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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

September 2017

First Responders: Fire Rescue Department



2016 Key Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) Statistics

MDFR is the second largest accredited department in the nation with 2,000 uniformed firefighters and last year responded to 260,000 calls in Miami-Dade County, with 3,076 of those calls from Sunny Isles Beach. Station 10, located within the City, handled 84% of those calls.

Response Times:

Life Threatening Emergencies

Miami-Dade County:

8 minutes 49 seconds

Sunny Isles Beach:

7 minutes 30 seconds

Fires

Miami-Dade County:

7 minutes 26 seconds

Sunny Isles Beach:

7 minutes 18 seconds



from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl
Mayor

As most of our residents know by now we have a world class police force. Our police force works directly for our City and the quality of their community policing services is unparalleled.

Another agency vital to the health and well being of our community are the services provided by our fire rescue team. This group is employed by Miami-Dade County and, as a community, we support their services through our county property taxes. Recently Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) Chief Dave Downey and North Division Chief Darren Williams took the time to attend our July Commission meeting and report on the services provided by this agency.

MDFR is one of the top ten largest fire-rescue departments in the U.S. They have close to 2,000 uniformed firefighters with more than 57 percent certified as paramedics. In a city like ours, with a lot of coast line and more than 100 multi-story buildings, the expanded array of capabilities that MDFR has available is very important. In addition to their fire rescue capabilities they also have several specialty operations. Air Rescue provides regional aero-medical transport, search and rescue, and firefighting support. Marine Services has a fireboat and maintains a 24-hour response capability for incidents occurring on Miami-Dade beaches, shorelines and all other bodies of water. Urban Search and Rescue responds to natural and man-made disasters; to provide search and rescue, medical support, communications and damage assessment. The Venom Response Program is comprised of a highly specialized team of paramedic firefighters who are trained in response and treatment of snake bites and other types of bites and stings.

The depth and extent of the resources made available by MDFR are often overlooked until we need them. In 2016 alone, MDFR answered more than 3,000 calls for assistance within Sunny Isles Beach, with an average response time of just around 6 minutes. Our local fire station is centrally located on 172nd Street and has seven firefighters assigned. We have nine additional fire stations within 4 ½ miles with 66 additional firefighters.

I know I speak on behalf of our entire community when I convey our appreciation to all our first responders for what they do to ensure our personal and community-wide wellbeing and safety.

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Art in Public Places

For site plan approval of new construction, an Art in Public Places component is required. Coming soon to the east side of the recently completed Jade Signature project at 16901 Collins Avenue is a new art structure by Daniel Knorr named *Bonhomme Universe*. Wrapped in gemstones from around the world, the snowman represents Miami's vibrant and multicultural community, while the palm frond arm indicates a symbol of peace.

Important Reminders

School is back in session. Use caution when driving in a school zone and remember the reduced speed limit during certain hours is 15 mph. Traffic near the school will be congested at certain times of day. Plan your travels accordingly. Students under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult to use the SIB Shuttle.

Warning! The RK Plaza just east of the school is private property and the private property owner has the right to close the parking lot and restrict its use. Violators may be subject to towing by the private property owner. The City does not have authority to regulate these actions.

Splashing Through the Summer

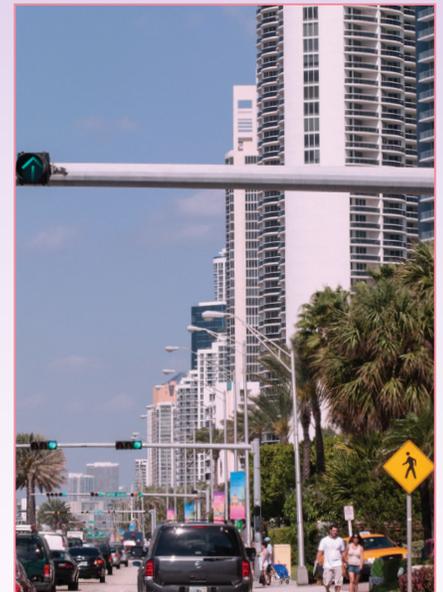
If you haven't done so already, stop by Gateway Park to splash around in the newly opened interactive water feature. This plaza amenity at the park is a great way to cool off before or after the beach. While you are

there, make sure to use the convenience of the parking app, Pay by Phone. This way, if you want to stay longer, you can add time without leaving the park!

Collins Conundrum

We receive great feedback from our residents and those just passing through via our media outlets. Lately, it is all about the roadway, Collins Avenue. People are justifiably frustrated with the condition of the road as well as lane closures necessary to make improvements. The most up to date information by the agency responsible (FDOT) for repaving the whole of Collins Avenue is available at sibfl.net/fdot-construction. As of this writing, FDOT has delayed that portion of their project while they continue work on other components of the project such as crosswalks, medians, and lighting controls.

