

# SIBlife

## 2015: Productive Year for the Building Department

The use of SmartGov technology was essential to their efficiency as more large scale developments progress. Sunny Isles Beach Online Permitting has also enhanced the department's productivity. With more registered users, inquiries from permittees were significantly reduced as they have information at their fingertips. The Specialized Permitting Services (SPS), gained momentum this year. New homeowners are finishing out their interiors as well as renovations to older units. To expedite and simplify the process, the SPS program provides concierge style permitting for an additional fee. This program walks the homeowner through the application process, provides for expedited review and permitting issuance as well as inspections. All of which can be tracked by the homeowner through the SIB Online Permitting portal.

Keep in mind, any alterations to your home require a permit. When in doubt, call the Building Department for clarification. Beware of a contractor that offers a discounted rate to do work without a permit and charges more for work with a permit. These are typically jobs that require a permit but are being performed illegally by contractors. You, the homeowner, will be fined for work done without a permit. Visit the Building Department webpage at [sibfl.net](http://sibfl.net) or call 305.947.2150 for more information.

## College Scholarship Applications

The Sunny Isles Beach college scholarship applications for graduating high school seniors who reside in Sunny Isles Beach are now available online or at the Government Center. Applications may be submitted any-

time between now and the final deadline of 5:30 pm on February 19, 2016. Full instructions are included in the application. Read it thoroughly and follow the directions precisely. This is a competitive process. Recipients will be announced in April 2016.

## Athletics Division

The Athletics Division congratulates the Sunny Isles Beach Youth Recreational Soccer Under 10 team for a fantastic season. The U10 team led by Coach Jermaine Barclay, went undefeated in their division with a sparkling record of 6-0 for the season!

We acknowledge the hard work and effort of all players and teams, as well as support of parents. A total team effort. Well done! Congratulations to the following players for achieving special awards: Most Valuable Player "MVP" and Most Improved Player "MIP", as recognized by coaches. Under 6: MVP Jackson Gordon, MIP Thales Araujo; Under 8 White: MVP Daniel Zilberman, MIP Matthew Koziol; Under 8 Navy: MVP Lucas Goldenberg, MIP Andre Nejad; Under 10 White: MVP Ryan Kuan, MIP Isaac Arias; Under 10 Navy: MVP Nicholas Bresler, MIP Devon Nizam; Under 12: MVP Gabriel Colonna, MIP Alexandru Suvaiala; Under 14: MVP Selim Abuauad Jr., MIP Diego Carrera.

## Tax Time

Free tax return preparation for seniors starts in February. Conveniently located in the first floor meeting room of the Government Center, every Wednesday from February 3 to April 13 volunteers from AARP will assist persons 65 or older, or those with low income, file their tax return at no cost to them.

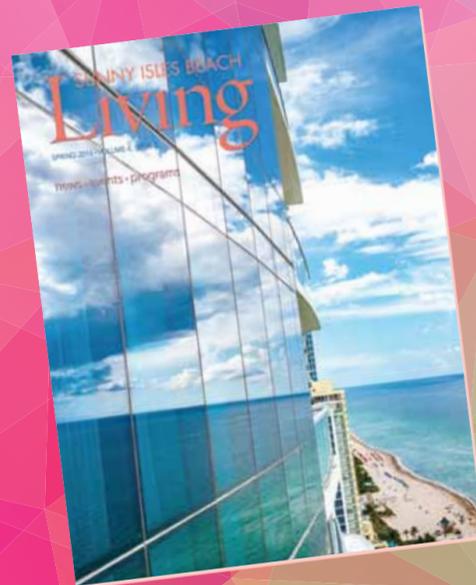


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of the City of Sunny Isles Beach!



The spring 2016 edition of SIB Living available soon! Visit [sibfl.net](http://sibfl.net) for more City activities or call 305.792.1706 for additional information.

## JOIN US The Car Show and Farmers Market

Saturday, January 23 • 10:00 am—3:00 pm  
Heritage Park • 19200 Collins Avenue



Come out to Heritage Park for food and fun! Purchase fresh local produce, food products such as honey, nut butters and hummus. Browse art work or craft items, while checking out the vintage automobiles on display around the great lawn. Admission to the park is free. Event patrons may park at no cost in the Heritage Park garage or under the William Lehman Causeway.

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January 2016

## Where Were You in 2015?



If you attended one of our many special events throughout the year, you may find yourself on our website!

Visit our Photo Gallery under the **SIB Media drop down tab on our home page at [sibfl.net](http://sibfl.net)** to find yourself or just to see what we did this year. As always, downloading your favorite photo is free and easy. Our calendar is full for next year already so plan to join us in 2016!



## from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl  
Mayor

Happy Holidays! The holiday season is in full swing! Events around our City have been celebrating all aspects of this wonderful time of year.

