



# Surfside Town Gazette

July 2007

## The Mayor's View



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This month I promise to be shorter! Last week our Commission voted to utilize the Fire Rescue services of the Miami Beach Fire Department instead of the County who now services us from the Haulover area. The resolution to change to Miami Beach wisely included direction to our administration to first do an outside study that would assure that the services would satisfy Surfside's needs, while making preliminary arrangements for the switch. Clearly, if Miami Beach can meet our needs as they have represented, Surfside taxpayers will receive a 50% savings compared to what we now pay, which as Mayor has always been my only issue in this discussion; making sure all of Surfside's services are of the highest quality and are cost effective. Incidentally, the abilities and professionalism of the Miami Dade and Miami Beach Firefighters are not an issue at all in this discussion. For the record, both are tops in my book! Meanwhile, our County Government continues to move towards taking away our right to choose in the fire discussion, yet we are hopeful that they will look at all sides of the issue. Appreciably, with this arrangement, Surfside's cost savings of almost

\$2M or 25% of all of its tax collections, coupled with Miami Beach's ability to drastically increase service to their northern end for zero cost, is a true win-win for both. As significant municipal partners and a big part of the County, I'm hopeful that County Commissioners will recognize that what's good for Surfside and Miami Beach should likewise be good for the County, as we will continue to pay significantly into the system via our property tax bills. Also, given the rollback that State leaders have enacted, this savings takes on even more significance for all of us, including the County.

Regarding the Community Center project, it has always been my priority to get our pool up and running, and our kids in the water, as soon as we can. To that end, my colleagues and I have explored all of

our options. The Town Bus continues to shuttle our little ones to the Miami Shores pool, and I expect by the time you read this that the Surfside Beach Club's grand opening has occurred, however, we still need to do more. After lots of conversations with moms, dads and other Surfsideers engaged in the effort, I believe that there may be a consensus for the "new construction" option. Should it prove to be popular in the straw ballot, I would be happy to support it. This proposed new construction option calls for the project to be done in phases, with the pool being built and opening first, and the Community Center Building being constructed immediately following the pool's opening. While it would be somewhat more expensive and more

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# 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 that on April 24, 2007, the Commission received a report on the Town's Utility Infrastructure. More specifically, the report included a status of the Town's Water System, Sewer System, and Storm Water System. The Commission also received material and a brief presentation from the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding proposed Harding Avenue Pump Stations Improvements.

The proposed FDOT improvements were approved by the Commission at the May 15, 2007, Commission Meeting and re-affirmed by a majority vote at the May 24 Commission Meeting. On May 16, 2007, the Town completed a FY2008 Section 319 NPS Grant Application (submitted via FedEx on May 23) in the amount of \$500,000. A Grant Application in the amount of \$300,000 will be submitted to the South Florida Water Management District in the fall of 2007. The \$947,000 balance of the estimated project cost of \$1,747,000 would be proposed to be funded from the Surfside Storm Water Utility Fund.

Additionally, the Manager indicated that the Town had prepared a conceptual Sewer Rehabilitation Program (attached) in accordance with the Miami-Dade Municipal Code, Section 24-42-2(1) (a). The Sewer Rehabilitation Program (Plan) is divided into three phases. Phase I can be accomplished immediately and is relatively inexpensive and easy to implement. The estimated cost of Phase I is \$10,000 and it will bring the Town into partial compliance with DERM mandates. The Manager recommended that the Town move forward with the implementation of Phase I of the Sewer Rehabilitation Program, at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

An update regarding the Surfside

Beach Path was given by the Town Manager. He reported that at the March 13, 2007 Commission Meeting, the Commission requested the Town Manager proceed with developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the construction of the Beach Path. The Commission concluded it would be possible to address specific elements and related costs once proposals were received for the construction of the project.

In order to proceed with the final development of the RFP the Town Manager indicated to the Commission that it is necessary to survey the street ends and the eastern perimeter of the Town. Once survey work is completed it will be necessary to determine legal ownership of surveyed properties. The estimated cost for professional survey services is \$64,825. The Manager recommended to the Commission that the Town should proceed with the professional survey work necessary to complete the Request for Proposal for the construction of the Surfside Beach Path.

