

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 AT 7:00 PM
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 AT 7:00 PM

Education Committee.....First Tuesday of the month, at 8:00 pm (09/05/06)
Parks & Recreation Committee.....Third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (09/21/06)
Planning & Zoning BoardLast Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (09/28/06)
Tourist Bureau,.....Third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm (09/18/06)

TOURIST BUREAU INVITES ALL SURFSIDERS TO
An Art & Cultural Planning Session..... Sunday, September 10, 2006 at 1:00 pm in Town Hall

Universal Studios Youth Trip.....Saturday, September 9, 2006
Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins.....Friday, September 29, 2006

Crime Prevention Workshop.....Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 6:30 pm

BUDGET HEARINGS
Town Hall, Commission Chambers at 6:30 pm

1st Public Budget Hearing.....Tuesday, September 12, 2006
Final Public Budget Hearing..... Tuesday, September 26, 2006

UPCOMING:
Summer Luau RescheduledSaturday, October 7, 2006
Jazz on the Beach.....Sunday October 15, 2006
Halloween Event.....Tuesday, October 31, 2006
Art Walk.....Sunday, November 19, 2006

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. To verify the information, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, visit the Website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or tune in to Cable Channel 77.

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9293 Harding Avenue

Surfside, Florida

September 2006

FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER



*Mayor
Charles W. Burkett*

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Over the past month much has happened. In the challenging category, three swimmers, including a young boy in the community

center pool reported that they received a shock while swimming. The pool was cleared and closed, and the young boy and his parents were transported to Mount Sinai, and thankfully released shortly thereafter. Immediately following the incident, I spoke to the manager and we agreed that an independent electrical engineering firm should do a full report to determine how and why this could have happened. I am told the report is due to be released shortly and

that it will show, among other things, that extremely poor maintenance, including the installation of an electrical motor marked not for pool use, was conducted over the past many years. I have told the manager that I do not want to see the pool opened unless we can guarantee its complete safety. Further, based on the information I have to date and the fact that the maintenance had been so poor over the last many years, it appears as though the costs associated with restoring the pool to its proper working and safe condition may be prohibitively high. In the meantime, the manager has made arrangements with Miami Shores for Surfside residents to use their pool facilities while he makes arrangements to bring the Community Center, minus the swimming pool facilities, back on line for all to use including beach goers. Along the lines of the Community Center and with respect to its reconstruction, the Community Center Committee is all appointed and eagerly awaiting the outcome of the Charrette to begin the process of designing and programming the new Community Center. The Charrette is hoping to finish its work by the end of fall and needs your input and ideas to fully achieve its goal of including all the ingredients to restore and supercharge our Town. Topics like beach walks, gating, traffic control devices, downtown revitalization, underground power lines, town wide landscaping, uses for our parks, tennis courts, recreation facilities, a

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

Neighbors,

Thank you again for the opportunity you have given me to help Surfside reach its full potential. In the past months we have seen some new projects begin around town, such as improvements to the business dis-



*Commissioner
Marc Imberman*

trict and exciting new programs from the Tourist Bureau. Several of the legal matters which have plagued the town for the past few years are all but resolved; the table is now clear for us to move forward, and vastly improve the quality of life of all Surfside residents. Once the results of the Charrette are in hand, with the assistance of our outstanding town manager, and with the support of all of you, additional improvements will be apparent week after week.

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TOWN OF SURFSIDE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS

For the proposed 2006 – 2007 Fiscal Year Budget

**Location: Town Hall, 9293 Harding Avenue,
Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor**

**First Public Budget Hearing.....Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
Final Public Budget Hearing.....Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.**

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SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS



1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager reported that pursuant to the budget process proposals were requested from interested health insurance providers. The intent was to open up the provision of health insurance benefits for the Town employees to competitive bidding. The Town received seven bids from seven different health insurance carriers, including one from the existing provider. Following a review of the proposals the Town Manager recommended that the health insurance contract be awarded to AvMed Health Plans. The benefits will remain essentially the same with a reduction in the deductible (co-pay) associated with prescription drugs. The selection of AvMed over the existing provider will result in an annual savings of \$225,035. The Town will enjoy an annual saving of \$178,839 and the employees will save \$46,196. Depending on the type of coverage selected, individual employees will save between \$13 and \$248 monthly. The Town will also enhance life, disability, and dental benefits for the Town employees. The effect of the recommended changes will result in a net savings to the Town of nearly \$150,000 annually, over \$12,000 a month.

