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### MEETINGS & EVENTS

| 04/01/23 | Surfside Under the Stars: Surf's Up!   6 PM                                     |
|----------|---|
| 04/02/23 | Splash into Spring Egg Hunt   10 AM   |
| 04/03/23 | Tourist Board Meeting   5:30 PM   |
| 04/05/23 | Blood Drive   11 AM   |
| 04/14/23 | Bid Opening ITB 2023-01 Abbott Avenue<br>Stormwater Improvements Project   2 PM |
| 04/16/23 | Music on The Beach: Karaoke   5 PM  |
| 04/17/23 | Town Manager Candidate Interviews   10 AM                                       |
| 04/17/23 | Special Commission Meeting   3:30 PM  |
| 04/17/23 | Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting   5:30 PM                                  |
| 04/18/23 | Special Commission Meeting   5:30 PM  |
| 04/18/23 | Commission Meeting   7 PM   |
| 04/19/23 | Special Master Hearing   10 AM  |
| 04/19/23 | Charter Review Board Meeting   5:30 PM  |
| 04/20/23 | Third Thursdays: Roll Around the Decades   6 PM                                 |
| 04/21/23 | Senior Brunch Bunch   11 AM   |
| 04/22/23 | Earth Day Plastic Fishing Festival   10 AM                                      |
| 04/22/23 | Shread-a-Thon   10 AM   |
| 04/22/23 | Earth Day Resource Fair   12 PM   |
| 04/23/23 | Custard with the Cops   11 AM   |
| 04/27/23 | Planning & Zoning Board Meeting   6 PM  |
| 04/30/23 | Historical Walking Tour   11 AM   |
| 04/30/23 | Blood Drive   11 AM   |
|          |   |

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## **SHOE DRIVE**



Donate new and gently used shoes at Surfside Town Hall. Now - April 14th

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### TOWN WEBSITE

www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

### **TELEVISION ACCESS**

Channel 663 (Atlantic Broadband)

### MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING TOWN MANAGER

April is an important month for the Town as we ramp up our spring programs and events starting with the Spring Egg Hunt on April 2nd. This longstanding Parks & Recreation event is a big hit with our younger residents. Speaking of hits, the Community Center beach chair service is up and running and going really well. Residents are loving it and our vendor is staying on top of the operation. April is also Earth Month and this year, to make a bigger impact, the Town is teaming up with the Plastic Fisherman for the Earth Day Plastic Fishing Festival and Resource Fair. This month we'll also celebrate the final Surfside Under the Stars and Third Thursday events of the season, sponsored by the Tourist Board. Stay tuned for additional event announcements coming later this spring!



#### Hector Gomez, Acting Town Manager



COMMISSIONER Fred Landsman



VICE MAYOR Jeffrey Rose



MAYOR Shlomo Danzinger



COMMISSIONER Marianne Meischeid



COMMISSIONER Nelly Velasquez



## **COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### FROM THE MARCH COMMISSION MEETING

Commission expressed support for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria in February 2023.

Made the Town more resilient by approving a seawall elevation height criterion that is consistent with combating rising sea levels.

Approved the design phase of the dune resiliency and beautification project which will help the Town combat tidal surges by making them taller and re-beautify with native landscaping.

Approved additional funding for Grant Coordinating Consultant to assist the Town with obtaining additional funding for Capital Projects.

Showed support by resolution Opposing a Proposal for Cashless Bail, Allowing for Criminals to be Released on Their Own Recognizance Commenced the correction process for various Zoning code ambiguities.

Approved audio and visual enhancements for the Town Commission Chambers.



### TOWN COMMISSION RECEIVES SYMBOLIC ONE-DOLLAR SALARY

At the March Town Commission meeting, Mayor Shlomo Danzinger, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rose, Commissioner Fred Landsman, Commissioner Marianne Meischeid and Commissioner Nelly Velasquez were presented each with their \$1.00 salary for the 2023-2024 term. The symbolic checks were awarded by Acting Town Manager Hector Gomez.

# **Commission in Action**

### TOWN COMMISSION ATTENDS HATE ENDS NOW EXHIBIT

Members of the Town Commission and Town staff experienced the Hate Ends Now Cattle Car exhibit show-cased at the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center in Aventura. The exhibit captures the suffering experienced during World War II by members of the Jewish, Black, LGBTQ+ community and other minority groups. The purpose of this exhibit is to make a commitment to combat hatred and indifference by educating the public on the history of the Holocaust and all forms of bigotry. The event was also supported by other local municipal and community leaders. Mayor Shlomo Danzinger and Commissioner Fred Landsmen represented the Town of Surfside.

