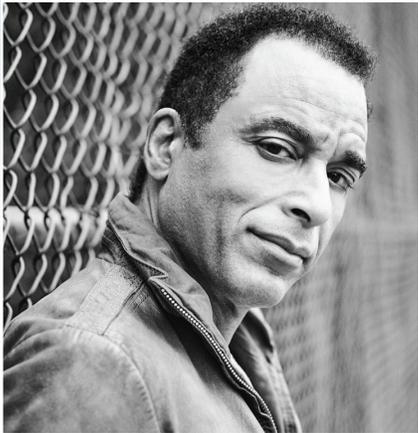


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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

November 2019

## Music in the Isles



Saturday  
November 16 • 7:00–10:00 pm

Gateway Park  
151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Popular multi-Grammy-award-winning artist, Jon Secada, headlines this re-styled fall music event, formerly known as Jazz Fest. Jon is one of the first bilingual artists to have international crossover success. Adored by millions around the world, he is recognized by both fans and peers alike for his soulful and melodic voice. Local Grammy-winning jazz saxophonist, Dr. Ed Calle, opens the show.

General admission tickets for the concert are \$15 and do not include a seat. Reserved seating tickets are \$30. Purchase tickets online at [sibevents.ticketleap.com](http://sibevents.ticketleap.com) or in person at the SIB Government Center and Pelican Community Park. Free parking is available at the Gateway Park garage. For more information about Music in the Isles, visit [sibfl.net/music](http://sibfl.net/music) or call 305.792.1706.



## from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl  
Mayor

This year has been quite eventful here in Sunny Isles Beach.

The city has been working to fix regulations affecting the development of land while battling waves of disinformation from multiple directions.

For those who do not know or might need clarification, at the beginning of the year, an inconsistency was discovered between the zoning code and the comprehensive plan for the Town Center District that ultimately left six buildings vulnerable. This discrepancy only affects the Town Center District, which lies on the west side of Collins Avenue from 172 Street south to the south side of Sunny Isles Boulevard. At the July Commission Meeting, the city proposed an amendment to the comprehensive plan, but due to misleading information and the negative response from our residents, the Commission voted to defer and seek a different solution. In September, we voted to enact a moratorium in the Town Center District. This allows us time to “hit pause” and develop a meaningful and cohesive plan that stems from public engagement with residents and property owners.

Which leads us to where we are today. Under the halo of a moratorium, I want to share the city’s plan of action for the Town Center District.

At the October Commission Meeting, city staff proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan, which subdivide the Town Center District into two areas: north and south. The proposed Town Center North will extend from 172 Street south to Sunny Isles Boulevard. The proposed Town Center South will encompass the blocks south of Sunny Isles Boulevard, essentially sequestering the area where the six buildings are located. Two ordinances were presented for first reading: one is an amendment to the comprehensive plan, and the other is an amendment to the Future Land Use map.

As part of the proposed comprehensive plan amendment, the city defines the density and intensity for only the Town Center South to align with the interpretation relied on for the last 12 years. The proposed density for the Town

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# from our Mayor

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Center South is 75 dwelling units per acre, and the base Floor Area Ratio intensity is 3.50. The amendment also places a ceiling on intensity not to exceed 5.20. These amendments would remedy the Town Center South only, bringing the six buildings into compliance, without providing any additional benefits to the properties north of Sunny Isles Boulevard.

In addition to dividing the north and south sides of the Town Center District, part of the amendment to the Future Land Use map includes changing the designation of four land parcels in the Town Center South. Bella Vista Bay Park and Gateway Park's proposed changes are from mixed-use business to recreation and open space, meaning future projects proposed in this area can only be used for recreation and open space purposes. Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Facility and the Gateway Park parking garage's proposed changes are from mixed-use business to community facility, meaning future uses for this area can only be for community facilities.

Both ordinances passed on first reading, and we will now submit the revised comprehensive plan amendment

to the State of Florida for their review. We cannot pass the ordinances as final until we receive permission from the State of Florida. As we receive comments from the State, we will address them; but in the meantime, we will move on to start a process for addressing the Town Center North.

Between this November and April 2020, the city will schedule activities to engage the public and discuss the future of the Town Center North, including workshops and public meetings. Throughout the upcoming months, we will listen to what you, our residents, envision for the future of this area. And based on your feedback, city staff will propose modifications to the comprehensive plan and/or Land Development Regulations between April and June 2020. The next step will be to finalize and adopt the proposed changes in September, which city staff and the public developed in tandem. With the above timeline we believe that by September 2020 we expect to lift the moratorium, or one year after it was formally imposed.