The following Resolutions were approved by the Commission:

2. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, approving an amended employment agreement between Town Manager W.D. Higginbotham and the Town; and providing an effective date. **Vote: 4 – 1** (Commissioner Blumstein dissenting)

3. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2005/2006 Police Confiscation Fund expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

4. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2005/2006 Police Confiscation Fund expenditure in the amount of \$15,000 to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

5. Pursuant to a Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, establishing an Auditor Selection Committee in accordance with section 218.391, Florida Statutes; setting forth auditor duties and responsibilities; providing for the appointment of five Committee Members; providing for rules of procedure; providing for said Committee's first order of business; providing for an effective date; the Mayor and Commission appointed the following to the Auditor Selection Committee: Mayor Burkett appointed Ruben Coto, Vice Mayor Weinberg appointed Alan Gorme; Commissioner Blumstein appointed Eli Tourgeman; Commissioner Imberman appointed Subash Koshal; and Commissioner Levine appointed Colin Hendrick.

The following Ordinances were approved on First Reading:

6. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Section 78 "Utilities" of the Code of the Town of Surfside to eliminate a portion of Section 78-52(c) so that the Sanitary Sewage Laterals connection to the town's gravity sanitary main sewer in the public right of way are no longer the responsibility of the real property owner, tenant or occupant; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS** (The Town Commission re-adopted the Ordinance on First Reading as amended, although listed for Second Reading/Public Hearing) Public Hearing scheduled for September 12, 2006

7. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Division II, Section 90-58 "Applications for Zoning Changes; Rules of Procedure" of the Code of the Town of Surfside in order to expedite the hearing of Planning and Zoning applications by reducing the number of Public Readings required from 2 to 1 and thus, revising the procedure for approval of variances, special use permits, conditional use approvals and zoning changes; providing for severability, inclusion in the Code and an effective date. **Vote: 4 – 1** (Mayor Burkett dissenting) Second Reading Scheduled for September 12, 2006

8. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Division V, Section 90, to create and adopt Section 90-244 "amendments to Land Development Regulations and Official Zoning Map" of the Code of the Town of Surfside, to adopt a zoning in progress provision; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS** Second Reading Scheduled for September 12, 2006

9. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Chapter 2 "Administration", Article IV "Officers and Employees" of the Code of the Town of Surfside, to eliminate a portion of Section 2-147 and to create a procedure for ex-parte disclosure and conduct of quasi-judicial hearings and providing severability; inclusion in the Code and for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS** Second Reading Scheduled for September 12, 2006

10. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 54 "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" of the

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Surfside Police Introduces Reassurance Program

The Town of Surfside Police Department is proud to offer a Reassurance Program to provide elderly residents living alone reassurance in knowing their well-being will be checked on a regular basis. This service will be provided free of charge.



HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

The Surfside resident wishing to participate in the program should contact Surfside Police Special Projects Coordinator Wanda Flores (305) 861-4863 ext. 283 to complete an application and determine qualification. Once the application is received, the resident will be registered

in the Reassurance Program. A daily telephone call will be made to the participant's residence between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 am. If the call is unsuccessful, the designated neighbor will be contacted. If all contact attempts fail, a police officer or other police department professional may be sent to the registered home.

WHO QUALIFIES?

- Any resident of the Town of Surfside who is over the age of 70 and lives alone.
- Any Town of Surfside resident who is physically disabled and requires daily contact to ensure his/her welfare.
- Seniors who may be home after an illness, surgery, etc., who do not have a home healthcare professional or other attendant.
- The participant must have the ability to answer their telephone.

WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED TO PROVIDE?

It is very simple. You need to let the Police Department know who your doctor is, a general description of the medical problems you have, the name of a neighbor that can be contacted in case you cannot be reached, additional emergency contact information, and other basic information. All the necessary information is included on the application form being provided to participants.

WHEN WILL THE RESIDENT BE

CONTACTED?

The program is set up to contact you 7 days a week, unless otherwise specified. For example, if you have someone coming to your home during the week, you would only be contacted on the weekends. It is very important for the resident to notify the Police Department if he/she will be unavailable to receive the telephone call (i.e., on vacation, leaving home early, etc.)

*The Surfside Police Department invites
The Florida Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce
Local business owners, their employees
and residents to attend a*



**Crime Prevention Workshop
Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 6:30 pm**

**GUEST SPEAKER
Surfside Police Detective Antonio Mesa**

**TOPIC:
Theft & Fraud Scheme, Stolen Identities**

**LOCATION:
Surfside Municipal Building, 9293 Harding Avenue
2nd Floor Commission Chambers**

This event is generously sponsored by:

citibank

9525 Harding Avenue

*For further information, please contact Surfside Police Special Projects Coordinator,
Wanda Flores (305) 861-4862 ext. 283*

Commission Passes Sexual Predator Ordinance

At the August 15th meeting of the Town of Surfside Commission, our elected official's unanimously voted to enact a Surfside Ordinance in support of the Miami-Dade County Ordinance 21-277 through 21-284 which forbids predators from living within 2500 feet of schools, parks, bus routes and other places children frequent, and forbids

property owners from renting or leasing their premises to sexual offenders and predators. The onus is now placed on the property owner to prove that they did not, knowingly, rent or lease to such an offender. Mayor Burkett and his fellow commissioners are adamant about doing whatever they can to protect our most precious resource, our children.

