



Surfside Town Gazette

June 2008

Mayor's View



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This month I have what I think is very good and very bad news to share with you.

Let's do the bad first and get it out of the way. At the last meeting, our zoning code came up for final approval. Just in case you may not know how the zoning code affects us, I will try to give you my 30-second interpretation. The zoning code is a roadmap. It sets down the rules and limits for construction and for all future development in Surfside. The language, intent and interpretation of the zoning codes is critical because the reality is that while the adopted ordinances can support the building of new, desired projects, if a zoning ordinance is not worded carefully or applied properly it can allow for the building of unwanted projects.

At the last Town Commission meeting, the new zoning code was approved. I spoke out loudly and voted against it because the new code now permits Hotel and Motel construction on Harding Avenue just across the street from our residential district. This was not the case in the past.

This is very bad in my opinion for the following reasons:

- 1) It encourages smaller, lower cost non-Ocean front hotels, which by definition cater to a different economic slice of the tourist population; think spring break or other very rowdy groups of fun seekers. Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale have surely struggled for years with the fallout from this phenomenon – do we want the overflow from them?
- 2) We've already got smaller, non-ocean front hotels on Collins Avenue, near our business district, that keep our police department very busy.
- 3) Supporters say that they will be

“boutique” Hotels. Okay, maybe when they are first built they might be. What happens 2 years later when they begin to run down, and the economy is in a decline, and they have to drop room rates just to stay operating? Do we think they're just going to close shop because they can't get the rates they used to? Do we think they will care about Surfside's residents or our way of life? Hardly. The business will become another inferiorly located hotel, just renting rooms for whatever or to whomever they

(Continued on page 5)

Major Changes Coming To Residential Recycling Program!



- Participation made easier.
- Types of recyclables to be expanded.
- Miami-Dade County to announce more details soon.

Inside This Issue...

Mayor's View	p. 1 & 5
Residential Recycling Changes.....	p. 1
A Message From Commissioner Calderon	p. 2 & 3
Board & Committee Appointments	p. 2
Retired Public Defender, Bennett H. Brummer, Honored	p. 3
Summary of Planning & Zoning Code Changes	p. 3
Town Manager's Report	p. 4
Commission Resolutions/Ordinances	p. 4 & 5
July 4th Celebration	p. 5
Living In A Flood Hazard Area	p. 6
Parks & Rec. Dept.....	p. 7
Community Center Deconstruction Complete	p. 7
1st Hybrid Vehicle For Town's Fleet	p. 8
New Community Center "GREEN" Certification	p. 8
Surfside Library Re-Opens.....	p. 8
Police Dept	p. 9
June Calendar	p. 10

A Message From Commissioner, Elizabeth Calderon



Commissioner
Elizabeth Calderon

I welcome the opportunity to chat with Surfsiders about issues regarding our town. I found it interesting during the campaign going door-to-door talking with you personally and listening to your issues. Now that I am elected, I expect to work for you and bring your visions and ideas to fruition. Many residents have a dog, and establishing a Dog Park in Surfside was part of my campaign. The Surfside Charrette 2.2.5 envisions dog parks

where the town currently has pump stations, 89th & Dickens and 93rd & Byron. Implementing this will be discussed at Commission Meetings and will hopefully occur this year.

The Commission's first act this year was to interview and hire a new Town Manager. I am very excited to have an executive of such high quality here in Surfside. Gary Word has an outstanding background, qualifications, and experience bringing to Surfside a welcome breath of fresh air. I encourage each of you to take every opportunity to meet and welcome him to our town.

Many residents are concerned with openness and honesty in their government, and I feel quite confident that we have openness and honesty in Surfside.

I am being educated about Florida Sunshine Law which is very intimidating and not always in the Town's best interest. The first thing I was told is that I cannot speak to the Mayor or any Commissioner about town business or anything that may come before the commission for a vote, which is just about anything. So, when you ask why commissioners are having lengthy discussions at town meetings, be advised that the town meeting is the ONLY time we may speak to each other or discuss any item with each other, and only if the item is on the agenda. This ensures that everything will move very slowly, but it will all be discussed publicly.

