

# SIB islander

CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

October 2018

*Ethan Bortnick  
at Gateway LIVE!*



Saturday, October 6 • 7:30 pm  
Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Join us for the first installment of our new entertainment series, Gateway LIVE! This concert features music by 17-year-old global sensation, Ethan Bortnick. Relax on a breezy Saturday evening as Bortnick performs favorite songs for all generations to enjoy. Don't miss this exciting performance by the Guinness certified "World's Youngest solo musician to headline his own concert tour."

Tickets: Free for residents with a valid SIB Resident ID Card; \$10 for all others.

Free parking at the Gateway Park garage with overflow at Bella Vista Bay Park. For more information, visit [sibfl.net](http://sibfl.net) or call 305.792.1706.



*from our* Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl  
Mayor

We tend to associate July, August and September as the key months during hurricane season.

However, hurricane season does not officially end until November 30. This October keep your hurricane supplies stocked up and your eyes on the weather. We are still vulnerable to dangerous storms and staying vigilant throughout the rest of hurricane season can save lives.

Major hurricanes have impacted our City during the month of October. Hurricane Wilma made landfall in late October of 2005, and Hurricane Matthew hit in the first week of October just two years ago in 2016. This 2018 Atlantic hurricane season, we have already seen 10 named storms, and there may be more to come.

As with all natural disasters, hurricanes are unpredictable and can happen when you least expect them. For example, take Tropical Storm Gordon which occurred last September. The storm formed close to land and fast. We had only a day's notice to prepare for its landfall in Sunny Isles Beach. Thankfully we simply experienced heavy rains and some flooding along Collins Avenue and the side streets. But next time, we might not be as lucky.

Prepare your emergency plan and know your evacuation route should conditions require a mandatory evacuation. Replenish your hurricane supply kit with items such as non-perishable food, water, batteries. The time to buy supplies is before a storm is approaching. Sunny Isles Beach is located in Storm Surge Zone B. If you anticipate evacuating to an evacuation center, be sure to pre-register your family if you need special accommodations. And do not forget about your furry friends. Pet-friendly evacuation centers are available but remember to bring the required documentation and supplies.

Being attentive this hurricane season includes staying up-to-date with our City's SIBAlert emergency notification system. By signing up for SIBAlert, you will receive critical messages relaying the most important and time-sensitive news happening in the City of Sunny Isles Beach, especially during a hurricane. Visit [sibalert.net](http://sibalert.net) to register today. More information about hurricane preparation, evacuations, and recovery can be found at [miamidade.gov/hurricane](http://miamidade.gov/hurricane) or [sibfl.net/hurricane](http://sibfl.net/hurricane).

Let's continue to stay safe this hurricane season.

# SIBlife

## Short-Term Vacation Rental Registration Begins

On October 1, online registration for Short-Term Vacation Rentals opens. This means all apartments and condominiums renting for six months or less must obtain a license from the City of Sunny Isles Beach prior to leasing or renting a multi-family unit. Enforcement begins on December 1, and violators will face a minimum penalty of \$1,000. Register your short-term vacation rental online at [sibfl.net/short-term-rentals](http://sibfl.net/short-term-rentals). Complete the application and submit all required documents on our online portal.

Our Planning and Zoning team is here to help you with your Short-Term Vacation Rental application. Please direct all questions to [infopz@sibfl.net](mailto:infopz@sibfl.net) or call 305.792.1740.

## Take note; register to vote!

Elections for the Sunny Isles Beach Mayor and City Commission seats 2 and 4 are on Tuesday, November 6. The last day to register to vote in our municipal election is Tuesday, October 9. Let your voice be heard by exercising your right to a fair and democratic election. To learn more about elections and voting in Sunny Isles Beach, visit [sibfl.net/clerk-voterinfo](http://sibfl.net/clerk-voterinfo).

