

JUNE CALENDAR

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2006 AT 7:00 PM

“SPECIAL MEETING” OF THE TOWN COMMISSION IS TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2006 AT 7:00 PM

Charrette Committee..... Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7:00 pm
Community Center Committee..... Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.
Education Committee.....First Tuesday of the month, at 8:00 pm (06/06/06)
Parks & Recreation Committee.....Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.
Planning & Zoning BoardLast Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (06/29/06)

Tourist Bureau (Special Meeting).....Monday, June 5, 2006 at 6:30 pm
Location: Lanai Room, 9301 Collins Avenue
Tourist Bureau,..... Regular meeting: Third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm (06/19/06)
Location: Lanai Room, 9301 Collins Avenue

Crime Prevention Workshop.....Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 6:30 pm
Senior Trip to the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.....Thursday, June 22, 2006 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)
“Movie Under the Stars”.....Saturday, June 24, 2006 at 8:30 pm

UPCOMING:

Town Hall & the Surf-Bal-Bay Library will be **CLOSED** on Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4, 2006
The Community Center and Pool will be **OPEN**. Regularly scheduled classes will **not** be held. The Tennis Center will be **CLOSED**, except by pre-arranged lesson appointment.

July 4th Festivities begin at Noon
Gala Fireworks Display starts **promptly** at 9:00 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 by visiting our Website at www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or the Surfside Cable Channel 77 for updates..

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FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

AS PROMISED, IN THE COMING MONTHS, WE WILL BE UPDATING THE RESIDENTS ON THE LIST OF LEGAL CASES THAT THE TOWN HAS FOUND ITSELF INVOLVED IN. DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, WE CAN ONLY INCLUDE A FEW EACH MONTH.

Verzura Construction:

Verzura Construction was hired to undertake the major remodeling and alteration project of the existing facility at 9293 Harding Avenue, which presently houses Town Hall administrative offices & services. Verzura Construction has alleged that ex-Town Officials had solicited bribes and had altered plans after the project was started. Three separate lawsuits are still before the courts including the bonding company who had been suing the contractor Verzura, but after some discovery, dropped their suit against Verzura and has instituted a suit against the Town. The next court date is presently set for July 2006.

- **This case has been ongoing for 6 years.**

- **The cost estimate for the Town's legal fees is in excess of \$100,000 for each year of the case.**

- **Verzura is suing for approximately \$15,000,000 alleging, among other things that, the Town eliminated their bonding ability and prevented them from obtaining work over the last many years.**

- **The bonding company had paid out approximately \$1,500,000 over the amount of the original planned work and is suing to recover funds they advanced.**

- **If there is an adverse decision against the Town, the Town could be held responsible for the winner's attorney's fees also.**

- **Total possible exposure to the Town is nearly \$20,000,000. This amount represents nearly twice the annual budget for the town.**

Maranon Case:

This case concerns alleged code violations pertaining to two properties in the Town of Surfside, 9249 Abbott Avenue and 9255 Abbott Avenue. However, the owners have complained to many in the community that they were targeted by a former Mayor and Town Manager who lived only yards away from these homes. Code violation notices were written for the 9249 Abbott house which encroached onto the lot of 9255 Abbott, in spite of a court decision which many believe allowed this slight encroachment. A lengthy civil violation notice was issued and fines in the amount of \$4,350 per day were levied. The liens on the home were in the many millions of dollars and the owners have already lost one home to the Town in this action.

To date, the case remains unresolved.

In addition to the outstanding code violations and fines, is the dispute as to whether or not the 1966 injunction issued by the court, allowing the small encroachment still applies today.

This case has been ongoing for many years.

The cost estimate for the Town's legal fees is in excess of \$100,000 for each year of the case.



The 90 file boxes in this photograph were on display at the April 11th and April 25th Commission Meeting.

*They represent the documents/paperwork on only **three**, of just over 80 cases, that **ONE** of our lawyers had undertaken in the recent past. This lawyer is one of many that the Town employs at any given time.*

Legal fees have been as high as \$80,000 per month in the recent past.

Miami Rental Management: (The French People)

Some years back, current Surfside residents from France purchased a handful of homes in the Town of Surfside for personal use and had hoped to rent the others to vacationing tourists. Once they began to rent the homes, some neighbors complained. The French say that instead of receiving any type of notice to stop renting the homes from the Town, a police raid was conducted with the assistance of the Surfside Police Department on the residential home of the French family on 88th Street, which consisted of a husband, wife and their 12 year old son. The raid, by accounts, produced only some documentation and computer hardware. Within 30 days the homes were no longer being rented. However, the case continued for over two years

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Legal Cases

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until a settlement was brokered by then Commissioner Coto and resident Charles Burkett. In this final settlement, the Town, knowing that it had significant exposure, offered to waive virtually all fines, legal fees and other costs. This came after investing upwards of \$1,000,000 in legal fees and untold amounts in Town personnel time. This final settlement offer from the Town was presented by then Mayor Tim Will, Town Attorney Steven Cypen, Town Manager Jeff Smolansky and the past slate of sitting Commissioners who approved the offer.

It is very instructive to note that approximately 30 days after the police raid, the Town verbally offered to settle with the French People if they would agree to the following terms. 1) Pay \$500,000 to the Town 2) Immediately sell all of their homes including the one they lived in and 3) Leave Surfside and basically never come back. The family rejected the offer as extortion-like and proceeded to fight back. It is also important to note, that according to the family, the very first notice they received indicating that the Town was objecting to the rentals, was not a letter or call, but a Police raid which was organized by an affidavit signed by a Surfside Police officer.