Please visit the Hate Ends Now Cattle Car website at the following QR Code to learn more:



### CONDOMINIUM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Miami-Dade County is now providing funding assistance to help condominium owners pay for special assessments that can arise from building recertifications. Condo resident Commmisioner Meisheid is raising awareness for this program where qualifying owners making less than 140% of the area median income (AMI) can get up to \$50,000 in assistance to pay for these assessments. Individuals earning less than \$95,620; couples making less than \$109,200; three-person households earning less than \$122,920; and households of four making less than \$136,500 may be eligible.

The Condominium Special Assessment Program is designed to assist condominium owners to address and pay for special assessment requirements that arise from rehabilitation and repairs as a result of applicable building integrity recertification requirements.

#### WHO CAN I CONTACT?

For more information, click on the QR code (condominium-special-assessments-program-overview-and-application.pdf (miamidade. gov) or contact Mr. Shawn Topps, Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development 786-469-2209, shawn. topps@miamidade.gov.



# **News From Town Hall**

## LIGHTING UP THE HARDPACK

From Public Works — The Public Work Maintenance Division recently installed new turtle friendly lighting along the Emergency Access Road located at the beach. The new lighting is designed to provide a safe walking environment at night for residents. More lighting is planned and is expected to be installed throughout 2023.







### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS SAFETY INITIATIVE

Vision Zero is a countywide safety initiative with a goal to ELIMINATE ALL TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SEVERE INJURIES BY 2040, while increasing the safety, mobility, and health of all county residents. We are focused on system-level changes at how we plan, design, and build our transportation network.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

We want to hear about what you are experiencing when walking, biking, taking transit, or driving.



### THE TOWN'S CUSTOMER SELF-SERVICE PORTAL EXPANDS, NEW PERMITS ADDED

From the Building Department – Surfside's Customer Self-Service Portal is implementing the following seven permits to its current permit roster. Community members are encouraged to take advantage of the streamlined online service that will reduce turnaround wait time. Please be sure to complete the needed fillable PDF forms found at townofsurfsidefl.gov/forms and submit them via the CSS portal alongside the permit application.

The following are the new additions the Building Department has expanded to the Customer Self-Service Portal:

- 1. Electrical Permit-Residential
- 2. Plumbing Permit-Residential Potable Water Supply
- 3. Plumbing Permit-Residential Sanitary Drainage
- 4. Mechanical Permit-Residential
- 5. Garage Sale Permit-Residential
- 6. Right of Way Permit-Residential
- 7. Right of Way Permit- Commercial

Once your permit submittal is reviewed and approved, you will receive an email notification for payment of permit fees.

> For questions, please email buildingapp@townofsurfsidefl.gov or visit townofsurfsidefl.gov/css



# **It Starts With Parks**

### SMOOTH OPERATOR - COMMUNITY CENTER BEACH CHAIR SERVICE UNDERWAY

Last month, the Town Commission introduced beach chair service exclusively for Surfside residents at 93rd Street behind the Community Center. A major goal for the Commission, the operation has proved to be a big hit with Surfside residents who have been enjoying the complimentary service with their families.

"The overall response coming in from residents is very positive so far. The service has been extremely popular since the roll out, and we've gotten many compliments for our vendor Luis and his staff at Beachtime Max who are doing an excellent job," said Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian.

Resident IDs must be up to date in order to use the chair service at the Community Center. For more information, call the Community Center at 305-866-3635.

## KIDS IN SURFSIDE LEARN STEM VIA SNAPOLOGY: SPACE WAR ROBOTICS PROGRAM

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department is proud to present Snapology: Space War Robotics, a program that allows children to learn about space and technology by building their own LEGO robots. Snapology is an educational program that offers hands-on interactive learning through the use of building materials and focuses on teaching kids the principles of STEM.

Available Now!

"This is my favorite day, I come to learn here," said with excitement seven-year-old Surfside resident Julia Wengier-Fridman about the program. Julia is part of the Spring Cohort which has a total of seven kids led by STEM instructor Eduardo Gonzalez. In the March Spring Camp program, a total of 23 kids joined the Surfside Snapology course. Snapology: Space War Robotics Program is a highly interactive, engaging, and fun program that inspires children to explore the wonders of space. The program was inspired by Star Wars, which features characters who travel across galaxies in spacecraft. In this program, students learn about different types of space vehicles and how they work together to make traveling in outer space possible. They also design their robot using snap circuits that can move around on their own through programming skills taught by the instructor.

<u>Program Details:</u> The Space War Robotics Program is a seven-week long program for kids ages 7-14. The class runs from March 9 through April 27, 2023, every Thursday (except March 23) from 4-5 p.m. The next session will be four weeks long in the spring mini term that runs May 4 through May 25, 2023, every Thursday from 4-5 p.m. The cost of the regular term program is \$84 (Resident) or \$119 (Non-Resident) per student. The cost for the spring mini-term is \$48 (Resident) or \$68 (Non-Resident). Please contact the Surfside Community Center at (305) 866-3635 for more information.



