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New E-Bike Rules Aim to Keep Sunny Isles Beach Safer

If you or a family member ride an e-bike in Sunny Isles Beach, there are some important new rules to know. At the July 16 meeting, the City Commission approved an ordinance strengthening the safety regulations relating to e-bike use across the City. This new ordinance reinforces the City's pedestrian-first approach by helping improve safety, accessibility, and walkability throughout the community.

Under the new ordinance:

- Riders must be 16 years or older to operate an e-bike within the Sunny Isles Beach city limits.
- Riders must carry a government-issued ID while riding.
- E-bikes are not permitted on sidewalks within the City.
- Violations will result in a fine of \$250 for a first offense and \$500 for all subsequent violations.

An e-bike is defined as a bicycle or tricycle with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle, a maximum speed of 28 miles per hour, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts.

The City is currently conducting an educational campaign to help riders become familiar with the new rules before citations begin on August 16.

The new regulations build on the City's recent efforts to improve safety involving micromobility devices. Earlier

this year, the City adopted similar requirements for motorized scooters after hearing from residents through a citywide survey that received nearly 1,900 responses, as well as two public community meetings. The updated e-bike ordinance continues that commitment to responding to resident feedback while creating a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike.

For more information on the new e-bike ordinance, visit sibfl.gov/ebikesafe.



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16 years old to operate



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BACK TO SCHOOL

As we prepare for the start of the new school year, we want to make sure your children stay safe as they head back to class. Here are some important reminders - whether you're driving, riding or walking to campus:

SAFETY PLAN

Ensuring a safe and successful school year for you and your family starts at home. Before the first day of school, parents and guardians should talk to their children about a safety plan. Teach your children what to do in case they get lost. Establish a meet-up spot in case of emergencies and make sure they memorize their parent or guardian's full name and phone number. Additionally, parents should educate their children on how to avoid tricks that strangers might use to gain their trust.

TRAFFIC & SCHOOL ZONES

Sunny Isles Beach is home to Norman S. Edelcup/Sunny Isles Beach K-8 School, located at 201 182 Drive. The community around the school should anticipate different traffic patterns in this area. Please allow extra time to get around the school during arrival and departure times. Remember to always follow the designated 15 miles per hour (mph) speed limit in school zones and stay alert for pedestrians and crossing guards.



If a school bus is stopped with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended, you must stop. On undivided roads, traffic in both directions must stop. On divided highways with a raised median or at least 5 feet of unpaved space, only traffic traveling in the same direction must stop.

DROP OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Driving: If driving your child to school, obey school zone speed limits and follow the school's drop off and pick-up procedure. The designated drop-off and pick-up point is on the east side of the school on Atlantic Blvd. Make sure your child exits or enters from the passenger side of the vehicle in a timely manner to keep the line moving efficiently.

Parking: Do not park or drop off your child in the school's parking garage or the RK shopping plaza. Your car could be subject to towing by the private property owner.

Walking: If walking your child to school, please use pedestrian crosswalks and obey crossing guards.

Bicycles: If your child bikes to school, make sure they always wear a properly fitted helmet.

Motorized Scooters & E-bikes: Students under the age of 16 may not operate a motorized scooter or e-bike under the City's new Ordinance. Students are also prohibited from riding tandem on a scooter or e-bike. Violations will result in a \$250 fine for a first offense and \$500 for any subsequent offense.

To learn more, please visit sibfl.gov/schooltraffic.

Proposed FY 2026/2027 Budget: Investing in Public Safety and Our Future

Mayor Larisa Svechin

I am pleased to share that we are nearing completion of our proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Comprehensive Annual Budget. This budget reflects our commitment to protecting the services residents value most while remaining responsible stewards of your tax dollars.

I am especially proud that this proposed budget reduces the City's operating millage rate to the rollback rate of 1.6514. If adopted, Sunny Isles Beach will continue to have the lowest municipal millage rate in Miami-Dade County. This demonstrates that careful planning and responsible budgeting can deliver outstanding city services without placing an unnecessary burden on taxpayers.

One of my guiding principles has always been that government should spend wisely. Every budget request is carefully reviewed to ensure it serves a clear purpose and provides value to our community. We do not spend simply because funds are available. Instead, we prioritize investments that improve the quality of life for our residents while preserving the City's long-term financial stability.

Public safety remains our highest priority. This budget fully supports our Police Department and Ocean Rescue Division,

providing personnel, equipment, training, and technology needed to keep our community safe. It also includes additional police officers to strengthen public safety services and enhance our ability to respond quickly.

Beyond public safety, we continue to invest in our parks, infrastructure, public facilities, and city services that residents rely on every day, always with a careful eye toward long-term value and responsible spending.

What does this budget mean for you? It means safe neighborhoods and beaches, well-maintained parks and public spaces, reliable city services, and the confidence that your tax dollars are being managed responsibly.

