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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

December 2018

Pre-New Year's Eve in Sunny Isles Beach



Saturday, December 29
8:00–11:00 pm
Gateway Park
151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Get a head start on your New Year celebrations by attending this live music event featuring Higher Ground. Food and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

Admission is free with a valid SIB Resident ID Card (tickets must be picked up in person); or \$10 without the card, which may be purchased in person or via online sales at sibevents.ticketleap.com. Free parking is available in the Gateway Park garage. For more information visit sibfl.net/pre-nye or call 305.792.1706.

from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl
Mayor

I want to first express how honored I am to serve as your mayor for another four-year term.

Our City has seen tremendous growth and development in recent years with the support and leadership from the City Commission and City Staff, and I look forward to the strides we will make in the years to come.

As we approach the final days of 2018, we welcome the joy and spirit that the holidays bring. It is easy to get caught up in the season, often forgetting the true purpose of the festivities, to give back to others. There are countless opportunities for you to make a difference this holiday season both in our region and our state. Our community extends beyond City borders, and we can all make meaningful contributions to those who are most in need.

Though hurricane season officially ended on November 30, there are still cities facing the long-term impacts resulting from Hurricane Michael in early October. Shortly after the storm I personally visited the Panhandle to check on OneBlood's team in the region. The devastation is dramatic and extends far inland affecting many areas that have never experienced a major hurricane. If you are in a position to do so, I urge you to make contributions toward the relief efforts. With homes destroyed and families displaced, our fellow Floridians deserve to have a jolly holiday season amid stressful and troublesome times.

Giving back to the community can also mean more than solely monetary donations. There are numerous organizations and non-profits in our area that are seeking volunteers. From serving meals to donating clothing or toys, you can always find an organization in need of assistance this holiday season.

Another way to make this a 'season of service' is to help out your neighbors. Whether in your condominium building or down your street, reach out within the Sunny Isles Beach community to aid and assist. Help an elderly resident to complete a chore or carry shopping bags, welcome a new family to your neighborhood, or simply smile and wave hello.

This season, a little can go a long way. I wish everyone a safe and happy holidays. See you all in the New Year.



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Landscape Lighting

Residents may have noticed that the trees in the 174 Street medians have taken on a special glow with the installation of new up-lighting. This added landscape feature serves to delineate the medians from the road and illuminate surrounding walkways. Visibility is improved for both pedestrians and drivers. These lights are a permanent improvement to the City's landscaping and will be glowing 365 days a year.

Mini-FLOW Service Change

Due to the high demand for Mini-FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) services, ticket numbers will be issued to customers in the order they arrive. A maximum of 30 tickets will be distributed or until 12:30 pm, whichever comes first. The service will do its best to process everyone who receives a ticket number, however, we cannot guarantee everyone service as the allotted time frame is limited, and malfunctions with the equipment could happen. The next Mini-FLOW service is offered on Friday, December 7 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the SIB Government Center 1st floor meeting room. Visit GatherGoGet.com or call 850.617.2000 for more information.

Scholarship Applications Available

Each year, the City of Sunny Isles Beach awards college scholarship money to well-deserving Sunny Isles Beach high school seniors to help defray college expenses. Although there are only a limited number of scholarships available, we encourage all students to apply. Graduating seniors enrolled in an accredited private school or public school and accepted into college are

eligible. The student must also have completed 100 hours of community service with the City of Sunny Isles Beach and be a current resident of Sunny Isles Beach, having lived here a minimum of one year prior to January 1, 2019. Additional requirements are detailed in the application. Eligible students may apply online at sibfl.net/scholarships or pick up an application in person at the SIB Government Center or Pelican Community Park.

Teen Winter Wonderland

Start the winter break with a fun, free, teens only event on Friday, December 21 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at Gateway Park. Teens are invited to a winter festival with an ice skating party, a DJ, photo booth and food for purchase. This night is for teens in grades 7-12. Students be prepared to show your school ID or a driver's license to enter. Skates for the synthetic ice rink are provided. Parking is free in the Gateway Park garage. All participants must complete a waiver online at sibfl.net/teens-winter-wonderland.

Select Soccer

The City's competitive soccer program is now geared up for tournament play in fall, winter and spring seasons. Players perfect their skills and compete against other clubs. In November the City's under 10 Select Soccer fall team won the championship in their very first tournament. The team brought home the trophy from the Pre-Thanksgiving Gold Cup, hosted in Coconut Creek. The City and the parents of SIB Select are incredibly proud of this newly formed soccer club and of what these young athletes were able to accomplish. Hard work pays off!



