



## **TOWN OF SURFSIDE**

Office of the Town Manager

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# **Town Manager Report**

May 12, 2026

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Acting Town Manager

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## **TOWN MANAGER**

**Team: Mario A. Díaz, Acting Town Manager**  
**Ana M. Gonzalez, Executive Assistant**

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The Town's administration reflects a clear shift toward a more disciplined and transparent municipal organization, with continued focus on fiscal responsibility, efficiency, and high-quality service delivery.

### **Utilities Billing & Collection Performance**

- Increased utilization of structured payment plans for outstanding utility balances
- Improved communication protocols resulting in higher voluntary compliance rates
- Strengthened escalation process for delinquent accounts, applied consistently and fairly
- Ongoing improvements in billing clarity and customer notification procedures

### **Enforcement & Fiscal Responsibility**

- Increased recovery efforts for outstanding amounts owed to the Town
- Greater alignment between administrative, finance, and legal departments in enforcement actions

### **Community Investment & Organizational Performance**

- Continued structured review of development proposals with emphasis on long-term community impact and compliance
- Ongoing investment in community programming and public services supporting resident quality of life
- Improved interdepartmental coordination in managing public space usage and special events
- Strengthened cross-departmental collaboration resulting in faster issue resolution
- Improved documentation practices supporting transparency and audit readiness

In conclusion, the Town remains firmly focused on its residents, with continued commitment to responsive service, sound management, and the consistent delivery of high-quality municipal services.

Sincerely,

**Mario A. Díaz**



## TOWN CLERK

The mission of the Town Clerk's Office is to ensure effective functioning of the Town's governance process while concurrently maintaining quality customer service to members of the public, Town Commission and Town staff by utilizing the best possible technological solutions to provide accessible information including access to the Town's official records, archives, and the Town Commission agenda.

**Team:** Sandra N. McCready, **Clerk**  
 Genesis Guevara, **Deputy Clerk**  
 Angie Alcalá, **Records Technician/Assistant to Clerk**

### PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

<b>2025</b>
1,096

<b>2026</b>	
<b>MONTH</b>	<b># Public Records Requests (PRR)</b>
January	77
February	104
March	425
April	613

<b>APRIL 2026</b>	
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Board Meetings Attended	1
Commission Meetings Attended	1
Public Notices Issued	26
Meetings Transcribed	2
RFP/RFQ Issued	0
Ordinances Published	3
Resolutions Published	11
Elections Conducted	1
Special Master Hearings Attended	1



## HUMAN RESOURCES

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The Human Resources Office provides effective human resources management by developing and implementing policies/procedures, programs and services to attract, develop, motivate and retain a diverse workforce while embracing diversity and inclusiveness as a core value. The Human Resources element of the Executive Department is responsible for personnel matters such as recruitment, compensation, employee relations, benefits and labor relations.

**HR Team:** Marisol Vargas, **HR Director**  
Davina Bynoe, **HR Generalist**  
Yolanda “Yoly” Menegazzo, (Consultant)

OPEN POSITIONS - APRIL
Assistant to the Parks & Recreation Director
Utility Billing & Revenue Administrator
Accountant
Certified Police Officer

### FMIT Safety & Risk Management Training April 30, 2026





## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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The Building Services Department provides a full range of services to the residents and commercial property developers of the Town with the aim of ensuring that all buildings and other regulated structures do not pose injury and/or death hazards in any reasonably predictable environment (sunshine to hurricane). In addition to reducing risks to life, the Department seeks to minimize risk to property. Reducing hazards through compliance with State of Florida Building Code and appropriate Federal agencies ensures that insurance discounts are received, and code-compliant buildings are completed.

**Team:** Manuel “Manny” Salazar – **Building Official**  
 Rony Jean, **Supervisor – Permits**  
 Randy Courtois, Administrative Support  
 Sofia Valdes, Permit Tech I  
 Julia Rajkumar, Permit Tech I

**Building/Roofing:** Ulises Fernandez  
**Building/Structural:** Ricardo “Rick” Aller  
**Electrical:** Candelario Martinez  
**Mechanical:** Jan Perez  
**Plumbing:** Roberto Conde  
**Structural/Multi-Family:** Chrome Engineering  
**Planning/Zoning:** Scarlet Hammons, The Corradino Group

ACTIVITY	MONTHLY AMOUNT
Building Permits Issued	121
Inspections Performed	202
TCO/CO/CC Issued	2
Gross Revenue Generated	<b>\$2,094,282.50</b>



## NEW MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS

These approved developments are expected to deliver a high-quality environment, regarding livability, visual interest, identity and sense of place. All new building construction must conform to the development standards of the zoning districts in which they are located. These projects go beyond the basic requirements of the Town's Zoning Code and deliver character and compatibility without changing existing setbacks or height limitations or regulations. These developments are expected to be in harmony with their surroundings and demonstrate a high standard of quality.

<b>PROJECT / RESOS</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DEVELOPERS / PROJECT MANAGER</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>Proffers</b>	<b>Taxable Value</b>
DAMAC 2023-Z-3209	8777 Collins Avenue	Jeffery Rossely 305-407-4898 <a href="mailto:info@damacmiami.com">info@damacmiami.com</a> <a href="http://www.damacmiami.com">www.damacmiami.com</a>	Foundation Est June 2025	\$2,500,000 6/25/25 – <b>Receipt of \$1M</b>	\$1.6B FY2028
Seaway 2018-2489 2021-2782 2024-Z-3246	9133-9149 Collins Avenue	Tom Evans 571-206-2377 <a href="mailto:tom@fortpartners.com">tom@fortpartners.com</a> <a href="http://www.theseaway.com">www.theseaway.com</a>	TCO	\$250,000	\$550M FY2026
Hillcrest 2022-2870	9165 Collins Avenue	Kaushik Padala 786-449-5400 <a href="mailto:kpadala@jmaf.net">kpadala@jmaf.net</a> Tom McKerchie 786-390-0076 <a href="mailto:tmckerchie@jmaf.net">tmckerchie@jmaf.net</a> <a href="http://www.hillcrestsurfside.com">www.hillcrestsurfside.com</a>	TCO	\$180,000	\$377M FY2028
Surf House 2019-2661 2022-2895	8995 Collins Avenue	Houman Hadad 786-238-9899 <a href="mailto:houman@fortpartners.com">houman@fortpartners.com</a> Nick Hernandez 305-542-2718 <a href="mailto:nicolas@fortpartners.com">nicolas@fortpartners.com</a> <a href="http://www.surfhousesurfside.com">www.surfhousesurfside.com</a>	Closing Foundation	\$686,050	\$359M FY2028
Kushner Development 2024-3310 2024-3254 2024-Z-3255 2024-Z-3338	9300 Collins Avenue	Rafael Schwartz 9300 Collins Ave. Owner LLC	Groundbreaking May 14, 2025  Under Construction	\$5,900,000 <b>8/4/2025 - \$400K Proffer Received</b>	\$100M FY2028
Ocean House 2022-Z-2955	9309-9317 Collins Avenue	Walter Brailly 786-205-6712 <a href="mailto:wbrailly@moss.com">wbrailly@moss.com</a> <a href="http://www.oceanhousereresidences.com">www.oceanhousereresidences.com</a>	Under Construction	\$380,000 6/26/25 – <b>Trellis Donation Completed \$200K</b>	\$275M FY2028