As the settlement was eventually reached, the **fines, according to whom you speak with**, had reached an estimated **\$20 to \$50 million dollars** or approximately up to 10 million dollars per home.

The Outcome: The Town started with 122 alleged violations on these houses. When it came time to settle the matter the Town could not produce any meaningful substantiation for these violations. Furthermore, the settlement agreement basically states that it is not clear, nor can the Town demonstrate, if the family had caused ANY of the vio-

lations. Lastly, the code enforcement officer who wrote the violations recently appeared at a commission meeting and suggested that he had been ordered by Town officials to write violations against the family.

This case went on for approximately 2 years through the settlement.

The cost estimate for the Town's legal fees is reported to have been at the very least \$250,000 for each year of the case, likely much more once a thorough review is completed. By some estimates, costs to the Town have reached almost \$1,000,000.

Midrash Sephardi Inc.:

In 1999, two Orthodox synagogues, Midrash Sephardi Inc. & Young Israel of Bal Harbour sued the Town regarding an existing zoning ordinance which excluded churches and synagogues from the business district, where private clubs and lodges were permitted.

Midrash Sephardi was formed in 1995 and subleased the second floor of 9592 Harding Avenue from Ohio Savings Bank (OSB), located in the business district (where AmTrust is today). Midrash appeared before the Planning & Zoning Board with an application seeking zoning approval. This advisory board unanimously agreed to recommend zoning approval to the Town Commission, who had final authority to grant Midrash's application for zoning approval. The Town Commission unanimously denied Midrash's application.

After many years of litigation, the Town of Surfside's appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States was denied, which let stand an earlier ruling allowing Midrash to likely collect their legal fees from the Town of Surfside. Letters to the Town indicate that the amount potentially due Midrash Sephardi could rise into the Millions. Former Town Attorney Steven Cypen, was quoted in the papers, saying "this is

an issue of national importance" while discussing why the Town was willing to spend such fantastic funds on the fight. After the loss, Cypen said it was unfortunate. The past Mayor and Commission had repeatedly voiced their strong support for these types of legal battles, in spite of costs or consequences.

This case has been ongoing for since 1999.

The cost estimate for the Town's legal fees is in excess of \$100,000 for each and every year of the case. Surfside's possible exposure: Paying the winner's legal fees which are currently being discussed and other potential remedies being sought by Midrash.

Surfside Police Department:

Currently there are three legal cases ongoing in the Surfside Police Department. All three of these cases involve personnel issues.

The average legal cost for each of these cases is approximately \$17,000 totaling more than \$50,000.

Building Permit Fees Waived for Hurricane Related Damage



In order to assist local residents in their recovery from last year's hurricane related damage, the Town Commission voted to waive building permit fees associated with these repairs through July 31 of this year. Please keep in mind that Surfside residents must still **apply** for a permit to conduct hurricane related work, however, the usual permit fees will not be levied. The applicant will need to sign a document stating the permit(s) and related repairs are a result of hurricane damage.

SURFSIDE POLICE "OFFICER OF THE MONTH": JORGE AGUILA

At the most recent Surfside Commission meeting, Chief Shawn O'Reilly presented the Officer of the Month Award for April 2006, to Jorge Aguila. Officer Aguila earned the award for two separate incidents during the month of April.

On April 23, 2006, at approximately 11:20 pm, Officer Aguila responded to a burglary in progress at 9454 Harding Avenue. An unknown subject had smashed the storefront window and fled prior to police arrival. Officer Aguila discovered blood and miscellaneous property outside the store. Officer Aguila arrived on the scene and quickly interviewed witnesses in order to obtain a description of the perpetrator. Officer Aguila turned off his vehicle headlights and began canvassing the area. Within a few minutes, Officer Aguila observed a male subject exiting the Publix parking lot on his bicycle. The subject tried to flee from the officer but was quickly apprehended. The witnesses positively identified the subject and he was arrested without further incident. The proper-

ty taken in the burglary was returned to the store owner.

On April 26, 2006 at approximately 2:15 am, Officer Aguila observed three suspicious males in a vehicle that was cruising in the business district. The subjects made eye contact with Officer Aguila and quickly made an abrupt turn to get away from him. Officer Aguila notified all available police units and the area was quickly saturated with Surfside and Bal Harbour officers.

After several minutes, Sgt. Pacheco [Surfside Police] discovered one of the subjects walking on 96 street and attempting to enter Bal Harbour. The subject was detained pending positive identification. Within minutes, Officer Aguila discovered the subject's getaway vehicle which was parked behind a dumpster, for concealment, at a nearby hotel. Officer Aguila cautiously approached the vehicle and discovered a male subject lying down in the backseat. The subject was immediately taken into custody. The third and final subject was taken into custody, on the beach, by

Surfside Officers' Alberto and Torres. Inside the vehicle, Surfside officers discovered toy guns, masks, and dark clothing with hoods.

Officer Aguila was praised for his alertness, initiative and his quick response. His actions led to the arrest of four felony subjects in the short span of three days. He is a credit to himself, the law enforcement profession and the Surfside Police Department.



