

# Manager's Message

What a month September has been. A budget workshop and two required budget hearings were held. Bottom line ... the Town Commission reduced the millage from 5.6 to 5.5 mills, thereby lowering the real tax dollars paid to the Town of Surfside for nearly all owners. Rates for water, sewer, solid waste and storm drainage were held constant.

The Town Commission also approved the 341-room Grand Beach Surfside Hotel proposal in a five-hour public hearing (4-1 vote). Prior approvals had already been given by the Planning and Zoning/Design Review Board and the new Development Impact Committee. This project will be transformational for the Town not only in terms of the built environment but also in terms of revenue. The property tax revenue and direct and indirect resort tax revenues could approach \$2 million annually.

Finally, great progress has been made on the new 16-inch sewer force main under Collins Avenue with nearly 11,000 feet completed in six weeks. We are also well underway with the water/sewer/storm drainage project. More than 800 residents have granted permission for the no-cost tie in to the new system. Please make sure that you sign the form to avoid having to pay the cost yourself or being without water service. More information is available on the web site www.utilityupgradeproject.com. Please watch future Gazettes for updates on the residential project at 9501 Collins Avenue and the Young Israel project on 96th Street.

September also completes my first year as Town Manager. Here are some observations: Surfside is a wonderful unique community. Its residents are diverse in many ways – highly educated and concerned about the Town's future. There is a real demand for modernization downtown and to in fill major empty lots and this effort needs to be done with great sensitivity and caution. Given my 40 years of public involvement, it is easy to say we have a wonderful Town Commission. They handle the monthly agenda within the time allowed, all items are addressed and the public is given full access to the deliberative process. Contentious items are handled with dignity and respect for varied viewpoints. Most importantly, these matters are handled, decisions made and we move forward. There is no gridlock in Surfside.

As always, thanks for the opportunity to manage this wonderful community.

Roger M. Carlton
 Surfside Town Manager

# Plenty of Halloween Treats Planned

### **HAUNTED PARK ON OCTOBER 29**

Surfside's 96th Street Park will be magically transformed to a spooky playground for the whole family on Saturday, October 29 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Wear your costume and there will be candy and goodies for the children. Surfside residents only. Call (305) 866-3635.



### **BLOCK PARTY ON OCTOBER 31**

Join fellow goblins, superheroes and princesses for an all-age block party on Halloween, Monday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m. on 92nd Street from Byron Avenue to Dickens Avenue. Surfside police officers will be distributing candy and glow sticks. For information contact Officer Jay Matelis or Dina Goldstein at (305) 861-4862.

# 2010 Census Paints a Detailed Picture of Surfside

The 2010 U.S. Census contains a tremendous amount of detail regarding the Town of Surfside, including income, ethnicity, housing, jobs, education and more. Here is a snapshot of Surfside facts:

**POPULATION:** The total of 5,744 is evenly split between male and female with a median age of 41.2 years, slightly younger than 2000 when it was 44.9. Eighteen percent of the population was under 18 years and 16% was 65 years and older.

**HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES:** There are slightly more than 2,000 households in Surfside, averaging 2.4 people per home. Families, including married couples and others, made up 59% of the households.

NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE: For the first time more than half of Surfside residents are now foreign born (53%). Of the 47% born in the U.S., 18% are native Floridians. Interestingly, 64% speak a language other than English at home. Of those, 68% spoke Spanish and 32% spoke another language. Forty-five percent of the non-English speakers reported that they did not speak English "very well."

**GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY:** Nearly 80% of Surfsiders were living in the same residence one year earlier. Eleven percent had moved during the past year from within Miami Dade. Two percent moved from another state and 7 percent from abroad.

**EDUCATION:** Surfsiders are well educated with 89 percent of those 25 years and over had graduated from high school and 42 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The 2010 school enrollment in Surfside was a total of 990 with 210 in kindergarten or pre-K, 490 in elementary or high school and 290 in college or graduate school.

**TRAVEL TO WORK:** 79% of Surfsiders drive to work and 7% take public transportation. Five percent work at home. The average commute? 27.2 minutes.

**INCOME:** The median income in 2010 had risen to \$74,219. Nine percent receive retirement income other than Social Security and 26% received Social Security (averaging \$17,591). Fourteen percent had income at or below the poverty level.

**HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS:** Of the more than 2,000 occupied housing units, 1,400 (71 percent) were owner occupied and 570 (29 percent) renter occupied. Thirteen percent of households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. 36% had two vehicles and 7 percent had three or more.