Back-To-School Safety Day – Saturday, August 5, 2006

McGruff the Crime Dog, representing the National Crime Prevention Council's greeted Surfside parents and their children at the Surfside Police Department's Back-to-School Safety Day which took place on Saturday,



Lynn Marie Duca & her son, Joseph Diaz

August 5 at 96th Street Park. Everyone had a terrific time on the rock climbing wall, the jungle maze, the bounce house, and the tsunami slide. The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, Engine 21 members Carlos Martin, Dan Luchey, Pat Belows, and Cory Kiper let kids use the fire hose and showed them the fire truck. Miami-Dade Public Schools Resource Officer Yewanda Gibson, was present to answer questions and provide valuable information about children's safety while waiting for

the school bus, while riding the school bus, and on how to keep children out of trouble while they are at school. Also participating in this important safety event was Ms. Oda Sereix, Vice President of Marketing and Sales for the Amber Stick, a portable child identification device. She provided parents with an overview of how the stick assists in the fight against missing and exploited children.



Engine 21 Firefighters Pat Belows, Cory Kiper and Dan Luchey observe & Carlos Martin assists a brave rookie

The daytime program provided an opportunity for children of all ages and their parents to learn critical safety messages in a relaxed, casual atmosphere. The crowd feasted on hot dogs, cotton candy, snowcones, baked goods, water and sodas.

The Surfside Police Department thanks all of their sponsors for their generosity, support and assistance in making the event a great success. BankUnited kindly provided the hot dogs and buns, Publix distributed water and sodas, the Costco representative had baked goods and discount memberships available,

and Aventura Crime Prevention Police Officer Ernie Long donated the hot dog cart and snowcone machine. Members of the North Shore Kiwanis organization helped staff the event and the Miami-Dade Police Explorers, under the direction of Officer Al Perez, served hot dogs and drinks.



Scaling the Rock!



Keeping cool!



(L-R) Comm. Marc Imberman, Surfside resident Louis Cohen, Police Chief Shawn P. O'Reilly, McGruff the Crime Dog



(L-R) Engine 21 Firefighters Carlos Martin & Pat Belows and their newest recruits!



Girls just wanna have fun!



(L-R) Lt. Rolando Baldomero, Officer Richard Williams, McGruff the Crime Dog, Motorman Rory Alberto, Officer Jeff Schaeffer, & Alessandra Andrade.



Enjoying the day.

Commissioner's Corner

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I recently returned from the annual Florida League of Cities conference for government officials from municipalities all across Florida. I was able to meet mayors, commissioners, and council members from all over the state. Surfside has not been represented at these meetings for years, and I repeatedly found myself describing our town to people who had never heard of us. It was an exhilarating experience to share ideas and experiences with these new friends of Surfside. I was able, on Surfside's behalf, to vote on League resolutions, and to attend instructional

seminars on issues that affect our town. You can look forward to seeing some of what I learned help shape upcoming projects in town.

While many of you have already volunteered to serve on one of our town advisory committees, I would like to take this opportunity to, once again, encourage any civic-minded residents to contact me about volunteering for our new Community Action Team, to assist residents with difficult tasks around their homes which they are unable to accomplish themselves. While hurricane season may present more of these opportunities than at other times, I hope that this program will be active year-round. Additionally, I am still soliciting

Surfside historical memorabilia. We are approaching our 75th anniversary, and some of our residents have been here much of that time. If you have any photos, newsletters, etc. from years ago, that you would be willing to share, either on a temporary or permanent basis, please contact the Town Clerk, Beatris Arguelles, at (305) 861-4863.

Please continue to share your thoughts with me about any and all issues in Surfside, and I look forward to working together to make Surfside greater than ever.

Fondly,
Marc

Mayor's Corner

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marina, planning for our residential districts, sidewalks, street ends, parking and much, much more will be discussed. We need everyone's ideas, please participate. Let's work hard together to finish the Charrette process, as it will then allow the Community Center Committee to begin its work designing and building a new Community Center, one which I hope celebrates our past by preserving the historic façade and looks to the future by incorporating a "green" design and the most useful and exciting programming possible!

This month, as promised, we also put most of our legal problems of the past and the threat of huge losses for the Town behind us. These lawsuits, many approaching a decade without resolution, were settled by a narrow vote of 3-2 with Vice-Mayor Weinberg, Commissioner Imberman and myself voting to settle. Huge amounts of personal time went into this process and I want to express my thanks for the help

and support by our tremendous new Town Attorneys Lynn Danheisser and Michael Popok who took our direction upon our election to settle if possible and did in two months what had not been done in years and years. A huge thank you also goes to our fine Town Manager W.D. Higginbotham who was instrumental and worked tirelessly to make these settlements happen. It was truly a team effort.

