

## Town Manager's Message



First of all, allow me to thank the Mayor and the Town Commission for selecting me as the Town Manager.

Also, thank you to staff for all the assistance I have received, making the transition period almost seamless. Great professionals.

The people in general have offered me support, a warm welcome and assistance with all the comments expressed. Thank you.

I bring to this Town the accumulated experience of having worked in both public and

private sectors and having delt with complex projects and controversial issues

I view the Town as a community with great assets. The residents and owners, whose desire to participate, will make it a better place to live and work.

Our location within a metropolitan region allows us to attract quality development as opposed to unmanaged growth. We can afford to be selective and attract the very best.

I look forward to working together, seeking common goals and achieving the best results for all residents and property owners, who ultimately are the shareholders in a corporation called Surfside.

Again thank you.

- Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

## Guillermo Olmedillo Named New Town Manager



Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo with his wife, Gladys, takes the oath of office from Town Clerk Sandra Novoa.

Talk/Tourism

Let's

# It Happens on HARDING AVE

### **Nurturing Surfside's Image**

In April 2014, this section in the Gazette discussed the opportunities and challenges that the (then new)

Tourist Board would be facing in re-establishing Surfside as a viable destination.\*

One statement was that "Surfside needs to continue to take tourism seriously as the economic benefit is clearly identifiable and can be fragile." The image of a destination, and the desirability to attract visitors, can turn from favorable to less desirable. If the latter occurs, there are detrimental economic consequences. Tourism promotion is set apart from other Town functions, as identified in a specific State Statute, the Town Charter and Resort Tax Ordinance.

The tourism mission transcends the views of residents or businesses. The Tourist Board, as stewards of this unique process, helps guide how Surfside's brand is presented and protected. As community involvement is a hallmark of pride in Surfside, you are all welcome to join the discussion of tourism at the monthly Tourist Board meetings. They are held every first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Commission Chambers and are broadcast live over Channel 77 and streamed over the Town's website. Times and dates are subject to change so always check the Town's website.

\*Past issues of the Gazette are available on the Town's website: www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

### Surfside's Kosher Restaurants Make "Tops in the World" Rating

Secret Recipes from the World's Top Kosher Restaurants, a recently published cookbook, lists five South Florida eateries, including three well-known Harding Avenue establishments: Cine Citta, The Harbour Grill and Serendipity Yogurt Cafe. Authors Leah Schapira

and Victoria Dwek say that dishes from

the Surfside restaurants are helping to revolutionize kosher cuisine, such as Cine Citta's mushroom pasta. Congratulations to our famous homegrown trend-setters!

#### **Join Surfside Circle**

Are you in the circle? Get your special perks and exclusive offers as a member of Surfside Circle. Registration is easy. Sign up and receive special gifts during Third Thursday and access to a special VIP section during the event.

To register or for more information visit www.visitsurfsidefl.com/surfsidecircle

## **Havana Nights Kicks Off 2015 Third Thursdays**

Surfside began the 2015 season of Third Thursdays to the beat of bongos at Havana Nights on January 15. Hundreds of residents and visitors enjoyed the Latin-themed community block party in the business district. The evening included special entertainment and refreshments, the Surfside Circle area, salsa dancing, live music, the Miami Marlins street team and the ever-popular food trucks served the crowd with amazing meals, desserts and specialty coffee.

Surfside Circle Members enjoyed access to the exclusive VIP area in the center of the event and the best seat on the block. They received their own #SimplySurfside sunglasses and dominoes key chain as well as complimentary sodas from the Cawy Bottling Company, serving their popular flavors Jupina, Materva and Cawy.

To register to become a Surfside Circle Member and get VIP access at future events visit www.visitsurfsidefl.com/surfsidecircle.

Plan now to attend the next Third Thursday on February 19. The Asian theme will be The Year of the Sheep, with special music, food and decor. Third Thursdays will continue at 95th Street and



Harding Avenue through April. It is free and open to the public.



