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JUNE 2025

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 30

Living in South Florida means preparing for hurricane season every year. Now is the time to prepare if you haven't already. Whether you're new to the area, have never experienced a hurricane, or have lived in Sunny Isles Beach for many years – this guide will help you prepare, stay safe, and know what to do before, during, and after the storm.

WHAT IS A HURRICANE?

A hurricane is a powerful tropical storm that forms over warm ocean waters. These storms are categorized by wind speed:

Category	Sustained Winds	Types of Damage Due to Hurricane Winds
1	74 -95 mph	Some damage likely
2	96 – 110 mph	Extensive damage possible
3 (Major)	111 – 129 mph	Devastating damage
4 (Major)	130 – 156 mph	Catastrophic damage
5 (Major)	157 mph or higher	Widespread destruction

KNOW YOUR ZONE

Sunny Isles Beach is located in evacuation Zone B.

If a Category 2 hurricane or stronger is approaching, this zone may be ordered to evacuate due to life-threatening storm surge. Stay alert and be ready to act.

BUILD A HURRICANE KIT

Build an emergency supply kit that can sustain you and your family for 3 – 7 days. A few basics to keep stocked:

- ☐ 1 gallon of drinking water per person, per day
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Non-perishable canned and dry foods
- ☐ Sanitation products

For a full checklist, visit sibfl.gov/hurricane.

BEFORE THE **STORM:**

MAKE A PLAN

Evacuation: Know where you'll go if an evacuation order is issued. Your destination doesn't have to be far – just outside of the flood-prone area. For evacuation centers, visit miamidade.gov/hurricane.

Include Pets: Don't leave pets behind. Look for pet-friendly shelters at miamidade.gov/animals.

Special Needs?

Register in advance for evacuation assistance if you need medical help, transportation, or daily care: call 305.513.7700 or visit miamidade.gov/hurricane.

CO Detector: Check your carbon monoxide detector's battery.

PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

Trees: Trim trees before hurricane season. Use a certified arborist and never remove more than 25% of the canopy. Clear out branches and schedule bulk pickup.

Storm Drains: Help prevent flooding by keeping leaves, debris, and trash out of drains and streets.

Yards & Balconies: Bring in or secure furniture, planters, and décor that could become projectiles in strong winds.

STAY INFORMED

Sign up for emergency alerts from:

City of Sunny Isles Beach | sibfl.gov/sibalert
Miami-Dade County | miamidade.gov/hurricane or
download the Ready MDC App
City emails | sibfl.gov/notifyme

DURING THE **STORM:**

Stay Connected: Follow updates from the City's website, social media, SIBAlert, local media, and the My Sunny Isles Beach mobile app. Also monitor the storm through our local media including local TV stations and radio.

Include Pets: Don't leave pets behind. Look for pet-friendly shelters at miamidade.gov/animals.

Power Safety: Be ready to turn off electricity if there's flooding or downed power lines.

Water Supply: Fill clean water containers and bathtubs with water.

Electronics: Keep your cell phone and electronics charged.

Community Support: Check with neighbors, especially senior adults or those needing extra help.

Important Contacts: *For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

Sunny Isles Beach Police Department Non-emergency
305.947.4440

Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Non-emergency
786.331.5000

Sunny Isles Beach Customer Service | 305.792.1706

Miami-Dade County | 311

NMB Water | 305.948.2960

***Report downed power lines or outages to FPL at 1-800-4-OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243). Call 911 for emergencies.**

AFTER THE STORM:

Power and Gas: If your home has been damaged, shut off electricity and gas to reduce the risk of fire, electrocution, or explosions.

Floodwater Warning: Never walk or drive through standing water. It may be deeper or more dangerous than it looks.

Downed Power Lines: Stay far away from any downed or exposed wires and report them immediately.

Document Damage: Take photos or videos of your home and belongings to document storm damage. Save all receipts for repairs and cleaning – this is important for insurance claims.

Report Issues: Use the My Sunny Isles Beach mobile app to report flooding and downed trees.