On April 22 & 23 a team from the Surfside Police Department participated in the North Miami Beach Police Department's Benefit Softball Tournament for Fallen Officer Orestes "OREO" Lorenzo. All proceeds raised went to Officer Lorenzo's wife and three daughters.



The Surfside Police Department invites you to attend a

Crime Prevention Workshop

Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Ernest Long, F.C.P.P.

**Crime Prevention Coordinator
Aventura Police Department**

TOPICS:

Burglary Prevention Tips

LOCATION: Police Training Room, 2nd floor, 9293 Harding Avenue

***Bring a friend & you will both receive a complimentary gift, courtesy of the Surfside Police Department
Light refreshments will be served.***

Please RSVP: (305) 861-4862 to confirm your attendance



SURFSIDE HOSTED POLICE ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (PAL) SECOND ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Surfside Police Officer **Julio Torres** (in uniform) and Sergeant **Loxley Arch** watch as Miami-Dade Commissioner (District 4), **Sally Heyman**, demonstrates the "Segway" a motorized patrol vehicle generously donated by the Commissioner's office to the Surfside Police Department.



(L - R) Surfside Police Officers **John Gentile**, **Patrick McKenna**, **Julio Torres**, Mayor **Charles Burkett**, Surfside Police Motorman **Rory Alberto**, Public Service Aide **Jose Diaz** and Sergeant **John Davis**.



North Shore Kiwanis member **Dorie Lurie** (wearing hat) sells PAL Breakfast tickets to area residents.

On Saturday, May 13, 2006, the Town of Surfside hosted the Second Annual Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Surf-Bal-Bay Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL). Honored guests included Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally Heyman, Surfside Mayor Charles Burkett, Bay Harbor Islands' Vice

Mayor Kenneth Weinstein, Bay Harbour Islands' Council Members Ileene S. Wallace and Alberto Ruder, Surfside Commissioner Marc Imberman and his wife Kathy, Bay Harbor Islands' Town Manager, Greg Tindle, and Police Chiefs Thomas Hunker (Bal Harbour), John S. Ross (Bay Harbor) and Shawn P. O'Reilly (Surfside). Yvonne Moody's "Hurricane Jumpers" entertained the crowd with their jump rope abilities. This year's breakfast event was attended by almost 100 people and the North Shore Kiwanis members adeptly handled the cooking duties for the hungry crowd. All proceeds raised are utilized to fund the numerous PAL activities scheduled throughout the year.

The Surf-Bal-Bay Police Athletic/Activities League is a non-profit organization, whose crime prevention mission is "Filling Playgrounds, not Prisons". Police officers and volunteers commit to working with area children in a safe environment, to prevent juvenile delinquency and drug use.

The event is a cooperative effort between the Tri-Cities, Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour and Surfside. All three municipalities work together to



Surfside resident **Alan Gorme** (foreground) and Commissioner **Marc Imberman** are busy "cooking it up" for the PAL Breakfast crowd.



(L - R) Bay Harbor Islands' Councilwoman **Ileene S. Wallace**, Bay Harbor Islands' Vice Mayor **Kenneth Weinstein**, and Bay Harbor Islands' Councilman **Alberto Ruder**



(L - R) Police Chiefs **Thomas Hunker** (Bal Harbour), **Shawn P. O'Reilly** (Surfside) and **John S. Ross** (Bay Harbor Islands)

make the Surf-Bal-Bay Police Athletic/Activities League a reality. The Pancake Breakfast was generously sponsored by **Publix Supermarkets**, the **North Shore Kiwanis**. **Brothers Vending and Tremont Towing**.

Neiman Marcus, **Saks Fifth Avenue**, the **Sante Fe Café**, **Giorgio Armani**, **Moon Over Miami**, **Rafe Sweetheart Beauty Shop**, **Moncheese Pizza** and **Basilio Hunchak Golf Shop** represented the business community and showed tremendous support by donating great prizes.

The Surf-Bal-Bay PAL extends their thanks to everyone who attended the event, to all those who purchased tickets to the breakfast, and to the political officials, businesses, community organizations and residents who are committed to a program that cares about our children!

Town Commission Decides To Decrease Portion Of Homeowner Responsibility In The Replacement Of Sewer Laterals



Under the current sewer lateral Ordinance [Sec. 78-52 (c)] Surfside homeowners are responsible for the entire cost associated with replacement of the entire length of sewer lines which encompasses the portion that runs under

their property, through the public right of way, and extends to the street hook-up. The Town Commission has concluded that local residents should not be financially burdened for the portion of the cost extending into the public right-

of-way. The Commission has directed that this specific onus of responsibility should be stricken from the Ordinance, with an effective date of Tuesday, April 11, 2006.



TOWN COMMISSION REQUESTS: Generator Placement On Property To Be Made Less Restrictive

Hurricane season began June 1 and will run until November 30. Many Florida residents are still recovering from the 2005 storms that ripped through the State. During the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma, S. Floridians were without power over

days and weeks. Individuals who were fortunate enough to own a generator, became completely dependant on them. In anticipation of this years' storm season, the Town Commission has requested that an Ordinance be drafted that will go before the Planning and Zoning Board which will afford residents

greater choices as to the placement of generators on their properties. While nobody wants to experience a repeat of last years' hurricane frequency, if Surfsiders do lose their power this season, the new ordinance will allow generators to be placed in less restrictive areas on one's property.

