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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

December 2017

Pre-New Year's Eve in SIB



Join us for live music from Fusion, a practice countdown, champagne toast and confetti at our Pre-New Year's Eve in SIB celebration.

Friday December 29 • 9:00 pm—1:00 am
Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

\$25 with proof of age

This event is for adults 21 years of age and older only. Every guest needs a ticket to enter the park. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the event including a cash bar. Free parking is located in the Gateway Park parking garage with overflow parking at Bella Vista Bay Park. The SIBshuttle is also providing free transportation within the City.

More details can be found inside!



from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl
Mayor

For the past 98 years, our country has been recognizing those who have served in the armed forces.

It all began in 1918 on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when the fighting of World War I stopped per the terms of an armistice agreement. At that time, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation declaring November 11 Armistice Day. In 1954, lawmakers believed that veterans from World War II and the Korean War also deserved their own day of remembrance. President Eisenhower changed the name of Armistice Day to the more comprehensive Veterans Day.

In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which moved Veterans Day from November 11 to the fourth Monday in October. Based upon its historic and patriotic significance, most veterans organizations and several states did not agree with the date change and continued to celebrate Veterans Day on November 11. So in 1975, Congress passed another bill moving Veterans Day back to November 11 where it has stayed ever since.

I can think of very few things that are more important in our society than honoring our men and women in uniform as well as their families. Heritage Park is our northern most park, and it is here where we have a wall commemorating the members of the armed services who are current or past residents of our City. This is our small way of thanking them for their service to our country. With this installation, it is only fitting that we hold our annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Heritage Park in front of this area of commemoration. If you or a loved one is a Sunny Isles Beach resident who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces, you can now begin an application to be added to the memorial wall. Every year, new names of Sunny Isles Beach military veterans are added to the wall during our Veterans Day Ceremony. Applications are accepted until Sept. 1, 2018 and can be found online at sibfl.net/resident.



SIBlife

Pre-NYE in SIB

As the end of another year draws closer, we reflect on all 2017 brought and what is yet to come in 2018. Join us as we say goodbye to 2017 and ring in the New Year at our Pre-New Year's Eve Party on Friday, December 29. Practice counting down to midnight with your friends and neighbors while enjoying Fusion, a unique DJ/band hybrid performance, which combines both the musical versatility and continuity of a DJ with the unparalleled sound from live instruments. This party is strictly for adults 21 years of age or older as alcohol will be served and the entertainment is geared toward adults.

Admission costs \$25 for all guests and entrance includes a champagne toast. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the SIB Government Center or Pelican Community Park.

Public Arts Advisory Committee

In the City Commission's continuing quest to improve the quality of life for our citizens and visitors, the City is adopting its first formal Public Art Program. In keeping with the desire for more professionalism in every aspect of City services, the selection of all future works of art and art programming by the City Commission will be based on recommendations made by a new Public Arts Advisory Committee. This Committee will be comprised of City and local volunteers with an interest in civic improvement, possessing professional artistic qualifications in visual or graphic arts, architecture, urban planning, public art and place-making curation, programming, engineering, or other

art and design-related fields.

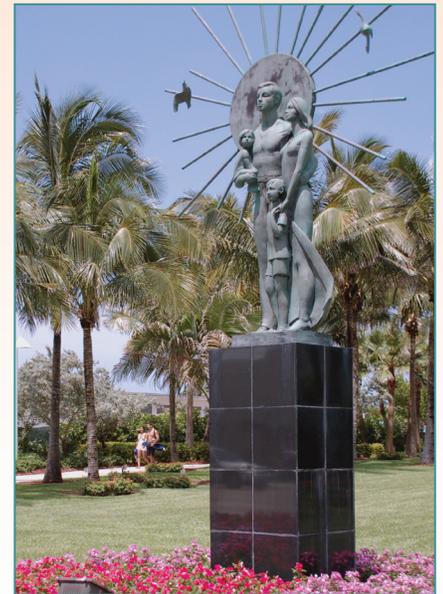
This Committee will guide the City Commission on its overall art policy, create criteria for methodology and selection of art, and make recommendations to the City Commission on public art projects, programming and changes in design elements within the community. For more information or to apply for the Public Arts Advisory Committee, visit sibfl.net/public-arts-advisory-committee or send your inquiries to the City Clerk at cityclerk@sibfl.net. The deadline to apply is January 1, 2018.

