

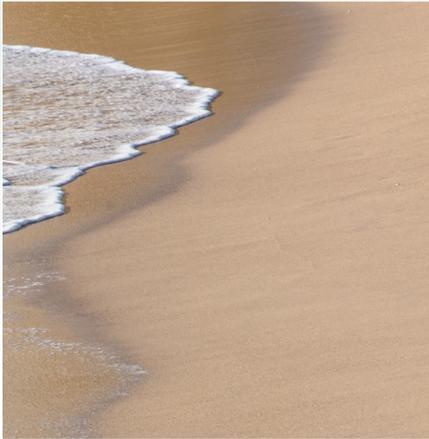
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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

May 2018

## Angels in the Sand

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT



Join us as we attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most simultaneous sand angels, to benefit the Broward Education Foundation with all proceeds going to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Victim's Fund.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday • June 2

4:30–8:00 pm

On the beach • 183 to 192 Streets

Suggested donation \$5.00

An after-party concert will be held from 6:30–8:00 pm at Samson Oceanfront Park. For more information go to [sibfl.net/sandangels](http://sibfl.net/sandangels).



## from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl  
Mayor

Many quotes have been stated around fear of the unknown. However, my favorite is, "Replace fear of the unknown with curiosity."

I very much wished for many years that concerns over the construction of our newly completed Emergency/Pedestrian Bridge (the EP Bridge) joining North Bay Road from 172 Street to 174 Street could be replaced with curiosity!

For several years we have had plans to build a bridge for pedestrians, bicycles and an occasional emergency vehicle over the canal that is located just to the south of 174th Street at North Bay Road. The idea of the bridge was a vision of the City's founders and a product of the process that created our comprehensive plan when our City was formed. It took several years and thousands of hours of planning, permitting and construction to finally enable us to complete the EP Bridge a few months ago.

The bridge was controversial over the years due to many misconceptions and rumors over the purpose and use of the bridge, a lot of which was simply driven by concerns over the unknown. Now that the EP Bridge is completed, it is an essential element of creating continuity within the inner core of our City. Additionally, the bridge has quickly become a mini-park that is frequented each evening by hundreds of residents who enjoy strolling while admiring the views from this newest attraction. Children can now walk and bike to school from many areas south of 174th Street without ever coming near Collins Avenue. In short, the EP Bridge is a huge success. With its completion, we have accomplished making our community much safer for our children and pedestrians and ultimately improving our quality of life in Sunny Isles Beach.

We have some other pedestrian bridge projects we are trying to move forward that have been facing some of the same concerns and misconceptions as the EP Bridge. As we move these projects along, what we hope for is that concern can be replaced with curiosity!

# SIBlife

## Building Safety Month

May is Building Safety Month and we want to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. Building permitting can often seem complex and daunting, however it is an important and necessary process, which allows the building department to ensure the safety of all our residents and visitors.

We recently published a Building Permit Guide where you will find helpful information to assist you in deciphering this process. The Guide includes information on why and when building permits are needed, where they can be obtained, and how to keep your best interests at the forefront, ensuring the contractors you are working with remain honest and straightforward. You can pick up your copy at the building department lobby, third floor of the Government Center. For additional questions, please visit [sibfl.net/building-dept](http://sibfl.net/building-dept) or call the Building Department at 305.947.2150.

## Summer Camp

During summer vacation, the City offers several camp options for children ranging in age from 3 to 15 years old. Various camps are in session from Monday, June 11 to Friday, August 17, 2018. Camp types include Camp Tot Lot, General Day Camp, divided by four age groups, Sports Camps and Specialty Camps. Kids can sign up for activities such as basketball, volleyball, cheer, soccer or Wacky Sports Week. If your child is more interested in creative activities, the choices range from

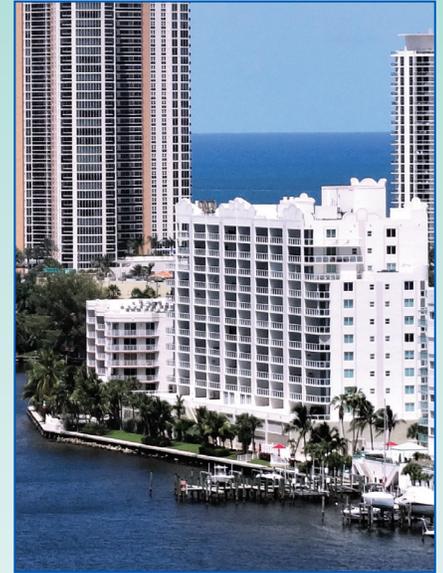
Musical Theatre, to Fine Art or Legos. See the Summer Camp Brochure online for a complete listing of all programs offered at the Sunny Isles Beach Summer Camp by visiting [sibfl.net/summercamp](http://sibfl.net/summercamp).

