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## MEETINGS & EVENTS

05/01/25	Pension Board Meeting
05/03/25	Paddletopia!
05/04/25	Paddletopia!
05/05/25	Resort Tax Board Meeting
05/07/25	Police Officers Pension Trust Fund Board Meeting
05/07/25	Youth Council Meeting
05/10/25	Hazardous Waste Drop Off
05/12/25	90th Anniversary Cocktail Reception
05/13/25	Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Special Commission Meeting
05/13/25	Commission Budget Workshop
05/13/25	Commission Meeting
05/14/25	Planning and Zoning Design Guidelines Workshop
05/15/25	Sustainability & Resiliency Committee Meeting
05/15/25	Community Relations Board Meeting
05/18/25	Historic Walking Tour with Dr. Paul George
05/18/25	Surfside 90th Anniversary Celebration
05/19/25	Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
05/21/25	Special Master Hearing
05/21/25	Senior Trip (SuperBlue Miami)
05/26/25	Holiday - Town Hall Offices Closed
05/26/25	Memorial Day Ceremony
05/28/25	Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
05/29/25	Fifth Thursday: The Art Affair

## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



May marks the arrival of spring and will be a month of celebration here in Surfside as we celebrate our 90th anniversary on May 18!

We have a lot planned for our residents and guests, starting with the return of Paddletopia during the first weekend of May (May 3-4) at the new 96th Street Park. Come enjoy our new kayak launch and paddle or kayak along with us. There will be food, music, exercise opportunities, and even a clothing swap. Visit the Town website for details.

Join us to celebrate Surfside 90 on Monday, May 12, at the Surf Club Four Seasons, where Surfside was founded. We are fortunate to have a great partnership with the Four Seasons, which has generously made its venue available for Surfside residents to enjoy for the evening. Come join us for food, beverages, and entertainment as we celebrate Surfside's rich heritage. Space is limited, so sign up early.

On Sunday morning, May 18, join us for a Historic Walking Tour with Dr. Paul George. Dr. George is a walking encyclopedia of Surfside's history and loves sharing his knowledge with his walking group. Don't miss this opportunity to uncover the hidden secrets of Surfside. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up soon.

The grand finale of Surfside's 90th celebration will take place on Sunday, May 18, at our 96th Street Park. It will be a night to remember, so please join us. No need to sign up for this event—just come and enjoy the company of your neighbors and friends.

Let's also remember our special Moms on Mother's Day, which falls on Sunday, May 11. This will be my first Mother's Day without my beautiful Mom, whom we lost on November 15, 2024. Many of you knew her, and I thank you for making her feel special and welcome in Surfside. May her memory be a blessing.

May also brings Memorial Day on Monday, May 26. As a Veteran myself, I recognize the importance of remembering and honoring those who have died in service to our country. We also honor the families of those who have sacrificed for our freedom. Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

I look forward to seeing everyone at these events around town. Our Town Staff will be working hard to make Surfside shine as we celebrate 90 years since our founding. It's wonderful to live here in Surfside. Enjoy it!

Faithfully yours,

MB

## APRIL COMMISSION MEETING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Proclamation for Education and Sharing Day
- Presentation of Donation to Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center PTA
- Approved Agreement with Waste Management Inc. for Recycling Services
- Authorized Purchases: In-Car Printers for Police Vehicles, Chevrolet Colorado Trucks for Parking Department, Chevrolet Tahoe Police Patrol Vehicles
- Proclaimed April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Town of Surfside and Encouraged Tree Planting
- Resolution Opposing Florida House Bill 943 related to the Live Local Act, Affordable Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units
- Resolution Approving Kimley Horn Project Agreement for Downtown Alleyway Improvements
- Resolution Approving Town's 90th Anniversary Celebration Reception at the Surf Club at the Four Seasons Resort
- Resolution Authorizing Rescission and/or Litigation Against the Miami-Dade Tax Collector's Fee Letter
- Resolution Approving Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Keith and Associates for Surfside Memorial Project



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY,  
MAY 11, 2025

CELEBRATE MOM ALL MONTH LONG!

## HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

JOIN US ON MAY 26, 2025 AS SURFSIDE HONORS  
AND REMEMBERS OUR FALLEN HEROES.

Join us at Veteran's Park at 10 a.m. for the annual Memorial Day  
Ceremony presented by Parks & Recreation.



# Commission Corner



## CHARLES W. BURKETT MAYOR

Francis Bacon wisely once said “*Knowledge is power.*”

As your current commission works to successfully complete the promises we made during our campaign (outlined in last month’s Gazette), and to enact protections which will keep Surfside as it is, and not as those who wish to simply profit off of our paradise wish it to be... we continue to ask, how can we do more?

The answer is, we need to keep our financial house in order, and that means looking closely at financial pitfalls that we all can fall into. One of those pitfalls is to never write blank checks, or make financial promises you cannot afford to keep.

Enter **Surfside’s Pension fund**. Before I get started on this subject, let me set the table. Surfside has a defined benefit system, or in other words, Surfside promises to pay pensioned employees who qualify, a monthly stipend, related to the highest amount they had earned annually while working, for the rest of their lives.

