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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

November 2016

Family Movie Nights

A new season of Family Movie Nights is set to begin on **Friday, November 4** with *Aladdin* at Heritage Park. And, as our residents know, it's always a double feature! For those that cannot make it on



Friday, the same movie will also show on **Saturday night, November 5** at Town Center Park. Bring your chairs or a blanket to get comfortable on the lawn.

Movie-themed activities begin at 7:00 pm with the show starting at 7:30 pm.

January 6 and 7

Sponge Bob:

Sponge Out of Water

February 3 and 4

Angry Birds

March 3 and 4

Finding Dory



from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl
Mayor

Until Hurricane Matthew, this hurricane season had a lot of storms but few threats to South Florida.

We were very lucky to have such a powerful storm, in close proximity of our coast line, resulting with minimal issues. However, we were still very prepared.

Even though Miami-Dade County never officially came under a Hurricane Warning (we were under a Tropical Storm Warning), given that the county line just above Golden Beach was the southern edge of the Hurricane Warning zone, we still needed to be vigilant. As an individual home owner, there is a lot to do to prepare for a hurricane. As a City, proper preparation is a very big challenge.

Our Building and Code Enforcement Departments need to ensure that all construction sites and single family homes are secure. This includes mitigating the potential for flying debris, making sure cranes are properly cared for and fencing is secured. I am pleased to report that our Building Official, Clay Parker, his staff, and Code Enforcement did a great job in getting to these sites early to verify they would not create problems. Our Cultural and Community Services team has to deal with securing the parks and public spaces that we enjoy. This includes removing canopies, removing benches and securing equipment. Susan Simpson and her staff had everything taken care of in preparation for the storm. Our Public Works staff have to deal with securing equipment, ensuring our drainage systems are prepared for the onslaught of rain and dealing with securing our public buildings. Rob Williamson and the rest of our Public Works folks had everything prepared and protected.

During storm preparedness, especially when we face mandatory evacuations, law enforcement is a key component to keeping people safe. Our officers were out on extra shift duty before, during and after the storm. Fortunately, we had no material incidents, however the level of engagement and visibility that was demonstrated by Chief Maas and his team ensured we all remained safe and secure. Every preparedness planning effort needs a leader and in the case of our City, this is the City Manager, Chris Russo. He stayed in constant coordination with the various staff members throughout the event. On the day of the storm Chris and I rode throughout the City to check on everyone and determine any damage assessments. We have the added benefit of our City Manager living within our City, so Chris ensures that our collective home is well taken care of.

Fortunately, Hurricane Matthew spared us. Due to a dedicated and proactive team of professionals, the City of Sunny Isles Beach hoped for the best, but was prepared for the worst!

A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



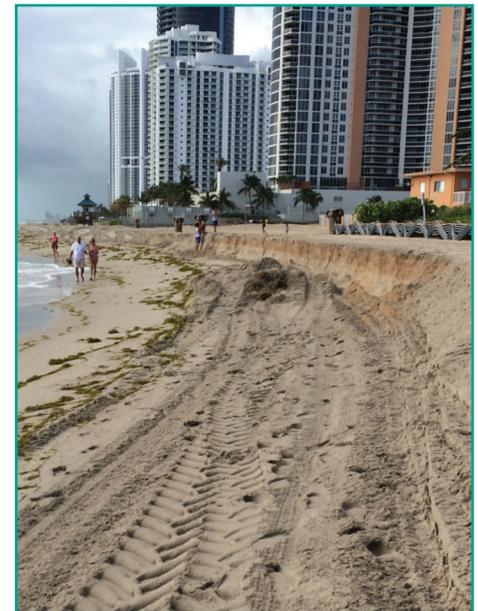
With the near miss of Hurricane Matthew on October 6th the City was fortunate in many ways. Notably, in the minimal amount of precious sand that was lost from our beach. Coincidentally, the City just recently received an update on the long awaited beach re-nourishment project by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Miami-Dade County.

I am happy to report that the USACE, in conjunction with the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County, have informed us that the project has the necessary funding to go forward in the next calendar year. Our beach is one of the highest priorities in Southeast Florida, second only to Miami Beach, for federal beach re-nourishment assistance. Miami Beach is currently undergoing a re-nourishment from USACE and their project is well underway with expected completion early next year.

