



# Surfside Town Gazette

June 2007

## The Mayor's View



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

We have two very hot topics as I write to you. One is the Community Center and the

other is the debate in Tallahassee raging on about your property tax bill.

The loss of our pool at the Community Center due to the fact that it cannot be certified 100% safe, looms large as summer approaches and residents are naturally very interested in the progress of the Center, swimming for the kids this summer and what we are doing about it. Currently we've put our Surfside Bus into action, shuttling back and forth from the Miami Shores Pool, and have almost opened up the Surfside Beach Club. Knowing our manager, I'm sure that the Bus' schedule will be adjusted to meet any demand that residents generate in their desire to swim at the Shores Pool, which I hope will alleviate some of the inconvenience

of us not having a working pool. The Surfside Beach Club will also offer an alternative to the pool by providing a swimming venue in our own ocean, with umbrella's, chairs, towels and non-alcoholic drinks available right at the beach. Meanwhile, the Commission approved the hiring of a professional project manager to oversee the design and organization of the proposals for the new and renovation options, which likely will be ready to be mailed out to residents in the very near future. Once the Commission receives the feedback from our residents, the final determination will be made and the permitting process will begin.

The other burning issue is tax

reform. While it's possible that Surfside homeowners could receive dramatic property tax relief, many politicians are organizing to kill it, offer only token relief and are primarily concerned with maintaining their revenue stream. I've written to and met with our State leaders asking essential questions regarding this issue and I hope you will weigh in with your opinions too. Here are some thoughts from my letter to our Governor which may give you some perspective should you choose to email or write to our State leaders:

Before we get into a discussion of the best and most fair way to generate income for our Government, we must look back – otherwise we are

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**Hurricane EXPO**  
**Saturday,**  
**June 23, 2007**  
**9:00 am – Noon**  
**Publix Lot at**  
**94th St. & Harding Ave.**

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# Surfside, Florida: STEPS FORWARD

On the evening of Thursday, April 12th, the Surfside community was presented with the Post Charrette report, prepared by Seth Harry and Associates. This final planning document incorporates the citizens' designs from the public input sessions held during the Charrette process. It is very much a representation of the resident's vision for the future of the town. You told the architects and planners the elements you wanted for your parks, street ends, residential neighborhood, downtown core, beach, community facilities, and for landscaping. You created a blueprint to follow which integrates the various aspects of the community without changing the small town atmosphere. You retained the town's safe environment, yet added value by making the open space more appealing and attractive, the streets more walkable and the business district more viable.

While the document is somewhat lengthy, each chapter builds upon the

next; everything fits together and the compilation of details offers an exciting master plan for the present generation of Surfside residents and for those that follow.

**Please take the time to read the Charrette Report and see the future of**

**our Town.**

Copies are available on the Town Website, in the Surfside Library, and in Town Hall. You may also obtain a CD version from the Town Clerk (305) 861-4863.



**Charrette Document Presentation**

*Surfsiders listen to an overview of the master plan they created for the Town*

## Town Commission Approves Establishment Of The Citizens' Advisory Green Committee

Vice Mayor Howard Weinberg recently proposed, (and the Commission unanimously approved), the creation of a new ten member Citizens' Advisory Green Committee. The purpose of the green committee is to identify ways in which the community and municipality can conserve energy and protect our natural resources in a cost efficient manner.

The committee shall collaborate with town and community endeavors to

explore, make recommendations and assist with the implementation of strategies that encourage environmentally responsible "green initiatives." The green committee will provide a mechanism for better understanding the impact of Town and community operations. Some of the areas to be examined may

include: recycling, energy conservation, landscaping, and community education.

If you are interested in serving on the Green Committee, please contact the Town Clerk, Beatris Arguelles, at (305) 861-4863 and provide her with your name, address, telephone number and email address.



### Sprint Powers Up To Include Surfside



You were not imagining or hearing things. The Town of Surfside really was mentioned in SPRINT's recently aired television commercial.

- Sprint has added more coverage - "from Delray Beach to SURFSIDE to Westwood Lake... Sprint .... power up..... "

## The Mayor's View

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presented with a Hobson's choice. Simply, in the last ten years Government has, by all accounts, experienced an explosion of tax revenue, virtually tripling during that time and has dutifully expended same on projects it thought to be in the best interests of its constituents, likely with little or no concern with how or why those funds had become available. Suffice to say, we now know it was because of a gigantic bubble in the real estate market which resulted in an explosion of property values and ergo, property tax assessment receipts to Government. This was a one time phenomenon, as was the gusher of tax receipts that were collected and in all probability completely spent, but is now, more dangerously, budgeted into the system as normal, regular, and continuous funding.

Obviously, we now must get back to reality. Many, if not most of those wild paper increases in value seen by Florida property owners were not recognized through a profitable sale of their home. More likely they were only recognized by increased assessment values printed on their tax bill or by the homeowner taking a home equity loan for which many are now having problems paying back. The one and only thing that homeowners did realize as a result of the aforementioned bubble, was the yearly skyrocketing of their tax bill. Again, I could go further, but suffice it to say, that in the end, Government was the implausible beneficiary of the real estate bubble, but now has to take account of the critical realities.

1) Taxpayers who had received Save Our Homes protection only recently, and those without it, are paying unsustainable levels of property taxes.

2) Government should recognize that the gusher of tax dollars due to the real estate bubble has distorted its spending habits in the last ten years.

3) Taxes, based on subjective property value assessments, especially in a bubble atmosphere or for property owners not in the business of flipping homes for profit, are a dubious way of generat-

ing tax revenue for our State.