How is that supposedly accomplished? Supposedly by the employee and the town each contributing a little every month towards a fund that will then presumably pay the former employees, an ever increasing amount, for the rest of their lives.

Back in the day, when I was a young mayor, our pension fund was over 100% funded, meaning there was a good chance that the money in the bank might be able to pay all of the retired employees. Our promise to employees was to pay them a little more than half of what they were most recently earning prior to their retirement – for the rest of their lives and, have that amount continue to increase each year thereafter.

Over the last 20 years, some of your elected officials, not yours-truly, felt that the existing plan needed to be much, much more generous. So, what did they do?

They changed the rules...which now allow some employees to retire from Surfside, but still continue to get paid, for the rest of their lives, at the rate of nearly 100% of their most recent wage before retiring. Those elected officials also reduced retirement ages, and allowed overtime earnings to be included in the calculation to further pump up the lifetime retirement payment.



## TINA PAUL VICE MAYOR

This month marks a truly special occasion with the 90th Anniversary of our beloved Town of Surfside!

To honor this milestone, the resort Tax Board and Town staff have been actively working to organize a series of memorable events. I warmly encourage all residents and visitors to check the Town’s website calendar and social media for updates and event details so you can take part in this celebration of Surfside’s legacy.

Reflecting on our history, I’m reminded how community life shaped my early years. The Community Center wasn’t just a building, it was the heart of our neighborhood, where we gathered, built friendships, and enjoyed the natural

So where has that currently left us? Today our fund is only a little over 70% funded, because of investment decisions our pension board has made. Distressingly, our residents are ultimately responsible to write a (big) check to restore that fund to 100% and further, to continue to guarantee that all promised payments, regardless of whether the fund can pay the amounts or not, are made to all retirees. Residents are the ultimate guarantors for money owed to retired employees.

But there is more concerning news. Even if Surfside wrote the check today to fix the current pension deficit, a check which, depending on “assumptions” would come close to equaling a year’s worth of property taxes that Surfside normally collects, residents could still owe more. Obviously, you can see how serious the current problem already is, but that’s not all.

If for some reason the fund again went down by 25%, 50%, or more, Surfside would again find itself on the hook to replenish it...clearly something that would not be feasible.

In summary, while defined benefit plans are common, they are now, after being in place for some time, starting to fail on a national, state and local level.

Social Security is a form of a defined benefit plan and is projected to become insolvent in less than 10 years, according to the most recent annual report from the Social Security Board of Trustees, released on May 6, 2024. Or in other words, the money in the Social Security savings account will be all gone in 2035.

The State of Florida is in the same boat. The Florida Retirement System (FRS) Pension Plan, also a defined benefit plan, has a unfunded pension balance of almost \$40 billion, an amount equal to half of the State’s annual revenue.

Given the foregoing, as mayor, and someone who needs to share the good, and the not so good news with residents, I believe that Surfside needs to talk about this issue.

This is why will be making a presentation at the commission next month. After having done so, I will have done my part in presenting the facts to our elected officials and residents, who can then decide how they wish to proceed.

beauty of our pristine beach. That sense of connection and belonging drew so many of us here and remains central to Surfside’s identity. Though our Town has grown and changed, it is the continued dedication of past and present elected officials, civic leaders, and passionate residents that has safeguarded the unique charm and exceptional quality of life we cherish today. I’m especially grateful to my parents of blessed memory for choosing this seaside Town as the foundation of our family life, a decision that instilled in me the values I hold dear and inspires my ongoing commitment to Surfside’s future.

As we celebrate, we’re also reminded of nature’s cycles, May is the beginning of Turtle nesting season and fittingly, we honor motherhood in all its forms with Mother’s Day. Later this month, on Memorial Day we pause to remember the brave individuals who gave their lives for our freedom. Let’s celebrate Surfside’s incredible journey together, while embracing the unity, resilience, and spirit that defines our community.



## RUBEN A. COTO COMMISSIONER

Lots happening in our great Town of Surfside!

We’re excited about all the infrastructure projects underway, including the Abbott Ave flooding project that’s making great progress.

We are also in the process of beautifying and planting shade trees along the beach that will eventually provide much-needed shade and help protect our beach and our Town from storms and erosion. Currently, we are purchasing over 200 seagrapes to be planted along the walking paths. Thank you to Commissioner Velazquez and our Town Manager, Mark, for driving this fantastic project forward!



## NELLY VELASQUEZ COMMISSIONER

Happy Mother’s Day to All the Amazing Surfside Moms

This month, we celebrate the heart and soul of our families — our mothers. Happy Mother’s Day to every incredible mom in Surfside who shows up with love, strength, and patience every single day.

Mother’s Day is more than just flowers and cards. It’s a chance to pause and recognize the women who raised us, taught us, and loved us unconditionally. Whether she’s a mom, stepmom, grandmother, or mother figure, her impact is felt in countless ways — from early morning breakfasts to late-night heart-to-hearts.