Resident ID Cards

As many of you already know, this past summer we updated the requirements to obtain an SIB Resident ID Card. Effective July 1, 2017, the new SIB Resident ID Card is required for all program registrations and events in which you are seeking the resident rate. If you have not applied for a new Resident ID card, now is the perfect opportunity.

With the winter holidays just beginning, we have several special events and programs where you can receive a resident rate. But not only will you receive reduced rates for some special events with the new SIB Resident ID card, you also can enjoy reduced pricing on activities and cultural trips, advance registration for programs, and free entrance to select events.

To obtain your new Resident ID card, visit the SIB Government Center or Pelican Community Park. View all of the new requirements online at sibfl.net/ccs/resident-id or call 305.792.1706.



A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



If you have not seen any of the City's media releases or status reports on the various projects currently in progress, here is a run through of the major ones for your convenience.

The beach sand renourishment project is underway with the placement of almost 200,000 cubic yards of sand. Trucks are currently hauling sand from Haulover Park at the South end of our City to the Newport Fishing Pier. Now through January, sand will be placed both on the north and south side of the Newport Fishing Pier. From January, and scheduled to be completed by spring, is the placement of sand from the north end of the City south to the Porsche condominium. (The last area to have sand placed will be from the Porsche building south, to meet the sand placed north of Newport Pier.) The entire project should be completed by end of summer 2018.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) rehabilitation of Collins Avenue is underway, although they will not begin milling and paving the roadway surface until the beginning of next year. The lane closures and increasing number of cuts in the road are due to the Florida Department of Transportation allowing telecommunications utilities and development projects to complete as much underground work as possible until they start the milling process. FDOT is also in the process of installing its own underground wiring for the upgraded new signal lights along Collins Avenue. This project will take most of the 2018 calendar year. The City undergrounding project will restart once FDOT is substantially completed with their work. At that point, we will commence the installation of the new decorative streetlights and the actual installation of the underground wires, and install

the surface mounted transformers and other standard equipment used for underground utilities. Substantial completion will be in late 2019. Sidewalk rehabilitation along Collins Avenue will take place simultaneously with the wiring and energizing of the new system. Again, we thank all our residents and those who travel Collins for your understanding and continued patience, for the end result will be well worth the wait!

By the beginning of 2018, you will be able to walk, jog, or bike through 75 percent of our City without being on Collins Avenue! With the completion of the pedestrian bridge over the canal connecting 174th Street to the intersection of 172nd Street and North Bay Road, this will become a reality. Please see the off-Collins bike/walking routes on the City website or feel free to call me at 305.792.1701 for questions or concerns.

Something for Everyone

from the desk of Commissioner Jeanette Gatto



Though Sunny Isles Beach is geographically a small city, our programming and special events are designed specifically to entertain the entire population, from those celebrating their first to their ninety-first birthdays.

Just in December alone we are offering an assortment of events for all ages. Bring your little ones to Winter Fest on December 2, an event featuring ice skating, rides, and a special visit from Kris Kringle and his reindeer, which will entertain the whole family. Our annual Holiday Ball on December 9 gets our seniors out on the dance floor enjoying an evening of great food, dancing and company. Our Winter Glow Party on December 22 is strictly for teens only. Equipped with glow sticks, a DJ, and special prizes, give your teen a night away from the parents during winter break. And our adult residents won't want to miss a night away from the kids at our Pre-New Year's Eve Party on December 29. Only for adults 21 and over, this practice NYE party is the perfect way to end 2017 and welcome 2018.

Our City staff works tirelessly to create events the whole City can appreciate and enjoy. If you have any suggestions for events you'd like to see happen, let us know! Contact the City at ccsd@sibfl.net. To see all of our winter programs and events, pick up a copy of our *SIB Living* magazine today.

Small Pains, Big Gains

from the desk of Commissioner Isaac Aelion



During the last year, the residents of Sunny Isles Beach have experienced an inconvenience in traveling along Collins Avenue. This inconvenience is partially attributed to the undergrounding of the FPL power lines along Collins, which have necessitated patching of the road in several areas. Irma, the most recent hurricane to hit our City, brought with her high tropical winds, causing massive power outages in our region. Our City, unlike many neighboring municipalities, was able to restore most of the power within a few days. Some newer buildings, already with undergrounded power lines, never lost power at all.