4) Government cannot expect to generate more, or for that matter anywhere near, the amount of tax revenue from Florida property owners without severely overburdening them and potentially forcing them out of their properties.

While arriving at a solution, it's also important to keep in mind that Florida, especially Miami-Dade County, is a melting pot of all income groups. While we always have to make sure that the poor are protected, pitting different groups of homeowners against each other based upon home values might be a mistake. Further, designing an option that will not withstand the test of time and inflation only brings us back to the same discussion in another ten years. Also notable, in order to gain support to replace the Save our Homes Cap, which is the key component to be able to implement a new and fairer system, support and "buy in" will be necessary from all.

With the aforementioned in mind and with the understanding that our State leaders have dispensed with the option to eliminate taxes entirely on our homesteads by utilizing a consumption tax alternative, I would like to suggest the following solution, in this order, for your consideration:

**A) Reset Government Spending Back To A Year Sometime Before The Bubble Really Took Hold, Say 2001. (This Is The Most Important And Will Be The Hardest Part Of The Plan)**

**B) Provide A Very Significant And Identical Across The Board Flat Percentage Exemption To All Florida Homeowners. This Exemption Would Be Calculated And Equal To An Amount That Would Generate The Same Income For The Government As Was Generated In The Year 2001. Likely This Would, For Most Homeowners, Have The Effect Of Resetting Florida Homeowners Tax Bills Back To 2001 Levels.**

**C) Cap Going Forward, All Increases On Property Taxes Payable On Real Estate At The Rate Of Inflation, Or 5%, Whichever Is Less.**

**D) All Save Our Homes Protected Homeowners Have The Option To Opt In To The New Program, Or Keep The Cap In Place And Stay Put Until They Sell.**

This plan has many benefits, not to mention that it basically keeps the same basic property tax assessment system intact, while tweaking the method by which the tax is calculated. It also demonstrates Government's good faith willingness to make major concessions in return for the same from our taxpayers. It also gives homeowners the ability to choose the plan that benefits them the most. This would also allow homeowners who had wished to sell, but couldn't afford the taxes on a new home, the opportunity to now afford one.

I believe this plan would provide maximum "buy in", overcome our current dilemma, bolster our residential real estate markets, be accepted as the fairest solution and put government back on a sustainable and predictable budgetary tract.

While Surfside would surely experience a significant impact from any reform, I'm confident that we could tighten our belts, increase efficiencies and provide the government services our taxpayers expect from the Town. By the way, the almost \$2 million dollars saved, 25% of our budget, by choosing the Miami Beach Fire Option, could likely make up for almost all of the impact Surfside would feel from any of the tax proposals. Incidentally, the County has just put an item on their agenda which would block Surfside's ability to choose Miami Beach over Dade County for Fire service, likely in response to my efforts to give Surfside residents the option to choose and potentially save, but on the other hand cost the County, millions of dollars. Please let your County Commissioner Sally Heyman and others know how you feel about this.

Sorry so long this month, but I really believe this is a major crossroads issue for all Surfside homeowners. Please let your thoughts be known.

All the best,  
Charlie



# Surfside Commission Highlights



## 1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager stated that Police Chief, Dave Allen, had distributed copies of the monthly Surfside Crime Statistics to the Commission earlier in the evening.

The Town Manager reported on the status of the Request for Qualifications for "General Professional Consulting" for Engineering, Planning, Building, and Code Compliance Services which was posted on the web-site, legally advertised, and mailed to several companies the Town felt were interested in responding. The closing date for interested parties to respond was Thursday May 10. The Town received four responses which would be evaluated by a committee comprised of staff members, Town Attorney, and at least one City official from another municipality. The Manager hoped to bring a recommendation to the Commission at the June 12 Commission Meeting.

The Town Manager indicated that a Request for Qualifications for a "Historical Structures Survey" was posted on the web-site, legally advertised, and mailed to several companies the Town felt were interested in responding. The closing date for interested parties to respond was Thursday May 11 and the Town received two responses. One response reflected a cost of \$59,450 to \$94,820 depending on the scope of the work.

The Manager added that the Town has also prepared and mailed Requests for Proposals for Auditing services associated with the annual auditing of the Town's financial records and the preparation of the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. We expect open responses after the June 1 closing date.

At the request of the Commission, the Town Manager stated that he has looked into standardizing the "newspaper vending machines." The matter must first be addressed by modifying the Town Code to require the use of such machines.

In response to a previous direction from the Commission, the Town Manager reported that he has explored the possibility of installing digital electronic marquee signs on Harding and Collins Avenues. At present, the installation of such

devices will require the Town Code to change, to permit such signs.

**The following Ordinances were adopted on second hearing:**

2. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 15 "Code Enforcement"; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

3. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 90 "Zoning"; Article V "Supplementary Regulations"; Division 1 "Generally"; Section 90-183 "Fences, walls and hedges"; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

**The following Ordinances were adopted on First Reading. A second Reading will be held on June 12, 2007**

4. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending the Town Code by amending Chapter 90, Article I "In general" Section 90-2 "Definitions" to provide definitions of "common area" and "place of public assembly"; amending Article II "Administration and Enforcement" Section 90-41 "Conditional Uses" to provide that churches and synagogues shall not be considered conditional uses; amending Article IV "District Regulations", Section 90-147 "RD-1 Two Family Residential District" to provide that churches and synagogues shall not be considered conditional uses; amending Article IV "District Regulations", Section 90-149 "RM-1 Multi-family Residential District" to amend provisions related to conditional uses; amending Article IV "District Regulations", Section 90-151 "RT-1 Tourist District" to amend provisions related to permitted and conditional uses; amending Article IV "District Regulations", Section 90-152 "B-1 business district" to provide that places of public assembly shall be permitted within the B-1 business district only on second floors and higher; amending Article V "Supplementary Regulations", Division 3

