, maximum allowable floor area ratios or the maximum building heights that are set out in the Town of Surfside Comprehensive Plan or the Code of the Town of Surfside, whichever provisions are more restrictive, which are in effect on the date that this amendment is approved by a vote of the electors of the Town of Surfside; and provided further that upon becoming effective, this amendment to the Town of Surfside Charter shall not be repealed, revised, amended, or superseded unless repeal, revision, amendment, or superseding provisions are placed on the ballot at a regularly scheduled election of the Town of Surfside and approved by a vote of the electors of the Town of Surfside.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

8. The Town Commission passed a resolution instructing and authorizing the Town Manager to donate surplus sound equipment from the Town of Surfside to Miami Beach Senior High School in accordance with the purposes authorized by State law for use by a public organization.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

9. The Town Commission passed a resolution authorizing and directing Town Manager and Town Clerk to execute Mutual Aid Agreement with Bal Harbour Village and Chief of Police and Town Clerk to execute Joint Declaration.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

10. The Town Commission passed a motion approving the Town's sponsorship and allocating the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Teacher Appreciation Programs at the elementary, middle and high schools.

**VOTE: 4 -1**

**MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RATE AND DEBT SERVICE INFORMATION**

Year	Municipal Property Tax Millage Rate	Debt Service	Year	Municipal Property Tax Millage Rate	Debt Service
1992	5.603	0	1999	5.603	0
1993	5.603	0	2000	5.603	0
1994	5.603	0	2001	5.603	0
1995	5.603	0	2002	5.603	0
1996	5.603	0	2003	5.603	0
1997	5.603	0	2004	5.603	0
1998	5.603	0			

**RECREATION NEWS**

**HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!**

Santa arrived on Saturday, December 6th, distributing gifts to the many children that attended. Entertainment was provided by CML School, under the direction of Marie Singer. Refreshments were served.

Many thanks to Arnie Notkin, Maria Singer, Patricia Silverman and all the children for their performance and the Recreation Department Staff for all of their assistance.



**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES**

All classes begin the week of January 5th.

**Call the Recreation Department at (305)866-3635 to receive a schedule.**

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING**

A Defensive Driving Class will be held on **Tuesdays, January 20th and January 27th, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10.00**

**Call (305)466-5725 to register.**

**2004 SURFSIDE EVENTS CALENDAR**

The Surfside Town Commission, Surfside Tourist Board, and Surfside Recreation Department are all busy at work preparing for a tremendous lineup of events, concerts, shows and celebrations for the Surfside Community Center during 2004. Mark your calendars today!

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| 12/31/03: New Year's Eve Gala   | 6/20/04: Father's Day Show: "Roman Festival"                    |
| 1/16/04: Surfside Rocks IV  | 7/4/04: Independence Day Program                                |
| 1/30/04: Miami Beach Senior High School Rock Ensemble Show            | 8/13/04: South American Fiesta                                  |
| 2/13/04: Valentine's Day Show – "The Three Tenors"                    | 9/6/04: Labor Day Event: "Spirit of Aloha"                      |
| 3/17/04: St. Patrick's Day Celebration: "Cloggers and Alden McRay"    | 10/11/04: Comedy Night: featuring Marty Burals and Jerry Leader |
| 4/8/04: Jewish Cultural Celebration: featuring comedian Danny Tadmore | 11/11/04: Veterans' Day Ceremonies                              |
| 5/9/04: Mother's Day Show: "Best of Broadway"                         | 11/18/04: Surfside Stars Show                                   |
| 5/31/04: Memorial Day Ceremonies                                      | 12/31/04: New Year's Eve Celebration                            |

**SURFWATCH UPDATE: CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOP**

The next Town of Surfside Crime Prevention Workshop will be held on **Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at 6:30 p.m.** The 45 minute workshop will be held at the Surfside Community Center, located at **9301 Collins Avenue**. Complimentary coffee and refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will feature a speaker, crime prevention strategies, and upcoming community projects. We look forward to facilitating the exchange of ideas and educational

opportunities. Let us work together to continue to make Surfside a safe place to live, work, learn and play.

For more information on available SurfWatch programs, or for a free residential or commercial survey, **please contact Lieutenant John Madden or Lieutenant Shawn P. O'Reilly at (305)861-4862.**

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