Finally.... A Designated, Television Cable Channel (77) for Surfside



The Town of Surfside is pleased to introduce its latest technological tool to increase communication with local residents. From the comfort of their own homes, Surfsiders can now tune in to television Cable Channel 77 and view

live broadcasts of Special and Regular Town Commission Meetings, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. An encore presentation of the meeting will

immediately follow the live broadcast. **Rebroadcasts** of the most recent Commission Meeting is scheduled Monday through Friday at Noon and 8:00 p.m.

The **weekend** broadcast schedule will replay the two meetings **prior** to the most recent Special and Regular Town Commission meeting:

Sat. June 3	Noon – April 25th Special Commission Meeting	8:00PM – April 25th Special Commission Meeting
Sun. June 4	Noon – May 9th Special & Regular Commission Mtg	8:00PM – May 9th Special & Regular Commission Meeting
Sat. June 10	Noon – April 25th Special Commission Meeting	8:00PM – April 25th Special Commission Meeting
Sun. June 11	Noon – May 9th Special & Regular Commission Mtg	8:00PM – May 9th Special & Regular Commission Meeting
Sat. June 17	Noon – May 9th Special & Regular Commission Mtg	8:00PM – May 9th Special & Regular Commission Meeting
Sun. June 18	Noon – May 23rd Special Commission Meeting	8:00PM – May 23rd Special Commission Meeting
Sat. June 24	Noon – May 9th Special & Regular Commission Mtg	8:00PM – May 9th Special & Regular Commission Meeting
Sun. June 25	Noon – May 23rd Special Commission Meeting	8:00PM – May 23rd Special Commission Meeting

To listen to the meetings residents may download the audio portion of the meetings to their personal computers by

going to the Town's Website. Click on Electronic Archives, select Commission Meeting audio, and choose the date of

the meeting they wish to hear. Plans are also underway to incorporate video playback from the Internet.

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager, W.D. Higginbotham, Jr., reported that he would be attending the Governor's Hurricane Conference at the Broward County Convention Center on May 11th and 12th.

The Town Manager advised that he is prepared to advertise for an architect for the Community Center, but suggested that the request be put off until the Community Center Committee reviews the Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

The Town Manager noted that he has been working with Ken Arnold regarding the criteria for a Request for Proposals (RFP) or RFQ for the Charrette and that a complete package would be ready for review by the Charrette Committee.

The Town Manager advised that an RFQ for an auditor to perform the annual audit for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2006 has been prepared and will be submitted for advertising. The Town Manager noted that Florida State Statute 218.391 requires that the Town Commission appoint an Audit Committee to oversee the process and interview qualified candidates.

The Town Manager announced that he has been in discussions with a number of Surfside Downtown Business Owners/Operators and they are proceeding with a pilot program to permit sidewalk food and beverage sales. The Town Manager reported that a meeting with a seven-member committee is scheduled for this Thursday, May 11 to discuss implementation of the pilot program.

The Town Manager requested Workshops to deal with a number of issues, including a separate session with the Town Engineer to discuss our sanitary sewer infrastructure need. He explained that it may be necessary to incorporate some of these workshops with the Budget workshop, since future funding of capital projects would be discussed. The Town Manager added that the Florida Department Of Transportation (FDOT) would be asked to present

to the Commission how FDOT intends to address the chronic flooding problems along A1A. The Town of Surfside has been requesting FDOT to resolve the flooding issues since early 1982.

The Commission approved the following Resolution:

2. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, ratifying the Engagement Letter of the Interim Town Attorney, and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

In other matters, the Town Commission unanimously agreed to join with the neighboring communities to petition the authorities to delay the start of the 63rd Street Flyover construction until the completion of the Biscayne Corridor, the Bay Harbor Causeway, and the ending of the school year.

The Town Commission directed the Town Manager to facilitate the establishment of a Surfside Garden Club with the residents, to work on developing a Home-Based Business Occupational License Ordinance for those residents wishing to obtain an occupational license to work from home, to work with the neighboring municipalities to provide a bus route that would supplement their routes and increase ours, and to facilitate the establishment of a Community Action Team consisting of volunteers in the Town that would help residents before and after a hurricane.

Regarding Senior programs, the Town Commission directed the Town Manager to look at neighboring communities to determine if the Town of Surfside could implement similar programs to benefit the elderly.

The Town Commission awarded the Employee of the Month for May 2006 to Michael Saka, I.T. Administrator.

The Surfside Police Officer of the Month was awarded to Officer Jorge Aguila.

The Town's Lobbyist, Fausto Gomez, made a presentation to the Town

Commission in which he announced that the Legislature had allocated \$475,000 for Surfside projects, including \$125,000 for storm water improvements, \$250,000 for the Community Center, and \$100,000 for the beach walking path improvements.

The Town's Auditor, Alyce Jones, presented the 2004-2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which the Town Commission accepted following a brief overview of the highlights of financial activity for the fiscal year.



(L-R) Vice Mayor *Howard Weinberg*, Commissioner *Marc Imberman*, Mayor *Charles Burkett*, Commissioner *Mark Blumstein*, Commissioner *Steven Levine*.