"Off-street Parking", Section 90-226 "Off-street Parking Requirements" to provide consistent off-street parking requirements for places of public assembly; amending Division 3 "Off-street Parking", Section 90-226 "Off-street Parking Requirements" to provide consistent off-street parking requirements for places of public assembly; amending Division 3 "Off-street Parking", Section 90-227 "Interpretation of these Requirements" in order to provide additional standards for consideration of a variance from parking requirements requested by a place of public assembly; amending Article V "Supplementary Regulations", Division 5 "Places of Public Assembly", to provide for establishment of Section 90-245 "Locational Requirements for Places of Public Assembly" to provide that places of public assembly shall be permitted within the area depicted on the locational map provided in this Section; amending Article V "Supplementary Regulations", Division 5 "Places of Public Assembly", to provide for establishment of Section 90-246 "No-fee Operational Licensing of Not-for-profit Places of Public Assembly" to provide for a licensing mechanism for places of public assembly; amending Article V "Supplementary Regulations", Division 5 "Places of Public Assembly", to provide for establishment of Section 90-247 "Home-based and Common-area based Assembly Uses" in order to provide for regulation of home-based places of public assembly; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

5. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 90 "Zoning", Article IV "District Regulations", Section 90-145 "RS Single-family Residential District" and Section 90-146 "RS-1 and RS-2 single family residential districts"; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: 4-1 (Commissioner Imberman dissenting)**

6. An Ordinance of the Town  
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## Surfside Commission Highlights

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Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 90 "Zoning", Article IV "District Regulations", Section 90-152 "B-1 Business District" to allow health studios, health clubs, or reducing salons to be operated as permitted uses on the first floor level; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

7. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida creating Division 6 "Certificate of Use" of Article II "Administration and Compliance" of Division 90 "Zoning"; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

The following Resolutions were approved:

8. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2006/2007 police confiscation fund expenditure in the amount of fifteen hun-

dred dollars (\$1,500) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

9. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2006/2007 police confiscation fund expenditure in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

10. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2006/2007 police confiscation fund expenditure in the amount of three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

11. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2006/2007 police confiscation fund expenditure in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

12. A Resolution of the Town of Surfside, Florida authorizing and directing the Town Manager and Town Clerk to execute a mutual aid agreement and the

Chief of Police and the Town Clerk to execute a joint declaration with Bal Harbour Village for police service. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

13. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, ratifying the appointed special masters; providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

14. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, approving an agreement with Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. for project management services for the Community Center. **Vote: 4-1 (Commissioner Blumstein dissenting)**

15. A Resolution of the Town of Surfside accepting the post charrette booklet document in concept; providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

### In other matters:

May, 2007 was proclaimed "Jewish American Heritage Month."

Miami Dade County Public Schools Update – Dr. Martin Karp, School Board Vice Chair gave a presentation.

Miami Beach Senior High School Student Samuel Levine was presented with the Town of Surfside Exemplary Student Award.

Miami-Dade County Fire Department issued CERT certificates to participants in the training course.

Calvin Giordano and Pistorino & Alam Consulting Engineers gave a presentation on the structural soundness of the Community Center - Structural Soundness Report.

Coastal Systems International, Inc. gave a presentation on the Beach Walking Path.

An Executive Session to discuss Labor Negotiations was called for Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

A continuation of the May 15, 2007 meeting was called for Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon as possible following the Executive Session.

## Samuel Levine Receives Surfside Exemplary Student Award



Miami Beach Senior High student, **Samuel Levine**, was selected by the school's awards committee to receive the Surfside Exemplary Student Award, which is bestowed on a student who best exemplifies the principles of citizenship and character.

A lifelong Surfside resident, Samuel is

completing his junior year. He's active in the Scholars' Academy and the Future Business Leaders of America. He serves as editor in the school's Kiwanis Key Club and is president of the Jewish Student Union. Samuel is also an active member of the National Math, Literary and Science Honor Societies. He has been a Cub and Boy Scout, and has devoted countless hours to the Young Judea Youth Movement, holding local, state and regional offices in that organization.

Mayor Charles Burkett declared May 15, 2007 as "Samuel Levine Day" in the Town of Surfside in recognition of Samuel receiving the Exemplary Student Award and for Samuel's commitment to citizenship and community service.



# Commissioner's Corner



Vice Mayor  
Howard Weinberg

**Greetings Neighbor:** I hope this issue of the Gazette finds all Surfsiders doing well and looking forward to a wonderful, safe and fun filled summer. The camp enrollment numbers are spectacular and the Parks and Rec. Department has an amazing itinerary planned for our children. The Beach Club is going to have a grand opening that will excite both young and not-so-young alike and the terrific events and trips for our seniors will resume in the fall.

As part of the continuing effort to be an environmentally responsible hometown, I recently proposed the formation of a "Citizens' Green Committee" so that our residents can propose policies, activities and procedures to improve our relationship with planet earth. I am pleased that the Commission unanimously approved the idea. More information on the Committee appears in this issue of the Gazette including contact information for those of you interested in serving. As always, all meetings will be open to the public and your input will be invaluable.