Due to the extensive nature of the disrepair of the roadway, the City took a proactive approach to fill the areas that are causing the most trouble. The conundrum is that, with Collins being a state road, there is only so much we can do. In some respects, we are at the mercy of FDOT. Their projects are planned for years in advance and are contingent upon many different factors. The City advanced the Undergrounding project to be completed before the planned July 2017 FDOT project. With their project delayed, we now have to make more temporary repairs to Collins Avenue. Know that there is relief in sight. FDOT should commence the full repaving at the end of the year.



A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



More Trees For Sunny Isles Beach

Sunny Isles Beach was recently awarded a \$25,000 matching grant from Neat Streets Miami. This grant funds the planting of 126 trees as part of our Central Island Tree Planting Project. Progress is already visible by the number of trees planted along North Bay Road from 174th Street to 178th Street, and along many of the streets in between from North Bay Road to Atlantic Boulevard. The trees look beautiful and, with rapid growth, create more shade providing respite for pedestrians and bikers from the hustle and bustle of Collins Avenue. The grant program, named “Million Trees Miami,” is a county-wide initiative with the goal of planting one million trees and achieving a 30 percent tree canopy cover across Miami-Dade County by 2020.

The primary goal of Neat Streets Miami is to create beautiful gateways and corridors by enhancing the appearance of our cities. In some areas, it is reducing roadway litter on county roads through the Adopt-a-Road Program. In others, it is enhancing the look and feel of county public properties through the development of the

Miami-Dade County Aesthetic Master Plan. This approach goes hand in hand in advocating for large-scale landscaping projects at key corridors and gateways to our county. The main objective that resonates in our City is that these improvements must reflect and celebrate our City’s world-class identity. We, as a City, are proud to be a member of the Neat Streets Miami Organization, housed in the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department. It began with the shared vision of County Commissioner Dennis Moss and support from our Commissioner Sally Heyman. On the City side, this grant application, including a tree planting design that met the goals of the Transportation Master Plan, was cooperatively developed and submitted by Claudia Hasbun, Planning and Zoning Director, and Kathryn Matos, Assistant to the City Manager for Special Projects of the City of Sunny Isles Beach.

Sand For Our Beach Coming Soon

This fall the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in partnership with Miami-Dade County, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

and the City of Sunny Isles Beach, will begin a beach renourishment project placing approximately 140,000 cubic yards of sand on our beach. The project spans from the northern City limit and heads south to about 186th Street, with additional sand being placed at critical areas just north and south of the historic Newport Fishing Pier. The Armani Casa and Ritz Carlton projects are providing 50,000 cubic yards of ancillary sand to the beach in areas not covered by the USACE.

The project is expected to conclude by March 2018. It is a massive undertaking that requires trucking about 8,000 loads of sand from a sand mine in central Florida to our beach, along with testing for quality standards and compatibility with existing sand. The trucks will access the beach from 3 locations: the Ellen Wynne Beach Access, the former Monaco motel site, and the north end of Haulover Park, using the existing Ocean Rescue emergency lane once on the beach. Most of the beach is to remain open during construction, with flagmen stationed throughout the project limits to ensure that pedestrians can safely access the beach.

Resources to Navigate New Condo Law

from the desk of Vice Mayor Dana Goldman



Residents came out in record numbers to a recent town hall meeting with City officials and State Sen. Rene Garcia to discuss the Florida Condominium Act, which finally provides criminal penalties for certain abusive activities.

At the town hall, residents made it clear they want to avail themselves of the remedies in the new legislation that was championed by Sen. Garcia in Tallahassee this past legislative session. In response to their strong support, the City is providing resources to help residents navigate the state's new law to prosecute fraud in condominium associations. Available on the City's website is information detailing everything needed for the State to investigate a claim of certain abusive activities, as well as links to the State site to initiate an investigation.

At the upcoming September budget hearings, I will propose that the City provide additional resources to assist residents and state regulators in enforcing the new law, which criminalizes election fraud, insider dealings, kickbacks and destruction of records by condo associations.

Navigating this new law, gathering evidence, and making a solid case can be daunting. I hope the proposed "condo cop" program will help our residents build a solid case to bring wrongdoers to justice.

Please contact me at dgoldman@sibfl.net or 305.792.1753 with any questions or to receive a copy of our City's guidelines for pursuing cases against condo associations.

Join the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department on the Information Superhighway

from the desk of Captain Dwight Snyder

Information and the timely delivery of pertinent news to our residents and guests will always be a cornerstone of our community policing philosophy. In keeping with that belief, the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department is pleased to announce our new crime prevention feature found on our Twitter and Facebook pages. Following your police department using these social media sites will help keep you informed of the latest crime prevention news, public safety alerts and tips for keeping you, your family and property safe from criminal activity, as well as getting to know our officers.