With regard to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a "Historical Structures Survey" the Town Manager reported that the RFQ was posted on the web-site, legally advertised, and mailed to several companies the Town felt were interested in responding. Two proposals were received by the closing date on Thursday, May 11. One response reflected a cost of \$59,450 to \$94,820 depending on the scope of the work. The Manager stated that the Town may be eligible for grant assistance from the State. He recommended that the Town prepare the appropriate grant application to provide funding for the Historical Structures Survey. If the grant is approved, it will be necessary to seek new responses for "Requests for Qualifications."

The Town Manager told the Commission that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for General Consulting Engineering, Planning, Building and Code Compliance Services was prepared to allow interest-

ed parties and/or firms to respond in whole, or in part. The RFQ was posted on the Town's web-site, legally advertised, and mailed to a number of firms the Town felt may be interested in responding. On Thursday, May 10 at 3:40 PM, the four responses received were opened. After reviewing the responses, on June 4 a staff committee consisting of the Police Chief, Town Clerk, Town Attorney, and Town Manager met to discuss the proposals and make recommendations. It was the recommendation of the committee that certain services be awarded and others should be re-advertised for additional proposals. The recommendations and rankings are as follows:

Planning Services, including Comprehensive Planning, Current Planning, Redevelopment, Landscape Architecture, and Disaster Preparedness and Recovery:

- Calvin Giordano & Associates
- The Corradino Group, Inc.
- The Russell Partnership, Inc.
- Non Responsive

General and Municipal Engineering Services, including Electrical, Structural, Storm Water, Sewer, Utility Infrastructure, and Traffic Engineering:

- Calvin Giordano & Associates
- The Corradino Group, Inc.
- Bermella Ajamil & Partners, Inc.
- The Russell Partnership, Inc.

The committee recommended Engineering Services for specific projects should be bid on an as needed basis. The committee further recommended a new RFQ for GIS, Mapping, Surveying and Building Services be prepared and re-advertised due to a lack of sufficient responses. The Town Manager asked, and the Commission authorized the Town Manager to negotiate a contract (or contracts) with Calvin, Giordano & Associates for Planning Services, and General and Municipal Engineering Services, subject to approval of the Town Attorney as to legal sufficiency.

Regarding the Surfside Beach Club

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the Manager stated that it will be open by the end of June. The Parks and Recreation Department has acquired chairs and umbrellas are on order. The Town anticipates giving away towels on opening day.

The Town Manager gave the Commission an update of the landscaping project underway in the downtown area on Harding Avenue between 94th and 96th streets. All dead and damaged shrubbery would be replaced and existing plants would be incorporated with the new plants. The work should be completed by the middle of June.

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

2. 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**

3. 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 (Imberman dissenting)**

4. An Ordinance of the Town 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**

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 (Blumstein dissenting)**

**The following Ordinances were adopted on First Reading. A Second Reading will be held on July 10, 2007.**

6. 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 by adopting a new Section 2-151 "Personnel Appeals Board Rules of Procedure"; 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:**

7. 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 five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

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 six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

9. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside,

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Florida, appointing George Rodriguez to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board Seat Number 1 until the next general election, due to the resignation of the current member for this seat; providing for implementation; providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

10. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, to withdraw from the Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Service District; to establish a Town Fire Department; providing for implementation; providing for severability; providing for conflict and providing for an effective date (Amended). **Vote: 4-1 (Blumstein dissenting)**

11. The Commission re-affirmed its

support of the "Dream Act" via a Resolution entitled: A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida supporting passage of the Dream Act/Immigration Reform Bill; providing for an effective date.

**VOTE: 3-2 (Mayor Burkett and Commissioner Blumstein dissenting)**

### In other matters:

June 12, 2007 was proclaimed "Clark Doug Burris Day".

Nautilus Middle School Student Joseph Coto was presented with the Town of Surfside Exemplary Student Award and May 17, 2007 was proclaimed Joseph Coto Day.

Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary School Student Gabriel Coto was presented with the Town of Surfside Exemplary Student Award and May 29, 2007 was proclaimed Gabriel Coto Day.