Many of you may be unaware that the Town of Surfside recently lost one of its finest veteran police officers to cancer. Lt. Manny Crawford served our country with distinction in the United States Navy and he served with distinction in the Town of Surfside for many years. Things were not always easy for Manny in Surfside. The Police Department went through tremendous turmoil and turnover. Manny stuck it out. Nine years of midnight shifts. Manny stuck it out. With the arrival of Chief Allen, Manny quickly proved to be a trusted and competent advisor to the Chief during the transition. I am heartened by the fact that Manny's children told me at the funeral that the past year was Manny's most satisfying and enjoyable time professionally. Much credit for that goes to Chief Allen. I also know that the respect was mutual. I wish to share something the Chief told me that sums up Manny perfectly. Several months ago Manny asked for a change in his off days. He wished to take Monday and Tuesday off instead of weekends. The Chief said sure. What Manny failed to tell anyone including the Chief, was that he needed Mondays off for Chemo and Tuesdays off in order to recover. Until the end, Manny never missed a Wednesday. Complaining or feeling sorry for one's self was not some-

thing Manny knew anything about. Without a doubt, Surfside is a much better place because of Manny Crawford. Allow me to end with words written by a very good friend of Manny's just after his passing:

"For all of the efforts that we make to pass through this life with grace, integrity and significance nothing is more precious than the warmth of spirit from dear friends.

So as my reflection gives way to the memories of my friend Manny how grateful I am for the time that he allowed me to share. The morning coffee's, the telephone calls, the visits, the encouragement all seeming to add up to the indefinable magic that made Manny such an important part of so many lives. A police officer filled with honor and pride who gave selflessly to those who needed. As the years replay freeze-frame after freeze-frame, I find myself holding on to each image as if seeing it for the very first time. Such photographs, what moments, each coming back to me filling my senses with an endless appreciation for all that he was and all that he imparted. With his passing we come one step closer to tomorrow and if tomorrow only comes but for one more hour than we will fill that hour with smiling remembrances of you".

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## Remembering Manny Crawford...

"During the brief time I had with Manny, I recognized him as a quiet strong leader who was looked up to with respect by a young police department. Integrity was most important to him. Manny was the most veteran member of the police department who excelled in all aspects- operations, patrol, criminal investigations, and administration. During his illness he never complained or looked for sympathy. He showed up for work everyday and stayed after his shift was over. He will be missed by all of us. "

**Surfside Police Chief, David Allen**

"During the past two years, Manny became not just my professional colleague, but a close friend as well. He welcomed me to the department and willingly shared his vast knowledge. He mentored me and a number of others. If you needed to talk, he listened. Manny was a man of reason and when asked, he offered guidance and sound advice." **Lieutenant Rolando Baldomero**

"Lt. Manny Crawford passed on last evening, Sunday, May 6. I for one will miss him...he was a kind and warm gentleman."

**Surfside Town Manager, W.D. Higginbotham**

(Lt. Crawford's passing) "It's a very real loss for Surfside as Manny was a true professional, a dedicated employee for years and years here, and a force for good." **Mayor Charles Burkett**

"Manny always stayed impartial. He was experienced enough to know that there was a difference between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law. He understood that there were shades of grey; that there were two sides to every story." **Police Officer Ian Leonard**

"I worked with him 4 years together on nights. Him and me. He had my back & I had his. The one important thing to know about Manny was that he always treated people fairly and with equality. And he did that his whole life" **Sergeant John Messina**

# IN MEMORIAM

## Lieutenant Manuel "Manny" Robert Crawford

### 1947 – 2007



Surfside mourns the passing of the Police Department's most senior officer, Lieutenant Manuel "Manny" Crawford, who died of cancer on Sunday, May 6th, at the age of 59.

Manny was born in New York, and graduated high school in Puerto Rico. He worked in Patrol, Criminal Investigations and Crime Scene as a Puerto Rico State Police Officer. Before coming to Surfside in 1980, Manny served with the U.S. Navy, continuing his law enforcement duties as a military police officer. He later became a Crime Scene Identification Technician with the Miami Police and had a stint as a Police Officer with the Bal Harbour department.

During his 19 1/2 years with the Surfside Police, Manny rose through the ranks and held numerous positions, including Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant and Lieutenant. He

capably represented his fellow officers during his tenure as President of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and was also a member of the Surfside Pension Board. During the course of his stellar career he mentored many officers in the South Florida law enforcement community. He worked throughout his illness and continued his leadership role with the department's current staff of young officers.

Manny attended Miami-Dade College and Florida International University. He obtained an Associate's Degree and he was deeply committed to life long learning. Over the years he took many courses to enhance his skills and most recently completed the Executive Leadership Program offered by Florida Atlantic University in partnership with the Broward Sheriff's Office Institute for Criminal Justice Studies. Manny also distinguished himself as a Gun Range Master and had conducted training sessions at the Medley firearms range.

Manny's abilities were many and his talents varied. It was not unusual for him to share a quote from the literary classics in order to make a point. He was not just well-informed and well-

read; he was also extremely computer literate and a highly skilled photographer. Manny had a particular penchant for flying which led him to earn a private pilot's license. As a certified scuba diver, and avid fisherman and boater, he loved to travel to the Florida Keys to pursue these activities.

