



Town of Surfside

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Fl
Surfside, FL 33154

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT OCTOBER 2014

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS/INITIATIVES/ENHANCEMENTS

1. Bus Service - Multi-jurisdictional Study – Bus Service Improvements and Operational Efficiencies

Discussions have now been completed with the Managers of Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands and Sunny Isles Beach. Each municipality has expressed its desire to participate in this multi-jurisdictional transportation analysis in order to provide a bus transportation system that is more responsive to its residents ridership needs by attempting to provide a coordinated schedule and routes; expand designation options (Mount Sinai; Aventura Mall, etc.); reduce costs by eliminating overlapping routes and number of vehicles; and provide linkages to the Miami-Dade transportation system.

Miami-Dade CITT has agreed to organize the coordination of the three bus circulators (Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor) in an attempt to identify a more efficient routing that would reduce the overall operating costs.

Each community will appoint a contact person to identify the stops that are necessary. Sunny Isles did not attend but will be asked to participate. Expected timeline for this effort is three (3) months, at which time a revised routing plan should be available for local review, ultimately leading to an interlocal agreement. Duncan Tavares will serve as the Town's representative. The Finance Director, Donald Nelson attended the CITT Municipal Transportation Workshop on behalf of the Town on July 24, 2014.

A meeting was held on August 21, 2014 between MD CITT and the Surf-Bal-Bay representatives. MD CITT discussed the ridership statistics provided by each community and discussions continued on coordinating all of the schedules as well as possible connector locations. The next meeting was earmarked for mid-September to formalize route options with the objective of bringing these before the respective communities in the Fall for feedback. A meeting was also held on August 22, 2014 with the TEDACS, Finance, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works Departments to discuss the recent CITT workshop, plans for a coordinated route and other aspects related to the shuttle such as the existing contract.

A follow up meeting between MD CITT and Surf-Bal-Bay representatives was hosted on September 17, 2014 in Surfside. Representatives from Sunny Isles Beach and Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) were also in attendance. MDT has agreed to review all of the schedules and provide recommendations on

better coordination by mid-October. The TEDACS Director will follow up with them to ensure that this process proceeds on a timely basis notwithstanding the multi-jurisdictional coordination complexities. Surfside's position of having this completed as soon as possible is known by all involved.

2. Joint Skate Park with City of Miami Beach

The proposal of a skate park located between 86th and 87th streets through a partnership between the Town of Surfside and Miami Beach was presented by Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department to the Miami Beach Commission on January 15, 2014. The Miami Beach Commission requested staff to prepare a comprehensive Master Plan for the considerable amount of land in the very extreme north area of Miami Beach owned by the City. The City Commissioners indicated that this area should be developed as part of an overall plan. Miami Beach staff reports that the recreational master planning process for the North Beach area is moving forward and a skate park is included in the project; however, the location will likely be several blocks to the south and incorporated near or in the development of a recreation complex at the Log Cabin site.

At the April 23 Miami Beach Commission meeting, follow-up discussion was held and the Commission did not support a skate park in this vicinity. Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Director John Rebar wrote following the April 23 meeting that, "at this time, Commission is not in support of a skate park anywhere along the west lots 79th through 87th. These lots are now part of a much larger North Beach revitalization plan. The direction is to not invest any capital funds on these lots until the long range vision has been determined". Discussions will continue to explore these options with Miami Beach representatives.

3. Citizen Survey

Identified as an item in the "Manager's Transition: Status Report and Work Plan", with \$5000 allocated in the approved FY 13/14 budget for this initiative, the TEDACS Director is in the process of contacting the following vendors for proposals:

- Barry University (conducted North Bay Village's survey)
- FIU Metropolitan Center (approached by the Town to conduct a survey in 2011)
- Kerr & Downs (conducted Miami Beach's survey)

This item is earmarked as a Town Commission discussion item at the October 14, 2014 meeting.
(Agenda Item)

4. Film Ordinance

The TEDACS Director, Town Attorney's Office and Code Compliance Director met with Sandy Lighterman, Film and Commissioner (Miami-Dade), on August 14, 2014 to discuss a possible interlocal agreement with the Town. This is earmarked as a discussion item for the Town Commission at the November 18, 2014 meeting and is part of the Town Manager's Transition Plan.