Our commitment to provide quality police service is our promise to you, but crime prevention is a community/police department partnership and it all begins with being well informed and taking the necessary steps to prevent crime before it occurs. Simple tips such as locking your home, vehicle and safeguarding your belongings are proven measures to prevent crime, as most criminals are opportunists looking for an easy target. Having well informed and alert residents will make a safer community for us all.

For other helpful information, follow us on Twitter and Facebook and join our team, on the information superhighway to a safer community; it is a responsibility we all share! We look forward to your comments and feedback. Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/sibpd/ and Twitter: twitter.com/SIBPD.

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Media Stats: Behind the Scenes with the Communications Division

We took a look at our communication channel statistics for April to June of this year, and found:

Website

40,363 unique visitors from 132 different countries

Most Viewed Webpage

Employment

9,986 pageviews

Most Viewed Seasonal Pages

Summer Camp

1,820 pageviews

20th Anniversary Celebration

1,444 pageviews

SIB TV/Vimeo

4,212 video plays

Social Media

2,256 "likes" on Facebook

1,540 Twitter followers

1,413 Instagram followers

Email (eSIBi)

3,941 email subscribers

90 email campaigns sent out

Photo Gallery

18 new photo albums added

**September 1**

Friday, 9:30 am–2:30 pm

Mini-FLOW

SIB Govt. Center, 1st Floor Meeting Room

September 4

Monday, Labor Day

Govt. Offices & Pelican Community Park closed

SIB Shuttle runs holiday schedule

September 5

Tuesday, 10:30 am–4:30 pm

Blood Drive

SIB Govt. Center

September 6

Wednesday, 3:00 pm

Bingo

SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

September 7

Thursday, 10:00 am–noon

Medical Lecture Series

SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

September 9

Saturday, 9:45 am

Cultural Event: Flamingo Gardens Tour & Lunch
Ft. Lauderdale, FL**September 9**

Saturday, 7:00 pm

Russian American Heritage Concert
Heritage Park**September 10**

Sunday, 1:00 pm

SIB Historical Bus Tour
SIB Govt. Center**September 10**

Sunday, 2:00 pm

Russian American Heritage Arts & Culture
Gateway Park**September 12**

Tuesday, 10:00 am

Golden Era Movie

Pelican Community Park

September 12

Tuesday, 5:30 pm

Special City Comm. Meeting:

FY 2017-18 First Budget Hearing

SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

September 14

Thursday, 9:00 am–noon

Blood Pressure & Glucose Screening

SIB Govt. Center, 1st Floor Meeting Room

September 21

Thursday, 5:30 pm

Special City Comm. Meeting :

FY 2017-18 Second Budget Hearing

SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

September 21

Thursday, 6:30 pm

Regular City Commission Meeting

SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

September 23

Saturday, 7:00 pm

Hispanic American Heritage Concert
Gateway Park**September 24**

Sunday, 2:00 pm

Hispanic American Heritage Arts & Culture
Heritage Park**September 27**

Wednesday, 3:00 pm

Bingo

SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

September 27

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

City Advisory Committee

SIB Govt. Center

1st floor meeting room

September 28

Thursday, 6:00 pm

Cultural Event:

Miami Marlins Srs. Night

Miami, FL

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****Russian Social Club**

Saturday: September 16

3:30–5:30 pm

Basic Computer Classes for Seniors

Tuesday: September 19

10:00–11:00 am inside the library

Programs for Children**Bedtime Stories**

Wednesdays: September 6–27

6:30–7:15 pm

Sharing stories and music.

Ages 3 to 5 yrs.

Talking is Teaching:**Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers**

Mondays: September 11–25

10:00–10:30 am

Activities for toddlers and caregivers.

Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.

Family Program

Saturdays: September 2–30

11:00 am

Activities include the entire family.

Programs for All Ages**Poetry Reading**

Saturday: September 23

4:00–5:00 pm

Bring your own poetry to share, hear others recite their own, or come share your 'all-time' favorite with others.



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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Russian-American Heritage Events



Russian-American Heritage Concert

Saturday, September 9 • 7:00—9:00 pm
Heritage Park • 19200 Collins Avenue

Russian-American Heritage Arts & Cultural Showcase

Sunday, September 10 • 2:00—5:00 pm
Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Free admission with free parking in the garage at each park and additionally under the William Lehman Causeway at Heritage Park. The SIB Shuttle provides free transportation to and from the events within City limits.

Hispanic-American Heritage Events



Hispanic-American Heritage Concert

Saturday, September 23 • 7:00—9:00 pm
Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Hispanic-American Heritage Arts & Cultural Showcase

Sunday, September 24 • 2:00—5:00 pm
Heritage Park • 19200 Collins Avenue

Free admission with free parking in the garage at each park and additionally under the William Lehman Causeway at Heritage Park. The SIB Shuttle provides free transportation to and from the events within City limits.