Based upon the experience in Miami Beach, the USACE will manage the project and will start with the preparation of the bid documents for the letting of a contract to haul sand onto our beach from other parts of the State. Most likely the sand will come from mines in the middle of Florida. The bid package will then be publicly advertised by USACE in March of 2017, with a contract award to the successful

contractor by the end of May. Once the award is made, there are still technical aspects of the process and permitting requirements to be fulfilled. Staging areas need to be determined, access points for the trucks bringing the sand onto the beach at strategic points need to be identified. All of this requires the input and cooperation of several agencies led by the USACE. The actual placement of the sand is expected to commence on or about September of 2017 with a completion date in early 2018. This schedule is clearly subject to change depending on the methods of obtaining the sand, transporting it to Sunny Isles Beach, and weather factors over the next 18 months.

The City, with the assistance of the USACE, is working on two additional projects which will further mitigate the erosion of sand from our beach. First, the existing breakwater structures, offshore at the north end of our City, were recently inspected by divers and found to be in need of rehabilitation. The other project is the placement of structures under the City owned Newport Fishing Pier. The new Pier, with its concrete cast piles, left much wider unobstructed openings for water and sand to flow south. This new dynamic has exacerbated beach erosion in the im-



mediate vicinity of the Pier. These structures will certainly help stabilize the sand in that area.

When the re-nourishment project is completed, the result will be over 260,000 cubic yards of sand being placed on our beach over the next calendar year. This will represent the second largest beach re-nourishment in our City's history. The first project was in 2001. We are very thankful for the support of our elected officials at the County and State level, and for the cooperation of the County staff and the Army Corps of Engineers, without whom this project would never happen.

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Giving Greatness

As the holidays approach, we find ourselves in a festive and giving spirit. There is a little known group of Super Givers at the Sunny Isles Beach After School Program (ASP) at Pelican Community Park. Led by Youth Recreation Supervisor Don Alcime, who has always believed strongly in giving back to the community, the ASP has shattered records for toy drives 2 years in a row. Partnering with the creative Events Specialist Darrin Graumann, they have developed a program to reward our givers with something that very few in the South Florida area get to do; get up close and personal with a real reindeer!

In December of 2015, the ASP collected more than 750 new, unwrapped toys. Don and his team of counselors, on their own time, delivered these toys to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood. The hospital was ecstatic to see how many gifts they received that would bring joy to so many children who would have to spend the holidays at the hospital.

Don has challenged us all to increase our donations this year. He has set the goal of 1,000 toys to spread our giving this year to another local hospital. ASP students and counsellors create a contest among themselves to see which group donates the most. The students are well aware of where their gifts go and some have shared that they asked their parent to give a gift to the drive knowing

it was one less gift for themselves. We thank the parents that we know are behind the gifts.

You too can get in the spirit of the holiday season. Find your own rewarding way to give, even if it is just a free smile, holding the door for someone, or helping a neighbor with their packages. Not all gifts have to be record breaking to mean the world to someone else.

Thank you to Don and his team for showing our South Florida community just how generous the Sunny Isles Beach family is. Great job!

Information Overload

The City makes a great effort in communicating information to our residents through multiple avenues. Especially during a storm, as we had in October, we encourage everyone to stay tuned to the local major news stations for updates and evacuation information. This is mainly due to the fact that we may have to evacuate and will not have the best resources or information for you, whereas news stations will. However, this does not mean that we are not communicating while we can. We still utilize web, email, and social media to get out the information that we can, while we can. If it is important to you to get City specific information, sign up now for our email blasts and follow us on social media (@CityofSIB). It is easy to register now when there isn't a state of emergency. Visit sibfl.net to sign up or for more information.



Bumpy Collins Avenue: A Little Sacrifice for a Safer Future

from the desk of Commissioner Isaac Aelion



A few months ago our City commuters had noticed that Collins Avenue began to have a two-tone asphalt look with bumpy areas along the roadway. This is a result of the undergrounding project of the power lines along the avenue.