#### **Grand Beach Hotel Surfside Hiring**

The Grand Beach Hotel Surfside is looking for great employees to join their team! For more information visit www.grandbeachhotelsurfside.com/employment

## Relay for Life on March 14

Relay for Life, the annual event to support the American Cancer Society, will take place on the beach at 96 Street on Saturday, March 14 and will include the communities of Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands. Organizers hope to raise \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society.



The event is a time for family and friends to honor cancer survivors, remember those lost to this disease and raise funds and awareness to help end cancer forever. For additional information contact Yamileth Slate-McCloud at (305) 861-4863 x 227.

# Small Businesses Can Apply for County Grants

Small business owners in Miami-Dade's District 4 are invited to apply for Commissioner Sally Heyman's Annual Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program. Applicants may be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 to purchase equipment, supplies, inventory, commercial liability insurance, security systems, advertising and marketing and minor renovations. Applications will be accepted February 2 through February 20, 2015.

To qualify, business owners must have been licensed and operating for at least two years, not employ more than seven employees, not be in default or non-compliance with any County loan or grant program, not affiliated with a national chain, not own more than two businesses and not engage in illegal activity at the stated business location.

Applications must be received no later than 12 Noon on February 20, 2015 or they will not be accepted. Completed original applications can be mailed or delivered to: Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, District 4 Office, 1100 NE 163rd Street, #303, North Miami Beach, FL 33162. For more information or to see if your business is located within District 4, call (305) 787-5999. Applications are available at www.miamidade.gov/district04.

### TOWN CALENDAR

#### **FEBRUARY 2015**

- Mon 2 Street Sweeping, 9 am-1 pm. Keep your curb clear!
- Mon 2 Tourist Board, 6:30 pm, Town Hall
- Tue 3 Endlessly Organic Produce, 3 -5 pm, Town Hall
- Wed 4 Senior Trip to Actor's Playhouse, 12-6 pm, Comm. Center
- Sun 8 Winter 5K Beach, 8 am, Community Center
- Tue 10 Regular Town Commission, 7 pm, Town Hall
- Wed 11 Community meeting on filming ordinance, 7 pm, Town Hall
- Fri 13 Senior Brunch Bunch, 11 am-1 pm, Community Center
- Fri 13 Sweetheart Dance, 6:30 pm, Community Center
- Mon 16 Town Hall Offices closed for President's Day
- Mon 16 Street Sweeping, 9 am-1 pm. Keep your curb clear!
- Tue 17 Endlessly Organic Produce, 3 -5 pm, Town Hall
- Thur 19 Mobile DMV, 9:30 am 2:30 pm, Town Hall
- Thur 19 Third Thursday, 7-9 pm, 95th Street & Harding Avenue
- Mon 23 Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 pm, Community Center
- Tue 24 Pension Board, 2 pm, Town Hall

#### **MARCH 2015**

- Mon 2 Street Sweeping, 9 am-1 pm. Keep your curb clear!
- Mon 2 Tourist Board, 6:30 pm, Town Hall
- Tue 3 Endlessly Organic Produce, 3 -5 pm, Town Hall
- Mon 9 Joint meeting with Commission and Tourist Board, 7 pm
- Tue 10 Regular Town Commission, 7 pm, Town Hall
- Fri 13 Senior Brunch Bunch, 11 am-1 pm, Community Center
- Sat 14 Relay for Life, 3-9 p.m., on the beach at 96th Street
- Sun 15 Relay for Life 5K Run/Walk
- Mon 16 Street Sweeping, 9 am-1 pm. Keep your curb clear!
- Tue 17 Endlessly Organic Produce, 3 -5 pm, Town Hall
- Thur 19 Third Thursday, 7-9 pm, 95th Street & Harding Avenue
- Sun 22 Spring Egg Hunt, 10 am, 96th Street Park
- Mon 23 Spring Adventure Camp begins, 8 am, Community Center
- Wed 25 Senior Trip to Actor's Playhouse, bus leaves at 12 pm
- Tue 31 Endlessly Organic Produce, 3 -5 pm, Town Hall

#### Feb. 11 Town Meeting on Filming Ordinance

The Town is seeking input from residents on possible changes in the Ordinance regarding commerical filming, particularly the prohibition of all filming in the residential district. A Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Contact Duncan Tavares, TEDACS Director (305) 864-0722 / dtavares@townofsurfsidefl.gov

## Lifeguard Erik Fernandez Named Employee of the Quarter



Erik Fernandez, a lifeguard at the Town's Community Center, was recognized at the January Commission meeting as Employee of the Quarter. (L-R) Parks & Recreation Director Tim Milian, Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo, Aquatic Supervisor Jackie Villagran, Commissioner Marta Olchyk, Erik, daughter Lorena Fernandez, wife Xiomara Espinosa, Mayor Daniel Dietch, Town Attorney Linda Miller.

