

WELLNESS THEME DRAWS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO MARCH THIRD THURSDAYS

Thank you to all who came out for the March 21, 2019 Third Thursdays event. The health and wellness theme offered something for everyone, including yoga, essential oils, canvas painting, representatives from the Miami-Dade County Sea Turtle Conservation and the introduction of an educational coloring book, the *Adventures of Surfing the Surfside Sea Turtle*.



ENERGIZE WITH ZUMBA AT THE APRIL THIRD THURSDAYS BLOCK PARTY

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 18, 2019 and get Energized with Zumba! Join instructor Luca for an all ages, all levels Zumba party. Luca has worked with celebrities such as Shakira, Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez and Neyo, and has acted in movies, commercials and TV series. We are in luck because Luca shares his love for dance by teaching Zumba. Come out on April 18 between 6 and 9 pm, on 95th Street between Collins and Harding Avenues for Zumba, health and wellness activities, live music and more!

SAVE THE DATE: PADDLETOPIA



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For the latest information on beach happenings

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently inviting contractors to bid on the beach renourishment project that is scheduled to start some time this summer in Surfside. Once a contractor is selected, the Corps will host another public meeting at Town Hall to answer questions and to address any concerns. For additional information and frequent updates, visit the Town website and click on the banner titled **Beach Renourishment Project**.

CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER

Sea Turtles and Lighting



The Town of Surfside has a Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance that requires all eastside Collins Avenue properties to comply with protective lighting measures. Enforcement runs from May 1st- October 31st. Therefore you should draw shades at night and move bright lights away from windows. The below information was provided by the Sea Turtle Conservancy, Gainesville, Florida.

Lights that shine onto a nesting beach can draw turtle hatchlings away from the ocean and off the beach where they have a slim chance of survival. In addition, beach lights can also scare away females crawling ashore to nest. Nesting sea turtles once had no trouble finding a quiet, dark beach on which to nest. Now they must compete with tourists, businesses and coastal residents for sandy beaches.

Lights from beachfront developments can be problematic for nesting females and hatchlings. Beachfront lighting can also cause sea turtle hatchlings to become disoriented and wander away from the ocean towards the brightest lights. When this happens, the hatchlings often die from dehydration, exhaustion, terrestrial predators and passing cars.

Beachfront lighting can be properly managed to benefit humans and sea turtles. In general, a good sea turtle friendly lighting fixture directs light down to the ground where it is needed for safety, shields the light source from being visible from the beach, and is outfitted with an amber or red LED light bulb.

When choosing lighting for your coastal property, please remember these three simple rules:

KEEP IT LOW - Use low mounting height and low bulb wattage. Flood, spot and pole lighting are highly discouraged.

KEEP IT SHIELDED - Use full cut-off fixtures that direct the light down to the ground. Shield fixtures so you cannot see the bulb, lamp or glowing lens.

KEEP IT LONG - Sea turtles are less disturbed by the long wavelengths of light (570 nanometers or longer), such as lights that are yellow, amber or red in color.

For additional information regarding sea turtles and lighting, contact the Surfside Code Compliance Division at (305) 861-4863, extension 230, or the Sea Turtle Conservancy at (352) 373-6441.

WELCOME TO NEW BUSINESS

Nona Bakery & Pizzeria, 9454 Harding Avenue

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