

# TOWN OF SURFSIDE



# GAZETTE



## Town Manager's Message

Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy and safe 2014!

At the conclusion of each year, many of us take a look back and make a financial assessment on how we are doing. I would like to share with you how our Town fared during Fiscal Year 2013.

In 2013, the Town was again awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association and is presented to less than 11% of governmental units nationwide. This is the third year that the Town received this prestigious award. Congratulations to the Finance Department staff for their efforts in ensuring proper financial reporting and accountability.

A Five Year Financial Forecast was completed in September, 2013 and provides a comprehensive projection of the Town financial future over the next five years for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2018. The Five Year Financial Forecast serves as a baseline for making important policy and funding decisions for capital projects and financial considerations in developing future budgets. I encourage you to read the report (32 page document) which can be accessed at: [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov). Just click on "Five Year Financial Forecast" under Town News. The Town's financial future is indeed bright.

An added convenience has been provided for residents and businesses by including the option for utility customers to pay their water, sewer and stormwater bill by credit card on-line. This payment option makes it safe and convenient to pay utility bills from your home or business.

One of the significant financial challenges confronting local governments is the state of pension plans. While our pension plan has seen an increase in unfunded liability due to several factors including upgrading to a more current mortality table resulting in assumed longer pension payouts and poor investment returns during the market tumble in 2008 and 2009 (our

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# JANUARY 2014

- **Turtle souvenirs, Art Basel, Turtle donation and more!**

*Catch the Turtle Times on Page 6 for all things turtle*

- **Channel 77 Upgrades**

*We want to hear from Surfside ATT UVERSE Customers - See Page 5*

- **Holiday Joy!**

*More than 75 children at Police Department's Toy Give-Away, see Page 13*



## Third Thursday Evenings Return

Welcome back Third Thursdays in Downtown Surfside! Beginning January 16 and continuing through April 17, the popular Third Thursday returns to entertain with music, food and fun.

Mark your calendars and join us on 95th Street between Harding and Collins Avenues from 7-10 pm. The festivities include live music, comfortable seating, room to dance and food trucks.



## Mom & Pop Grants Available in 2014

Business owners in downtown Surfside are encouraged to take advantage of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman's District 4 free grants, know as the Mom & Pop Small Business Grant Program.

The program was created to provide financial and technical assistance to qualified small businesses that are approved for funding. Funding can be used to purchase equipment, supplies, advertising/marketing, inventory, building liability insurance, security systems and to make minor renovations. More information will be made available to business owners in January.

## Do You Operate a Sidewalk Café?

The Town Commission recently adopted a new Sidewalk Café Ordinance after negotiating an agreement with the State Department of Transportation for the use of the sidewalks. In August of 2013, you should have received a Sidewalk Café Application as part of your Local Business Tax Receipt/Certificate of Use renewal package. If you have not done so already, please submit your Sidewalk Café Applications so we may assist you in completing the application and obtaining the required approval prior to the enforcement of the new Ordinance at the beginning of the new year.

## IT HAPPENS ON HARDING AVE

### Tis the Season for Singing!



Carolers from Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center recently entertained Harding Avenue with holiday songs. They were led by Santa into businesses where they serenaded employees and customers throughout the downtown district.



## Olé Spanish Restaurant Now Open



Olé Spanish Restaurant is now open at 9489 Harding Avenue in the business district. It offers a wide variety of authentic

Spanish cuisine prepared with Spanish ingredients, specifically from Barcelona, according to owner Jose Manuel Fabra.



The menu ranges from Mediterranean tapas to seafood from Galicia to six types of paella. Other specialities include a variety of grilled meats, a selection of

Spanish and international wines and delicious Grandma desserts. In addition to a special dining experience, Olé will offer live flamenco shows during dinner. For more information, call (305) 866-6400 or email [olerestaurant9489@gmail.com](mailto:olerestaurant9489@gmail.com).

## New Banners Promote Surfside

New banners are a-waving in Surfside! Brightening up the light poles along Collins Avenue are signs promoting the Town to residents and tourists with a stylized coconut palm, ocean wave and turtle (at left). They can be seen from 88th to 96th Street throughout the winter season.