## **SURFSIDE STARS** Television Star Shireen Sandoval Calls Surfside Home

During her career as a television entertainment reporter, Shireen Sandoval has traveled the world to interview famous celebrities. But when it came time to pick a place to live, she opted for the small town-in-a-big city feel of Surfside.

Currently the co-host of WSVN Channel 7's Deco Drive and the author of the station's popular blog Shireen's Favorite Things, the talented journalist deftly reports (and models) on a wide array of topics: fashion, film, actors, dance, jewelry, travel and more.

Born in a small town in New Mexico to a Mexican-Amer-

ican father and Swedish mother, Shireen is one of five children. She received her bachelor's degree in theater and broadcast journalism from Eastern New Mexico University.

It was always her ambition to cover "hard" journalism, such as wars and politics. At her first job in Amarillo, Texas, she did her share of assignments on brush fires and tornadoes. but was constantly told by her bosses and fans that she truly excelled on the entertainment beat.

Eventually, Shireen came to embrace her talents and the industry took notice. At her next stop in Indianapolis, Indiana, she worked as a features and entertainment reporter, traveling to Los Angeles and New York to interview Hollywood's biggest film and television stars.

Ten years ago, she arrived at WSVN Channel 7. Shireen's timing was good. The word







7:30 and 11:30 p.m.

"info-tainment" had taken hold of television programming as news, sports, arts, entertainment and internet content were all beginning to overlap. Her experience and reporting style was perfect for the Magic City.

During the past

decade, Shireen spent one year in New York, focusing on film reviews. "But I missed Miami more than I loved New York. And I will not miss December in Manhattan," Shireen said.

Back in South Florida, Shireen had already decided where she would be living. "I always knew about Surfside and wanted to make it home. I love the beach, the neighborhood feeling – but with the luxury of what a big city offers," she said. She also enjoys the local restaurants and shopping around the business district.

The 24-hour news cycle keeps Shireen busy, but travel remains one of her favorite hobbies. "I got hooked on visiting places around the world, or, if I have free time, just taking a quick trip down to the Keys."

See Shireen on Deco Drive (Channel 7), Monday-Friday at

## Searching for Surfside Stars

Surfside wants to hear about interesting residents for future issues of the Gazette. If you know a Surfside Star, let us know. Email dhunziker@townofsurfsidefl.gov and include the name, photo (if available), description of the *Star* nominee and complete contact information.

#### Video Streaming Available on Town Website

The Town of Surfside provides live video streaming of certain events so residents can see and hear from their computer, tablet, smart phone or mobile device.

This function allows you to watch specific Town meetings in real time. Go to www.townofsurfsidefl.gov and click on the "Surfside Live Video Streaming" button. You can watch the next Town Commission meeting on Tuesday, February at 7 p.m.

### Mobile Phone App Can Improve Surfside

**SeeClickFix** is a mobile phone app for reporting conditions that may need to be addressed by the Town. Download this free app from our website www. townofsurfsidefl.gov or through your mobile phone. It will allow you to use descriptions, photos and videos to instantly report situations that require attention and follow-up. You can communicate, comment and get updates via your phone.

## **POLICE BEAT**

## Police Address Byron Avenue Traffic

In response to the increased traffic congestion in Surfside and surrounding communities, the Surfside Police Department is directing available resources toward traffic control, educating the public and enforcement of traffic violations.

