



# TOWN OF SURFSIDE

# GAZETTE

## Manager's Message

We have finished the first month of FY 11/12. My first fiscal year in government was FY 70/71, 41 years ago. Hard to believe. Monumental issues at the national and international level which impacted local government as well as statewide and local issues of major impact have come and gone. Amazingly, I still think a public service career is an admirable path and believe now more than ever we need good people to get involved in government as employees, volunteers and elected officials. Surfside is blessed with many such involved people who believe in public service without any desire for self aggrandizement or unjust financial reward.

There is much good news to celebrate. The Surfside, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor sewer force main project on Collins Avenue has been completed well before the committed Thanksgiving end date. Congrats to Public Works Director Bill Evans and the members of the construction coordinating team that met weekly to ensure we kept to task, resolved all issues and kept the public aware of developments and answered inquiries quickly.

The same attention to detail is being provided to the Town's own water/sewer/storm drainage project which will replace our 70 year old very deteriorated systems. Thanks to our residents in the southern single family neighborhood who are patiently bearing the brunt of the construction. The first 60 homes on Abbott Avenue should have their new water supply turned on in early November. There will also be microwave readable water meters which will tell us if consumption spikes so we can notify owners of possible leaks. More than 1100 of the 1300 impacted property owners have signed the permission slip to allow us to tie in their homes without cost. If we do not receive the remaining 200 by November 15, 2011 the owner will have to bear the estimated \$600 to have it completed by a private plumber and the permitting process will be more extensive. Also, once the neighborhood is turned over to the new system, anyone not tapped in will be without water. Visit [www.utilityupgradeproject.com](http://www.utilityupgradeproject.com) or call Bill Evans at (305) 861-4863.

We have also finished the study of the various parking lots to determine what work is necessary to upgrade the lots similar to the Post Office lot. We have moved Town employees from the 94th Street lot and the lot across from Town Hall to the newly acquired lot behind Town Hall. Thanks to the Town Commission for supporting the acquisition of the property behind Town Hall at less than 50 percent of appraised value since the property had been foreclosed by the bank.

Due to the intense scrutiny of the FY 11/12 Budget by the Town Commission, we were able to reduce the millage by .5000 mills and hold the line on water/sewer/storm drainage rates. This is no small accomplishment since we had to absorb a water rate increase from Miami Dade County and fund the cost of operating the new Community Center for the entire year. We have made the first payment on the bond issue necessary to fund the water/sewer/storm drainage project and will continue to manage this project with the goal of timely completion with money left over to improve the traffic calming devices, plant trees and replace our street signs.

My next month's message will focus on closing out the Community Center construction project and some lessons learned in the saga of this wonderful facility,

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## NOVEMBER EVENTS !



**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**  
Friday, November 11  
10 a.m.  
Veteran's Park



**3RD THURSDAY BLOCK PARTY**  
Thursday, November 17  
6-9 p.m.  
Harding & 95th Street



**FALL HARVEST FEST**  
Sunday, November 20  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
96th Street Park

## Thousands Attend Beach Bash Safety Event

The Surfside Police Department joined forces with three surrounding communities and Miami Dade to host more than a thousand children and families at the 2011 Islands Beach Bash for Drug Awareness. The event started at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center with displays, music and safety demonstrations. The participants then walked to Bal Harbour beach for presentations, food and entertainment.



(Left) At the presentation ceremony, Surfside Mayor Daniel Dietch and Bay Harbor Mayor Ilene Wallace.



## Surfside Police Staff Named Crime Prevention Unit of the Year

At the 2011 Southeast Florida Crime Prevention Association Chiefs' luncheon, Officer Jay Matelis and Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein received the 2011 Crime Prevention Unit of the Year Award. Surfside was selected from all law enforcement agencies in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties. Congratulations!



(L-R) Sgt. Joseph Bermudez of Miami Dade Police Department, Dina Goldstein, Officer Jay Matelis, Chief David Allen.