An Agenda Modification and Procedures Workshop was set for Monday, June 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

The Commission repealed Resolution #1699 pertaining to Committee Rules and Procedures.

The following were appointed to fill the Green Committee: Heather Oppenheimer and Darryl Prager (Mayor Burkett); Polita Glynn and Noel Steinfeld (Vice Mayor Weinberg); Evelyn Lampner and Paul Yavis (Comm. Blumstein); Alan Gorme and Sharon Finlinson (Comm. Imberman); Michael Cohen and Michelle Kligman (Comm. Levine).

The following were appointed to the Welcome Wagon Committee: Andrea Lynch and Staci Shanahan (Comm. Blumstein); Julia Magnani and Arnie Notkin (Comm. Imberman). There are six vacancies on the Committee.

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challenging logistically, we have been told it is possible. Based on this information, and with the community's support for this idea, I would envision the schedule for the new construction option as follows:

- 1) The removal of the old building and pool, while preserving the historic roofline façade and Surfside medallion as highlighted in the Charrette.
- 2) The construction of a new grand lagoon and lap pool and related amenities.
- 3) The opening of the pool and related amenities.
- 4) The staging and the construction of the new building on the now empty southern adjacent lot.
- 5) The opening of the new Community Center Building.

This "new construction" option presents some interesting opportunities for the Center. Given that the old building

would be removed and the new building would be built on the southern lot, in the shade of the neighboring twelve-story building, Surfside would find themselves with a Pool and Center that would enjoy every sunrise and now, every sunset. It would also offer tremendous vistas of the ocean as residents walk and ride by, preserve a piece of Surfside history by saving the unique MIMO façade, utilize the always shady southern lot for the new community center building which would have spectacular views in almost every direction, give us the opportunity to build the largest and most "sun utilized" pool possible, and most importantly, potentially get our kids and residents swimming as soon as possible. As we are now in the process of putting all the pieces together with the architects, it's more important than ever that we hear from you.

Before I go, I'm excited to point out that our downtown landscape "freshen up" has been completed and as a result of your requests, our Chief has responded with even more police visibility in the residential areas. Stay tuned for

more small-scale improvements, for example, providing updated modular newspaper racks in the Collins/Harding district and the enhancement of our residential waste collection procedures for trash and yard cuttings (including side yard pickup and the proper placement of emptied receptacles). More landscaping upgrades will be made around Town, while we continue working towards completing the big projects like our Community Center and Beachwalk. Here's hoping your Summer kickoff is terrific!

All the best,  
Charlie



# Honors to Educator, Clark Doug Burris and Exemplary Student Award Recipients Joseph Coto & Gabriel Coto



(L-R) Educator **Clark Doug Burris**, his aide, and Mayor **Charles Burkett**

Educator, **Clark Doug Burris**, has been teaching music at Miami Beach Senior High School since 1971. During his long and distinguished career he established premier high school musical performing groups including the Miami Beach High School Guitar Ensemble and the Miami Beach Senior High School Rock Ensemble, each of which have received numerous awards.

Mayor Charles Burkett declared Tuesday, June 12, 2007 as Clark Doug Burris Day in Surfside, in recognition of his commitment to the musical education of the children of Miami Beach Senior High.

The Town's Education Committee created the **Surfside Exemplary Student Award**, to recognize an outstanding student at each of the local feeder-pattern schools and is bestowed on a student who best exemplifies the principles of citizenship and character.

This year's selection at Nautilus Middle School is **Joseph Coto**. He is an active member of the Boy Scouts and is working towards his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. He has participated in many public service activities through his involvement with scouting and has served as part of the Color Guard at Surfside Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies. He has helped with preparations for community events such as the Health and Fitness Fair and Jazz on the Beach. This summer will be Joey's second year volunteering as a Counselor-in-Training at the Surfside Summer Camp.

The recipient of this year's Exemplary Student Award at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary is **Gabriel Coto**. As an active member of the Boy Scouts, Gabriel has had numerous opportunities to participate in public service activities including clean-up and landscaping projects at Oleta River State Park. Gabriel is also a member of the Color Guard which is present at

Surfside Memorial and Veteran's Day ceremonies. Gabriel's teachers commend his compassionate spirit, his willingness to always lend a hand, and the fact that he serves as a role model for his fellow students.