The primary focus is concentrated on Byron Avenue due to the increased traffic when drivers seek alternate routes as Collins and Harding Avenues become backed up. Patrol Operations has positioned officers strategically on Byron Avenue at key intersections and where speeders have been reported during morning and evening rush hours. In addition, an Overtime Detail has been implemented to supplement staffing. Two officers are working from 4:30-7:30 p.m., assigned strictly to traffic control on Byron Avenue. They are targeting 88 Street and Byron Avenue where drivers often violate the traffic control devices and at 95 Street and Harding Avenue. We have also placed a video message sign on Byron Avenue reminding drivers of the 20 m.p.h. speed limit. In the past three weeks, officers have issued 241 violations and given 182 warnings. With each traffic stop, officers stress

the importance of safe driving in a residential community with no sidewalks.

Town officials are working closely with State and County Traffic Agencies to establish more permanent traffic control devises to reduce the volume of traffic and curtail violations. Additionally, the Parking Department will implement a pilot residential parking permit program for the 9400 and 9500 blocks of Byron Avenue. Only residents and their guests will be allowed to park on these two blocks. The program will be re-evaluated after 90 days. The purpose is to mitigate the problem of others parking on these two blocks. The Police Department has also held two Community Meetings to gain input from residents.

The Police Department will be conducting Temporary Road Closures on Byron Avenue at 90 Street and 94 Street, Monday–Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., to eliminate direct travel from south to north. This study will be in place for several weeks. Traffic will be evaluated weekly and modifications will occur as needed.

## Department Adds Locator System for Police Cars

In the ongoing efforts to enhance service, accountability and efficiency within the organization, the Surfside Police Department has begun the acquisition and implementation of an Automated Vehicle Locator System

(AVLS) for the entire police fleet. The locator capabilities provide a magnificent instrument



regarding officer safety. In the tragic event that an officer is injured and unable to communicate, police dispatchers can immediately identify the vehicle location saving precious moments in sending help and can be the difference between life and death. This AVLS system will enhance efficiency by providing data for developing patrol and operational plans. This will aid in quicker response times and increased officer visibility in Surfside. The AVLS system data will also assist in budgeting fuel costs and vehicle maintenance. The AVLS system was paid for through the Police Confiscation Fund.

## December Civilian of the Month

During the past month, Dina Goldstein managed the Police Department's Sixth Annual Holiday Toy Drive as she has the previous five years. This event requires much time, effort and commitment. The collection begins with

advertisements for donations of new toys. The needy children are vetted and individually invited to attend the Toy Giveaway Party. Hundreds of toys were donated, purchased and stored (see page 8).

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and the Miami-Dade Police Aviation Unit were scheduled to participate.



Town personnel were recruited to assist with the set-up, decoration, and cleanup of the Commission Chambers and the training room. Police Officers were needed for an escort, a street closure and traffic direction. Parking Enforcement Officers were necessary for room security. A professional photographer and DJ volunteered their services. Plaques for sponsors were ordered. A pre-event meeting was held to give out assignments, duties and responsibilities.

The event was spectacular and went off without a problem. It was a very special day for the children and all of those who attended. I thank and praise all who helped but Dina certainly deserves the most credit and recognition. This has become another event that makes Surfside look great. I can't thank her enough for an amazing job well done!



## Meet the Manager at Town Hall



Mayor Daniel Dietch hosted an informal meet and greet for new Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo at Town Hall on January 15. After refreshments, Mr. Olmedillo discussed his background and vision for Surfside and then took questions from residents.

### **Dept. of Motor Vehicles Visit on Feb. 19**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be setting up their mobile service center at Town Hall on Thursday February 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. They will be providing a wide range of services, including driver's license renewal. For more information, contact Dina Goldstein at dgoldstein@townofsurfsidefl.gov

#### **Prepare for Street Sweeping**

On the first and third Mondays of the month, Surfside performs street sweeping operations beginning at 9 a.m. Please do your part to keep your curb clear of vehicles, trash and garbage cans. Street sweeping keeps dirt and leaves from clogging our storm drains and reduces pollution in Biscayne Bay.

### **Police Visit With Youngsters**



Surfside's Neighborhood Resource Officer Dianna Hernandez spoke to the children from the Yeshiva Elementary School about the role of a police officer.