# **It Starts With Parks**

## RESIDENTS AND HOTEL GUESTS CAN NOW PLAY PICKLEBLALL AT THE TENNIS CENTER

Please note, that court 3 (Harding) will now be used for Tennis and Pickleball.

Pickleball will be available during limited hours each day. On page 18 you will find scheduling information.

Only residents or Surfside hotel guests can book a court. They may bring a friend. Reservations will be for a maximum of an hour a day and you can reserve up to 7 reservations per week. Reservations can't be made more than 24 hours in advance. Visit the website to learn more.







## SAY HELLO TO KRABBY! THE NEW WATER TOY AT THE TOT POOL

Revolutionizing entertainment for the little ones, the Town of Surfside is proud to present Krabby. Surfside's new attraction is making a big splash.

Krabby is the latest addition to the tot pool at the community center. This interactive toy will enhance the kids' experience during their time in the water. Krabby sprays water in a 360-degree motion and will splash you with refreshing fun. Make sure to visit and enjoy a relaxing day with your family under the sun.

"Krabby is a stupendous addition to our stateof-the-art community center," said Acting Town Manager Hector Gomez. "Children will enjoy this fun new experience."

### **REFRESH YOUR BEACH SAFETY KNOWLEDGE**



#### SWIMMING SAFELY AT THE BEACH LEARN HOW TO REDUCE THE RISKS SO YOUR FAMILY CAN ENJOY SWIMMING IN OPEN WATER

Keep within your fitness and swimming capabilities.

SCAN TO RESERVE A LAP LANE

Get weather information for the Town's parks and

- Be aware of weather and water conditions and heed warnings.
- Always swim in a lifeguarded area.
- Never swim alone, regardless of your age or level of swimming skills.

|                           | PROGRAM                               | DAYS/DATES  | HOURS           | AGES F       | EE PER SESSION                               |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|--|
|                           | Zumba                                 | <u>Mondays</u><br>5/1 - 5/22/23                               | 9:00-10:00am    | 18-54yrs.    | Residents \$48.00<br>Non-Residents \$68.00   |
|                           | Zumba Gold                            | <u>Mondays</u><br>5/1 - 5/22/23                               | 9:00-10:00am    | 55 & Over    | Residents \$20.00<br>Non-Residents \$28.00   |
| <b>GRAMS</b>              | Adult Art Class                       | See Flyer   | See Flyer       | See Flyer    | See Flyer                                    |
| NOR PRC                   | Pilates                               | <u>Tuesdays</u><br>5/2 - 5/23/23                              | 7:15-8:15pm     | 16 & Over    | Residents \$48.00<br>Non-Residents \$68.00   |
| ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS | Senior Time                           | <u>Wednesdays</u><br>5/3 - 5/24/23                            | 10:00-12:00pm   | 18 & Over    | Free   |
| ADULT                     | Current Events                        | <u>Thursdays</u><br>5/4 - 5/25/23                             | 10:15-12:15pm   | 18 & Over    | Free   |
|                           | Yoga                                  | <u>Thursdays</u><br>5/4 - 5/25/23                             | 7:15-8:15pm     | 16 & Over    | Residents \$48.00<br>Non-Residents \$68.00   |
|                           | Silver Sneakers:<br>Cardio & Strength | <u>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays</u><br>5/2 - 5/26/23                | 9:00-10:00am    | 50 ど Over    | S.S Members: Free<br>Non-Members: \$5.00     |
|                           | Tennis Pee Wee                        | <u>Mondays &amp; Wednesday</u><br>5/1 - 5/24/23               | 4:00 - 4:30pm   | 4 - 5 yrs.   | Residents \$80.00<br>Non-Residents \$120.00  |
|                           | Tennis Champs                         | Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays<br>5/1 - 5/26/23                 | 4:30 - 5:30pm   | 9 - 11 yrs.  | Residents \$144.00<br>Non-Residents \$204.00 |
|                           | Tennis<br>Challenger                  | Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays<br>5/1 - 5/26/23                 | 5:30 - 6:30pm   | 12 - 14 yrs. | Residents \$144.00<br>Non-Residents \$204.00 |
|                           | Tennis Varsity                        | Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays<br>5/1 - 5/26/23                 | 5:30 - 6:30pm   | 15 - 16 yrs. | Residents \$144.00<br>Non-Residents \$204.00 |
| SM                        | Tennis Pee Wee                        |   | 4:00 - 4:30pm   | 4 – 5 yrs.   | Residents \$80.00<br>Non-Residents \$120.00  |
| TENNIS PROGRAMS           | Tennis Champs                         | Tuesdays & Thursdays<br>5/2 - 5/25/23<br>Tuesdays & Thursdays | 4:00- 5:00pm    | 9 - 11 yrs.  | Residents \$96.00<br>Non-Residents \$136.00  |
| IS PF                     | Tennis Prodigies                      | 5/2 - 5/25/23   | 4:30- 5:30pm    | 6 - 8 yrs.   | Residents \$96.00<br>Non-Residents \$136.00  |
| TEN                       | Tennis<br>Challenger                  | <u>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays</u><br>5/2 - 5/25/23              | 5:00- 6:00pm    | 12 - 14 yrs. | Residents \$96.00<br>Non-Residents \$136.00  |
|                           | Tennis<br>Challenger                  | <u>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays</u><br>5/2 - 5/25/23              | 5:30- 6:30pm    | 12 - 14 yrs. | Residents \$96.00<br>Non-Residents \$136.00  |
|                           | Girls Tennis<br>Challenger            | Tuesdays & Thursdays<br>5/2 - 5/25/23                         | 6:00- 7:00pm    | 12 - 14 yrs. | Residents \$96.00<br>Non-Residents \$136.00  |
|                           | Advanced<br>Adult Clinic              | <u>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays</u><br>5/2 - 5/25/23              | 7:00 - 8:00pm   | 18 & over    | Residents \$96.00<br>Non-Residents \$136.00  |
|                           | Tennis Champs                         | 5/0 5/2//25   | 11:00 - 12:00pm | 9 - 11 yrs.  | Residents \$48.00<br>Non-Residents \$68.00   |
|                           | Tennis Prodigies                      | 5/0 - 5/2//23   | 10:00 - 11:00am | 6 - 8 yrs.   | Residents \$48.00<br>Non-Residents \$68.00   |
|                           | Intermediate<br>Adult Clinic          | <u>Saturdays</u><br>5/6 - 5/27/23                             | 9:00 - 10:00am  | 18 & over    | Residents \$48.00<br>Non-Residents \$68.00   |