Our police department is really making huge strides. Our chief has taken direction from our new manager and has committed to supplying our officers with the most modern equipment, which makes the job of a Surfside officer more exciting, rewarding and most importantly safer. New cars, tasers, computers, radios and other improvements have reduced turnover in the department from as high as 30% a year to almost zero. I'm very proud to be associated with these exciting changes. Most notable is that virtually all of these improvements do not come at any cost to the taxpayer and have been funded through other sources. Congratulations to the chief, his department and our manager for making our employees and

citizens safer, happier and more productive. Thanks also to the chief and all the officers who patrol Collins and Harding Avenues. Traffic speeds are way down and commuters now know that Surfside officers are always on the watch and that 30 mph is as fast as you can go through our Town. This effort is bringing the quality of life and living on these two streets back to where it should be, along with making walking, parking and crossing easier and safer too.

Finally, in an effort to increase participation in our government, I'm going to ask the manager to include "Letters from Residents" in our next Gazette. In an effort to be fair and balanced, I will ask him to always include opposing sides of the various issues in the Gazette and allow the greatest number of residents to participate, which I hope will promote more debate, education and discussion on the very important subjects of the day.

Hope you're enjoying your summer. Call or email me with any of your thoughts.

All the best,
Charlie

Surfside Residents Speak Out: New Column Planned For The Gazette

The Town Commission announces the establishment of a new column in the Surfside Gazette, beginning in the October 2006 issue. The new section will include "Letters From Our Residents" and the Town will publish opinions on local issues (both pro and con). The intended goal is to hear from as many residents as possible and to



provide our citizens with a forum to express and read about many differing viewpoints. Please mail your letters to the attention of the

Town Manager, W.D. Higginbotham 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154 or send them via email wdhigginbotham@townofsurfsidefl.gov The deadline for Gazette consideration is the 2nd Thursday of the month.

In order to facilitate this new forum,

the Town needs to reserve the right to re-print submissions in whole or in part, and for publication purposes, modify the material for grammar and language appropriateness. All correspondence should be less than 350 words, be signed, and the full name, address and contact number of the writer should be provided in order for our staff to verify the identity of the writer and to contact the writer with any questions our staff may have regarding the submission. One submission per person, per quarter will be eligible for publication in order to allow for the widest variety of writers.



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Surfside Commission

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Code of the Town of Surfside to create and adopt Section 54-28 "Sexual Offender and Sexual Predator Residency Restriction", forbidding rental or lease of a premises within the Town of Surfside to a sexual offender and sexual predator in violation of the sexual offender and sexual predator Ordinance contained in Miami-Dade County Code Article XVII, as may be amended; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS** *Second Reading Scheduled for September 12, 2006*

The Town Commission deferred approval on First Reading of two Ordinances, once concerning cost recovery for consulting services used in conjunction with an application in which a Zoning evaluation is required and another dealing with the permitting and location of Emergency Power Generators.

COMMUNITY CENTER POOL NOTICE

The Community Center Pool is closed. The Parks and Recreation Department has arranged for the Town of Surfside residents to use the Miami Shores Aquatic facility for the month of September.

The Miami Shores Aquatic Center features Shipwreck Cove, a pool with slides and other water activities, as well as an eight lane competition pool.

Surfsiders must present a valid, updated resident ID card. The Miami Shores Aquatic Center is located at 10200 Biscayne Blvd, just north of the Miami Shores Country Club. Plans are currently underway to arrange for transportation from Surfside to the Miami Shores Aquatic Center. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department (305) 866-3635 for further details.

Please note that the use of the neighboring municipal facility is a privilege that the Miami Shores Aquatics Center is extending to the Town of Surfside Residents Only. Please do not abuse this privilege.

The Miami Shores Aquatic Center September Hours of Operation are:

Lap swimming

Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday and Thursday 11:00 am - 7:30 pm

Swimming pool

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday Noon - 5:00 pm

Shipwreck Cove

Monday - Friday Closed
Saturday and Sunday
Session I 11:30 - 2:00 pm
Session II 2:30 - 5:00 pm

Surfside Police Honors Detective Roberto De La Torre

Detective Roberto De La Torre was honored at the Town Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 15th for distinguished policing during his nineteen and a half years of service to the Town. During his career, Detective De La Torre, served in road patrol and related duties. At the request of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) he assisted on a case, and subsequently remained with the D.E.A. for about ten years. While on assignment with the DEA, he was instrumental in many local and international investigations. Due to his collaborative efforts with federal & local law enforcement agencies, hundreds of kilos of cocaine, heroin and designer drugs were

removed from circulation and subsequent consumption. Furthermore, many local and international narcotics traffickers were incarcerated. The actions of Detective De La Torre and other investigators made a significant impact thwarting the drug trade in the South Florida region. The success of their cooperative operations also amassed considerable assets forfeiture monies throughout the years.