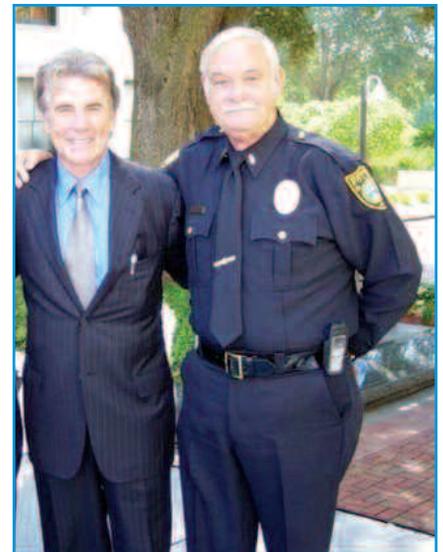
He is survived by his son Robert Alexander Crawford, his daughter Jannie Katherine Barker, his grandchildren Andrew, Bridgete and Cassidy, his mother, Julia Crawford, his twin brother Charles and his sister-in-law Suzanne.

By virtue of his longevity, experience, reputation for fairness, and respect for others, Manny was considered by many to be the rock of the Surfside Police Department. He led by example. He "walked the walk" with dignity, honor and professionalism.

And whether your association to Manny is as family, friend, or colleague, you understand that your life is all the richer just by having known him.



Lt. Manny Crawford with the latest look for the Surfside Police patrol vehicles: a "retro" inspired design



(L-R): John Walsh, host of "America's Most Wanted" and Lieutenant Manuel Crawford, representing the Surfside Police Department, in Tallahassee on Monday, Sept. 12, 2005, for Florida Missing Children's Day.

# Joaquin Polanco Named Police Officer Of The Month

At the Commission Meeting held on May 15th, Joaquin Polanco was chosen as Surfside Police Officer of the Month.

During the month of April Ofc. Polanco made 17 arrests and wrote 121 traffic citations. In addition to his outstanding productivity, Ofc. Polanco was responsible for capturing a subject who committed two occupied burglaries at the Best Western Hotel. Details of that arrest are as follows:

Ofc. Polanco responded to the area after a tourist was awakened by an intruder inside her hotel room. The sub-

ject fled immediately. The tourist called the police and provided a description of the subject. Ofc. Polanco was patrolling in the area and observed a suspect matching the description and detained him. The victim was unable to positively identify the man. Ofc. Polanco was not satisfied with the suspect's reason for being in the area and arrested him for loitering and prowling. Subsequent investigation revealed that a 2nd hotel room had been burglarized earlier in the evening. The subject was charged with 2 counts of occupied burglary.



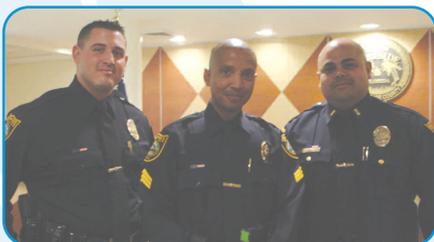
(L-R) Vice Mayor Howard Weinberg, Comm. Marc Imberman, Mayor Charles Burkett, Officer Joaquin Polanco, Police Chief David Allen, Comm. Steven Levine and Comm. Mark Blumstein.

## Surfside Police Promotes Three Officers

On Tuesday, May 15, with proud family members, elected officials and colleagues in attendance, the Surfside Police Department held a promotional ceremony in Commission Chambers to promote three of its own. Due to their professionalism, hard work and commitment to excellence, the following officers achieved new ranks and responsibilities:

**Sergeant Jose Pacheco to Lieutenant  
Officer Orlando Laso to Sergeant  
Officer Richard Williams to Sergeant**

The Town congratulates them on their accomplishments and thanks them for their dedication to ensuring the safety of our entire community.



From L-R: Sergeant Orlando Laso, Sergeant Richard Williams, and Lieutenant Jose Pacheco.

### SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Comparison Department Activity March 2007 and April 2007

CLASSIFICATION .....	MAR.	APR.	+/-
HOMICIDE .....	0	0	0
INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL BATTERY ....	0	0	0
LEWD / LASCIVIOUS.....	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - BATTERY.1	1	1	0
BURGLARY RESIDENCE .....	3	6	+3
BURGLARY CONVEYANCE .....	2	0	-2
GRAND THEFT .....	5	3	-2
FRAUD .....	9	6	-3
ROBBERY .....	1	0	-1
GRAND THEFT AUTO .....	2	1	-1
<b>TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES.....</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-5</b>
BATTERY SIMPLE .....	2	3	+1
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.....	1	0	-1
THEFT UNDER.....	7	0	-7
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.....	10	2	-8
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE.....	4	2	-2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT.....	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PART II CRIMES .....</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-17</b>
TRAFFIC CITATIONS .....	826	924	+98
ARRESTS.....	68	84	+16
PARKING CITATIONS.....	383	435	+52

# Miami-Dade Fire Rescue CERT Graduates!

Congratulations to members of Town Staff, its Residents as well as to those individuals who recently participated and graduated from the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Community Emergency Response Team (“CERT”) training program.

On May 5, 2007, after completing over 25 hours of training over three days, I too was privileged and honored to become a CERT member and learn the skills necessary to become independent of professional public safety resources for a short period of time when and if disaster strikes our area and until professional first responders arrive.

CERT training topics of instruction included disaster psychology, team organization, documentation of disasters, dam-

age assessment, medical operations and triage, identification of life threatening injuries, placement of victims on backboards, terrorism awareness and disaster preparedness, fire safety and suppression, and search and rescue.

With the 2007 Hurricane season looming upon us, I felt it important to participate in this disaster preparedness training and encourage others in the Town to become members of an Emergency Response Team (“ERT”) working in conjunction with CERT members.