## From the Beach

## MARINE TURTLE NESTING SEASON IS UNDERWAY

From Code Compliance – Sea Turtle Nesting Season officially occurs in Miami-Dade County every year from May 1st through October 31st. However, those dates can be slightly misleading as we typically see nesting activity taking place before these dates. "Lighting Regulations for Marine Turtle Protection" is in effect during this time.

Little hatchlings are attracted to the brightest lights; therefore, this regulation intends for the most glowing light to be the ocean horizon over the land, so baby turtles crawl towards the ocean.

In developed areas facing the sea, artificial light from buildings disorients hatchlings and attracts them away from the ocean. Turtlefriendly lighting reduces disorientation and makes for a better success rate. Everyone must do their part to ensure a successful nesting season.

Make sure you:

#### **Exterior Lighting Checklist**

- Light fixtures must be positioned so that the point source of light or any reflective surface of the light fixture is not visible from the beach or otherwise illuminating the beach.
- All bulbs must be amber or red LED bulbs with long wavelength bulbs; lowpressure sodium bulbs, turtle safe lighting coated compact fluorescent bulbs; fiber optic lighting or true red neon.
- Fixtures must have opaque shields so that the light source is not visible from the fixture's north, east, and south sides.
- Lights are positioned downward and away from the beach.
- Lights illuminating buildings or associated grounds for decorative purposes are positioned so light is directed downward and shielded or screened so that the light sources are not visible from the beach or are turned off between sunset to sunrise during turtle nesting season.
- Exterior lights used expressly for safety or security purposes are limited to the minimum number and configuration required to achieve their functional roles. Motion detector switches are preferred.

Remember, this checklist contains more than recommendations, these are enforceable measures in place to protect our most beloved Surfside neighbors – sea turtles!

#### Interior Lighting Checklist

One or more of the following measures shall be taken to reduce or eliminate the adverse effects of interior light emanating from doors and windows within line-of-sight of the beach:

- Apply window tint or film.
- Rearrange lamps and other moveable fixtures away from windows.
- Use window treatments (e.g., blinds, curtains) to shield interior lights from the beach.
- Turn off unnecessary lights.



## From the Beach

## SARGASSUM SEAWEED AND SURFSIDE'S SHORELINE

Have you come across an influx of sargassum seaweed while cruising the beach with your family in recent weeks? The annual sargassum season runs from March through October. It's an essential part of the South Florida ecosystem and this year, it is expected to be heavier than usual due to a larger offshore bloom.

"Sargassum provides habitat and food for many invertebrates, which gives foraging to migratory birds crucial to South Florida's coastal ecosystem," Lowell Andrew Iporac tells the Surfside Gazette. Iporac is Ph.D candidate of FIU's Marine Macroalgae Research Department of Biology. His research focuses on sargassum seaweed and its impact on Miami's shoreline stability. "Our subtropical climate makes wonderful grounds for wildlife that thrives in sargassum-prone natural areas and welcomes an array of bird species," he adds.