## IT HAPPENS ON HARDING! - Art in Public Places

Born out of one of the initiatives from the Downtown Vision Advisory Committee, the windows of three Harding Avenue vacant buildings recently received

an artistic makeover.

This joint venture between the Town and downtown property owners was made possible by photographs submitted by Surfsiders Donna Natale Planas and Maria Socarras and *Gazette* producer MediaTech. Of special interest is the poem about living in Surfside at 9448 Harding that was written by 7th grader Simone D'Antuono, *Home Sweet Surfside*.



## Highlights of the October 11 Commission Meeting

Introduction of Jose Damien as the new Code Enforcement/Compliance Director.

### Resolutions:

- Approved an employee health benefits contract renewal with United Healthcare/Neighborhood Health Plan.
- Approved the selection of seven (7) audit firms to perform resort tax audits for the Town of Surfside.
- Approved a proffer by Greystone Residential LLC in interest to 9501 Collins Avenue, LLC in the amount of \$100,000.00 contribution to the 95th Street Grand Concourse Project Fund.

- Approved the expenditure of \$79,210.00 in Police forfeiture funds.
- Approved an after-the-fact agreement with Surfside Urban Gardeners
- Approved the appointment of replacement members to the Town Planning and Zoning Board and Design Review Board.

### *Voted to adopt the following ordinances on second reading:*

- Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard.

## Civic Association Sponsors Holiday Fund

The Surfside Civic Association is proud to continue the 41st anniversary of the Surfside Employee "Holiday Fund." Now is the opportunity to show your appreciation to the Town Employees who work year round to improve the quality of life in our town. All contributions should be sent to: **Surfside Civic Association "Holiday Fund," P.O. Box 547162, Surfside, Florida 33154.**

## Surfside Book Club Makes Selections

The Surfside Book Club has selected the dates and books to be discussed for the remainder of the year:

- Tuesday, Nov. 29: *The Woodlanders*, by Thomas Hardy
- Tuesday, Dec. 13: *A Visit From the Goon Squad*, by Jennifer Egan.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. For more information, call Kimberly Millerick at (305) 867-1336 or email kimjo614@the-beach.net.

## Seeking Surfside Gardeners

The Surfside Urban Gardeners is a non-profit organization coordinating the Surfside Community Garden being installed on Dickens Avenue at 89th St. Interested residents contact Garden Club President Melissa Moonves at mmoonves@gmail.com.

## Police Department Sponsoring Toy Drive

The Surfside Police Department is collecting toys this holiday season for the third annual Holiday Toy Drive. Please show your support by bringing new unwrapped toys for children ages 1-13 to the Surfside Police Station. The last day to donate is **Tuesday December 20, 2011.**

## New Program to Control Feral Cat Population

The Town of Surfside is developing a humane feral cat program with trained volunteers to assist with trapping, neutering and releasing of the cats and to be responsible for the feeding and cleanup at specific locations. Volunteers should contact Suely Carmelo (305) 868-0042 or suely411@aol.com.

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discussion of the "vision thing" and how a Town Manager works with involved citizens, consultants and the Town Commission to create and implement a vision and finally, some thoughts on leadership and running for office. I hope my Messages are interesting, a little provocative and go beyond just feel good news. Let me know if you agree or have any suggestions at rcarlton@townofsurfsidefl.gov.

Finally, please join me in welcoming Code Enforcement Director Joe Damien and Town Clerk Sandra Novoa to the Surfside family. Two extraordinarily talented people who rose to the top from more than 1600 candidates for both positions. Thanks to Assistant Chief John Di Censo and Human Resources Director Yami Slate McCloud for filling in while these recruitments were underway. As always thanks to the Town Commission and the people of Surfside for the opportunity to manage this wonderful community.

