



TOWN OF SURFSIDE

GAZETTE

MARCH
2012

Town Manager's Message

There has been much discussion over the years about the line between policy and administration. When it comes to the Manager's Message, the decision was made in the not too distant past that the message should be written by the Town Manager to keep it informative, unbiased and apolitical. This is because public funds are spent on the production and distribution of the Gazette and it is the right thing to do. Each month I try to make the Manager's Message interesting and it often becomes the subject of conversation. People stop me around Town and say they enjoy it. This month the topic is interesting all by itself – no fourth candidate has stepped up to qualify for election to the Commission. This is my sincere effort to inform you of the facts surrounding this recent extraordinary event relative to the upcoming March 20, 2012 election, including our efforts to find a solution. I also offer my speculation as to why this may have occurred.

First, there will be an election on **Tuesday, March 20, 2012**. There is a Mayoral race with two candidates: current Mayor Daniel Dietch and former Mayor Charles Burkett. There will also be an election for three individuals for Town Commission: incumbents Michael Karukin and Martha Olchyk and first time candidate Shelly Lisbon. Because there are four seats open, all three have been elected. However, it is important to vote to determine who will be Vice Mayor. This is the process in our Charter.

The same Charter is silent on what to do about the seat that has no contestants. Therefore, the Town Commission will decide what the process will be through an emergency ordinance to be heard during the Town Commission meeting on March 13, 2012. There is also no precedent in State or County law or procedure that gives us guidance. Hence, our Home Rule status as a municipality kicks in and the Town Commission decides through an emergency ordinance and the public can speak on March 13, 2012. Our Town Attorney has many resources in municipal government and has sought the advice of many people very knowledgeable about elections. Because there is no written legal precedent, we will use the best advice to craft a solution – most likely an emergency ordinance to address this unprecedented issue. We will try to keep you informed as we go along.

There has been much discussion as to why only three candidates stepped up for four seats. Perhaps people are burned out after four years of difficult economic times.

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Police Department Names Officer and Civilian of 2011

The Surfside Police Department has named John Gentile Officer of the Year and



Dina Goldstein and Officer John Gentile

Dina Goldstein Civilian of the Year for 2011. Last year, Officer Gentile issued 358 traffic citations, 257 warnings and made 25 arrests. He is a high performer who always displays initiative, strong work ethic and professionalism. He is well respected in the community as well as in the department.

In 2011, Dina received 11 letters of appreciation from the public, nine Police commendations, two Town Certificates of Appreciation and two prestigious regional awards. She participated in more than 30 events, while multi-tasking many different department duties. She is a dedicated and committed employee, a quality and caring individual and a proud Surfside resident.

Commissioner Kopelman Recognized for Service

When Commissioner Edward Kopelman was elected in 2010, he promised that he would serve only one term and would not seek re-election. At the February 2012 Commission meeting he was recognized for his service to the community.



(L-R) Town Manager Roger Carlton, Commissioner Michael Karukin, Town Attorney Lynn M. Dannheisser, Commissioner Marta Olchyk, Commissioner Edward Kopelman, Mayor Daniel Dietch and Vice Mayor Joe Graubart

Residents Explore Space for Dog Park

Many residents previously visited the space at 89th and Dickens Avenue to gather, socialize and let their dogs play. Now that space is the Community Garden. While there is some area for the dog owners and pets outside the garden fence, it is close to the street and less safe for pets to romp. Local dog owners are looking for a small designated open space in Surfside for residents and their dogs. If you are interested in joining in the effort, contact ann.findlay@wolterskluwer.com.

Clothing Drive For Homeless

Surfside is assisting Rev. Pedro Martinez and his project HOPE in the collection of clothing for the homeless. Items needed include shoes, belts, backpacks, luggage, blankets, eyeglasses and new or used hair cutting trimmers. The items will be collected through March 21, 2012 at Town Hall and will be distributed in South Beach. For information on the organization, visit www.hopeonmiamibeach.org.