Sargassum is a floating, marine brown algae. It grows in the Atlantic Ocean forming during high temperatures and it's not harmful to humans. It floats from the waters near the west coast of Africa to the Gulf of Mexico and washes up on the Caribbean and Florida coastlines.



This year, recent satellite images show large seaweed patches just south of islands in the northern Caribbean. Experts anticipate that this sargassum belt will move farther into the Caribbean over the coming months and begin to wash up more frequently along South Florida coastlines throughout the spring, peaking in the summer months.

Although it's a valuable resource for native wildlife such as sea turtles and seagulls, it can be a minor inconvenience for beachgoers.

Surfside, luckily, is not as highly impacted by sargassum blooms as neighboring towns. However, we are taking the necessary steps to ensure it does not interfere with community beach time and tourism as our clean waters are a big draw for visitors and residents alike.

Due to its sensitive nature, sargassum management is not handled at the municipal level. Miami-Dade County tractors operate on a daily basis to cut and turn the seaweed everyday in efforts to reduce its presence in the shoreline.

The Town also hold several beach clean-ups throughout the year that focus on plastic and man-made litter, as trash separation from the seaweed helps speed-up its natural decomposition . Join us for our next event the Plastic Fishing Festival & Earth Day resource day on April 22.

We hope understanding sargassum seaweed's vitality to our ecosystem shines a new light if you come across some blooms while you enjoy a family beach day.

# **Celebrating Earth Day**

## SPOTLIGHT ON EARTH MONTH - @PLASTICFISHERMAN BRINGS ANNUAL FESTIVAL TO EARTH DAY RESOURCE FAIR

"We have always needed the sea to survive, but now, it's the sea that needs us." - Rodrigo Butori, @plasticfisherman

As the dangers of plastic pollution continue to threaten our marine life and beach ecosystems, South Florida is on notice. New residents, along with the state's primary economic driver, tourism, continue to put an ever-growing strain on natural resources.

According to the IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare), an estimated 10 million tons of plastic end up in the ocean every year. Once exposed to the elements, plastic breaks down further into microplastics, which are made of particles smaller than 5 millimeters in size and thus represent an ever bigger threat to marine life. For this reason, it is imperative that plastic stays off the beach and that any debris is properly removed; but, why not have some fun with it?

For Surfside resident, environmentalist, and surfer Rodrigo Butori, the #plasticfishing movement aims to do just that. Started in 2020 organically on social media, the @plasticfisherman account has quickly racked up more than 19,000 followers on Instagram, employing art and creativity to create awareness about the marine plastic pollution problem and inspire action.

The concept is simple: pick up plastic on the beach, use a handful of pieces to create an ephemeral work of art, a plastic fish – take a photo and tag it with #plasticfishing on social media to amplify the movement and the message. Then clean it all up and dispose of it properly. The result? Less plastic on the beach, social engagement, and joining a global community of plastic fishermen and women.



What is plastic fishing?

 Pick up five or more pleces of plastic polluting your beach or community.
 Use them to make a little .
 Snap a of your catch.
 Share it on IG using #plasticfishing.
 Clean it all up and put it in the .



"The idea was that if we don't pay attention to the marine plastic pollution problem and find a solution for it very soon, these plastic fish would be the kind of fish our seas will have. How about that? Plastic will become our ocean's number one species. The ocean should be for fish, not plastic!" said Butori. This year, Rodrigo is partnering with the Town for an exciting new joint venture, the Plastic Fishing Earth Day Festival and Resource Fair, presented by the Tourist Board and Parks and Recreation. Already a staple Earth Day



Earth Day event in its own right, the Festival encourages participants to make their best plastic fish of the day. In addition to art, creativity, and conservation, the Plastic Fishing Festival will feature Miami-Dade County's Sea Turtle Program and Ocean Rescue Alliance International as event partners. Attendees can also expect custom gear, live music at the Community Center fair, and a variety of prizes and vendors.

"Plastic Fisherman thrives with the power of community. More than ten thousand plastic fish "catches" submitted from all over the world prove we can make a difference together. That's super inspiring because it shows that you aren't alone. That seemingly small action you took by cleaning up the beach, combined with millions of other small actions, can have a huge impact." said Butori.

"As a Surfside resident, I'm thrilled to partner with the Town this year. While Surfside's beach is relatively clean, I see our community as a poster child for marine plastic pollution awareness. Hopefully, this movement, driven by love for the ocean and creativity, can inspire other communities to start plastic fishing.".

To put your plastic fishing skills to the test, join us for the Plastic Fishing and Earth Day Resource Fair beginning at 10 a.m. on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 at 93rd Street Beach. Stay tuned to @visitsurfside and @plasticfisherman on Instagram to learn more!

