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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

October 2019

Boogie by the Beach



Friday and Saturday
October 25 & 26 • 7:00–10:00 pm

Pelican Community Park
18115 North Bay Road

Costume contest ends
at 9:00 pm each night.

This annual event features two evenings with a haunted house, rides, games and contests. Both nights, the costume contest winners will be announced from the stage at 9:30 pm. Contestants will be awarded first, second and third place prizes in each age group: tot, youth, teen and adult. Three overall prizes will also be awarded for Overall Scariest, Most Original and Best Group.

Wristbands for rides: \$20; or \$5 with a valid City-issued SIB Resident ID Card

Haunted House Admission: \$1 per entry

Free parking is available in the NSE/SIB School parking garage, and in the SIB Government Center parking garage. To receive a free gift, ride the free SIBshuttle within City limits.

For more information and costume contest rules, visit sibfl.net/bbtb or call 305.792.1706.



from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl
Mayor

I am grateful that our city evaded a devastating hurricane last month.

While originally in the center of Hurricane Dorian's projected path, the storm's northward turn spared Sunny Isles Beach a wealth of damage.

I want to commend City staff for their excellent hurricane preparation. Throughout the last year, each department has been working hard to update their emergency management plans, and they far exceeded my expectations.

If you follow us on social media, you know that our City communications greatly improved since the last major storm in 2017. We used social media as an interactive means to relay official City information to residents and visitors as well as answer your questions with accurate, official answers. Our total social media engagement increased greatly; Facebook was up by 266 percent and Twitter was up by 383 percent. This shows you were listening to our important messages. You were the first to know about our sandbag distributions, program updates, and nearly 700 of you signed up for notifications on SIBAlert in just five days. Social media is the best place to find essential hurricane-related information regarding the City of Sunny Isles Beach. Follow @CityofSIB on Facebook and Twitter to stay connected.

We were fortunate that Hurricane Dorian missed us, but that does not mean you should let your guard down. Hurricane season does not officially end until November 30, and as you all know, anything can happen. We had an extended preparation period for Dorian, but next time, we might not be as lucky. Heed the warning of what happened in the Bahamas. Though our city's construction has greatly improved, we might still experience significant impacts. From loss of electricity and running water to inoperable sewage and major flooding, our city's infrastructure could be vulnerable in the event of a strong hurricane.

It is important to keep your hurricane supplies replenished and your evacuation plans up-to-date. If there is an evacuation order for our city, evacuate. Our top priority is the safety of all residents and visitors.

To stay safe, you must stay informed. Visit sibfl.net/hurricane to read more about hurricane preparedness and to sign up for emergency alerts from the City of Sunny Isles Beach.

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Hurricane Relief and Preparation

We want to express a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bahamas hurricane relief supply donations. Together, we filled a 17-foot U-Haul truck with cleaning supplies, toiletries, blankets, tents, portable toilets, and non-perishable food, all of which went to the relief effort in the Bahamas due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Dorian.

We are very grateful the storm did not impact our City, but we must stay prepared for the rest of hurricane season. Keep your supplies replenished and do not throw away your sandbags. In the event of another storm, you will be ready and will not have to scramble at the last minute to purchase the supplies you need. Now is also the time to renew your SIB Resident ID Card. Cardholders received free sandbags to help prepare for the storm, but that is only one of the many benefits this card affords. Renew or apply for your SIB Resident ID Card online at sibfl.net/residentid.

Meet Jon Secada on November 16

Tickets are currently on sale for Music in the Isles, previously known as Jazz Fest. Headlining the concert on Saturday, November 16 is Grammy-award winning artist, Jon Secada. With a career spanning over two decades, three Grammy Awards, 20 million albums sold, and starring roles on Broadway, the acclaimed, romantic sounds of Jon Secada have resulted in numerous hits in English and Spanish, establishing him as one of the first bilingual artists to have international crossover success.

