



Surfside Town Gazette

November 2009



Mayor
Charles
Burkett

TOWN COMMISSION REVIEWS COMMUNITY CENTER PLANS



Community Center Phase I

On October 29, 2009 a Special Town Commission Meeting was held to review the Community Center plans.

Larry Kline, Associate Principal and Director of Design at AECOM, presented the plans for the Phase I single-story facility within the \$5,000,000 budget, estimating it to begin in February, 2010 and open doors in December, 2010. Barry Miller, of Savino Miller Design Studio, reviewed the landscape plan.

The Town Commission then voted unanimously to proceed with the project.

IMPORTANT WATER TREATMENT NOTICE

The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department will temporarily change its method of chlorination at each of its regional water treatment facilities. This free chlorine treatment will provide a stronger disinfection and bleaching process than the existing combined chlorine treatment. This change will take place from **November 9, 2009 to November 22, 2009**. Consumers may experience an unusual chlorine taste or odor in their tap water during that period. These changes, however, will not cause any adverse health effects. Rather, they are designed to provide safe and potable water for the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

FACT SHEET

PRACTICE OF FREE CHLORINE TREATMENT

- The free chlorine treatment period will begin November 9, 2009 and continue through November 22, 2009.
- This process has been coordinated with all Miami-Dade County Public Health and Environmental Regulatory agencies.
- Free chlorine residual produces trihalomethanes (TTHMs). Combined residual chlorine, as normally applied, greatly reduces the formation of TTHMs.
- Studies concerning the carcinogenic effect of TTHMs in drinking water are based on the consumption of 2 liter (slightly over 1/2 gallon) of tap water per day over 70 years. Short periods of exposure to increased levels of TTHMs should be of little health significance. Consuming water with elevated TTHM levels during this two-week treatment period will not result in any adverse health effects.
- There generally is no adverse effects to pets consuming water during these treatment periods; however, consumers with tropical fish should contact their aquarium supplier or pet shop for guidance regarding these water changes.
- Public Notice, announcing the "Free Chlorine Treatment Period" will be published in local newspapers. All hospitals kidney dialysis centers, and pet shops will be notified individually by certified mail. Wholesale customers will be similarly notified by letter.

SURFSIDE RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO USE THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER

Fees: \$6.00 per person/per visit
 Children 6 months and under are FREE
Surfside Residents must present a valid/current resident ID card upon entry

For Hours of Operation:
 Please call (305)795-2241 or visit www.miamishoresvillage.com
 Surfside Bus Service Schedule available at: www.townofsursidefl.gov

ATTENTION: CHANGES AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2009

- The Surfside **Lifeguard Tower** located on 93rd St. beach will be staffed with lifeguards only on Saturdays & Sundays from 9:00 – 5:00 pm
- **Beach Club Rentals** located on 93rd St. beach will be open only Saturdays & Sundays from 9:00 – 5:00 pm (Call the Surfside Parks and Recreation Office at 305-866-3635 for fees)

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE WILL FEATURE NEW FEMA REGULATIONS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TOWN'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The Surfside 75th Anniversary Committee has been diligently working and organizing next year's much anticipated 75th anniversary of our beloved Town and plans to celebrate this historical occasion at the following events :

- Family Fun Day
- The Annual Arts Festival
- The Feature Ceremony and Gala

We call on all Surfsiders to send us their ideas and suggestions. We encourage all residents and businesses to participate and volunteer in our events and help us in organizing and fundraising.

If you wish to volunteer or collaborate with the Surfside 75th Committee please contact Duncan Tavares in the Town of Surfside Tourist Bureau at dtavares@townofsursidefl.gov or by calling 305-864-0722.

REMINDER: THE SURFSIDE LIBRARY IS CLOSED

Residents must return checked out materials to Surfside Town Hall or the book depository on **Harding Avenue.**

Surfside residents can now select from:

The Sunny Isles Beach Branch Library

18070 Collins Avenue
 North Miami Beach, FL
 Phone: (305) 682-0726

The North Shore Branch Library

7501 Collins Avenue
 Miami Beach, FL 33141
 Phone: (305) 864-5392

*A \$50 annual Miami-Dade Library service fee may be imposed. For more information, visit Miami Dade Public Library System Website: www.mdpls.org

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

There will be no pick up on Thursday, November 29, 2009, Thanksgiving Day, for the following:

- Residential garbage collection
- Garden waste collection
- Commercial collection

Regular collection will resume on **Friday November 27, 2009**

SAWGRASS MILLS MALL HOLIDAY SHOPPING



Wednesday November 18, 2009
 Transportation will be provided to and from the mall, departing from: Town Hall (9293 Harding Ave) promptly at 10 am and returning by 4 pm.
Transportation Fee:
\$7 Residents
\$15 Non-Residents

SURFSIDE BOOKCLUB MEETING

November 17, 2009
7:00 PM
"The poetry of Robert Frost"
For more information, email:
kimjo614@the-beach.net

SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW OFFICIALLY ACCREDITED



Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc.