(L-R) **Joseph Coto** receives his honor from Mayor **Charles Burkett**



(L-R) **Gabriel Coto** receives Exemplary Student Award from Mayor **Charles Burkett**



## SURFSIDE BOOK CLUB



The Surfside Book Club is set to meet on Tuesday, July 17th. The book selection is "**Slaughterhouse Five**" by **Kurt Vonnegut**. This is one of his most popular works and widely regarded as a classic; it combines science fiction, the human condition, time travel and history of World War II.

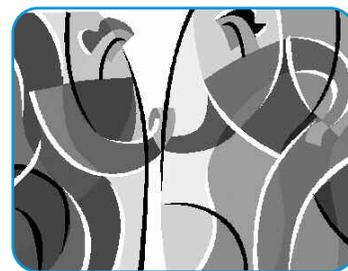
Join other excited Surfside readers for fun discussion.

Be sure to confirm date, time, and place by contacting Pam at [pjmishkin@yahoo.com](mailto:pjmishkin@yahoo.com)

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

The newest section of the Town Gazette, was previously reported to be a monthly feature, however until it "catches on" Surfsiders will be seeing it periodically. You are kindly invited to

submit 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.



### Education Committee Meeting Updates:

The Education Committee will not be meeting in July. The next meeting will be Tues., Aug. 7th.

## SURFSIDE LIBRARY

**Storytime:** Will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 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:

- A Thousand Splendid Suns *by Kaled Hosseini* (author of The Kite Runner)
- Deep Storm *by Lincoln Child*
- Heartstopper *by Joy Fielding*
- Heart-Shaped Box *by Joe Hill*



##### Non-fiction:

- My First Five Husbands.....And the Ones Who Got Away *by Rue McClanahan* (biography)
- Too Late to Say Goodbye: a True Story of Murder and Betrayal *by Anne Rule*
- The 150 Healthiest Foods on Earth: The Surprising, Unbiased Truth About What You Should Eat and Why *by Jonny Bowden*
- Homeschooler's Guide to Free Teaching Aids 2007-2008 9th Annual Edition
- Homeschooler's Guide to Free Videotapes 2007-2008 9th Annual Edition

#### CHILDRENS' BOOKS:

- Weather: Discovery Starts With a Single Word *by Penelope Arion* (easy reader)
- Henry and Mudge and the Tumbling Trip *by Cynthia Rylant* (easy reader)
- Who Will Tuck Me in Tonight? *by Arol Roth* (easy reader)
- Deep in the Swamp *by Donna M. Bateman* (easy reader)
- Close Encounters (Nancy Drew Mystery) *by Carolyn Keene* (junior fiction)
- Pirates of the Caribbean, Jack Sparrow, The Age of Bronze # 5 *by Rob Kidd* (junior fiction)
- Lost at Sea! *by Matt Doeden* (junior non-fiction)
- Nifty Thrifty Music Crafts *by Felicia L. Niven* (junior non-fiction)



#### DVD's

- Pan's Labyrinth (Spanish-horror) R • Miss Potter (drama) PG • Catch and Release (comedy) PG13
- Happily N'ever After (animated) PG • Bridge to Terabithia (children's) PG

#### AUDIO

- Simple Genius *by David Baldacci* • Wild Fire *by Nelson DeMille* • Brother Odd *by Dean Koontz*

The Library is on summer schedule: Open Thursdays and Closed Saturdays

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Youth Instructional Soccer Program A Great Success!

An Awards Ceremony held on Tuesday, May 22 marked the conclusion

of Surfside's 1st season Youth Instructional Soccer Program. Everyone who participated this year was recognized for their achievements and the Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to report that enrollment was at full capacity the entire season. The program will resume in the early fall. Reserve your child's place early. Please check the website, and read the Gazette for upcoming registration details.



## SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp is well underway. The Recreation Department currently has 105 campers registered in summer camp

and 25 campers registered in our Teen Camp. Participants have been able to enjoy activities such as arts and crafts,

swimming, gymnastics, field trips and more. The camp runs through August and the campers can expect more terrific programming which will include outings to the Venetian Pool, to movies, ice skating, and bowling.