**HOUSING COSTS:** The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$3,046, non-mortgaged owners \$876, and renters \$1,197.



# Municipalities Unite for 9/11 Ceremony

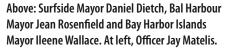
The Town of Surfside Police Department hosted a moving ceremony on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 event. Held in the Community Center breezeway, the



ceremony included participation from Miami Dade Fire Rescue, Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour and Indian Creek. Bay Harbor Islands Town Manager Ron Wasson (at left) was the keynote speaker. He related his dramatic first-hand experiences at ground zero during the tragic day.









# Parking Permits Available at Police Department



The Surfside Police Department is issuing 2012 Resident Parking Permits at Town Hall between 9 a.m.–5 p.m. To obtain your permit, proof of residency is

required, such as driver's license with a Surfside address, property tax bill, water bill, rental or lease agreement. You must your vehicle registration or copy. Only three permits per address are allowed. There is a \$10 fee (plus tax) per permit and it will expire September 30, 2012. Please call (305) 861-4862 or 861-4863 for further information.

# Surfside News Briefs

# Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, October 5

Surfside residents are invited to attend Mayor Daniel Dietch's Town Hall Meeting in the Commission Chambers Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. This is your opportunity to express your opinion and learn what is happening in your community.

### **Green Thumbs Needed!**

The Surfside Urban Gardeners is a non-profit organization that has been formed to manage the Surfside Community Garden being installed on Dickens Avenue at 89th Street. Surfside residents interested in being a part of this venture should



Dylan Terry of Ready-To-Grow Gardens & Melissa Moonves, President of Surfside Urban Gardeners.

contact the Garden Club President Melissa Moonves at mmoonves@gmail.com

### **Support the Surf-Bal-Bay Farmers Market**

Residents are encouraged to visit and support the Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market. It alternates weekly, year round, between Kane Concourse in Bay Harbor Islands and 95th Street (at Collins Avenue) in Surfside. See the Calendar for dates and locations. Information is also posted on the Town website, Channel 77 and the Publix bulletin board.

# 341-Room Grand Beach Hotel Approved

Surfside's tourism industry will be taking a huge leap forward with the recent approval of the 341-room Grand Beach Surfside. The estimated \$60 million project received final approval at a five-hour meeting. Similar to their successful beachfront property in Miami Beach, the developers are creating a innovative resort

spanning both sides of Collins Avenue at 94th Street. The "affordable luxury" hotel will feature large airy rooms, rooftop pools, a restaurant, lounges, fitness center, extensive landscaping and 375 on-site parking spaces.

Top: A rendering of the Grand Beach and, below, the hotel building on the west side of Collins Ave.



# TOWN CALENDAR

#### **OCTOBER**

- Sun 2 Farmer's Market cancelled
- Sun 2 Crime Expo, 1-5 p.m., 9400 Harding Ave. parking lot
- Mon 3 Tourist Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Tue 4 Endlessly Organic Produce 4-6 p.m. Community Center
- Wed 5 Town Hall Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Sun 9 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (Surfside)
- Mon 10 Beautification Committee
- Tue 11 Town Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Fri 14 Islands Beach Bash Drug Awareness, 6 p.m. (BHI)
- Sun 16 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. (BHI)
- Tue 18 Endlessly Organic Produce 4-6 p.m. Community Center
- Sun 23 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (Surfside)
- Thur 27 Planning & Zoning Board, 7 p.m.
- Sun 30 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (BHI)
- Tue 18 Eye on Surfside, 6 p.m., Police Training Room
- Wed 26 Downtown Vision Advisory Committee
- Wed 26 Senior Trip "Hairspray"
- Sat 29 Prescription Drug Drop-off, 10 am 2 pm, lobby
- Sun 30 Surf-Bal-Bay Farmer's Market, 9 am- 2 pm (BHI)
- Sat 29 Haunted Park, 96th Street Park, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- Mon 31 Halloween Safety Night, 6-8 pm, 92 St., Byron-Dickens

#### **NOVEMBER**

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

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.

### **Endlessly Organic Fresh Produce Buyers Club**

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

### YOUTH FALL 2011 PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

Resident registration underway. Non-resident begins Oct. 17. Call (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov for information.