-Roger M. Carlton

# TOWN CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

- Tue 1 Endlessly Organic Produce 4-6 p.m. Community Center
- Wed 2 Senior Health Fair 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Community Center
- Sun 6 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (Surfside)
- Mon 7 Tourist Board Meeting
- Tue 8 Town Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Fri 11 Town Hall closed, Veteran's Day Observance
- Fri 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony, 10 a.m., Veteran's Park
- Sun 13 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (BHI)
- Tue 15 Endlessly Organic Produce 4-6 p.m. Community Center
- Thur 17 Third Thursday 95th St. Block Party Returns, 7-10 pm
- Sun 20 Fall Harvest Fest, 1:30-3:30, 96th St. Park
- Sun 20 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (Surfside)
- Mon 21 Parks & Recreation Committee 7 p.m.
- Wed 23 Surfside Urban Gardeners Meeting, 7 p.m. (tentative)
- Thur 24 Thanksgiving holiday, Town Hall closed
- Fri 25 Thanksgiving holiday, Town Hall closed
- Sun 27 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (BHI)
- Tue 29 Endlessly Organic Produce 4-6 p.m. Community Center
- Tue 29 Surfside Book Club, 7 p.m. (305) 867-1336

## DECEMBER

- Sun 4 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (Surfside)
- Mon 5 Tourist Board Meeting
- Tue 6 Bike with the Chief, 6 p.m.
- Sun 11 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (BHI)
- Tue 13 Town Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tue 13 Endlessly Organic Produce 4-6 p.m. Community Center
- Tue 13 Surfside Book Club, 7 p.m. (305) 867-1336
- Thur 15 Third Thursday 95th Street Block Party, 7-10 p.m.
- Sun 18 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (Surfside)
- Mon 19 Parks & Recreation Committee 7 p.m.
- Mon 19 Surfside Winter Camp Begins (305) 866-3635
- Sun 25 Farmer's Market cancelled
- Mon 26 Town Hall closed - Christmas holiday
- Wed 28 Surfside Urban Gardeners Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Mon Jan 2 Town Hall closed for New Year's Day Observance

All times and dates, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. To verify, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, visit the website [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) or tune in to Channel 77.

## Endlessly Organic Fresh Produce Buyers Club

Join Endlessly Organic and receive a bounty of fresh and delicious organic fruits and vegetables, sourced and selected from organic, local farms, delivered directly to the Surfside Community Center for pick-up (see calendar). All produce arrives fresh picked, chemical free, ready to eat, and at a cost often lower than conventional produce. To register visit [www.endlesslyorganic.com](http://www.endlesslyorganic.com), call 866-944-9564, or email [info@endlesslyorganic.com](mailto:info@endlesslyorganic.com).



# YOUTH FALL 2011 PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

Call (305) 866-3635 or visit [www.townofsurlsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurlsidefl.gov) for information, holiday hours and camp registration.