## Follow Code When Posting Political Signs

Surfside election season is fast approaching. Please follow the Town Code if you display a sign on your property supporting a particular candidate or issue:

1) signs not be displayed more than 90 days prior to the election date 2) no more than one sign per candidate or issue is permitted on any property 3) signs shall not exceed 18" x 24" and be no closer than ten feet from any lot line in residential districts 4) signs shall not exceed four square feet in size in business districts and may be placed flat on a wall (below the eaves line) or inside a window. All signs must be removed within seven days after the election date.



## Branding Surfside Tourism

Brand USA is a public private partnership with the mission of promoting international travel to the U.S. ([www.thebrandusa.com](http://www.thebrandusa.com)) Its aim is to bring in millions of new international visitors who spend billions of dollars and creating tens of thousands of new American jobs.



What does this mean for Surfside and its revitalized tourism focus? On November 21 the Tourist Bureau partnered with Brand USA and Visit Florida, the state's tourism marketing organization, to film a Surfside video. This video will reside on a Surfside dedicated page of Brand USA's website and will be in English, German and Portuguese with other languages to follow. When making a video or producing an advertisement the question is always "what is the image that should be portrayed?" What is Surfside's "brand" if you will. Next month Let's Talk Tourism will explore the process and results of coming up with a Surfside imaging campaign.

## TOWN CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2014

Wed 1 Town Offices closed for New Year's Day holiday  
 Mon 6 Street Sweeping - 9 am -1 pm, Keep your curb clear!  
 Mon 6 Tourist Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Town Hall  
 Tue 7 Endlessly Organic Produce 3 -5 pm, Town Hall  
 Wed 8 AARP Safe Driver Class, 11 am-5 pm, Community Center  
 Mon 13 Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 pm  
 Tue 14 Regular Town Commission, 7 pm, Town Hall  
 Sun 19 Family Fun Day, 1-4 pm, 96th Street Park  
 Mon 20 MLK Holiday, Town offices closed  
 Mon 20 Street Sweeping - 9 am -1 pm, Keep your curb clear!  
 Tue 21 Endlessly Organic Produce 3 -5 pm, Town Hall  
 Wed 22 Senior Trip to Actor's Playhouse, 12-6 pm  
 Fri 24 Coffee With the Cops, 10 am, Starbucks  
 Mon 27 Downtown Vision Advisory Comm., 6 pm, Town Hall  
 Wed 29 Bike With the Chief, 5 pm  
 Wed 29 Bullying Awareness Program, 6:30, Comm. Center

### FEBRUARY 2014

Mon 3 Street Sweeping - 9 am -1 pm, Keep your curb clear-  
 Mon 3 Tourist Board Meeting, 6 pm, Town Hall  
 Tue 4 Endlessly Organic Produce 3 -5 pm, Community Center  
 Wed 8 AARP Safe Drive Class, 11 am-5 pm, Community Center  
 Mon 10 Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 pm  
 Tue 11 Regular Town Commission, 7 pm, Town Hal  
 Mon 17 Parks & Recreation Board, 7 pm  
 Tue 18 Endlessly Organic Produce 3 -5 pm, Community Center  
 Sun 23 Surfside 5K Winter Run/Walk, 8 am, Comm. Center  
 Mon 24 Street Sweeping - 9 am -1 pm, Keep your curb clear!  
 Mon 24 Downtown Vision Advisory Comm., 6 pm, Town Hall

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pension plan costs are based, in part, on the average investment return for the previous five years), investment return this year was 11.6%. The Market Value of the pension plan assets as of September 30, 2013 was \$14,470,778 an increase of over \$1.9 million from the previous year. Our goal over the next several years is to return the pension plan to its previous 100% funded ratio. The Pension Plan attorney reported to the Commission that the Town's plan ranks in the top 2% nationally.

In any financial review, an item of particular interest is the property tax millage rate. For the second consecutive year, the Town Commission reduced the millage rate from 5.3 to 5.2 mills for 2013. This lower millage is the approximate rate that is cost neutral for residents whose property is homesteaded and received an increase in property value of 1.7% in 2013.

Overall, a successful year. See you around Town!