County Commissioner Donates Segway

The Surfside Police Department received a St. Valentine's day surprise: a brand new Segway for law enforcement use from Miami Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman. Accepting the gift from Commissioner Heyman are Chief David Allen and Sgt. Richard Williams.



Participate in the Revitalization of Downtown

All residents, downtown property owners and business operators are encouraged to join the Downtown Vision Advisory Committee. Be a part of the exciting revitalization happening in Surfside's downtown! Please contact Duncan Tavares, Tourism Director at dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov (305) 864-0722 for more information.



It Happens on Harding!

The previously jumbled collection of newspaper racks on Harding Avenue have been replaced with a new unified rack system. The

effort was coordinated by the Downtown Vision Advisory Committee and resulted in a more attractive sidewalk in the business district.

Police Honor Civilians



Former Mayor Eli Tourgeman (with plaque) and Dr. Jonathan Shaw (not pictured) were recognized for their assistance to the Police Department in preventing a crime and in the apprehension of a career criminal and robbery suspect in the Surfside business district.

Police Department Supporter Recognized

Larry Feder, a Miami Beach contractor, was recognized by the Police Department for his generous contributions to the annual children's toy drive and his dedicated support to law enforcement officers.



Chief David Allen, Mr. & Mrs Larry Feder.

Surfside the Winner in 2012 5K Beach Run



With a chilly breeze that was perfect for running, residents, volunteers and visitors participated in the 2012 Surfside 5K Winter Beach Run. Medals for the age-group winners were presented and everyone enjoyed plenty of refreshments. Charles Wilcox and Jen Walker were the overall male and female winners. The event was organized by the Parks and Recreation Department.



Town Manager's Message - from P. 1

Perhaps the caustic world of public service that we see today keeps people from exposing themselves and their families to the allegations and conspiracy theories so easy to publish in all forms of media without fear of being held to account. Perhaps there is just a satisfaction with the direction the Town has taken in recent times. Whatever the reason, apathy is not good. An involved citizenry is. No matter what you think is the reason, please vote on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 or use the absentee ballot process.

One more subject. While the water/sewer/storm drainage project is on schedule, it is in the difficult phase of crossing Harding Avenue and therefore disrupts traffic. We endeavor to complete the work each day between rush hours. However, delays have been significant. Please bear with us and accept our apologies for the inconvenience.

In closing, on behalf of the entire Town Commission and the community our deepest appreciation to Vice Mayor Joe Graubart and Commissioner Ted Kopelman for their service. Their diverse views and approaches have enlivened the debate on many important issues. 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

MARCH 2012

- Sat 3 Rock N' Reel at Community Center 4 p.m.
- Mon 5 Tourist Board Meeting 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- Tue 6 Endlessly Organic Produce 4-6 p.m. Community Center
- Thur 8 Downtown Business meeting for owners/operators 8:30 am at the Bistro, 9555 Harding Ave
- Tue 13 Town Commission Meeting, 7 p.m. (includes emergency election ordinance)
- Thur 16 Third Thursday 95th Street Block Party, 7-10 p.m.
- Mon 19 Parks & Recreation Committee 7 p.m.
- Tue 20 Election Day**
- Tue 20 Endlessly Organic Produce 4-6 p.m. Community Center
- Thur 22 AARP Defensive Driving Class, 11 am, Com. Center
- Sun 25 Surfside Urban Gardeners, 2 p.m. at Community Garden
- Wed 28 Downtown Vision Advisory Committee 7 pm Town Hall
- Wed 28 Senior Trip to Hard Rock Casino, 9 am - 3 pm
- Sat 31 Annual Egg Hunt, 96th Street Park, 10 am, ages 3-12

APRIL 2012

- Mon 2 Tourist Board Meeting 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- Tue 3 Endlessly Organic Produce 4-6 p.m. Community Center
- Tue 1- Town Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Sat 14 Rummage Sale at Community Center
- Mon 16 Parks & Recreation Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tue 17 Endlessly Organic Produce 4-6 p.m. Community Center
- Thur 19 Third Thursday 95th Street Block Party, 7-10 p.m.
- Fri 20 Earth Day
- Sun 22 Surfside Urban Gardeners, 2 p.m. at Community Garden
- Wed 25 Senior Trip to Fairchild Tropical Garden, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

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 or tune in to Channel 77.