## GERARDO VILDOSTEGUI COMMISSIONER

In this month’s column, I’d like to talk about two goals that I am working to promote during my term as Commissioner. One is to foster a spirit of community in Surfside that can transcend the ethnic, racial, and religious divides in our Town. And the second is to help Surfsiders gain a better understanding and a deeper appreciation of our shared natural environment.

I’ll admit, these are rather lofty goals. The day-to-day work of being a Commissioner is often taken up with more practical, more immediate, and more particular worries—things like responding to resident concerns about faded street signs or broken streetlamps. But it’s the pursuit of loftier goals, such as the two I mentioned, that really motivates me and inspires my work as a Commissioner.

I’m hopeful that the month of May will see good progress toward both of these goals. On the first, I’m grateful, as always, for the excellent work of our Community Relations Board. The community flea market and swap events that

We’ve received valuable feedback from residents regarding the Harding Avenue home we purchased. Stay tuned for updates on this wonderful addition to our Town.

I’m happy to share that the Surfside Memorial is making progress. My colleagues and I continue to support the wishes of the committee and the families. I’m hopeful that construction on this incredible memorial will begin soon.

Our community events continue to improve, with fantastic turnouts from residents. I look forward to more fun events ahead! I strongly encourage everyone to participate, enjoy the activities, and connect with your neighbors.

As always, a big shout-out to our SPD for their ongoing hard work in keeping our community safe. A huge THANK YOU to my colleagues for working together to shape a bright future for our Town.

May God continue to bless us, our Town, and our nation.

This month, we honor their effort, their care, and the quiet moments of love they give that often go unnoticed.

So, to all Surfside moms — thank you. Thank you for your wisdom, your warmth, and the way you make life brighter just by being in it. Whether you’re spending time surrounded by family or enjoying a well-deserved break, we hope you feel celebrated, appreciated, and deeply loved.

Happy Mother’s Day — this month is yours.

the Board is planning for early May are just the kind of positive, community-building events I’d hoped to see when I proposed the creation of this Board last year. And as for the second goal, I’m looking forward to some new announcements about projects that will make our Town more beautiful and more verdant, as well as to implementing some of the ideas that the Commission will be discussing at our Earth Day meeting on April 30.

It occurs to me that I can use my Gazette column to promote both of the goals I’ve mentioned, by spreading the word about a wonderful phone app called iNaturalist. Social media, in general, is such a mixed bag: informative and deceptive, engaging but addictive, fun yet often toxic. But iNaturalist is the closest thing I’ve seen to a social-media utopia. It’s a community of individuals working together to understand the local plant and animal life in their community. If you zoom in on iNaturalist’s map of Surfside, you’ll see a bunch of color-coded markers that record biological sightings: green markers for plants, red for insects and spiders, blue for larger animals. Taken all together, the app provides a beautiful new perspective on our Town, and on a group of individuals working together to seek knowledge and to appreciate natural beauty. I hope to see you on there!

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# News From Town Hall

## SURFSIDE YOUTH COUNCIL TAKES ACTION IN TALLAHASSEE AT LEGISLATIVE EVENT

Members of Surfside's Youth Council, accompanied by Vice Mayor Tina Paul, traveled to Tallahassee to participate in the Florida League of Cities Youth Council Legislative Action Day, March 25-26, 2025. The event provided an invaluable opportunity for the members to collaborate with Youth Councils from across Florida, while honing their skills in public speaking, negotiation, and collaboration. During their time in the state capital, the Youth Council members met with Florida Senators Shevrin Jones and Jason Pizzo. The discussions focused on several active Senate bills, particularly those related to education and environmental protection. The members made their voices heard, expressing their opinions on issues that directly impact the future of the state and its residents. This experience allowed Surfside's Youth Council to not only learn more about the legislative process but also to actively participate in shaping the discussions around important statewide issues.

As the council continues to develop its leadership and advocacy skills, residents can look forward to more exciting events and projects in the near future. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming Youth Council initiatives and opportunities to get involved!



## SURFSIDE HOSTS COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON COASTAL SUBSIDENCE IN BARRIER ISLANDS

Surfside hosted a commission workshop on April 10, 2025, featuring Dr. Falk Amelung, a professor from the University of Miami's Department of Marine Geosciences. The event, led by Vice Mayor Tina Paul and attended by Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui and Bay Harbor Islands Council Member Teri D'Amico, explored the use of InSAR technology to monitor coastal subsidence in Miami's barrier islands. The workshop underscored Surfside's commitment to fostering informed discussions on local environmental issues and ensuring the safety and sustainability of its coastal communities.



# News From Town Hall

## SURFSIDE COMMISSION PROCLAIMS EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY, DONATES TO RUTH K. BROAD BAY HARBOR K-8 PTA

The Surfside Commission proclaimed Education and Sharing Day during its April meeting, highlighting the value of education and community engagement.

The Commission also presented a donation to the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center PTA to support local education initiatives. The contribution aims to enhance the educational experience for students at the center.

These actions reflect Surfside's ongoing commitment to education and community involvement.