MEMORIAL DAY

A large crowd turned out to pay their respects to our country's war veterans during this past Memorial Day. Mayor Charles Burkett, Vice Mayor Howard Weinberg, and Commissioners Marc Imberman, Steven Levine and Mark Blumstein participated in this year's ceremonies. The Town of Surfside was very pleased to host such an honorable event and extends special thanks to guest speakers **Lieutenant Colonel Brian Dougherty (US Air Force Deputy Director)**, **Colonel Stan Bodner, (US Air Force)** and **Lieutenant Frank Fong, (US Air Force-Retired)**.

The Town also wishes to express its appreciation to the **Miami Beach JROTC** for the Presentation of Colors, to **Priscilla Whitehead** of the Church By The Sea for the Invocation and Benediction, **Joey Coto** for performing the traditional taps, **Abraham Levine** for the Laying of the Wreath, **Bruce Lamberto** for showing the War Vehicles, and to the local **Boy and Girl Scouts** who assisted with the Presentation of Colors.

"Learn To Swim Program"
 Summer Swim Lesson classes are currently filled.
 Please contact the Community Center for upcoming swim lessons at (305) 866-3635.



Surfside Community Center Pool Hours

Summer June 1 - August 6

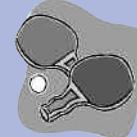


Monday - Thursday	Lap Swimming (ONLY)	7:45 am - 9:00 am
Sunday - Thursday	Regular Operating Pool Hours	9:00 am - 6:45 pm
Friday - Saturday	Regular Operating Pool Hours	9:00 am - 7:45 pm



JUNE GAME ROOM HOURS:

Monday - Friday	2:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday	10:00 am - 6:30 pm




SURFSIDE TENNIS CENTER



The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below. However, the tennis courts are open anytime *by pre-arranged appointments*. For more information, please call the Tennis Center at 305-866-5176.

Monday through Friday	4:00 - 10:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday	Opened to lesson appointments

Closed Tuesday, July 4, 2006 • Except by lesson appointment

Tennis Classes

Wednesday	Ages: 4 - 7 (Tiny Tot)	June 7 - June 28	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Thursday	Ages: 9 - 12 (Junior)	June 1 - June 22	6:30 - 7:30 pm

Fee: \$17 per 1 class; \$63 per 4 classes. Limit number of students per class. Reservation required.

Adult Tennis "Get Together"

(Round About Game Play)

Monday	Adults	June 5 - June 26	8:00 - 10:00 pm
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Fee: \$8 per person

Father's Day Gift Certificates are available
 50% off of one Tennis Lesson or 50% off of a Tennis Program.
 Gift Certificates may be purchased through June 18/06 & are valid for six months from date of purchase.

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

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

Monday **May 29 - July 17** **7:00 - 8:00 pm**

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

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

Tuesday **May 30 - July 25** **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

No Class July 4 - Independence Day

Wednesday **May 31 - July 19** **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**



Surfside Community Center Youth Classes and Programs

Gymnastics: Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

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.

Saturday **June 3 - July 29**
No Class July 15
Ages: 3 - 5 **10:30 - 11:25 am**
Ages: 6 - 12 **11:30 - 12:25 am**

**Hip Hop Jazz Dance: (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.

Saturday **June 3 - July 29**
No Class July 15
Ages: 7 - 14 **12:30 - 1:25 pm**

**Kidokinetics: GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF FITNESS****Resident \$56 / Non-Resident \$72 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Kidokinetics is a way to improve and enhance your child's fitness. Each week we work on different sports in a non-competitive setting. This program helps to develop their motor skills and self-confidence. We teach the basic of various sports. Our classes are for boys and girls

Note: Registration in Progress. Classes will be held at Novack Park (9572 Bay Drive)

Wednesday **June 7 - August 2**
No Class July 5
Ages: 3 - 5 **4:00 - 4:45 pm**
Ages: 6 - 10 **4:45 - 5:30 pm**



COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2006-2008

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER 1	Lea Coto
MEMBER 2	Dorit Weintraub
MEMBER 3	Angela Tavares
MEMBER 4	Myra Marks
MEMBER 5	Martha Olchyk
Commission Liaison:	Commissioner Imberman

PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE

MEMBER 1	VACANT
MEMBER 2	Christy Rautbord
MEMBER 3	Ileana Cortes
MEMBER 4	Rick Zambrano
MEMBER 5	Dalia Blumstein
Commission Liaison:	Vice Mayor Weinberg

PENSION BOARD

MEMBER 1	Stan Bershad
MEMBER 2	Michael Felman
MEMBER 3	W.D. Higginbotham Jr.
MEMBER 4	Chip Cohen
MEMBER 5	Shawn O'Reilly

PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD

MEMBER 1	Jay Senter
MEMBER 2	Brian Dooreck
MEMBER 3	Federico Elias
MEMBER 4	Elizabeth Calderon
MEMBER 5	Jay Abramowitz
Commission Liaison:	Mayor Burkett

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

MEMBER 1	Mel Schlessor
MEMBER 2	James MacKenzie
MEMBER 3	Howard Behar
MEMBER 4	Ruben Coto
MEMBER 5	Richard Iacobacci
Commission Liaison:	Commissioner Blumstein

TOURIST BUREAU BOARD

MEMBER 1	Barbara Cohen
MEMBER 2	Lisa Rey
MEMBER 3	Colin Hendrick
MEMBER 4	Barbara McLaughlin
MEMBER 5	Dorie Lurie
Commission Liaison:	Commissioner Levine