- Michael Crotty



## Talented Donna Natale Planas is a Picture Perfect Surfsider

While building a remarkable career as a successful photojournalist, long-time resident Donna Natale Planas has generously given back to her community by sharing her creative talent with the Town of Surfside.

Born in New York, Donna came to South Florida at age five. She grew up in greater Miami, graduating from Miami Beach High School. She dreamed of being a photographer and attended Miami Dade College and then Florida International University. She worked as a freelancer and for the Miami Beach Sun Reporter, where she first met current Surfside Chief David Allen, who was then with the Miami Beach Police Department.

Donna then began a 17-year career as a photojournalist for the Miami Herald, capturing images of crime, politics, disasters, accidents and milestone events throughout our region. Along the way, she was the only Herald photographer to have a picture published in the

*Life Magazine 2001 Year in Pictures* book. It was a photo of an elderly woman in her flooded home after a storm. She also teamed with fellow Miami Herald photographers to mount a well-received show at the downtown Freedom Tower entitled *Flashback*. It featured photos of the 1980s in Miami.

"I'm one of the rare



Chief Allen and Donna with her award from the Town for volunteerism.



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people who has been able to have a job I loved and a job that I've done well," said Donna. Soon after joining the Miami Herald, Donna and her husband Carlos Planas moved to Surfside. She and Carlos have been married 18 years and he is a musician, playing percussion in Latin bands. He has

two children, Marlo and Tony, who are Donna's step-children.

Through her friendship with Chief Allen, Donna volunteered to take photos of Police Department and Town events. For example, she photographed this year's Halloween Street Party and arranged for the photos to appear in the Herald. She has also participated in the Citizens Police Academy and regularly does the Bike with the Chief. In December of 2012, she received an award from the Town Commission for her many years of volunteering. She also takes artistic photos, such as the seascapes and bird images used to create the large posters in the store windows on Harding Avenue.

Through her vision and the lens of her camera, Donna has shown off the beauty of Surfside. Thank you!

## Giant Challah Bread Bake Rises in Surfside

The unmistakable aroma of fresh baked bread was wafting through Surfside as more than 180 women recently participated in Loaves of Love, an extraordinary mass baking event held at the Shul, 9540 Collins Avenue. Also held at sites across the U.S., Loaves of Love is designed to teach challah making from experts in the community, to learn about its significance and history and to feel the connectivity through this collective ancient ritual.



The event featured award winning challah baker Sarah Briman from Mexico who spoke about the art of challah making and how it helps keep family values and traditions strong.

Each participant went home with two uncooked, ready-to-bake challahs (one for themselves and one to give as a gift), a custom designed apron and a cookbook filled with great challah information, wisdom and recipes.

## Surf Club Project Underway

The transformation of the 1920s era Surf Club into a new residential development is now underway with a construction fence along Collins Avenue and the demolition of the structures on the north end of the property. The developer, Koc Group, is planning three glass towers to rise around a fully restored club facility.



## County Aviation Unit Thanked



The Aviation Unit of Miami-Dade County received a recognition award for their support to the Town of Surfside and the Police Department. They performed a fly over for the Veteran's Day event and did a presentation for the 12th Citizens Police Academy.

## Channel 77 Upgrades

### ATT UVERSE Customers: We want to hear from you!

Our efforts to improve the quality and content of Channel 77 (the Town's local government TV station), which is broadcast on Atlantic Broad Band (ABB), are continuing. Channel 77 reaches about 59% of the Town's residents. In an effort to reach the other 41%, the Town Commission implemented live video streaming of meetings which are viewable on a computer, tablet or smartphone.

If you can't attend a meeting in person, video streaming will allow you to watch town meetings in real time. Go to [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) and click the "Surfside Live Video Streaming" button on the left. When there are no live meetings being broadcast, you will see the same content that is being shown on Channel 77.

Another effort to improve communications is to improve the quality of the video production and content of Channel 77. The existing channel is limited in capability to display dynamic content, including web links, video and complex scripts. Upgrades currently underway include:

Automated display of real-time weather, news, alerts, calendars, etc.