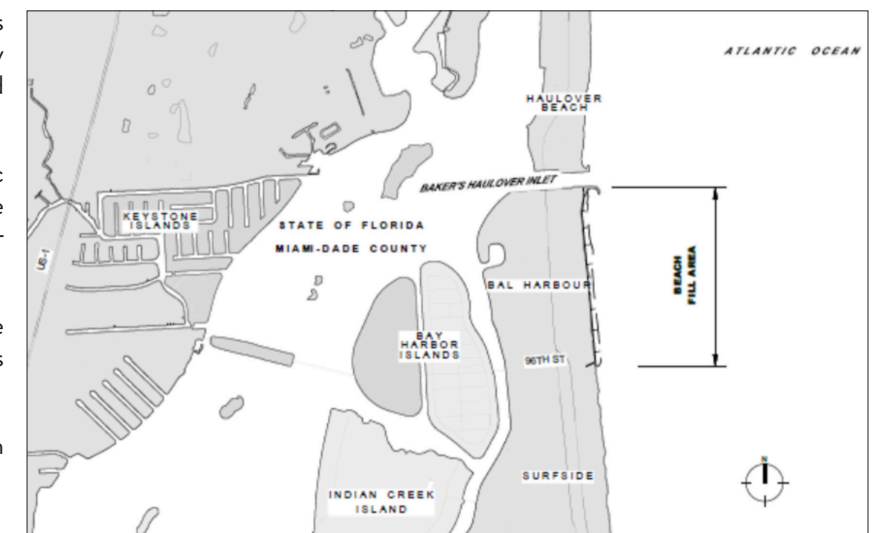
## BAL HARBOUR BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR NOW - SEPTEMBER 2025

The Village of Bal Harbour is expected to begin its beach renourishment project with the US Army Corps of Engineers in mid-April with an anticipated completion date of mid-September, 2025.

The project will place approximately 225,000 cubic yards of beach-quality sand from an upland source along the critically eroded shoreline of Bal Harbour just north of Surfside.

Residents should expect heavy truck activity on the hard pack at 96th Street as sand-hauling vehicles make their way through to the beach.

Work is scheduled to take place Monday through Friday, sunrise to sundown.





## SMART RECYCLING IN SURFSIDE

Recycling is an essential first step toward reducing waste in your household, but many people often misunderstand the rules. Knowing what can and can't be recycled, as well as how to properly prepare your items, is crucial.

Did you know that recyclables can become contaminated when items are placed in the wrong bin, or when food containers that still have residue are thrown into the recycling? Contamination can prevent large batches of material from being recycled properly. Additionally, non-recyclable items in your recycling bin increase the cost of recycling, slow down the process, and pose safety risks at the recycling facility.

Many items collected for recycling actually can't be recycled. These often end up being incinerated or sent to landfills. When in doubt, it's always better to throw it out.

### 3 KEY POINTS WHEN RECYCLING:

- Recycle bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Materials like newspapers, magazines, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and similar items are recyclable.
- Keep food and liquid out of your recycling. Be sure to rinse off food or liquid residue from your recyclable items before placing them in the bin.
- No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables. Keep plastic bags out of your recycling bin. They can often be recycled at your local grocery store—like Publix on Harding Avenue.

Still unsure about what can be recycled? Come ask the experts at the Town's Earth Day Resource Fair on April 27, 2025, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Have electronics or hazardous materials you need to dispose of? Check out the Town's Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event on May 10, 2025, from 9 a.m. to noon.



*From Public Works* - On Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 9 a.m. to noon, The Town of Surfside will be hosting our annual Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event. Residents are encouraged to bring any hazardous waste products to the 93rd ST parking lot, across from Town Hall, on this day only.

Please follow our guidelines for acceptance and proper disposal:

- Containers should be leak-proof and securely closed.
- Do not mix different waste materials
- All material that is loose (i.e. batteries) must be bagged.
- All bio-hazardous waste/ medical waste must be secured and shall be placed into the sharps container by the resident

### ACCEPTED:

- Used automotive fluids, household chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides & herbicides, paints & solvents, pool chemicals, electronics and batteries

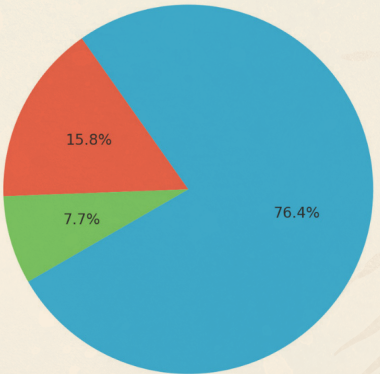
### NOT ACCEPTED:

- Mercury thermometers or any products containing mercury
- Ammunition of any type (for ammunition drop off, please contact the Surfside Police Department @ (305) 861-4862

For more information please contact the Public Works Department @ (305)861-4863



## PROPERTY USE POLL: 9333 HARDING AVENUE



From March 12 through April 6, Surfside residents cast 556 ballots to choose how the Town should use the newly acquired property at 9333 Harding Avenue.

