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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

April 2018

Russian Heritage Celebration Weekend



Immerse yourself in the music, art and culture of the Russian community at our two-day Russian Heritage Celebration. Both events are free and open to the public.

RUSSIAN HERITAGE CONCERT

Saturday • April 28

7:00–9:00 pm

Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

RUSSIAN HERITAGE SHOWCASE

Sunday • April 29

5:00–8:00 pm

Heritage Park • 19200 Collins Avenue

Free parking is available at each park and the SIBshuttle provides free transportation within City limits.



from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl
Mayor

Our City continues to forge ahead with the use of modern technology to make life easier for our residents and guests.

Interactive kiosks can now be found in many places in modern society. ATMs, building directories, health care check-in, movie ticketing and elevators are all examples of modern kiosks that have been integrated into our daily lives.

A few weeks ago, our first outdoor Interactive Kiosk was installed in Samson Oceanfront Park. This technological marvel has a 75-inch interactive smart touch screen with more than 30 sensors. It contains a Wi-Fi hot spot, cell phone charging station, and is ADA compliant. We all know that even the best devices need great content. A computer without software or a TV without programs are not very useful!

Our kiosk has been loaded with helpful information that we will continue to update on a regular basis. It enables us to provide users with City contact information and alerts when needed. It has an interactive City map with information about our parks, hotels, dining, shopping and attractions. Real time information is provided about scheduled events in Sunny Isles Beach and around South Florida. When in the park if you have an urge to play a game, our kiosk will keep you entertained as it also has games available. There is even a selfie feature which allows park goers to save and share memories.

With all these great features I encourage everyone to stop by Samson Park and have your own interaction with our new kiosk. If you can't make it to Samson Park, the next Interactive Kiosk is slated to be installed at Gateway Park this April.

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Digital Accessibility

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that protects individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life including jobs, schools and transportation. In alignment with the ADA and to promote inclusion, the City of Sunny Isles Beach is working to improve overall accessibility to our digital content for all of our patrons.

Using global Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0) as a standard, we are working to ensure all of our digital content is accessible to assistive technologies. We scan our website daily for errors and broken links and find specific conformance issues for compliance with web accessibility standards. We also measure and track our accessibility score according to an industry benchmark. We raised our website's Accessibility Score from 69% to 93.5%, and are continuously working to improve our conformance level. Additionally, we are in the process of converting our online documents, to web forms, which are more accessible to assistive technologies allowing users to easily submit paperwork and applications digitally.

Our ADA Coordinator, Deputy City Manager Stan Morris, facilitates assistance for disabled residents and visitors of our City. He also investigates and seeks to resolve complaints regarding accessibility to City facilities or programs. Questions, concerns, comments or requests for accommodation should be made to smorris@sibfl.net. To read more about ADA guidelines and compliance, visit sibfl.net/city-hall/ada.

Stay Alert

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and we want to help you stay safe on and off the road. Eliminating distractions in your own car is extremely important, as is learning how to handle external distractions: cell phones, GPS, voice commands, and even passengers. All it takes is one second for you to take your eyes off the road and change a life forever.

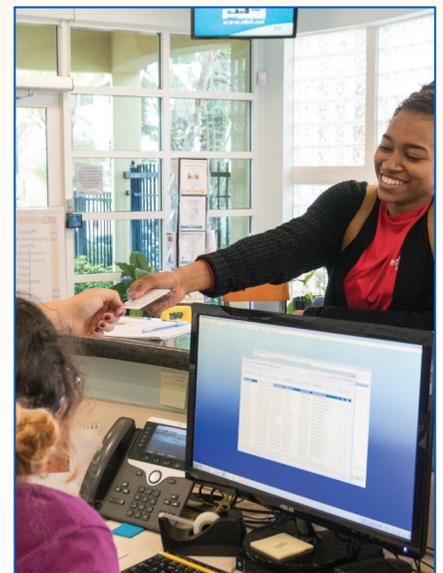
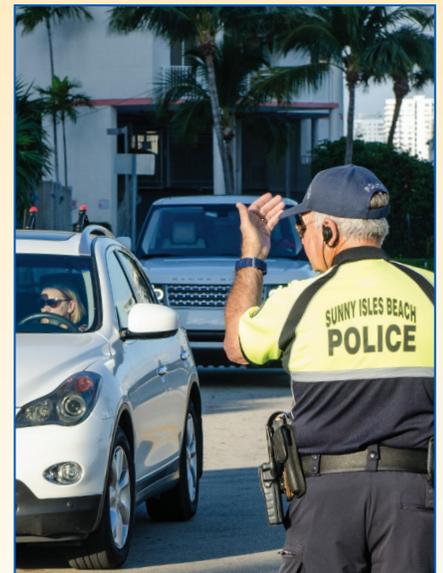
Particularly in the school carpool lane, it is imperative drivers are conscious and alert. Be patient as traffic is guided and children are making their way across the street.

