

# SIB islander

CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

May 2017

## Check Your SIB Resident ID Card Expiration

A valid SIB Resident ID Card is required to receive resident benefits at our City's Special Events, including the upcoming 20th Anniversary celebration. Please make sure your card is current, in order to purchase the discounted wristbands for lunch at our annual barbecue on Saturday, June 17th. If you need to renew prior to then, please bring a state-issued photo ID, plus 3 of the following:

A current deed or lease; along with letter from management office stating who resides at that address.

A utility bill within the last 3 months.

A current car registration and proof of insurance.

A credit or debit card statement within the last 3 months.

All document addresses must match address on Resident ID Card application. Also, please note that all SIB Resident ID cards issued moving forward will be effective for one year from the date of issue.



## from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl  
Mayor

Several years ago, my wife and I got to know our Police Chief Fred Maas. This was my first exposure to anyone directly involved in law enforcement as a career.

Other than the stereotypical portrayals from TV and movies, I had very little knowledge of what was actually involved in police work. To broaden my knowledge the Chief suggested I do a ride along. A ride along means a civilian accompanies an on-duty officer in their vehicle and gets a firsthand view of police work.

I still remember my first ride along which involved some traffic stops and a domestic violence dispute. The officer I accompanied, Raul Diaz, is still on our police force today. It was very enlightening for me and from that point on, over the years, I went on several more ride alongs with other officers. These experiences demonstrated to me the depth and breadth of situations that our police face every day. It has also led me to have profound respect for law enforcement professionals. It is hard to imagine, until you see it firsthand, the potential danger associated with even a simple traffic stop. When walking up to a car window with dark tinted glass you have no idea what that driver is thinking or doing. Yet our law enforcement professionals deal with these situations routinely and exhibit an enormous amount of discipline and tolerance.

Chief Maas and our officers have taught me that visibility of police presence is one of the best deterrents to crime in our community. That is the reason, even in a city with only a little over one square mile of actual land mass, at any given time, we will have at least four to five officers out in patrol cars, motorcycles, ATVs and on bicycles. I hear from our residents and guests regularly about a variety of issues in our City that they like and don't like. I cannot recall the last time I received a negative comment about our Police Department.

At a time when law enforcement has been suffering nationally, I want our residents to know that we have one of the finest municipal police forces in the country. The next time you come across one of our officers, please do not hesitate to let them know that our community supports and appreciates the job that they do.



# SIBlife

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## Mosquito Control

The summer months are approaching, and with warmer temperatures, we will all start to notice more mosquitoes. The City will implement multiple resources to help deter mosquito breeding, including periodic truck spray treatments, to all of the public parks, beaches, and water basins. The spray dates will be advertised through all our SIB Media Channels. The City will also be conducting inspections throughout our neighborhoods, as well as current construction sites, to ensure that everyone is complying with necessary code regulations.

Please do your part by remembering to DRAIN and COVER. Drain any standing irrigation or rain water, and cover your property with screens, and yourself with mosquito repellent. For children younger than two months, use mosquito netting for protection. To report a mosquito nuisance, call 311.

## Kids to Parks in May

The 7th Annual Kids to Parks Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017. This nationwide grassroots movement by the National Park Trust, encourages children to go out and explore the parks in their area, and see all that they have to offer.

Here in Sunny Isles Beach, we have eleven parks available throughout our City, stretching from Intracoastal Parks on the south end of the City, to Heritage Park at the north end of the City. Each park offers unique features and

opportunities to engage including a fitness trail at Town Center Park, a leash-free dog zone at Senator Gwen Margolis Park, a butterfly garden at Gateway Park, and an interactive water feature at Heritage Park. We invite you to come out and see all that Sunny Isles Beach Parks have to offer you and your family!

## Beach Safety Month

May is Beach Safety Month! Everyone loves to enjoy the ocean and our beaches, but it is important to remember safety tips to make your experience safe and memorable for all the right reasons!

Please follow these safety tips whenever visiting our (or any) beach:

- 1) Always swim near a lifeguard stand.
- 2) Never swim alone.
- 3) Watch for the color of the flag. Red means that the waters are dangerous and you should swim with extreme caution. Yellow means that the waters are moderate to rough, and you should swim with caution. Green means waters are calm and should be great to enjoy. Purple flag lets you know that there are marine life present, like jelly fish, so be alert and pay attention.
- 4) Life vests: Inexperienced swimmers or young children should wear life vests.
- 5) Rip Currents: If you're caught in a rip current, stay calm and swim perpendicular to the current.
- 6) Always wear water resistant sunscreen, and reapply often throughout the day.

If you follow these simple tips, you are sure to have a great time every visit to our beautiful beaches.



# A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



Though not a very glamorous topic, the Collins Avenue Utility Undergrounding Project is of vital importance to our beautiful, and fast growing City. The goal is to install above-ground utilities into underground conduits. The reason for this is to harden our infrastructure against hurricanes and other disasters, while beautifying and improving our streetscape. It has been a plan for this City since 2000, and will be accomplished in phases over the next two and a half years.