Purchase your tickets early to be en-

tered to win a meet and greet with Jon Secada. Anyone who purchases their tickets online or in person at Pelican Community Park or the SIB Government Center by Friday, November 1 will be entered to win. Five winners will be selected, and each winner can bring up to two guests. Winners will be personally notified by Tuesday, November 5. For more information, visit sibfl.net/music.

College Scholarship Program

It's not too early to begin thinking about college scholarships. The Sunny Isles Beach College Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for 2020. The time to begin preparing is now. Applicants must complete 100 community service hours with the City in addition to writing an essay and submitting two letters of recommendation. Applications are available online at sibfl.net/scholarships. You can also pick up a printed copy at Pelican Community Park or the SIB Government Center if needed. For more information regarding the College Scholarship Program, visit sibfl.net/scholarships.

Beach Cleanup

It's time for another community beach cleanup! On Sunday, October 6, join your neighbors at Samson Oceanfront Park at 8:00 am for our next Beach Cleanup. This is a fun way to help the community, and high school students can earn community service hours. We host activities before and after the cleanup to engage and educate about the importance of keeping our environment clean. For more information, visit sibfl.net/beachcleanups.



A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



The filing of the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget represents my 14th budget as your City Manager. Our assessed value has increased almost \$448 million from last year, and we have a budget that keeps the same millage rate at 2.2 mils per \$1,000 of assessed value. This resulted in an unprecedented third year that our City has proposed a tax rate below the roll back rate. For the next few years, our revenue from growth of our tax base will need to be directed to the Capital Fund expenditures for transportation and pedestrian safety initiatives, utility undergrounding, storm drainage, facilities, and new park development projects. Our City's assessed property tax value will continue to increase over the next three to five fiscal years as the new construction continues on a much slower pace than previous years.

The Police Department, under Chief Snyder's first full year, continued its push to focus on pedestrian and vehicular safety along Collins Avenue. There has been a tremendous effort in education, warnings to motorists and pedestrians alike, and summons issued. Other projects include the Gateway Park interior buildout, which is now underway and will be completed in 2020. This facility will house our senior programs, among other activities. The City continues its utility undergrounding project with the installation of decorative streetlights throughout Collins Avenue, and Florida Power & Light

authorized electrical contractors are in the process of wiring the new system along Collins Avenue and the Atlantic Boulevard corridor.

Plans for the pedestrian bridge over Collins Avenue at 180 Street are well underway and expected to be completed and out to bid by the end of this calendar year. We recently obtained the necessary easements to commence planning and design of the pedestrian bridge over Collins Avenue at 174 Street to Samson Oceanfront Park. We have been awarded grant funding through the state of Florida for both of these bridges, thanks to the help of our State representatives.

The Public Art Trust Fund total budget is \$695,628, an increase of \$62,447 from the prior year. With the Public Arts Advisory Committee's creation of a multi-phased public art plan under parameters that were jointly established with the Commission, this Fund becomes an important asset. The PAAC's first effort, the creation of a meditation garden located in the western area of Town Center Park, will utilize this fund as well as possible community funding.

The Capital Improvement Program concentrates on the development of parks, infrastructure, and rehabilitation of our facilities including major road resurfacing, infrastructure upgrades, and expansion. The City has been successful in leveraging City dollars to obtain grant awards and legislative appropriations for some capital projects and continues

to seek these where possible. Significant projects include \$7 million for the interior build out of Gateway Park, \$2.5 million to rebuild the Golden Shores Stormwater pump station, an additional \$1 million for the pedestrian bridge at the Government Center, and \$1 million added to the utility undergrounding project.

The 2019-20 Fiscal Year Budget is a financial plan that provides a full scope of high quality municipal services. This budget provides the required resources for us to complete all the great parks, facilities, infrastructure, and other amenities that make our community so desirable.