In recognition of his outstanding work, yet with essential respect to his anonymity, a certificate of achievement, an engraved glass award and a retired detective badge was presented to Detective De La Torre's wife & daughter by Surfside Police Chief Shawn P.

O'Reilly. Police officials from neighboring jurisdictions, including Chief Tom Hunker and Captain Kenny Klingman from Bal Harbour, and Miami Beach Assistant Chief Carlos Noriega, had worked with Detective De La Torre during these investigations, and were also present for the ceremony.

The Surfside Police Department extends their best wishes to retired Detective De La Torre and his family, and wishes to express its gratitude for the contributions that he made to ensure the safety of our Town, particularly our children, and to the entire South Florida community.

Surfside Police Commemorates National Night Out

On August 1, 2006, the Town of Surfside and the Surfside Police Department joined thousands of communities across the country and the nationwide fellowship of police officers to commemorate National Night Out. This annual event is held as a sign of unity in the ongoing effort to combat crime.

In recognition of **National Night Out 2006**, the Surfside Police Department hosted a candlelight vigil on the steps of the police department to honor child victims of violent crimes. Victim advocate, **Maria Clara Rodriguez**, Outreach Coordinator from Kristi House was the guest speaker at the event. Surfside resident, **Adriana Arce** sang the National Anthem and the Whitney Houston song "The Greatest Love of All". North Miami Detective



Kathy Ruggiero placed a wreath in the Enchanted Forest in memory of recent child homicide victim **Angel Hope Herrera**, a beloved foster daughter in the **Anne Mitchell** family, who were the guests of honor at this year's ceremony. Chief O'Reilly promised all those in attendance that the Town of Surfside and the Surfside Police Department are committed to repeating this somber event annually, in an effort to raise community awareness. We will never forget the child victims across the country and we shall continue to honor their lives, however brief, forever.



National Night Out honorees, **Ms. Anne Mitchell** (far right) and her foster family are joined by Surfside Police Special Projects Coordinator, **Wanda Flores** (front row-2nd from right) and Surfside Police Chief **Shawn P. O'Reilly** (far right back row) and Lieutenant **Larry Hankoff** (back row-middle).

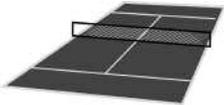


Surfside resident **Adriana Arce** performs at the National Night Out ceremony.

Tennis Classes

Monday	Ages: 4 - 7 (Tiny Tot)	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Minimum of 3, Maximum of 4 students per class
Wednesday	Ages: 4 - 7 (Tiny Tot)	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Minimum of 3, Maximum of 4 students per class
Thursday	Ages: 9 - 14 (Junior)	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Limited number of students per class

Fee: \$17 per 1 class; \$63 per 4 classes. Reservation required.



Adults Tennis "Get Together" (Round About Game Play)



Intermediate Level: Fee: \$8 per person, plus a can of tennis balls

Monday	Adults	8:00 - 10:00 pm
Thursday	Adults	7:30 - 10:30 pm

Advanced Level: Fee: \$8 per person, plus a can of tennis balls

Tuesday	Adults	7:30 - 10:30 pm
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"Learn To Play Competition Tennis"

Learn how to play tennis with others and compete.



Thursday		7:45 - 9:00 pm	Limit of 4 players per class.
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Fees: \$17 per class. Reservations a must.

Adult Education Classes

Classes are offered through Miami-Dade County Public Schools
at the Town of Surfside Community Center

Yoga	Monday	10:00 - 11:30 am	Ages: 55 +
	Wednesday	Noon - 1:30 pm	Ages: 18 and older
Drawing and Painting	Thursday	10:00 - Noon	Ages: 55 +
	Thursday	12:30 - 2:30 pm	Ages: 18 and older

- Please call Miami-Dade County Public Schools for Fees & Registration (305) 531-0451.
- Please call the Recreation Department (305) 866-3635 for scheduling information.

The Opportunity for Lifelong Learning

UPDATED COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2006-2008

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Appointed by:

Mayor Burkett
 Vice Mayor Weinberg
 Commissioner Blumstein
 Commissioner Imberman
 Commissioner Levine

PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE

MEMBER 1 Jorge Gutierrez, Sect'y
 MEMBER 2 Christy Rautbord
 MEMBER 3 Ileana Cortes, Vice Chairwoman
 MEMBER 4 Rick Zambrano
 MEMBER 5 Dalia Blumstein, Chairwoman
Commission Liaison: Vice Mayor Weinberg

Appointed by:

Mayor Burkett
 Vice Mayor Weinberg
 Commissioner Blumstein
 Commissioner Imberman
 Commissioner Levine

PENSION BOARD

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

Appointed by:

Commission as a whole
 Commission as a whole
 Code
 General Employees
 Police Department

PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD

MEMBER 1 Jay Senter, Chairman
 MEMBER 2 Brian Dooreck
 MEMBER 3 Federico Elias, Sect'y
 MEMBER 4 Peter Glynn
 MEMBER 5 Jay Abramowitz, Vice Chairman
Commission Liaison: Mayor Burkett