5. Miami-Dade Design (Climate Resiliency, Sustainability and Mitigation) Charrette Group 2

Also identified in the Town Manager's Transition Plan, an initial meeting was spearheaded by the Tropical Audubon Society on June 21, 2014. At that meeting groups were formed according to location. Group 2 consisted of attendees from coastal communities including Mayor Dietch and the TEDACS Director. A laundry list of items to address was conceived with a commitment from the group to conduct a subsequent meeting. On August 26, 2014, members of Group 2 met at the Surfside Community Center. The group is committed to create a presentation on achievable initiatives and programs that can be used to educate the community. The next meeting was earmarked to be scheduled for early October.

The follow up meeting is presently on hold (a meeting will not take place in October) due to the unavailability of participants. More information will be provided to the Town Commission when it becomes available.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TOURISM

6. Sidewalk Ordinance Implementation

Sidewalk Café permit applications were included with the LBTR/CU renewals which were sent to businesses in July. Businesses, which have sidewalk cafés, will be required to submit their application with LBTR/CU renewal or cease the sidewalk café. Reminders were provided in September for those who have not yet submitted an application. Finance Department staff will provide a list of businesses that have not made sidewalk café application once they complete processing all LBTR and CU application packages with courtesy notices being issued following receipt of the list. Civil Violation Notices to cease and desist will follow, including notice that sidewalk café furnishings and equipment will be removed by the Town.

7. Parking Structure Feasibility Study

The report entitled "Parking Solution: The Next Step" was presented to the Commission on April 1, 2014 and was an agenda item for the April 8 Commission meeting.

At the May meeting, the Commission approved the proposal of Lambert Advisory to assist in the process of evaluating the Public Private Partnership (P3) recommendation contained in the April 1, 2014 report for the Post Office site. The initial work to be undertaken includes necessary economic/market analysis to ultimately determine feasibility of a P3 and identification of strategic opportunities to ensure a successful P3.

Due to the heightened interest in development opportunities, the Town has recently been approached by multiple parties interested in public private partnership opportunities for the Abbott, Post Office and 94th Street Parking Lots. The Town's parking study identifies these three lots as the potential locations for a parking structure to address the Town's parking deficit. The development community has expressed much interest in the programs identified in the study and has asked the Town for the next steps to proceed with a partnership.

In order to avoid receiving numerous unsolicited proposals/inquiries, Staff is requesting direction. Staff recommends that the Town issue a Request for Information (RFI) to receive concepts from the development community. This method would provide the development community with the opportunity to submit design concepts/interest and possible financial options to the Town Commission to allow an informed discussion.

Staff believes that this approach will enable options to be more clearly identified and possibly provide a quicker parking solution. (**Agenda Item**)

8. Five Year Tourism Strategic Plan

The new Tourist Board Members have been provided with the Plan as well as the Resort Tax Ordinance (including the recommended changes), FY 13/14 Budget documents etc. The Tourist Board will focus on the FY 14/15 budget as identified in the Five Year Tourism Strategic Plan over the next couple of months. The joint meeting of the Town Commission and Tourist Board scheduled for October 6, 2014 to discuss revising the Resort Tax Ordinance and to address the Board's governance, authority and composition was cancelled due to attendance issues.

Holiday Lights: Following the Tourist Board and Town Commission approvals for holiday lights to be installed in the Harding Avenue Business District, a logistics meeting was held with the vendor (Miami Christmas Lights), TEDACS Director, Public Works Director, Lukes Landscaping and the Police Chief on August 21, 2014. Once an install time period is identified, the Town Commission, community and business district will be notified. The lights are earmarked to be ready to light by November 21, 2014. The Public Works Department is working on securing a new nativity scene for the upcoming season.

