

PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS: SURFWATCH BLOCK

Residents should be aware that Florida Power and Light (FPL) has two types of employees that may visit Surfside neighborhoods. Employees known as "meter readers" dress in light blue t-shirts and wear blue photo ID's. Meter readers generally work from 7 am to 3 pm and drive their own cars. They walk from house to house taking readings of meters, which are usually located in the back. They are often in a rush and don't knock on the door, but announce themselves as they enter the yard. If there is a dog on the property, the meter reader may go into the neighbor's yard and use a monocular to get the reading.

The other type of employee is the "collector", who shows up when folks don't pay their bills. Collectors dress in long-sleeve light blue shirts and also use personal cars. FPL has a pilot program in Miami-Dade and Broward counties that uses a new type of meter which can be read directly at the billing office. Eventually, these meters will replace the current ones. If any questions arise about the authenticity of meter readers, or if you encounter a problem with an FPL employee, contact Florida Power and Light Customer Care at 305-442-8770.

CODE COMPLIANCE REMINDER

It is important that residents remember that the planting or replanting of ficus trees or hedges in the Town of Surfside is strictly prohibited.

March Calendar\*\*\*

Town Commission.....Tuesday, March 8th, at 8:00 pm

Planning & Zoning..... Last Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm (03/29/05)

Tourist Bureau.....3rd Monday of the month, at 9:30 am (03/21/05)

Public Workshops:

Surfside Business District.....Tuesday, March 8th, at 6:00 pm

Closing Surfside Area Streets.....Tuesday, March 15th, at 6:00 pm

\*\*\*Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. Please verify the information by contacting Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, or visit our Website at www.town.surfside.fl.us for updates.

TOWN COMMISSION

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JEFF SMOLANSKY .....Town Manager
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FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Surfsiders,

The Town Of Surfside recently announced Police Chief Larry Boemler's decision to retire, however he will remain in his present position until the end of the current year. Chief Boemler is a dedicated professional who has spent his entire life tirelessly devoted to the protection of others. Throughout the years of his exemplary leadership he has served Surfside with honesty and integrity, and he will be sorely missed. I know that you join me in wishing him well in his future endeavors.

You may have noticed an increased police presence in Surfside, more specifically, motorcycle patrol officers. I know that I have. Thanks to the fine efforts of the Surfside Traffic Safety Unit, the number of citations has risen, as more vehicular offenders are being caught. We will soon be taking measures to monitor the average speed per car on our roadways and our police officers will continue to be vigilant in the enforcement of our traffic laws. Nothing is more important than the safety of our streets for our residents and visitors.

In a related matter, the past month has highlighted the serious impact that lane closures on Harding and Collins Avenue can have on our surface traffic. When a traffic accident causes the shutdown of lanes, especially during rush hour, certain motorists, unfamiliar with Surfside, will seek relief by

using the Town's residential streets as a throughway. It is also unfortunate that high rise construction in our neighboring beach communities continues unabated which translates into little hope of reducing vehicular traffic on our streets. Surfside pedestrian traffic also continues to increase, and the combination of rushing motorists and pedestrian congestion is a growing concern because of the potential for a tragic roadway incident. One possible option to protect our residents and visitors might be to further restrict access to the Town. A Public Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Commission Chambers, 9293 Harding Avenue to provide a forum for comment on this issue. Please refer to the website at www.town.surfside.fl.us for further information.

The Surfside Business District offers our residents and visitors a great combination of restaurants, shopping and services. The Commission is committed to assisting the Business District so that it continues to flourish and has taken steps to initiate a dialogue among the Business District proprietors and the Town's elected representatives. A Public Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at Town Hall, 9293 Harding Avenue. I encourage all of our business owners to participate in this vital discussion. Please refer to the website at www.town.surfside.fl.us for further information.

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A Public Workshop is scheduled to discuss the Surfside Business District on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Commission Chambers at 9293 Harding Avenue. Please make every effort to attend this important Workshop.

A Public Workshop is scheduled to discuss the closing in or "gating" of Surfside area streets on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Commission Chambers, 9293 Harding Avenue. Please make every effort to attend this important Workshop.

