

POLICE BEAT

SENATOR PIZZO VISITS SUMMER PROGRAM

State Senator Jason Pizzo, who represents District 38, spoke to the summer tween/teen program “Kickin’ It at 96th Street” on July 1, 2020. Senator Pizzo discussed justice, equality, the judicial system, various types of crimes and how the different degrees of crimes are prosecuted. Thanks again for Senator Pizzo’s never-ending support and altruism to the Surfside community.



Senator Pizzo speaks with one of tween/teens.

SAVE THE DATE

BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020 • 10 AM - 5 PM

TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

PROTECT YOUR BICYCLE FROM THEFT

There are many preventative measures residents and visitors to the Town of Surfside can do to protect their bicycle. Follow these tips:

- Never leave your bike unlocked. Take time to make sure your bike is properly secured.
- Always secure your bike to a bike rack or solid object. Secure both wheels and frame.
- Don’t park in dark or infrequently traveled areas.
- Use a U-Lock instead of a cable lock. Cable locks can be cut easily. If you prefer a flexible cable lock, make sure that it is at least 3/8 inches in diameter.
- Quick release tires and adjustable bicycle seats are examples of parts that are stolen easily.
- Keep a record of your bike’s serial number.
- New or expensive bikes are not always the ones stolen. It is the bikes easiest to steal that are taken.
- Report to police anyone in your neighborhood who



appears suspicious or out of place. If possible, get a description of the person.

IN MEMORIAM OFFICER & RESIDENT DONALD MCGAVERN

SEPTEMBER 1951- MARCH 2020

Don McGavern, a 10-year officer of the Surfside Police Department and a long-time resident of the Town, died in March of 2020. Don had already retired from several successful careers when he returned to the job he loved best: law enforcement. He joined the Surfside Police Department in 2009 as a reserve police officer and then as a full-time officer in 2011.



Don was born in 1951 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he grew up and graduated high school. He came to South Florida in 1974 and attended the University of Miami, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in education. He taught science and coached sports at South Miami High School. While working a second job as a security officer at a drug store, he realized that law enforcement was truly his career. In 1980, he fulfilled his dream when he joined the Miami Beach Police Department. He served on several special units, was promoted to Sergeant and

retired in 2007.

Don was a respected police officer, a mentor for coworkers and well-liked by officers and residents. As a long-time resident of Surfside, he was often seen walking his adored yorkies, Bruno and Vinny, through the Town. Don retired from the Surfside Police Department in 2019 after 10 years of distinguished service.

His daughters said he lived life to the fullest. He was silly, easy to get along with and had a way of putting people at ease. Don is survived by his three daughters, six grandchildren, fiancé Lourdes and her family and his beloved yorkies. He will be missed by the Town of Surfside and all who knew him.