Is that text message or call worth a child's life? Is changing your music or applying makeup worth risking your own life? This month, and every month moving forward, take the pledge to be an attentive and cautious driver.

Resident Perks

Last July we changed our SIB Resident ID Card requirements. A valid ID Card comes with an assortment of perks including priority registration for PCP programs and summer camps, free or reduced rates to events, and free giveaways and goodies. ID Card renewal only takes five to seven business days and is effective for an entire year. To see the requirements for an ID Card, visit sibfl.net/ccs/resident-id.

Our 21st Anniversary Celebration is coming up on June 9–10, and a valid SIB Resident ID Card gets you free lunch at the BBQ Picnic and a special gift. Come in to Pelican Community Park or the SIB Government Center to renew or apply for your SIB Resident ID Card today!



A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



In my continuing series of highlighting various City Departments and their functions, this column is devoted to our dedicated Planning & Zoning Department. It is a powerful department of two full-time talented members of our team, and part-time services from an intern position: Claudia Hasbun, our dedicated Planning & Zoning Director, and P & Z Technician Jennifer Lu-Chong, who has a degree in architecture and a master's in urban and regional planning. For such a compact department, they do a herculean task of promoting the efficient and smart development of property and implementing the City's Land Development Regulations, Transportation Master Plan, and promoting comprehensive planning, policies and review standards designed to maintain balanced, orderly and sustainable growth within the City of Sunny Isles Beach.

Claudia arrived in the City about 13 years ago, and was trained under our original Zoning Director, Jorge Vera. With her long-term institutional knowledge, she assumed the position about five years ago. Claudia's philosophy of service to the community is reflected in her open-door policy.

She answers her own phone and makes herself accessible to developers and citizens alike. She sees herself and her department as a bridge to the community, whether the seasonal population or the full time residents. Speaking of bridges, she is very proud of the completion of the pedestrian bridge connecting 172nd Street to 174th Street. This project was a key component of the City's original Comprehensive Plan. She enjoys educating the public about the City's current long range Comprehensive Plan, listens to concerns from residents on a daily basis, and is always updating her knowledge and training. While she is flexible and creative, she adheres to good planning principles at all times. Ms. Hasbun has presided over the approval and development of more than 13 projects as Director.

The P & Z Department is very much looking forward to the formation of the Public Arts Advisory Committee and working with them on the selection of public art. She and her technician continue to work on transportation planning in the City. In this regard, the staff is examining and attempting to tackle our traffic issues

head on with innovative planning. Claudia and her staff have fully recognized the need to develop solutions for congestion along Collins Avenue. We all know that Collins is a challenge, particularly since, as I have indicated many times, our studies have shown that the majority of the traffic does not originate nor terminate in Sunny Isles Beach. Due to geographical limitations, as well as the fact that Collins is a state road and therefore is subject to FDOT regulations, we are turning to technology for our solutions for most of the projects. As part of her department's mission, Claudia has been studying the existing and future conditions of its transportation system, including the roadway network, transit system, bicycling, and pedestrian facilities. The result of her and other staff effort has been the production of the first Sunny Isles Beach Transportation Master Plan. She will continue to update and work on implementation of this plan.

This next year, the department further intends to update the city Streetscape Master Plan and continue to work on the completion of improvements to the Collins Avenue corridor.

American Disabilities Act Defines Service Dogs

from the desk of Commissioner Jeanette Gatto



Occasionally we are asked where dogs are permitted to run, play and frolic in the City. Under City Ordinances, dogs are not allowed on the beach or in the parks, with the exception of two designated areas in Senator Gwen Margolis Park and Heritage Park.

There is one allowance to this rule, however, and that is for certified service animals only. Under the American Disabilities Act (ADA), service animals are defined as “any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.” These tasks include pulling a wheelchair, retrieving dropped items or alerting a person to a sound, and allow service dogs to accompany their handler in all places of public accommodation.

There is often confusion when distinguishing between service and emotional support animals. Emotional support animals provide well-being, comfort or companionship, which, according to the ADA, do not constitute work or tasks. As a result, emotional support animals are not awarded the same liberties and exemptions in the City as service animals, which means they are not permitted on the beach or in City parks.

Though many of us consider dogs members of the family, there are restrictions we must enforce, limiting the public areas dogs are allowed to roam. We encourage residents to take advantage of the Bone Zone at Margolis Park, a fenced-in, leash-free area where dogs can play every day from 7:30 am to 8:30 pm, and the leash-free dog area on the south side of Heritage Park open every day from 7:30 am to 9:00 pm.