(Continued on page 3)

Board & Committee Appointments: 2008-2010

(List complete as of Gazette publishing deadline)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Paul Yavis
Sherry Ulsh
Peter Hickey
Pamela Mishkin
Marta Olchyk
Commission Liaison: Vice Mayor Imberman

GREEN COMMITTEE:

Heather Oppenheimer
Daryle Prager
VACANT
Noel Steinfeld
Tina Gaber
Jeffrey Diamond
Oliver Sanchez
VACANT
Michael Cohen
Michelle Kligman, Ph.D, Chair
Commission Liaison: Commissioner Weinberg

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Carlos Rosa
Christy Rautbord
Andrew Craven
Rick Zambrano
John McQuagge
Commission Liaison: Commissioner Weinberg

PENSION BOARD:

MEMBER 1-Stan Bershad
MEMBER 2-Michael Feldman
Town Manager-Gary L. Word
Employee Rep-Michael Garcia
PD Rep-Orlando Laso

PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD:

VACANT
Brian Dooreck
VACANT
Ruben Coto
Jay Abramowitz
Commission Liaison: Mayor Burkett

PLANNING AND ZONING / DESIGN REVIEW BOARD:

Peter Glynn
Jorge Gutierrez
Aram Brazillian
Daniel Dietch
Richard Iacobacci
Design Review Architect - James MacKenzie
Design Review Architect - Elizabeth Ogden
Commission Liaison: Elizabeth Calderon

POLICE OFFICERS PENSION TRUST FUND:

(Resident)-Rob Silvagni
(Resident)-Ed Yero
(PD Elected)-John Gentile-Police Department
(PD Elected)-Orlando Laso-Police Department
(PD Elected)-Tony Mesa-Police Department

TOURIST BUREAU:

Barbara Cohen
Eric Bogart
Lisa Bortman
Bernie Edelstein
Eli Tourgeman
Commission Liaison: Commissioner Levine

Town Commission Honors Retired Dade County Public Defender, Bennett H. Brummer

Elected to office in 1976, Bennett H. Brummer served eight consecutive terms as the County's Public Defender. He provided innovative, determined leadership and quality representation for hundreds of thousands of clients, despite often inadequate funding and limited resources. He was one of the first public defenders in the country to

hire social workers to help defendants with drug addiction, trauma, and mental health problems. He is recognized as a national (and international) leader in promoting community partnerships designed to improve public policy, strengthen families and reduce crime and violence.



(L-R) Mayor **Charles Burkett**, Retired Public Defender **Bennett H. Brummer**, Commissioner **Steve Levine**

Commission Approves New Planning & Zoning Code

On Tuesday, May 13, 2008, following a lengthy process, staff presented a new Planning & Zoning Code to the Town Commission. The document reflects input from the Charrette and the Planning and Zoning Board.

Some of the major changes to the Zoning Code are:

- New provisions requiring landscape buffers
- Amending the length allowance of docks to thirty-five (35) feet
- Allowance and regulation of temporary construction fences
- New provisions requiring the articulation of ornamental walls
- Allowance of six feet ornamental walls and fences into all yards
- Allowance and regulation of portable storage units
- New provisions requiring pervious area
- Determination that height should be measured from the crown of the road
- New procedures for design review
- Administrative variance procedure
- New zoning categories to streamline zoning map
- New zoning map in GIS
- New procedures for site plan review
- New procedures for rezoning applications
- New landscape requirements
- Real estate and political sign changes
- Adding Hotels to the H30C District, which is along Harding Avenue
- Amending the projection of balconies into setbacks
- New provision requiring the staggering of balconies

The new Planning and Zoning Code is available on the Town's Website: www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

Message from Commissioner Elizabeth Calderon

(Continued from page 2)

Upgrading the Beach Walking Path has been a passionate issue for me for a long time and I hope to see it come to pass during my tenure in office. There have been some setbacks, but it is moving forward, slowly. I would like to hear from you about style and design for the Beach Walking Path, so please send me your ideas.

Cleaning up both the residential and business district is important and necessary. I hope to see a community bulletin board at Publix which will hopefully mean fewer paper signs around the residential and business districts. Additionally, sidewalks need regular power washing, trash containers need new tops, store fronts need cleaner windows and fewer signs. The parking lot behind the stores needs serious attention with new black top, marked lanes,

flowers, trees, and the drainage in the alley needs repair. Lots to be done.