**Option A: Surfside Fitness Club & Spa**  
– 425 votes (76.4 %)

**Option B: Surfside Cultural Heritage Center**  
– 88 votes (15.8 %)

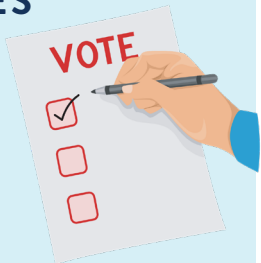
**Option C: Other (Write-In)**  
– 43 votes ( 7.7 %)

## SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) FOR NEW HOMES

### Special Election Official Results

The following are the official results of the April 1, 2025, Surfside Special Election:

- **Yes: 44.74%**
- **No: 55.26%**
- **Voter turnout: 26.92% (1,009 of 3,748 registered voters)**



## SARGASSUM SEASON ARRIVES: WHAT SURFSIDE RESIDENTS SHOULD KNOW

Spring marks the return of sargassum seaweed along Surfside's shoreline, a natural and essential part of South Florida's coastal ecosystem. The seasonal brown algae typically appears from March through October and plays a key role in supporting marine life and shoreline stability.

Sargassum plays an important role in the coastal environment. It provides food and shelter for marine species such as fish, crabs and sea turtles, and serves as a vital foraging area for migratory birds. While harmless to humans, sargassum can emit an odor as it decomposes and may be considered a nuisance to some beachgoers. Residents and visitors are reminded that sargassum is protected by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and cannot be removed with heavy machinery without proper permits.







## SURFSIDE POLICE AND YOUTH COUNCIL PROMOTE SCOOTER SAFETY FOR ALL AGES

In an effort to promote safe scooter practices, the Surfside Police Department, in collaboration with the Youth Council, has launched an initiative aimed at raising awareness and ensuring the safety of riders throughout the community.

The program focuses on educating riders of all ages on the importance of wearing helmets, following traffic rules, and being aware of their surroundings while on scooters. By implementing this initiative, the Surfside Police Department and Youth Council aim to reduce scooter-related accidents and enhance public safety in the area.

“We’re committed to keeping our streets safe for everyone, and this initiative is one of the many ways we can make a difference,” said Chief Henry Doce of the Surfside Police Department. “Whether you’re a young rider or an adult, following safety protocols can prevent accidents and ensure a safer community for all.”

SCAN TO WATCH VIDEO



## DETECTIVES JOIN STATE ATTORNEY’S HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

In a pivotal moment for Surfside, Detective Gambirazio and Officer Gabriel were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Alberto Milan on April 9, 2025, to join the State Attorney’s Human Trafficking Task Force. This partnership highlights the Town’s steadfast commitment to combating human trafficking and protecting its community from exploitation.

“This partnership represents Surfside’s unwavering dedication to ensuring justice and safety for all residents,” commented Chief Henry Doce. “We are honored to contribute to such a vital initiative and are determined to make a significant impact in combating human trafficking.” The State Attorney’s Task Force plays a crucial role in coordinating efforts to investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases across the region. Surfside’s involvement marks a significant step forward in local law enforcement’s proactive approach to addressing this issue.



## COFFEE WITH THE COPS FOSTERS COMMUNITY DIALOGUE IN SURFSIDE

Surfside residents, business owners, and visitors gathered at the Grand Beach Hotel Surfside on Thursday, March 27, for Coffee with the Cops, an event designed to promote open communication between the community and local law enforcement. Chief of Police Henry Doce and his staff engaged with attendees, discussing concerns and strengthening relationships in an informal setting. For more information on future Police events, contact Sergeant Matelis at 305-861-4862.



## SURFSIDE AND THE MIAMI JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL (MJFF) PARTNER FOR “BAD SHABBOS” SCREENING

On Sunday, April 6, the Resort Tax Board and the Miami Jewish Film Festival (MJFF) partnered to sponsor a special screening of “Bad Shabbos,” winner of the 2024 Tribeca Film Festival’s Audience Award, on the beach at 93rd Street. Attendees also enjoyed complimentary popcorn, cannoli’s and iced tea. The screening, the second with a major film festival in recent months, is part of the Board’s dedicated mission to expand cultural programming for visitors and residents alike. Representatives from the MJFF were on hand to celebrate the occasion as well as members of the Resort Tax Board, Vice Mayor Tina Paul and Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui.



JOIN US FOR FOUR UNFORGETTABLE EVENINGS FILLED WITH CREATIVITY, WONDER, AND COMMUNITY!



## THURSDAY BLOCK PARTIES CONTINUE

May’s action-packed 90th Anniversary event wraps on Thursday, May 29 with Fifth Thursday, The Art Affair presented by the Resort Tax Board in partnership with Cloud Creative Experiences.

This art-themed event will include visual references to the Town’s 90th anniversary in addition to art vendors and activities, live music, complimentary food and drink and more! Join us from 6 to 9 p.m. at 93rd Street Town Hall.

