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City Commission Advances New Motorized Scooter Regulations

The City Commission has taken the first step toward changing how motorized scooters are regulated across the City. At the February 19 meeting, the City Commission approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the City's Code of Ordinances to reflect new safety regulations.

The proposed ordinance provides the following changes to the existing Code:

- An age restriction of 16 years old or greater to ride a scooter within the City limits.



- Requirement for all individuals 16 years old or greater to have a government issued ID when riding a motorized scooter.
- A modification of the fine schedule for all violations in this section to be \$250 for a first offense and \$500 for all subsequent violations.



These changes are in response to resident feedback received through the City's Motorized Scooter Survey. The ordinance will be up for a second reading at the City Commission meeting on March 19. If adopted, there will be an educational outreach period lasting through the end of the school year, after which enforcement will begin.

Game On: IPAL Launches in Sunny Isles Beach and Aventura

Vice Mayor Jeniffer Viscarra

Finally... The cities of Aventura and Sunny Isles Beach have launched the Intracoastal Police Athletic League (IPAL), a collaborative initiative designed to offer local youth enriching athletic and leadership opportunities. At the February Commission workshop, IPAL Executive Director Dani Bonini announced the program's official rollout, following two years of dedicated planning and organization.

IPAL will kick off with volleyball (35 spots), basketball (35 spots), boxing (15 spots), and a Teen Leadership Club. Registration is now open at sibfl.gov/activities. Please keep in mind that a current ID is a requirement for participation.

Boxing classes will be held at the Aventura Police Department, while basketball and volleyball will take place at The Spot in Sunny Isles Beach. The Teen Leadership Club, which is free of charge, will meet every other week, alternating between The Spot and ACES school in Aventura.

Unlike many PAL programs, IPAL charges modest fees: \$50 per month for boxing (twice a week), and \$65 per three-month

session for basketball and volleyball (also twice a week). This small investment ensures the program's sustainability and consistency, as it is staffed by professionals rather than relying heavily on volunteers.

Programming begins March 2. My hope is that the Intracoastal Police Athletic League will be a unique and affordable way for area families to access quality recreation while building stronger bonds between the Aventura and Sunny Isles Beach communities.

Last but certainly not least, I want to acknowledge Commissioner Michael Stern, who championed this program in Aventura before his passing. I am grateful for Sunny Isles Beach and Aventura staff for all their efforts in turning this initiative and Commissioner Stern's vision into a successful, joyful joint venture. It has already exceeded my expectations.



Contact Vice Mayor Jeniffer Viscarra at seat4@sibfl.net or 305.792.1750.

Commission Recap

Below are some of the key approvals and decisions made by the City Commission at the February 19, 2026 meeting. For the full agenda and meeting recordings, visit sibfl.gov/meetings.

Site Plan Approval for Miami Beach Club

The City Commission approved the site plan application for a new 62-story beachfront condominium tower at 19051 Collins Avenue. The approval allows for redevelopment of the roughly 2-acre parcel currently occupied by Miami Beach Club.

Purchase of Picnic Tables and Benches for Samson Oceanfront Park

The City Commission approved a resolution allowing for the purchase of 9 picnic tables and 21 benches to replace the current metal ones located in Samson Oceanfront Park. As these tables and benches are made of concrete, not metal like our current furnishings, they will better withstand the oceanfront environment, requiring less intensive preventive maintenance.

FAMILY RESOURCE DAY

Family Resource Day returns to Pelican Community Park on Thursday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m., offering a fun-filled event packed with exciting activities for the whole family. Representatives from city, county and community organizations will be on hand to provide information, answer questions, and connect residents with valuable resources. In addition to all City of Sunny Isles Beach departments, other participating agencies include:

- *City of North Miami Beach Water*
- *Department Of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)*
- *FIU Center for Children and Families*
- *FIU School of Education and Human Development*
- *Florida Power & Light (FPL)*
- *Intracoastal Police Activities/Athletic League (IPAL)*
- *Miami-Dade Clerk of Court and Comptroller Eleventh Judicial District*
- *Miami-Dade County Commissioner Steinberg's Office*
- *Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department's Sea Turtle Conservation Program*
- *Miami-Dade Fire Rescue*
- *Miami-Dade Property Appraiser*
- *Miami-Dade Public Library*
- *Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections*
- *Miami-Dade Transit Connections Team*
- *Senator Pizzo's Office*

As part of Family Resource Day, Mobile Driver's License services will be available at Pelican Community Park on Thursday, March 12 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Renew your driver's license, get a replacement, obtain an ID card, renew a vehicle registration, and more. Appointments are required. Call 305.792.1731 or email citymanager@sibfl.net.