CHARRET COMMITTEE - AD HOC

MEMBER 1	Marion Ott
MEMBER 2	Barry Cohen
MEMBER 3	Ken Arnold
MEMBER 4	David Steinfeld
MEMBER 5	Rico Sogocio
Ex-Officio Member:	W.D. Higginbotham
Commission Liaison:	Commissioner Blumstein

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE - AD HOC

MEMBER 1	Noel Steinfeld
MEMBER 2	Ileana Salzhauer
MEMBER 3	Jennifer Zeiwid
MEMBER 4	Rob Silvagne
MEMBER 5	VACANT
Commission Liaison:	Commissioner Imberman

POLICE OFFICERS PENSION TRUST FUND BOARD

MEMBER 1	VACANT
MEMBER 2	VACANT
MEMBER 3	John Davis
MEMBER 4	Manuel Crawford
MEMBER 5	VACANT

Appointed by:

Mayor Burkett
Vice Mayor Weinberg
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Police Officers
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Finally... A Designated Television

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The establishment of a dedicated cable channel enables residents to remain informed and current on Town Commission decision-making, policy formulation, Committee reports, and topical issues and concerns.

In addition to the Commission meeting broadcasts, the cable channel has a scrolling information board which is looped 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, when the Commission meetings are not being replayed. The items currently being displayed include upcoming meeting notices, meeting agendas, community events and notices, as well as programming information from the Parks and Recreation Department. Michael Saka, the Town's Information Technology Administrator updates the scroll board as needed.

A full broadcast schedule is available on our Website (www.townofsufsidefl.gov).



MICHAEL SAKA NAMED "EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH"

Mayor Charles Burkett declared Tuesday, May 9 as Michael Saka Day in Surfside, and honored the Town's Information Technology Administrator for his outstanding work creating & maintaining the Town's Website, and for the technical assistance he provides for the recently acquired local broadcast Cable Channel 77.

Living In A Flood Hazard Area

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD - The Town of Surfside has attained a "Class 8" Classification in the Community Rating System (CRS) for establishing flood prevention activities and the continued management of the flood prevention system. Residents may now be entitled to a 10% discount in their flood insurance premiums and 10% discount in subsequent years that the Town maintains participation in the CRS program. The following information is provided to suggest actions, which residents living in a flood hazard area may take to minimize potential flood damage.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM - Any substantial flood experienced by Surfside residents will likely come from a hurricane or tropical storm. Since Surfside is on a barrier island, any storm surge is likely to flood coastal, as well as interior properties. Because of this, you should heed all hurricane and tropical storm warnings. These warnings will be broadcast through local television and radio stations, such as WFOR-Channel 4, WTVJ-Channel 6, WSVN-Channel 7, and WPLG-Channel 10, or on radio on WQAM-AM 560 or WIOD-AM 610.

FLOOD SAFETY/ PROPERTY PROTECTION - If an evacuation is ordered, you should proceed to rapidly evacuate to a point of safety, such as a County shelter or other prearranged site. Remember that pets are not allowed in public shelters, so special arrangements should be made for them. People with special needs, who are disabled, or under a doctor's care, can and are encouraged to register in advance, for special assistance with the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management by calling the general information number (305) 468-5400 or by dialing 311 to request an application for the Emergency Evacuation Program. Before you evacuate, there are a number of flood safety precautions to follow. Know appropriate escape routes, turn off your electricity and gas, and close all your windows, doors, and shutters. If you have time, you can move valuables and furniture to elevated areas that are less prone to water damage. Prepare emergency supplies of food, water, medicines, and other personal essentials to have readily available upon evacuation.

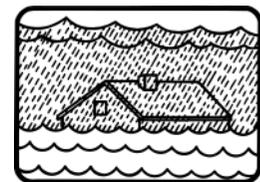
FLOOD INSURANCE - In preparation for the hurricane season, you should check that your flood insurance coverage is in effect. Remember that flood damage is not covered by homeowners' normal insurance. For most people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. Protect your property by obtaining flood insurance if you have not already done so. Flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program is available and information can be obtained by contacting any licensed property or casualty broker. Also remember that there is normally a 30 day waiting period for the flood insurance to take effect, so do not wait until there is a storm warning to talk to your insurance agent.

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE- Another way that the Town of Surfside minimizes flood damage is by maintaining its storm drainage system. Please be reminded that it is illegal to dispose debris or yard cuttings into the storm drainage system. The storm drainage system on A1A and 96th Street, installed by the State of Florida, helps to minimize flood damage. Effective maintenance by our Public Works Department, combined with the State of Florida storm drainage system, should minimize potential flood damage.

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD MAP / PERMIT REQUIREMENTS - Flood damage may be minimized by new buildings and additions adhering to the current Base Flood Elevations (BFE). In most cases in Surfside, it is 8.0 feet NGVD. However, it is advisable to obtain a written flood map determination from the Town's Building Official showing the Base Flood Elevation required for your proposed construction, according to the exact location. Should you require the latest edition of the Elevation Certificate Form for your Surveyor's use, it is available at the Town Building and Zoning Department. All construction, including repair work and additions in excess of \$250.00 in value, must obtain a Municipal Building Permit. Residents are encouraged to contact the Building and Zoning Department to eliminate confusion as to pertinent codes and regulations to facilitate your permit process.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS - The "Substantial Improvement" Rule applies to all work done to an existing structure, including additions, during the preceding 5 years. If the total dollar value of this work exceeds 50% of the market value of your structure (not including the value of the land), then your entire structure will be required to be raised to base flood elevation or, if it is a commercial structure, it will be required to be flood-proofed. The Federal Government requires the Town of Surfside to have an ordinance enforcing this Rule through the Building and Zoning Department. Failure by the Town of Surfside to effectively enforce the Substantial Improvement Rule may result in the virtual unavailability of flood insurance for the Town.