Gymnastics, age 3-5       Monday       10/24/11-12/12/11         Gymnastics, age 3-5       Monday       10/24/11-12/12/11	3:45-4:40 p.m. 4:45-5:40 p.m. 4:45-5:40 p.m.	\$61residents/\$117 non \$61 residents/\$117 non	11/21 11/21
Gymnastics, age 3-5 Monday 10/24/11-12/12/11	•		11/21
	4:45-5:40 p.m.		11/41
Gymnastics, age 6-13 Monday 10/24/11-12/12/11		\$61residents/\$117non	11/21
Gymnastics, age 3-5 Wednesday 10/26/11-12/14/11	4 p.m4:55 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	11/23
Pre-School ballet, age 3-5 Tuesday 10/25/11-12/13/11	3:45-4:30 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$96 non	11/22
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Ballet, age 6-10 Tuesday 10/25/11-12/13/11	5:45-6:30 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	11/23
Tots Kidokinetics, age 2-4	9:15 a.m10 a.m.	\$77 residents/\$117 non	11/24
Hip Hop Jazz Dance, age 6-13 Wednesday 10/26/11-12/14/11	5:15-6:10 p.m.	\$61 residents/\$117 non	11/23
Kidokinetics, age 3-5 Thursday 10/27/11-12/15/11	4:30-5:15 p.m.	\$77 residents/\$117 non	11/24
Soccer, 4-5, coed Tues & Thur 9/13/11-12/01/11	4-5 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$289 non	NO SOCCER:
Soccer, 6-9, coed Tues & Thur 9/13/11-12/01/11	5-6 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$289 non	10/27, 10/28
Soccer, 8-13, coed (coach approv.) Tues & Thur 9/13/11-12/01/11	6-7 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$289 non	11/22, 11/24
Jr. Quick Start Tennis, under 8 Monday 10/3/11-10/24/11	5-6 p.m.	\$16 1 class/\$59 4 classes/\$	1128 classes
Junior Group Tennis, age 9-11 Tue & Thur 10/4/11-10/25/11	6-7 p.m.	\$16 1 class/\$59 4 classes/\$	1128 classes
Junior Group Tennis, age 10-13 Wednesday 10/5/11-10/26/11	6-7 p.m.	\$16 1 class/\$59 4 classes/\$	112 8 classes
Swim Lessons/preschool, 3-5 Sat/Sun 10/22/11-11/13/11	9:30-10 a.m.	\$68 residents/\$100 non	
Swim Lessons/preschool, 3-5 Tue/Wed/Thur 10/11/11-10/26/11	3:30-4 p.m.	\$68 residents/\$100 non	
Swim Lessons/preschool, 3-5 Tue/Wed/Thur 11/1/11-11/16/11	3:30-4 p.m.	\$68 residents/\$100 non	
Beginners Swim, 6-14 Sat/Sun 10/22/11-11/13/11	10:10-10:40 a.m.	\$68 residents/\$100 non	
Beginners Swim, 6-14 Tue/Wed/Thur 10/11/11-10/26/11	4:10-4:40 p.m.	\$68 residents/\$100 non	
Beginners Swim, 6-14 Tue/Wed/Thur 11/1/11-11/16/11	4:10-4:40 p.m.	\$68 residents/\$100 non	

### **ADULT FALL PROGRAMS**

CLASS	DAY	DATES & TERM	HOURS	Fee (per person)	No class
Senior Social	Wednesday	10/26/11-12/14/11	10 a.m12 p.m.	FREE	9/28
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Zumba	Monday		•	\$54 Resident/non \$103	9/5
Yoga	Tuesday	10/25/11-12/13/11	7-8 p.m.	\$54 Resident/non \$103	9/27
Beginner Salsa	Wednesday	10/26/11-12/14/11	6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$54 Resident/non \$103	9/28
Pilates	Thursday	10/27/11-12/15/11	7-8 p.m.	\$54 Resident/non \$103	9/29
Zumba	Friday	10/28/11-12/16/11	9-10 a.m.	\$54 Resident/non \$103	9/30

### **TENNIS**

Adult Doubles	Monday	10/3/11-10/24/11	7:30-9:30 p.m.	\$10 per person - reservations required
Men's Clinic	Thursday	10/6/11-10/27/11	7:30-9 p.m.	\$65 per month, per person
Ladies	Wednesday	10/5/11-10/26/11	7-8 p.m.	FREE -must call by noon to sign up

### SENIOR TRIPS

Wed Oct. 26 Actor's Playhouse - *Hairspray* Residents \$30, non: \$60

### **SWIM TEAM**

The Surfside Tritons swim team is open to children ages 6-15. Practices will be Sept. 19 - Nov. 30, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost for residents is \$140.