## Super Teen Movie Night

Calling all Marvel fans! Students ages 13-18 are invited to view Avengers-Infinity War on Friday, October 12 at 7:00 pm at Gateway Park. This special free movie event is for teens only, no little brothers or sisters are allowed; the movie is PG-13

and not suitable for the little ones. Students be prepared with your school ID or a driver's license to enter. Parking is free in the Gateway Park garage. And be sure to mark your calendar for the next teen event on November 9, Teens Only Carnival!

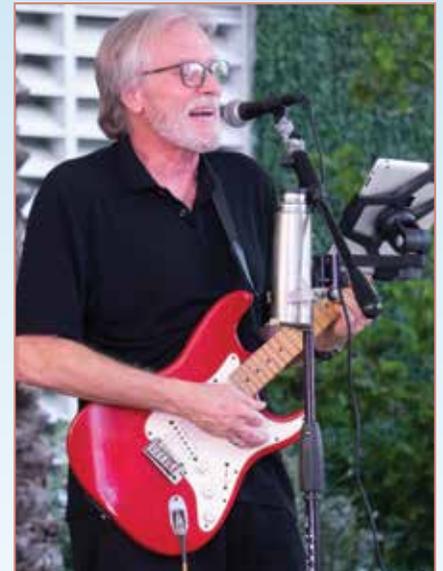
## Rock with Us at Sunny Serenade

Stroll on down to Samson Oceanfront Park, 17425 Collins Avenue, at 7:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month for a musical treat at the park's pavilion. This is the City's original concert series that goes back 18 years. For the October 17 performance, the featured group is Classic Rock Therapy. Check the City's calendar of events on [sibfl.net](http://sibfl.net) for future concert dates as holidays may affect the schedule.

## Volunteer With Us

As we transition into the fall and winter seasons, we have a multitude of volunteer opportunities available. From special events such as Booogie by the Beach and Jazz Fest to adult and youth athletics, there are many ways you can donate your time that fit your interests and busy schedule.

Volunteers must be at least a freshman in high school, undergo a thorough background check, obtain parent or legal guardian consent if under 18 years old, and submit a copy of their latest report card and teacher recommendation if under the age of 18. Positions are limited, and interviews are held on a quarterly basis. Applications are available online at [sibfl.net/volunteer](http://sibfl.net/volunteer). Email [specialevents@sibfl.net](mailto:specialevents@sibfl.net) for temporary opportunities.



# A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



The filing of the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget represents my 13th budget as your City Manager. Our assessed value is relatively the same as last year, as we reduced the millage rate to 2.2 mils per \$1,000 of assessed value. This is the second year our City has proposed a tax rate below the roll back rate. Future anticipated revenue from growth of our tax base will be directed to the Capital Fund expenditures for transportation and pedestrian safety initiatives, storm drainage, facilities and new park development projects.

Several ongoing projects include the build out of the interior space at Gateway Park for senior programs and other activities, including a banquet facility that will be available for local rental. The Florida Department of Transportation completed the paving of Collins Avenue, which has now allowed the City to continue with its utility undergrounding project. The next phase of the project will be the installation of the decorative streetlights throughout Collins Avenue. Simultaneously, we hope to have the Florida Power & Light authorized electrical contractors commence the underground wiring of the new system.

There are still many projects on our agenda. The SIB Government Center and School expansion remains on hold while the City Commission gives the MDC

School Board additional time to continue the Address Verification Program that commenced on January 9, 2017.

The construction of the Pedestrian/Emergency Bridge from 174 to 172 Streets was completed and opened early this calendar year, to a great reception by residents. We are working to obtain the necessary easement to commence planning and design of the pedestrian bridge over Collins Avenue at 174 Street to Samson Oceanfront Park. We are also in the design phase for the bridge over Collins Avenue at the Government Center. We have been awarded a \$500,000 federal grant through the State Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for this bridge.

We have commenced work on the Central Island Drainage Project. This project includes the cleaning and restoring of our deep stormwater wells along North Bay Road between 174 and 183 Streets, and the scope may be expanded based on the initial findings. We received \$300,000 through our State Representatives for this project.

