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THE FALL REPORT *from our* **Mayor**



George 'Bud' Scholl, Mayor

A reporter writing an article for a local magazine recently asked me, "With over a dozen communities to choose from in Northeast Miami-Dade County, what makes Sunny Isles Beach stand out?"

Well, I thought, that would be an easy one to answer. Then I realized that there are so many aspects that make our community unique, narrowing my response may not be as simple as I thought! First and foremost, people make a community what it is. I have written other articles about our unique melting pot of residents and still feel very strongly that the multi-cultural dimension of our City makes it stand out. Then there are all the wonderful amenities that come with being a resident of Sunny Isles Beach. We have one of the most active community engagement programs in not just Miami-Dade County, but all of Florida. There is not a day, week or month that goes by that a resident, of any age, could not find something interesting to attend or actively participate in. Our community sponsors farmers markets, yoga instruction, after school programs, classic car shows, live music, bingo, outdoor movies, sporting events, summer camps and cultural trips, just to name a few. The city staff and commission are constantly evaluating new ideas to bring additional offerings to our residents. Then there is the incredible coast line along our beachfront. The architecture that has been created within our City is a visual feast for anyone who appreciates these elements. And then of course, there is our new pier. Our pier is not just for fishing! Strolling out onto the pier and enjoying the fresh sea air and incredible panorama created from the vantage point out into the ocean is another unique aspect of our community. As you can see by now, I could go on and on, but the reporter was only writing an article and not a book!



FALL FESTIVITIES

BOOGIE by the Beach



A Look from the Inside Our Residents Come First

by Christopher J. Russo, City Manager

The needs of the Sunny Isles Beach residents are the top priority in everything City staff does as directed by the City Commission. There are more than a few noteworthy initiatives underway in our City. The biggest projects in progress include: the Pedestrian/Emergency Bridge from 174 to 172 Street, the rehabilitation of 174 Street, the renovations to Samson Oceanfront Park, the completion of Gateway Park, and the development of the property on the north side of the Government Center to address school expansion, senior and community needs. I want to take you behind the scenes of three management decisions which took into account the impact on the quality of life for our residents.

Bids were recently received for the construction of the pedestrian/emergency bridge. This project is being constructed in close proximity to about 3600 condominium units. We evaluated the low bidder's recommendations for what is called Value Engineering (VE). The bidder made recommendations to further reduce the price by changing some of the methodology for construction. In this case, the City could save money by revising the installation method for the concrete piles that will hold up the bridge. The plans call for casings to be vibrated into the bedrock under the water of the canal. The crew would drill down through this tubular casing and pour cement in the casing to form the pile.

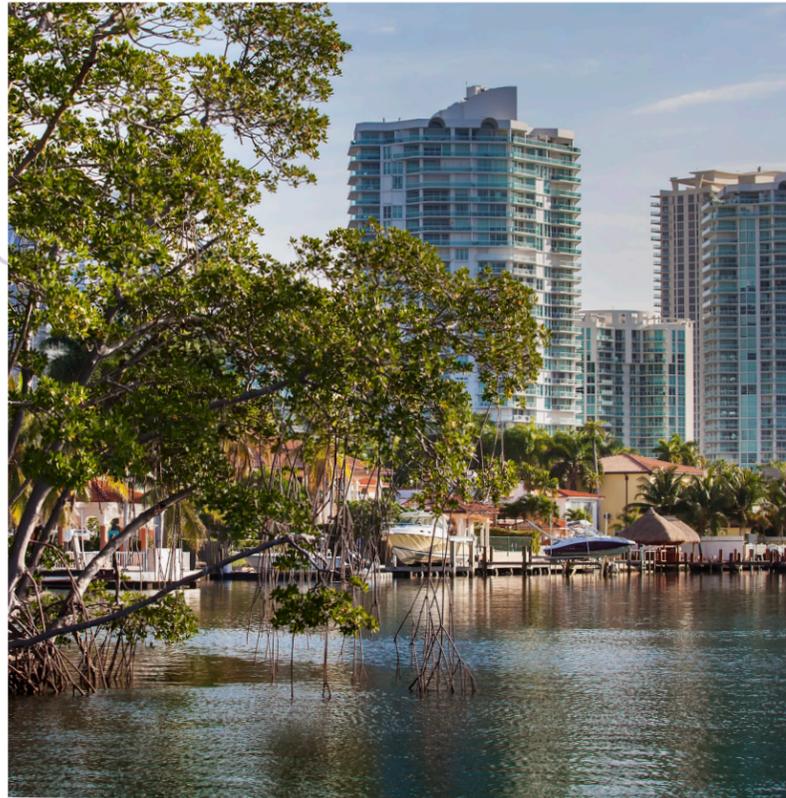
The low bidder had offered to reduce the cost and time to install the piles by hammering in precast concrete piles, rather than drilling. This suggestion, and a few others, was investigated by engineers, inspectors, consultants and administrators. It was decided that the significant increase in noise from the constant hammering, was not in the best interest of our residents. This hammering precast method, was therefore rejected.

We have also started the long awaited rehabilitation of 174 Street. The challenge with this project is to minimize the impact to the residents of Winston Towers and all those who travel 174 Street. Staff has taken great care to break down the project into sections. That will limit the inconvenience to our residents and provide unimpeded access for all using the street.

A major renovation to Samson Oceanfront Park is currently out to bid. These improve-

ments will close the park, and all its amenities, for approximately 18 months. An access to the beach from Collins Avenue will be maintained during this time. A primary consideration became how to offset the impact on our residents who use that beach access daily. Staff developed a plan to provide services on the beach for residents to have chairs, umbrellas and other necessities available during this time.