Appointed by:

Mayor Burkett
 Vice Mayor Weinberg
 Commissioner Blumstein
 Commissioner Imberman
 Commissioner Levine

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

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

Appointed by:

Mayor Burkett
 Vice Mayor Weinberg
 Commissioner Blumstein
 Commissioner Imberman
 Commissioner Levine

TOURIST BUREAU

MEMBER 1 Barbara Cohen
 MEMBER 2 Lisa Rey, Sect'y
 MEMBER 3 Colin Hendrick, Chairman
 MEMBER 4 Bernie Edelstein
 MEMBER 5 Eli Tourgeman, Vice Chairman
Commission Liaison: Commissioner Levine

Appointed by:

Mayor Burkett
 Vice Mayor Weinberg
 Commissioner Blumstein
 Commissioner Imberman
 Commissioner Levine

CHARRETTE COMMITTEE - AD HOC

MEMBER 1 Marion Ott, Vice Chairwoman
 MEMBER 2 Barry Cohen, Sect'y
 MEMBER 3 Ken Arnold, Chairman
 MEMBER 4 David Steinfeld
 MEMBER 5 Rico Sogocio
Commission Liaison: Commissioner Blumstein

Appointed by:

Mayor Burkett
 Vice Mayor Weinberg
 Commissioner Blumstein
 Commissioner Imberman
 Commissioner Levine

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE - AD HOC

MEMBER 1 Noel Steinfeld
 MEMBER 2 Eliana Salzhauer
 MEMBER 3 Jennifer Zeiwid
 MEMBER 4 Rob Silvagni
 MEMBER 5 Steven Hurwitz
Commission Liaison: Mayor Burkett

Appointed by:

Mayor Burkett
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 Commissioner Blumstein
 Commissioner Imberman
 Commissioner Levine

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MEMBER 1 VACANT
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 MEMBER 4 Manny Crawford
 MEMBER 5 Tony Mesa

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MEMBER 1 Ruben Coto
 MEMBER 2 Alan Gormé
 MEMBER 3 Eli Tourgeman
 MEMBER 4 Subash Koshal
 MEMBER 5 Colin Hendrick
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"SHAKESPEARE" BEACH EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS

Sunny skies, brisk ocean breezes and a magnificent moonrise created the perfect setting for "Shakespeare on the Beach" on August 6th. Hundreds of people came from all over the greater Miami area to join Surfside residents on our beach for the first event in the Tourist Bureau's new series of "Art and Culture" programs for residents and visitors. Many condo owners held parties on their balconies to enjoy the entertainment.

The program was conceived and directed by **Colin Hendrick, Chairman of the Tourist Bureau**, who has an

extensive background in theater and the arts. The presentation opened with musical selections by International **Dramatic Mezzo Soprano Conchita de Antunano, Lyric Tenor Guillermo Fernandez of the Miami Grand Opera, and Sergio Puig, pianist with the Florida Grand Opera**, followed by a performance by the cast of **Shakespeare in the Park of Miami** consisting of scenes from "Romeo and Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



Shakespeare on the Beach performer in full costume

Town Commission liaison for the Bureau, is greatly encouraged by the turnout from local and adjoining communities, and the cooperation from all town departments who helped make this first event a resounding success.

The restaurants on Harding Avenue enjoyed brisk business, with people strolling to and from the event on the beach. Special thanks to **Surfside Merchants Committee organizer and Tourist Bureau Vice Chairman Eli Tourgeman** who took responsibility for coordinating the Food Court for the following participants: **Moncheese Pizza, Rolling Pin Bakery, Harbour Pita, Sushi Republic, Zayas Party, Bianca's Gourmet Shop, The Greek Place, the local Rotary Club and the North Shore Kiwanis.**

Thanks also to **Bureau member**
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Mayor Burkett addresses the crowd



Dramatic Mezzo Soprano Conchita de Antunano and Miami Grand Opera Lyric Tenor Guillermo Fernandez



Cast Members from Shakespeare in the Park of Miami



(L-R) Commissioner Marc Imberman, Kathy Imberman, Mayor Burkett & Charrette Committee Vice Chairwoman Marion Ott wave from crowd



Tourist Bureau Chairman & event organizer Colin Hendrick with guests from New York and Boca Raton



(L-R) South Florida resident Patrick Lusch, Town Manager W.D. Higginbotham, W.D.'s fiancée Dona, & Tourist Bureau Vice Chairman Eli Tourgeman



En Garde!

Acrobatics and Tumbling:**Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (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.**

Wednesday

September 6 - October 25**Ages: 8 - 15****6:00 - 6:55 pm****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.