CLASS	DAY	DATES & TERM	HOURS	Fee (per person)	No class
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Monday	10/24/11-12/12/11	3:45-4:40 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	11/21
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Monday	10/24/11-12/12/11	4:45-5:40 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	11/21
Gymnastics, age 6-13	Monday	10/24/11-12/12/11	4:45-5:40 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	11/21
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Wednesday	10/26/11-12/14/11	4 p.m.-4:55 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	11/23
Pre-School ballet, age 3-5	Tuesday	10/25/11-12/13/11	3:45-4:30 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$96 non	11/22
Pre-School ballet, age 3-5	Tuesday	10/25/11-12/13/11	4:45-5:30 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$96 non	11/22
Ballet, age 6-10	Tuesday	10/25/11-12/13/11	5:45-6:30 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	11/23
Tots Kidokinetics, age 2-4	Tuesday	10/25/11-12/13/11	9:15 a.m. -10 a.m.	\$77 residents/\$117 non	11/22
Hip Hop Jazz Dance, age 6-13	Wednesday	10/26/11-12/14/11	5:15-6:10 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	11/22
Kidokinetics, age 3-5	Thursday	10/27/11-12/15/11	4:30-5:15 p.m.	\$77 residents/\$117 non	11/24
Soccer, 4-5, coed	Tues & Thur	9/13/11-12/15/11	4-5 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$289 non	NO SOCCER: 11/22, 11/24
Soccer, 6-9, coed	Tues & Thur	9/13/11-12/15/11	5-6 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$289 non	
Soccer, 8-13, coed (coach approv.)	Tues & Thur	9/13/11-12/15/11	6-7 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$289 non	
Surf's Up at Surfside age 8-15	Sunday	10/30/11-12/11/11	10-11:30 a.m.	\$150 residents/\$200 non	11/27
Jr. Quick Start Tennis, under 8	Mon & Wed	11/2/11-11/30/11	6-7 p.m.	\$16,1 class/\$59, 4 classes/\$112, 8 classes	
Junior Group Tennis, age 9-11	Tuesday	11/1/11-11/29/11	6-7 p.m.	\$16,1 class/\$59, 4 classes/\$112, 8 classes	
Teen Clinic Tennis, age 10-13	Wednesday	11/1/11-11/29/11	6-7 p.m.	\$16,1 class/\$59, 4 classes/\$112, 8 classes	
Swim Lessons/preschool, 3-5	Sat/Sun	10/22/11-11/13/11	9:30-10 a.m.	\$68 residents/\$100 non	
Swim Lessons/preschool, 3-5	Tue/Wed/Thur	11/1/11-11/16/11	3:30-4:00 p.m.	\$68 residents/\$100 non	
Beginners Swim, 6-14	Sat/Sun	10/22/11-11/13/11	10:10-10:40 a.m.	\$68 residents/\$100 non	

## ADULT FALL PROGRAMS

CLASS	DAY	DATES & TERM	HOURS	Fee (per person)	No class
Senior Social	Wednesday	10/26/11-12/14/11	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	FREE	11/23
<b>Bring a yoga mat to the following classes:</b>					
Zumba	Monday	10/24/11-12/12/11	7:15-8:15 p.m.	\$54 Resident/non \$103	11/21
Yoga	Tuesday	10/25/11-12/13/11	7-8 p.m.	\$54 Resident/non \$103	11/22
Beginner Salsa	Wednesday	10/26/11-12/14/11	6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$54 Resident/non \$103	11/23
Pilates	Thursday	10/27/11-12/15/11	7-8 p.m.	\$54 Resident/non \$103	11/24
Zumba	Friday	10/28/11-12/16/11	9-10 a.m.	\$54 Resident/non \$103	11/25

## ADULT TENNIS

Adult Doubles	Monday	11/7/11-11/28/11	7:30-9:30 p.m.	\$10 per person - reservations required	
Adult Clinic	Thursday	11/3/11-12/1/11	7:30-9 p.m.	\$65 per month, per person	11/24
Ladies	Thursday	11/3/11-12/1/11	6-7 p.m.	\$10 per class-must call by noon to sign up	11/24

## SENIOR TRIP

Thursday, Dec 15 - Hard Rock Casino

## SWIM TEAM

The Surfside Tritons swim team is open to children ages 6-15. Practices continue through Nov. 30, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost for residents is \$140.

## AQUATIC CENTER HOURS

**November 1-30** (Hours are subject to change)

**Main pool open swim:** Every day: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Sand Dollar Key:** Every day: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Water Slide:**

Mon-Fri: 2-5 p.m. Sat & Sun: 12-5 p.m.

**Lap Swimming:**

Mon-Wed-Fri: 6:45-8:30 a.m. (5 lanes) Mon-Fri: 5-6 p.m. (limited lanes)

**Thanksgiving Day:** Pool, Community Center & lifeguard stand, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Beach Lifeguard Tower:** Every day, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

# OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

## August 2011

Officers Lesmez Ruiz and John Gentile were named August Officers of the Month for apprehending two suspicious individuals on separate occasions who were later charged with serious crimes. One was found to be carrying items burglarized from a Surfside resident's car and the other was charged with grand theft for stealing nearly \$6,000 in cash from the Miami Beach Parking Department. Congratulations to both officers.