Everyone remembers what happened when Hurricane Wilma hit our area 11 years ago. It caused many downed power lines which dangerously exposed residents trying to walk outside or driving around, to possible serious bodily injury. This project is well underway and on schedule. Immediately following the completion of this phase of the project, anticipated for April 2017, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), will commence their year-long work to upgrade signalization and crosswalks, and resurface the whole of Collins Avenue, from the entrance to the City in the south end, all the way to the northern boundary at the entrance to the City of Golden Beach.

Upon completion of the FDOT work and the transfer of all of the utility lines to the new underground conduit, the sidewalks on the east side of Collins Avenue will also be upgraded to match the completed west sidewalk of the avenue. Once the resurfacing and sidewalk upgrades are completed, it will once again be pleasurable and safer to drive along the avenue which is the main vehicular artery within Sunny Isles Beach.

Commissioner Aelion can be reached at 305-792-1700.

The Goal of Building a Senior Community Center

from the desk of Commissioner Dana Goldman



As a City Commissioner, I made a commitment to improve the quality of life for our senior citizens by advocating for programs that enhance their social and educational options. A year ago, the City planned to build a Senior Community Center in the proposed Government Annex to be located adjacent to City Hall. Recently, the Commission decided to delay the construction of this project due to the pending negotiations with Miami-Dade County School District regarding the “district jumpers”—the out of boundary students. This delay will prolong the construction of the much needed Senior Community Center.

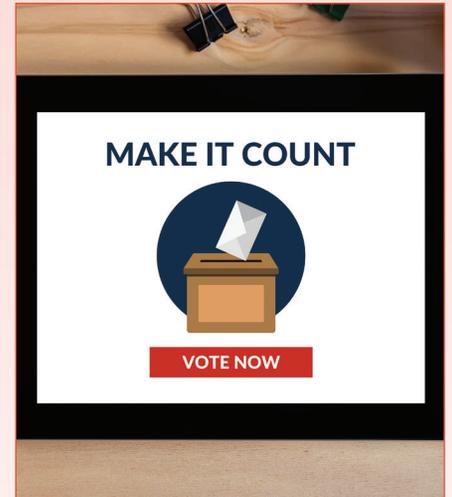
I asked my colleagues on the Commission at a recent meeting to look at the sales center parcel on 158th Street and Collins Avenue as a potential new senior center site. This site was donated to the City and we will gain full control of it within the next two years. This is a cost effective site because it has an existing building which can be converted quickly. Renovating a building is more economical than building from the ground up. This site also has parking for use by seniors who prefer to drive instead of using the City’s Shuttle Bus.

The City Commission has agreed to look into the feasibility of creating a senior center at the sales center parcel. We hope one day to realize the goal of constructing a Senior Community Center that will enrich the lives of our senior citizens.

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Office of the Clerk

November 8 General Election



Local, State and Federal candidates are running for office on the ballot this fall. Voters may also be asked to vote for referendums at the local level or constitutional amendments at the state level. To read the ballot before heading to the polls, check the sample ballot link at www.miamidade.gov/elections.

Refer to your Voter’s Registration Card for the precinct at which you must vote. Registered voters in Sunny Isles Beach cast their ballot in their precinct from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the following locations.

- Precinct number and location:
- 1 SIB Government Center, 1st Floor Mtg. Room, 18070 Collins Ave.
 - 2 St. Mary Magdalen Church, 17775 North Bay Rd.
 - 3 Winston Towers—Bldg. 100, 250 174 Street
 - 4 Intracoastal Yacht Club 16900 N. Bay Rd, 5th Floor
 - 5 Arlen House Condo West 350 Bay View Drive

If you are not sure of your precinct or for other questions call the City Clerk at 305.792.1703.



November 2

Wednesday, 3:00—4:00 pm
Bingo
SIB Govt. Center
Commission Chambers

November 3

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

November 4

Friday, 9:30 am—2:30 pm
Mini-FLOW: Florida Licensing on Wheels
SIB Government Center
1st Floor Meeting Room

November 4, 5

Friday and Saturday, 7:00—9:00 pm
Family Movie Nights
Friday, Heritage Park
Saturday, Town Center Park

November 8

Tuesday, 7:00 am—7:00 pm
General Election
Visit your precinct to vote

November 8

Tuesday, 10:00 am—12:30 pm
Golden Era Movie
Pelican Community Park

November 10

Thursday, 9:00 am-noon
Blood Pressure and Glucose Testing
SIB Government Center
1st Floor Meeting Room

November 11

Friday, Government offices and PCP closed
Federal Holiday: Veterans Day
No Shuttle Bus Service
Friday, 9:30 am
Veterans Day Celebration
Heritage Park. Special Event Shuttle Bus will run.