## CELEBRATE SURFSIDE’S MILESTONE 90TH WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY AT PADDLETOPIA!

**MAY 3 & 4**  
**10 AM – 3 PM**

96th Street Park

Surfside’s iconic Paddletopia! event is set to return for the first time in three years at the new 96th Street Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. presented by the Resort Tax Board. Celebrate Surfside’s waterfront lifestyle and the Town’s 90th anniversary while enjoying complimentary paddleboarding and kayaking, fitness classes and demonstrations, beverages and bites, plus custom giveaways (while supplies last). Attendees will also experience an interactive Surfside history trivia section, a vintage candy gift shop, and throwback 1935 decor. Bring your friends, neighbors and family and join us for an unforgettable weekend of kayaking, fitness and Surfside memories. Paddletopia will also feature a Community Clothing Swap organized by the Community Relations Board (CRB).

**FREE PADDLEBOARDING & KAYAKING**  
**LIVE MUSIC • FITNESS CLASSES & DEMONSTRATIONS**  
**BEVERAGES & BITES • COMMUNITY CLOTHING SWAP**







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| 5/3/25  | Paddletopia!<br>96th Street Park at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.                          |
| 5/4/25  | Paddletopia!<br>96th Street Park at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.                          |
| 5/12/25 | 90th Anniversary Cocktail Reception*<br>7 p.m. - 10 p.m.                      |
| 5/18/25 | Historic Walking Tour with Dr. Paul<br>George Town Hall at 11 a.m.            |
| 5/18/25 | Surfside 90th Anniversary Celebration<br>96th Street Park at 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. |

*\*Entry exclusively for guests with RSVP.*

5/12/25

90th Anniversary Cocktail Reception

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

*Entry exclusively for guests with RSVP.*

## SURFSIDE CELEBRATES 90 YEARS OF COMMUNITY AND HERITAGE

This year marks a significant milestone for the vibrant coastal community of Surfside as it celebrates its 90th anniversary. Established on May 18, 1935 by members of The Surf Club, Surfside has grown from a quaint beachside enclave into a bustling Town known for its rich heritage and strong community spirit.

Nestled along the Atlantic Ocean, Surfside has become a cherished home to residents and a beloved destination for visitors seeking sun, sand, and small-town charm. From its early days as a haven for beachgoers to its current status as a thriving municipality, Surfside continues to evolve while preserving its unique character and natural beauty.

The Town's 90th anniversary celebrations will honor its past, present, and future with a series of events throughout the month. Festivities will include historical walks, community gatherings, and special tributes to key figures who have shaped Surfside's identity over the decades.

"We are proud to commemorate 90 years of growth, resilience, and community spirit," said Mark Blumstein, Town Manager. "Surfside's anniversary is not just a celebration of our history but a testament to the dedication and unity of our residents who continue to make this Town a wonderful place to live, work, and visit."

As Surfside looks forward to the future, residents and visitors alike are invited to join in celebrating this momentous occasion and to share in the Town's enduring legacy of warmth, hospitality, and coastal beauty.

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# Uptown FunTown



## A NIGHT IN ITALY!

Hundreds of attendees enjoyed a magical Italian evening April 3 at the Resort Tax Board's best event of the season, "A Night in Italy." 93rd Street was transformed into a charming space where residents and hotel guests enjoyed live music, a complimentary handmade, fresh Italian pasta station, local pizza, gelato, prosecco as well as an Italian market with vendors providing authentic goods.



# It Starts In Parks

## SPRING EGG HUNT

Surfside families gathered at 96th Street Park on April 6 for a delightful morning of spring fun! From bounce houses to dance-offs, and of course, the eagerly awaited egg hunt across multiple age groups, the day was filled with laughter and excitement. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this wonderful community event!



Presented by Parks & Recreation

## SPLASH INTO SPRING

Splash Into Spring was a hit! Thank you to everyone who joined us on April 5 at the Community Center Pool for a fun-filled Duck and Egg Hunt! We hope you had a blast celebrating the season with us.



Presented by Parks & Recreation

## SENIOR TRIP TO ACTORS' PLAYHOUSE

Our senior trip to see Waitress at the Actors' Playhouse was a hit!

Residents enjoyed a heartwarming and feel-good experience, following Jenna's journey through life, love, and motherhood. Thank you to all who joined us for this wonderful outing!



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TOWN OF SURFSIDE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Senior Brunch Bunch

Bingo!!

JOIN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR OUR MONTHLY SENIOR BRUNCH BUNCH. WE WILL HAVE A BUFFET STYLE.

Friday  
May 16th, 2025  
11:00am - 1:00pm

FEES

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

REGISTRATION

RESIDENTS: APRIL 18TH  
NON-RESIDENTS: MAY 2ND

FOOD GUARANTEED FOR THE FIRST 30 PRE- REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, MAY 9TH.

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER (305)866-3635  
WEBSITE: WWW.TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV



TOWN OF SURFSIDE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SENIOR TRIP



We're excited to invite you to our upcoming senior trip to Superblue Miami, an immersive art experience that will ignite your creativity! Step into a world of vibrant, larger-than-life installations and interactive exhibits that celebrate the power of art to inspire and energize. Don't miss this unforgettable adventure where you'll explore, reflect, and lose yourself in a kaleidoscope of color and light!