<u>PROJECT / RESOS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DEVELOPERS / PROJECT MANAGER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>Proffers</u>	<u>Taxable Value</u>
303 Surfside 2023-2971 2018-2527	303 Surfside Blvd 9116 Harding Ave	Nelson Fernandez 303 Surfside Blvd LLC	Pre-Construction <b>(Seagrape Tree Donation Completed)</b>  Under Construction	\$70,000 6/30/25 – <b>Seagrape to Dune \$10K</b>	\$24M FY2028
Surf Row 2025-Z-3397 2022-Z-2954 2015-Z-2344	8809 Harding Avenue	Carli Koschel, Esq. 8800 Collins Owner LLC	Approved by Town Commission – May 13, 2025 <b>Groundbreaking</b> November 12, 2025 Pre-Construction Zoning Review	\$200,000 \$450,000	\$59M FY2028
La Linda Surfside 2023-Z-3236	8851-8873 Harding Avenue	Vanessa Madrid Pampa Sunbelt 19 LLC	Under Construction	\$31,525.87	<b>TBD</b>



## CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

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The Code Compliance Division's mission is to fairly and consistently enforce the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinances. The Division strives to promote and protect the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life for residents and businesses of the Town of Surfside.

**Team:** Carmen Santos-Alborna, **Director**  
 Kimberly Ruvin, **Code Officer**  
 Emmanuel Santana, **Code Officer**

### APRIL 2026

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>MONTHLY AMOUNT</u>
OPENED APRIL 2026	102
CASES SCHEDULED FOR HEARING BEFORE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE	11
POST HEARING	5
RECORDED LIENS	1

### Inspections: 110

<u>MONTH</u>	<u># CASES</u>	<u>FEES COLLECTED</u>
JANUARY	6	\$5,001.05
FEBRUARY	10	\$20,301.05
MARCH	7	\$7,126.05
APRIL	14	\$16,931.37

<b>YEAR TO DATE (YTD) FEES COLLECTED – FY2026: \$49,359.52</b>
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## PARKS & RECREATION

### ***We Make Memories***

The Town of Surfside Parks & Recreation Department is where the fun happens. Where Surfside's families learn to swim, brush up on their tennis skills, meet new friends and get to know their neighbors.

### ***Mission Statement***

Provide recreational and leisure opportunities to build a strong sense of community while increasing the social, cultural, and physical well-being of the residents and to be innovative in the programming needs of the community.

**Team:** Rodolfo Perez, **Director**  
 Carlos Malvarez, **Manager**

### **STAFF DIRECTORY**

**7** Coordinators/Supervisors/CSR

**16** Lifeguards / **8** Recreation Leaders / **4** Custodians/Maintenance

<b>Aquatics</b>	<b>Recreation</b>
Marianella Luces – Aquatics Supervisor	Virginia Agramonte – Asst. to Director
Anibal Modica – Head Lifeguard	Jorge Galdo Jr. – Coordinator
Tanya Friedman – FT Lifeguard	Matthew Castrorao – Coordinator
Barbara Vasallo – FT Lifeguard	Alexander Villeda – Coordinator
Leoner Reus – FT Lifeguard	Shawn Walker – CSR
Flor Hernandez – FT Lifeguard	Carlos Vina – Maintenance Worker II
Nicolas Chaban – FT Lifeguard	Lucas Feinstein – Recreation Leader II
Carlos Agon – PT Lifeguard	Kerline Fertil – FT Custodian
Ileana Garcia – PT Lifeguard	Pierre Prophete – FT Custodian
Enzo Rodriguez – PT Lifeguard	Jesus Garcia Ramirez – FT Custodian
Pablo Estrada – PT Lifeguard	Marckenly Metayer – FT Recreation Leader I
Ilan Luckow – PT Lifeguard	Carolina Paz – PT Recreation Leader I
Raidel Orama – PT Lifeguard	Maya Chabanon – PT Recreation Leader I
Jack O’Malley – PT Lifeguard	Jorge Almaguer – PT Recreation Leader I
Nicolas Galtieri – PT Lifeguard	Addel Aguilar – PT Recreation Leader I
Vacant – PT Lifeguard	Kevin Marcell – PT Recreation Leader I
Vacant – PT Lifeguard	Ian Dolan – FT Recreation Leader II
Vacant – PT Lifeguard	

## Facilities Overview

Parks & Recreation oversees the following facilities:

- **Tennis Center/Pickleball:** Open from 7 am – 10 pm daily. Operates by reservation only. Programming hours are in place and have been adjusted to optimize availability.
- **Aquatic Facility:** The pool continues to operate with lap swimming registration required during all operating hours. Pool hours are adjusted monthly to maximize daylight. For May, the pool is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Beach Lifeguard Tower:** Operational from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in May.
- **96th Street Park:** Now open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Kayak Launch & Playground:** Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to sunset.
- **Hawthorne Tot Lot:** Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to sunset
- **Paws Up Dog Park:** Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to sunset

**Beach Chair Service:** The daily Beach Chair Service is operated by Beach Time Max in alignment with the Beach Lifeguard Tower hours (10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in April). This service is available exclusively to Surfside residents. Residents must check in at the Community Center front desk. Each household is eligible for 2 chairs and 1 umbrella per day.