November 13

Sunday, 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Cultural Event Trip: Camelot Days
TY Park, Hollywood, FL

November 15

Tuesday, 9:30 am—5:00 pm
Cultural Event Trip: Sawgrass Mills Mall
Sunrise, FL

November 17

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

November 19

Saturday, 7:00—10:00 pm
9th Annual SIB Jazz Fest
Heritage Park

November 23

Wednesday, 3:00—4:00 pm
Bingo
SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

November 24, 25

Thursday and Friday
Government offices and Pelican
Community Park closed
Federal Holiday: Thanksgiving
No Shuttle Bus Service, 24; no Blue Line, 25

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 Seniors

Basic Computers, Internet and Email
Tuesday: November 1 for English
Tuesday: November 15 for Spanish
10:30 am inside the library

Programs for Adults

Poetry Forum
Thursday: November 17
5:00 pm
Russian Social Club
Saturday: November 19
3:30—5:30 pm

Programs for Children

Bedtime Stories
Wednesdays: November 2—30
6:30—7:15 pm
Sharing stories and music in the evening.
Ages 3 to 5 yrs.
Reading Ready Toddler Storytime
Mondays: November 7—28
10:00—10:30 am
Stories, songs, and activities for toddlers and their caregivers.
Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.
Family Program
Saturdays: November 5—26
11:00 am
Stories, crafts and activities for children & their families.



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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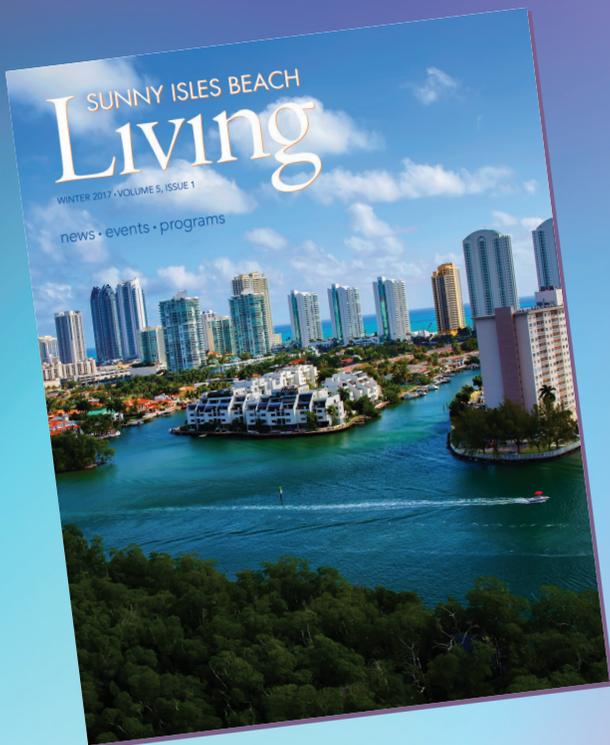
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The winter 2017 edition of *SIB Living* will be available soon! Visit sibfl.net for more City activities or call 305.792.1706 for additional information.

JOIN US
at Heritage Park

9th Annual SIB Jazz Fest Main Event

featuring Michael Lington with guest artists
Doug Walker and Lourdes Valentin

Saturday, November 19 • 7:00—10:00 pm
Heritage Park • 19200 Collins Avenue



General admission is free without seating.

Reserved seating is \$10

The VIP ticket is \$50 which includes beverages, food and seating within the VIP area.

Obtain tickets early. Tickets will be offered at the gate only if space is still available. Gates open at 6:00 pm. Free parking in Heritage Park garage and under the William Lehman Causeway. Visit sunnyislesbeachjazz.com for full Jazz Fest details including Friday night at Acqualina and Sunday brunch at Trump.