I invite others in Town to join an ERT by contacting Surfside’s Police Department and speaking with Wanda Flores at 305-861-4862. Whether you live in a high rise or a single family home, your assistance and participation is wel-

come and necessary. Our goal should be to have at least 1 ERT consisting of at least 3 persons per condominium building and the same for zones established within our single family home community so when disaster strikes, we are prepared.

Let’s go Surfsiders! Please get involved in the CERT program by joining an ERT. Thank you in advance for your interest and participation. See you all around Town. As always, I remain - -

Faithfully yours,

Mark Blumstein  
Commissioner  
mblumstein@townofsurfsidefl.gov



(L-R): Comm. Mark Blumstein, Yunda Galvez, Harry Munoz, Marisol Rodriguez, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue CERT Instructor, Hugh Saenze, and Katrina Galvez



(L-R) Katrina Geslock & Yunda Galvez prepare to put out a fire.



(L-R) Police Projects Coordinator, Wanda Flores and CERT graduates Yunda Galvez, Marisol Rodriguez, Harry Munoz, Comm. Mark Blumstein & Katrina Geslock receiving their awards at the Commission meeting on May 15th.

## The Miami Shores Aquatic Center

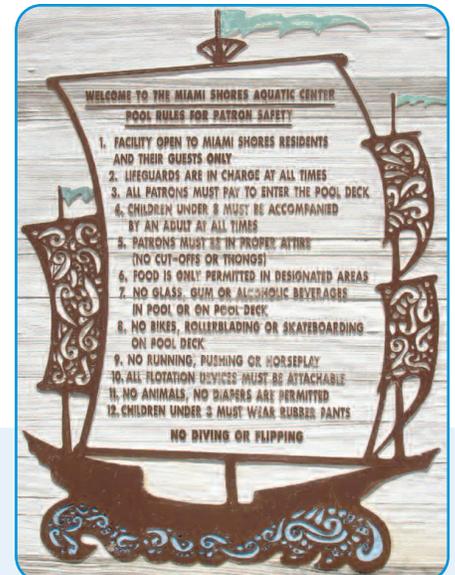
The Miami Shores Aquatic Center features Shipwreck Cove Waterpark for children, a pool with slides and other water activities, as well as an eight lane competition pool. Surfsiders must present a valid, updated resident ID card. The Miami Shores Aquatic Center is located at 10200 Biscayne Blvd, just north of the Miami Shores Country Club. Please refer to the Town Website [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) to obtain the hours of operation for the Aquatic Center. Click on Departments, click on Parks & Recreation, scroll down to Miami Shores Aquatic Center and then click on that.

The Town has arranged with the bus service contractor to include daily trips to the Miami Shores Aquatic Center. There are three daily trips Tuesday through Friday and two trips on Saturday. There is no bus service on Sundays.

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

**The Aquatic Center will be CLOSED for superchlorination on June 18, July 16 & Aug. 20.**

## Miami Shores Aquatic Center Rules





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 Hardpack Beach 9301 Collins Avenue

Festivities will begin at 4:00 pm behind the Community Center on the Beach Hardpack

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

Festivities will include Water Slides, and other activities, food will be available for purchase from Bobby Rubino's, and music will be provided by "Rhythm City" and "Roberto Obregon"

Surfside Resident ID card or Hotel ID must be presented for free admission.

Otherwise, regular admission applies:  
\$ 8.00 per Adult ; \$ 5.00 per Child 14 years & under

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

## Rare Sight Occurs In Surfside!

On Tues. May 15 around 10:00 a.m. Surfside Aquatics Supervisor, Jackie Villagran, and Surfside Lifeguards, Oscar Delmonte and Pedro Barquin, watched in amazement as the largest known ocean reptile, a leatherback turtle, emerged from the surf and chose the 93 street beach area to lay her nest. They immediately alerted Conservationist, Selina Mills, of the Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Department/Sea Turtle Program, of this rare daytime occurrence. Once at the scene, Ms. Mills explained that it takes about 35 years for a leatherback to mature to full size. She estimated that this one weighed about 1,000 pounds. The turtle shell

alone measured 4 feet long by 3 feet wide, although if her head was included she was closer to 6 feet long!

Ms. Mills said that "the nesting went very well and the Town Parks and Recreation staff followed procedure perfectly to protect the turtle and her nest." Ms. Mills also advised that once the turtle was tamping down her nest it meant that the reptile had already laid her eggs. For this reason, she let the small crowd that had gathered on the beach come a little closer to the turtle, so they could watch her covering the eggs, before her return to the sea.

The nesting period is 70 – 80 days long and Miami-Dade County Recreation Specialist and Sea Turtle

Permit Holder, Bill Ahern, will be checking the nest, 7 days a week, in the early morning. According to Ms. Mills, at day 65 the County will start eye-balling the nest. Once the babies have hatched, the nest will drop. It will take the newborns about 2 or 3 days to reach the surface of the sand so that they can return to the ocean.

Residents are advised to make sure that no one tampers with the nest or pulls out the stakes marking it. If you spot such activity, please call the Surfside Police (305) 861-4862 and the Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Department at (305) 947-3525. Help them protect our environment and ocean life.

Laying her eggs....



Covering her eggs....



Returning to the sea...



# 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.

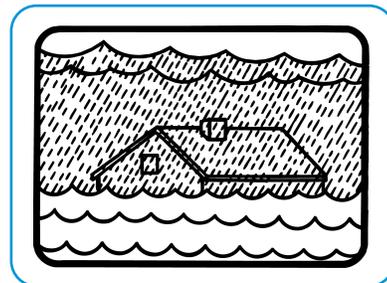
**FLOOD INSURANCE** - In preparation for the hurricane season, you should check that your flood insurance coverage is in effect. Remember that flood damage is not covered by homeowners' normal insurance. For most people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. Protect your property 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 Surfside 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).