A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



The Utility Undergrounding Project has entered the next phase, the Collins Avenue Street Lighting Enhancement Phase. As you may recall, the City has been working for over three years to lay underground conduit the entire length of Collins Avenue. This caused some disruption and we are grateful for your patience during that time. Once our work of placing conduit under Collins Avenue was complete, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) performed their Roadway Rehabilitation and Repaving (RRR) project. This consisted of milling and repaving, upgrading signalized intersections, and improving crosswalks. Now that this State work is complete, the City can resume the Utility Undergrounding Project.

During the design phase, the current lighting levels were evaluated and a new lighting plan was developed. This plan includes the establishment of a symmetrical lighting layout throughout the entire Collins Avenue corridor, including new decorative lighting fixtures that

will both illuminate more of the roadway and sidewalk as well as add to the aesthetic beauty of our main thoroughfare.

The first week of November, the Street Lighting Enhancement Phase was initiated on the west side of Collins Avenue in front of the Millennium Plaza and is moving to the south, block by block, replacing the existing streetlights. This area of the west side spans from the south side of the William Lehman Causeway to the Residence Inn Miami Sunny Isles Beach at 17700 Collins Avenue. Once this is complete, installation of the new streetlights will continue on the east side of Collins Avenue and move north from this same location (approximately 17700 Collins Avenue), block by block. This process will continue throughout the City in different phases.

What should residents expect during this phase? Lane and sidewalk closures are necessary to safely perform this work. To minimize the impact to our residents, this work will take place be-

tween 9:00 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Residents should also expect periods of streetlight outages in the areas of work. A new street light fixture may be erected, but not illuminated immediately.

The good news is that the FPL conversion of phase 1 has commenced on the south end of the City effective the beginning of December. This first phase includes running the underground wiring through the previously placed conduits under Collins Avenue.

Traveled by thousands every day and night, Collins Avenue (A1A) is one of the busiest routes in the United States. We are constantly working hard to ensure the safety and security of our residents and commuters. Better street lighting yields increased benefits for all living in or traveling through Sunny Isles Beach. I wish all of you a very happy and joyous holiday season, as we look forward to brighter and hopefully more festive decorative streetlights along Collins Avenue next year.



Reflections on the Last Eight Years

from the desk of Commissioner Jeanette Gatto



As I look back on the last eight years serving as your City Commissioner, what comes to mind first and foremost are the citizens of this great City. I have met some of the nicest, smartest and actively engaged individuals of all ages, and it's been extremely rewarding to serve you. When I was elected eight years ago, I made a promise to always be available to our residents and ensure that they have a voice. I am proud of the fact that I never missed a Commission Meeting and feel lucky to have met many of you at City events, several of whom have become friends.

I would also like to thank the staff of the City Manager and City Attorney's offices who do a spectacular job running our City. Additionally, many thanks to our Police Department who help keep our City one of the safest in the County. And lastly, to my incredible colleagues on the Commission who give up a lot of their personal time to serve, I will miss you dearly, but I know you will continue to do exceptional work for our City.

Many thanks to all I have met along the way. It was an honor and a great privilege to have served you.

Don't Let the "Grinch" Ruin Your Holiday Season

from the desk of Chief Dwight P. Snyder



Well it's hard to believe, this year is nearly at a close and the holidays are once again upon us. Nothing brings more joy than being with family and friends throughout the holiday season. The month of December is traditionally a very busy time for all of us, with shopping and festive gatherings, but it's also an active time for those unscrupulous types who are looking for any opportunity to spoil your holiday spirit. So to ensure we all have a safe and enjoyable holiday season, let's be reminded of a few common sense safety tips to keep the "Grinch" from spoiling your holiday.

- Never leave packages or valuables in plain sight in your vehicle, as it creates temptation for would-be thieves. If you must leave packages in your vehicle, lock them in the trunk, or keep them out of sight.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and stay alert when walking, especially when shopping.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse / wallet, so you are not an easy target for thieves, who look for unsuspecting, or distracted shoppers.
- When shopping, always try to park your vehicle in well-lit areas and never approach your vehicle if there are suspicious people in the area. A better alternative is to ask for mall or store security for an escort before you leave the store.

For more holiday safety tips, please visit our City website, or follow us on Facebook or Twitter, @CityofSIB. On behalf of the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department, we wish you a happy, healthy holiday season.

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BEHIND THE SCENES
WITH THE TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION



The City of Sunny Isles Beach offers a free community bus service, SIBshuttle, for all residents and visitors. The SIBshuttle runs seven days a week and provides a free ride around Sunny Isles Beach and to prominent attractions outside the City, including the Aventura Mall, Mount Sinai Medical Center and Intracoastal Mall.

All SIBshuttle buses are handicap accessible, equipped with a lift for wheelchairs. No pets are allowed with the exception of service animals permitted under applicable law.