YOUTH SPRING 2012 PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

Call (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurlsidefl.gov for information,

CLASS	DAY	DATES & TERM	HOURS	Fee (per person)	No class
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Monday	3/19/12-5/7/12	4:30-5:25 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	4/23
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Monday	3/19/12-5/7/12	5:30-6:25 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	4/23
Gymnastics, age 6-13	Monday	3/19/12-5/7/12	5-5:55 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	4/23
Pre-School ballet, age 3-5	Tuesday	3/20/12-5/8/12	3:45-4:30 p.m.	\$72 residents/\$134 non	
Tots Kidokinetics, age 2-4	Tuesday	3/20/12-5/8/12	9:15 a.m. -10 a.m.	\$88 residents/\$134 non	
Ballet, age 6-10	Tuesday	3/20/12-5/8/12	4:45-5:30 p.m.	\$72 residents/\$134 non	
Soccer, 4-5, coed	Tues & Thur	1/24/12-4/5/12	4-5 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$289 non	
Soccer, 6-9, coed	Tues & Thur	1/24/12-4/5/12	5-6 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$289 non	
Soccer, 8-13, coed (coach approv.)	Tues & Thur	1/24/12-4/5/12	6-7 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$289 non	
Gymnastics, age 3-5, 6-13	Wednesday	3/21/12-5/9/12	5-5:55 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	
Hip Hop Jazz Dance, age 6-13	Wednesday	3/21/12-5/9/12	6:15-7:10 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	4/18
Kidokinetics, age 3-5	Thursday	3/22/12-5/10/12	4:30-5:15 p.m.	\$88 residents/\$134 non	4/18
Capoeira, 5-17	Wednesday	3/21/12-5/9/12	5-6 p.m.	\$54 residents/\$100 non	
Teen Tennis Clinic, age 10-13	Monday	3/5/12-3/26/12	6-7 p.m.	\$16 per class/\$61, 4 classes	
Juniors Tennis, age 9-11	Tuesday	3/6/12-3/27/12	6-7 p.m.	\$16 per class/\$61, 4 classes	
Little Jr. Tennis, age 4-8	Friday	3/2/12-3/30/12	6-7 p.m.	\$16 per class/\$61, 4 classes	

For tennis information, call (305) 866-5176

ADULT SPRING PROGRAMS

CLASS	DAY	DATES & TERM	HOURS	Fee (per person)	No class
Zumba Gold	Monday	3/19/12-5/7/12	10-11 a.m.	\$62 Resident/non \$118	
Zumba	Monday	3/19/12-5/7/12	7:15-8:15 p.m.	\$62 Resident/non \$118	
Beginner Salsa	Monday	4/2/12-5/7/12	7-7:45 p.m.	\$40 Resident/non \$75	4/23
Intermediate Salsa	Monday	4/2/12-5/7/12	8-8:45 p.m.	\$40 Resident/non \$75	4/23
Yoga	Wednesday	3/21/12-5/9/12	7-8 p.m.	\$62 Resident/non \$118	
Capoeira	Thursday	3/22/12-5/10/12	6-7 p.m.	\$62 Resident/non \$118	
Pilates	Thursday	3/22/12-5/10/12	7-8 p.m.	\$62 Resident/non \$118	
Zumba	Friday	3/23/12-5/11/12	9-10 a.m.	\$62 Resident/non \$118	

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Zumba Gold	Monday	3/19/12-5/7/12	10 - 11 a.m.	\$35 Resident/non \$70	
Senior Social	Mon & Wed	3/19/12-5/9/12	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	FREE	
Current Events	Tuesday	3/20/12-4/17/12	10:30-12:30 p.m.	FREE	
Alfred Hitchcock Presents	Wednesday	3/21/12-4/25/12	9-10 a.m.	FREE	