- Improved text-based labels for Town meetings and events
- Improved display of videos including scheduling and framing within the display screen
- Creation of brand-consistent templates for display of town photos, videos, and information
- Multiple user access for content creation and updating
- Support for HD resolution output

These improvements to Channel 77 will take place in the first quarter of 2014.

Recently, a number of residents have inquired about the possibility of Channel 77 being broadcast as part of the services provided to ATT UVERSE customers in Surfside. We have not been able to receive specific information on the number of residents using this service so the Town is making this initial outreach to determine the market share/saturation level of ATT UVERSE. Initial estimates indicate that the first year start-up cost to provide Channel 77 as part of ATT UVERSE would be approximately \$13,000 and about \$6,000 annually thereafter. Initial analysis indicates that the market share for ATT UVERSE is a low percentage, making such an investment problematic at this time.

If you are an ATT UVERSE subscriber and would like Channel 77 to be included as part of your service, you can assist the Town in its future analysis by responding to Jose Feliz at [jfeliz@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:jfeliz@townofsurfsidefl.gov), or 305-861-4863, ext. 296.



# TURTLE TIMES

## Surfside Donates Turtle to School

*Bolt* has replaced *Ruth* at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. In a recent ceremony, Surfside officials presented a new turtle sculpture to the school, replacing the one the students created and then gave to the Town of Newtown, CT after the Sandy Hook tragedy. *Bolt*, by artist Marcia Ziv, is shown below surrounded by students, faculty and Town of Surfside staff, officials and Tourism Board members.



## Freedom the Turtle Featured at Art Basel

*Freedom the Turtle* made a splash at Art Basal and during Art Week, December 1-9 (at left). The Tourist Bureau also sponsored a branded vehicle that provided free transportation throughout Art Week 2013 (at right). The driver educated those interacting with the vehicle about the Tales of the Surfside Turtles.



## Surfside Turtle Souvenirs Available For Sale

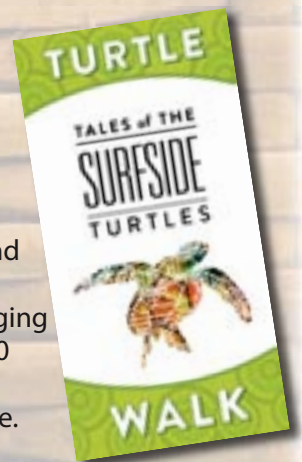
Get them while they are hot! Surfside calendars and stylish T-shirts featuring the distinctive Tales of the Surfside Turtles are on sale in time for the new year. Surfside license plate frames are also available.

The January 2014-June 2015 desktop calendar features 18 of the iconic turtles with colorful front and back views. Shirts are available in a variety of sizes. Both the calendars and shirts are \$10 each. Town license plate frames are \$5. All prices include tax. Cash or checks only. To get your souvenirs, visit the Town Hall front desk during business hours. For more information call Linda Jain at (305) 864-0722 or [ljain@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:ljain@townofsurfsidefl.gov).



## Banners to Designate 'Turtle Walk'

Colorful new banners (at right) will proclaim to residents and visitors that the area between Collins and Harding Avenues on 93rd is now "Turtle Walk," encouraging all to visit and admire the 10 turtle sculptures that were recently relocated to the site.



## Sea Dance Santa

*Sea Dance*, by artist Paula Turk, is dressed up for the holidays. The sculpture is on display in the lobby of HSBC Bank on the corner of Harding Avenue and 95th Street.



*Did you know that...*

## Permits Required for Most Residential and Business Work

Permits are required for many areas of work that you would propose to be performed in your home or business. "What permits are required for the work I want to do or have done at my home or business?" This is a common question and the answer can be confusing and technical – all revolving around safety, health and welfare of the occupants.

The Florida Building Code is the governing document and simply states that it applies (Section 101.2 Scope, Section 102.2 Building and 105.1 Permits) to any owner or authorized agent (contractor or workman) who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any impact resistant coverings, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, components or equipment. The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health,

safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment which is anything that you work on in any way. The provisions of the code also protect fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations (Section 101.3 Intent).