Parking Enforcement

Parking signage throughout the City is varied. The City posts official signs to help residents or visitors park appropriately and avoid citations. When parking, please review the posted signs in all designated areas to ensure the vehicle is properly parked.

- Under Article II, Chapter 256, any motor vehicle with a current disabled parking permit is permitted to park in any public parking space within the City without incurring a fee. The maximum time allotted for such parking is four consecutive hours.
- Additionally, veterans who served in the United States military, naval or air service and were honorably discharged, and are determined by the Veteran's Administration to have a service-connected disability of 100% are exempt from paying resident parking permit costs.

Fire Prevention In High-Rise Living

from the desk of Commissioner Isaac Aelion



While a number of high-rises were already built when the City of Sunny Isles Beach was incorporated in 1997, many more have been built since then, and today, 85% of residents live in high-rises.

Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue is the entity responsible for overseeing fire safety and fire code enforcement in the City. Each high-rise must pass a fire inspection every year to ensure it complies with the building fire codes.

Though fires are rare in our City, recently, one occurred in a high-rise. As a result, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue suggested educating high-rise residents on fire prevention measures. The Fire Division Chief is planning to meet with each high-rise in Sunny Isles Beach to conduct training courses and drills.

The first of these trainings was at a Winston Towers Master Condominium Association meeting where Fire Division Chief Darren Williams gave a detailed presentation on the importance of fire drills to ensure that residents are prepared and aware of what to do in the unlikely event of a fire.

All residents should feel safe and secure in their buildings, and fire training and prevention practices are important tools when establishing a foundation of safety and prosperity. For more fire safety information visit miamidade.gov/fire/safety.asp.

Visit sibfl.net/code-enforcement for details regarding resident parking passes and other parking information.

Department Statistics October 1 to December 31, 2017

Code Enforcement:

New cases opened 146

Total cases closed 93



April 4

Wednesday, 10:00 am
Special Magistrate Hearing
SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

April 4

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

April 5

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

April 6

Friday, 9:30 am–2:30 pm
Mini-FLOW
SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

April 9

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

April 12

Thursday, 9:00 am–noon
Blood Pressure & Glucose Screening
SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

April 14

Saturday, 9:00 am–noon
Family Fun Fishing Tournament
Newport Pier

April 18

Wednesday, 7:30–9:00 pm
Sunny Serenade: featuring Stereo Mix
Samson Oceanfront Park

April 19

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

April 22

Sunday, 9:30 am
Cultural Event: Bass Art Museum
Miami Beach

April 25

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

April 25

Wednesday, 6:00 pm
City Advisory Commission Meeting
SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

April 28

Saturday, 7:00–9:00 pm
Russian Heritage Concert
Gateway Park

April 29

Sunday, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Wiggle & Paint
Samson Oceanfront Park

April 29

Sunday, 5:00–8:00 pm
Russian Heritage Showcase
Heritage Park

April 30

Sunday, 7:30–8:30 pm
Full Moon Yoga
Samson Oceanfront Park

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: April 7–28
10:00–11:30 am

Basic Computer Classes for Seniors

Tuesday: April 17
10:00–11:00 am inside the library

Russian Social Club

Saturday: April 21
3:30–5:30 pm

Programs for Children

Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays: April 4–25
6:30–7:15 pm
Sharing stories and music.
Ages 3 to 5 yrs.

Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers

Mondays: April 2–30
10:00–10:40 am
Activities for toddlers and caregivers.
Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.

Family Program

Saturdays: April 7–28
11:00 am inside the library
Activities include the entire family.

Programs for All Ages

Poetry Reading

Saturday: April 14
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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Family Fun Fishing Tournament

Bring your family and friends to the pier for a morning of fishing fun while competing for great prizes! Pre-registration is now open. Fishing poles are available for rent for pre-registration only. Fishing is only allowed from the pier; no shore fishing permitted.

Only 1 line per entrant. For complete details and rules, visit sibfl.net/fishing or call 305.792.1706.



Saturday, April 14 • 9:00 am–noon
Newport Fishing Pier • 16501 Collins Avenue
\$5 with SIB Resident ID Card; \$10 without

Sunny Serenade

Lounge under the stars at our free monthly outdoor concert featuring Stereo Mix. Free parking is available along the north side of 174th Street or in the municipal lot on 175th Terrace. The SIBsbuttle provides free transportation within City limits.



Wednesday, April 18 • 7:30–9:00 pm
Samson Oceanfront Park • 17425 Collins Avenue