These three examples only touch on the many times which the residents come first in the decision making process. Our quality of life is well worth the added costs, the extra effort and the extended time it may take to get a job done. By planning ahead and covering any contingencies, we know the process will be a little more tolerable for our number one customer, the residents of Sunny Isles Beach.



8th Annual SIB Jazz Fest

Come out for this spectacular annual event!



Join fellow jazz lovers at an open air concert full of sensational music to celebrate *A Moment in Time*.

Jazz Fest will take place **Saturday, November 21**. This year will feature artists Maryel Epps, Shenita Hunt, Lianne Lyons and Carole Ann Taylor. The main event will be at **Heritage Park**, 19200 Collins Avenue, **from 7:00 to 10:00 pm**. Tickets go on sale July 1 at Pelican Community Park, the Government Center and at sibjazzfest.ticketleap.com. Tickets at the gate will be cash sales only and gates open at 6:00 pm. Pricing for general admission is \$10 with SIB Resident ID Card and \$15 without. VIP tickets are \$50 and include seating, food and beverages. General admission patrons must bring their own seating and may purchase food and beverages from vendors. Beer and wine proceeds benefit Joshua's Heart Foundation.

Chief's Corner

BACK TO SCHOOL: Bullying

by School Resource Officer Patty Gonzalez

As a school resource officer I've seen first-hand how bullying is a commonly used term that is often misused. We hope to inform you of what bullying is and is not and how to properly handle it. Bullying is habitual behavior which harms or intimidates a smaller or weaker person directly or indirectly through words or actions. For example, a common form of bullying often overlooked because of its subtlety is: every time Mary comes near, her peers huddle close, intentionally excluding her. In this situation Mary could be an adult walking into her workplace or a student walking into her classroom.

Bullying is NOT an insult or shove, or even a fight, if it only happens once or because of

something that happened previously. Adults and children insist upon using the word bullying instead of describing a particular single incident. Rarely do particular incidents, which are a part of life, recur over a period of time to become bullying. Being a mean or selfish person doesn't necessarily make them a bully. A fight over a game or a spot in line isn't bullying unless it becomes consistently repetitive. An offhanded mean comment about someone's appearance isn't bullying unless it is habitual.

Because there are legitimate bullying incidents, the next article will cover how to properly deal with bullying, so that it doesn't persist and instead becomes a constructive life learning experience during child development.



Join us for family entertainment, children's rides, games, face painting, contests, our famous 2-story Haunted House and much more!

**Friday and Saturday
October 30 and 31
from 7:00—10:00 pm each night**

Pelican Community Park
18115 North Bay Road

Each trip through
the Haunted House is \$1.

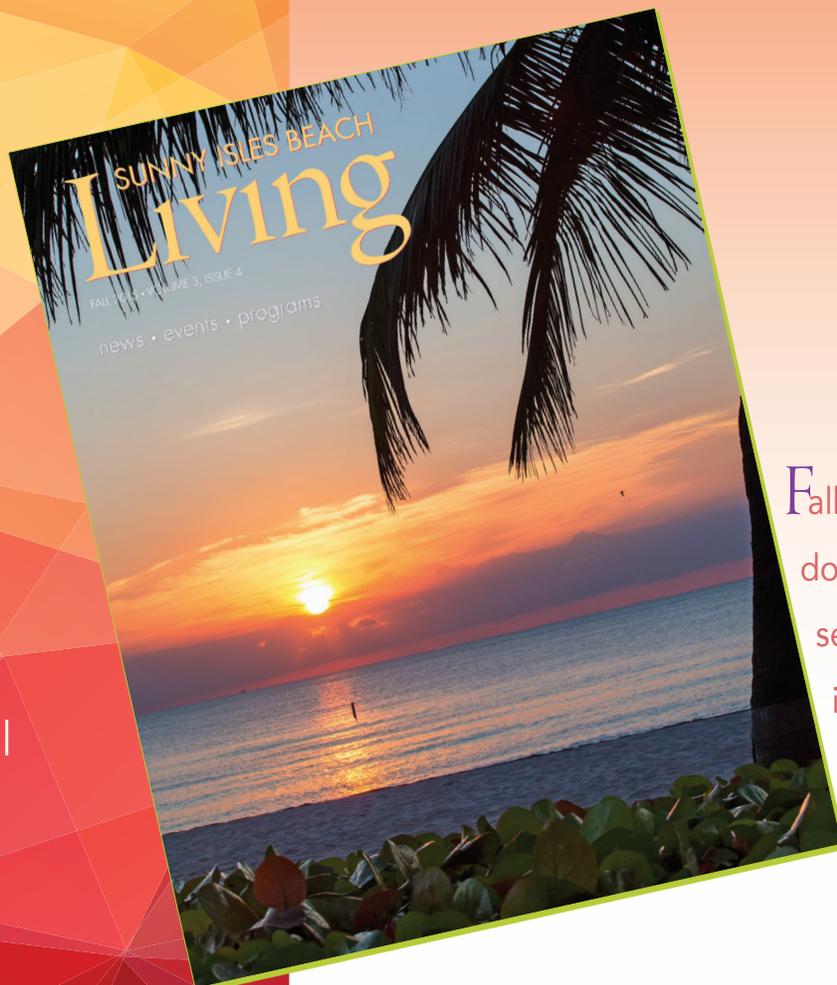
Wristbands are required for rides.
The wristband does not include
the Haunted House.

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