I want to express my thanks to our Mayor and Commissioners for their input and support throughout the year. The work of our dedicated department heads and staff does not go unnoticed or underappreciated. While it is a group that brings the budget together, I would be remiss not to point out our dedicated, hard-working Finance Department, under the leadership of Tiffany Neely. The City continues to maintain fiscal strength and stability. This budget enables the City of Sunny Isles Beach to continue its quality of life as a thriving and safe community that cherishes its location, unites in its diversity and evolves to meet the continuous challenges that greet us every day.

The 2019-2020 budget is now available on the City website at sibfl.net/financial-reporting.

You Represent the Resilience of Our Community

from the desk of Vice Mayor Larisa Svechin



Our community is rich. It has rich and diverse cultures, languages, and customs; we have the ocean and the beach; we are artists, poets, professionals, business owners, and parents; and we have more parks and places of worship than any city our size. With all we have, sometimes we still feel alone, disenfranchised, excluded, and forgotten.

It is time to fortify our community. The highly educated elites, the ones with the capital and connections, are a part of our community, but we have many others.

As someone once wrote, the best local government is personal, interactive, caring, and based on a shared history of reciprocity and trust. It is the average SIB resident that populates the churches, synagogues, PTA, dance classes, and Facebook groups that characterize us.

Building a unified community requires all of us to be heard. The choices we make today affect the future generations. Our thriving city requires active communication among residents and policy makers. I call on all of you to engage, debate, and cooperate in the social and political processes. You define what Sunny Isles Beach is today and will be tomorrow.

Aristotle said, "man is the only animal whom [nature] has endowed with the gift of speech," and citizens must engage with local government. By rational participation, we create a shared identity. Next time you pass someone on the street, say hello. Next time you see a posting for a city meeting, attend. Be the voice you want to be heard.

I welcome you to reach out to me directly at 305.792.1754 or by email at lsvechin@sibfl.net.

Working Toward a Better Environment

from the desk of Commissioner Dana Goldman



I recently heard about the great actions some of our condominiums and businesses are taking to improve our community and environment. With all of the ecological challenges we are facing today, this is excellent news to hear and to share.

A multifamily building in SIB that is adjacent to several hundred feet of public space, has officially removed glyphosate from usage in lawn maintenance and landscaping on its common elements and area properties. Glyphosate is a prevalent, yet contentious herbicide found in weed killers, such as Roundup. The negative effects of glyphosate are well documented and known. And discontinuing the use of harmful products with glyphosate, such as Roundup, is one important step that some are taking to seek solutions to our environmental issues.

This is a great example of how our residents work together to protect the local environment. Eliminating the use of products with glyphosate protects the health and safety of maintenance workers by reducing their risk of exposure, as well as our community as a whole by also minimizing the chemicals in our environment that we all share.

It's a win-win for all. Let this decision to quit using products with glyphosate serve as a call to action for the rest of our condominium associations and homeowners. This is one positive narrative that I hope all other buildings in our city will follow. Collectively, we can work to make our community the best it can be. Together, you can lead by example while protecting our quality of life.

For more information, my email is dgoldman@sibfl.net and my direct phone number is 305.792.1753.

Behind the Scenes with the Building Department: Flood Protection



The City of Sunny Isles Beach is particularly susceptible to flooding from major rain events and storm surge. SIB lies close to sea level and its underground water supply is just below the ground surface. Therefore, major rain events sometimes leave rainwater nowhere to drain, causing occasional flooding. Your property may be high enough that it has not been flooded during recent storms, however, it can still be flooded in the event of a worse future storm. Now is the time to be prepared and protect yourself and your property.

Contact the Building Department at 305.947.2150 to obtain information on City-offered flood services including map determinations, copies of elevation certificates, and recommendations on possible improvements to protect your home from flooding.

Maintain drains, ditches, and streams clear of debris. Report illegal dumping at 305.792.1711.

Talk to your insurance agent about obtaining flood insurance.