### **Vending Machines Stats: (Includes Community Center and 96<sup>th</sup> St. Park):**

JANUARY 2026		
# Ice Creams Sold	# of Beverages Sold	# of Snacks Sold
432	120	536
FEBRUARY 2026		
447	147	513
MARCH 2026		
512	165	602
APRIL 2026		
607	123	542

**Town School (Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8) Shuttle:** The Town has implemented a live tracking system for the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 shuttle service. Parents can now access a dedicated tracking link to monitor the shuttle’s real-time location and receive notifications regarding any delays. This enhancement is designed to improve communication, increase reliability, and provide greater transparency for participating families. Please refer to the table below for service statistics and usage data.

**Surfside Shuttle Bus  
April Daily Counts**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Kids (AM)</b>	<b>Number of Kids (PM)</b>
1st	27	38
2nd	20	37
3rd	N/A	N/A
4th	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
5th	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
6th	25	27
7th	29	48
8th	29	39
9th	28	36
10th	33	37
11th	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
12th	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
13th	32	40
14th	34	42
15th	29	3
16th	24	26
17th	38	35
18th	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
19th	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
20th	28	40
21st	28	37
22nd	38	38
23rd	4	4
24th	N/A	N/A
25th	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
26th	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
27th	29	30
28th	28	26
29th	32	35
30th	26	30

## ***Recent Events & Activities***

**April Senior Brunch:** Our April Senior Brunch, held on **Friday, April 17th, 2026**, was a wonderful success. Seniors enjoyed a delicious buffet-style meal, festive Earth Day décor, and lively rounds of Bingo. The event brought everyone together for a joyful afternoon filled with laughter, connection, and a shared appreciation for community and nature. **# of Attendants: 40**

**Earth Day Resource Fair:** Our annual **Earth Day Resource Fair**, held on **Sunday, April 19th, 2026**, at the Surfside Community Center, was a fantastic and well-attended event. Surfside residents came together for a meaningful morning of eco-friendly activities, educational resources, and family-friendly fun. The event successfully fostered community engagement and highlighted the importance of caring for our environment. **# of Attendants: 189**

**April Senior Trip:** The April Senior Trip, held on **Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026**, was an exciting and memorable outing. Seniors had a great time watching the Miami Marlins take on the St. Louis Cardinals at LoanDepot Park, enjoying the energy of Major League Baseball alongside great company. From cheering on the home team to soaking in the lively atmosphere, the trip was a fun-filled and enjoyable experience for all who attended. **# of Attendants: 25**

## ***Upcoming Events & Activities***

**May Senior Brunch:** Our May Senior Brunch is scheduled for **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Seniors will enjoy a delicious buffet-style meal and fun rounds of Bingo. Join us for a warm and welcoming afternoon filled with laughter, connection, and community spirit!

**May Senior Trip:** The May Senior Trip is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** This month, seniors will enjoy a special outing to see ***Dial M for Murder at the Actors' Playhouse***. Participants will experience the thrill of live theater, enjoy great company, and spend a relaxing day out immersed in an engaging and suspenseful performance. From the intrigue of the storyline to the excitement of the stage, this trip promises to be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all. Don't miss this captivating day at the theater!

**Memorial Day Ceremony:** The Town of Surfside will host its annual Memorial Day Ceremony on **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Park (8750 Collins Avenue)**. This meaningful event honors and remembers the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, bringing the community together in reflection and gratitude.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Event:** Join us for our 4th of July celebration on **Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Community Center**—doors open at 9:00 a.m., festivities start at 2:00 p.m. and the drone/firework show begins at 9:00 p.m.!



## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

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The Communications Department's mission is to build strong connections between Surfside residents, elected officials, and the broader community through strategic communication and innovative marketing initiatives. Its objective is to enhance the quality of life in Surfside by providing timely, informative content that educates, engages and empowers residents. As the primary bridge between Town Administration and its citizens, the department ensures transparency, accessibility, and unity within our community, promoting active civic engagement and celebrating Surfside's unique heritage. Through innovative partnerships and implementing forward-thinking strategies, the department strives to position Surfside as a model of effective governance and vibrant community participation.

**Team:** Cindy Reyes Arboleda, **Director**

In **April 2026**, the Communications Department continued to serve as the strategic and creative engine for the Town of Surfside, delivering clear, timely, and impactful communications during a month defined by the mayoral runoff election, Earth Month programming, public safety initiatives, and community-driven engagement. Through coordinated messaging, real-time updates, and high-impact storytelling, the Department ensured residents remained informed, engaged, and connected to Town services and events.

### **Town Manager's Office:**

- Led communications for the April 7 Mayoral Runoff Election, including real-time updates regarding polling, extended Vote-by-Mail deadlines due to a court ruling, and clear guidance on ballot submission requirements through April 28.
- Reinforced transparency in the electoral process by communicating that results would not be released until after the extended deadline, with official uncertified results announced following April 28.
- Announced the certification of the Mayoral runoff election and shared results, including a record-setting voter turnout of 59.52%, demonstrating strong civic engagement.
- Promoted the upcoming May 4 Swearing-In Ceremony and Reception for the 2026-2028 Town Commission.
- Produced and distributed the May 2026 edition of the Surfside Gazette, featuring key updates on Commission actions, hurricane preparedness, public safety initiatives, environmental programming, and new community resources.
- Advanced strategic communications for new Town initiatives, including the launch of a condominium recertification grant program offering up to \$200,000 per building to support structural and electrical compliance.

- Promoted the launch of AutoPay for utility billing, enhancing customer convenience and improving payment compliance through digital services.
- Launched and promoted the Town's first-ever National Poetry Month contest, encouraging user-generated content and community creativity, with winners to be announced in May.
- Amplified awareness campaigns, including Autism Acceptance Month and National Donate Life Month, reinforcing the Town's commitment to inclusivity and community values.

### **Police Department:**

- Promoted the multi-agency Pre-Passover Holiday Safety Meeting alongside regional law enforcement, faith leaders, and community stakeholders, reinforcing proactive public safety planning and collaboration.
- Highlighted Officer Spotlight recognition for Sergeant Cruz, showcasing her leadership, career achievements, and community service, strengthening transparency and trust.
- Supported community outreach efforts, including fundraising assistance for a local family in need, demonstrating the Department's commitment to service beyond enforcement.
- Promoted upcoming public safety initiatives, including the Micromobility Safety Workshop focused on e-scooter and e-bike safety.