I encourage you to review the proposed budget on our website at sibfl.gov/budget and participate in our public budget hearings. Your input is an important part of the process and helps shape the future of our city.



Contact Mayor Larisa Svechin at mayor@sibfl.net or call 305.792.1753.

Commission Recap

Below are some of the key approvals and decisions made by the City Commission at the July 16, 2026 meeting. For the full agenda and meeting recordings, visit sibfl.gov/meetings.

Public Safety Improvements

The City Commission approved the first reading of an ordinance allowing for the transfer of funds of \$2,987,568 to the Citywide Security Project to support public safety initiatives, including the expansion of the City's drone program, installation of CCTV cameras at bus stops, and implementation of the Real-Time Crime Center video wall system. The City Commission also approved a resolution allowing for the purchase, installation, configuration, and commissioning of a long-range pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) camera to be mounted on the City's pier. The installation of this camera will enhance surveillance and monitoring capabilities in and around the pier area, improving public safety, operational awareness, and security of public assets.

Millage Rate

The City Commission approved a resolution establishing the City's proposed millage rate at 1.6514 mills per one thousand dollars of taxable assessed value, which is equal to the "rolled back" rate for fiscal year 2026-2027. Public hearings will be held on September 8 and 15 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the proposed millage rate and tentative budget to be forwarded to the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser's Office.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CORNER



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What customers are saying:

- Last month, 82% of customers rated their experience at city facilities as Excellent or Good.
- 83 surveys received

Featured comment:

"The girls at the desk are very welcoming. Paola is very nice."

CALENDAR

AUGUST OF EVENTS



August 5, 12, 19, 26
Wednesdays | 3 - 4 PM
Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Mid-Day Movies: *The Thursday Murder Club*

(Ages 18+)
Thursday, August 6
12 - 2 PM

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

Adaptive Beach Day

Friday, August 7
9 - 11 AM

On the beach by Samson Oceanfront Park, 17425 Collins Ave.
Pre-registration is required.

Teens Only: *Movie Night*

Sunday, August 9
7 - 11:30 PM

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

3D Mammogram Day

Tuesday, August 11
8 AM - 3 PM

Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Appointment required.

Mobile Driver's License Event

Thursday, August 13

9 AM - 3:30 PM
Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
[Appointment required.](#)

Beach Cleanup

Saturday, August 15
8 - 11 AM

Ellen Wynne Beach Access,
19333 Collins Ave.



City Commission Workshop: *Agenda Review*

Tuesday, August 18
10 AM

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

City Commission Workshop: *Special Presentations & Discussion Items*

Thursday, August 20
1:30 PM

Commission Chambers, Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Regular City Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 20
6:30 PM

Commission Chambers,
Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Family Movie Night: *The Super Mario Galaxy*

Saturday, August 22
7:30 - 10 PM

Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Bike Helmet Fitting & Giveaway

Sunday, August 23
9 AM - 2 PM

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

Special Magistrate Hearing

Thursday, August 27
10 AM - 12 PM

Commission Chambers,
Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

End of Summer Bash: *Hawaiian Luau*

(Ages 18+)
Friday, August 28
12 - 3 PM

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

Full Moon Yoga

Friday, August 28
7:30 - 8:30 PM

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

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

Disclosure: Events are subject to change.

Miami-Dade County Sunny Isles Beach Branch

AUGUST **LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

Homework Help and Tutoring (students grades K-12)

Saturday, August 1, 8, 29
10 AM - 1 PM

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

Citizenship Class (ages 19+)

Saturday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10 AM - 12 PM

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

Monday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
11 AM - 12 PM

Chess Club (ages 9+)

Tuesday, August 4, 11, 18, 25
4 - 6 PM

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

Wednesday, August 5, 12, 19, 26
11 AM - 12 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.





BE ELECTION READY

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

	Primary Election	General Election
<i>Last Day to Register to Vote</i>	July 20	October 5
<i>Last Day to Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot</i>	August 6	October 22
<i>Early Voting</i>	August 3 – August 16	October 19 – November 1
<i>Election Day</i>	August 18	November 3

*Early voting is only available at specified locations in Miami-Dade County. The closest location for Sunny Isles Beach residents is the Northeast Dade-Aventura Branch Library. Voters must vote at their assigned precinct on Election Day. Visit votemiamidade.gov for details.

POLLING LOCATIONS:

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
002	Gateway Center - <i>Temporary Polling Location</i>	151 Sunny Isles Boulevard
003	Winston Towers – Building 100	250 174 Street
004	Gateway Center	151 Sunny Isles Boulevard
005	Arlen House Condo West – Auditorium	350 Bayview Drive
067	Sunny Isles Beach Government Center	18070 Collins Avenue, 1st Floor



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