Gas Leaks: If you smell gas or suspect a leak:

- Turn off the main gas valve
- Open windows to let air in
- Leave the house immediately
- Call your gas company from a safe location

Safe Lighting: Use battery-powered flashlights or lanterns. Avoid candles. If you must use them, place them in sturdy holders away from anything flammable.

Prevent Mosquito Breeding: After the storm, empty standing water from anything that collects rainwater.

MORE RESOURCES:

STATE RESOURCES | [FLORIDADISASTER.ORG](https://www.floridadisaster.org)

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESOURCES | [MIAMIDADE.GOV/HURRICANE](https://www.miamidade.gov/hurricane)

FEMA | [DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) | 800.621.FEMA (3362)

FPL | 1.800.468.8243

STAY SAFE. STAY INFORMED.



SIBAlert

SIBAlert is the City's official emergency notification system that keeps you informed before, during, and after a storm.

Get timely alerts by:

- Text message
- Email
- Phone call

Don't wait. Sign up today at sibfl.gov/sibalert.

YOUR NEXT COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSION:

Topic: Hurricane Preparedness
Wednesday, June 4, 2025
3 - 5 PM

*Commission Chambers, Government
Center, 18070 Collins Avenue*

Stan Morris, *City Manager*
Building Department
Sunny Isles Beach Police Department
Code Compliance
Miami-Dade County Department of
Emergency Management

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSION



UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING FOR NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ORDINANCE CHANGES

JOIN US ON JULY 1 AT 6:00 PM IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM



The City invites residents, developers, and community stakeholders to attend a public meeting on **Tuesday, July 1 at 6 p.m.** to learn about important updates to local ordinances affecting **single-family home construction**.

During the meeting, city planning staff will present proposed amendments aimed at improving residential design standards and clarifying regulations. Topics will include:

- **Setback Encroachments:** Updated regulations for how far structures can extend into required yard setbacks.

- **Fence Standards:** Clarifying the design, height, and placement of residential fencing.
- **Minimum Landscape Requirements:** New standards to enhance landscaping and promote greener neighborhoods.

This is a valuable opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and stay informed about changes that may impact future residential projects. We encourage everyone with an interest in local development to attend and participate.

Mayor's Mentoring Circle

Mayor Larisa Svechin

I'm excited to share an update on the Mayor's Mentoring Circle, a hands-on program for teens that just wrapped up its latest session. Nine teens completed this free, eight-week program, where they met with me, to gain practical skills for their next steps. The session ends with the school year, and I'm now gearing up for a summer mini session starting in July.

This session, we focused on real-world tools: writing resumes, applying to magnet programs, landing internships, and gaining hands-on work experience. The teens also learned how to find references, communicate professionally with adults, and follow business etiquette.

I brought in successful business and community leaders to share tips, had former mentees talk about their paths, and practiced problem-solving through real-life scenarios. Meeting with this special constituency throughout the school year was fulfilling for me as well.

The upcoming summer mini session will keep the same practical focus and will be limited to eight teens to ensure personalized attention. Parents, to get your teen approved, text me at 917.751.1565. Spots are first-come, first-served, and this program is 100% free.

Here's what we covered this session:

- Building resumes that stand out
- Applying to magnet programs and internships
- Gaining hands-on work experience
- Finding and securing references
- Professional communication and workplace etiquette
- Problem-solving for real-world challenges
- Talks from business leaders and past mentees



The Mentoring Circle is about giving teens the tools they need to succeed right now. The summer session will offer more of the same: direct guidance, actionable skills, and a small group setting.

If your teen is ready to get a head start on their future, text me to reserve a spot. I can't wait to work with the next group of teens and help them hit the ground running.

Together, we will continue building a city government that reflects the best of Sunny Isles Beach: smart, efficient, and responsive to the people it serves.

Contact Mayor Larisa Svechin at mayor@sibfl.net or call [305.792.1754](tel:305.792.1754).

Commission Recap

Below are some of the key approvals and decisions made by the City Commission at the May 15, 2025 meeting. For the full agenda and meeting recordings, visit sibfl.gov/meetings.