A means of egress is an exit path that occupants may use to safely exit a building, room, office or any space that you are in. It is designed to provide safe and easy travel during a fire or other emergency so that the risk of injury or death is minimized. Means of egress code requirements are one of the most important considerations to be found in any of our adopted codes and are regulated by the National Fire Protection Association aka NFPA.

If you are planning any construction-related work in your house, apartment or place of business and have any questions concerning what permits may be required, please call or visit the Building Department. It may seem technical and complicated, but it's really simple. We can save you time, effort and money, while making everything safer for everyone.

## Charter Review Board Update

*Linda Miller, Town Attorney*

At the November 6, 2012 election, voters adopted three Charter Amendments: 1) Amending the Town Charter to add a Preamble and Citizen's Bill of Rights 2) Amending Section 4, General Powers; Restriction on Development and 3) Mandatory Charter Review proposed within the first (12) months after adoption; the Town shall commence Charter review and thereafter every tenth (10th) year commencing in December 2022. The Town Commission adopted Resolution No. 2013-2096 to comply with mandatory Charter Review within the first (12) months which established and authorized the Charter Review Board (CRB) to study and review the existing Town Charter and to provide recommendations and amendments to the Charter.

The Commission selected Vice Mayor, Michael Karukin as Commission Liaison. The CRB held its first meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2013. All CRB Members were in attendance (Anthony Blate, Lou Cohen, Terry Cohen, Marc Imberman and Marty Oppenheimer.) The CRB Members appointed Lou Cohen as Chairman and Marc Imberman as Vice-Chairman. Town Attorney, Linda Miller and Special Outside Counsel, Jean Olin, Esq. provided an orientation and general discussion about the Charter Review process. The Board Members discussed which priorities to address first and recommended moving forward with election issues. The CRB has held meetings on December 2nd and 16th and began an in-depth analysis of the election process which will continue at the next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Training Room. The Public is invited to attend.

## Neighborhood Resource Officer Program to Start

A new crime prevention initiative, the Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO), will be implemented in the residential neighborhoods in January. The Police Department did have a one full time NRO in the past, but due to budget cuts the position was eliminated several years ago. The NRO's responsibilities and duties are to provide crime deterrent services and programs to the residents of Surfside through proactive patrol, outreach initiatives, crime reduction programs, and informative lectures.

These services will not only assist in the suppression of crime in the residential neighborhoods but also minimize the fear and negative perception associated with crime through a working partnership between the police and the community. The NRO will be deployed not only in a car but also on a bicycle or Segway five days a week at flexible hours to best increase interaction and customer service to the residents and to address crime problems, quality of life issues and to assist with the Police Department's community initiatives. Officer Don McGavern has been selected for this position and the Neighborhood Resource Officer program is expected to begin on January 27, 2014.



# ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS

Join the Parks and Recreation Department and Locomotion Theatre as we stand against bullying. Locomotion Theatre presents an engaging anti-bullying show that includes many aspects of bullying.

The show is presented in a heartwarming yet funny format that includes audience interaction. After the show, audience participants will have fun completing interactive activities with cast members.



**Wednesday**  
**January 29, 2014**  
**6:30pm**



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



Event held at the Surfside Community Center  
For more information please call (305) 866-3635  
Website: [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)

IT STARTS IN  
**PARKS**  
Coaching. Connecting. Community.



# Surfside Employees Holiday Fund



Make the holiday season even brighter for Surfside employees by contributing to the Surfside Employees Holiday Fund.

The Surfside Civic Association is proud to continue this 43-year tradition. All contributions should be sent to:

Surfside Civic Association "Holiday Fund" P.O. Box 547162 • Surfside, FL 33154

## PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES



### Winter Extravaganza Brings Snow Show to Surfside

The forecast called for partly sunny skies, 80 degrees and plenty of cool snow, as the Surfside Parks & Recreation Department kicked off the holiday season with its annual Winter Extravaganza at the Community Center. The morning featured holiday characters, music, arts and crafts, face painting and a mountain of snow!



### Soccer Kids Bring Home Trophies

6 and under



7 and under

8 and under



10 and under

Congratulations to the 10 and under group, who came in first place in the Surfside Instructional League Tournament!