Further information on all of these subjects is available at the Surf-Bal-Bay Library in the Reference Section, located at 9301 Collins Avenue, Surfside, Florida (305-865-2409). The Librarian can direct you to the Floodplain Management Section. Written flood map determinations are available through the Town of Surfside Building and Zoning Department, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida (305-861-4863).



RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Senior Program Every Wednesday, In the Lanai Room 10:00 am - Noon



The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a morning of activities for Seniors at the Community Center. Come and play dominoes, cards, board games, mahjong, and more! Activities are Free. Coffee and Light Refreshments will be served.



“Upcoming Events”

End of Summer LUAU August 12th, 2006



Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins

June Programs Surfside Community Center Adult Classes and Programs

Water Aerobics for Adults 55 and over:

Resident \$10 / Non-Resident \$20 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Aerobic water workouts incorporate a variety of rhythmic body movements and dance steps performed in the water. The participant learns to combine arm and leg movements in varying combinations. The main purpose of water aerobics is to improve cardiovascular conditioning.

Friday **June 2 - July 21** **10:30 - 11:30 am**



Yoga for Surfside Residents 55 and over:

Surfside Residents Free!

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

Thursday **Ongoing** **10:00 - 11:00 am**

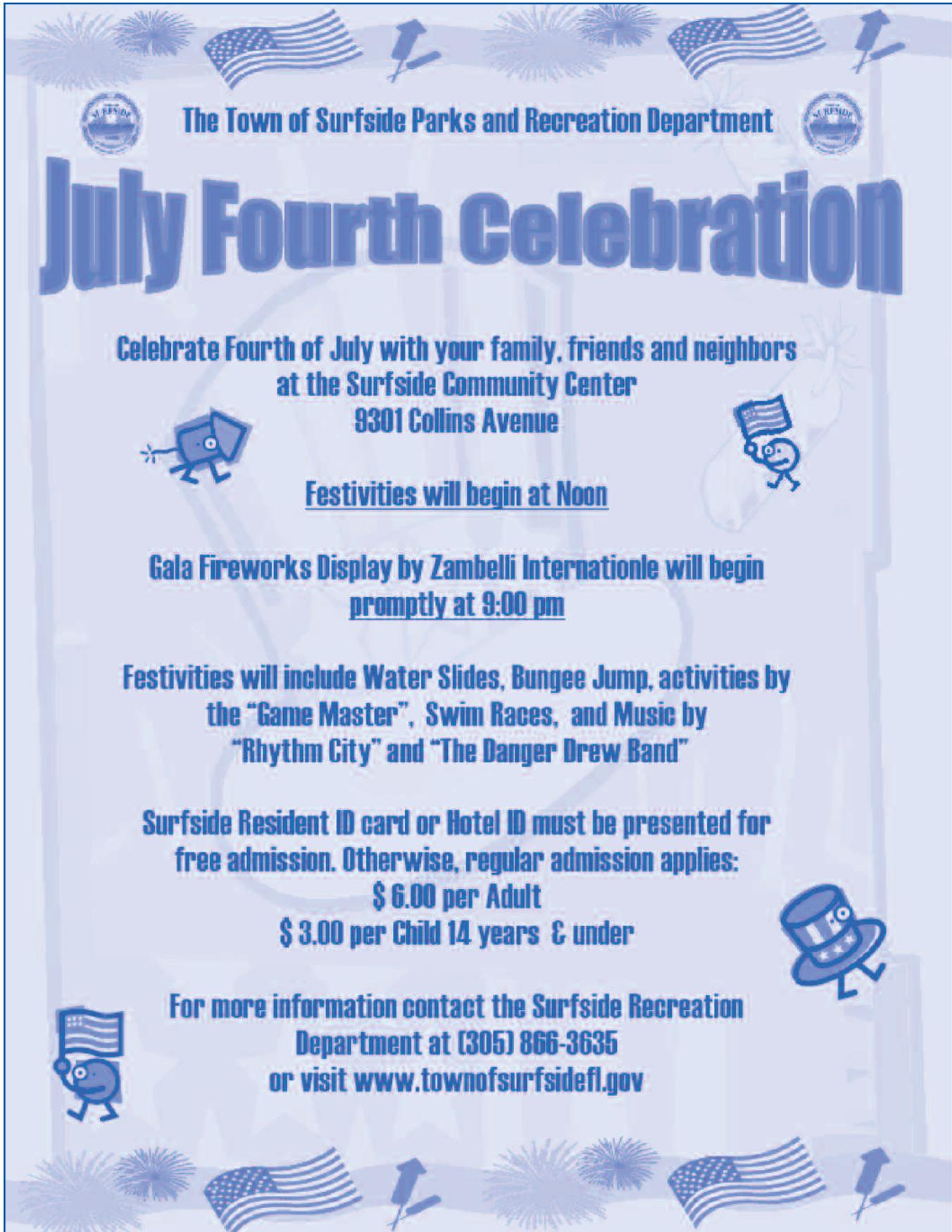


Yogalates:

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

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.