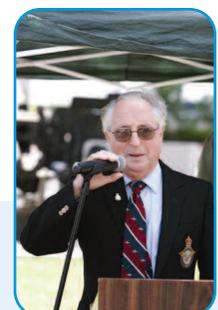
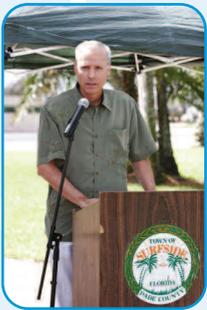
# 2007 MEMORIAL DAY

The community paid their respects to the country's war veterans during the town's annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Mayor Charles Burkett, Vice Mayor Howard Weinberg, Commissioners Marc Imberman, Steve Levine and Mark Blumstein participated in the ceremony. The Town of Surfside was pleased to host an honor-

able event and would like to extend its thanks to the guest speakers, Peter Neville (Retired Air Force), Irving Gelfand (United States Army), and Petty Officer Virginia Mayo (United States Navy).

The Town also expresses its appreciation to Marissa Mintz for singing the

National Anthem, Reverend Priscilla Whitehead of the Church by the Sea for the Invocation and Benediction, Joey Coto for performing the traditional taps, Bruce Lamberto for displaying the war vehicles and providing the three gun salute, and the Local Boy and Girl Scouts for the Presentation of Colors.



# MEMORIAL DAY

## 2007



# Meet The Surfside Police Department's Newest Recruit "Kilo"

The Surfside Police Department is pleased to introduce the community to "Kilo" a young Belgian Malanois, who comes to South Florida from overseas. This new K-9 recruit had already start-



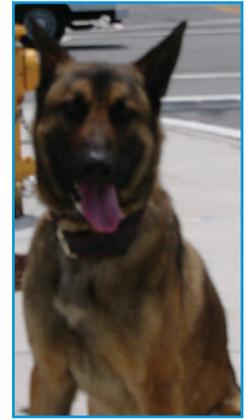
K-9 unit patrol car

ed basic training in his homeland and his well developed capabilities will enhance the department's efforts to thwart crime. Officer Patrick McKenna has been chosen to partner with Kilo. Not only will they work together, but they will also live together. Officer McKenna is responsible for



Ofc. Patrick McKenna & K-9 partner, Kilo

Kilo's day to day well-being, which includes his care, feeding, grooming and if required, his medical attention. As a team, they will participate in more intensive law enforcement training. Officer McKenna will supervise Kilo's skill development as a K-9 officer, and will prepare him for his active duties in patrol work, narcotic & gun discovery, as well as in the search for, and apprehension, of suspects.



"Kilo"

# Employee Fitness Center Opens In Town Hall



On Tues., May 29, 2007, as part of a joint initiative, the Surfside & Bal Harbour

Police Departments hosted an Opening Ceremony for a newly established employee Fitness Center, located in Surfside Town Hall. The Center was built entirely from donations. No municipal funds were used to obtain the state-of-the-art equipment and the man-hours to set up the facility were also provided free of charge.

With grateful appreciation the Bal Harbour and Surfside Police Departments, and the village and town employees recognize the following individuals for their generous contribution to this Fitness Center:

- Jim Agras*
- Larry Feder*
- Benny Klepach*
- Gil Neuman of Kent Security*
- Beau Parrillo*
- Richard Parrillo*



(L-R) Surfside Police Chief Dave Allen, Fitness Center Benefactor, Beau Parrillo of United Auto Insurance, and Bal Harbour Police Chief Tom Hunker



(L-R) Surfside Police Chief Dave Allen, Fitness Center Benefactor, Larry Feder of Construction Depot, Inc., and Bal Harbour Police Chief Tom Hunker



(L-R) Surfside Police Chief Dave Allen, Bal Harbour Comm. Joel Jacobi, Surfside Comm. Marc Imberman and Bal Harbour Police Chief Tom Hunker

## REFRESHED LANDSCAPING FOR THE BUSINESS DISTRICT

Take a look at the new and improved landscaping now in place in the business district.