## Toy Give-Away Makes for Happy Holidays

Children of all ages eagerly welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Claus as they arrived at Town Hall on a Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Truck from the Haulover Station for the Police Department's Sixth Annual Holiday Toy Give Away. Families from throughout the area attended a festive afternoon that included picking out their gifts, dancing to holiday music and enjoying refreshments in the Town Commission Chambers. Thanks to all who generously made the event possible.



Commissioner Michael Karukin (far left) joins Mr. & Mrs. Claus, Surfside staff and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue personnel.









### Surfside Flood Information

#### **Local Flood Hazard**

Storm surge may flood the entire Town. Any storm surges experienced here will most likely be as a result of a hurricane or tropical storm, typically from June 1 through November 30 each year. Other flooding can occur due to heavy rains over a short period of time, especially at times of high tide.

#### **Town Flood Services**

To assist residents in understanding the National Flood Insurance Program and the effects on construction, remodeling and maintaining buildings, the Town offers the following services to residents: Access to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps to show if your property is in a Special Flood Hazard area, consultations on the Substantial Damage/Improvement 50% rule, site specific elevations for mechanical equipment, elevation certificates, flood mitigation financial assistance advice, general information and brochures. Town Staff will offer advice and visit properties upon request to review its flood problem and explain ways to stop or prevent flood damage. Please contact the Town's Building Department at (305) 861-4863, Ext. 231.

#### **Drainage System Maintenance**

A serious risk to the safety of residents is the blockage of catch basins by debris which prevents proper drainage of storm water. The Town sweeps the streets twice a month and monitors all catch basins after each storm event. As a resident you can help by not placing lawn cuttings or any other debris by the curb on the weekend. This is a violation of the Town Code. Please contact Town Hall (305) 861-4863 if you see or know of anyone illegally dumping materials/debris into any catch basins within the Town.

#### Flood Safety

**Do not walk through flowing water!** Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you must walk in water, use a pole or stick to see how deep the water is.

**Do not drive through a flooded area!** More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers. Canals or ponds may not be distinguishable from roads.

**Stay away from power lines and electrical wires!** The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Immediately report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light (FPL) at 1-800-468-8243 or to the Town's Police Department (305) 861-4862.

Have your electricity turned off by FPL! Some appliances such as TVs keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have been wet unless they have been taken

apart, cleaned and dried by professionals.

**Look out for animals, especially snakes!** Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours.

**Look before you step!** After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken glass and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

**Be alert for gas leaks!** Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns or open flames until the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

#### Flood Warning System

In cases where flooding might occur during emergency situations, local radio and television stations will provide critical information as part of the Emergency Broadcast System. Emergency information and evacuation routes are available through the Miami Dade County Office of Emergency Management, (305) 468-5400 or on the Town's website at www.townofsurfsidefl. gov. In the event of a hurricane, all residents are required to evacuate when ordered by the Mayor of Miami-Dade County. Each resident should make plans well in advance of the emergency. Public emergency shelters should be your last resort. You can call the Surfside Resident Storm Hotline at (305) 993-1070.

#### **Property Protection**

It is imperative that you know what to do to minimize flood damage. "Flood proofing" means making physical alterations to your building that improves the ability of property and structures to withstand the damages caused by flooding. You should take action now to minimize losses to your property and possessions. Dry flood proofing includes sealing or waterproofing with special materials and compounds which provide a chemical or physical barrier against water intrusion during times of flooding. Construction of a small flood wall or earthen berm, or redirecting drainage to keep water away from the building is another example of property protection. Call the Town Building Department at (305) 861-4863 for more information or search the Miami-Dade County Library for "Flood" information.

#### Flood Insurance

Property losses due to flooding are not covered under standard homeowners' or renters' insurance policies. Two types of flood insurance coverage are available; building and contents coverage. Contents coverage should be purchased by renters. Flood insurance coverage may be mandatory for some mortgage loans. If you don't have flood insurance for your property and its contents, contact your insurance agent. Information is also available from the www.floodsmart.gov website. Don't wait until the next flood is coming to buy flood insurance protection as there is usually a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect.

