

# Message from the Town Manager

This message is a compilation of events and happenings to keep the Gazette readers up to date at the midpoint of 2012. First kudos to Tim Millian and his staff for a terrific first year of operations at the Community Center. Please join us for the one year anniversary celebration at Noon on Sunday, June 17, 2012. This facility has given the Town a sense of pride and community that it sorely missed while the new building was in design and under construction.

Second, the water/sewer/storm drainage project is slightly more than 50 percent complete. The second phase was the most difficult since it included the storm drainage upgrades on the west side of Town. Not only are the pipes very large and require very deep trenches, but also the new pumps require a lot of electronic work above ground to ensure that the equipment works during a flood situation. We also experienced record rainfall in May which put the contractor behind schedule for the month but not for the entire project. One of the problems of rain is that the plant which produces asphalt is closed. Asphalt can only be placed at high temperatures. If it is raining, it won't hold in place. Look for a second "lessons learned" meeting in July as we move from Phase 2 to Phase 3 north of 93rd Street. Please accept our appreciation for your understanding of the inconvenience.

Third, while we are on the subject of paving, FDOT has begun the Collins Avenue/ Harding Avenue resurfacing project. The first phase is to replace sidewalk that is broken or severely cracked. You will see new dark red areas that look that way because the color is new. When FDOT's work is done, the Town will stain the older concrete so we have a uniform color. If you know why we have red sidewalks let me know at rcarlton @townofsurfsidefl.gov. The first correct answer will receive a free lunch for four at the Community Center.

Fourth, we are nearing completion of the draft FY 2012/13 budget. A major change this year will be that the solid waste collection and recycling bills for the single family neighborhood will no longer be mailed separately beginning in 2013. The annual bill will appear on your TRIM notice in July and your property tax bill in the Fall as two separate line items. This transition will save the Town money as mailing bills will no longer be necessary and will provide the potential for up to a 4 percent discount if you pay your property taxes early.

Fifth, in the area of development, the 9501 Collins Avenue seven-unit oceanfront condominium is under construction. The Grand Beach Surfside 347-room hotel (old Beach House property) foundations are complete and the project will soon start to

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# Community Center to Celebrate One-year Anniversary

Residents and guests are invited to join in the one year anniversary celebration of the Surfside Community Center on Sunday, June 17 from Noon- 2 p.m. Activities will include live music, arts & crafts, food and refreshments, swimming and a commemorative pin giveaway for residents. At Noon there will be a preview of the Tales of the Surfside turtle sculpture (see page 3). Residents are free and guests

accompanying residents are \$5 each. Town I.D. or current proof of residency required.





For more information call (305) 866-3635 or visit www. townofsurfsidefl.gov.

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## **NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE BUSINESS DISTRICT**

- Support sought for more benches ... The Surfside Business Association is leading an effort to secure sponsorship for more benches to join the two already scheduled to be installed in downtown Surfside. Anyone interested in sponsoring a bench please contact Mr. Eli Tourgeman: eli.tourgeman@us.hsbc.com
- The Jewish Journal has now joined The Miami Herald, El Nuevo Herald, Miami New Times and Town Gazette in the sanctioned Town news rack downtown.
- Due to unforeseen circumstances, the June 24th **Second Annual Surfside Culinary Event** has been cancelled. Look for this exciting event to return to Surfside next year in a new format.
- With facade renovations completed (see below), 9417-19 Harding Avenue will be the home of an expanded **The Harbor Grill,** set to open in the fall. A new women's clothing boutique, **Koukla Kouture,** will be opening at 9575 Harding Avenue.



Themed posters decorate the newly refurbished facades.

# **Businesses Receive County Grants**

Eleven Surfside businesses were awarded a combined total of \$15,500 in Miami-Dade Mom & Pop Small Business Grants this year – a record number of businesses and a record grant amount for Surfside! The Town will also be assisting businesses with the next round of Miami Dade Energy Saver grants which have an August 8, 2012 deadline. For more information, contact Duncan Tavares, Tourism, Economic & Community Services Director at dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov or (305) 864-0722.