## Joseph Matthews Named Police Officer Of The Month



(L-R) Assistant Chief, **John Di Censo**, Police Chief **Dave Allen**, Officer **Joe Matthews**, retired Miami Police Detective Sergeant (Homicide) **Joe Matthews, Sr.**, and Mayor **Charles Burkett**

At the Commission Meeting held on June 12th, **Joseph Matthews** was honored as the Surfside Police Officer of the

Month. For the past few weeks Officer Matthews has been assigned to the Chief's Office to assist with numerous administrative duties. Officer Matthews' performance has been exceptional. During this short time period, he has implemented or assisted with the following projects:

- completed monthly crime statistical report
- designed new employee identification cards
- produced new police department forms
- coordinated and managed the installation of the security system
- published new administrative directives

- planned a new police website
- updated officer case cards
- assisted on an electronic crimes investigation
- created a random drug testing selection system

This was an assignment that Officer Matthews did not request. He was transferred from his squad with a change of days off and duties which may have resulted in the loss of regular off duty details.

Officer Matthews is recognized for his unique computer expertise, his innovative talent, his positive and helpful outlook, and his selfless dedication to the police department.

## "Silence Of The Lambs" Author, Tom Harris, Visits Surfside P.D. And Sponsors Two Detectives For Training

Chief Dave Allen recently met with renowned author, **Tom Harris** (Silence of the Lambs, Hannibal, Red Dragon, and Black Sunday), and expressed the department's sincere appreciation of Tom's support of the Surfside Police. Tom is generously sponsoring two

detectives to attend Advanced Criminal Investigations Training. In addition to his success as a writer, Tom is also recognized and respected as a huge champion of law enforcement. During his visit, Tom was kind enough to take time from his busy schedule to



Police Chief **Dave Allen** welcomes "Silence of the Lambs" author **Tom Harris** to the Surfside PD.

tour the police facility and meet with Surfside officers.

## Dedication Of Manuel "Manny" Crawford Conference Room

The Town wished to honor the memory of Surfside Police Lieutenant Manuel "Manny" Crawford, who passed away on May 6th, and pay homage to the 19 1/2 years of stellar service that he provided to the community. During the Commission Meeting held on May 24th, Mayor Charles Burkett proclaimed that the conference room located on the second floor of Town Hall would hereby be known as the "Manny Crawford Conference Room".

Lt. Crawford served as a mentor to

many officers currently serving in South Florida law enforcement, and was recognized as a quiet, strong leader. Manny's mother Julia, his son Robert, daughter Jannie, and his grandchildren attended the dedication ceremony. Police Chief David Allen also presented Manny's family with a plaque displaying the promotional badges that Manny attained during his career (Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant and Lieutenant).



(Front Row) Mayor Charles Burkett presents the dedication plaque to Manny's mother, **Julia Crawford**, and to (Back Row) his daughter **Jannie**, and his son **Robert**, while Police Chief **Dave Allen** observes.

# SELF-DEFENSE AWARENESS AND FAMILIARIZATION EXCHANGE (S.A.F.E.) CLASS



Dr. Rhiannon Thomas demonstrates the "Stay back!" stance.

The Surfside Police Department held a free 2 hour self defense class for women on Tues., May 22 in Town Hall. The course was designed by the National Self Defense Institute to empower and teach every female to take responsibility for their own safety. In a potentially dangerous situation, they are often their best defense.

Miami Beach Police Lieutenant, Kelly Reid, facilitated the evening and gave class members an overview of strategies and physical techniques that could possibly be used to save their own lives when threatened or attacked.

Participants increased their awareness of available defense options that could help them survive. It also raised people's interest to seek out more intensive physical training programs (karate, judo, etc.).



SAFE class participants

The Surfside Police is pleased to announce that it will be holding the S.A.F.E. class again on July 10 in the 2nd floor training room in Town Hall. Seats are limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Don't be disappointed. Reserve your space now by calling Special Projects Coordinator, Wanda Flores at (305) 861-4862 ext. 283.



## SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT Comparison Department Activity April 2007 and May 2007

CLASSIFICATION .....	APR.	MAY.	+/-
HOMICIDE.....	0	0	0
INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL BATTERY	0	0	0
LEWD / LASCIVIOUS .....	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - BATTERY	1	0	-1
BURGLARY RESIDENCE.....	6	1	-5
BURGLARY CONVEYANCE.....	0	0	0
GRAND THEFT .....	3	1	-2
FRAUD .....	6	4	-2
ROBBERY .....	0	1	1
GRAND THEFT AUTO .....	1	0	-1
TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES.....	17	7	-10
BATTERY SIMPLE .....	3	4	1
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE .....	0	2	2
THEFT UNDER .....	0	3	3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF .....	2	3	1
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE .....	2	4	2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT .....	0	1	1
TOTAL PART II CRIMES.....	7	17	10
TRAFFIC CITATIONS .....	924	845	-79
ARRESTS .....	84	41	-43
PARKING CITATIONS .....	435	383	-52

# Surfside "CERT" Graduates Participate In Further Training

On Saturday, June 16, Surfside Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) graduates took part in an advanced training class conducted by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Captain, Ellen Higginbotham. The class focused on

CPR administration to adults, children and babies, and on the proper use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED). As potential first responders, the program was designed to enhance their rescue skills.



(L-R) Surfside PD Special Projects Coordinator **Wanda Flores** & Commissioner **Marc Imberman**



Captain **Ellen Higginbotham** stresses a point regarding defibrillator use



(L-R) Surfside PD Special Projects Coordinator **Wanda Flores**. **Marty Oppenheimer** practices compressions.



Standing (L-R) **Harry Munoz**, **Marty Oppenheimer**, **Eliana Salzhauer**, **Ellen Higginbotham**, **Wanda Flores**, **Comm. Marc Imberman** & **Orlando Oaroma**. (Kneeling L-R) **Marisol Rodriguez**, **Yunda Galvez**.

## BUSINESS DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

### Parents And Kids Hunt For Art

Shoppers and visitors to various Harding Avenue businesses during the week of May 7 through 13 enjoyed delightful exhibits of original artwork by local talent. Over 150 pieces of art were displayed throughout the entire business area.

In keeping with the **TOURIST BUREAU's** efforts to create new programs that bring art and culture to the community, the **SURFSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (SBA)** sponsored the first annual "Parents and Kids - Hunt for Art" event.

Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary School students displayed their art inside Surfside businesses where a "Hunt for Art" sign was prominently displayed. Parents and kids searched for their child's artwork in the restaurants, shops and businesses, and when it was found, they were presented with a coupon book

loaded with specials and savings. Some of the children's work was so impressive many customers and business owners expressed interested in buying the art.

The SBA has fostered many changes for the benefit of the business community and continues to work with the Tourist Bureau to create marketing and promotional events in the commercial district and throughout the Town.



(L-R) SBA President **Eli Tourgeman** & **Joseph Coto** hang artwork

### BUSINESS DISTRICT LIGHTS UP SURFSIDE

Next time you have dinner and stroll through town in the evening, you might notice the business district is lit brighter than it has been in the past. Merchants have banded together to "light up Surfside". This initiative, which adds greater illumination

to the street at night, was designed to showcase the store fronts, their displays and the merchandise within, to make the district more attractive and appealing to residents and visitors alike. Come take a walk and window-shop!

# TOWN OF SURFSIDE WATER CONSUMER

The Town of Surfside is committed to provide its customers with high quality drinking water.

The drinking water in the Town of Surfside is purchased directly from Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD).

We are pleased to report that our drinking water supplied by WASD is safe and has met all federal, state and local standards for drinking water for the calendar year 2006. This information was obtained from the WASD report.

The Town of Surfside routinely monitors for lead, copper and coliform bacteria in your drinking water, in accordance with EPA Federal Regulations.

The data presented in the table below shows the results for the most recent monitoring period, in accordance with the regulations



Contaminant	Federal MCL	Federal Goal	State MCL	Violations Y=Yes N=No	Year Tested	Level Detected	Major Sources of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	1 Positive Sample*	0	1 Positive Sample*	N	2006	None Detected	Naturally present in the environment
Lead (ppb)	AL = 15	0	AL = 15	N	2006	2 homes out of 23 (8.7%) exceeded AL	Corrosion of household plumbing system
Copper (ppm)	AL = 1.3	1.3	AL = 1.0	N	2006	0 homes out of 23 (0%) exceeded AL	Corrosion of household plumbing system

\* - For a system which collects fewer than 40 samples per month

AL=Action Level

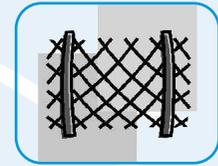
Our system has not exceeded copper action levels during monitoring periods within the last three consecutive years.