The first phase commenced in April 2016. This work included the placement of conduit, access locations for vaults, handholes and splice boxes used to pull the new wires underground. We also installed concrete utility equipment pads along and across Collins Avenue and the adjacent sidewalks on both sides of Collins Ave. Approximately 211,200 linear feet of conduit, ranging in size from 2" to 6" diameter, has been set in a trench down under the roadway and sidewalk. Lateral trenches and directional borings were utilized to cross the road and sidewalks to facilitate future service points (residences, commercial businesses and public service facilities and parks). The utility providers, which will place their wire conductors in the conduit,

include Florida Power and Light, Comcast, Atlantic Broadband, Hot Wire, and AT&T.

Mindful of how this construction would inconvenience our residents and visitors, we have made every effort to ensure the first phase would be completed as quickly as possible. To that end, we have worked during nighttime hours to lessen traffic impact. I am pleased to report that the conduit underground installation was achieved in record time. The project met the required contractual substantial completion deadline on March 20, 2017. Several miscellaneous activities remain to be completed with spot lane closures at night and daytime activities. We anticipate a completion date by the end of May 2017.

The next step of the project will address the roadway and sidewalk conditions. Temporary road and sidewalk repairs, replacement of curbs and gutters, and landscaping replacement have accompanied the utility work and is still in progress. A repaving project being accomplished by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will commence this summer and will rectify the patchwork currently in place on Collins Avenue.

The next phase of undergrounding will commence shortly along the Atlantic

Boulevard corridor from 175th Terrace north to 191st Street. This work will be accomplished during normal daytime hours with special exceptions. This phase of work will continue for roughly one year.

The City Commission has approved expediting another phase, which is the Collins Street Lighting Enhancement project, inclusive of the replacement of lighting along the roadway with attractive light poles that will be able to accommodate future Holiday decorations. This will extend over the entire length of Collins Avenue from Haulover Park to Golden Beach. The project will be phased to accommodate the FDOT paving project. 110 of an anticipated 130 new light poles and fixtures will be set over the next year. Once all overhead utility wires are converted to underground, the balance of street lighting will be completed.

We understand the disruption this project has and will cause for a little while more. We sincerely thank all our residents and those who travel through our City for your continued patience and understanding while we work to complete this very complicated, but worthwhile capital project. The result will be a safer and more beautiful Sunny Isles Beach.



## Condominium Act Reform: The Rising Chorus

from the desk of Vice Mayor Dana Goldman



I am pleased to report the positive response to my “Condominium Conundrum” article from the March *SIB Islander*. More and more, residents are requesting copies of State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle’s Miami-Dade County Grand Jury Report and Senator Garcia’s bill, SB 1682, both addressing vitally important condominium reform issues and recommending timely solutions to vexing problems faced by unit owners.

It’s our role as public officials to hear the voices of our constituents and to represent their interests. Florida’s condominium lawyers primarily represent either the interests of the developers or those of the governing associations. Our condominium dwellers often have limited response options when problems arise, given the current state of the law.

How can we move Condominium Act reforms along? My colleagues and other municipal officials in Tallahassee for “Dade Days” met with State Senator Daphne Campbell, 305.493.6009, and State Representative Joseph Geller, 954.924.3708, on condominium legislative reform. Call to show your support of SB 1682. It’s time to empower our residents by improving condominium governance, imposing term limits and curbing fraud and abuse. Stronger laws and expanded jurisdiction for regulators will improve enforcement capabilities.

For a copy of the Grand Jury Report or Senator Garcia’s bill, email me at [dgoldman@sibfl.net](mailto:dgoldman@sibfl.net) or call 305.792.1753.

## Summer Recess Is Almost Upon Us

from the desk of Commissioner Larisa Svechin



Spring is finally here, which means there are 6 weeks left of school. Children are excited about summer and advancing to the next grade. Two hundred and forty-one 8th graders will be going on to high school. Parents and residents have asked about future school building plans. Recently, the Miami Herald published an article (3/31/17 City of Aventura To Get Its Own High School), and in response, many SIB parents asked, “how about us?”

On a recent trip to Tallahassee, for Miami-Dade Days, I had the opportunity to get clarification on this question from Senator Daphne Campbell and Les Winston, President of the Aventura-Sunny Isles Beach Chamber of Commerce. If and when Aventura builds a charter high school, that school will initially be for 300 Aventura children, and not Sunny Isles Beach children. Mr. Winston and Senator Campbell confirmed that it was logistically not feasible for the school to allow SIB residents. It is clear that many more conversations and approvals need to happen before Aventura puts a shovel in the ground.

Sunny Isles Beach has an already approved plan for a Middle School annex, alleviating the overcrowding in our K-8. This project is on hold by resident and parent request, until we successfully weed out the non-resident population from NSE SIB K-8. We are moving ahead with responsible growth; waiting until we are sure that building a new school does not create stress on our infrastructure and quality of life.