## Thank Jou! For Your Generous Support of the 2014 Surfside Employee Holiday Fund

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## PARKS & RECREATION

## Community Center Seeks Local Artists to Display Work

It has been a tradition for local Surfside artists to display their work in the Community Center. Surfside is seeking local artists interested in showing their artwork. For more information, call (305) 866-3635



## **E-Readers at the Community Center**



The Community Center is offering e-reader devices available for loan to Surfside residents for daily on-site 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 website or contact the Community Center for information on e-reader availability.

#### **TEEN SCENE ATTRACTS A CROWD**



The Surfside Parks and Recreation Teen Scene recently had a gathering at the Community Center. Teen Scene meets every Tuesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.



## **Tennis Court Rehab Featured in Magazine**

Surfside tennis players are not the only ones who like the

new Town tennis courts. The industry magazine for the Florida Recreation and Parks Association (FRPA) recently published a story and photos on the successful refurbishment of the tennis center.



## Valentine Sweetheart Dance

Friday, February 13, 2015

6:30-8:30 p.m.

at the Community Center

Free • For information call (305)866-3635



The Community Center hosted a well-attended Health and Wellness Fair on Friday, January 9. Participants took advantage of free screenings, demonstrations, health information and give-aways. Below, the Senior Brunch Bunch kicks off the new year at their January get-together. Their next event is on February 13.



## Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department WINTER SESSION 2015

(REGISTRATION NOW IN PROGRESS)

CLASS	DAY	DATES & TERM	HOURS	Fee (per person)	Fee Per Class	No class
Gymnastics, age 3-5	Monday	1/12/15-3/2/15	4:30-5:25 p.m.	\$60 residents/\$90 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	2/16
Gymnastics, age 6-12	Monday	1/12/15-3/2/15	5:30-6:25 p.m.	\$60 residents/\$90 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	2/16
Teen Scene, age 12-18	Tuesday	1/13/15-3/3/15	5:30-6:30 p.m.	FREE	FREE	
Soccer, age 4-5 coed	Tues & Thur	1/13/15-3/19/15	4-5 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$200 non	no drop in	
Soccer, age 6-8 coed	Tues & Thur	1/13/15-3/19/15	5-6 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$200 non	no drop in	
Soccer, age 9-12 coed	Tues & Thur	1/13/15-3/19/15	6-7 p.m.	\$140 residents/\$200 non	no drop in	
Ready Steady, Grow, age 2	-4 Wednesday	1/14/15-3/4/15	9:15-10 am	\$80 residents/\$120 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Basketball, age 5-6 coed	Wednesday	1/14/15-3/4/15	3:30-4:30 p.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	no drop in	
Basketball, age 7-9 coed	Wednesday	1/14/15-3/4/15	4:30-5:30 p.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	no drop in	
Sports of Sorts, age 3-5	Thursday	1/15/15-3/5/15	3:15-4 p.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Pre-School ballet, age 3-5	Thursday	1/15/15-3/5/15	4:30-5:15 p.m.	\$80 residents/\$120 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	

#### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

CLASS	DAY	DATES	HOURS	Fee (per person)	Fee Per Class	No class
Zumba Gold	Monday	1/12/15-3/2/15	9:15-10:15 a.m.	\$60 residents/\$90 non	\$15 res, \$23 non	1/19, 2/16
Beach Bootcamp	Tuesday	1/13/15-3/3/15	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$80 Resident/non \$120	\$15 res, \$23 non	
<b>Stretching &amp; Conditioning</b>	Wednesday	1/14/15-3/4/15	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$80 Resident/non \$120	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Pilates	Thursday	1/15/15-3/5/15	7:15-8:15 p.m.	\$80 Resident/non \$120	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Zumba	Friday	1/16/15-3/6/15	9:15-10:15 a.m.	\$80 Resident/non \$120	\$15 res, \$23 non	
Total Body Fitness	Sunday	1/11/15-3/1/15	9-10 a.m.	\$70 Resident/non \$105	\$15 res, \$23 non	2/8
Women's Self Defense	Thursday	2/12/15 & 2/26/15	6:15-8:15 p.m.	FREE	FREE	