# **Restaurants Gear Up for Surfside Spice**

Summer will soon be here and in addition to traditions such as vacations and the beach, residents will again enjoy **Surfside Spice**, with participating restaurants offering three course meals ranging from \$22 or \$30 in July through September. **See the July Gazette for details.** 

# **Join the Downtown Vision Advisory Committee**

Residents, downtown property owners and business operators are encouraged to join the Downtown Vision Advisory Committee and be a part of the exciting revitalization happening in Surfside's downtown! Contact Duncan Tavares, Tourism, Economic & Community Services Director at dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov or (305) 864-0722.

## **Downtown Dialogues a Success, Next in August**

The second in a series of Downtown Business District meetings, called Downtown Dialogues, was held May 11 at Asa-2. Town Administrators presented information on the progress of initiatives affecting the downtown business district and the Town as a whole. Commissioner Michelle Kligman also attended and has been appointed liaison to the DVAC Committee. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 9, 2012.

## **Dentist Opens Downtown**

Beach Dental Specialist has opened to serve patients at 260 95th Street, Suite 209. The firm provides periodontics, implants, oral surgery, endodontics and has state-of-the-art digital x-rays and a mobile CT scan unit that conveniently travels to your home or work. Conscious sedation is offered at the patient's request. Beach Dental Specialists provide financing and accept most insurance coverages. For information or appointments, call 305-866-8290 or visit www. beachdentalspecialist.com.



# Looking for Breakfast? Try These Downtown Spots

Surfside's "Restaurant Row" is not just for lunch and dinner. If you are looking to get your day started in style, try one of these businesses.

# **Bal Harbour Juice**

9427 Harding Ave 305/763-8865

#### **Bistro**

9555 Harding Ave 305/763-8584

#### Café Vert

9490 Harding Ave 305/867-3151

#### Josh's Deli

9517 Harding Ave 305/397-8494

# Rolling Pin Bakery

9523 Harding Ave 305/868-1578

#### Subway

9536 Harding Ave 305/866-2033 There are also breakfast options at:

#### **Publix**

9400 Harding Ave 305/865-1263

#### **Kosherland**

9467 Harding Ave 305/866-6993

#### **Super S Food Market**

9454 Harding Ave 305/865-7455

Contact business for exact days and hours of operation

# Tales of the Surfside Turtles Community Art Exhibit

The unveiling of the first unpainted turtle sculpture to be featured in the Tales of the Surfside Turtles art exhibit will take place at Noon on June 17 during the Community Center One Year Anniversary Event. The Tales of the Surfside Turtles is a whimsical and fun community art event featuring 18 decorated turtle sculptures and will take place in the Fall of 2012.



Well-known artists are presently being signed and sponsorships are being solicited through Prince Media Development, the Tourist Board and Surfside Business Association.

The Parks & Recreation Department will

be incorporating turtle awareness initiatives through their existing programming and Summer Camp. For more information, go to www.talesofthesurfsideturtles.com.

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come up out of the ground. The Best Western property has sold and staff has been meeting with the owners and their architects in preliminary discussions of what promises to be a very high end condominium project. The Board of Directors of the Surf Club has agreed to sell the property and staff has met with the successful proposer and their architects. Again, very preliminarily, the historic elements of the Surf Club will be brought back to their original condition and there will be a world class hotel component. There has also been a lawsuit filed on the Young Israel project. All of this news regarding development projects is preliminary and we will keep you up to date. Watch the Town's website for announcement of meetings related to the development process.

Finally, Commissioner Shelly Lisbon has resigned to run for state office in the Fall. This matter will be discussed during the June 12, 2012 Town Commission meeting to determine the requirements of our Town Charter and County and State law to select his replacement. We wish him the best in this new endeavor.

As always, thanks to you and the Town Commission for the opportunity to manage this wonderful community. Have a terrific summer and enjoy the Fourth of July celebration fireworks at the Community Center.