I've outlined the city's plan of action above for a number of reasons. These

issues generated a lot of misinformation, mostly due to the politicization of the initial solution to fix the vulnerability of the six buildings. Our current course of action described above has taken a very conservative approach to determining the disposition of the Town Center North. And the initial process mainly focused on fixing the inconsistencies in our code that left the six buildings vulnerable. I can assure you that the city always tries to make the best decisions for the community as a whole. Sometimes in attempting to mitigate one issue we fall short on another, as evidenced in July. But we learn from our missteps and move on. Throughout this process you voiced your concerns and opinions, and we have been listening.

It would be great to see more residents at every commission meeting, and not just when there is a "hot button" issue. I encourage you to participate in the public activities regarding the Town Center North and all future public discussions. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter, @CityofSIB, or sign up for email notifications at [sibfl.net/notifyme](http://sibfl.net/notifyme) to receive all the details regarding these upcoming meetings.

# SIBlife

## New Program Offerings

From time to time, we revitalize city programs. This can happen when instructors move on, enrollment drops, or when residents or staff suggest a new program is needed. The city is offering a variety of youth and adult programs that may seem familiar but have a new look and feel.

One of those is our soccer program. Participation has grown rapidly over the last couple of years with great success including a momentous win at an ESPN tournament at Disney. Due to feedback from the community, this fall our coaching staff recognized the need to enhance the program by offering instructional and league play soccer for girls ages 6–12. The fall session is sold out; but if your daughter is interested in becoming a soccer star, be sure to sign up early for the winter session. **Resident registration for the winter session begins on November 4.**

We love to offer youth art programs each season, and this winter, Art for Kids ages 5–12 will be led by Trazos Art Academy. The program is designed to introduce children to the painting and drawing medium as a means of recreating three-dimensional space on a two-dimensional surface. Children will develop conceptual and technical skills throughout the exploration of media to successfully understand concepts such as analysis of color, drawing, and composition. This class is held on Saturday mornings at Pelican Community Park.

After our long-time English instructor retired, the city secured the services of EBETEC Language Academy. Their mission is to promote excellence in the

English language by providing opportunities for students to explore, discover, and learn English at all levels. Their goal is to help adult students develop the skills needed to communicate and interact effectively in their day-to-day lives. Beginner classes are held on Saturday mornings from 9:00–11:00 am and intermediate classes on Wednesdays at 6:15–8:15 pm.

Check out all our programs and register online at [activities.sibfl.net](http://activities.sibfl.net).

## Veterans Day Celebration

On Monday, November 11 at 9:30 am, we honor those who have served our country at the 2019 Veterans Day Celebration at Heritage Park. New nominees from Sunny Isles Beach will be recognized, along with the collective national group of veterans who served our country to preserve all of our individual freedoms. Take time on this national holiday to come to the park and personally thank a veteran on this special day. For more details, call 305.792.1706 or visit our event calendar at [sibfl.net/events](http://sibfl.net/events).

## Family Movie Nights

The city is gearing up for a new season of our interactive, themed, and popular Family Movie Nights. Mark your calendar for Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2 for some movie fun with *Toy Story 4*. Movie enthusiasts can catch the first showing on Friday at Heritage Park or second showing on Saturday at Town Center Park. Movie-themed activities start at 7:00 pm each evening and the movie begins at 7:30 pm. For more information, call 305.792.1706 or visit [sibfl.net/events](http://sibfl.net/events).



## Helpful Resources from the State of Florida

from the desk of Commissioner Alex Lama



Searching for help can sometimes be a daunting task. In this age of the internet when information is available at your fingertips, the extensive volume of results can still make it time consuming to determine which is a good resource to contact when in need of assistance. Here are some resources available to children, families and seniors from the State of Florida that could be helpful.

**Department of Elder Affairs:** This department promotes the well-being, safety, and independence of Florida's seniors, their families, and caregivers. The department offers a wide range of services to older adults. Services include Adult Care Food Program, Community Care for the Elderly, Health and Wellness, Senior Companion Program, Memory Disorder Clinics, Nutrition Programs and many more. For more information, you can call 1.800.963.5337 or visit [elderaffairs.state.fl.us](http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us). This Department also offers a hotline to report elder abuse: 1.800.962.2873.

**Department of Financial Services–Division of Consumer Services:** This division provides resources that help consumers make informed financial decisions. Some of these services are S.T.A.R.T. (Save Today And Retire Tomorrow) to help plan for retirement; CLIMB, which teaches children the importance of money basics; Your Life for survivors of domestic violence, their families and friends to learn about financial empowerment; On Guard, for seniors, families and caregivers who want to make informed financial decisions; and Operation Safe, for seniors wanting to learn more about financial scams and frauds. For more information, you can call 1.877.693.5236 or visit [MyFloridaCFO.com](http://MyFloridaCFO.com)

Please contact me with questions or to share useful resources you may have that could help other residents. I can be reached at 305.792.1752 or [alama@sibfl.net](mailto:alama@sibfl.net).