Mobile App: The Tourist Board approved funding a mobile app at the August 11, 2014 meeting. This app will promote the Town's hotels, stores and restaurants. It will also be used to promote events such as Third Thursdays and has the capability of expanding into a communication tool to locate and pay for parking. The agreement will come before the Town Commission at the October 14, 2014 meeting for consent as it already has the Tourist Board's approval. (**Agenda Item**)

Sister Cities: This initiative, while approved by the previous Tourist Board, is set for discussion by the new Tourist Board at their November 3, 2014 meeting. The focus will be on educating the Board on this initiative and to determine a path forward.

Benches: Prior to the downtown streetscape project, sponsorship of downtown benches was explored as a means to secure seating in the downtown district. While there was interest from a number of businesses at the time, this initiative was put on hold due to the improvement project and the committee choice of benches that cost more than the previously discussed sponsorship amount. The Town Commission will address particulars of a bench sponsorship initiative at the October 14, 2014 meeting. (**Agenda Item**)

DVAC: The next DVAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

9. 95th Street End Project

The 95th Street End Project has started. Luke's Landscape has cleared and removed all un-transplantable vegetation. Many of the palms were relocated to the designed locations within the project limits. New palms have been brought in for the north boundary line. All of the fill material has been brought in and spread to grade. Base rock has been put down for the sidewalks and the paver system. Concrete sidewalks and stairs are scheduled to be installed on October 8 and 9; irrigation scheduled for the week of October 15; and pavers scheduled to be delivered October 21 with installation from October 22 to 24. The project is moving along with completion set for November.

10. Seawall Project

Per the direction of the Commission, a report was scheduled for the September Commission meeting recommending a plan to address seawall deficiencies within available resources. However, due to the length of other agenda items, this item was delayed until the October meeting. (**Agenda Item**)

11. Community Center Expansion: Second Floor Addition

During the December 17, 2012 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, the second floor of the Community Center was listed by the Committee as the top priority for the Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Plan. The FY 13/14 proposed budget contains \$100,000 funding from voluntary proffers to undertake conceptual planning and design of projects including the second story addition to the Community Center. This funding was subject to the Commission approving a Five Year Capital Parks and Recreation Plan. The Resolution adopting the Five Year Capital Parks and Recreation Plan was approved at the September 17 Commission meeting.

The Town Manager moderated a May 14, 2014 Community Discussion to kick-off this community project. The objective of the discussion was to arrive at a consensus of the process to be utilized. It was suggested that the process should appropriately be led by the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Tourist Board as their responsibilities are closely aligned with most aspects of the Community Center.

A joint meeting between the Parks and Recreation Committee and Tourist Board was held on May 19, 2014 to review the possibility of forming a joint Community Center Expansion Committee. This concept was approved and the first official meeting of the Committee was held on June 9, 2014. This meeting was televised on Channel 77. Information was provided to the Committee on past proposals for a second floor to the Community Center. The Committee will review this information and start to formulate and provide a priority list of what should be included on the second floor.

The second scheduled meeting was held on July 7, 2014 in the Commission Chambers. At this time it was requested by the Committee to have a proposed budget amount and to start a priority list during the next scheduled meeting on August 21, 2014.

These meetings will alternate between the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Committee and Tourist Board meetings monthly until the Fall. The goal is to have a recommendation for the Town Commission at that time.

Staff has completed a proposed construction budget and financing plan. Copies were provided to the Tourist Board and Parks and Recreation Committee at the August 21 meeting as requested.

At the August 21, 2014 meeting, the Committee voted to defer moving forward with a Community Center Expansion for two years due primarily to the concern of closing the facility for an extended amount of time after only 3-4 years of being open.