The City's Winter Fest event brought us an "ice" skating rink in the park as well as a visit and photo op with live reindeer. Even without the cooperation of the weather, hundreds of children showed up with their parents to enjoy the festivities.

Celebrating the start of Chanukah we had a menorah lighting ceremony at City Hall which featured live music and some great traditional food. The event packed the lobby with residents from all corners of our community.

We have one of the most dedicated group of professional staffers running our City in all of Florida. We honored them with a holiday party that featured a DJ and our own police Chief Fred Maas as the master of ceremonies. One of the highlights of the party was when the Chief told everyone that someone had donated a new car to be raffled off at the end of the evening. The winner, one of our police officers, won a toy model of one of our police cars! We hosted our annual Holiday Ball for our residents that featured live music and one of the biggest dance floors around when the Pelican Community Park gymnasium was transformed into a dance hall for this special event. We also had one of our popular monthly Sunny Serenade's featuring live Latin music performed under the stars.

As you can see, living in Sunny Isles Beach brings us no shortage of activities from which to enjoy the holiday season. There is an event for every age and walk of life. As your Mayor, and on behalf of my fellow Commissioners, we would like to say thank you to all our residents and guests for sharing our community together in peace and harmony.

For 2016 I would like to offer one of my favorite toasts for bringing in the New Year. May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door. Happy Holidays!



## A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



The City allows extended construction hours for various reasons, most of which is for safety, and to limit daytime roadway congestion during the construction process. This is not an unlimited pass that we give to the developers. In fact, it is a very tedious process which involves review by key City departments including Police, Building, and Code Enforcement. The challenge for the City Government is to facilitate the construction process while identifying and mitigating potential inconveniences in order to maintain a level of comfort for surrounding residents. The challenge today is much greater than it was in the last building cycle because the development sites today are right next door to residents now living in those developments constructed in the last cycle. At the direction of the Mayor and City Commission, the City will be tightening up on noise during early morning hours prior to the 7a.m. start time for construction noise. During overnight hours we will be limiting noise only to those required activities that cannot be conducted during normal daytime work hours. We must keep in mind that the City does not have control of Collins Avenue, and certain work regarding utilities in Collins Avenue must be done overnight because lane or roadway closings during the day would paralyze our City.

The City has addressed concerns expressed by our residents by limiting construction activities where possible, cracking down on trucks and other deliveries stopping to load and unload on Collins Avenue, restricted the use of electronic

sound generated from both vehicles and other sources related to the construction process. Disruptive noise can be reported at any time of the day or night, through the Code Enforcement Department during normal business hours and at any time through the Police Dept.

The construction activity in our City today is at a level not seen for ten years. Our staff in the Building Department are very busy providing a high quality of services in a very demanding environment. Please take the time to read the section of the newsletter highlighting the work of the Sunny Isles Beach Building Department. Our Department, led by Mr. Clayton Parker, our Building Official, oversees not only all construction activity in our City, but also sees to it that we adhere to flood management requirements as it relates to new construction and major renovations to existing structures. The Building Dept.

is also monitoring the current analysis being conducted by the state regarding sea level rise and its influence on future changes to our State Building Code.

On another note, the planning for the expansion of the Government Center is moving forward. The City Commission reviewed the initial design concept with the Architects and provided comments. Those comments have been incorporated into the design, which has resulted in the addition of a 250 seat auditorium, and a more focused and intense study on future traffic flow and circulation from the school component of the project. The final schematic plans will be on the January 2016 Commission agenda for final approval.

On behalf of the City staff, I extend to you all the best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and we look forward to a year of good health and prosperity for all in 2016!

## Update on Proposed Charter School

from the desk of Commissioner Jennifer Levin

Miami-Dade County Public Schools announced in early December that it has set-aside \$11,816,565 for the design and construction of a 500-seat iPrep Academy as a satellite of Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School. Students from Sunny Isles Beach are outside of Krop's district, however, and would not be permitted to attend. Notwithstanding the announcement of the new iPrep Academy, the Aventura/Sunny Isles Beach Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Excellence in Education Initiative Committee intends to continue its quest to bring a charter high school to the area for the students of Aventura and Sunny Isles Beach. If this is something parents would like to see, it is incumbent upon them to speak up and get involved.

On another note, it is difficult to believe that 2015 is coming to an end. It seems as though January 1st was just yesterday. I need not tell you that the world has become a different place, evoking feelings of sadness and anger yet resulting in a global strength and cohesiveness with a determination to overcome. Here in our precious Sunny Isles Beach, the Commission and all City employees continue to make our City the very best it can be while our Police Department and Ocean Rescue remains diligent in keeping it safe for all. I wish you and yours a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season and 2016.