## National Water Safety Month

May is National Water Safety Month and Sunny Isles Beach Ocean Rescue participates by offering special information sessions to residents and visitors at Tower 174 on the beach. These sessions will take place from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on May 23-25 and May 28 & 29. Visit the men and women that staff our lifeguard towers 365 days a year and learn about measures they take to ensure your safety. If you are not able to get to a session, be sure to stop at a lifeguard tower the next time you go to the beach and take note of the flags that are flying that day and information provided on the board, which is updated daily with the UV index and temperatures. Remember to always swim near a lifeguard.

## National Bike Safety Month

In the month of May, both motorcycle and bicycle safety is recognized annually nationwide. May 9 is Bike to School Day and May 18 is Bike to Work Day. Get out and enjoy the Off-Collins Bike Path in Sunny Isles Beach that, with the completion of the Emergency Pedestrian Bridge, now runs from Heritage Park to Gateway Park. To view a map of the Off-Collins Bike Path and other pertinent information, go to [sibfl.net/city-maps](http://sibfl.net/city-maps).



# A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



With the Florida Department of Transportation now in complete control of the work being done on Collins Avenue and extended, in some cases, about 100 feet into local roads, I thought it important to notify all residents directly with some information about lane closures on our roadways, what they are for, who approves them, and why some of them are during the day and others take place overnight.

A lane closure is generally for three purposes: 1) work being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation on State roads in our City, as they are doing now; 2) work being conducted by the City of Sunny Isles Beach on either City owned roads or on State roads for a City project, such as the utility undergrounding along Collins; and 3) property development that requires construction activities such as concrete pours, material deliveries, utility connections, and crane assembly.

Lane closures on State roads in our City, which include Collins Ave., Sunny Isles Blvd., and the William Lehman Causeway, are approved and controlled by the Florida Department of Transportation. Our City, through our staff, professional consultants, and police department, get involved in the interest

of safety and coordination to mitigate the amount of inconvenience to the greatest degree possible, realizing that we do not control these roads. This always includes our urging that the State secure a special police detail, filled by off duty police officers.

All other lane closures on City roads are approved and controlled by our City government. The City always includes the added condition of a police detail at lane closures under our control. Having the police at these lane closures is a matter of life safety.

Speaking of life safety, the U.S. Department of Transportation has reported that 41 percent of fatalities at lane closure work zones are caused by rear end vehicular accidents. Routinely, there is at least one officer in a police vehicle with official flashing lights in the rear of a lane closure to give oncoming vehicles the most warning possible. That officer is there to save lives while risking his or her own to prevent injury and loss of life. In many situations, depending on the complexity of the work, there may be additional officers and vehicles throughout the work zone. Safety is the first priority, but our police department does not stop there; if the situation provides them the opportunity to shorten any delays

caused by traffic, they will accommodate. Our police department has a 20-year record of going above and beyond for everyone who enters our City.

Overnight lane closures are for more complex projects that include lane diversions or multiple lane closures such as sewer and water connections to new developments on Sunny Isles Blvd., which extend into the second traffic lane.

Daytime lane closures are usually on State roads in our City, most often Collins Ave. and typically conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation. Some daytime lane closures may be for a City project of short duration, a lengthy concrete pour, or for safety of a certain activity taking place on a development project.

We understand that traffic and congestion is frustrating and inconvenient; please realize that as each of these projects are completed, our City is going to be more sustainable and beautiful than ever.

Please see the short video about lane closures on our social media and watch for email blasts and website notices for further information concerning lane closures and projects that impact you.



## Condominium Act Reforms: New Term Limits for Directors and Electric Charging Stations

from the desk of Vice Mayor Dana Goldman



Florida's landmark Condominium Reform Act of 2017 just received a few new upgrades by the recent passage of a new law formerly known as House Bill 841. It will take effect on July 1, 2018. Your condominium association must now retain additional records from its inception. A condominium with 150 or more units as of January 1, 2019 must post on its website, among other items, its monthly income and expense statements and a list of bids received within the past year. The new law also cures a "glitch" in the 2017 law with broader term limit provisions. Directors can no longer serve more than eight consecutive years. The new law applies equally to Directors who are elected for one year terms and for longer ones, and features stronger opt-out procedures. I am proud to have taken part in that conversation, having strongly advocated for even-handed term limits with our State legislators in Tallahassee earlier this year.

Also noteworthy, Condominium Associations cannot prohibit a unit owner from installing an electric vehicle charging station within his or her limited common element parking space. The unit owner must pay all costs for the electric charging station, including installation, maintenance, repair, operation, hazard and liability insurance, and city required permits. With our ever-growing demand for clean energy solutions, the City is researching additional accommodations in both the public and private settings. More on that subject to follow shortly!

For a copy of new condominium law, please email me at [dgoldman@sibfl.net](mailto:dgoldman@sibfl.net) or contact me directly at 305.792.1753.