At the September 22, 2014 meeting, the Committee voted to defer moving forward with a Community Center Expansion for two years due primarily to the concern of closing the facility for an extended amount of time after only 3-4 years of being open. The cost of conducting a structural engineering evaluation of the existing building more sooner than later, was reviewed by the Committee during the September meeting and was voted by the Committee 4-3 not to move forward with the evaluation at this time. The cost of the evaluation was \$9,400. A final report from the Committee will be presented to the Town Commission at the October 14, 2014 meeting. The report will be presented by Committee Chair Retta Logan. (**Agenda Item**)

12. Biscaya Drainage

The project began on September 21, 2014. Staff approached this project working from the south to the north. Two drainage structures have been installed and approximately 350 feet of drainage pipe. This is a very slow moving, tedious project due to many water, sewer, and gas lines that have to be carefully dug beneath to place the new drainage pipe. Work stopped due to a re-design of the de-watering portion which needed a permit to continue. The permit will be issued on October 7, 2014. Work will resume on October 13 due to staff having to manually read meters for water billing as the tower which transmit readings was hit by lightning. Staff is working diligently to complete this project and by the end of November and within budget. By doing this project in-house and not contracting it out, the Town is saving \$100,000.

13. Town Hall Improvements

Town Hall

Town Hall roof and chiller system projects have begun. DAC, Inc., the A/C company, is expecting delivery of the chiller system to Town Hall on October 21. Three operations are going on at the same time with these improvements. Because this is a complex project and all three improvements are necessary and must be worked on at the same time, the challenge has been to provide proper coordination and scheduling of the different components and contractors. Work will begin on October 13. Once completed, Town Hall will have a high-energy efficient A/C system, an insulated roof system and drain spouts to relieve the roof of water when it rains. These improvements will pay for themselves within 7 years due to energy savings. Decon Environmental has also been contacted for inside repairs and remediation to begin after the roof and A/C are complete. This will entail new carpet, ceilings and painted walls in the Commission Chambers, Code Compliance office, training

room and Police Chief's office. The complete repair package is scheduled for completion by the first week of December 2014.

PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

14. The Shul Project

The Shul application was heard at the February 27, 2014 Planning and Zoning Board meeting. An independent traffic consultant has been retained to analyze the study submitted by the Shul as well as review existing conditions. Further, Staff, FPL and Shul representatives have met to address the undergrounding in the alley. FPL has expressed concerns regarding the undergrounding. Staff is working towards achieving the original objective of undergrounding utilities in the alley as mutually agreed to by the Shul and the Town; and as approved by Planning and Zoning on February 27. The Town Commission will hear the site plan and special exception application on October 28, 2014. The application is being advertised in the Miami Herald as well as in the Town Manager's message in the October Gazette.

15. Historic Preservation

The staff of the Miami-Dade Historic Preservation Board (Board) has identified 9 buildings along the west side of Collins Avenue as potentially historic structures. These include 9016, 9024, 9025, 9033, 9040, 9048, 9054, 9064 and 9340 Collins Avenue. The property owners were notified of the Board's interest in these buildings through a letter each property owner received notifying them that their property is now subject to a moratorium on all building permits until the Board held a public hearing to determine if the structure would be designated historic. The property owners contacted the Town asking for assistance in this matter. At that time, the Town contacted the Board's staff requesting a meeting to discuss the implications of this moratorium and inform them of the Town's ongoing plans, including the parking structure analysis and the discussion of development standards on the block between Collins and Harding. Based on Town staff discussion with the Board's staff, Town staff indicated that it would be appropriate to request a deferral of a decision by the Board. The Board meeting was held on June 18, 2014 and Town staff requested a six month deferral to provide for an opportunity to work with the Board's staff. An attorney for one of the affected property owners was also present and asked for a three month deferral. The Board granted a three month deferral of the decision to designate the properties historic.

The Town coordinated a meeting for residents with Historic Preservation Staff on September 10. This presented an opportunity for Historic Preservation Staff to inform residents of the process and get questions answered. Approximately 50 residents attended.