## City Project Update: Samson Oceanfront Park

Plans for Samson Oceanfront Park are complete and the City Commission approved the agreement with West Construction to build it. As previously discussed, the renovation will be phased to provide pedestrian access to the beach through the park for the duration of the project. The new park will include: expanded and new restrooms with improved plumbing, a new and larger playground area with a solid shade cover, enhanced walkways with pavers, an additional picnic pavilion that can double as a stage, and much more seating, landscaping and lighting.

Starting in January 2016, you will see the construction fence installed and the demolition of some existing components. A temporary restroom will be installed

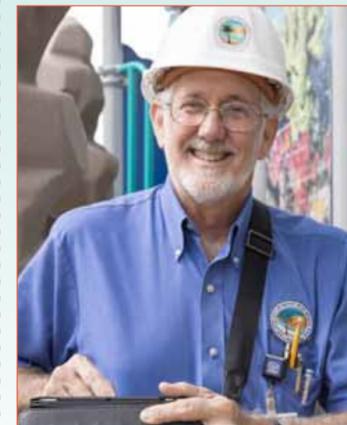
outside of the construction area for the convenience of park users.

During the renovation, to help mitigate the inconvenience to our residents, the City will provide free beach chair rental to residents who present their City of Sunny Isles Beach Resident ID card to the beach chair attendant. If you do not have one already, get your SIB Resident ID Card today. They are free and can be processed at the Sunny Isles Beach Government Center or Pelican Community Park. You must bring your valid photo id along with a current utility bill, vehicle registration, or a copy of your current lease agreement with a notarized letter from the management office of your building confirming your residency.

## SIBiInformation

**The City Building Department**  
Building Department staff is working hard to serve the construction needs of our community. See below permitting statistics and details regarding special permitting services available to residents and developers.

From September 1 to November 30, 2015:  
1,146 Permits issued  
5,367 Inspections performed



Specialized Permitting Services for Interior Remodeling Permits include:

- A Pre-Construction meeting with the Building Official and/or designee
- Permit counter service by appointment; no lines, no waiting
- Expedited Plan Review
- Orientation and direct assistance in setting up an online permitting account
- Concierge service throughout the permitting and inspection process from start to finish.

In addition to the calculated permit fees, this service is \$1,000 OR 1% of the total job cost, whichever is higher (determined by the Building Official or designee).

Please contact Paola Villa, Building Services Manager for the Sunny Isles Beach Building Department at 305.792.1790 for additional information.

## CITYwide government meetings & city calendar

JANUARY 2016



### January 1

Friday, Government Offices Closed  
Federal Holiday: New Year's Day  
No Shuttle Bus Service

### January 5

Tuesday, 10:30 am—4:00 pm  
Blood Drive  
SIB Government Center Parking Lot

### January 6

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

### January 7

Thursday, 10:00 am—noon  
Medical Lecture Series  
SIB Government Center Commission Chambers

### January 8

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

### Friday & Saturday, January 8 and 9

Family Movie Nights  
Friday, Heritage Park  
Saturday, Town Center Park  
7:00—9:30 pm

### January 12

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

### January 14

Thursday, 9:00 am—noon  
Blood Pressure & Glucose Testing (with cholesterol)  
SIB Gov. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

### January 16

Saturday, 7:30—9:00 pm  
Sunny Serenade  
Heritage Park

### January 18

Monday, Government Offices Closed  
Federal Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr.  
Shuttle Bus Service:  
Green Line only until 3:00 pm

### January 21

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

### January 23

Saturday, 10:00 am—3:00 pm  
Car Show & Farmers Market  
Heritage Park

### January 24

Sunday, 1:45—6:00 pm  
In the Mood  
Park Playhouse, Ft. Lauderdale

### January 26

Tuesday, 5:30—10:00 pm  
Florida Panthers vs. Toronto Maple Leafs  
BB&T Center, Sunrise

### January 27

Wednesday, 10:00 am—noon  
Special Master Hearing  
SIB Government Center Commission Chambers

### January 27

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

**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 (\*class held in library).

### Programs for Adults

**Book Discussion Group**  
Monday, January 25

3:30—4:30 pm

### E-Book Basics for Seniors

Tuesday, January 5  
11:00 am—noon

### Russian Social Club

Saturday, January 23  
3:30—5:30 pm

### Programs for Children

#### Bedtime Stories

Wednesday, January 6, 13, 20, 27  
6:00—7:00 pm

Sharing stories in the evening with preschoolers.

Ages 3 to 5 yrs.

#### Family Storytime

Saturday, January 9, 16, 23, 30  
2:00—3:00 pm

Sharing stories and other activities for the whole family.

#### Reading Ready Toddler Storytime

Monday, January 4, 11, 25  
10:00—10:30 am

Stories, songs, and activities for toddler and their caregivers.

Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.

### Programs for Teens

Teen Club: Chess  
Thursday, January 14, 28

5:00—6:00 pm

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