# SIBiInformation



## Behind the Scenes with the Communications Division

### MEDIA STATS

We took a look at our communication channel statistics for the past quarter, and found:

#### Website

39,815 unique visitors from  
123 different countries

#### Most Viewed Webpage

Employment  
11,531 Views

#### Most Viewed Seasonal Page

Samson Oceanfront Park  
Renovation News  
1,029 views

#### SIB-TV Vimeo

926 video plays

#### Social Media

2,052 “Likes” on Facebook  
1,432 Twitter Followers  
1,226 Instagram Followers

#### Email: eSIBi

3,885 email subscribers  
85 email campaigns sent out  
January – March

#### Photo Gallery

Most Popular Photo Album:  
Taste of Sunny Isles Beach,  
178 views.

**May 2**

Tuesday, 9:30 am  
Sawgrass Mills Mall  
Sunrise, FL

**May 2**

Tuesday, 10:30 am–4:00 pm  
Blood Drive  
SIB Govt. Center

**May 3**

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

**May 4**

Thursday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm  
Medical Lecture Series  
SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

**May 5**

Friday, 9:30 am–2:30 pm  
Mini-FLOW  
SIB Government Center

**May 7**

Sunday, 1:00 pm  
SIB Historical Bus Tour  
SIB Govt. Center

**May 8**

Monday, 8:30 am  
Resident Summer Program Registration Opens  
Pelican Park and Govt. Center

**May 9**

Tuesday, 10:00 am  
Golden Era Movie  
Pelican Community Park

**May 11**

Thursday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm  
Blood Pressure and Glucose Screening  
SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

**May 13**

Saturday, 7:30 pm  
Sunny Serenade  
Heritage Park

**May 18**

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

**May 20**

Saturday, 10:00 am–3:00 pm  
Car Show & Concert  
Heritage Park

**May 21**

Sunday, 9:00 am  
SIB Family Fun Fishing Tournament  
SIB Newport Fishing Pier

**May 21**

Sunday, 11:45 am  
Mamma Mia  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

**May 22**

Monday, 8:30 am  
Non-Resident Summer Program Registration Opens  
Pelican Park and Govt. Center

**May 24**

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

**May 29**

Monday, Memorial Day  
Govt. Offices &  
Pelican Community Park closed  
SIB Shuttle runs Holiday Schedule

**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****Basic Computer Classes for Seniors**

Tuesday: May 23  
10:00–11:00 am inside the library

**Russian Social Club**

Saturday: May 6  
3:30–5:30 pm

**Programs for Children****Bedtime Stories**

Wednesdays: May 3–31

6:30–7:15 pm

Sharing stories and music.

Ages 3 to 5 yrs.

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

Mondays: May 1–22

10:00–10:30 am

Activities for toddlers and caregivers.

Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.

**Family Program**

Saturdays: May 6–27, 11:00 am

Activities include the entire family.

**Programs for All Ages****Poetry Reading**

Saturday: May 27

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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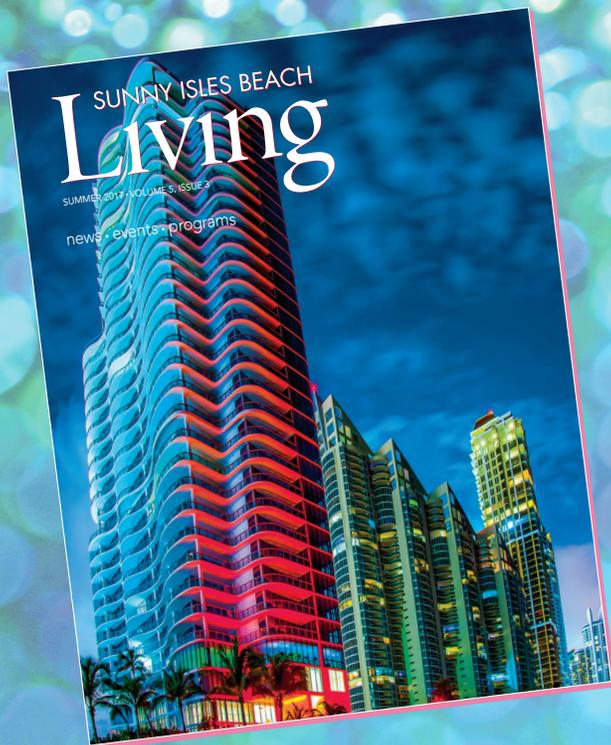
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The summer 2017 edition of SIB Living is available soon!  
Visit [sibfl.net](http://sibfl.net) for more City activities or call 305.792.1706  
for additional information.

JOIN US

## *Classic Car Show*

See some of the best show cars in South Florida shine in the City's premier park. Vote for your favorite car and the winners will split the \$500 prize. Blues Brothers Soul Band will have a special performance from 12:30–2:00 pm.



This event is free and open to the public! The SIB Shuttle bus provides free transportation, within City limits. Free event parking is available at Heritage Parking Garage and under the William Lehman Causeway. For information visit [sibfl.net](http://sibfl.net) or call 305.792.1706.

Saturday, May 20 • 10:00 am–3:00 pm  
Pelican Community Park • 18115 North Bay Road