Town Staff attended the September 17, 2014 Board meeting to request a second deferral. The Board granted a six month deferral of the two applications that were being reviewed. Residents of the Seaway Condominium were in attendance at this meeting and requested that the Board direct their staff to begin an analysis of their building to determine if it is eligible for historic preservation. The Board voted to approve this request. A report on the Seaway may be back before the Board by November. Town Staff have asked the Board's staff to notify the Town of all correspondence occurring between the Historic Preservation Office and properties in Town.

The Building Official reports that Miami-Dade County's Office of Historic Preservation contacted the Building Department on July 24, 2014 requesting the review of plans for the following addresses:

- 9300 Collins Ave
- 9316 Collins Ave
- 9332 Collins Ave
- 9348 Collins Ave
- 9364 Collins Ave
- 9372 Collins Ave
- 9380 Collins Ave
- 9309-9317 Collins Ave

Property owner Bratt Holdings filed building demolition applications on August 1, 2014 for the following addresses, 9348 Collins, 9364 Collins and 9372 Collins. Property owner 9300 Collins Avenue Investment Group filed a building demolition application on August 8, 2014 for address 9300 Collins. Miami-Dade County's Office of Historic Preservation has not issued a moratorium on permits for these addresses and as such these applications will now precede any such abeyance on the permitting process.

On October 7, the County Commission will consider a Historic Preservation ordinance amending current provision. Staff reviewed the County's Historic Preservation amending ordinance sponsored by Commissioner Sally Heyman. Basically, if passed, it would be another tool available to municipalities to decide what direction it wants to proceed with historic preservation issues. Municipalities now under the County's Historic Preservation regulations must remain because they did not opt out in 1982 when that option was available. The amendment would allow municipalities to now opt out and establish their own Historic Preservation Boards/regulations. This is at the heart home rule where municipalities can determine for themselves how they wish to be governed. Therefore, this is something the Town should support as it would give us another tool in our home rule tool box.

Finally, if this amendment is adopted by the County Commission, it does not commit the Town to establishing its own Historic Preservation Board as there are many considerations prior to undertaking that effort. [Note: The ordinance passed on first reading by a reported 7-5 vote].

16. Land Development Regulations – Block Between Harding and Collins Avenues

At the September 30, 2013, Joint Planning and Zoning and Town Commission meeting, there was a discussion about the block between Collins and Harding Avenues and the high interest in redevelopment of this corridor. In an effort to stay ahead of the new construction, there was interest from both boards to prepare criteria to help guide future development into the desired development pattern. Based on that, a budget item was included for an analysis and preparation of zoning criteria which includes the following:

- Preparation of new zoning criteria and comparison of existing conditions

- A review of green book traffic engineering standards as well as Miami-Dade County and FDOT as it relates to mid-block accessibility, walkways, pedestrian activity
- Impacts to existing buildings and strategies for potential non-conformities such as if there is a modification to an existing building, under what circumstances would the entire development need to be brought up to the proposed code
- Consistency of new criteria with comprehensive plan, including the 1989 Comprehensive Plan, which provided for a study of this corridor
- Consistency of new criteria with other sections of the zoning code such as off-street parking, signs, accessory structures, conditional uses, landscaping
- Requirements for open space in terms of landscaping, public space
- Coordination with legal in terms of vested rights, reduced density or intensity resulting from new zoning criteria
- Design criteria for pedestrian walkways

At the June, 2014 Planning and Zoning meeting, the Board voted unanimously to establish this as a top priority. This project was funded in the FY 14/15 budget and the project will be underway immediately following the execution of the work authorization with CGA. A resolution is on the October agenda approving the work order for this project. (**Agenda Item**)

17. Ten Year Water Supply Plan

The Town is required to update its Ten Year Water Supply Plan including identifying any alternate water supply sources and analyzing/updating data from our current supplier. Funds for this project have been included in the FY 14/15 Budget. Work Authorization No. 89 – Ten Year Water Supply Plan has been executed with CGA in the amount of \$7,466.92.