Thursday

September 7 - October 26**Ages: 7 - 12****6:05 - 7:00 pm****Arts and Crafts:****Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$60 (per child 9 weeks = 9 classes)**

Join the fun with this instructional Arts & Crafts program for kids. Children will create projects with paper, fabric, and other age appropriate media. Classes are taught by certified teachers.

Saturday

September 9 - November 4**10:00 - 11:00 am****Chess Program:****Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$65 (per child 9 weeks = 9 classes)**

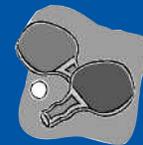
This program is for children that want to learn how to play chess or for children who are familiar with the game and want to improve on their abilities in a fun learning environment.

Note: Registration in Progress. Dates are subject to change based on facility.

Saturday

September 9 - November 4**Noon - 1:00 pm****Ages: 3 - up****SEPTEMBER GAME ROOM HOURS:**

Hours of Operation are subject to change.

Monday - Friday**2:30 pm - 6:00 pm****Saturday and Sunday****10:00 am - 6:00 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 pm to late evening**
 Saturday & Sunday • **Open to pre-arranged appointments**

Kidokinetics: GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF FITNESS***Resident \$64 / Non-Resident \$80 (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 basics of various sports. Our classes are for boys and girls. Free T-Shirt with 1st time enrollment. **Note: Registration in Progress. Classes will be held at 96th Street Park (9572 Bay Drive)**



Thursday

August 24 - October 12**Ages: 3 - 5****4:30 - 5:15 pm*****Theatrical Dance Class:******Resident \$75 / Non-Resident \$125 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)***

This class will teach children the beginning stages of musical theatre. There are three aspects of musical theatre that they will learn which is called the triple threat. This includes learning how to act, sing, and dance. This class will also help with your child's self esteem and speaking in public. We will be working on different musicals that everyone knows and that the children will love to perform.



Saturday

September 9 - October 28**Ages: 7 - 12****10:30 - Noon*****Jump Rope:******Resident \$30 / Non-Resident \$48 (per child 7 weeks = 13 classes)***

*** Please Note: The Jump Rope Program also has an annual Registration Fee of \$50 which includes AAU membership, USA Jump Rope membership, a Hurricane Jumpers T-Shirt and one jump rope. Checks should be made payable to: Hurricane Team**



Classes are designed to inspire and motivate physical fitness through jump rope as a lifetime sport. The Beginner Jump Rope Program will be used as a feeder program for the Competitive Jump Rope Team. Appointment to the Competitive Jump Rope Team is by invitation only.

Note: Registration in Progress.

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Tuesday & Friday

September 5 - October 17**3:30 - 4:30 pm****Ages: 7 & up*****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.

Wednesday

September 6 - October 25**Ages: 3 - 5****4:00 - 4:55 pm****Ages: 6 - 10****5:00 - 5:55 pm**

Thursday

September 7 - October 26**Ages: 3 - 5****4:00 - 4:55 pm****Ages: 6 - 10****5:00 - 5:55 pm**

Shakespeare

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Bernard Edelstein, owner of the Best Western Hotel, for allowing the use of his property as the site of the Food Court and providing power and water connections for the vendors. Gratitude is also extended to the **North Shore Kiwanis** organization, especially



Shakespearean actors entertain the crowd



Kathy Imberman & Commissioner Marc Imberman



Bianca's Gourmet Shop gets ready for patrons

Marketing Director Bob Fisher, for the tents that they supplied.

Tourist Bureau members Barbara Cohen and Lisa Ray, together with Bureau Staff Assistant, Jennifer Ben-Omry, coordinated the efforts of local citizen volunteers who came and worked alongside the town employees and police officers to help make the event a success. The Bureau also thanks **Publix** for their generous donation of bottled water for the volunteers.

Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian's staff played an important part in the day's events because of the enor-



(L-R) Surfside Police Public Service Aide Jose Diaz and Lieutenant Rolando Baldomero work the Beach



(L-R) The Greek Place family: Emmy Skordilis, Jimmy Kolonias, Nicki Skordilis, Tom & Jenny Alexopoulos, Cleo Skordilis (Owner)

mous crowd. The Bureau thanks **Josephine Gallo, Charles Famighetti, Jean Petite Frere, Luis Balbin, Aquatics Supervisor Jackie Villagran and Lifeguards Justin Lorenz, Leila Maguitman and David Kinas**. The Police department offered a strong and assuring presence through **Lieutenant Baldomero's assigned personnel, Public Service Aide Jose Diaz, Motorman Orlando Laso, Police Officer Richard Williams, and Public Service Aide Grace Chu**.



Tourist Bureau Chairman and event organizer, Colin Hendrick

The next regular meeting of the Tourist Bureau is Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. All residents are also invited to an open meeting to plan art and cultural events on Sunday, September 10th at 1:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Contact the Bureau for more information at (305) 864-0722 or by email surftourbrd@townofsurfsidefl.gov.