Con't. from Pg.1 FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

A Review and Ranking Committee for the Community Center Project, comprised of Town administrators and Surfside residents, recently evaluated presentations made by the architectural firms who responded to the Town's Request for Qualifications. At the Commission Meeting held on February 8th, the Town Commission concurred with the Committee's recommendation and announced the Russell Partnership Group as the firm of choice. The Commission also gave the Town Manager authority to enter into a contract for the design phase of the renovation.

In the meantime, drive safely, slow down, and enjoy the weather with a nice stroll through the Town. As always, I am available at surfside@bellsouth.net.

Tim Will  
Your Mayor

SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager introduced Mr. Stanley Shapiro of Prime Time Seniors who addressed the Commission. Mr. Shapiro requested a donation of \$1,000 from the Town to assist in an effort to correspond with service men overseas. Mr. Shapiro stated that he has been in contact with Miami Beach Senior High School and that the students will be participating in the letter writing campaign. He announced that North Bay Village, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands have all agreed to help fund the project. The Commission voted unanimously to help fund the project and approved the donation.

The Town Manager reported that last year, a Traffic Impact Analysis Report was prepared. The report was prepared in order to analyze the traffic within the Town and offer various options for addressing the traffic conditions. The Town Manager suggested holding a workshop to discuss various options highlighted in the analysis. In order to glean feedback from the community, especially regarding the possible option of closing off a number of streets to thru-traffic, the Mayor and Commission agreed that a series of public workshops would be needed to move forward. The Town Manager was directed to schedule the workshops in the coming months.

sisting of residents Maria Rubin, Richard Iacobacci, Daniel Dietch and staff members Harry Munoz, Building Official and Tim Milian, Recreation Director, ranked the Russell Partnership Group first, with Borrelli & Partners and Wolfberg, Alvarez & Partners coming in at second and third respectively. At the request of the Town Manager, the Commission voted to direct the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to move forward and prepare a contract not to exceed \$272,000.

In other matters, the Town Commission approved the following:

2. A resolution of the Town of Surfside authorizing and directing the Town Manager and Town Clerk to execute a mutual aid agreement with Indian Creek Village. VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The Town Manager announced that Police Chief Larry Boemler would be retiring at the end of the year, after 10 years of service to the Town. The Town Manager stated that the Chief would remain with the Town of Surfside until the end of this year.

Regarding the Community Center Project, the Town Manager announced that a Review and Ranking Committee met to analyze the architectural firms that submitted responses to the Request for Qualifications. He announced that the Committee, con-

SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES ITS OFFICER OF THE YEAR

At an award ceremony held during the Commission Meeting on February 8, in the presence of his wife and sons, his fellow officers and community members, Lieutenant John Madden was named "Officer of the Year" by the Surfside Police Department (SPD). A member of the SPD for the past fifteen years, Lieutenant Madden was most recently honored for his outstanding police work and initiative which led to the capture of two separate felons. His diligence and attention to duty is a credit to himself, the Surfside Police Department and the community that he serves. Congratulations, Lieutenant Madden!



Surfside Community Center  
Adult Classes

Yogalates: \*\*\*NEW \*\*\*  
(Resident \$ 40 / Non- Resident \$65)  
Yogalates integrates exercise from Yoga and Pilates. The results are increased flexibility, stronger core strength, and greater overall power and grace. This is an effective and challenging workout for all ages and fitness levels.

Note: Registration in Progress

Thursday (Session I)  
Feb 24 - Apr 14 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Yoga:  
(Resident \$40  
Non-Resident \$65  
per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)



Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefit your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition.

Note: Registration in Progress

Monday (Session III)  
Jan 24 - March 14 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Monday (Session IV)  
Mar 21 - May 9 7:00 - 8:00 pm



Pilates:  
(Resident \$40  
Non-Resident \$65  
per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) helps reshape the body by creating long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility. Note: Registration in Progress

Tuesday (Session IV)  
Feb 22 - Apr 12 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday (Session III)  
Jan 26 - Mar 16 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday (Session IV)  
Mar 23 - May 11 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Adult Education Classes

Note: All classes begin the week of January 3, 2005.