# FLEX-PLAY ADULT TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Fri Oct. 26 Registration Deadline

Singles \$20, Doubles \$30

Mon Oct. 10 Draw

Contact the Tennis Center for more information

### **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

- SENIOR HEALTH FAIR Wednesday, November 2 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- VETERANS DAY CEREMONY Friday, November 11 • 10 a.m.
- FALL HARVEST FEST Sunday, November 20 1:30-3:30pm
- WINTER CAMP
  December 19- 30

### **AQUATIC CENTER HOURS**

### October 1 - November 30

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

**Water Slide:** 

Mon & Fri: 2-5 p.m. Tue-Wed-Thur: 2–5 p.m Sat & Sun: 12-5 p.m. Lap Swimming:

Mon-Wed-Fri: 6:45-8:30 a.m. (5 lanes) Mon-Fri: 5-6 p.m. (limited lanes) Fri-Sat-Sun: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Day:** Pool and Community Center open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Beach Lifeguard Tower:** Every day, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(Hours are subject to change)

## **Girl Scout Troup Visits**

Girl Scout Troop 465 recently visited the Surfside Police Department. The group made a special appearance at the Town Budget Meeting and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. They received a tour from Officer Dianna Hernandez who also gave them a police



equipment presentation. Officer John Fruchey from Bal Harbour Police held a K-9 demonstration.

# Police Honor IT Support

Information Technology professional Jose Feliz (front left), was recognized by the Police Department

for his dedication, hard work and support to the Department.

(L-R) Back row: Asst. Chief/ Town Clerk



John DiCenso, Sgt. Rory Alberto, Chief David Allen, Officer Jay Matelis. Front row: Jose Feliz, Dina Goldstein, Sgt.

# Citizens Police Academy

There are still openings in the 10th Surfside Citizens Police Academy, which continues until Nov. 18. The Academy is held every Thursday from 6-9 p.m. in the second floor training room in Town Hall. For registration and information, contact Dina Goldstein or Officer Jay Matelis at (305) 861-4862.

# Highlights of the September 13 Commission Meeting

#### **Resolutions:**

- Approved a site plan application and a conditional use application to permit the development of a hotel and parking structure submitted by M.B. Development, LLC. on property located at 9449 Collins Avenue and 9418 Collins Avenue
- Approved a lease agreement with SunTrust Bank for the lease of public safety vehicles
- Authorized the Town Manager to appoint code enforcement officers for the Town who may include law enforcement offices to address code violations
- Approved the renewal of a three year contract with Sungard Naviline to continue to provide software services to the Town

### Voted to adopt ordinances on second reading:

Amended Town Code for Environment and added a section entitled Litter

### **Community Center Developing Digital Library**

The Community Center is moving forward on establishing a Surfside digital library by purchasing electronic readers (Kindles, Nooks and Sony E-readers). Look for more information on the future launch of the program.

# Islands Beach Bash Oct. 14

The Surfside Police Department will join three other municipalities in coordinating the Islands Beach Bash Drug Awareness event on Friday, October 14, 6-9 p.m. at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center in Bay Harbor Islands and continues on the beach at 96th Street. Cost is \$10 and includes t-shirts and give-aways.

# Eye on Surfside Oct. 18

Eye on Surfside, the Police Department's Community Liaison program, will be on Tuesday, October 18 in the Police Training Room.

# Prescription Drug Drop Off on Oct. 29

The Surfside Police Department is hosting a National Take Back Initiative on Saturday, October 29 to surrender expired, unwanted and unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. A collection box will be placed at the Surfside Police Department for citizens to drop off pharmaceutical products and liquids, sealed in their original container. No intra-venous solutions, injectibles or syringes. For information on these and other Police events, contact Officer Jay Matelis or Dina Goldstein at (305)861-4862.





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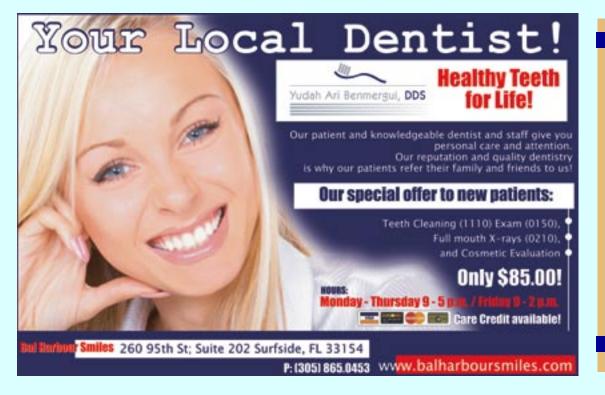
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# **GARAGE SALE!**

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#### TOWN MEETINGS ON DVD

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

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

## **TOWN WEBSITE**

www.townofsurfsidefl.gov