NEW FEATURES

All SIBshuttle buses are now equipped with free WIFI. Simply connect to SIBI-WIFI when traveling.

Please be aware of some recent changes to the orange and blue lines. For more information about the SIBshuttle, visit sibshuttle.net or call the SIBshuttle route hotline at 305.741.0907.

To easily track the SIBshuttle in real time, download our mobile application on the Apple or Google Play stores.

Miami-Dade Transit Services

County buses make several stops in Sunny Isles Beach, including Routes E, H, S & 120 Beach MAX. For more information and schedules, visit www.miamidade.gov/transit.

**December 1**

Saturday, 5:00–9:00 pm
Winter Fest
Heritage Park

December 2

Sunday, 10:00 am–6:00 pm
Ice Skating In the Park
Heritage Park

December 5

Wednesday, 3:00 pm
Bingo
SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

December 6

Thursday, 10:00 am–noon
Medical Lecture Series
SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

December 6

Thursday, 6:00 pm
Historic Preservation Board Meeting
SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

December 7

Friday, 10:00 am–2:00 pm
Mini-FLOW
SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

December 13

Thursday, 9:00 am–noon
Blood Pressure and Glucose Screening
SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

December 13

Thursday, 9:30 am
Cultural Event: Holocaust
Documentation Center
Dania Beach

December 15

Saturday, 6:00–9:00 pm
Holiday Ball
Pelican Community Park

December 16

Sunday, 6:00–8:00 pm
Holiday Concert
Gateway Park

December 17

Monday, 10:00 am–12:30 pm
Modern Era Movie: *Chicago*
Pelican Community Park

December 20

Thursday, 6:30 pm
Regular City Commission Meeting
SIB Govt. Center
Commission Chambers

December 20

Thursday, 4:15 pm
Cultural Event:
Jungle Queen Cruise
Ft. Lauderdale

December 21

Friday, 7:00–10:00 pm
Teens Only: Winter Wonderland
Gateway Park

December 22

Saturday, 5:00–6:00 pm
Full Moon Yoga
Samson Oceanfront Park

December 24

Monday, Christmas Eve
Government Offices close at 1:00 pm

December 25

Tuesday, Christmas Day
Federal Holiday: Government Offices closed
Shuttle Bus does not run.

December 26

Wednesday, 3:00 pm
Bingo
SIB Govt. Center
Commission Chambers

December 29

Saturday, 8:00–11:00 pm
Pre-NYE in SIB Party
Gateway Park

December 30

Sunday, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Wiggle and Paint
Samson Oceanfront Park

December 31

Monday, New Year's Eve
Government Offices Close at 1:00 pm

January 1

Tuesday, New Year's Day
Federal Holiday: Government Offices closed
Shuttle Bus does not run.

MDC-SIB Branch Library Programs

Miami-Dade County Sunny Isles Beach Branch Library: For more information about hours and the offerings below call 305.682.0726. Unless otherwise noted, classes and programs are held in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Sunny Isles Beach Government Center, 18070 Collins Avenue.

Programs for Adults**Basic Computer Classes for Seniors**

Tuesday: December 18
10:00–11:00 am inside the library

Citizenship Classes

Saturdays: December 1–29
10:00–11:30 am

Poetry Reading

Saturday: December 8
4:00–5:00 pm
Share your original poetry or all-time favorites.

Russian Social Club

Saturday: December 15
3:30–5:30 pm

Programs for Children**Bedtime Stories**

Wednesdays: December 5–26
7:00–7:30 pm
Share stories and music.
Ages 3–5 yrs.

Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers

Mondays: December 3–31
10:00–10:40 am
Activities for toddlers and caregivers.
Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.

Creative Corner Family Program

Saturdays: December 1–20
11:00 am inside the library
Activities for the whole family.

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All persons are invited to attend these meetings. If a person decides to appeal any decision made at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in any meeting because of that disability should contact the City Manager at 305.947.0606, no later than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Holiday Ball

This annual party includes a buffet dinner, live music, and raffles. Enjoy festive dancing to the musical stylings of Sunny Isles Beach favorite, Cache Live.



Saturday, December 15 • 6:00–9:00 pm
Pelican Community Park • 18115 North Bay Road

Tickets are \$10 with an SIB Resident ID card, \$20 without.
Maximum 4 tickets per reservation.

Parking is available on the street surrounding PCP during event hours.

Holiday Concert

This free concert features performances from local schools including Alonzo & Tracy Mourning Symphonic Winds, Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Bobcat Concert Band and Rising Starz Music & Performance Academy.



Sunday, December 16 • 6:00–8:00 pm
Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Free parking at Gateway Park garage or at Bella Vista Bay Park. Take the free special event SIBshuttle to the event within City limits.