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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

June 2019

Hurricane Season Begins June 1



Sunny Isles Beach is in the Zone B floodplain where a storm may cause a tidal surge, high winds, tornadoes, flooding, or loss of utility services.

Residents should have a plan in place for sheltering or evacuation prior to the beginning of the storm season. To prepare your dwelling and family if a storm watch or warning is issued, follow the recommendations of the Miami-Dade County (MDC) Office of Emergency Management (OEM) at miamidade.gov/hurricane. To get emergency alerts, specifically for our area, sent to your mobile device all year long, sign up at sibalert.net.

For specific tips, such as locations of emergency bus pick-up points or supplies to have on hand, please see page 16 of the summer *SIB Living* magazine.

from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl
Mayor

When asked what our City's most notable landmark is, I, along with most of you, would identify the beach.

We bask in year-round sun and sea along our picturesque coastline. But residents and visitors of Sunny Isles Beach are not the only individuals who enjoy the haven the beach offers. For six months each year, we share the shore during sea turtle nesting season.

In Miami-Dade County, sea turtle nesting season runs from May 1 to October 31. Sea turtles are protected under federal, state and local laws and are a vital component of our ocean's ecosystem. They help maintain coral reefs, transport nutrients from the oceans to beaches, and facilitate the balance of marine food webs. But unfortunately, all sea turtles are either threatened or endangered.

Many already know that artificial light, boating traffic, pollution, plastic ingestion, and entanglement with fishing supplies all jeopardize the safety of sea turtles. As residents of a coastal community, there are several simple ways you can contribute to the safe and undisturbed nesting of this impactful marine life.

When walking or playing on the beach, steer clear of marked sea turtle nests and respect their natural behavior. A nest will be marked off with stakes, neon tape and a nest sign to protect the nest during incubation. It is against the law to disturb a sea turtle, its nest, eggs or hatchlings. If you encounter a person vandalizing a nest, call the police or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888.404.3922. Also, keep bright lights from shining on the beach as this can confuse the turtles and lead them away from the ocean.

Another way you can help is by picking up your trash on the beach. Properly dispose of your garbage and do not litter. A sea turtle might see debris and mistake it for food.

This month, help us keep our beach in the pristine condition we know and love. Join your neighbors and community as we host a beach cleanup on Saturday, June 15 from 8:00 to 10:00 am starting at the Ellen Wynne beach access. Let's preserve the beach for all creatures big and small. For more information, visit sibfl.net/beachcleanup or email socialmedia@sibfl.net.



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Mosquito Spraying Schedule

Miami-Dade Mosquito Control will begin conducting proactive, bi-weekly larvicide treatments on Friday, June 7 throughout Sunny Isles Beach. At this time, the treatments are not in response to any immediate threat of mosquito borne disease. The larvicide, VectoBac WG, will be sprayed between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 am. This treatment is a safe, organic material, and one of the first bacterial larvicides to complete the World Health Organization Pesticide Evaluation Scheme. The EPA has determined VectoBac has no toxicity to people; it can be applied safely to mosquito habitat without a detrimental impact on food crops or water supplies. While this treatment is safe, pets and humans should remain indoors when the trucks are in your area, as they will pass quickly and the treatment will settle.

Online Registration

For the convenience of our customers, registration for recreation programs and reoccurring payments is moving online. As a first step, this past spring, payment for the After School Program (ASP) was available online. And on Saturday, July 13 you can register for the next school year of ASP from the comfort of your own home at activities.sibfl.net. In order to do this, you must have login credentials and your valid City-issued SIB Resident ID Card. Don't be caught without a valid card; check the expiration date on your card and renew now at sibfl.net/residentid.

Prepare Now for Hurricane Season

Do you have your "go kit" ready? When a storm approaches, whether you are sheltering at home or evacuating, plan to have basic documentation and supplies in a secure plastic bin. Insurance policies, emergency contact numbers and medications are examples of items that should go in your kit. If you must evacuate, a general recommendation is to have enough cash, food and water for each household member for three days. For more information, visit sibfl.net/hurricane.

SIBTV Channel Relocation

The City's public access cable channel, SIBTV, has been assigned a new number by Atlantic Broadband. Beginning May 1, use your television remote to enter the numbers 662 and watch SIBTV, featuring program, meeting and event information, plus public service videos. This move will be finalized on July 16, 2019 at which time the station will no longer be found at Channel 92.

Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System

Florida leads the country in both number of fatal hits and density of lightning strikes each year, and residents should be aware that the lightning prediction system is active 365 days a year in our City. If the horn sounds one long blast, that means lightning is predicted in the area and everyone should get to a safe indoor location immediately. Park personnel will clear the park, closing and locking the gates. When the all clear is sounded—three short horns—the park will re-open within 10 to 15 minutes to ensure the weather system has fully passed.



A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



We take showers, wash our clothes and flush toilets multiple times a day with little to no thought about where our wastewater goes. It only crosses our mind when something doesn't work, as we have recently experienced this past February. Many of you may have heard about the pump station that had a wastewater overflow that reached the waters at Oleta River State Park on the south side of Sunny Isles Boulevard.

We hope to avoid this problem in the future with plans long in place by the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) to not only refurbish the pump station, located at 350 Sunny Isles Boulevard, but to replace it entirely. This creates an added benefit of our city having leased the excess property around the pump station to create a passive park with landscape improvements complementing our city's aesthetics. This project to create a park and a pump station that will actually be pleasing to the eye, similar to the FPL substation on Sunny Isles Boulevard, is the result of more than six years of negotiation and cooperation between the City and Miami-Dade County.

Construction on the pump station is scheduled to begin in December of this

year, with substantial completion in the fall of 2021, and final completion by spring of 2022. The nearly \$8.1 million project will initially operate at the same capacity as the current pump station and will have additional space designed into the project to include another pump should increased population and demand require it.

WASD is utilizing resilient and sustainable protocols when designing the new pump station. Other infrastructure hardening provisions include the installment of a generator and all electrical controls on the second floor of the facility. The new station will also be set at a significantly higher elevation than the current pump station and will meet FEMA's base flood elevation criteria.

The future facility's upgrades will be an asset to Sunny Isles Beach for decades to come. The County is also consistently working at the current facility to decrease the chance that an overflow could occur again. Maintenance continues to occur at the site, and it is because of this work that I have been made aware of a concerning issue that we can all work on to solve. County officials have informed me that this pump station in Sunny Isles Beach is among the

top offenders of clogs due to wipes, grease and other unflushable items being introduced into the wastewater system. WASD staff is removing approximately 500 pounds of these items from just this one pump station every single day. During peak hours, these clogs must be removed every two to three hours before they cause damage to the pump station that could impact its operation at best and cause an overflow at worst. As a result, WASD is staffing this pump station 24 hours a day until the new pumps are installed later this month.

This is a situation that is certainly avoidable, so I'm asking all our residents to take due care in your treatment of our toilets. A toilet is not a trash can. Even if a product wrapper says the item is "flushable," throw it in the garbage. The only thing that should be flushed down the toilet besides human waste is toilet paper.

Our City, like many other highly desirable communities, must change some simple habits. With these small changes, we can focus less on what happens when we take a shower or flush a toilet, and more on enjoying our City's parks and amenities.



Hurricane season starts June 1 and we want to make sure all our residents are connected to appropriate information and resources before, during and after a storm. To get emergency warnings and alerts, specifically for our area, sent directly to your mobile device all year long, sign up at sibalert.net.

Before a Hurricane

Visit sibfl.net/hurricane to learn how to prepare your home or business for a tropical storm or hurricane. Sign up now for SIBAlert and follow us, @CityofSIB, on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. To get information about pre-registration for County emergency services, go to miamidade.gov/hurricane or call the help line at 311.

During and After a Hurricane

Visit sibfl.net/emergency for all information and resources regarding a tropical storm or hurricane, including links to the Miami-Dade County emergency status. As the storm hits and passes, continue to follow your City on social media to receive the most up-to-date information or to report problems. In 2017, after Hurricane Irma, the City used social media to gather information from residents and businesses that helped to steer the recovery effort.

Beach Sand Renourishment

from the desk of Commissioner Alex Lama



A delegation from our city traveled to Tallahassee in April to attend the State Legislative Sessions and meet with representatives of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to discuss beach sand renourishment.

Last year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a sand renourishment project that brought 150,000 cubic yards of sand to our beach. And this year, we are scheduled to receive an additional 80,000 cubic yards of sand from the private sector.

Renourishing and conserving the sand in our beach requires constant effort and coordination with different government agencies. We discussed several upcoming efforts to help renourish our beach and combat sand erosion. The coming federal sand renourishment for Broward County will help long term as sea currents travel south and nourish our beach with sand. The City is in coordination with Miami-Dade County, FDEP and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in studying sand erosion mitigation techniques to be implemented after a scheduled 2021 sand renourishment project for our city. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is also analyzing the breakwaters at the north end of our city.