Roger M. Carlton

# **TOWN CALENDAR**

#### **JUNE 2012**

Tue 12 Endlessly Organic Produce 3-5 pm, Town Hall (see below)

Tue 12 Town Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed 13 Tourist Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Town Hall,

Sun 17 Community Center - One Year Anniversary, 12-2 pm Unveiling of the Turtle Sculpture, noon

Mon 18 Parks & Recreation Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Sun 24 Surfside Urban Gardeners, 2 pm, Community Garden

Mon 25 Downtown Vision Advisory Meeting, 7pm Town Hall

Tue 26 Endlessly Organic Produce 3-5 pm, Town Hall

#### **JULY 2012**

Sun 1 Surfside Spice begins, continues through September

Wed 4 Independence Day, Town offices closed

Wed 4 Fireworks display on the beach, 9 p.m. Community Center

Tue 10 Endlessly Organic Produce 3-5 pm, Town Hall

Mon 16 Parks & Recreation Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tue 17 Town Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

Mon 23 Downtown Vision Advisory Meeting, 7pm Town Hall

Tue 24 Endlessly Organic Produce 3-5 pm, Town Hall

Sun 28 Surfside Urban Gardeners, 2 pm, Community Garden

Note that Endlessly Organic Produce pick up has moved from the Community Center to Town Hall, from 3-5 pm.



#### **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

Fun begins at 2 p.m. at the Community Center with live music, swim races, arts & crafts and more!

Fireworks Display on the Beach • 9 p.m.

# Seniors Must Re-apply for Property Tax Exemption

Homeowners who last year benefited from the additional senior citizen exemption (65 years and older) must file their renewal applications for 2012. Although the deadline ended March 1, the Property Appraiser's office will accept late applications for the Senior Exemption. The exemption can reduce overall property taxes by \$500 or more each year.

To qualify for the 2012 Senior Exemption benefit, your adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$27,030. This limit applies to everyone who lives in the house whether they are owners or not. In most cases, social security income does not count towards qualifying for this benefit. Residents should check the "Adjusted Gross Income" line on their Federal tax return. To file your senior renewal application, visit the Downtown Miami Office of the Property Appraiser, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128-1984, Suite 710, Public Information Counter or call (305) 375-4009. Renewal applications can also be filed online at the Property Appraiser's website: www. miamidade.gov/pa/exemptions.asp

# Town Awarded Grant for Cat Program

With the assistance of Surfside resident Adam Markow, the Town successfully completed the process of applying for a PetSmart grant to assist in the cat spaying and neutering program. Surfside was awarded \$18,750 in funding to assist the volunteers and cover costs of the Meow Mobile operators.

# **E-Readers at Community Center**

The Community Center is offering e-reader devices available for loan to Surfside residents for daily onsite usage with a valid Community Center ID. The e-Readers can electronically access the data base of the Miami-Dade library system with a valid library card. Two e-Readers will be specifically set aside for children 12 and under. Visit the Town's website or contact the Community Center for information.

# **Seeking Surfside Gardeners**

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

# Drop Off Batteries, Electronics at Town Hall

Go green and recycle!
Residents are encourged to drop off old batteries and electronics in the appropriate containers at Town Hall. The items will be recycled or properly disposed of.

# Surfside Employees Bring Their Children to Work



More than a dozen children of Surfside employees spent a day at their parent's workplace as part of "Take Your Child to Work Day." The children spent time at Town Hall and the Police Department.

# Surfisde Memorial Day Service

With the laying of the wreath, a bugle call of *Taps* and three-gun salute, Surfside concluded an uplifting Memorial Day Service at Veterans Park. The morning event included a color guard from the Surfside Police Department and the Miami Beach High School NJROTC, invocation, remarks from guest speaker and Surfsider Stanley Flax and a flyover by a Miami Dade Police helicopter. Vice Mayor Michael Karukin was emcee.









Clockwise from top right: Miami Dade Police helicopter fly-over, emcee Vice Mayor Michael Karukin, guest speaker Stanley Flax, members of Florida's Second Infantry and the color quard.