Additional Red-Light Cameras

The City Commission approved the addition of four red-light cameras at the following intersections:

- Collins Avenue & 174 Street (northbound and southbound)
- Collins Avenue & Sunny Isles Boulevard (northbound and southbound)

Installation is expected in July. To learn more about the existing red-light cameras in the City, visit sibfl.gov/red-light-cameras.

Flood Damage Prevention

The City Commission approved the first reading of an ordinance amending its floodplain management regulations to maintain eligibility for the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS) Class 8 rating, which provides flood insurance premium discounts to residents. The revised ordinance requires that all manufactured homes and similar structures such as sales trailer and construction sites offices, which are placed, replaced, or substantially improved within Special Flood Hazard Areas be elevated, in accordance with updated federal standards. A second reading will take place at the June City Commission meeting.

CALENDAR

JUNE OF EVENTS

2025 Florida Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

June 1 - 14

For a list of qualifying items, visit floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep.

DBPR Resident Support Session

Wednesday, June 4

12 - 2 PM

Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.
By appointment only at sibfl.gov/events.

Bingo

June 4, 11, 18, 25

Wednesdays | 3 - 4 PM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Community Drop-In Session: Hurricane Preparedness

Wednesday, June 4

3 - 5 PM

Commission Chambers, Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Casting with a Cop

Sunday, June 8

9 AM - 2 PM

Newport Fishing Pier, 16501 Collins Ave.
Price: \$5
Sunny Isles Beach residents only.

Teen Talk

Tuesday, June 10

6 - 7 PM

The Spot, 215 185 St.

Full Moon Yoga on the Beach

Wednesday, June 11

7:45 - 8:45 PM

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

City Commission Workshop: Agenda Review

Friday, June 13

10 AM

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

Cultural Trip: Jungle Island

Friday, June 13

10 AM - 2 PM

Bus will depart from and return to Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Price: \$65
Resident ID Cardholders: \$45

Teens Only: School's Out Game Night

Friday, June 13

7 - 9 PM

The Spot, 215 185 St.

Beach Cleanup

Saturday, June 14

8 - 11 AM

Newport Fishing Pier, 16501 Collins Ave.



City Commission Workshop: Special Presentations & Discussion Items

Tuesday, June 17

3 PM

Commission Chambers, Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Regular City Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 17

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers, Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Federal Holiday: Juneteenth

Thursday, June 19

City facilities closed.
SIBshuttle will run regularly.
Parks open regular hours.

Cultural Trip: Vizcaya Museum & Gardens

Friday, June 20

11 AM - 3 PM

Bus will depart from and return to Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Price: \$70
Resident ID Cardholders: \$50

Senior Roundtable

Wednesday, June 25

12 - 1 PM

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

Cultural Trip: Delray Yacht Cruises

Friday, June 27

12 - 3:45 PM

Bus will depart from and return to Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Price: \$55
Resident ID Cardholders: \$35

28th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 29

6 - 10 PM

Samson Oceanfront Park, 17425 Collins Ave.
Price: \$50
Resident ID Cardholders: FREE
Pre-registration is required.

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

Disclosure: Events are subject to change.

Miami-Dade County Sunny Isles Beach Branch

JUNE **LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

Chess Club (ages 9+)

Tuesday, June 3, 10
4 - 6 PM

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

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

Pokemania Event for Kids (ages 8 -14)

Saturday, June 7
1 - 2 PM

Registration is required, contact
vazquezh@mdpls.org or call
305.682.0726.

Citizenship Class (ages 19+)

Saturday, June 14, 21, 28
10 AM - 12 PM

Homework Help and Tutoring (students grades K-12)

Saturday, June 14, 21, 28
10 AM - 1 PM

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

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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.







# 28<sup>th</sup>

# ANNIVERSARY *CELEBRATION*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29 / 6 - 10 PM**

*Samson Oceanfront Park, 17425 Collins Ave*

**FIREWORKS | MUSIC | BBQ**

*Price: \$50 / Resident ID Cardholders: FREE*

**[SIBFL.GOV/ANNIVERSARY](http://SIBFL.GOV/ANNIVERSARY)**

*Pre-registration is required by Friday, June 27.*



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