#### SENIOR PROGRAMS

CLASS	DAY	DATES	HOURS	Fee (per person)	Fee Per Class	No class
Zumba Gold (55 and up	) Monday	1/12/15-3/2/15	9:15-10:15 a.m.	Seniors: \$30 Resident/no	on \$42 \$6 res, \$8 non	2/16
Senior Bridge Time	Mon & Wed	1/12/15-3/4/15	10 a.m 12 p.m.	FREE	FREE	2/16
<b>Current Events</b>	Tuesday	1/27/15-3/3/15	10 a.m 12 noon	FREE	FREE	
Movie Series (Twilight Zone & Alfred Hi	<b>Tuesday</b> tchcock)	1/13/15-3/3/15	1:30-3:30 p.m.	FREE	FREE	

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Annual Winter 5K Run	Sunday, Feb. 8,	8 a.m. start, at the Community Center	see flyer, call (305) 866-3635
Senior Brunch Bunch	Friday, Feb. 13	11 a.m 1 p.m. at the Community Center	\$5 per person (limited)
Valentine's Sweetheart Dance	Friday Feb. 13	6:30-8:30 p.m. at Community Center	FREE
Senior Brunch Bunch	Friday, Mar. 13	11 a.m 1 p.m. at the Community Center	\$5 per person (limited)
Spring Egg Hunt	Sunday, Mar. 22	10 a.m - 12 noon, 96th Street Park	Free to Surfside residents
Spring Adventure Camp	From Mar. 23- 27	8 am- 6 pm, Community Center	See flyer for costs
Senior Trip: Actor's Playhouse, First Date	Wednesday, March 25	12 -6 p.m. Bus leaves from Community Cen	ter \$30 residents, \$60, non
Splash into Spring Duck & Egg Hunt	Saturday, April 4	10 am Community Center	FREE
Baynanza 2015 beach clean-up	Saturday, April 25	9 am on the beach in back of Community (	Center FREE

#### PARKS & RECREATION SPRING SESSION

#### Watch for upcoming information on the Spring Programs!

Tennis, Youth, Adult and Senior registration will begin February 2, 2015 for residents and February 17 for non-residents.

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

#### PARKS & RECREATION AQUATIC PROGRAMS

CLASS	DAY	DATES	HOURS	Fee (per person)	No class dates
Swim team, age 6-15	Mon & Wed	1/6/15-3/12/15	5-6 p.m.	\$133 Resident/non \$199	2/16
Swim team, age 6-15	Tue & Thur	1/7/15-3/13/15	5-6 p.m.	\$133 Resident/non \$199	2/18
Aqua Zumba	Tuesdays	1/27/15-3/18/15	8:45-9:30 a.m.	Active adults Res \$62/non \$118, Sen Aqua Zumba Drop in fee: \$5 residents/\$	
Aqua Zumba	Thursdays	1/29/15-3/19/15	8:45-9:30 a.m.	Active adults Res \$62/non \$118, Sen Aqua Zumba Drop in fee: \$5 residents/\$	
Aqua Kids Water Fitness	Monday	4/6/15-6/1/15	5:30-6:15 pm	\$68 Resident/non \$100	

#### RED CROSS CLASSES

CLASS	DAY	DATES	HOURS	Fee (per person)
Adult CPR/AED (rescue/health professionals)	Saturday	2/21/15	1 pm-2:45 pm	Contact Parks & Recreation
Adult First Aid CPR/AED	Saturday	2/21/15	1 pm-2:45 pm	for more information:
Adult & Pediatric First Aid CPR/AED	Saturday	2/21/15	1 pm-2:45 pm	(305) 866-3635

#### **AQUATIC CENTER HOURS + FEBRUARY 2015**

Main pool open swim: Mon-Sun: 9 am-6 pm Sand Dollar Key: Monday-Sunday: 10 am-6 pm; Lap Swimming: Mon & Wed: 6:30-9 a.m. Mon-Fri: 3-5 p.m. & everyday, 6-6:15 p.m. (limited lanes)

Water Slide: Mon-Sun 10 am - 5 pm

Beach Lifeguard Tower: Located behind the Community Center open every day 9 am — 5 pm

#### POOL CLOSURE FOR MAINTENANCE

The Recreation Pool will be closed February 23 – February 25, 2015 for spring maintenance and repair.