# **Parks & Recreation Programs and Events**

#### **Friday June 15**

Story time with Mother Goose Hawthorne Tot Lot, 10 -11 am FREE

#### **Sunday June 17**

Community Center One Year Anniversary Event Pool/Green Space, 12 -2 pm Residents: FREE, Guests: \$5

#### Wednesday July 4

Independence Day Celebration, 2 p.m. Community Center, live music, swim races, arts & crafts. Fireworks on the Beach, 9 p.m.

#### **Saturday July 21**

**Adventure Crafts** 

Community Center Fishbowl, 2 -3 pm. Residents: \$8 Non-Residents: \$12

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Saturday July 14 Parents Night Out

Community Center, 5-9: pm, Residents \$20

Non-Residents: \$40

#### **Beginning June 3**

Senior Sundays Sundays Community Center Fishbowl, 2-5 pm FREE

#### **Every Tuesday**

Teen Scene, Ages 12-15 Community Center Fishbowl, 6 pm FREE

#### **AQUATIC CENTER SUMMER HOURS**

(Effective June 8. Hours are subject to change and weather conditions.)

**Main pool open swim:** Every day, 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Sand Dollar Key:** Every day, 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Water Slide:

Mon-Thur 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Fri-Sun, 11a.m. -6:30 p.m.

**Lap Swimming:** 

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

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

## **COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS**



The Hip Hop Generation ...
On May 17, Surfside youth enjoyed a free Pro-Am
Urban Dance Workshop at the Community



More than 30 women and teens attended a May 23 lecture by representatives of Kristi House on Resolving Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.

# Leave a Legacy — Buy a Brick!

The Town of Surfside is honored to offer the opportunity to purchase a brick with your family name and message that will become a permanent part of our beautiful Community Center. Bricks are available in limited quantity. Bricks are 8"x 8" for a donation of \$250 per brick and include up to six lines with 18 characters per line. Contact or visit the Community Center for more details at (305) 866-3635.

#### **AQUATIC PROGRAMS SUMMER 2012**

Swim team, age 6-15	Mon & Wed	6/25/12-8/15/12	6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$110 Resident/non \$166	7/4 no class
Swim team, age 6-15	Tue & Thur	6/26/12-8/16/12	6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$110 Resident/non \$166	7/5 no class
Tiny Bubbles Toddler Readiness	Thur	6/14/12-8/9/12	5-5:30 p.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	7/5 no class
Learn to swim, age 3-5	Sat & Sun	6/16/12-7/8/12	9:30- 10 a.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 6-14	Sat & Sun	6/16/12-7/8/12	10:10- 10:40 a.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 3-5	Sat & Sun	7/21/12-8/12/12	9:30- 10 a.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 6-14	Sat & Sun	7/21/12-8/12/12	10:10- 10:40 a.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 3-5	Tues-Thurs	6/12/12-7/27/12	3:30- 4 p.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 6-14	Tue-Thurs	6/12/12-7/27/12	4:10-4:40 p.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 3-5	Tues-Thurs	7/10/12-7/25/12	3:30- 4 p.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Learn to swim, age 6-14	Tue-Thurs	7/10/12-7/25/12	4:10-4:40 p.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$100	
Surf's Up at Surfside, age 6-15	Sunday	6/24/12-7/15/12	10-11:30 a.m.	\$100 Resident/non \$150	
Adult Swim Lessons	Friday	6/15/12-8/10/12	6:15-6:45 p.m.	\$68 Resident/non \$118	7/6 no class
Adult Swim Training	Tues & Thurs	6/26/12-8/16/12	6:45-7:45 a.m.	\$50 Resident/non \$100	7/5 no class
Aqua Zumba	Tuesdays	6/12/12-7/24/12	8:45-9:30 a.m. \$42 Res/i	non \$90 Seniors 55+ \$30 Re	s/non \$60



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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  $305-861-4863 \times 226$ .

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www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

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