# SURFSIDE LIBRARY

**Storytime:** Will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. The library is closed Tuesday mornings, so please knock on the door for admittance. Storytime is open to children age 4 and under.

*For your reading pleasure...*

## ADULT BOOKS:



### Fiction:

- Genghis; Birth of an Empire *by Conn Iggulden* (A Novel of Genghis Khan)
- Body Surfing: A Novel *by Anita Shreve*
- The Dead Room *by Heather Graham* (There are secrets only the dead can tell)

### Non-fiction:

- How Doctor's Think *by Jerome Groopman, M.D.*
- When a Crocodile Eats the Sun: A Memoir of Africa *by Peter Godwin*
- Einstein: His Life and Universe *by Walter Isaacson*

## CHILDRENS' BOOKS:

- Glow in the Dark Constellations Text *by Jessica Dowling* (Turn off the lights and see the stars shine!)
- Fancy Nancy *by Jane O'Connor* (a real winner!!)  
(friendship, Holocaust, World War )
- Spider-Man and Fantastic Four: The Chameleon Strikes!
- The Hardy Boys #7--The Opposite Numbers *by Scott Lobdell*



## DVD's

### ADULT

- The Queen
- The Last King of Scotland
- Everyone's Hero

### CHILDREN'S

- Charlotte's Web
- Eragon

The Library will be closed Wednesday, July 4, 2007 in observance of Independence Day

## UPCOMING TOURIST BUREAU EVENTS



September 2007

Classic/Retro Cars (on Harding)

November 2007



2nd Annual Jazz on the Beach Concert

December 2007



New Year's Eve Gala at the Community Center

January 2008



Salsa Concert on the Beach

March 2008



Arts and Crafts Festival

# New Gazette Feature:

Welcome to **MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR**, the newest section of the *Town Gazette*.

Each month a person in your community will be featured. You are kindly invited to submit the names of residents that the Town may want to introduce to everyone. Please contact Education Committee Chairwoman, Lea Coto, at [cotolea@aol.com](mailto:cotolea@aol.com) with your suggestions.

It was 3 A.M. in the 1950's and **Dr. Robert Grayson** was awakened by the telephone ringing. "The baby has 105 fever! Can you help?" In his pajamas, he raced to the home of Charlotte Rose (the wife of Surfside's former mayor, Leo Rose) and assisted the mother in bathing her infant to reduce the fever, staying until the crisis was over.

This is the nature of care which characterizes Dr. Robert Grayson throughout his nearly forty years of service as a pediatrician to residents of Surfside and its surrounding communities.

Ready to begin his career as a pediatrician, Dr. Grayson moved to Surfside in 1949 with his late wife Shirley (Singer) Grayson and his two children, William and Jane. They moved to this town from North Carolina, where Dr. Grayson had just completed his residency at Duke University.

At this time, Surfside was a small community being built during the post-war period, when the spirit of this nation was strong and there was a sense of peace. "Everyone knew one another. It was a quieter, safer, and happier time, after the war," recalls Dr. Grayson. Surfside was not "building up" at a time when big highrises, called "the Concrete Canyon" were taking over Collins Avenue ocean fronts.

Dr. Grayson, very intentionally chose to set up his practice close to home in order to be close to his patients. He custom-built the structure at the 1185 71st Street Building. Paramount to Dr. Grayson in practicing pediatrics was developing long-standing relationships with his patients. He strongly felt that his role was in helping children and their families become better people and citizens. Knowing that he had something to do with the outcomes was the most satisfying part of his job.

Dr. Grayson was the founder of the

Miami Pediatric Society, became the President of the Florida Chapter of the Pediatric Society, and served on the Executive Board of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Have you ever solicited the help of the Poison Control Center? If so, consider thanking Dr. Grayson for his role in initiating this service. In the late 1950's, before the days of computers and copying machines, Dr. Grayson, set up a network of 10 Poison Control Centers in Florida, each with an assigned pediatrician, equipped with hundreds of index cards of products which children potentially could ingest, possible symptoms, and treatment. Because of its success, other states replicated this system and eventually the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) evolved from it, with Dr. Grayson acting as its first president.

Dr. Grayson has left his mark on Jackson Memorial Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) as well. He was asked by Dr. Warren Quillion (a founding doctor of University of Miami's School of Medicine) to start the NICU at Jackson, training staff about caring for the special needs of premature babies. Dr. Grayson for many years served as a clinical professor at the University of Miami School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics.

"Bob" (as Dr. Grayson is know to his



*Dr. Robert Grayson, provided forty years of exceptional pediatric care in our community*

neighbors), attributes his success to his late wife, Shirley, who raised the children while he was involved in professional activities. Shirley fully supported his advocacy for children. So, the Graysons traveled, making family trips revolve around meetings of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Grayson retired in 1986 and still attends annual meetings of the American Academy of Pediatrics, as an emeritus member. If you should pass by 9045 Bay Drive, you may see him working outdoors, or you might meet his son, Bill, who lives there as well. Stop and say hello to this very special man whose dedication to children has touched many Surfside residents as well as children across this country.

## SURFSIDE BOOK CLUB



Book Club meetings are a great success. An enthusiastic group is having fun discussing the "book of the month"

and how wonderful it is to live in this little piece of paradise called Surfside. The next meeting date is Tues., June 19. The book

selection is: *Past, Perfect* by Susan Isaacs (lighter, beach reading).