# PARKS & RECREATION WINTER 2014

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

CLASS	DAY	DATES & TERM	HOURS	Fee (per person)	Fee Per Class	No class
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Monday	1/6/14-2/24/14	4:30-5:25 p.m.	\$60 residents/\$90 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	1/20, 2/17
Gymnastics, age 6-13	Monday	1/6/14-2/24/14	5:30-6:25 p.m.	\$60 residents/\$90 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	1/20, 2/17
Tutoring, for 3-4 grades	Monday	1/6/14-2/24/14	5:15-6:45 p.m.	\$30 residents/\$45 non	no drop-in	1/20, 2/17
Pre-School ballet, age 3-5	Monday	1/6/14-2/24/14	3:30-4:15 p.m.	\$60 residents/\$90 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	1/20, 2/17
Ballet, age 6-10	Monday	1/6/14-2/24/14	4:15-5 p.m.	\$60 residents/\$90 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	1/20, 2/17
Tots Kidokinetics, age 2-4	Tuesday	1/7/14-2/25/14	9:15 -10 a.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Teen Scene, age 12-18	Tuesday	1/7/14-2/25/14	5:30-6:30 p.m.	FREE	FREE	
Soccer, age 4-5 coed	Tues & Thurs	1/21/14-4/3/14	4-5 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$200 non	no drop-in	3/25,3/27
Soccer, age 6-8 coed	Tues & Thurs	1/21/14-4/3/14	5-6 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$200 non	no drop-in	3/25,3/27
Soccer, age 9-13 coed	Tues & Thurs	1/21/14-4/3/14	6-7 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$200 non	no drop-in	3/25,3/27
Tutoring, for 1-2 grades	Wednesday	1/8/14-2/26/14	5-6 p.m.	\$35 residents/\$50 non	no drop-in	2/12
Tutoring, for 5-6 grades	Wednesday	1/8/14-2/26/14	6:15-7:45 p.m.	\$35 residents/\$50 non	no drop-in	2/12
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Wednesday	1/8/14-2/26/14	4-4:55 p.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Gymnastics, age 6-13	Wednesday	1/8/14-2/26/14	5-5:55 p.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Kidokinetics, age 3-5	Thursday	1/9/14-2/27/14	4:30-5:15 p.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Basketball, co-ed age 4-6	Wednesday	1/8/14-2/26/14	3-4 p.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	no drop-in	
Basketball, co-ed age 7-10	Wednesday	1/8/14-2/26/14	4-5 p.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	no drop-in	
Basketball, co-ed age 11-13	Wednesday	1/8/14-2/26/14	5-6 p.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	no drop-in	

## ADULT/SENIORS PROGRAMS

CLASS	DAY	DATES	HOURS	Fee (per person)	Fee Per Class	No class dates
Zumba Gold	Monday	1/6/14-2/24/14	9:15-10:15 a.m.	\$60 Resident/non \$90	\$15 res, \$23 non	1/20, 2/17
Zumba	Monday	1/6/14-2/24/14	7:15-8:15 p.m.	\$60 Resident/non \$90	\$15 res, \$23 non	1/20, 2/17
Yoga	Wednesday	1/8/14-2/26/14	7-8 p.m.	\$80 Resident/non \$120	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Pilates	Thursday	1/9/14-2/27/14	7:15 -8:15 p.m.	\$80 Resident/non \$120	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Mind Over Muscles	Thursday	1/9/14-2/27/14	9:30 -10:30 a.m.	\$80 Resident/non \$120	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Zumba	Friday	1/10/14-2/28/14	9-10 a.m.	\$80 Resident/non \$120	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Zumba Gold 55+	Monday	1/6/14-2/24/14	9:15-10:15 a.m.	\$30 Resident/non \$45	\$6 res, \$8 non	1/20, 2/17
Senior Social	Mon & Wed	1/6/14-2/26/14	10 a.m.-12 noon	FREE	FREE	1/20, 2/17
What's Your Viewpoint	Tue	1/7/14-2/25/14	10 a.m.-12 noon	FREE	FREE	
The Twilight Zone	Wed	1/8/14-2/19/14	1:30-3:30 pm	FREE	FREE	2/12