We are staffed to almost 95% in service delivery areas in order to better serve our residents and continue the goal of being a World Class City. We have restored the positions of Assistant City Manager and City Engineer, which will enhance our ability to expedite capital projects and

continue to improve our maintenance operations, while saving money on outside consulting services.

With the establishment of an active Public Arts Advisory Committee, and its work to create a public art plan under the parameters that have been jointly established with the Commission, the public art trust fund becomes an important asset. The total budget is \$633,181, an increase of \$348,632 from the prior year. Its funds will now be directed in accordance with a more formalized vision for quality public art in the City.

The 2018-19 Fiscal Year Budget is a financial plan that will continue to provide a full scope of high quality municipal services. Our programs, special events, and public safety enhance life in our City. This budget also provides the required resources for us to complete all the great parks, facilities, infrastructure, and other amenities that make our community so desirable.

A special word of thanks to our Mayor and Commissioners for their tremendous support and direction throughout the year. I am grateful for our dedicated department heads and staff who work hard, and particularly our finance department, under the new leadership of Tiffany Neely. The City continues to operate with a clear plan of maintaining fiscal strength and stability.

## Condominium Reform: The Work Continues

from the desk of Vice Mayor Dana Goldman



As a municipal official I am sometimes asked to intervene in contentious condominium unit owner/board member disputes over corrupt activities. Condo corruption can range from kickbacks, financial fraud and crimes, election fraud, to conflicts of interest. It's a deep-rooted problem because the very institutions protecting corrupt administrations either support the wrong or turn a blind eye. Our state and local governmental agencies should do better in assisting residents when faced with these pernicious problems.

Condo corruption in our cities in Miami-Dade County is well documented in the 2017 Grand Jury Report and served as a catalyst for the recent Florida Condominium Act legislative reforms. Elected officials throughout Miami-Dade County representing the Miami-Dade County League of Cities are also focused on eliminating condo corruption. In October, the League will explore condo corruption and the municipal response in a seminar.

The October seminar will focus on the resources cities can provide and how to best work with outside agencies in combatting and deterring condo corruption. State Senator Rene Garcia, chief architect of the Condominium Reform Act, the Miami-Dade County Police Department Bureau of Economic Crimes, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, attorneys and other officials will be on hand. It's all part of my ongoing commitment to educate, advocate for and empower our condominium residents.

If you would like more information about the upcoming seminar or the next Condo Clinic, my email is [dgoldman@sibfl.net](mailto:dgoldman@sibfl.net) and my direct phone number is 786.512.6364.

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## Unique, Brilliant, and Creative: Public Art Coming to SIB

from the desk of Commissioner Larisa Svechin



Sunny Isles Beach is a magnificent world class destination. We are unique; with a plethora of nationalities, languages, ages, and interests. Nonetheless, we are still young, even now finding our vibe. There is inspiration everywhere you turn. From one end of the City to the other, on the east or west side of the street, you encounter striking architecture, brilliant people, and superlative restaurants. We are surrounded by panache. You do not need to look far to meet creative people, who are looking to engage and contribute to the look of our City.

Part of our Cultural Master Plan was to create the Sunny Isles Beach Public Arts Advisory Committee. Last year, the first committee was chosen from many excellent applicants. The mission of the PAAC is to advise the City Commission on matters of public art. The five members of the PAAC advise the commission and make recommendations for overall public art policy. Additionally, this talented and diverse group meets to discuss methodology and selection of artwork (through acquisition or commission) to be placed on City-owned property.

So next time you encounter a new work of art in the City, know it was meticulously discussed and recommended by the PAAC, and then voted on by the Commission. Members of PAAC serve two-year terms from January 1 through December 31. Meetings are held every other month and are listed on the City's website calendar of meetings and events at [sibfl.net](http://sibfl.net). Commissioner Larisa Svechin may be reached at [lsvechin@sibfl.net](mailto:lsvechin@sibfl.net).