So join the group, bring friends, meet new people in town, and have fun.

Please contact Pam at [pjmishkin@yahoo.com](mailto:pjmishkin@yahoo.com) for meeting locations and times.

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Senior Trips Resume in August, while Bingo & the Wednesday gathering will resume in September!

## June Programs

### Surfside Community Center Adult Classes and Programs

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

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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 15 - July 3 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday May 2 - June 20 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

## Youth Classes and Programs

School's out for summer and the month of June means that the Surfside Summer Camp is underway. The following Parks and Recreation Department programs will resume in the Fall:

- Ballet (Ages 6-10) • Pre-School Ballet (Ages 3-5) • Kidokinetics "TOT" Program (Ages 2-4)
- Youth Instructional Soccer • Jump Rope • Kidokinetics • Chess

## Adult Education Classes

Yoga (outdoor program*)	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:30 am	Ages: Adults
		Noon - 1:30 pm	Ages: 55 +
Current Events	Thursday	10:00 - 11:30 am	Ages: Adults
	Noon - 1:30 pm		Ages: 55 +
	Monday	10:00 - Noon	Ages: Adults

\*weather permitting

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

# SUMMER FUN GYMNASTIC CAMP

Ages: 3 - 5 years old

Tuesday - Thursday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon



Each day will include:

Stretching - Bars and Balancing Skills - Floor and Vault Skills - Creative Movements,  
Arts and Crafts - Beam - Trampoline Skills

A daily snack will be provided.

Session 1	3 weeks	June 12 - June 29
Session 2	3 weeks	July 24 - Aug. 10

FEES:	Residents	\$200	3 weeks	Non-Residents	\$275	3 weeks
	Residents	\$80	1 week	Non-Residents	\$120	1 week

Registration in progress. Space is limited.  
Please call (305) 866-3635 to reserve your child's place.

## June Game Room Hours:



Monday - Friday	2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	Noon - 5:00 pm



## Surfside Tennis Center

The Tennis Center will be OPEN for general play on July 4th.  
Programs will not be held.



The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below:

Monday - Friday	8:30 am to 10:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday	8:30 am to 5:00 pm



### Tennis Classes

Saturday	Ages: 6 - 9 (Junior)	10:30 am - 11:30 am
Saturday	Ages: 4 - 6 (Tiny Tot)	11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Call for prices and reservations.

### "Meet, Greet, and Play Tennis"

Monday	Adults	8:00 - 10:00 pm
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Fee: \$9 per person, plus a can of tennis balls.

### "Open Play"

Thursday	Adult	7:00 - 9:00 pm
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Reservation Required - Fee: Free for Surfside Residents. \$4.00 Non-Residents per person

Please contact the Tennis Center (305) 866-5176 to indicate your interest regarding a possible upcoming Tennis Aerobic Class.



## June 2007 Calendar

### COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, JUNE 12, AT 7:00 PM

Community Center Committee.....Wednesday, at 7:00 pm (06/06/07)  
Education Committee..... First Tuesday of the month, at 8:00 pm (06/05/07)  
Parks & Recreation Committee.....Third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (06/21/07)  
Planning & Zoning Board .....Last Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (06/28/07)  
Tourist Bureau,..... First Monday of the month at 6:00 pm (06/04/07)

Hurricane Expo.....Saturday, June 23, 9:00 am - Noon  
at the Publix lot at 94th Street and Harding Avenue

### UPCOMING:

July 4th Festivities begin at 4:00 p.m.  
On the hardpack behind the Community Center

Fireworks start at approximately 9:00 p.m.  
Arrive early so you don't miss the display!

Town Hall & the Surfside Library will be CLOSED on Independence Day.  
The Community Center will be OPEN. Regularly scheduled classes will not be held.  
The Tennis Center will be OPEN for general play. Programs will not be held.

### ••EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 3 IS CANCELLED••

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](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) or tune in to Cable Channel 77.

#### **Town Commission**

Charles W. Burkett	Mayor
Howard S. Weinberg	Vice Mayor
Marc Imberman	Commissioner
Steven Levine	Commissioner
Mark Blumstein	Commissioner

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W.D. Higginbotham	Town Manager
Beatris Arguelles	Town Clerk
Weiss, Serota et al.	Town Attorney
David E. Allen	Police Chief

#### **Town Commission/Manager E-Mails**

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#### **Business Numbers**

Town Hall	(305) 861-4863
Community Center	(305) 866-3635
Tennis Courts	(305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau	(305) 864-0722
Library	(305) 865-2409
Surfside Police Department	(305) 861-4862

#### **Emergency Only**

Fire/Police	(305) 861-1115
All Other:	(305) 861-4862

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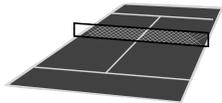


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Thursday Adult 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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Reservations Required

### “Cardio Adult Tennis”

Wednesday July 18 - August 8 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Fee: \$18 residents / \$20 non-residents

Reservations Required



*For more information contact the Tennis Center at (305) 866-5176.*

## Adult Education Classes

### Yoga (outdoor program\*)

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 Noon - 1:30 pm Ages: 55 +

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### Current Events

Monday 10:00 - Noon Ages: Adults

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Monday	July 16 - September 10 (No Class September 3)	7:00 - 8:00 pm
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Wednesday	June 27 - August 22 (No Class July 4)	7:00 - 8:00 pm

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