Be aware of flood warning notices issued by the National Weather Service.

Shut off your gas and electricity and move valuable content to higher places.

For more information relating to Flood Protection, visit our website at sibfl.net/flood-protection or call the Building Department at 305.947.2150.



October 2

Wednesday, 10:00 am
Special Magistrate Hearing: Code Enforcement Violations
SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

October 3

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

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Thursday, 5:00 pm
Cultural Event: Jungle Queen Dinner Cruise
Fort Lauderdale, FL

October 4

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

October 5

Saturday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
Concert & Cars on the Green
Heritage Park

October 6

Sunday, 8:00-10:00 am
Beach Cleanup
Samson Oceanfront Park

October 9

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

October 10

Thursday, 9:00 am–noon
Blood Pressure and Glucose Screening
SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

October 10

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

October 10

Thursday, 6:45 pm
Cultural Event: *Les Misérables*
Broward Center for the Performing Arts

October 11

Friday, 7:00-10:00 pm
Teens Only: Murder Mystery Dinner
Pelican Community Park

October 12

Saturday, 7:30 pm
What a Night! at Gateway LIVE!
Gateway Park

October 13

Sunday, 6:30 pm
Full Moon Yoga
Samson Oceanfront Park

October 14

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

October 16

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

October 17

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

October 23

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

October 25, 26

Friday & Saturday, 7:00-10:00 pm
Boogie by the Beach
Pelican Community Park

October 26

Saturday, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Shred-A-Thon &
DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back
Bill Bird Marina, Haulover Park

October 27

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.

Programs for Adults

Basic Introduction to Computers for ages 55+

Tuesday: October 15
10:00–11:00 am inside the library

Citizenship Classes

Saturdays: October 5–26
10:00–11:30 am

Poetry Reading

Saturday: October 12
4:00–5:00 pm

Russian Social Club

Saturday: October 19
3:30–5:30 pm

Programs for Children

Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays: October 2–30
6:00-6:30 pm inside the library
Ages 3-5 yrs.

Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers

Mondays: October 7–28
10:00–10:40 am
Ages 19 mo.–3 yrs.

Creative Corner Family Program

Saturdays: October 5–26
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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Concert & Cars on the Green

Come out to the park and view the best custom
and classic cars in South Florida.

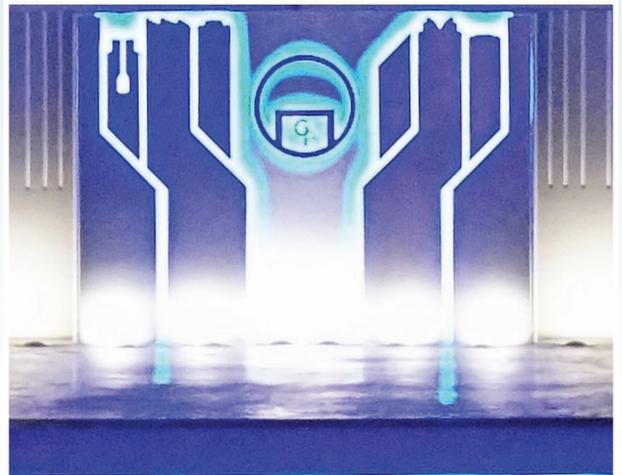


Saturday, October 5 • 10:00 am–3:00 pm
Heritage Park • 19200 Collins Avenue

Admission is free. Free parking is available in the Heritage Park garage or under the William Lehman Causeway. Ride the free SIBshuttle within City limits.

What a Night! At Gateway LIVE!

Come and join us for an evening of
Jersey Boys Meets Mamma Mia



Saturday, October 12 • 7:30 pm
Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Admission is \$10 or free with a valid City-issued SIB Resident ID Card. Tickets are on sale at the SIB Government Center, Pelican Community Park and online at sibevents.ticketleap.com. There will be free parking at the Gateway Park garage.