

THIRD THURSDAYS IN FEBRUARY

The Surfside Tourist Bureau will kick off the annual Third Thursdays block parties on February 21, 2019. This year will mark the 11th year return of the popular free community event featuring food, live music and entertainment, as well as healthy living and well-being activities for the entire family.

Mark your calendar for the Third Thursdays of the month, 6-9 pm, February-April, 2019 on 95th Street between Collins and Harding Avenues. The **February 21 theme is Sweet Sounds & Culinary Delights**, with rotating chef demonstrations by Chef Michael Bianchi, owner of 5 Senses Catering; Matteo Caboni, Chef de Partie at Hotel Casa Tua and Tim Andriola of Timo Restaurant and Bar. There will also be an herb planting station, live music by Brothers of Others and more!

- **March 21: Be Well - Yoga & Wellness**
- **April 18: Energize with Zumba**

BOOTCAMP & BREWS

The Surfside Tourist Bureau is hosting Bootcamp & Brews at the Grand Beach Hotel Surfside on **Thursday, February 7, 2019** from **6-9 pm**. Enjoy a full hour of burn-it-up bootcamp, followed by a craft beer tasting from some of the best local breweries. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at VisitSurfsideFL.com.

HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS OF SURFSIDE

The Surfside Tourist Bureau is hosting historical walking tours of the Town on **Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 11 am.** and **Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 11 am.** Starting from the Community Center, HistoryMiami's Resident Historian, Dr. Paul George will lead a one hour walking tour of Surfside. Enjoy this complimentary, informative walking tour that ends in downtown Surfside.



For the latest beach happenings, be sure to check out the new Surf's Up Corner each month.

In the first update, the Town of Surfside is devoted to keeping residents informed about the upcoming beach renourishment project which is anticipated to start this spring. However, it is important to note the project could be impacted by the government shutdown.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Miami-Dade County will address the critical erosion by using approximately 330k cubic yards of beach quality sand to renourish the public beach in Surfside. To learn more, view the Frequently Asked Questions found on the Town website and/or attend the Beach Renourishment Community Meeting at 6 pm on Wednesday, February 13 in the Town Hall Commission Chambers.

CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER

CODE COMPLIANCE PROCESS

The mission of the Town of Surfside Code Compliance Division is to inform the public of the Town Code and the fundamental principles behind the laws and ordinances as well as the many benefits of compliance.

Code compliance officers perform pro-active and reactive property inspections to ensure that zoning, regulations and property and building construction standards are followed and maintained. The officers work with affected parties to achieve voluntary compliance in public health, life safety, nuisances and quality-of-life issues.

The code compliance process is regulated by State law and our Town Code of Ordinances. Upon receipt of a complaint or direct observation of a code violation, the code compliance officer will gather evidence to document the violation and makes an initial contact with the property owner where the violation has occurred. The contact is usually made in person and/or by a Courtesy Letter that explains the nature of the code violation. The code officer sets a reasonable time period for the property owner to correct the code violation.

If the property owner fails to correct the code violation within the Courtesy notice time limit, then the Code Officer issues a Civil Violation Notice to the property owner. This notice establishes a deadline date for compliance to be achieved. The notice also gives the property owner a specific date and civil fine amount that will be assessed against the property.

If the code violation is not resolved, then the property owner is sent an Affidavit of Default informing that a compliance hearing will be scheduled before the Town's Special Master to obtain an enforceable order to comply and/or pay civil fines. Failure to pay imposed fines will result in the recording of a lien against the property in the Miami-Dade County public records. In certain cases, the civil fines begins immediately. This is when the code violation is irreversible or not repairable, involves a public health or life safety issue or is a repeat violation. If you have questions about the code compliance process, call the Code Compliance Division at (305) 861-4863, ext. 230 or 233.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Effective December 2018, customers will receive a temporary reduction to the County Tax line items on their water bill due to a retroactive adjustment to the water & sewer tax. For questions, call (305) 861-4863 and dial "0" between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday-Friday.