A capacity crowd

ATTENTION SURFSIDERS

The Town Commission is seeking volunteers to serve on this year's Employee Holiday Fund Committee.

Please contact Town Clerk, Beatris Arguelles via email barguelles@townofsurfsidefl.gov or by phone (305) 861-4863 to express your interest in serving on this Committee.





SURFSIDERS, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE



To plan the future of your Town.

The **CHARRETTE** is coming
and you need to participate.

WHAT IS A CHARRETTE?

A Charrette is a community-based design workshop. It is an inclusive, open, creative, and public process of collective brainstorming.

A Charrette brings together residents, business owners, and civic leaders to collaborate with professional designers on a vision and feasible plan for a community. These plans include new and detailed building, design, architectural and landscape codes that replace existing zoning codes.

*The Charrette process encompasses a series of meetings/workshops held over a number of consecutive days, but the key to the success of a Charrette is **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**. The Town Commission needs the input, feedback, suggestions, talent and energy from all of you.*

As you walk or drive through Town please write down the things you would like to see change. Keep in mind that there is “no such thing as a bad idea”. Be as extravagant as you want, or not. Some of what you envision might happen today, some of it tomorrow, some you may choose to discard. However, you will determine the priorities and the blueprint to follow.

In the coming weeks, you will learn more about this exciting opportunity for change. Stay informed about the Charrette by coming to the Commission Meetings. Watch Channel 77, check the Website, or read the Gazette. Talk to your neighbors and elected officials.

Realize Your Dreams For Surfside

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Youth Instructional Soccer Program

Fees: Resident \$65 • Non-Resident \$90

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Fall Season begins September 12, 2006 • 96th Street Park

Ages 5 - 8 4 - 5 p.m.

Ages 9 - 12 5 - 6 p.m.

For registration information call the Parks & Recreation Dept. 305-866-3635



"Upcoming Events"

The Town of Surfside has re-scheduled its Summer Luau.

Festivities will include a limbo contest, dancing, and music provided by Rhythm City.



Saturday, October 7, 2006

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location:

Behind the Community Center, on the Hardpack



Cost: Free for Town Residents and hotel guests with identification. Otherwise, regular admission applies: \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children 14 years and under.



"Movie Under the Stars"

Saturday, December 2, 2006 • 96th Street Park

Movie will start promptly at 8:30 p.m.



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 guests are also welcome free of charge, but must present hotel ID. Non-residents will be charged regular pool admission.



Senior Program

Every Wednesday, In the Lanai Room

10:00 a.m. - Noon



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

SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

Storytime: Will resume Tuesday, September 12, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The library is closed Tuesday mornings, so please knock on the door for admittance.

For your reading pleasure...

Adult Books:



New Books Fiction:

- Sullivan's Evidence *by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg* (action, suspense)
- Judge & Jury *by James Patterson and Andrew Gross*
- Blue Shoes and Happiness *by Alexander McCall Smith* (latest installment of the #1 Ladies Detective Agency)
- Vanishing Point *by Marcia Muller* (detective fiction)

New Books Non-Fiction:

- Fever: The Life and Music of Miss Peggy Lee *by Peter Richmond*
- Adventure Guide: Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia *by Janet Arrowood* (Hunter Travel Guides)
- Adventure Guide: Inside Passage & Coastal Alaska *by Ed & Lynn Readicker-Henderson* (5th ed)



Children's Books:

- The Little Island *by Margaret Wise Brown and Leonard Weisgard* (season changes) (easy reader)
- Maximum Ride: School's Out Forever *by James Patterson* (YA fiction) (great read)
- Find It on a Coral Reef *by Dee Phillips* (Junior non-fiction)
- Find It at the Beach *by Dee Phillips* (Junior non-fiction)



DVDs and VHS

Adult:

- Madea's Family Reunion (comedy)
- Eight Below (family)
- Syriana (fiction)

Children's:

- The Shaggy Dog
- The Wiggles: Wiggledancing! Live in the U.S.A.
- Dora the Explorer: We're a Team!

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

Effective Monday, August 14, 2006

Monday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday CLOSED



Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday CLOSED

The Surf-Bal-Bay Library will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2006

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Town of Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins

Kids and Adults come and join the Town of Surfside for a night out at a ball game with the Florida Marlins!



Friday, September 29th, 2006

Transportation provided to and from the stadium. Bus will depart from the Community Center (9301 Collins) at 6:00 pm SHARP.

Tickets may be purchased at the Surfside Community Center in advance. Purchase deadline is Monday, September 18th, 2006.

Ticket Price:

Terrace Box \$20.00 includes Admission and Transportation

All kids under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.



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For more information or to purchase tickets contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov





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, September 28th, 2006



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

Cost: \$10.00 per person for Surfside Residents
\$15.00 per person for Non-Residents

Open to Surfside Residents and Non-Residents
Deadline to register will be September 22, 2006
For more information contact the Community Center at
(305)866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