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Swim team, age 6-15	Mon & Wed	4/9/12-5/30/12	5-6 p.m.	\$110 Resident/non \$166	5/28
Swim team, age 6-15	Tue & Thur	4/10/12-5/29/12	5-6 p.m.	\$110 Resident/non \$166	
Aqua Zumba	Tuesday	4/9/12-5/30/12	8:45-9:30 a.m.	\$62 Res/non \$118 Seniors 55+ \$40 Res/non \$80	
Jr. Lifeguard, 9-14	Tues & Thurs	3/13/12-3/15/12	10 a.m. -1 p.m.	\$30 Resident/non \$45	
Learn to swim, age 3-5	Sat & Sun	3/24/12-4/21/12	9:30- 10 a.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 6-14	Sat & Sun	3/24/12-4/21/12	10:10- 10:40 a.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 3-5	Tues & Thurs	4/13/12-4/18/12	3:30- 4:30 p.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 6-14	Tues & Thurs	4/13/12-4/18/12	4:10-4:40 p.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 3-5	Tues & Thurs	5/1/12-5/16/12	3:30- 4:30 p.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 6-14	Tues & Thurs	5/1/12-5/16/12	4:10-4:40 p.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Adult Swim Lessons	Wednesday	3/28/12-5/16/12	6:15-6:45 p.m.	\$62 Resident/non \$118	
Surf's Up at Surfside, age 6-15	Sunday	4/15/12-5/6/12	10-11 a.m.	\$100 Resident/non \$150	
Swim Training	Tues & Thurs	4/10/12-5/29/12	6:15-7:15 p.m.	\$50 Resident/non \$100	

Community Center Hosts Dinner for Military

Military chaplains and their spouses attended a dinner at the Community Center on February 9, 2012. The dinner was held by the Aleph Institute, which trains Jewish chaplains, and was having its annual conference at the Shul.



Mayor Daniel Dietch and Commissioner Edward Kopelman welcomed the distinguished group and thanked them for their service. The event was attended by 70 people and proved that the Community Center can handle large events.

For information on reserving Community Center and Aquatic Center areas for a party or special event, please call (305) 866-3635

COMMUNITY CENTER COMES ALIVE!

The Surfside Community Center continues a busy schedule during the winter and Spring months with a variety of activities and events. Below are the participants in a recent skateboarding clinic. Pictured at bottom is the St. Valentine's Day Dance.



Work of Surfside Artist at Community Center



Daryle Prager, a 46-year resident of Surfside, is displaying her colorful artwork in the Community Center. The Town named Daryle as an "Artist of Merit" in 1994. She is well-known for her bright and lively oil and water color paintings depicting scenes from her world-wide travels. Through her paintings she hopes to "...take everything good out of each day and share it with everyone..." She can be reached at www.paintatsea.com

At left artist Daryle Prager poses with one of her paintings

Endlessly Organic Fresh Produce Buyers Club

Join Endlessly Organic and receive a bounty of organic fruits and vegetables, sourced and selected from organic, local farms, delivered directly to the Surfside Community Center for pick-up (see calendar). To register visit www.endlesslyorganic.com, call 866-944-9564, or email info@endlesslyorganic.com.

Seeking Surfside Gardeners

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

February Third Thursday Features Live Music

Residents and visitors alike enjoyed the music of a smooth jazz/rhythm & blues band on 95th Street at Harding Avenue as part of the free monthly music series every Third Thursday through April.

The next event is March 15 from 7-10 p.m. Come and enjoy a top 40/rock band and dance the night away!