### **Parks & Recreation Department:**

- Delivered high-impact promotion and coverage of spring programming, including the Spring Egg Hunt and Duck & Egg Hunt, which brought families together for community-centered experiences.
- Advanced Earth Month programming through promotion of Baynanza, the Earth Day Resource Fair, and the Plastic Fishing Festival, encouraging environmental stewardship and community participation.
- Highlighted the Earth Day event as a major success, featuring live performances, environmental education, wildlife conservation efforts, and hands-on sustainability activities.
- Reinforced community engagement through consistent promotion of family-friendly programming and recreational opportunities.
- Continued safety messaging related to turtle nesting protection guidelines in coordination with environmental partners.

### **Public Works & Infrastructure:**

- Led communications for community engagement initiatives, including the Carlyle Avenue Traffic Calming Open House, encouraging resident participation and feedback in infrastructure planning.
- Executed traffic alerts, related to Town-wide construction projects.

### **Town Clerk's Office:**

- Supported the administration and communication of the April 7 Runoff Election, including coordination with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections for clear consistent messaging.
- Ensured residents were informed of all election deadlines, procedural updates, and certification outcomes through clear and consistent messaging.
- Promoted and documented official swearing-in milestones for newly elected officials.

### **Digital Strategy, Social Media & Brand Stewardship:**

- Executed a comprehensive digital communications strategy supporting election updates, Earth Month programming, public safety messaging, and community initiatives.
- Distributed [28 e-blast campaigns](#), posted 57 NextDoor alerts, and published 44 Instagram/Facebook posts during April. The Town's [Instagram following](#) grew to 3,300.
- Maintained strong audience engagement through real-time election updates, event coverage, and storytelling initiatives.
- Continued strengthening the Town's digital presence as a trusted, accessible, and responsive source of information, supporting both service delivery and community connection.

Throughout April, the Communications Department upheld its mission to inform, honor, and engage the Surfside community, ensuring all messaging reflected the Town's core values of transparency, service, and civic unity.



## **TOURISM DEPARTMENT**

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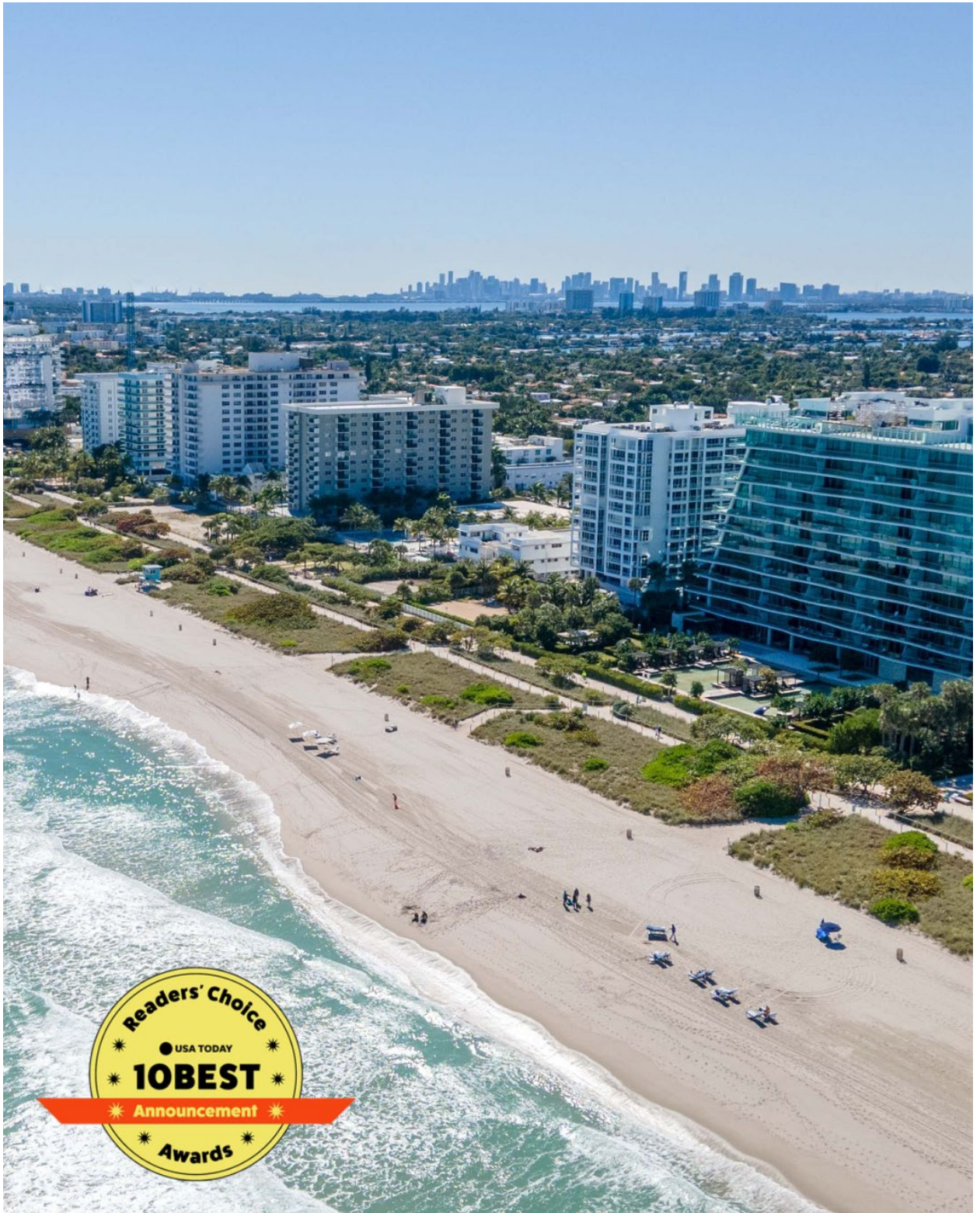
Surfside is one of only three municipalities in Miami-Dade County currently eligible by Florida State Law to impose a Resort Tax of four percent (4%) on accommodations and two percent (2%) on food and beverage sales as a source of revenue. Miami Beach and Bal Harbour are the other two municipalities with the same capability. This unique revenue-generating opportunity is also defined in the Town's Charter in Sec. 69-A.

Resort Tax. The Tourist Resort Tax Fund is a special revenue fund within the budget of the Town of Surfside. This means that the funds, like all special revenue funds, are collected from specific sources and dedicated to specific allowable uses. The Resort Tax Board Members, appointed by the Town's Commission, oversee the legal and appropriate use of these funds through the Tourism Director and the operations of the Tourist Bureau. The Tourist Bureau is responsible for promoting the Town's dining, shopping, lodging, recreation and beach to visitors nationally, internationally, and within the State of Florida. Attracting visitors from within the State of Florida, the nation, and internationally, including from Latin America, Canada, United Kingdom, and Israel.