# **Uptown Funtown**

### TYO SUSHI DELIVERS CITY CODE FRESH

For Chef and co-owner Roger Epres, serving others is a labor of love that runs in his DNA. A devoted family man, he commutes to Surfside daily from Palm Beach if and when his other commitments, a successful catering business, don't get in the way.

In fact, it was his catering ventures that would ultimately lead to the opening of TYO Sushi, Harding Avenue's newest kosher Asian restaurant which debuted earlier this year at 9454 Harding Ave. The success of his sushi catering for the Miami HEAT basketball team would eventually spark the idea to open TYO Sushi.

TYO's first iteration opened several years ago at The Lincoln Eatery on South Beach; the popular food hall helped launch the TYO concept, which fuses traditional skill with modern tastes. Roger's wife Sheila helps with the marketing and operational side of the business which is just as important as the food itself.

If you're wondering where the TYO name comes from, the letters stand for Tokyo's city code.

"When it comes to sushi, freshness is everything. You have to have the best product, no compromises. That's why I have multiple providers in the area."

While sushi and Japanese recipes could be considered this quaint eatery's first love, local influences and pan-Asian flavors round out the well-balanced menu. One of the highlights is the TYO Roll with spicy tuna, avocado and cucumber wrapped with Japanese Hamachi, jalapeno, scallion plus a dash of spicy aioli and black tobiko to accentuate those exotic flavor notes. The crispy rice shared appetizer also incorporated some of these flavors in addition to a crunchy texture while the delicate, bright freshness of the classic tuna and Hamachi nigiris easily passed the basic sushi litmus test.





Insta foodies will appreciate that plates are all served beautifully, elegantly adorned with colorful, fresh flowers.

The shareable entrees round out the TYO experience as our delicious meal culminated with the braised Korean Short Rib. Served sizzling hot on a warm plate, this fall-off-the-bone, infectiously aromatic recipe is a tribute to Seoul, South Korea. Chef Roger recounts that it was during a personal trip with his daughter that he first encountered the recipe – one he instantly fell in love with. After a little bit of research, Chef eventually found just the right version to bring back to the States.

In the few short months since opening, the restaurant has quickly gained popularity within the Surf-Bay-Bal area, which Roger hopes to get even more acquainted with. "I love being a part of a community, participating in events and getting to know neighbors, it's something I've always been drawn to" said Epres. With all the meticulous thought and attention poured into this small Town restaurant, TYO has clearly proven it has all the right ingredients for success.

Address: 9454 Harding Ave, Surfside, FL 33154

Phone: 786-897-3247

Social Media @TyoSushiMiami

# Uptown Funtown

Surfsid

UNDER THE STAR

## SURFSIDE UNDER THE STARS KEEPS SHINING

A big crowd came out to celebrate the third Surfside Under the Stars event of the season, Shell-A-Bration, last month at 93rd Street. Attendees enjoyed the groovy sounds of funk band Alimona Kush as well as a variety of vendors and culinary treats.

Join us for the last event of the season, Surf'S Up on April 1!

Surfside Under the Stars is presented by the Surfside Tourist Board.











Apr 1 SURF'S UP Saturday | 6:00 - 9:00 PM

93rd St, between Collins & Harding

ers of the Town Commission or Town Boards may be pr

### **A ROCKING EDITION OF** MUSIC ON THE BEACH

A beautiful afternoon of sunny skies and warm temperatures provided the perfect setting for the March edition of Music on the Beach presented by the Tourist Board. Dozens took in the special Classic Rock performance at the event in partnership with AA Musicians. In fact, the band was so popular they have been booked to return and Rock On at a special May edition of Music on the Beach scheduled for Sunday, May 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. at 96th Street.

LOCATION CHANGE: Think you've got what it takes to belt it out in Surfside? April's Karaoke edition on the 16th will also be held from 5 to 6 p.m. at 96th Street, so be sure to mark your calendars!









5-6 p.m. at 96th St. Beach



## **Uptown Funtown**

### THIRD THURSDAY'S LATIN FEST HEATS THINGS UP!

Viva Surfside! Visitors and residents gathered at 93rd Street for a Third Thursdays packed with mucho sabor as the Tourist Board presented Latin Tropical Music Fest on March 16. In addition to local restaurants and partners, the evening included an interactive dance show with salsa and merengue dancers as well as live mariachis. Bring your friends and neighbors to the series close, Roll Around the Decades, on April 20!



### UTILITY BOXES BEAUTIFIED

If you've recently been out and about in the business district or near Town Hall, you may have noticed the newly-decorated utility boxes. This initiative was first suggested by a resident and spearheaded by the Communications Department. Several boxes have been wrapped with a variety of colorful, Surfside-inspired designs in some of the Town's most highly-trafficked areas.