Adriana Restaurant 9477 Harding Avenue 305-867-1220	Flanigan's Seafood Bar & Grill 9516 Harding Avenue 305-867-0099
Asa 2 9489 Harding Ave 305-866-6400	Ho Wang Chinese Restaurant 9462 Harding Avenue 305-866-7105
B & H Pizza 233-95th Street 786-245-5557 (Kosher)	Lotus Miami 9487 Harding Avenue 305-397-8062 (Kosher)
Bal Harbour Juice 9427 Harding Avenue 305-763-8865	Moncheese Pizza 9459 Harding Avenue 305-868-6499
Bistro 9555 Harding Avenue 305-763-8584	Pescecane Ristorante 9551 Harding Avenue 305-861-1060
Café Ragazzi 9500 Harding Avenue 305-866-4495	Serendipity Yogurt Café 9457 Harding Avenue 305-865-1506 (Kosher)
Café Vert 9490 Harding Avenue 305-867-3151 (Kosher)	Specchio Café 9485 Harding Avenue 305-865-5653
Chow Down Grill 9517 Harding Avenue 305-397-8494	Subway 9536 Harding Avenue 305-866-2033
Cine Citta Caffè 9544 Harding Avenue 305-866-8688 (Kosher)	Sushi Republic 9583 Harding Avenue 305-867-8036
Cine Citta Grill 9472 Harding Avenue 305-865-8383 (Kosher)	The Greek Place 9561 Harding Avenue 305-866-9628
Divine Pizza 9476 Harding Avenue 305-397-8581	The Harbour Grill 9415 Harding Avenue 305-861-0787 (Kosher)




For a listing of stores & restaurants
Surfside Tourist Bureau / www.visitsurfsidefl.com
305.864.0722

Police Department Tips

Avoiding Credit Fraud

- Don't give out your credit card number online unless the site is a secure and reputable. Sometimes a tiny icon of a padlock appears to symbolize a higher level of security to transmit data, but provides little assurance.
- Purchase items online using your credit card rather than a debit or check card. This will allow you to dispute the charges if something goes wrong.
- Do your homework on the individual or company to ensure that they are legitimate.
- Obtain a physical address rather than a post office box and a telephone number. Call the seller to see if the telephone number is correct and working.
- Send an e-mail to the seller to make sure the address is active and be wary of those with free e-mail services where a credit card wasn't required to open the account.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau from the seller's area.
- Check other websites regarding this person/company.
- Shred your credit card statements.



Reporting credit card fraud

If your credit card(s) have been lost or stolen, immediately call the issuer(s). Many companies have toll-free numbers and 24-hour service. By law, once you report the loss or theft, you have no further responsibility for unauthorized charges. Your maximum liability under federal law is \$50 per card.

File a report with your local police and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. For more information visit www.fts.gov/idtheft or www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud. Contact the Surfside Police Department 305-861-4862

Tax Time Dangers

In 2011, there were nine reported cases of IRS fraud reported by Surfside residents and two already reported this year. This is a reflection of a rapidly growing national problem of thieves stealing personal information and filing false tax returns to take the returns.

In 2010, 248,357 incidents were reported, a five fold increase over 2008. As more and more taxpayers file electronically, the problem will continue to grow. Residents should guard their personal information and contact the IRS and police if you suspect someone is falsely filing a return in your name.

Summer Camp

The Town of Surfside is proud to announce our 2012 Summer Camp. We have planned a variety of recreational activities including arts & crafts, sports, themed activities, field trips and more. Our program is designed to provide each camper with a safe, positive and enriching environment.

Camp hours Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Session weeks cannot be combined

Registration Fees & Camp Dates (Excluding Field Trips)	<u>Full Session</u> June 11 - Aug 3 * No Camp July 4 (8 Weeks) 2 Shirts	<u>Session One</u> June 11 - July 6 * No Camp July 4 (4 Weeks) 1 Shirt	<u>Session Two</u> July 9 - Aug 3 (4 Weeks) 1 Shirt	<u>Extended Camp</u> August 6 - August 17 (2 Weeks) 1 Shirt
Surfside Resident	\$500	\$350	\$350	\$115
Non-Resident	\$1,080	\$610	\$610	\$310

Note: There will be additional fees for field trips.
(Field Trips must be paid in CASH)

Ages: 6 - 12

(Child must turn 6 by June 11, 2012)

Proof of age required

Registration

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Friday thru Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Permanent Surfside Residents: April 9th
 Returning '10' Non-Resident Campers April 30th
 Non-Residents May 2nd
Deadline to register for Summer Camp June 6th

Registration spaces are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis. Everyone must present proof of residence such as a current water bill, lease or electric bill. Proof of current insurance for participants is required at the time of registration.