**Team:** Frank Trigueros, **Director**

**Miami Jewish Film Festival (MJFF) and Town Partner for 'Mazel Tov' Screening**— On April 12, the Resort Tax Board teamed up with the MJFF for the second consecutive year to host an exclusive beachside screening in Surfside at 93rd Street beach. This year's film, Mazel Tov, was an acclaimed dramedy produced in Argentina. Visitors and residents filled every available seat and brought out blankets and chairs to enjoy the occasion, which also included complimentary popcorn and snacks.

**Spotlight on Surfside: USA TODAY's 10Best List, FOOD & WINE Magazine** – Over the past month, Surfside has been featured prominently in the news. Surfside's stunning beach has been selected as one of the finalists in USA TODAY's annual 10Best List. Staff has been promoting voting heavily on @VisitSurfside channels and social media. Additionally, the Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club received two prestigious distinctions from FOOD & WINE Magazine: #1 Place, The Champagne Bar, Top 10 US Hotel Bars According to Experts; and #3 in the Top 10 US Hotels for Food and Drink According to Experts.



**Swearing-In Ceremony Event May 4, 2026** – Tourism staff worked with the Town Manager’s Office, Town Clerk, SPD, Public Works and Parks and Recreation on the Swearing-In Ceremony event for the 2026-2028 Town Commission. Staff took the lead on organizing the footprint logistics with vendor Diamonette, as well as the production of all creative assets including video.

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Food & Beverage Tax	\$902,357.33
Hotel Tax	\$3,296,732.33
Interest Earnings	\$116,663.55
Registration Fees	\$3,450.00
Gross Revenue Generated	<b>\$4,319,203.21 (FY2025-2026)</b>



## POLICE

The Surfside Police Department has adopted a proactive policing philosophy and embraces its approach to developing community partnerships and problem-solving. Our employees are extremely proud of our tradition and are committed to public service and to ensuring the safety of our residents and visitors. We are dedicated to providing quality police service to our residents, businesses and tourists.

**Team:** Charles R. Press, **Chief of Police**  
 Jose “Jay” Matelis, **Major**  
 Diana Leon, **Lieutenant**

**STAFF: 5 Sergeants / 2 Detectives / 18 Officers / 3 Communications Operators**  
**5 Parking Officers / 3 CSAs / 2 Admins / 1 Accreditation Manager**

Rory Alberto – Sergeant	Lesmes Ruiz – Officer
Frank Colonna – Sergeant	Donovan Saffo – Officer
Marian Cruz – Sergeant	Micah Smith – Officer
Alejandro Lorente – Sergeant	Jose Valino – Officer
Julio Torres – Sergeant	Samuel Villegas – Officer
Ronald Donoso – Detective	Ana Chamorro – Communications Operator
Kemuel Gambirazio – Detective	Jose Dardon – Communications Operator
Loxley Arch, III – Officer	Stephanie Kamer – Communications Operator
Tammy Campbell – Officer	Susie Sperbeck – Communications Operator
Bobby Gabriel – Officer	Christian Acosta – Parking Officer
John Gentile – Officer	Josue Castro – Parking Officer
Rafael Gomez, Jr. – Officer	Maria Militello – Parking Officer
Dianna Hernandez – Officer	Alexander Orduno – Parking Officer
Ariel Lage – Officer	William Perez – Parking Officer
Craig Lovelette – Officer	Isabelle Dourbecker – CSA
Bryant Luke – Officer	Felix Fermin – CSA
Joseph Matthews – Officer	Donald Laurent – CSA
Sharon Perez-Rivera – Officer	Kimberlee Blecha – Executive Assistant
Ruben Ravelo – Officer	Ana Carroll – Accreditation Manager
Joshua Rosario – Officer	Teresa Fernandez – Admin Aide

**Recruitment Efforts** – The Police Department is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Communications Operator. Training began last week, and we anticipate having her as part of the regular schedule very soon. In addition, we are in the process of conducting background checks on a recent graduate of the police academy and hope to hire him once those checks are completed in the next few weeks. We continue to encourage certified officers and those currently enrolled in the academy to reach out to our Human Resources Department if they are interested in joining our ranks.

**A message from** Chief Charles “Chuck” Press to our Surfside Family:

## **Press On!**



*“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”*

— *Winston Churchill*

## Ongoing Meetings for 2026 FIFA World Cup Preparations

As you are all by now aware, this event will be extremely busy for the Miami metro area, bringing a great deal of traffic to our community starting in June and continuing through July. The Surfside Police Department continues to hold regular meetings with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in preparation for this period, ensuring everything runs as smoothly and safely as possible. We understand that the increased activity may present temporary challenges for residents. Please be assured that we are coordinating resources, adjusting staffing, and implementing traffic management strategies to minimize disruptions to our community.

We look forward to this world-class event and appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work together to keep Surfside safe and moving efficiently throughout the tournament.



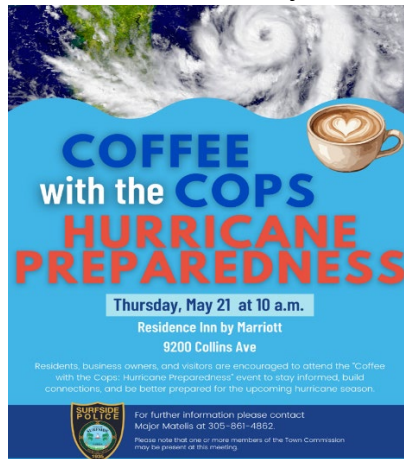
## Micromobility Meeting Reminder

As a reminder, the Surfside Police Department will be hosting a community workshop this Wednesday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Chambers to discuss concerns regarding micromobility vehicles such as e-scooters, e-bikes, docked and dockless bikes, skateboards, and more. We will be ready to address your questions and concerns as they relate to neighborhood aesthetics, public safety, and any other issues you may have.



## Coffee with the Cops & Hurricane Preparedness Meeting

We are excited to be hosting a special Coffee with the Cops & Hurricane Preparedness meeting this month; a great opportunity to speak with the Chief about Surfside safety concerns while enjoying coffee and treats in a friendly, relaxed setting. Please join us on **Thursday, May 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Residence Inn by Marriott, located at 9200 Collins Avenue.