I am often out and about around Surfside, however, I encourage you to use the email system to contact your elected officials and let us know what you want done in your town. My email address is ecalderon@townofsurfsidefl.gov and I look forward to hearing from you.



Surfside Commission Highlights



1. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager, Gary L. Word, recommended to the Town Commission that the proposed Director of Public Works be a dedicated position for the Town. The Commission concurred with the Manager and authorized him to fill the current vacancy.

Mr. Word suggested that a special meeting or workshop be scheduled to discuss commission/staff relationships and expectations, and to establish a prioritized work program for him. The Commission agreed and chose the Special Meeting on May 27th as an acceptable date.

The Town Manager indicated that a representative from the architectural firm Calvin-Giordano and Associates would present a projects progress report.

With regard to emergency preparedness for the upcoming hurricane season, the Town Manager informed the Commission that plans continue to move forward and that Debris Management and Debris Monitoring Request for Proposals (RFP) are currently being advertised.

Mr. Word reported that he would be attending the Florida Manager's Conference in Marco Island and would be away from May 28th through the morning of May 31st.

The following Ordinance was adopted on Second Reading:

2. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 90 "Zoning" of the Code of Surfside, Florida by repealing and replacing Chapter 90 entitled "Zoning" in its entirety; adopting a new Chapter 90 entitled "Zoning" including adoption of an official Town Zoning map for all districts; providing for repeal of conflicting provisions; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: 4-1 (Mayor Burkett Dissenting)**

(The new Zoning Code is available on the Town's website at www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)

The following Ordinances were adopted on First Reading. Second Reading will be held on the date indicated:

3. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending the future land use element of the Town's adopted Comprehensive Plan to create a new future land use category entitled "Community Facilities"; providing for height and area regulations for this new future land use category; providing for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs and all other units of local government or governmental agencies required by law; providing for adoption; providing for severability; providing for repeal of conflicts; providing for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan; and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading date TBA) **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

4. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Chapter 42, "Floods," Article II, Sections 42.26 through 42.62; amending and replacing the Town's current floodplain management standards to comply with the new flood insurance rate map and flood insurance study issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; providing for severability and repeal of conflicting provisions; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading date TBA) **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

5. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 2 "Administration," Section 2-182 "Vested Rights; Effect of Salary Payments, Deductions for Plan" of the Code of the Town of Surfside to provide for a five-year vesting period for sworn police officers; amending Chapter 2 "Administration," Article V "Employee Benefits," Division 2 "Pension Plan," Section 2-176 "Service Retirement Allowance" by creating a new sub-paragraph (a)(3) to provide for normal retirement for the Town Manager upon attainment of age 62 with 7 years of credited service; providing for severabil-

ity; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; providing an effective date (Second Reading date is scheduled for May 27, 2008) **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

The following Resolutions were approved at the May 13th Meeting:

6. A Resolution of the Town of Surfside, Florida accepting Dell Financial Services lease proposal for the lease of certain computer equipment in the amount of fifty-three thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars (\$53,244) over a three year period; re-appropriating fund balance (reserves) from the General, Tourist, Library, Water and Sewer and Solid Waste Funds; providing for implementation of lease agreement; amending the Town's budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

7. A Resolution of the Town of Surfside, Florida accepting proposal "B" for the SunGard Naviline 5.0 - ASP Model option for a period of three years; re-appropriating fund balance (reserves) from the General, Tourist, Library, Water and Sewer and Solid Waste Funds; providing for implementation of agreement; amending the Town's budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

8. A Resolution of the Town of Surfside Florida, authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with PFM Group to perform financial advisor services to the Town; authorizing the Manager to do all things necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution; providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

9. A Resolution of the Town of Surfside, Florida authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with New Community Strategies to perform an evaluation of the Town's solid waste disposal services for an estimated cost of \$8,900; re-appropriating fund balance (reserves) from the Solid Waste fund; providing for implementa-

(Continued on page 5)

Surfside Commission Highlights

(Continued from page 4)

tion of agreement; amending the Town's budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

10. A Resolution of the Town of Surfside, Florida granting to Peoples Gas System, a division of Tampa Electric Company, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive natural gas franchise agreement to use the public rights of way of the Town of Surfside, Florida and prescribing the terms and conditions under which such franchise may be exercised; making findings; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; further providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

11. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, adopting nine storm water ele-

ments into the Town's Storm Water Master Plan, providing for an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

12. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, approving an amendment to the agreement between Town Manager Gary L. Word and the Town of Surfside; and providing an effective date. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

In other matters...

