



MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor & Commissioners

From: Hector Gomez, Town Manager

Date: August 28, 2023

Subject: Parks and Recreation Department Senior Citizen Liaison

The Town of Surfside is a diverse community that is consistently growing. The Parks and Recreation Department staff does an exceptional job putting together diverse programming geared to all age groups which includes senior programming. Senior programs consist of Senior Brunch, Aqua Zumba, Silver Sinkers, Field Trips and Art Workshops, just to name a few. The Mayor has been an active participant in all Town events and has been receiving feedback from seniors on how to improve and enrich senior programming.

Former Commissioner Olchyk has been an integral part of the Surfside community since 2003. She has been committed to the Town ever since. In 2016, The Town Commission passed a Proclamation declaring March 8, 2016 as "Marta Olchyk Day" (Refer to **Attachment A** – "Proclamation"). She served on the Town Commission for three consecutive terms and is currently serving on the Parks & Recreation Committee. Town Administration considers that former Commissioner Olchyk's contribution and involvement in the Surfside community will provide a fresh perspective on senior programming enhancement. The selection of former Commissioner Marta Olchyk to act as a Senior Citizen Liaison stems from her dedication to our Community. The Liaison will work alongside Parks and Recreation staff and provide them with valuable feedback.

The Town Manager's Office is seeking Elected Official confirmation recognizing former Commissioner Olchyk in her new role as Senior Citizen Liaison during the opening of September 2023 Town Commission meeting.



Proclamation "Marta Olchyk Day"

Whereas, Marta Olchyk has a distinguished academic career, earning an M.A. from Texas Woman's University and a Ph.D. from Texas Christian University; and

Whereas, Marta Olchyk had an impressive professional career teaching Spanish and Latin American Civilization in High School and in College, then working as a Federal Investigator with the Department of Education and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and

Whereas, Marta Olchyk has a long history of community involvement volunteering in organizations such as American Association of University Women, Hadassah, Jewish Federation of Dallas and Greater Miami, and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, among many others; and

Whereas, Marta Olchyk has been a Surfside resident in good standing since 2003; and

Whereas, Marta Olchyk has a responsible record as a citizen activist and served on the Town's Education Committee and the Town's Charter Review Board; and

Whereas, Marta Olchyk was first elected as a Surfside Town Commissioner in March 2010 and has served honorably for three consecutive terms; and

Whereas, Marta Olchyk has served as the Town Commission Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee for three consecutive terms; and

Whereas, Marta Olchyk regularly walks the Town's Beach Walk and participates in many activities at the Surfside Community Center; and

Whereas, Marta Olchyk tells it like she sees it; and

Now, therefore, the Town of Surfside Town Commission hereby proclaims March 8, 2016 as "Marta Olchyk Day."

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of March 2016.

*Daniel Dietch, Mayor
Town of Surfside, Florida*