APRIL 2023 SURFSIDE GAZETTE

# **Police Beat**

### OFFICER RONALD DONOSO NAMED FEBRUARY OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Officer Ronald Donoso has been awarded officer of the month for his heroic response to an incident that occurred in February. An emergency call was placed regarding a woman in distress, to which Officer Donoso and other members of the Surfside Police department were dispatched and quickly attended near 93rd Street and Harding Avenue. The woman was unconscious when Office Donoso arrived, he immediately called Miami-Dade fire rescue as she required medical assistance. The woman was transported to Mount Sinai Hospital for treatment.

Officer Donoso's police instincts were proficiently exhibited during this imperative call for service. Officer Donoso is praised for his immediate response, professionalism, and potentially saving this person's life. Officer Donoso's dedication and manner in which he serves the Surfside community is admirable. Congratulations to Officer Ronald Donoso as the recipient of the February Officer of the Month award...well deserved!



### 15 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION

Acting Town Manager Hector Gomez presented Executive Assistant to the Chief Dina Goldstein a 15-year service pin and certificate for her exceptional service to the Town of Surfside.





SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023 10 AM - 2'PM Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) 10800 Collins Avenue Shredding for RESIDENTS ONLY, please. No business shredding. No CDs, DVDs, binders, x-rays or plastic will be accepted. There is a 3-box limit.

ID from a participating municipality will be required.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Sandra Block (Sunny Isles Beach Police) 305.792.1839 | sblock@sibpd.net Dina Goldstein (Surfside Police) 305.861.4862 | dgoldstein@townofsurfsidefl.gov Joe Locke (Bay Harbor Islands Police) 305.866.6242 | jlocke@bayharborislands.net

## **Police Beat**



### TOWN OF SURFSIDE WELCOMES OFFICER ROBERT HERNANDEZ

Officer Hernandez was sworn in on Monday, Feb. 27 by Chief of Police John Healy, publicly declaring his commitment to serving and protecting the community members of the Town of Surfside. Officer Hernandez began his career in the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department in 2020. As a School Resource Officer, he served as a mentor and a role model for the students in multiple schools. Officer Hernandez expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to join the Surfside Police Department.



## **It Starts With Parks**

### **TOWN OF SURFSIDE AQUATICS** HOURS OF OPERATION APRIL-2023

MAIN POOL: OPEN SWIM MONDAY - SUNDAY 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SAND DOLLAR KEY: MONDAY - SUNDAY 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

WATER SLIDE: SUBJECT TO CHANGE MONDAY - SUNDAY 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

LAP SWIMMING: (LIMITED LANES - PRIOR RESERVATION) MONDAY - SUNDAY 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

93 RD ST. BEACH LIFEGUARD TOWER: TED BEHIND THE COMMUNITY CENTE MONDAY - SUNDAY 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER (305) 866-3635



| • | Click the time slot to get started                      | Monday - Friday: 4:00pm - 10:00pm | Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 4:00pm |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • | Select book on the top left corner                      | (4 - 8 limited courts)            | Saturday & Sunday:               |
| • | Enter information and confirm (Surfside Residents Only) | Saturday & Sunday6:00pm - 10:00pm | 8am to 6:00pm                    |

(Reservations are limited to one hour use) Surfside Residents and Surfside Hotel Guest Free Play - Free of Charge

(Registered Town Approved Pros Only)

\*The Town reserves the right to amend and/or change the policies as deems necessary





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For More Information Contact Parks and Recreation at

(305) 866 - 3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov



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FEES **RESIDENTS:** \$5.00 NON-RESIDENTS: \$10.00

REGISTRATION **RESIDENTS: MARCH 27 NON-RESIDENTS: APRIL 3** 

FOOD GUARANTEED FOR THE FIRST 30 PRE- REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 14.

> REGISTRATION AND EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER 9301 COLLINS AVE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT TWO OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COMMISSION, TOWN BOARD OR COMMITTEE MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS EVENT.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING ACCOMMODATIONS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE MUST CONTACT THE SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO REQUEST SUCH ACCOMMODATIONS.

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Surfside No. 2 Barber Shop - 9504 Harding Ave
LAHH Salon - 9480 Harding Ave
Mai Nail Lounge - 9466 Harding Ave
Justin Barbershop - 9452 Harding Ave
Alexia + Frankie's Beauty Bar - 9448 Harding Ave
Uni K Wax - 9567 Harding Ave
Femme Coiffure & Spa - 9563 Harding Ave
Extension Dreams Hair Salon - 9521 Harding Ave
Surfside Barber Shop - 9431 Harding Ave

#### BOUTIQUES/SHOES/TAILORS/CLEANERS

Penny's Alterations - 9532 Harding Ave #104
Verdile's/Mario The Tailor - 9520 Harding Ave
H20 Dive Center - 9520 Harding Ave
Geneva Tailor / Yerry's Dry Cleaners - 9484 Harding Ave
Tsniout Runway - 9458 Harding Ave
Condotti - 9565 Harding Ave
Iris Alterations & Tailoring - 9553 Harding Ave #204
Mercy's Alterations - 9533 Harding Ave #202
WoW The Concept - 9507 Harding Ave
SIGAL - 9453 Harding ave