No driver licenses will be accepted as proof of residency.



FEE IS TO BE PAID IN FULL AT REGISTRATION

A payment for the first two weeks of Field Trips must be paid in CASH at the time of registration in order for your child to attend. Approximately \$80.00 per camper.

Field Trips must be paid in full on Mondays, at least two weeks prior.

Fees are payable only in cash on Mondays.

For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at

Phone: (305) 866-3635

Website: www.townofsurfsidefl.gov



“It Starts In Parks”



Teen Camp

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the return of our Teen Camp. The camp is provided for children between the ages of 12 – 15 years old. The teen camp will provide an opportunity for children to learn hands on pre-counselor training skills and enjoy their summer by participating in age appropriate activities for teens. All participants must be willing to participate as a CIT twice a week. Campers will receive service hours for hours volunteered.

Teen Camp June 11th – August 3rd

***No Camp July 4th**

Camp hours Monday through Friday 9:00 – 5:00 (unless otherwise noted)

Weekly Schedule: Monday and Thursday CIT with summer camp
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – Teen Camp Field Trips

Requirements for Participants:

- Campers must be able to swim
- Campers must CIT on the designated days
- Campers must have proof of insurance
 - Proof of age required

Registration Fees:
(Excluding Field Trips)

	Resident	Non-Resident
8 Week Session Fee includes two t-shirts	\$300	\$540

Note: There will be additional fees for field trips.
(Field Trips must be paid in CASH)

Ages: 12 - 15

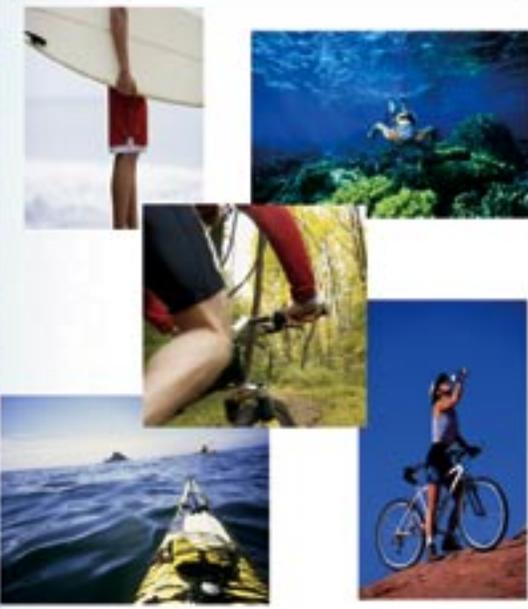
(Participant must be of age before the start of camp)

Registration

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
 Friday thru Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Permanent Surfside Residents: April 16th
 Non-Residents May 7th
Deadline to register for Teen Camp June 6th

Registration **spaces are limited** and will be on a first come first serve basis. Everyone must present proof of residence such as a current water bill, lease or electric bill.
No driver licenses will be accepted as proof of residency.



FEE IS TO BE PAID IN FULL AT REGISTRATION

A payment for the first two weeks of Field Trips must be paid in CASH at the time of registration in order for your child to attend. Approximately \$120.00 per camper.

Field Trips must be paid in full on Mondays, at least two weeks prior.

Fees are payable only in cash on Mondays.

NO REFUNDS ON FIELD TRIPS.

For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at

Phone: (305) 866-3635

Website: www.townofsurfsidefl.gov



AQUATIC CENTER HOURS

(Hours are subject to change)

Main pool open swim:

Mon-Thur 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Fri-Sun 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sand Dollar Key:

Mon-Thur noon - 5:30 p.m., Fri-Sun noon - 6 p.m.

Water Slide:

Mon-Thur 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Fri-Sun noon - 6 p.m.

Lap Swimming:

Mon-Wed-Fri: 6:45-8:30 a.m. (5 lanes) Mon-Fri: 3-5 p.m. (limited lanes)

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

Sat. March 3, pool closes at 3 pm for Rock N' Reel event

Sun. March 25, splash pool opens at 2 p.m.