We will re-open February 26, 2015. The Activity pool and Spa will remain open as normal.

We apologize for the inconvenience.



# Seniors Explore the Beauty of Fairchild Tropical Gardens



For their January 15 trip, Surfside seniors enjoyed one of South Florida's natural treasures, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. The 83-acres of tropical and subtropical beauty is one of the world's premier tropical botanic gardens. The Surfside group enjoyed the glasswork sculptures of world-renowned American artist Dale Chihuly, currently displayed at the gardens and shown at left. For more information on upcoming trips call (305) 866-3635.



### Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department



# Beach 5K Run

Join the Town of Surfside for the 9th Annual Beach 5K Run/Walk

Sunday, February 8, 2015

#### Race Starts 8:00am

#### Online Registration 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 5<sup>th</sup>

#### On Site Registration 258101 E

Early Registration ends Friday, February 6th

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

#### Registration on Saturday, February 7th

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

#### Race Day Registration

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

#### NO REFUNDS

#### 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

#### Early Packet Pick-up

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 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+

<u>Age groups Male & Female 1st-3rd</u> 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+

## Surfsiders Stay Busy With Parks & Recreation Programs

The wide variety of classes, programs and activities keep residents of all ages busy exercising, learning playing and socializing. At top right are youngsters participating in a Kids Day Off and below is an Agua Zumba class (on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:45 a.m.).







Senior Bridge Time group that meets on Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m.

TOWN OF SURFSIDE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Town of Surfside is proud to announce our 2015 Spring Adventure Camp! Your child's Spring Break will be filled with water/outdoor activities such as surfing, paddle boarding, obstacle races and sand castles as well as Arts and Crafts, Cooking Projects and much more. Campers will enjoy awesome adventures and make new friends.

Session	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>		
A late charge of \$5 will	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27		
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Registration Fees:	Resident	Non-Resident
1 Week	\$125	\$175
Daily Drop in Fee	\$35	\$45

Note: Registration and any additional fees are included

#### Ages: 6 - 12

Child must turn 6 by March 16, 2015 (Copy of Birth Certificate(s) required at registration)

## Registration Begins: y thru Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday thru Sunday Surfside Residents

February 2nd

\*Registration will end Thursday, March 19th

Registration spaces are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis veryone must present a proof of residence such as a current water bill, lease

No driver licenses will be accepted as proof of residency.



For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at Phone: (305) 866-3635 Website: www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

## Surfside Actors Developing Radio Pilot Based on Our Town

Surfside residents and renown actors Michael O'Hagan and Pamela Salem have written a pilot for a radio comedy serial called SHORESIDE. A recording of the pilot will be performed by a professional troupe, Miami Radio Players, in front of a live audience on Saturday, March 7 at 6 p.m. at The Gleason Room, backstage at the Fillmore, 1700 Washington Avenue in Miami Beach as part of the Miami Beach Centennial. Tickets are available at the Box Office.

The script reads right out of Michael and Pamela's experience relocating to Surfside. Newly arrived British couple, Tricia and David and their dog Suzie make their way through a comic maze while moving into their new house, making friends and adjusting to "Beach Time" in South Florida. Shoreside's fictional residents are a reflection of real residents in Surfside and Miami Beach in a caring yet comic portrayal of life in Paradise.

Michael and Pamela (both were profiled in the Gazette as Surfside Stars) hope this serial could run forever as there are so many colorful characters in Surfside! That's why they love living here.

## TOWN OF SURFSIDE







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Reach the residents and businesses of Surfside by advertising in the monthly *Gazette*. For rates, deadlines and more information go to the Town website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or email dhunziker@townofsurfsidefl.gov.

#### **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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Tennis Courts (305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau (305) 864-0722
Police (305) 861-4862
Fire Rescue (305) 861-1115
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## TOWN WEBSITE

www.townofsurfsidefl.gov