3504 Lake Lynda Drive, Suite 380 ~ Orlando, FL 32817
(800) 558-0218 ~ (407) 275-4171 ~ Fax (407) 275-4174

October 28, 2009

Chief David Allen
Surfside Police Department
9293 Harding Avenue
Surfside, FL 33154

Dear Chief Allen:

Congratulations!

We are pleased to inform you Surfside Police Department has met the required standards to become accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

Your accredited status is official as of this date, October 28, 2009, and will remain in effect for a period of three years. Compliance with any future standards approved by the Commission that may be applicable to your department is part of maintaining your accredited status.

You and your agency are to be commended for your diligence, professionalism, and commitment in achieving this highest recognition among Florida's law enforcement community.

We look forward to working with you and your agency in your continuous pursuit of excellence. On behalf of the Commission, we extend our thanks for your participation and congratulations on a job well done!

Sincerely,


Peg Garty
Executive Director


Ken Mascara
Chair

SURFSIDERS REGISTER FOR SIXTH ANNUAL CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Surfside Police is currently hosting the sixth annual Citizens Police Academy (CPA).

"The purpose of the CPA is to build a strong partnership between the community and the police," said Chief of Police David Allen. "The community gets to know its officers on a first name



Maggie Curran takes aim with Firearm Instructor Tom Lederman

basis and better understands the role of the police. This partnership leads to better communication and crime prevention."

For more information please contact Detective Frank Colonna at (305) 861-4862 or email : Fcolonna@townofsurfsidefl.gov

SURFSIDE PD GETS NEW PATROL VEHICLES



The Surfside Police Department was awarded a grant for \$11,837.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice to purchase a new Personal Electric Mobility Vehicle. This vehicle will be used to patrol residential and business districts in Surfside.

Halloween Block Party



RESORT TAX NOTICE

ATTENTION VACATION PROPERTY OWNERS (SHORT TERM RENTALS)

Please be advised that all residential properties in Surfside rented for less than six months must collect and submit the required 4% Resort Tax.

Contact the Tourist Bureau at
(305) 864-0722 for
further information.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS



On October 4th the Surfside Tourist Bureau and the Best Western sponsored The Battle of the Bands on the beach at 94th Street with Commissioner Levine hosting as Master of Ceremony.

Mr. Ruben Coto and Live School of Music were instrumental in coordinating the student bands. Awards and trophies were provided by Bob Fisher of Crown Trophy. Resident Carlos Planas' duo from World Percussion started the evening with a Latin flavor. The acclaimed, home grown, Jacob's Ladder added the star quality to a perfect evening of entertainment attended by over 200 people.

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3rd THURSDAYS

ON HARDING AVENUE

A1A Southbound from 96th to 94th Streets 6-9PM

Save The Date!
Enjoy the Music & Festivities!
Sample The World on
Two Blocks!

- Nov 19
- Dec 17
- Jan 21
- Feb 18
- Mar 18
- Apr 15



For A Listing of Stores & Restaurants
Surfside Tourist Bureau | www.visitsurfsidefl.com | 305.864.0722

SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the Commission meeting held on October 13, 2009 the Town Commission voted :

- To establish a new monthly minimum service charge for water supply services effective the fiscal year 2009-2010.
- To establish new monthly sewer service rates effective fiscal year 2009-2010.
- To amend the Town Code to include the current corporate seal.
- To correct scrivener's error in the Town Code.
- To adopt procedures for reimbursement of expenses of Town Officials.
- To introduce on first reading an ordinance amending the Town Code regarding required roofing materials.
- To expend \$73,250 from the Police Confiscation Funds.
- To accept a grant from the Justice Department for the purchase of a personal electric transport vehicle for the Police Department.

The Town Commission also approved the Monthly Budget to Actual Summary. **In other Town Commission Actions:**

- Ruben Coto was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Commissioner Steven Levine on behalf of the Surfside Tourist Bureau, in honor of his continued community service to the Town of Surfside. Mr. Coto, a former Commissioner, was most recently instrumental in organizing the student music bands for a series of events downtown and for the October 4th Battle of the Bands at the Best Western.
- Police Chief David Allen introduced Janet Mondschein, Executive Director of MADD, who spoke about the upcoming October 16, 2009 Moonlight MADDness event.
- Michael Futterman, CPA and Andrew Fierman, CPA, Marcum Rachlin presented the Financial Statement of the Town of Surfside as of 9-30-08 which was accepted by the Town Commission.
- Larry Kline, Director of Design, AECOM, updated the Town Commission on the progress of the single story phase one design progress.