## **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

We were honored to celebrate our Communications Operators during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 12–18, 2026. This week recognizes the hard work and dedication of those who devote themselves to serving the public and gives us all a chance to express our gratitude. These dedicated professionals are a steady, calming presence in life's most critical moments, guiding callers with care, clarity, and compassion. At Surfside Police, we are truly grateful for the commitment our Communications Operators bring to their role each day, approaching every call with empathy, professionalism, and a deep sense of responsibility. It is a privilege to work alongside such an exceptional team. Thank you for all that you do to keep our community safe.





## Honoring Our Finest



For the month of April, we are proud to shine the spotlight on Sergeant Marian Cruz for the incredible impact she continues to make both on and off duty. Sergeant Cruz began her career with the Surfside Police Department in 2004 as a dispatcher, and after nearly five years of dedicated service, she was sponsored to attend the police academy, becoming a police officer in 2009. Her hard work and leadership led to her promotion to Sergeant in 2016, and she went on to serve as Acting Captain for a year and a half — a testament to the trust and confidence the department placed in her. Over her 17-year career, she has taken on a remarkable range of roles, including detective and Sergeant of the Criminal Investigations Unit, Honor Guard team member, and department Public Information Officer. Sergeant Cruz has earned numerous accolades reflecting her excellence in service, including Officer of the Year in 2016, multiple Officer of the Month awards, a 2022 Community Policing Award from the Aventura Marketing Council, and the prestigious FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award. Her commitment to community extends well beyond her badge — she founded and leads Closet of Living Hope, a nonprofit that offers families in need a store-style shopping experience at no cost, providing donated clothing and household goods to help restore confidence and meet everyday needs.

Thank you, Sergeant Cruz, for your unwavering dedication to serving our community.



## PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department provides for the effective management and maintenance of the Town’s roadways, infrastructure systems, and buildings as well as the management and supervision of the solid waste collection operation and the storm water, water/sewer utilities. The Department also responds to and assists other Town departments in emergencies and instances of severe weather preparation and recovery.

**Team:** Andre Eugent, **Director**  
 Lys Desir, Jr., **Operations Manager**  
 Matthew Hudson, **Public Works Coordinator**

### STAFF DIRECTORY

14 Solid Waste  
8 Facilities/Maintenance  
3 Water & Sewer

SOLID WASTE	FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE
<b><i>Derick Scott – Manager</i></b>	<b><i>Josvani Iglesias – Manager</i></b>
Jose Acevedo – Coordinator	Carlos Duarte – General Service Worker
Martinez Saintilmond – Refuse Collector	Gustavo Gonzalez – Maintenance
Pierre Desamour – Refuse Collector	Idael Suarez – Maintenance
Donovan Johnson – Refuse Collector	Iran Gonzalez– Maintenance
Claude Jean – Refuse Collector	Jose Nodarse – Mechanic
Harold Jean Baptiste – Refuse Collector	Guillermo Osorio – CDL Heavy Eqpt.
Harry Saintil – Refuse Collector	WATER & SEWER
Esdyani Puentes – Refuse Collector	Rigoberto Chaviano – Maintenance
Sanel Cazeau – Refuse Collector	Jimmy McCray - Maintenance
Mitch Michel – Truck Driver	
Albert Noel – Truck Driver	
Bernardo Cordova – Truck Driver	

\* Services through April 30, 2026

### SOLID WASTE

ACTIVITY	VOLUME	COST
Garbage Collected	483.41 TN	\$36,797.16
Recycling Collected	34.43 TN	\$4,293.42
Bulk Pick Ups	122.28 TN	\$9,307.95

**WATER & SEWER**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>MARCH 2026</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>TOTAL COST TO DATE</b>	<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>
Sewer Backups	0	0		Internal	5
Water Leaks	0	0		Internal	2
Drain Cleaning	0	0		Internal/ Contractor	10
Hydrant Flushing	45	45		Internal	45
Asphalt Repair	4	4		Internal	4
Residential Service Orders	2	2		Internal	7
Commercial Service Orders	-	-		Internal	0
Hard Pack Maintenance	3	3		Internal	3
Hard Pack Leveling	-	-		Internal	12
Wastewater Pumping Station Inspections	-	-		Internal	33
Damaged Utility Box or Cover	-	-		Internal	1
Compliance Samples	-	-		Internal/ Lab	16
In- House Utility Locations	7	7		Internal	51
Meter Installations	1	1		Internal	1
Water Distribution Residual Collected	70	70		Internal	30
Sewer Repairs	1	1		Internal	1

**FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>QUANTITY TO REPAIR</b>	<b>QUANTITY TO DATE</b>	<b>COST RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>TOTAL COST TO DATE</b>
Sidewalk and Curb Repair	20 linear ft.	20 linear ft.	Internal	\$30
<b>TOWN HALL BUILDING</b>				
Deep Carpet Cleaning	1	1	Internal	\$100
Flooring Polishing	3	3	Internal	\$200
Painting	3	3	Internal	\$320
Interior Light Repairs/Replacement	4	4	Internal	\$40
Exterior Light Repairs/Replacement	10	10	Internal	\$100.00

<b>PUBLIC LIGHTING</b>				
Streetlights	2	2	FPL/Miami-Dade County	N/A
Parking Lot Lights	0	0	N/A	-
Beach Entrance Lights	0	0	N/A	-
Downtown Lights	1	1	Internal	\$80
Christmas Lights	4	4	Internal	\$60
<b>OTHER MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES</b>				
Sign Replacement	8	8	Miami-Dade County/ Internal	\$6,200
Flag Replacement	0	0	N/A	-
Bus Stop Pressure Walking	4	4	Internal	-
Town Hall Sidewalk Pressure Walking	0	0	N/A	-
Town Hall Windows and Doors Pressure Washing (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floors)	0	0	N/A	-
Downtown Garbage Can Pressure Washing	0	0	N/A	-
Parking Lot Concrete Fence Repairs	6	6	Internal	\$130



## FINANCE

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The Finance Department provides for the effective, lawful, and efficient management of the Town's financial matters. The Department manages and maintains the Town's financial records in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and in compliance with State and Federal laws. The Department develops and runs effective, efficient financial planning and reporting, and supports the operating departments in achieving their program objectives.