Lead can pose a significant risk to your health. Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes because of your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water.

You may contact the Town of Surfside Water & Sewer Department at 305-861-4863 or visit our web site at [WWW.TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV](http://WWW.TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV).

Additional information is available from Miami-Dade County: Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or visit their web site at [WWW.MIAMIDADE.GOV](http://WWW.MIAMIDADE.GOV) click the link "Find a Department," and click on "Water and Sewer Department".

# CHAIN LINK FENCE ORDINANCE



On Tues., May 15 the Town Commission adopted Ordinance 07-1478, Section 90-183 "Fences, Walls, and Hedges", with an effective date of May 25, 2007. Residents are advised:

- Chain link fences located in the front yard or street side yard must be removed within 180 days from the adoption of this Ordinance.
- No grandfathering of chain link fences shall be permitted in the front yard or in the street side yard.
- No grandfathering of chain link fences shall be permitted in interior side yard and rear yards if the fence is not covered by plant materials.

**The Compliance Date is Wed., Nov. 21, 2007**

For further details as to how this Ordinance may apply to you, please contact Code Compliance Officer, Mike Garcia at (305) 861-4863 ext. 230.

## Surfside Recycles



The Town of Surfside is pleased to participate in the recycling of materials that would otherwise be considered waste. It is an easy way for all of us to do our part to keep our community clean and green.

Wednesday is recycle day in the Town of Surfside. The Sanitation Department supplies residents with

recycle bins and they will be delivered to the customer's home. Please place the bins at the curb by 7:00 a.m. for pick-up.

Newspapers, color inserts, and flattened corrugated cardboard should be placed in the GREEN bin, while mixed plastics, glass, aluminum, and ferrous metals are to be placed in the BLUE bin. At the suggestion of Miami-Dade County, please place your blue recycling bin on top of your green bin to protect

your newspapers and corrugated on rainy or windy days. There is a list of acceptable and non-acceptable materials for recycling which is available for handy reference by contacting Town Hall (305) 861-4863. Further information may also be found at [www.miamidade.gov](http://www.miamidade.gov).

The Town is proud to recycle well over 500 tons of material a year and that number is increasing each year.

## Hurricane Preparedness: Tree Trimming Protects Everyone



Hurricane Season is here again and so is the potential for tropical force winds and frequent summer time storms. Residents are well aware that hanging tree branches and strong winds are an unfavorable mix that can cause considerable damage to our utilities, homes, cars and neighborhoods. Please remember that all trees, or other vegetation, must be cut and maintained at 14 feet 6 inches or more above the surface of the roadway. The time to address this issue is now; not when we are facing the imminent threat of a storm.

The Town of Surfside wants to remind all property owners, occupants, or tenants that during a HURRICANE WATCH, YOU are responsible for securing and/or removing all construction materials, debris, dumpsters, trailers, portable toilets, fabric awnings, swing signs, tents, temporary power poles, or any other equipment, materials or loose objects in exposed outdoor locations.

## Lawn Maintenance Priority



South Florida water restrictions continue but the rainy season has finally provided our very dry lawns with much needed precipitation. Our lawns are acquiring their healthy green color again, but the long overdue moisture has now created a condition of overgrown grass.

Residents are reminded to make regular lawn cutting a priority in order to maintain the well manicured, high quality appearance of Surfside properties.

# July 2007 Calendar

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, JULY 10, AT 7:00 PM

Community Center Committee..... To Be Announced.

Education Committee..... July 3rd meeting is CANCELLED.

Parks & Recreation Committee.....Third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (07/19/07)

Planning & Zoning Board .....Last Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (07/26/07)

Tourist Bureau,..... First Monday of the month at 6:00 pm (07/02/07)

## UPCOMING

Senior Trips Resume.....August

Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins.....September

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

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

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Weiss, Serota et al.	Town Attorney
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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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