Yoga  
Tuesday 9 - 11 am Ages: Adults  
Thursday 9 - 11 am Ages: 55+

Water Aerobics  
Wednesday 10 - 11 am Ages: Adults

Conversational Spanish 1  
Wednesday 12 - 1:30 pm Ages: Adults

Conversational Spanish 2 & 3  
Wednesday 1:30 - 3:35 pm Ages: Adults

Oil Painting/Drawing  
Thursday 10 - 12:30 pm Ages: Adults  
Thursday 12:30 - 2:30 pm Ages: 55+

Current Events/Adult Life Stages  
Thursday 2:00 - 4:00 pm Ages: 55+

- All Adult Classes are Free except Spanish classes. Fees for Spanish classes are \$48.00.
- Call the Recreation Department 305-866-3635 for scheduling information.

RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT REQUESTS  
YOUR INPUT

The Recreation Department is currently planning new programs for the community. They would like to hear from Surfside residents. Please call the Recreation Department at 305-866-3635 to express your interest in the following programming suggestions:

Pre-School (Ages 3-5)  
Soccer  
Basketball

Youth Programs  
Recreation Swim Team  
Beach Volleyball  
Youth Soccer  
3 on 3 Basketball  
Spring Learn to Swim Program  
Tae Kwon Do

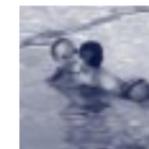
Adult Programs  
Dance for Fun & Fitness  
Beach Volleyball  
3 on 3 Basketball  
Adult Learn to Swim Programs  
Water Exercises

Senior Programs  
Senior Trips (Once a month)  
Senior Birthday Parties

**Please note:**  
As plans for the Community Center proceed, the Recreation Department will make every effort to ensure that programming will not be disrupted.

Surfside Community Center: Winter Hours of Operation

March Community Pool Hours: Saturday through Sunday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Pool will be heated)  
Game Room Hours: Friday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm • Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Attention Surfside Residents:  
**Expanded Pool Hours coming in April**  
Check with the Recreation Department 305-866-3635 for further details.

TOWN OF SURFSIDE RECREATION DEPARTMENT



March Programs

Free Spring Egg Hunt

Sunday March 20th Time: 10:00 am - Noon Ages 12 & Under.

Come join the fun at Novack Park (9572 Bay Dr). Activities include interactive games, a clown show and egg hunt.

Ping Pong Tournament - (FREE)

Come join the fun and play in a ping pong round robin tournament. The tournament will be on Sunday, March 20th, from 1-3 pm at the Surfside Community Center Game Room. All ages welcome!

Kids Classes

Gymnastics:

3:30 - 4:25 pm  
Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75

4:30 - 5:40 pm  
Resident \$55 / Non-Resident \$85

Come join our gymnastics program taught by certified instructors. Through praise, encouragement and skillful attention, your child will be taught the sport of gymnastics. Note: Registration in Progress \*No Class March 21st & 23rd\*

Monday (Session III)

Mar 7 - May 2  
Ages 3 - 5 3:30 - 4:25 pm  
Ages 6 - 10 4:30 - 5:40 pm

Wednesday (Session IV)

Mar 9 - May 4  
Ages 3 - 5 3:30 - 4:25 pm  
Ages 6 - 10 4:30 - 5:40 pm

Acrobatics and Tumbling:

(Resident \$55 / Non-Resident \$85 per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)  
Boys and girls 10 and up are invited to join our tumbling and acrobatics class taught by certified instructors. Learn the basics of both tumbling and acrobatics. Note: Registration in Progress \*No Class March 23rd\*

Wednesday (Session III)

Mar 9 - May 4  
Ages: 10 - up 5:45 - 6:55 pm

Arts & Crafts:

(Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$64 per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)  
Join the fun with this instructional Arts & Crafts program for kids. Children will learn how to create fun filled project of all types. Classes taught by certified teachers. Note: Registration in Progress

Saturday (Session IV)

Mar 5 - April 23  
Ages: 3 - 5 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Ages: 6 - up 10:45 - 11:45 am

Hip Hop Jazz Dance: \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*

(Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)  
This dance class is designed to incorporate jazz technique as well as hip hop moves to today's pop music. This class will also improve your child's flexibility as well as coordination.