**Team:** Sandra Siefken, **Director**  
Christopher Wallace, **Consultant**  
Andria Meiri, Budget Officer  
Manuel "Manny" Carta, Comptroller  
Damaris "Didi" Montes de Oca, Customer Service Representative  
Tamara Capote, Accounting Clerk  
Maria J. Sommariva, Accountant

### **Department Highlights to Date:**

- Advanced progress on the FY 2025 audit, ensuring timely completion and improved financial transparency
- Modernized the Accounts Payable process by eliminating paper check requests; departments now enter invoices directly into the system, increasing efficiency and reducing processing time
- Improved vendor payment timelines, resulting in fewer inquiries and enhanced vendor relations
- Strengthened internal controls and standardized financial processes to support accountability and compliance
- Implemented utility billing auto-pay, enhancing customer convenience and overall service experience
- Automated utility billing payment posting, eliminating manual processes and improving accuracy
- Launched a General Ledger (GL) upload interface for Parks & Recreation payments, reducing manual data entry and increasing accuracy
- Transitioned from Brinks to a remote deposit system, enabling real-time check deposits, reducing delays, and generating significant cost savings



## GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

A Grant Administrator is responsible for managing the full life cycle of grants in alignment with the priorities established by the Town Commission and leadership. This includes pre-award activities such as supporting the identification of funding opportunities based on strategic direction, assisting departments in developing project scopes, preparing and submitting grant applications, and ensuring proposals meet eligibility and compliance criteria. Once awarded, the post-award responsibilities include monitoring project progress, tracking expenditures, managing grant compliance, coordinating with departments and funding agencies, and submitting timely financial and performance reports. The Grant Administrator serves as the central point of contact for all grant-related matters, ensuring accountability, transparency, and effective use of funds across the Town of Surfside.

**Team:** Kristina Brown, **Grant Administrator**  
 Email: [progrant@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:progrant@townofsurfsidefl.gov)

NAME OF GRANT	FUNDER	\$ AWARDED
Resilient Florida Grant Program - Abbott Avenue Stormwater Improvements	FDEP	\$5,000,000.00
Resilient Florida Grant Program - Collins Avenue Water Main Replacement Design	FDEP	\$217,731.00
State Appropriations Project Request - Surfside Boulevard Improvements	FDOT	\$250,000.00
Public Transit Service Development Grant Program – Freebee On-Demand (Yr 1)	FDOT	\$120,898.00
State Appropriation's Request - Surfside Memorial Design and Construction	FDOS	\$1,000,000.00
Resilient Florida Grant Program - Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan	FDEP	\$300,000.00
Beach Management Grant Program - Coastal Dunes Rehabilitation	FDEP	\$1,220,683.50
General County Funds - Surfside Memorial	MDC	\$250,000.00
State Appropriations Request - Transforming and Reformulating the Surfside Downtown Alleyway	FDOC	\$750,000.00
Viva Florida Grant – Flamingo Garden Park	Florida Wildflower Foundation	\$3,000.00

<b>NAME OF GRANT</b>	<b>FUNDER</b>	<b>\$ AWARDED</b>
Safe Streets for All – Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	DOT	\$200,000.00
District 4 Capital Improvement Grant - Paws Up Park and Community Recreation Improvement Project	Miami-Dade County - Commissioner Steinberg	\$25,000.00
<b>TOTAL \$ AWARDED</b>		<b>\$9,337,312.50</b>

**Grant applications submitted pending determination:**

<b>NAME OF GRANT</b>	<b>FUNDER</b>	<b>\$ APPLIED FOR</b>
Public Transit Service Development Grant Program – Freebee On-Demand (Yr 2)	FDOT	\$126,329.00
Public Transit Service Development Grant Program – Freebee On-Demand (Yr 3)	FDOT	\$135,713.00
Resilient Florida Grant Program - Surfside Stormwater Outfall Resilience Project	FDEP	\$650,000.00
Resilient Florida Grant Program - Surfside Lift Station 1 Resilience and Capacity Upgrade Project	FDEP	\$1,000,000.00
Biscayne Bay Water Quality Improvement Grant Program - Surfside Lift Station 1 Resilience and Water Quality Improvement Project	FDEP	\$1,000,000.00
Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program – Town Cybersecurity Software Request	FLDS	\$0.00 (Software Only)
State Appropriations Request – Hawthorne Avenue Drainage Improvements	State TBD	\$650,000.00
State Appropriations Request – Byron Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements	State TBD	\$750,000.00
State Appropriations Request – Surfside Safe Streets	State TBD	\$700,000.00
Community Challenge Flagship Grant – EV Charging Station	AARP	\$15,000.00
Waterways Assistance Program – Living Seawall Tiles	FIND	\$70,000.00



## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

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The Town's Capital Improvement Projects Services provides for the effective management and maintenance of the Town's capital improvement projects as well as the management and supervision of these projects.

Improving our community's quality of life for generations to come is a priority for all Town residents. Several Projects are currently underway to make the Town of Surfside safer, more enjoyable, and more resilient long-term.

**Team:** Andre Eugent, **Director**

*Attachment "A"*

<b><u>PROJECTS</u></b>
<b>96 Street Park</b>
<b>Townwide Utilities Undergrounding</b>
<b>Surfside Memorial</b>
<b>Abbott Avenue Drainage</b>
<b>Collins Avenue Water Main</b>
<b>Dune Restoration</b>
<b>Townwide Vulnerability Assessment</b>

## 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park

**Scope:**

The project is a full park re-development with a 2-story multi-use structure, natural grass field, and playground area. A kayak launch component has also been incorporated.

**Phase:** Construction Closeout

**Status:** The Town has retained construction counsel to settle the case with the contractor.

Finance		
	Construction Closeout	Amount Paid to Date
Contract Amount	\$7,243,838.63	\$6,881,647
	Balance	362,191.94

## Townwide Utilities Undergrounding

**Scope:** The project consists of the undergrounding of all current above-ground utilities throughout the Town. These utilities include electrical mains, feeders, communications and residential drop connections.

**Phase:** Design

**Status Update:** During the November 2025 election, voters did not approve the Town's request to obtain a bond to fund this project. As a result, the project has been halted in its entirety, including all design work for Areas 1 and 2, as well as the planned construction of Area 3.