# SIBiInformation

## Behind the Scenes with the Finance Department

The Finance Department manages the City's finances, while providing support toward policy development and operating procedures. The department's goal is to ensure the most efficient use of City funds, to safeguard City assets and to properly record revenues and expenditures in the accounting system.

Finance is tasked with preparing the annual independent audit report in conjunction with the City's external auditors and coordinating the preparation and publication of the City Manager's annual budget and five-year capital improvement program. In addition, the department provides support to all City departments related to budgets, contracts, purchase orders, vendor payments and payroll. The department also prepares a quarterly analysis of operational results and a monthly investment report as well as several other report submissions to outside agencies.

The Finance Department provides administrative oversight for:

- General Accounting and Financial Reporting
- Payroll
- Accounts Payable and Receivable
- Budget Preparation
- Purchasing and Contracts Management
- Investments and Treasury Management

To view the budget, amendments and financial reports for the City visit [sibfl.net/financial-reporting](http://sibfl.net/financial-reporting).

### Statistics: Fiscal year-to-date 2018

Purchase Orders Issued—1,900  
Vendor Checks Issued—3,738  
Annual Yield on Cash & Investments—1.78%



### October 3

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

### October 4

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

### October 6

Saturday, 7:30 pm  
Ethan Bortnick at Gateway LIVE!  
Gateway Park

### October 8

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

### October 10

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

### October 11

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

### October 11

Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Cultural Event: Havana Music Hall  
Actors' Playhouse, Coral Gables

### October 12

Friday, 7:00 pm  
Teen Movie Night: *Avengers Infinity War*  
Gateway Park

### October 13

Saturday, 10:00 am–3:00 pm  
Car Show & Craft Fair  
Gateway Park

### October 14

Sunday, 5:30 pm  
Cultural Event: *The Phantom of the Opera*  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts

### October 17

Wednesday, 7:30–9:00 pm  
Sunny Serenade: Classic Rock Therapy  
Samson Oceanfront Park

### October 18

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

### October 24

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

### October 24

Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 pm  
Full Moon Yoga  
Samson Oceanfront Park

### October 26

Friday, 7:00–10:00 pm  
Boogie by the Beach  
Pelican Community Park

### October 27

Saturday, 7:00–10:00 pm  
Boogie by the Beach  
Pelican Community Park

### October 28

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

### October 31

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

## 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: October 16  
Third Tuesday each month  
10:00–11:00 am inside the library

#### Citizenship Classes

Saturdays: October 6–27  
10:00–11:30 am

#### Poetry Reading

Saturday: October 13  
4:00–5:00 pm  
Share your poetry or all-time favorites.

#### Russian Social Club

Saturday: October 20  
3:30–5:30 pm

### Programs for Children

#### Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays: October 3–31  
7:00–7:30 pm  
Share stories and music.  
Ages 3–5 yrs.

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

Mondays: October 1–29  
10:00–10:40 am  
Activities for toddlers and caregivers.  
Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.

#### Creative Corner Family Program

Saturdays: October 6–27  
11:00 am  
Activities for the whole family.



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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of the City of Sunny Isles Beach!*



### *Boogie by the Beach*

Join us for a scary good time at our annual Halloween event! Enjoy contests, games, rides and our popular haunted house. Vendors will have food for sale.



Friday, Oct. 26 & Saturday, Oct. 27 • 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Pelican Community Park, 18115 North Bay Road

Wristbands for rides: \$5 with SIB Resident ID Card, \$20 without  
Haunted House: \$1 per trip

Free parking at NSE/SIB K-8 School garage and SIB Govt. Center.  
Ride the free SIBshuttle for a spooky treat!

### *Car Show & Craft Fair*

View classic cars shining on the lawn and an assortment of vendors selling handcrafted jewelry, spices, and art at our Craft Fair. Featuring live music by Stereo Mix.



Saturday, October 13 • 10:00 am–3:00 pm

Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Free parking available at the Gateway Park garage. The SIBshuttle provides free transportation within City limits.