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## Norman S. Edelcup/Sunny Isles Beach K-8 turns 10

from the desk of Commissioner Larisa Svechin



This June marks the 21st anniversary of Sunny Isles Beach. We also celebrate the 10 year anniversary of our school, Norman S. Edelcup/Sunny Isles Beach K-8, the first school in our City. The history goes back more than 15 years. The vision and determination of local officials both in the City and surrounding areas, together with the school district, made this concept a reality. With younger families with children moving to Sunny Isles Beach, the goal to build a school within City limits became a top priority.

In 2004, the Sunny Isles Beach Commission officially approved the plan that would change the demographic makeup of our City forever. This revolutionary concept required the City to partner with Miami-Dade Public Schools in providing resources and land. Making an investment in the future, the City Commission voted to allot a grant of \$12 million to be awarded to the Miami-Dade school district to help acquire the 2.1 acre site. Many residents, both elected and volunteer, poured time and passion into NSE/SIB K-8. The school was originally named Sunny Isles Beach Community School. It was not until 2011 that the name changed to honor the sitting Mayor at that time, the Honorable Norman S. Edelcup.

Our school has impacted our businesses, events, programs, and landscape, becoming a premier destination for both vacationers and those looking to settle down. Many refer to the school as the jewel of our City. I concur. To contact Commissioner Svechin, email [lsvechin@sibfl.net](mailto:lsvechin@sibfl.net).

# SIBiInformation



## Behind the Scenes with Public Works

This department manages a broad category of infrastructure projects, financed and constructed by the City, for recreational, employment, and health and safety uses in the community.

Responsibilities include Capital Improvement Projects, construction on City property, such as lifeguard stands or bus shelters, as well as building and fleet maintenance. Workers are tasked with ongoing maintenance for stormwater drains, streets, beach accesses, parking spaces as well as elimination of graffiti and removal of dead animals on public right of ways.

- Miles of Roadway: 11.6
- Bus Shelters: 25
- Lifeguard Stands: 10

Public Works reminds residents that sea turtle nesting time is approaching. Avoid disturbing nesting sites and notify lifeguards if a site is in danger. If you find a dead, sick, or injured sea turtle or hatchling(s), contact: MDC Sea Turtle Citizen Patrol member Teal Kawana, 305.310.3046, or call the Florida Wildlife Commission 24-hour Wildlife Alert Number, 1.888.404.3922.



## May 1

Tuesday, 10:30 am-4:00 pm  
Blood Drive  
SIB Government Center

## May 2

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

## May 3

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

## May 4

Friday, 10:00 am-2:00 pm  
Mini-FLOW  
SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

## May 5

Saturday, 7:30-9:00 pm  
Cinco de Mayo Concert: featuring Latin Beat  
Gateway Park

## May 8

Tuesday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm  
Golden Era Movie: *The Quiet Man*  
Pelican Community Park

## May 10

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

## May 10

Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Cultural Event: Jersey Boys  
Broward Center, Ft. Lauderdale

## May 12

Saturday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm  
Car Show  
Gateway Park

## May 16

Wednesday, 7:30-9:00 pm  
Sunny Serenade featuring Cache Live  
Samson Oceanfront Park

## May 17

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

## May 22

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

## May 23

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

## May 27

Sunday, 11:00 am-1:00 pm  
Wiggle and Paint  
Samson Oceanfront Park

## May 28

Monday, Memorial Day  
Government Offices Closed  
Shuttle Bus does not run.

## May 29

Tuesday, 7:45 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: May 5-26  
10:00-11:30 am

### Basic Computer Classes for Seniors

Tuesday: May 15  
10:00-11:00 am inside the library

### Russian Social Club

Saturday: May 5  
3:30-5:30 pm

## Programs for Children

### Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays: May 2-30

6:30-7:15 pm

Sharing stories and music.

Ages 3 to 5 yrs.

### Talking is Teaching:

### Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers

Mondays: May 7-21

10:00-10:40 am

Activities for toddlers and caregivers.

Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.

## Family Program

Saturdays: May 5-26

11:00 am inside the library

Activities include the entire family.

## Programs for All Ages

### Poetry Reading

Saturday: May 12

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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## *Cinco de Mayo*

The City welcomes back Latin Beat with singer Tairon Aguilera for another energetic performance. Sample and savor delicious plates from various food trucks at this free concert in the City's premier park.



Saturday, May 5 • 7:30–9:00 pm

Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Free parking is available in the Gateway Park Parking Garage and the SIBshuttle will provide transportation within City limits.

## *Sunny Serenade*

Join us for a free concert featuring Cache Live, a party band performing multicultural music including: Jazz, Rhythm & Blues, Pop Classics, Rock & Roll and Latin Salsa from the 1960s to the 1990s.



Wednesday, May 16 • 7:30–9:00 pm

Samson Oceanfront Park • 17425 Collins Avenue

Free parking is available along the north side of 174 Street and in the municipal lot on 175 Terrace behind Walgreens and the SIBshuttle will provide transportation within City limits.