TOWNWIDE UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING	
CONSULTANT	KIMLEY HORN
CONTRACT AMOUNT DESIGN	\$2,431,400
AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	\$1,450,963
PERCENT PAID TO DATE	60%
BALANCE	\$980,437
DESIGN COMPLETED	AREA 3 – 100% AREA 2 – 95%, AREA 1 – 0%
AREA 3 CONSTRUCTION START DATE	ON HOLD

## **Surfside Memorial**

### **Scope:**

The Town is seeking to create the Surfside Memorial to honor and remember the lives lost in the tragic event that occurred on June 24, 2021, when the CTS Building collapsed. The Surfside Memorial will serve as a permanent remembrance of the immense loss suffered by the Surfside community and will offer a place for families, friends, and visitors to reflect, understand the truth of that day, and find solace through the peace and serenity conveyed through this site.

**Phase:** Permitting / Contract award

**Status:** The Town has successfully negotiated with Shiff Construction, the selected contractor for this project. In collaboration with Shiff Construction and Keith, the Engineer of Record, the Town conducted a comprehensive review of the original design and identified constructive modifications to facilitate project implementation.

These design revisions include a reduction in certain project features, resulting in a streamlined scope of work and a corresponding decrease in overall project costs.

<b>SURFSIDE MEMORIAL PROJECT</b>	
<b>CONSULTANT</b>	KEITH & ASSOCIATES
<b>CONTRACT AMOUNT DESIGN</b>	\$590,000
<b>AMOUNT PAID TO DATE</b>	\$437,706.49
<b>BALANCE</b>	\$52,293.51
<b>DESIGN COMPLETE</b>	100%
<b>PERMITTING</b>	ONGOING
<b>BIDDING AWARD</b>	TBD
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	SHIFF
<b>CONSTRUCTION START DATE</b>	TBD

### **May Schedule**

- **Continue regulatory permitting approval efforts.**
- **Finalizing the design modification based on negotiated agreed efforts.**

## **Abbott Avenue Drainage**

### **Scope:**

The construction will entail the addition of two new pump stations with respective force mains to alleviate flooding on Abbott Avenue from 90th Street to 94th Street.

**Phase:** Construction

### **Status:**

91st Street, in both eastbound and westbound directions, has reopened to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The contractor is continuing work north along Abbott Avenue, approaching 92nd Street. As part of the next phase, the intersection of 92nd Street and Abbott Avenue will be closed to allow for the installation of Pump Station #2.

<b>ABBOTT AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT</b>	
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	FG CONSTRUCTION
<b>CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	\$8,481,234.01
<b>AMOUNT PAID TO DATE</b>	\$1,990,313.45
<b>BALANCE</b>	\$6,490,920.55
<b>PERCENT WORK COMPLETE</b>	2.6%
<b>ORIGINAL COMPLETION DATE</b>	08/27/2026
<b>NEW COMPLETION DATE</b>	11/23/2026

### **May Schedule**

**Location – Abbott Avenue North of 91<sup>st</sup> street & Intersection of 92<sup>nd</sup> Street**

- **Manhole well structure for # 5, 4 & 3 wells in**
- **Pipe work on Abbott Avenue north of 91<sup>st</sup> Street**
- **Manholes 4 & 6 installation**
- **Start installation of Pump Station # 2 at the intersection of 92<sup>nd</sup> Street and Abbott Avenue.**

## Collins Avenue Water Main

**Scope:**

Pursuant to Town Resolution 2022-2907 passed and adopted unanimously on August 9, 2022, Nova Consulting was selected to design this project to replace the current, undersized water main on Collins Avenue. The existing water main is past its useful life and requires up-sizing and replacement. The Town sought and obtained a grant for design services for the project. The water main currently services all the facilities along the Collins Avenue corridor.

**Phase:** Design

**Status:** Nova Consultants has submitted the **100% design package** to both the **Town** and **FDEP** for review and approval. Nova is continuing its permitting efforts with other governing agencies to ensure the project progresses as planned. Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue has reviewed the plans and provided comments that Nova consulting is actively addressing. TOS awaits flow reading from MDFD to allow for permit approval.

The **Capital Improvement Program (CIP) team** is actively exploring **alternative grant funding opportunities** to support the project's implementation.

Construction is currently **anticipated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2026.**

COLLINS AVENUE WATER MAIN	
CONSULTANT	NOVA ENGINEERING
CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$340,456
AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	\$287,561.94
BALANCE	52,893.82
PERCENT PAID	85%
STATUS	PERMITTING
CONSTRUCTION START DATE	TBD

**April Schedule**

- **Continue regulatory permitting approval efforts.**

## Dune Restoration

**Scope:**

The Commission tasked Town Administration to promote both dune beautification and resiliency improvements. Kimley-Horn was tasked to design the required resiliency improvements and beautification of the Town’s dunes.

**Phase:** Construction

**Status:** The Town selected Dickerson Construction to perform the construction for the project. The Town is coordinating with FDEP as the construction would fall in the turtle nesting season. FDEP has indicated that Turtle nesting monitoring will have to take place during the construction of this project.

The contractor was issued NTP to start on May 11th and will be working.

<b>DUNE RESTORATION AND BEAUTIFICATION</b>	
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	DICKERSON
<b>CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	\$2,549,630.60
<b>AMOUNT PAID TO DATE</b>	\$0
<b>BALANCE</b>	\$2,549,630.60
<b>PERCENT WORK COMPLETE</b>	0%
<b>CONSTRUCTION START DATE</b>	May 11, 2026
<b>CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE</b>	August 10, 2026

## **Townwide Vulnerability Assessment**

**Scope:**

The Town of Surfside was awarded a grant for \$300,000.00 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a Vulnerability Assessment and an Adaptation Plan as well as the development of the Town Hall’s Emergency Operation Center EOC Adaptation Plan.

**Phase:** Study

**Status:** Kimley-Horn has received approval and acceptance from the **Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)** for the **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Adaptation Plan Feasibility Report** and the **Final Vulnerability Assessment Report**.

The Town intends to **identify potential projects** outlined in the reports and **pursue grant funding** to support their implementation.

These efforts are part of the Town’s ongoing commitment to **resilience planning** and enhancing infrastructure to better withstand future climate and hazard impacts.

<b>DUNE RESTORATION AND BEAUTIFICATION</b>	
<b>CONSULTANT</b>	KIMLEY HORN
<b>CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	\$300,000
<b>AMOUNT PAID TO DATE</b>	\$300,000
<b>BALANCE</b>	\$0
<b>PERCENT WORK COMPLETE</b>	100%