Thursday **June 1 - July 20** **7:00 - 8:00 pm**



The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

July Fourth Celebration

Celebrate Fourth of July with your family, friends and neighbors
at the Surfside Community Center
9301 Collins Avenue

Festivities will begin at Noon

Gala Fireworks Display by Zambelli Internationale will begin promptly at 9:00 pm

Festivities will include Water Slides, Bungee Jump, activities by the "Game Master", Swim Races, and Music by "Rhythm City" and "The Danger Drew Band"

Surfside Resident ID card or Hotel ID must be presented for free admission. Otherwise, regular admission applies:
\$ 6.00 per Adult
\$ 3.00 per Child 14 years & under

For more information contact the Surfside Recreation Department at (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

TOURIST BUREAU

The Tourist Bureau met on Monday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. The Officers were voted in and Colin Hendrick was elected Chairperson. Barbara McLaughlin will serve as Vice-Chair and Lisa Rey was chosen as Recording Secretary. The other Tourist Bureau members are Dorie Lurie and Barbara Cohen. Commissioner Steven Levine is the Town Commission Liaison to the Tourist Bureau. At this latest meeting,

the Tourist Bureau was pleased to welcome special guests, Bob Johnstone, Best Western Corporate (Surfside) and Surfside Best Western Ocean Front Resort owner Bernard Edelstein.

The Tourist Bureau will continue to meet on the third Monday of every month, however, their meetings will now be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Lanai Room (9301 Collins Avenue). Special

meetings will be held on an "as need" basis. The next Special Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5 and the next regular meeting will take place on Monday, June 19, 2006. Meeting announcements will be listed on the Town Website (www.townofsurfsidefl.gov), and will be posted at the Tourist Bureau office, in Town Hall, and in the Surfside Town Gazette.

SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

Storytime: June 13, 2006, 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., ages 4 and under. The Library is closed to the general public at this time, so be sure to knock on the Library door to gain entrance. *For your reading pleasure...*



Adult Books:

Non-fiction

- The Weekend Genealogist: timesaving techniques for effective research *by Marcia Yannizze Melnyk*
- The Battle for Peace: a frontline vision of America's power and purpose *by General Tony Zinni & Tony Koltz*
- Cesar's Way: the natural, everyday guide to understanding & correcting common dog problems *by Cesar Millan with Melissa Jo Peltier*

Fiction

- House: the only way out is in *by Frank Peretti and Ted Dekker*
- Promise Me *by Harlan Coben (a real thriller)*

Children's Books:

- Scaredy Squirrel *by Melanie Watt (easy reader)*
- Here Lies the Librarian *by Richard Peck (junior fiction)*
- Ralph Masiellos's Dinosaur Drawing Book *by Ralph Masiello*
- The Girl's World Book of Jewelry: 50 cool designs to make *by Rain Newcomb*



The Surf-Bal Bay Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 in observance of Independence Day

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

EFFECTIVE: Monday, May 27 through Saturday, August 12



Monday	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Friday	10:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.		
Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.		



The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

SENIOR TRIP

The Town of Surfside is hosting a day full of fun and adventure at the Hard Rock Casino for all Seniors. The Hard Rock Casino features gaming machines such as Video Poker, Monopoly, Wheel of Fortune, Little Green Men, Texas Tea and much more. The Hard Rock has fifty tables of live action Poker, with everything from Seven-Card Stud and Texas Hold'em to Omaha.



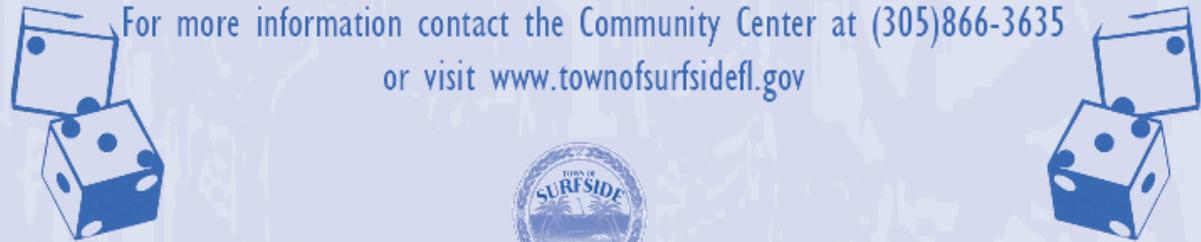
Thursday, June 22nd, 2006



Buses will be departing promptly at 9:00am
Buses will be returning at 4:00pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Open to Surfside Residents and Non-Residents
Deadline to register will be Friday, June 16th, 2006
For more information contact the Community Center at (305)866-3635
or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov



The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department



Movie Under the Stars...

“Cheaper by the Dozen II”
Rated: PG



Community Center
9301 Collins Ave

~Saturday, June 24th, 2006~



Doors open at 8:00 pm; Movie will start promptly at 8:30 pm

Guests are welcome to bring flotation devices.

Movie is free of charge for:
Surfside residents and their guests. Proof of
residency is required. Guest must be
Accompanied by a Town Resident for
admission. Hotel guest are also welcome free of charge, but must
present Hotel Identification. Non-Residents will be charged
regular pool admission.



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