Note: Registration in Progress

\*No class on March 21st\*

Monday (Session I)

Mar 7 - May 2  
Ages: 11 and up 6:30 - 7:25 pm

Kidokinetics: \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*

(Resident \$64 / Non-Resident \$80 per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)  
GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF FITNESS Kidokinetics is a way to improve and enhance your child's fitness. Each week we work on a different sport in a non-competitive setting. This program helps to develop motor skills and self confidence. We teach the basics of various sports. Our classes are for boys and girls. Note: Registration in Progress  
Classes will be held at Novack Park (9572 Bay Drive)

Monday (Session I)

Feb 28 - April 18  
Ages: 3 - 5 10:45 - 11:30 am

Learn To Swim:

Note: Registration in Progress  
Fees for Weekdays  
Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$80  
Fees for Weekends  
Resident \$25 / Non-Resident \$40

Toddler Water Readiness Ages: 1 1/2 - 3

Develops in young children a high comfort level of being in the water and around the pool as well as a readiness to learn how to swim.  
Weekdays: 3:15 - 3:35 pm  
Weekends: 9:15 - 9:45 am

Preschool Swim Lessons Ages: 3 - 5

Preschool age children will learn water adjustment, how to breathe properly, floating and basic arm and leg movements. Weekdays: 3:55 - 4:25 pm  
Weekends: 10:00 - 10:30 am

Beginner Swim Lessons Ages: 6 - up

Learn the basic principles of swimming. Personal safety is stressed throughout the course. Weekdays: 4:35 - 5:05 pm  
Weekends: 10:45 - 11:15 am

Weekday Classes:

Monday through Thursday  
Session I March 7 - March 31  
Session II April 4 - April 28  
Session III May 2 - May 26

Weekend Classes

Saturday through Sunday  
Session IV March 5 - March 27  
Session V April 2 - April 24  
Session VI May 7 - May 29

**Coming in April**  
Lifeguard Training Class  
(Ages 15 and up)  
Become a certified lifeguard



SURFSIDE TOURIST BUREAU

SURFSIDE VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY A BIG SUCCESS!

The annual Valentine's Day Party held for the residents and tourists of Surfside is one of the Town's most popular events. Starring our local "Three Tenors", over 150 guests enjoyed an hour of romantic arias, along with dancing before and after to the ever popular "Poppy" Orchestra.



Hearts, roses and candy were given to all as they arrived, adding to the romantic atmosphere. The usual refreshments were served with special Valentine's Day cookies.



Surfside special events are FREE to all residents and tourists staying in our resorts. Please continue to enjoy the special programs arranged for you this year.

Join us for our next event, in the auditorium at the Surfside Community Center  
**Thursday, March 17, 2005 • 7:00 – 10:00 pm**  
*A St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Irish Music & Dancing, featuring entertainment by the Cloggers. Light refreshments will be served.*

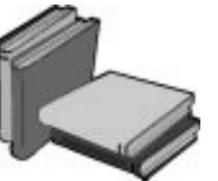


SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

**Storytime:** Please call the Library 305-865-2409 to confirm dates and times for this program during the month of March.

*New books for your reading pleasure....*

- Hot Commodities: How Anyone Can Invest Profitably in the World's Best Market by Jim Rogers
- Supernanny: How to Get the Best from Your Children by Jo Frost
- French Women Don't Get Fat: The Secret of Eating for Pleasure by Mireille Guiliano
- Shades of Red by Doris Mortman -- a very good read
- Black Wind: A Dirk Pitt Novel by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler



SURFSIDE "TENNIS CENTER"

Monday	Adult Beginner Group Class	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday	Adult Intermediate Group Class	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Thursday	Adult Competition	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday	Tiny Tot Group Class	8:30 am - 9:30 am
	Jr. Group Class (6-8years)	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Sunday	Adult Competition (Intermediate)	10:00 am - 12:00 pm



*For more information call the Tennis Center at 305-866-5176*