**There will also be prizes, food trucks, music, and a bounce house.
For more information, visit sibfl.gov/familyresourceday.**

CONCERT In The Park



Concert in the Park is back in Sunny Isles Beach! The popular event returned to Samson Oceanfront Park last month with a free performance by Jason Webb and the Caribbean Chillers. Guests drifted away to Margaritaville and enjoyed the tropical vibes with covers of timeless Jimmy Buffett hits. We're happy to share that there will be more live music at Samson Oceanfront Park in the future. Look out for details on the next one scheduled for May 20.



CALENDAR FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS, VISIT sibfl.gov/events

MARCH OF EVENTS

Evaluation Committee Meeting: *RFP 26-01-01 Opening*

**Tuesday, March 3
10 AM**

Fourth Floor Conference Room,
Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Full Moon Yoga

**Tuesday, March 3
5:45 - 6:45 PM**

On the beach by Samson Oceanfront
Park, 17425 Collins Ave.

DBPR Resident Support Session

**Wednesday, March 4
10 AM - 2 PM**

Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.
Appointments are required.



March 4, 11, 18, 25

Wednesdays | 3 - 4 PM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

HELP (Heath Emergency Life Protection) Training Course

**Saturday, March 7
10 AM - 12 PM**

Pelican Community Park, 18115
North Bay Rd.

Cultural Trip: MAD Arts Museum

**(ages 18+)
Sunday, March 8
11 AM - 4 PM**

Bus will depart from and return to
Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Price: \$45
Resident ID Cardholder: \$25

Disclosure: Events are subject to change.

Teen Talk

**Tuesday, March 10
5 - 6 PM**

The Spot, 215 185 St.

Family Resource Day

**Thursday, March 12
5:30 - 7 PM**

Pelican Community Park, 18115
North Bay Rd.

Floral Arrangement

(Ages 18+)

**Friday, March 13
6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Price: \$25 (Resident ID Cardholders)

Beach Cleanup

**Saturday, March 14
8 - 11 AM**

Samson Oceanfront Park, 17425
Collins Ave.

Teens Only: Spring Block Party

**Sunday, March 15
1 - 4 PM**

The Spot, 215 185 St.
Pre-registration is required.

City Commission Workshop: *Agenda Review*

**Tuesday, March 17
10 AM**

First Floor Meeting Room, Government
Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

City Commission Workshop: *Special Presentations & Discussion Items*

**Thursday, March 19
3 PM**

Commission Chambers, Government
Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Regular City Commission Meeting

**Thursday, March 19
6:30 PM**

Commission Chambers,
Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Spring Fling: *Butterfly Garden*

(Ages 18+)

**Friday, March 20
11 AM - 1 PM**

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Price: \$20
Resident ID Cardholder: \$10

Beethoven on the Beach

**Saturday, March 21
6:30 - 8:30 PM**

Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Teen Trip: *Universal Studios*

**Monday, March 23
4 AM - 12 AM**

Bus will depart from and return to The
Spot, 215 185 St.

Senior Roundtable

**Wednesday, March 25
12 - 1 PM**

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Pre-registration is required.

Bike Helmet Giveaway

**Saturday, March 28
8 AM - 3 PM**

First Floor Meeting Room, Government
Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Miami-Dade County Sunny Isles Beach Branch

MARCH

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! A Celebration with Marci Poppins
(ages 3 – 10 yrs.)

Monday, March 2
11 AM - 12 PM

Chess Club
(ages 9+)

Tuesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
4 - 6 PM

Talking is Teaching – Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers
(ages 18 mos. – 3 yrs.)

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25
11 AM - 12 PM

Homework Help and Tutoring
(students grades K-12)

Saturday, March 7, 14
10 AM - 1 PM

For more information,
contact tutoring@mdpls.org or call
305.375.1413.

Citizenship Class
(ages 19+)

Saturday, March 7, 14, 21, 28
10 AM - 12 PM

Talking is Teaching – Talk, Read, Sing for Preschoolers
(ages 3 – 5 yrs.)

Monday, March 9, 16, 23, 30
11 AM - 12 PM

The Kids Reading Club
(ages 6 – 11 yrs.)

Saturday, March 14
1 - 2 PM

Russian Social Club
(ages 19+)

Saturday, March 21
3:30 - 5 PM

Children's Stories and Crafts
(ages 3+)

Wednesday, March 25
5:30 - 6:30 PM

Furry Tales
(ages 4 – 8 yrs.)

Saturday, March 28
2 - 3 PM

For more information on Miami-Dade County Sunny Isles Beach Branch Library programs, call 305.682.0726 or email vazquezh@mdpls.org.

Unless otherwise noted, classes and programs are held in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Sunny Isles Beach Government Center, 18070 Collins Avenue.





EGG SCRAMBLE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4
9 AM - 1 PM**

Pelican Community Park

Hop into the season at our annual Egg Scramble, a lively spring celebration bursting with activities for all ages! Enjoy exciting egg hunts, fun-filled rides, and whimsical entertainment.

Price: \$50
Resident ID Cardholders
pre-purchase: \$5

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Wristbands are required for all guests to gain entry to the event.



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