Ruben Coto receives Certificate of Appreciation for his continued community service to the Town of Surfside

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Veterans Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Wednesday November 11, 2009 At Veterans Park on 8791 Collins Avenue.

Mayor Charles Burkett was the Master of Ceremony. The event also featured the local Boy and Girl Scout troops, as well as a Presentation of Colors and guest speakers. Light refreshments were served.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Fall Harvest Festival
11/22/2009
Winter Camp
12/21/2009 – 12/31/2009
Family Fun Day
01/31/2010

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS HELP SPRUCE UP HISTORICAL HOWITZER



Through volunteer efforts of The Second Infantry Division and Local Boy Scouts, the historical Howitzer located at Veteran's Park has been cleaned and painted. The group's volunteer efforts are truly appreciated.

ADULT PROGRAMS IN PROGRESS Parks and Recreation: (305) 866-3635

<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Fee (per person)</u>	<u>No class</u>
Beach Bootcamp	Sunday Ages 18 - up	11/08/09-12/13/09	8:00 - 9:00 am	Resident \$54 Non-Resident \$82	11/24
Senior Social Time	Wednesday	9/9/09 - 12/9/09	10:30 - 12:30	FREE	11/25
PLEASE BRING A YOGA MAT TO THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS					
Zumba	Monday	10/26/09-12/14/09	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Resident \$35 Non-Resident \$70	11/23
	Tuesday	10/13/09 -12/8/09	9:30 - 10:30 am	Resident \$40 Non-Resident \$80	11/24
Aerobics	Tuesday	10/13/09-12/08/09	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Resident \$40 Non-Resident \$80	11/24
Yoga	Wednesday	10/14/09-12/16/09	7:00 - 8:00 am	Resident \$40 Non-Resident \$80	11/11 & 11/25
	Monday	10/26/09-12/14/09	9:00 - 10:00 am	Resident \$35 Non-Resident \$70	11/23
Pilates	Thursday	10/15/09-12/10/09	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Resident \$40 Non-Resident \$80	11/23
Senior Yoga	Wednesday	9/9/09 - 12/9/09	9:00 - 10:00 am	Resident \$36 Non-Resident \$60	11/11 & 11/25

New Youth Programs Parks and Recreation: (305) 866-3635	Cheerleading	Thursday Age: 7-12	10/15/09-12/10/09	5 pm-5:55 pm	\$65 Resident \$130 Non-resident	No class 11/26/09
	Beach Flag Football	Sunday Age: 5-6 Age: 7-9 Age: 10-12	10/25/09-12/25/09	8 - 8:50 am 9 - 9:50 am 10-10:50 am	\$65 Resident \$130 Non-resident	No class 11/29/09

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

On October 31st, Surfside residents enjoyed a Halloween Spooktacular event at 96th Street Park. The event featured numerous family activities, including a costume parade which started at 4:30 pm.



BEACH READY BOOT CAMP

SUNDAYS (18 and up)

11/8/2009– 12/13/2009

Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am

LESSON FEES

Resident: \$54.00 session
(5 classes)

Non – Resident \$82.00 session
(5 classes)

*** MUST BRING WATER
BOTTLE AND TOWEL**

Call Parks and Recreation for
more information:

(305) 866-3635

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY KICKS OFF “RELAY FOR LIFE OF SURF-BAL-BAY”



The communities of Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands gathered on Tuesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. for a kick-off party honoring the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Representatives of the American Cancer Society were present at Splatter Ceramic & Arts to explain in depth the importance of the relay. A planning committee was formed, and the event allowed those present with the opportunity to explore different methods of community involvement.



NOVEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

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

Beautification Committee	2 nd Monday of the Month	7:15 pm (11/09/09)
Education Committee	1 st Thursday of the Month	8:00 pm (11/05/09)
Parks & Rec. Committee	3 rd Thursday of the Month	7:00 pm (11/19/09)
Planning & Zoning Board	Last Thursday of the Month	7:00 pm (11/19/09)
75 th Anniversary Committee		6:00 pm (11/16/09)
Pension Board		2:00 pm (11/17/09)

Please note that all times and dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change.

To verify the information, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, visit the website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or tune in to Channel 77

TOWN COMMISSION

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Commissioner Steven Levine	slevine@townofsurfsidefl.gov
Commissioner Elizabeth Calderon	ecalderon@townofsurfsidefl.gov

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Debra Eastman, MMC, Town Clerk	deastman@townofsurfsidefl.gov
Lynn M. Dannheisser, Town Attorney	ldannheisser@townofsurfsidefl.gov
David Allen, Police Chief	dallen@townofsurfsidefl.gov

TOWN WEBSITE

www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

BUSINESS NUMBERS

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

EMERGENCY ONLY

Fire/Police	(305) 861-1115
General	(305) 861-4862

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