Wednesday, May 21st, 2025

11:00 AM - 4:30 PM

SuperBlue Miami

(1101 NW 23 Street Miami, FL 33127)

COST:

Residents: \$20.00

Non-Residents: \$30.00

Registration now open!

Bus departs from Surfside Community Center, 9301 Collins Avenue at 11:00AM and will return approximately at 5:00PM  
\*Transportation provided\*

Proof of residency required at time of registration  
Registration will take place at the Surfside Community Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (305) 866 - 3635 OR VISIT WWW.TOWNOFSURFSIDEFL.GOV



YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	DAYS/DATES	HOURS	AGES	FEE PER SESSION
Youth Basketball	<u>Mondays &amp; Wednesday</u> 04/28 - 05/28/25 No Class: 05/26	4:45-5:45pm 6:00-7:00pm	5-7 yrs. 8-12 yrs.	Residents \$108.00 Non-Residents \$153.00
Soccer	<u>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays</u> 4/29 - 05/29/25	4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm 6:00-7:00pm	4-6 yrs. 7-8 yrs. 9-12 yrs.	Residents \$120.00 Non-Residents \$170.00
Girls Soccer	<u>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays</u> 4/29 - 5/29/25	5:00-6:00pm 6:00-7:00pm	7-8 yrs. 9-12 yrs.	Residents \$120.00 Non-Residents \$170.00
Start Smart Soccer	<u>Sundays</u> 5/4 - 6/1/25	10:00 - 11:00 AM	2-4 yrs.	Residents \$60.00 Non-Residents \$85.00
Tennis	See Tennis Listing	See Tennis Listing	See Tennis Listing	See Tennis Listing

YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	DAYS/DATES	HOURS	AGES	FEE PER SESSION
Gymnastics	<u>Mondays</u> 04/28 - 05/26/25 No Class: 05/26	4:30-5:30pm 5:30-6:30pm	3-5yrs. 6-12yrs.	Residents \$48.00 Non-Residents \$68.00
Taekwondo	<u>Mondays &amp; Wednesdays</u> 04/28 - 05/28/25 No Class: 05/26	6:30-7:25pm	7-18yrs.	Residents \$108.00 Non-Residents \$153.00
Snapology	<u>Tuesday</u> 04/29 - 05/27/25	4:00-5:00pm	7-14yrs.	Residents \$60.00 Non-Residents \$85.00
Tunes for Tots	<u>Wednesday</u> 04/30 - 05/28/25	10:00-11:00am	6 month-5yrs.	Residents \$60.00 Non-Residents \$85.00
Mommy & Me	<u>Thursdays</u> 05/1- 05/29/25	10:00-11:00am	2yrs & Under	Registration Thru Round Robin Playgroup See Flyer
Jazz Dance	<u>Saturdays</u> 05/03 - 05/31/25	4:00-5:00pm	7-12yrs.	Residents \$60.00 Non-Residents \$85.00
Hip-Hop	<u>Saturdays</u> 05/03 - 05/31/25	5:00-6:00pm	7-12yrs.	Residents \$60.00 Non-Residents \$85.00

ADULTS & SENIOR PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	DAYS/DATES	HOURS	AGES	FEE PER SESSION
Zumba	<u>Mondays</u> 04/28 - 05/26/25 No Class: 5/26	9:00-10:00am	18-54yrs.	Residents \$48.00 Non-Residents \$68.00
Zumba Gold	<u>Mondays</u> 04/28 - 05/26/25 No Class: 5/26	9:00-10:00am	55 & Over	Residents \$20.00 Non-Residents \$28.00
Adult Art Class	See Flyer	See Flyer	See Flyer	See Flyer
Pilates	<u>Tuesdays</u> 04/29 - 05/27/25	7:15-8:15pm	16 & Over	Residents \$60.00 Non-Residents \$85.00
Senior Time	<u>Wednesdays</u> 04/30 - 05/28/25	10:00-12:00pm	18 & Over	Free
Current Events	<u>Thursdays</u> 05/1 - 05/29/25	10:15-12:15am	18 & Over	Free
Self Defense	<u>Thursdays</u> 05/1- 05/29/25	7:15-8:15pm	16 & Over	Residents \$60.00 Non-Residents \$85.00
Silver Sneakers: Cardio & Strength	<u>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays</u> 04/29 - 05/30/25	9:00-10:00am	50 & Over	S.S Members: Free Non-Members: \$10.00
Hatha Yoga	<u>Sundays</u> 05/4 - 06/1/25	11:00 -12:00pm	16 & Over	Residents \$60.00 Non-Residents \$85.00