TOWN COMMISSION

18. November 4, 2014 Special Election - Seven Ballot Questions for the Town Charter

On the November 4, 2014 Election ballot, the Surfside residents will be presented with seven (7) Charter amendments: Qualifications for Office; Vacancy on Commission; Vacancy in Candidacy; Canvassing Board; Qualifying for Elected Office; Establishing Elected Officials' Staggered Terms and Increasing Town Commissioners' Terms from Two Years to Four Years; and Runoff Election.

The Office of the Town Attorney prepared a Voter's Guide which was distributed at the beginning of October 2014. The Voter's Guide is available on the Town's website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov and will be broadcasted on Channel 77.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Building Department

19. FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

The CAV is now closed and we are awaiting a follow-up visit from FEMA. The date of the follow-up visit has not been determined.

20. Community Rating System (CRS)

Heidi Liles of the Insurance Services Office has sent out an email to her communities that were planning for a CRS Audit in 2014, stating that these communities will need to be postponed until 2015. The community verification visit date has not been determined but may occur in November/December as previously reported.

21. Forty Year Building Certification for Collins, Harding, Abbott Avenues and Surfside Blvd.

The 40 Year Building Certification Program is progressing as follows:

Reported certifications: 122 in present case file
Completed certifications: 42
Time extensions granted: 4
Exempt from Certification: 3
Vacant commercial properties: 11
Sent to Code Enforcement for non-compliance: 9
150 day repair order: 2
On hold: 4

22. Development Projects

The Chateau: The Chateau permit was issued on September 29, 2014. This project has erected its second tower crane from onsite. No traffic impacts are expected in the near future.

The Surf Club: The Surf Club has continued its daily lane closures under approved MOT permits. No further traffic impacts have been requested for the immediate future. There is an early start request to conduct concrete operations for both the east and west parcels for Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 5:00 am. Unpermitted work on the sales center was stopped on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

The Marriott: The Marriott has conducted limited concrete operations from onsite. They have a single lane closure daytime, and are in the process of solving the previous two lane closure requests that have been rejected due to traffic and noise. Staff attempted to address lane closures at the project by allowing limited concrete pours overnight to avoid lane closures during daylight hours. Previously, major projects such as the force main; Collins repaving and 96th repaving were accomplished overnight to alleviate traffic congestion/back-ups. Staff met with neighbors abutting the Marriott

project and heard their concerns. The contractor was informed that no future overnight pours would be approved.

Code Compliance Department

23. Sight Triangle (Hedges) and Corner Visibility

At the June 19, 2014, Special Commission Meeting, the Commission: 1) directed the Administration and Town Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the sight triangle provisions reflecting a reduction in the sight triangle from 25 feet to 15 feet provided we do not go into private property; 2) provided policy direction to enforce planting restrictions and keep public easements and right-of-ways clear of hedges and shrubs; 3) consider relocation of certain stop signs and stop bars when possible in keeping with County and Police regulations; 4) paint curbs to keep vehicles from parking too close to the intersections; 5) establish a process to provide relief to those properties identified as "true hardship" cases. Administration and Town Attorney staff met with Miami-Dade County Attorney and Public Works Engineering staff to confirm scope of regulatory authority and applicable regulations and plan to bring forth an ordinance amendment, for first reading, along with a proposed policy for the Commission's consideration at the October meeting. **(Agenda Item)**

Parks and Recreation

24. Beach Management Agreement

Progress on a Town/Miami-Dade County Beach Management Agreement is dependent upon the County receiving specific authorization from FDEP permitting the County to assign certain management responsibilities to local municipalities. The County sent a letter to FDEP on March 17, 2014 requesting a determination that the County can assign maintenance/regulations to local governments. The County once again has received a denial from the State to move forward with this request. At this time the County is not able to move forward on a staff level with any type of agreement. This has been an unsuccessful effort to this point despite Staff's efforts over the past couple of years. This has been identified as a priority for the new Town Manager on the Transition Plan.