Officer Lesmes Ruiz was recognized as Officer of the Month for April 2008.

The Town Commission recognized Retiring Public Defender Bennett Brummer in recognition of his outstanding achievements during his tenure.

Saul Frances, Parking Director for the City of Miami Beach gave a presentation at the Commission Meeting regarding the steps the Town must take

in order to implement a Town-wide residential parking program.

The Town Commission retained the law firm of Scott Cole to handle the Davis V. Town of Surfside Case No. 07-17286CA-08.

The Commission directed the Town Attorney to draft ballot language for the November Election to put to a vote the opting out of the Miami Dade County Fire Board.

Also regarding the Fire Board, the Commission authorized that a study regarding the pros and cons of ceding from the County Fire Board and contracting with the City of Miami Beach.

The Mayor will now be receiving e-mail during the Good and Welfare portion of the Town Commission meetings. The Mayor can be reached at mayor@townofsurfsidefl.gov during the live broadcast of the Town Commission meeting.

Mayor's View

(Continued from page 1)

can get, doing whatever they have to do to survive economically!

All of this for a negligible amount of tourist tax revenue? Please! We can surely afford to fund our events in other ways that don't jeopardize our incredible quality of life. Let's not repeat the exploitative development mistakes of our neighbor to the south. Yes, they've got revenue, but at what cost? In Miami Beach or Sunny Isles in some areas, you don't see the sun shining until almost noon because of the massive construction!

The longer Surfside stays a beachfront paradise with low height, density and intensity uses, the more valuable, attractive and coveted we become. For those concerned about obtaining greater revenue, the more rare Surfside becomes, the more people will want to pay to be here. That will ultimately translate into the revenue stream we will need to get things done in the future. Let's not kill the goose that laid the golden egg!

To this end, I will be insisting that the question of Hotel development, anywhere but on Ocean front property, be put to a vote of our residents in the November election.

For the record, I do support one world class Ocean front hotel in Surfside, which would provide our Town with an enduring source of high quality rooms, which will increase tourism and in turn, our tax revenue. This will ultimately fund infrastructure projects and other municipal improvements and events, and will be consistent with our vision for Surfside's future.

THE GOOD NEWS

The Town Commission voted unanimously to move forward with the switch to use the Miami Beach Fire Department in place of the Dade County Fire Department. The decision will ultimately be in the hands of Surfside's voters as the Commission has voted to put it on the ballot in November. Suffice to say, if passed, Surfside taxpayers will have the oppor-

tunity to direct the estimated \$2,000,000 in savings towards paying for every single one of our wish list items including our new community center, Beachwalk, parks and undergrounding of power lines. All paid for with no additional money from taxpayers!

Indian Creek Village residents have already voted to go with Miami Beach. Once the use of Miami Beach Fire Rescue services is approved by Surfside's voters, we can work with our neighbors to make it a reality.

As always, please call or write with your thoughts – they help me stay on track.

All the best,
Charlie



SURFSIDE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION



◇ 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, DJ, Rides, Food ◇ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Live Music

Fireworks Display begins promptly at 9:00 pm!

For more information please call (305) 866-3635.

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 completed elevation certificates and the latest edition of the Elevation Certificate Form for your Surveyor's use, it is available at the Town Building and Zoning Department. Elevation certificates have been maintained since 1987. 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 is equal or 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 9293 Harding 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).

Parks & Recreation Department

June 9th: First day for Surfside Summer and Teen Travel Camps!!

Please call (305) 866-3635 for Parks & Recreation Department Programming Updates.