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Miami Gift / Italian J- 9482 Harding Ave
Gray and Sons Jewelry - 9595 Harding Ave
Amoris Flowers + Events - 9577 Harding Ave
Sunny Toys & Gifts - 9575 Harding Ave
Miamira Jewelers - 9573 Harding Ave
7<sup>th</sup> Plateau - 9559 Harding Ave
JS Diamond Enterprises - 9553 Harding Ave #307
Yaffa Wigs - 9515 Harding Ave.
Absolute Flowers by Manny - 9481 Harding Ave

### **REAL ESTATE SERVICES**

| 2   | ONE Sotheby's International Realty - 9588 Harding Ave |
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| 4   | The Agency - 9564 Harding Ave                         |
| 17D | Infinity BH Real Estate/Goldfarb - 9520 Harding Ave   |
| 19  | Estelle Stern Realty - 9508 Harding Ave               |
| 41  | M. Kotler Realtors - 9585 Harding Ave                 |
| 59  | The Corcoran Group - 9537 Harding Ave                 |

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

| 3   | CVS Pharmacy - 9578 Harding Ave                          |
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| 7   | Oberle Opticians - 9552 Harding Ave                      |
| 10  | Lemel Medspa - 9538 Harding Ave                          |
| 12  | Surfside Chiropractic - 9532 Harding Ave #101            |
| 14  | Veterinary Wellness Center of Surfside - 9530 Harding Av |
| 15  | Dr. Curson Podiatry - 9528 Harding Ave                   |
| 33  | Dr. Edy A. Guerra Dental Center - 9456 Harding Ave       |
| 58  | The Tox MIA - 9541 Harding Ave                           |
| 73  | Surfside Hearing Aid - 222 95 <sup>th</sup> St           |
| 76B | Bal Harbour Smiles - 260 95 <sup>th</sup> St #202        |
| 76D | Malekin Law PA -260 95 <sup>th</sup> St #206             |
| 91  | Dr. Schwartz/Dr. Sugar - 9445 Harding Ave                |

#### **FINANCIAL/SERVICES**

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T2fasman Jewelers - 9425 Harding Ave Roast - 9441 Harding Ave

#### **RESTAURANT/SUPERMARKET**

| 5      | Starbucks - 9560 Harding Ave                                    |
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| 8      | Cine Citta Cafe <sup>K</sup> - 9544 Harding Ave                 |
| 11     | Subway - 9536 Harding Ave                                       |
| 18     | Flanigan's Seafood Bar & Grill - 9516 Harding Ave               |
| 21     | Cafe Ragazzi - 9500 Harding Ave                                 |
| 22     | Big Daddy's Liquor - 9494 Harding Ave                           |
| 23     | Cafe Vert <sup>k</sup> - 9490 Harding Ave                       |
| 28     | Rustiko <sup>k</sup> - 9476 Harding Ave                         |
| 29     | The Backyard BBQ + Brew <sup>K</sup> - 9472 Harding Ave         |
| 31     | Street Kitchen <sup>K</sup> - 9460 Harding                      |
| 36     | TYO Sushi <sup>k</sup> - 9454 Harding                           |
| 37     | Publix Supermarket - 9400 Harding Ave                           |
| 42     | Sushi Republic - 9583 Harding Ave                               |
| 46     | Morelia Gourmet Paletas <sup>K</sup> - 9571 Harding Ave         |
| 51     | Koolulu - 9561 Harding Ave                                      |
| 63     | Rolling Pin Bakery <sup>k</sup> - 9523 Harding Ave              |
| 65     | The Carrot <sup>k</sup> - 9519 Harding Ave                      |
| 66     | Josh's Deli - 9517 Harding Ave                                  |
| 72     | Chai Grill <sup>K</sup> - 233 & 255 95 <sup>th</sup> St         |
| 77     | Neya Restaurant - 9491 Harding Ave                              |
| 78     | 26 Suhi + Tapas <sup>K</sup> - 9487 Harding Ave                 |
| 79     | Specchio Cafe - 9485 Harding Ave                                |
| 81     | Kosh <sup>k</sup> - 9477 Harding Ave                            |
| 84     | The Grove <sup>k</sup> - 9467 Harding Ave                       |
| 85     | Fialkoff's Express Surfside <sup>k</sup> - 9463 Harding Ave     |
| 87     | Moncheese Pizza - 9459 Harding Ave                              |
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| 88     | Serendipity Yogurt Cafe <sup>k</sup> - 9457 Harding Ave         |
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| 97     | The Harbour Bistro <sup>k</sup> - 9427 Harding Ave              |
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