25. Tennis Programing

The Parks and Recreation Department will present options for operations including court rentals. The proposed budget did not include the funding request for the recreational software for the tennis facility. Due to budget constraints and the cost of the requested recreation software, other options will be explored. The Parks and Recreation Department will work with the Parks and Recreation Committee to review tennis court rentals and reservations. The Parks and Recreation Committee along with staff will look into the expansion of the tennis programing to include court fees. This will be completed by December and any changes in the operations will begin after the New Year.

26. Police Department

A. Women's Self Defense Class

The Surfside Police Department hosts ongoing Women's Self Defense Classes on Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the police training room. The training shows how to resist and how to escape a sexual assault. The techniques are easy-to-learn and easy-to-use. The training also shows how to escape a standing assault and what to do if the attacker has you pinned on the ground. These techniques do not require strength, speed or coordination and are perfect for women of all ages and physical types. Classes are free of charge. Residents should contact Dina Goldstein, 305-861-4862 for dates of the classes.

B. Police Explorer Program

Surfside, Bal Harbour, and Bay Harbor Islands have implemented a new Police Explorer Program. Eight teenagers have signed up to be new Explorers. Officer Dianna Hernandez is the liaison for the program.

C. Emergency Preparedness Program – Condominiums

The Surfside Police Department is offering emergency preparedness seminars to condominium associations. Officer Dianna Hernandez is the contact.

D. Security Assessment

The Surfside Police Department is offering free residential and commercial security assessments for residents and business owners. Sgt. Jay Matelis is the contact.

E. Increased Police Presence During High Holidays

The Police Department will increase police presence during the High Holidays, October 3, 4, 8, 9, 11 and 15 - 18 in the area of the Shul with assigned details for high visibility. Off duty details have also been increased at the Shul. In addition, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments will assign officers to the same area.

F. Citizens Police Academy

The 13th Citizens Police Academy began September 2 and runs every Tuesday from 6 pm - 9 pm through November. This is an opportunity for residents to get to know their police officers and learn about law enforcement.

G. Surfside Safe Space

Some cities have reported their residents becoming victims of fraud or robbery when meeting with customers or sellers to conduct online transactions. The Surfside Police will offer residents a safe

place to conduct their transactions at the police station. The premise is to conduct business in a safe environment to deter crime.

H. Bike with the Chief and Coffee with Cops Programs

The Bike with the Chief and Coffee with the Cops programs are monthly. Bike with the Chief is the last Wednesday of each month leaving Town Hall at 5:00 pm. Coffee with the Cops is the last Friday of each month at Starbucks at 10:00 am.

I. Halloween Safety Night

The annual Police Halloween Safety Night is October 31 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the 9200 block of Byron Avenue. Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein and NRO Hernandez will oversee the event. All and your families are welcome to attend.

J. Cell Phone Donation Program

The Surfside Police Department is implementing a new community initiative. We are collecting cell phones and donating them to a local domestic violence shelter. It is important to delete all your personal information from the cell phones including stored phone numbers, call history and text messages. Make sure that the service is disconnected to avoid any fees. Also be sure that the phone works and that the battery stays charged. A working charger must accompany the cell phone donation. If the phone doesn't work or you don't have the charger, please recycle the phone. The drop off location is at the Communications Unit of the Police Department. For further information please contact Neighborhood Resource Officer Dianna Hernandez.

K. Security Seminar

The Bal Harbour Police Department is hosting training for security and management personnel for hotels and other buildings on bomb threats and installation security at the Sea View Hotel on October 9. NRO Hernandez and CSA Sanchez will invite and distribute flyers to the hotels and condos in Surfside.

L. Domestic Violence Walk

The annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk will take place in North Miami Beach on October 11, 2014. Lt. Williams will assign personnel to attend.

M. Mobile DMV

Community Outreach Specialists from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will have a mobile DMV on October 16 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm in the training room.

N. Community Blood Drive

A Mobile Community Blood Drive is scheduled for October 16 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Town Hall parking lot. Lt. Williams will be responsible to secure and area for the Bloodmobile.

Respectfully submitted

by: _____
Michael P. Crotty, Town Manager