## EVENTS

AARP Driver Safety Course	Thur 1/8/14	11 am - 5 pm	\$12 AARP members, \$14 non-members
Kids Day Off	Fri 1/17/14	8 am-6 pm	\$20 Residents/\$35 non Community Center
Family Fun Day	Sun 1/19/14	1-4 pm	96th Street Park FREE for residents
Senior Trip <i>End of the Rainbow, Actor's Playhouse</i>	Wed 1/22/14	12 noon - 6 pm	\$30 Residents/ non \$60
Bullying Awareness Event	Wed 1/29/14	6:30 pm	FREE Community Center

## AQUATIC CENTER HOURS

Main pool open swim: Every day: 9 am - 5 pm	Water Slide: Every day: 11 am - 5 pm	Lap Swimming: Mon & Wed: 6:30-8:30 a.m. (5 lanes)
Sand Dollar Key: Every day: 10 am - 5 pm		Mon-Fri: 3-5 p.m. (limited lanes)
Beach Lifeguard Tower: Every day 9 am - 5 pm	New Years Day (1/1/14) Community Center, Pool and Lifeguard Beach Tower will be open from 9 am - 3 pm	



## PARKS & RECREATION AQUATIC PROGRAMS

CLASS	DAY	DATES	HOURS	Fee (per person)	No class
Surfside Little Runners	Sat & Sun	1/11/14-2/16/14	10 - 11 am	\$89 Resident/non \$132 (includes race entry)	
Swim team, age 6-15	Mon & Wed	1/6/14-3/12/14	5 -6 p.m.	\$133 Resident/non \$199	1/20,2/17
Swim team, age 6-15	Tue & Thur	1/7/14-3/13/14	5 -6 p.m.	\$133 Resident/non \$199	1/21, 2/18
Adult Lap Swimming	Mon-Thur	1/6/14-1/30/14	5-6 p.m.		1/20,1/21
Aqua Zumba	Tuesday	12/3/13-1/21/14	8:45-9:30 a.m.	Active adults Res \$47/non \$90, Senior res \$30/non \$60	
Aqua Zumba	Thursdays	12/5/13-1/23/14	8:45-9:30 a.m.	Active adults Res \$47/non \$90, Senior res \$30/non \$60	1/2

### RED CROSS CLASSES

CLASS	DAY	DATES	HOURS	Fee (per person)
CPR/AED for Professionals	Saturday	2/22/14	9 am-11:30 am	\$110 per person
Adult CPR/AED	Saturday	2/22/14	2 pm-3:20 pm	\$70 per person
Adult First Aid CPR/AED	Saturday	2/22/14	2 pm-3:40 pm	\$90 per person
Adult/Pediatric First Aid CPR/AED	Saturday	2/22/14	2 pm-4 pm	\$110 per person



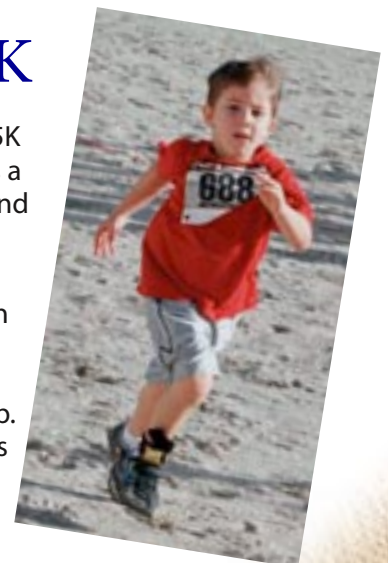
## Tennis Center Renovations **UPDATE**

Refurbishment of the Surfside Tennis Center continues with new lighting fixtures installed. During the renovations of the Surfside Tennis Center, residents can visit the North Miami Penny Sugarman Tennis Center located just across the Broad Causeway at 1795 Sans Souci Boulevard (305) 893-7130. Surfside residents are permitted to utilize the facility at the North Miami resident rate by showing their Town of Surfside Identification card (driver's licenses will not be accepted). For more information, visit [www.northmiamifl.gov](http://www.northmiamifl.gov), under Parks and Recreation.