Summer Surf Lessons



Sundays, June 8 - June 29 • Registration In Progress
 Ages 5 - 8: 9:30 am - 11:00 am • Ages 9 - 15: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
 Location: In front of Lifeguard Tower, Surfside Beach
 Fees: Residents \$100 per session (4 Lessons) • Non-Residents \$150 per session (4 Lessons)

All Participants Must Know How To Swim. No Exceptions. Call (305) 866-3635 for more details.

The Community Center Deconstruction Is Complete!



Surfside Tennis Center



The regularly scheduled
Hours of Operation are listed below:

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

“Meet, Greet, and Play Tennis”

Monday Adult 8:00 am - 10:30 pm
 Thursday Adult 8:00 am - 10:30 pm

Fee: \$9 per person for residents / \$10 non-resident per person

“Sign Up Doubles”

Wednesday Adult / Juniors 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
 Reservations Required

Fee: \$6 per person for residents / \$8 non-residents per person

“Match making services.
 Let us make a tennis match for you”

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

THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER 10200 Biscayne Blvd.



Hours of Operation: Call (305) 795-2241, or check www.miamishoresvillage.com.
 Bus Service Schedule Available: www.townofsurfsidefl.gov
 Surfsiders must present a valid, updated resident ID card.



The Aquatic Center will be CLOSED on June 2, July 7 & Aug. 18.

SURFSIDE BEACH CLUB

(June)

Sunday - Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Residents & Non-Residents Please Note: rental fees apply for umbrellas & chairs



1st Hybrid Vehicle For Surfside's Fleet

Following the Town Commission's initiative to "Go Green" the administration is proud to unveil the newest vehicle in the town's fleet of service cars, the Toyota Prius. Since its introduction into the United States in 2000 (for the 2001 model year), the Prius has dominated the hybrid market. As a hybrid, the car uses both an electric motor and a gasoline engine. It uses the

electric motor as long as possible before kicking to the gas engine for help. As result of design engineering improvements, it continues to be an industry leader in fuel economy and is considered to be the most technologically advanced ultra low emissions vehicle available. The Town's Code Compliance Officer will be driving the the car.



The addition of this vehicle supports the Town's efforts to become more environmentally friendly.

Community Center To Strive For "Green" Certification

On Tues., May 13, residents and elected officials attended a Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification Workshop. LEED certification is a rating system which indicates how "Green" a building actually is.

Rob Hink, a LEED accredited professional, presented a breakdown of the elements that the design, construction and operation of the new Community Center would have to incorporate in order to achieve LEED certification. LEED is a system where projects earn points for



satisfying specific green building criteria, within the following 6 categories: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation in Design.

Depending upon the number of points a project attains in each category determines the level of LEED certification the project receives. The progressive levels are: Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. There are only about 50 new construction buildings in the United States that

have been awarded the Platinum designation. It is anticipated that the new Surfside Community Center will most likely be certified at the silver level.

Building "Green" has numerous environmental and economic advantages, including, but not limited to, energy use reduction, improved air and water quality, solid waste reduction, and conservation of natural resources.

For further information, please check the U.S. Green Building Council website: www.usgbc.org.

SURFSIDE LIBRARY RE-OPENS

The move to the modular unit behind Town Hall is now complete and the staff of the library welcomes back residents. Please note that summer hours are now in effect.

For your reading pleasure...

ADULT BOOKS:

Fiction (Large Print):

- Rhett Butler's People *by Donald McCaig* (a sequel to Gone With The Wind)
- Phantom Prey *by John Sandford*
- The Hallow *by Nora Roberts*

Fiction:

- Remember Me? *by Sophie Kinsella* (has wicked humor & delicious charm)
- Change of Heart *by Jodi Picoult*

Summer Hours:

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday CLOSED



Surfside Police Officer Of The Month, Lesmes Ruiz

On April 13, while on routine patrol Officer **Lesmes Ruiz** stopped a green Volvo in the residential area for a traffic violation. Officer Ruiz checked the subject for warrants and it showed an active felony warrant for kidnapping, armed robbery and falsely impersonating a police officer involving

death/injury. In 2003 in Miami, the driver along with three subjects had impersonated FBI agents and robbed and kidnapped a husband and his wife at gunpoint and held them for ransom. Due to Officer Ruiz's diligence, a dangerous wanted felon was taken off the streets.