Many of you have been to one of our spectacular special events throughout the year. From last month's Halloween celebration, Boogie by the Beach, to twice-monthly Bingo sessions, to live performances at Gateway Park, the special events division is behind each and every event you see on our calendar.

This past year they hosted 108 events, which makes up 30% of the days of the year. Our remarkable events team of two full-time employees and one part-time employee work hard to produce entertaining, family-friendly and exciting events that the entire Sunny Isles Beach population will enjoy. While promoting cultural diversity, the team is focused on providing the best experience for all ages.

### Upcoming Featured Events:

Music in the Isles featuring

Jon Secada – November 16

Winter Fest – December 7 & 8

Pre-NYE in SIB – December 28

Gateway LIVE! – February 1

Symphony of Flavors – February 29

For more information and to see all our upcoming special events, visit our website at [sibfl.net/events](http://sibfl.net/events) or call 305.792.1706.

## An Ounce of Prevention Can Safeguard Your Home and Family

from the desk of Chief Dwight P. Snyder



The mission of the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department is always to reduce crime and maintain the safety of our residents and guests. So with this in mind, let me provide a crime prevention tip dating back to one of our founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin, who once said "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." I'm not quite sure Mr. Franklin was talking about crime prevention, but regardless of his meaning, the concept works the same way.

The ounce of prevention we are talking about starts with you. Unfortunately, at times we allow ourselves to become victimized by crimes of opportunity which otherwise could have been averted. Simple prevention techniques include locking your car doors, and never leaving the keys, remote starter, firearms or other valuables inside your unattended vehicle. This practice is a recipe for disaster, as unscrupulous criminals are looking to victimize those who fail to safeguard their belongings. Additional residential security measures should also be taken to protect your homes/families and are as simple as locking your doors and windows, including your garage. Alarm systems should be used when available, as they add another level of home security.

As safe as our community is, criminals have no boundaries. So remember, an ounce of simple prevention today will save a pound of financial heartache tomorrow. For more crime prevention tips, visit our website at [sibfl.net/sibpd](http://sibfl.net/sibpd). Stay safe!

**November 1**

Friday, 7:00–9:00 pm  
Family Movie Night: *Toy Story 4*  
Heritage Park

**November 2**

Saturday, 7:00–9:00 pm  
Family Movie Night: *Toy Story 4*  
Town Center Park

**November 5**

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

**November 5**

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

**November 7**

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

**November 8**

Friday, 7:00–9:45 pm  
Teens Only: Painting with SIB  
Pelican Community Park

**November 11**

Monday, 9:30 am  
Veterans Day Celebration  
Heritage Park

**November 11**

Monday, Veterans Day  
Federal Holiday: Government Offices Closed  
SIBshuttle does not operate

**November 12**

Tuesday, 10:00 am–1:00 pm  
Golden Era Movie: *Singin' in the Rain*  
Pelican Community Park

**November 12**

Tuesday, 5:15 pm  
Full Moon Yoga  
Samson Oceanfront Park

**November 13**

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

**November 13**

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

**November 14**

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

**November 16**

Saturday, 7:00–10:00 pm  
Music in the Isles  
Gateway Park

**November 19**

Tuesday, 6:45 pm  
Cultural Event:  
*Escape to Margaritaville*  
Broward Center for the  
Performing Arts

**November 21**

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

**November 27**

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

**November 28**

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day  
Federal Holiday:  
Government Offices Closed  
SIBshuttle does not operate

**November 29**

Friday, Day after Thanksgiving  
Government Offices Closed  
SIBshuttle Service, Orange Lines only

**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 Introduction to Computers for ages 55+

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

**Citizenship Classes**

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

**Poetry Reading**

Saturday: November 9  
4:00–5:00 pm

**Russian Social Club**

Saturday: November 16  
3:30–5:30 pm

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

Wednesdays: November 6–27  
6:00–6:30 pm inside the library  
Ages 3–5 yrs.

**Homework Tutoring**

Saturdays: November 2–30  
11:00 am inside the library  
Registration required.

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

Mondays: November 4, 18 & 25  
10:00–10:40 am  
Ages 19 mo.–3 yrs.

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## *Family Movie Nights*

Grab a blanket & picnic basket and get ready for the first Family Movie Night of the season featuring *Toy Story 4*.



Friday, November 1 • 7:00 pm • Heritage Park  
Saturday, November 2 • 7:00 pm • Town Center Park

Don't miss themed activities starting at 7:00 pm and the movie begins at 7:30 pm. Admission is free and free parking is available at each park or you can ride the free SIBshuttle.

## *Veterans Day Celebration*

This morning celebration honors the Sunny Isles Beach veterans who have served our country.



Monday, November 11 • 9:30 am  
Heritage Park • 19200 Collins Avenue

Join us in recognizing this year's veterans nominated for placement on our wall. Free parking is available in the Heritage Park garage or ride the free SIBshuttle.