## Little Runners Train for 5K

Youngsters aged 6-14 can train to compete in a 5K race with a combination of walking and running. It is a great way to get kids active and teach goal-setting and teamwork.

Upon completion of this six week training, participants will run/walk in the Town's annual 5K run held on February 23, 2014. The registration fee for the 5K run is included. The class includes 12 days of training on Saturdays and Sundays, from Jan. 11 - Feb. 16, 2014, from 10-11 am. The cost is \$ 89 for residents and \$132 for non-residents.





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# Beach 5K Run

Join the Town of Surfside for the 8th Annual Beach 5K Run/Walk

**Sunday, February 23, 2014**

**Race Starts 8:00am**

Online Registration  
[www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

- \$25.00 Adults \*
- \$15.00 Ages 14 & under \*

\*All online registrations require Active registration fee of \$3.25 per participant  
*Online Registration ends noon Thursday, February 20th*

On Site Registration  
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Early Registration ends Friday, February 21st

- \$25.00 Adults
- \$15.00 Ages 14 & under

Registration on Saturday, February 22nd

- \$30.00 Adults
- \$20.00 Ages 14 & under

Race Day Registration

- \$35.00 Adults
- \$25.00 Ages 14 & under

**NO REFUNDS**

## NEW RACE COURSE ROUTE

- Race begins on the beach hard pack east of the Surfside Community Center located at 93rd Street.
- Participants will run south to 87th Terrace and loop around to head north.
- Participants will run and turn at 93rd Street for a second loop.
- Participants will run south to 87th Terrace and loop around to head north.
- Participants will run to 96th Street and loop around to conclude at the finish line.
- Finish line located at the beach hard pack northeast of the Community Center

**For more information contact the  
Parks and Recreation Department  
(305) 866-3635  
visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)**



**Early Packet Pick-up**  
**Saturday, February 22nd**  
10:00am-4:00pm

**Race Day Packet Pick-up**  
6:30-7:15am  
Surfside Community Center  
9301 Collins Avenue  
**NO PICK-UP AFTER 7:15AM**



### Awards

Top 3 Overall Male & Female

Top Masters M/F 40+

Age groups Male & Female 1st-3rd

14 & under (all 14 & under finishers receive awards,  
15-19; 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54;  
55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70+



# 5th Annual Toy Drive Brings Holiday Joy to Children

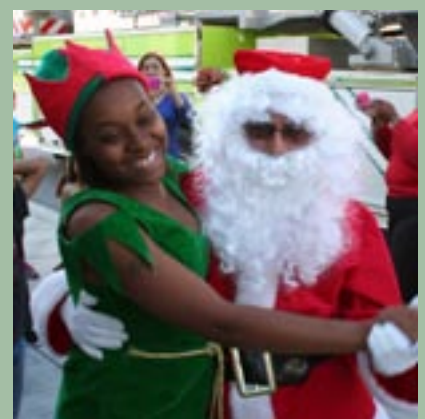
The roar of a fire engine horn signaled the arrival of Santa to the Surfside Town Hall for the Police Department's 5th Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway. More than 75 children from age one to 14 were on hand to welcome Santa and receive the gifts. Refreshments were also served. Thanks to all who generously donated toys and made the event a success.



Town staff join Chief Allen and members of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Station 21.



Who needs reindeer? Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive via Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department vehicle from Station 21 at Haulover.



# Grand Beach Surfside Hotel Welcomes First Guests



With its opening in December 2013, the 288-room resort Grand Beach Surfside Hotel began welcoming guests to the Town's first new hotel in many decades.

The lavish complex consists of two separate buildings: the oceanfront hotel with 200 feet of beach front and the Annex across the street with its own pool and sundeck. The Hotel features a rooftop pool and bar, a boutique wellness-spa, a 24-hour fitness center, multiple beach side pools and hot tubs, as well as a classic French restaurant, Chez Gaston.

Upper left is the Grand Beach Surfside lobby, bottom left is the Sky Bar on the roof, bottom right is the Chez Gaston restaurant.



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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.

### **TOWN COMMISSION**

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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
- Emergency 911**

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