Sun. March 25, pool closes at 4 p.m. for Fun Meet

Officer Matelis Visits Yeshiva Elementary



Sitting in a sea of preschoolers, Surfside Officer Jay Matelis visits with youngsters at Yeshiva Elementary to talk about being a police officer.

Activity Calendar

SENIOR TRIPS

- Wednesday, March 28, Hard Rock Casino, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$13
- Wednesday, April 25, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$20, \$40 non-resident
- Wednesday, May 16, Actor's Playhouse *Becky's New Car* Noon-6:00pm, \$30, \$60 non-resident

MARCH COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

- Saturday, Mar. 3 Rock & Reel at the Pool/Green, 4 p.m. \$5 non-resident \$10
- Monday, Mar. 5, Spring Program, non-resident registration
- Monday, Mar. 19, Spring Programs begin
- Thursday, Mar. 22, A.A.R.P. Defensive Driving Class 11am-5pm \$12 AARP members, \$14 non-members
- Sunday, Mar. 25, Splash into Spring, 11 am FREE to residents
- Sunday, Mar. 25, Tritons Spring Fun Meet, 5 -7:30 pm, free
- Friday, Mar. 30, Kids Day Off, 8 am-6 pm, \$20, \$35 non-resident

96TH STREET PARK

- Saturday, March 30, Annual Egg Hunt, 96th Street Park 10 am FREE to residents. Ages: 3-12

Downtown Business Dialogue Meeting

The Town of Surfside will host the first of a series of Harding Avenue Business Dialogues to discuss opportunities in the Downtown Business District. The meeting will be on **Thursday, March 8 at 8:30 a.m. at Bistro, 9555 Harding Ave.** Surfside staff and Town Manager Roger Carlton will present information and hold a Q & A session. Topics will include permit and licensing, Downtown Vision Advisory Committee initiatives, tourism events and activities and parking garage feasibility study.

Attention All Dog Owners Interested In A Possible Surfside Dog Park

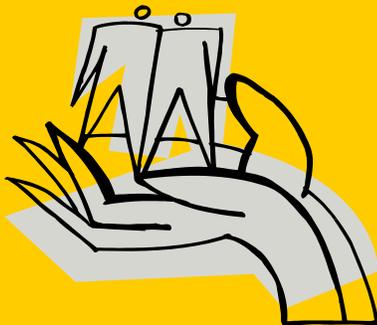


Join Over A Dozen Local Pooches Including Lucky, Elvis, Dino, Layla and Lola (to name a few) as we develop a plan for a place to call our own.

Contact:

Ann.Findlay@wolterskluwer.com

H.O.P.E.



Clothing Drive To Help The Homeless

When: Feb 21 through March 21, 2012
Where: Drop Off At Town Hall
9293 Harding Avenue

Items Needed:

Clothing
Shoes
Belts
Backpacks
Luggage
Blankets
Eye Glasses
Hair Cutting/Trimming Equipment

Operation H.O.P.E.

Helping the homeless on Miami Beach through a variety of programs.

For more information on how you can help:

www.hopeinmiamibeach.org



SURFSIDE

I'm giving **Cash Back**
to all my buyers and sellers



Carlos Iraola
Call Today for Details 786.525.7294







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Important things to consider when RENTING, BUYING or SELLING

Tired of attitude and settling for the norm?
Our priority is providing you SUPERIOR SERVICE.
CUSTOMERS Come First.

WE CALL YOU BACK - we don't send you text messages
WE EMAIL YOU BACK - we don't wait hours to answer your questions
WE KEEP YOU HAPPY - COMMISSIONS are NEGOTIABLE



CALL Carlos Iraola, Licensed Real Estate Broker at 786.525.7294
ciraola@homekeys.com





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Our investor group buys dozens of houses every year
we welcome properties others won't touch!

- Job transfer
- Foreclosure
- Delinquent mortgage
- Property needs repairs
- Bad tenants
- Landlord blues
- House vacant
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