Officer John Gentile (C) with family join Asst. Chief John DiCenso, Mayor Daniel Dietch, Chief David Allen and Officer Lesmez Ruiz (R)

## September 2011

Officers Micah Smith and Marian Valino were named September Officers of the Month for their teamwork in arresting two individuals who had burglarized four vehicles in Surfside. While patrolling in the early morning hours, Officer Smith noticed a car door open and saw a man and woman leaving the scene. After questioning them, Officer Smith requested Det. Valino to further investigate the suspects. They admitted to four auto break-ins during that one evening. Officer Smith was commended for his proactive patrol efforts while Det. Valino is commended for her investigative skills and keeping Surfside safe for all residents.



Det. Marian Valino (C) poses with her family and Asst. Chief John DiCenso, Mayor Daniel Dietch and Chief David Allen.



Officer Micah Smith with family and Asst. Chief John DiCenso, Mayor Daniel Dietch and Chief David Allen.

## Young Resident Pens Surfside Poem

Home Sweet Surfside  
By Simone D'Antuono



*Surfside, it's bigger than you think  
Everywhere you walk, someone gives you a wink  
The beach is only a block away  
Surfside is the town where I'm here to stay*

*Surfside has been around for 75 years  
Right around the corner are some of my peers  
We had a celebration, a parade in the street  
We walked and danced until we hit the beach*

*My neighbors and I, we meet at the park  
We usually stay there until it gets dark  
We have a new Community Center where we swim in the pool  
We like to go there on days we don't have school*

*It's a safe neighborhood to just walk around  
Wherever you go, there's a nice peaceful sound  
Friends and family are all close by  
Just a skip and a jump and I can say hi*

*There are restaurants, stores and yogurt to eat  
Living here is such a treat  
This is a place I love to roam  
Surfside is my Home Sweet Home*

## Surfside Winter Camp Begins Dec. 19

Call Parks and Recreation for registration information at (305) 866-3635.

## Citizen's Police Academy Patrols Waterways



Members of Surfside's 10th Citizens Police Academy took a tour of the Intracoastal Waterway for the Marine Patrol class with the assistance of Bal Harbour Police Department, Miami Beach Police Department and Indian Creek Public Safety Department.

# Surf-Bal-Bay Farmers Market

## A Tri-Community Venture

SURF-BAL-BAY FARMERS MARKET IS NOW WEEKLY FEATURING A WEALTH OF FRESH LOCAL AND ORGANIC PRODUCE AND MUCH MORE AT AN OUTDOOR MARKET!

### October

Oct. 23 - Surfside  
Oct. 30 - Bay Harbor Islands

### November

Nov. 6 - Surfside  
Nov. 13 - Bay Harbor Islands  
Nov. 20 - Surfside  
Nov. 27 - Bay Harbor Islands

### December

Dec. 4 - Surfside  
Dec. 11 - Bay Harbor Islands  
Dec. 18 - Surfside  
Dec. 25 - Canceled

SUNDAYS 9AM - 2PM  
YEAR ROUND

### LOCATIONS:

#### Surfside

95th St @ Collins Ave

#### Bay Harbor Islands

Kane Concourse



The Green Market Management



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**TOWN MEETINGS ON DVD**

A DVD recording of the current monthly Town Commission and Planning & Zoning meetings are available for check out at the Town Hall front desk. For more information, contact the Town Clerk at 305-861-4863 x226.

**TOWN COMMISSION**

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- Town Hall (305) 861-4863
- Parks & Recreation (305) 866-3635
- Tennis Courts (305) 866-5176
- Tourist Bureau (305) 864-0722
- Police (305) 861-4862
- Fire Rescue (305) 861-1115

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