(L-R) Police Chief **Dave Allen**, Mayor **Charles Burkett**, Police Officer **Lesmes Ruiz**, Assistant Police Chief **John Di Censo**

Congratulations to Surfside PD's Newest Lieutenant, Orlando Laso and Sergeant, Rory Alberto

Orlando Laso began his career with the Surfside PD in April 2002 as a dispatcher/public service aide. Upon his graduation from the Police Academy, he returned to the Department as a patrol officer. During the past few years he has held positions with increasing responsibilities, including stints as a Field Training Officer for new officers, and as a Motorcycle Patrol Officer, focusing mainly on enforcing traffic laws. In May of 2007 he attained the rank of Sergeant of Police and was in charge of the Off Duty employment, traffic department, and the patrol operations on the day squad. Orlando was promoted to Lieutenant in April of 2008.

held numerous positions within the department with progressively more challenging responsibilities, including Field Training Officer, Motorcycle

Patrol Officer and Detective. Rory was promoted to Sergeant in April of this year and is presently in charge of the night shift squad.

Rory Alberto's education and initial employment was in the field of corrections as a Sworn Detention Deputy. Following further training he became a Certified Law Enforcement Officer and was hired by Surfside in 2004. He has



(L-R) Police Chief **Dave Allen**, Sergeant **Rory Alberto**, Lieutenant **Orlando Laso**, Assistant Police Chief **John Di Censo**

SURFSIDE POLICE CRIME STATISTICS Monthly Activity by Classification

CLASSIFICATION	MAR	APR	+/-
HOMICIDE.....	0	0	0
INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL BATTERY	0	0	0
LEWD / LASCIVIOUS.....	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - BATTERY	0	4	4
BURGLARY STRUCTURE.....	2	5	3
BURGLARY CONVEYANCE	2	1	-1
GRAND THEFT	0	2	2
FRAUD	3	3	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0
GRAND THEFT AUTO	0	0	0
TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES.....	7	15	8
BATTERY SIMPLE	3	2	-1
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	0	0
THEFT UNDER	3	4	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.....	2	3	1
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE	5	7	2
TOTAL PART II CRIMES.....	13	16	3
TRAFFIC CITATIONS.....	1066	863	-203
ARRESTS	87	56	-31
PARKING CITATIONS	531	413	-118

June 2008 Calendar

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, JUNE 10, AT 7:00 PM

Education Committee.....First Tuesday of the Month, at 8:00 pm (06/03/08)
 Green Committee.....First Wednesday of the Month, at 6:30 pm (06/04/08)
 Parks & Recreation Committee...Third Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 pm (06/19/08)
 Planning & Zoning BoardLast Thursday of the Month, at 7:00 pm (06/26/08)
 Tourist Bureau.....Monday, June 9th, at 6:00 pm (Police Training Room)

UPCOMING:

July 4th Festivities begin at 5:00 pm

Fireworks start promptly at 9:00 pm. 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.
 Beach Club July 4th extended hours: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

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 or visit the Website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov



100% of the electricity used to manufacture LOE Dull Text 100lb/148gsm is from Sappi generated renewable energy sources. LOE contains fiber from well-managed, independently certified forests and contains 30% post consumer recycled fiber.

Town Commission

Charles W. Burkett	Mayor
Marc Imberman	Vice Mayor
Howard S. Weinberg	Commissioner
Steven Levine	Commissioner
Elizabeth Calderon	Commissioner

Town E-Mail

Barguelles@townofsurfsidefl.gov

Town Officials

Gary L. Word	Town Manager
Beatris Arguelles	Town Clerk
Weiss, Serota et al.	Town Attorney
David E. Allen	Police Chief

Town Commission/Manager E-Mails

mayor@townofsurfsidefl.gov
hweinberg@townofsurfsidefl.gov
mimberman@townofsurfsidefl.gov
slevine@townofsurfsidefl.gov
ecalderon@townofsurfsidefl.gov
gword@townofsurfsidefl.gov

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

Town of Surfside

P.O. Box 546853
 9293 Harding Avenue
 Surfside, Florida 33154
www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

PRSR STD
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 MIAMI, FLA.
 Permit No. 457