In the near future, the undergrounding project will be completed and the entire length of Collins Avenue will be fully re-paved. This completed project will undoubtedly benefit our City for many years to come. Overall, although the residents are dealing with minor bumps in the road when traveling along Collins, these are only small pains, compared to the big gains following the completion of the undergrounding project.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow City Officials, staff, and all residents of Sunny Isles Beach who have expressed their whole-hearted messages and well wishes following my serious injury earlier this year.

For any comments or questions, feel free to contact Isaac Aelion at 305.792.1700.

SIBiInformation



Behind the Scenes with the Communications Division

MEDIA STATS

We took a look at our communication channel statistics from the past quarter, July-September, and found:

Website

94,355 unique visitors from 153 different countries

Most Viewed Single Webpage

Mandatory Evacuation Issued for Miami-Dade County – Zones A & B
23,287 page views

Most Viewed Seasonal Pages

- Hurricane Irma Informational Pages:
86,135 page views
- After Irma Resource Pages:
5,108 page views

SIBTV/Vimeo

6,028 video plays

Social Media

3,152 "Likes" on Facebook
2,294 Twitter followers
1,872 Instagram followers

Email (eSIBi)

4,063 email subscribers
138 email campaigns sent out

Photo Gallery

15 new photo albums added



December 2

Saturday, 5:00–9:00 pm
Winter Fest
Heritage Park

December 3

Sunday, 10:00 am–6:00 pm
Ice Skating
Heritage Park

December 5

Tuesday, 9:00 am
Cultural Event: Perez Art Museum
Miami, FL

December 6

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

December 7

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

December 9

Saturday, 6:00–9:00 pm
Holiday Ball
Pelican Community Park

December 10

Sunday, 7:00–9:30 pm
Holiday Concert
Gateway Park

December 11

Monday, 10:00 am–12:30 pm
Modern Era Movie
Pelican Community Park

December 14

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

December 21

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

December 22

Friday, 7:00–10:00 pm
Teen Winter Glow Party
Gateway Park

December 24

Sunday, Christmas Eve
Pelican Community Park closes at 1:00 pm

December 25

Monday, Federal Holiday: Christmas
Government Offices Closed
Shuttle Bus does not run.

December 27

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

December 29

Friday, 9:00 pm–1:00 am
Pre-New Year's Eve in SIB
Gateway Park

December 31

Sunday, New Year's Eve
Pelican Community Park closes at 1:00 pm

January 1

Monday, New Year's Day
Government Offices Closed
Shuttle Bus does not run.

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

Citizenship Classes

Saturdays: December 2–30
10:00–11:30 am

Russian Social Club

Saturday: December 16
3:30–5:30 pm

Basic Computer Classes for Seniors

Tuesday: December 19
10:00–11:00 am inside the library

Programs for Children

Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays: December 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: December 4–18
10:00–10:30 am

Activities for toddlers and caregivers.

Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.

Family Program

Saturdays: December 2–30
11:00 am inside the library
Activities include the entire family.

Programs for All Ages

Poetry Reading

Saturday: December 9
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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Holiday Concert



Bring the family to Gateway Park and enjoy live performances for all ages! Featuring special performances by students of the Norman S. Edelcup/ Sunny Isles Beach K-8 School Seahawk Band, Elementary Strings, Advanced Strings, and Violin Ensemble. Enjoy additional special performances by IK School of Gymnastics and Zlata Kovrigina.

Sunday, December 10 • 7:00—9:30 pm
Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

This event is free and open to the public with free parking at the Gateway Park parking garage with overflow parking at Bella Vista Bay Park. The SIBshuttle is also providing free transportation within the City.

Winter Glow Party



For TEENS ONLY! Start your winter break and spend a night away from your parents at this teen only event.

Dress up in a glow version of your favorite holiday character for a chance to win prizes valued up to \$500.

Don't miss special guest host, DJ Zog.

Friday, December 22 • 7:00—10:00 pm
Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Admission is free, but get your tickets early and receive a limited gift at the party. Tickets are available at the SIB Government Center or Pelican Community Park. Free parking is available at the Gateway Park garage.