On average we lose approximately 15,000 cubic yards of sand per year, so the coordinated efforts between our City staff and government agencies have proven successful thus far at renourishing sand on our beach. Our beach is one of the City's most important assets and as such, we must continue to be diligent in making sure that it is renourished accordingly and that we implement the appropriate sand erosion mitigation solutions.

Please contact me with any questions at 305.792.1752 or alama@sibfl.net.

June is Time for Summer Fun and Hurricanes

from the desk of Chief Dwight P. Snyder



As we enter the month of June, it's a wonderful time for summer vacations, and spending time with family, while experiencing exciting new adventures and destinations. But June is also the start of hurricane season, which begins June 1 and ends on November 30 of each year. Living in South Florida, and especially in our beautiful community of Sunny Isles Beach, is a blessing for which we all should be thankful. We enjoy the year-round warm climate, balmy breezes and our amazing beachside atmosphere.

But part of living in South Florida is understanding the importance of hurricane preparation and taking time to prepare a plan of action to protect you and your family in the event we are threatened with a tropical cyclone. The good news: hurricanes can be predicted and monitored for days giving us adequate time to make the necessary preparations well in advance of its arrival. The key to successfully weathering a hurricane is having a plan! Below are some helpful tips to ensure you are ready.

- Have adequate food and water supplies for each member of the family, as well as your pets.
- Shutter your home properly to avoid wind and debris damage.
- Clear your yard/balcony of any outdoor furniture or yard decorations, which could become flying objects.
- Have an evacuation plan ready to go at a moment's notice.
- Pay attention to your local news for your best source of information.

Have a great summer, be safe!



June 1

Saturday, 7:00-9:15 pm
22nd Anniversary Concert & Fireworks
Samson Oceanfront Park

June 2

Sunday, 11:00 am-3:00 pm
22nd Anniversary BBQ Picnic
Gateway Park *NEW LOCATION!*

June 5

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

June 6

Thursday, 7:00-10:00 pm
Teens Only: Glow Party
Pelican Community Park

June 7

Friday, noon-5:00 pm
CLOSED for staff development
City Offices and Pelican Community Park

June 10

Monday, 10:00 am-12:30 pm
Modern Era Movie: *Mad Money*
SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

June 13

Thursday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Blood Pressure and Glucose Screening,
with Cholesterol in June only
SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

June 13

Thursday, 6:30 pm
Cultural Event: *A Bronx Tale*
Broward Center for the Performing Arts

June 14

Friday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Mini-FLOW
Pelican Community Park

June 15

Saturday, 8:00-10:00 am
Beach Cleanup
Ellen Wynne Beach Access

June 16

Sunday, 12:00 pm
Cultural Event: Miami Marlins vs.
Pittsburgh Pirates
Marlins Park

June 17

Monday, 7:45 pm
Full Moon Yoga
Samson Oceanfront Park

June 19

Wednesday, 7:30-9:00 pm
Sunny Serenade
Samson Oceanfront Park

June 20

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

June 21

Friday, 8:00-9:00 pm
Sunset Yoga, International Day of Yoga
Gateway Park

June 25

Tuesday, 6:00 pm
Public Arts Advisory Committee Meeting
SIB Govt. Center 4th Floor Conference Room

June 26

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

June 30

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

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. Classes and programs are held in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Sunny Isles Beach Government Center, 18070 Collins Avenue, unless otherwise indicated.

Summer Reading Program

This year's theme is 'A Universe of Stories'

June 8-August 10

For more details on summer reading program activities contact your local library.

Programs for Adults

Basic Computer Classes for Seniors

Tuesday: June 18
10:00-11:00 am inside the library

Citizenship Classes

Saturdays: June 1-29
10:00-11:30 am

Poetry Reading

Saturday: June 8
4:00-5:00 pm

Programs for Children

Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays: June 5-26
6:00-6:30 pm
Ages 3-5 yrs.

Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers

Mondays: June 3-24
10:00-10:40 am inside the library
Ages 19 mo.-3 yrs.

Creative Corner Family Program

Saturdays: June 1-29
11:00 am inside the library

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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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Teens Only Glow Party

Power 96's DJ Zog is featured at this end of school year party.
The first 100 teens in the door will receive a free glow stick!



Thursday, June 6, 7:00–10:00 pm

Pelican Community Park Gymnasium, 18115 North Bay Road

Admission is free for teens only, grades 7–12. Teens must present school identification to enter the event.

Sunset Yoga

Celebrate the Summer Solstice and International Day of Yoga
with a free class led by our City's professional yoga instructor.



Friday, June 21, 8:00–9:00 pm

Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Free parking is available at the Gateway Park garage.