# It Starts In Parks

TOWN OF SURFSIDE AQUATICS HOURS OF OPERATION			
MONTH	BEACH	MAIN POOL	TOT LOT
January	9:00-5:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-6:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-6:00	10:00-5:30
February	9:00-5:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-6:30 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-6:30	10:00-6:00
March	9:00-5:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-7:30 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-7:30	10:00-6:30
April	9:00-5:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-8:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-8:00	10:00-7:00
May	9:00-5:30	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-8:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-8:00	10:00-7:30
June	9:00-6:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-8:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-8:00	10:00-7:30
July	9:00-6:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-8:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-8:00	10:00-7:30
August	9:00-6:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-8:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-8:00	10:00-7:30
September	9:00-5:30	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-7:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-7:00	10:00-6:30
October	9:00-5:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-7:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-7:00	10:00-6:30
November	9:00-5:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-6:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-6:00	10:00-5:30
December	9:00-5:00	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING 9:00-6:00 LAP SWIMMING 7:00-6:00	10:00-5:30

Discover exciting programs and events in Surfside, from summer camps and wellness workshops to senior trips and brunches. Scan the QR code to explore the full lineup, including the Memorial Day ceremony presented by the Parks and Recreation Department. Don't miss out—register today and stay connected with our vibrant community offerings!

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TENNIS PROGRAMS SCHEDULE



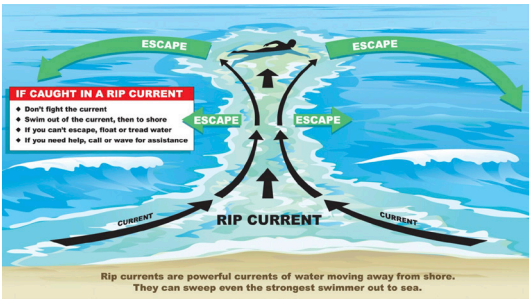
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## REFRESH YOUR BEACH SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

### HOW TO BREAK THE GRIP OF THE RIP:

- Don't fight the current.
- Swim out of the current then to shore.
- If you can't escape, float or tread water.
- Call or wave for assistance.
- Always swim in a lifeguarded area.
- Never swim alone, regardless of your age or level of swimming skills.



### BEACH WARNING FLAGS

- BANDERAS DE ADVERTENCIA EN LA PLAYA
-  Water Closed to Public  
Agua Cerrada al Público
  -  Medium Hazard  
Moderate Surf and/or Currents  
Peligro Medio, Resaca Moderada y/o Corrientes Fuertes
  -  Low Hazard  
Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution  
Peligro Bajo, Condiciones Calmas, Tenga Cuidado
  -  High Hazard  
High Surf and/or Strong Currents  
Peligro Alto, Resaca Alta y/o Corrientes Fuertes
  -  Dangerous Marine Life  
Vida Marina Peligrosa

\*Conditions available during beach tower operations.

For daily beach conditions, contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635.

- Keep within your fitness and swimming capabilities.
- Be aware of weather and water conditions and heed warnings.


# It Starts In Parks

Without your support, the survival of sea turtles on the planet is uncertain. Here are some ways you can help sea turtles:

- Please respect sea turtles natural behaviors and share the beach. Do not approach or harass nesting sea turtles or hatchlings. Although large reptiles, nesting sea turtles scare easily.
- Never interfere or pick up hatchlings emerging from nests or walking on the beach. Without the right permits, this is a violation of the law. Hatchlings have limited energy reserves. If you observe hatchlings travelling away from the ocean, call FWC at their 24 hour wildlife hotline: 1-888-404-FWCC (3922) or \*FWC (\*392) from your mobile device or our nighttime response line at 786-719-6836 or our stranding response line at 305-310-3046.
- For necessary lighting keep it low, shielded, and long. Keep lights low to the ground, pointed downward and shielded from sight from the beach. Sea turtles cannot see long wavelength light well, changing bulbs to amber or red LED reduces the chance for disorientation.
- Keep County beaches and waters clean. Properly dispose of garbage – don't litter! Sea turtles may mistake debris for food. Imagine the resemblance between a floating plastic bag and a jelly fish!
- Stay clear of marked sea turtle nests on the beach. It is a violation of state and federal law to disturb a sea turtle, its nest, eggs or hatchlings. If you encounter a person poaching or vandalizing a nest, call the local police or FWC (1-888-404-3922 or \*FWC from your mobile phone). Do NOT try to interfere or stop the event yourself.
- Don't use bonfires, flashlights, flash photography or video camera lights on the beach at night. Bright lights can disturb and cause disorientation of nesting turtles and hatchlings.

Spread awareness in your local community about sea turtles.





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REPRESENTING SELLER  
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- 58 BH Rx Surfside Pharmacy - 9541 Harding Ave
- 73 Surfside Hearing Aid - 222 95<sup>th</sup> St
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- 54C SK Worldwide - 9553 Harding Ave #303
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- 76 Barry Cohen Law Firm - 260 95<sup>th</sup> St #201
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- 36 Panini Grill<sup>K</sup> - 9460 Harding
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- 42 Sushi Republic - 9583 Harding Ave
- 46 Morelia Gourmet Paletas<sup>K</sup> - 9571 Harding Ave
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