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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

January 2019

2019 Family Movie Nights Kickoff



Friday, January 4
Saturday, January 5
7:00–9:00 pm

Bring the whole family out for a movie under the stars. Sit back and enjoy the popular animated movie *Despicable Me 3*. Bring your blanket or chair and the whole family! Free activities for kids start at 7:00 pm, the movie begins promptly at 7:30 pm, Friday night, January 4 at Heritage Park, 19200 Collins Avenue and Saturday night, January 5 at Town Center Park, 17200 Collins Avenue. Free parking is available at each park or the SIB-shuttle provides free transportation within the City.

February 8, 9: *The Little Mermaid*
March 1, 2: *Disney Nature Oceans*

More details may be found on the City's Calendar of Events web page, sibfl.net/calendar.

from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl
Mayor

The New Year brings two new outstanding individuals to serve on our City Commission.

It is my privilege to introduce Jeniffer Viscarra and Alex Lama as the newest members of our Commission. Election years are always taxing, but term limits allow for fresh faces, fresh ideas, and fresh perspectives.

As a City that is growing, adapting and advancing, turnover in leadership is imperative to continually prosper as a forward-thinking City. Term limits provide an opportunity for a government by the people, to be run by our people. And our people are up to the task.

As members of the City Advisory Committee (CAC) and parents of children at the SIB K-8 School, both Commissioners are invested in the success and prosperity of Sunny Isles Beach, understanding the intricate details and elements that make up our great City. Elected on November 6, Jeniffer took office on December 5, and Alex will take office on January 3, one month after the runoff election on December 4.

Jeniffer, a lawyer and former professor, has been a Sunny Isles Beach resident for nearly 20 years, actively participating in our local politics. Her experience as the chair of the CAC allowed her to become a leading voice in our community advocating for residents and their families. Jeniffer's knowledge and experience serve as the catalyst for her burgeoning political career.

Alex has lived in Sunny Isles Beach since 1988, before the City was even incorporated. Witnessing 30 years of growth and transformation, and with extensive experience in advertising and marketing, Alex is poised to offer sound and valuable guidance. During his time on the CAC, Alex provided insight into issues affecting our community and worked to solve important problems facing our residents.

Read more about Commissioner Viscarra's impressive qualifications in her first article inside this edition and stay tuned to hear from Commissioner Lama next month. I am honored to welcome them to the City Commission and look forward to seeing the positive contributions both will make on current and future City affairs.



SIBlife

New Year of Events

Take advantage of all the offerings City staff has planned for 2019 from events and concerts to programs and classes for all ages. Be sure to renew your City-issued SIB Resident ID Card to enjoy the priority registration dates and discounted prices throughout the year. Activities and events are listed in the quarterly *SIB Living* magazine, on the City's website homepage calendar: sibfl.net and in the monthly *SIB Islander* mailer sent to each household. In addition to the reoccurring programs, January starts off strong with events such as Family Movie Nights, Teens Only Escape Room, a Sunny Serenade and a Concert and Car Show on the Green. We hope to see you out and about at one of the many events this winter season!

Apply for or Renew Your SIB Resident Card

An exciting new service is available to residents this season, the option to apply for or renew your City-issued SIB Resident ID Card online at sibfl.net/residentid. From your home computer, simply follow the instructions to complete the application and upload requested documents. The documents will be reviewed and if approved, the card will be mailed to you within seven business days. If additional information is required, you will be contacted by City staff. Save yourself some time and renew online today!

Gateway LIVE!

On Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 pm at Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard, experience the Chinese Acrobats of

Hebei at Gateway LIVE! These acrobats are masters of agility and grace presenting a show that will amaze and delight audiences. Ranging in ages from 19-25 and trained from childhood in acrobatics they are marvels of what the human mind and body can accomplish. They combine outstanding performances with authentic Chinese props, stunning costumes, a beautiful music soundtrack and Chinese traditions. Residents may pick up their free tickets with their valid City-issued SIB Resident ID Card in person at Pelican Community Park or the SIB Government Center. Non-Residents may purchase tickets for \$10 online at sibevents.ticketleap.com or in person at our two ticket locations. Parking is free in the Gateway Park garage where it is easy to access the park. Pedestrians from the north may also safely enter the park from the pedestrian bridge across westbound 826. The *SIBshuttle* provides free transportation to the event within City limits.

SIBAlert: Emergency Notifications

Residents should be aware that our emergency notification system, SIBAlert, is active year-round. This system is the best resource for critical information directly to your mobile device. Receive accurate and up-to-date emergency notices and warnings from the City. Sign up at sibalert.net and create a free account with Everbridge. Choose a delivery method via phone calls, SMS text messages, emails, or the mobile app. We also encourage you to download the free Everbridge app on your mobile device, so your family will have emergency alerts from the City at your fingertips.



A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



January is typically the time to make resolutions, look toward the future, and set new goals. I want to first reflect on the great progress we made last year, and then discuss our plans for the upcoming year.

Throughout the last couple of years, we have made remarkable progress on the ongoing Utility Undergrounding project. Approximately 60 miles of conduit was laid under Collins Avenue; the Roadway Rehabilitation and Repaving project was completed, signalized intersections were upgraded, and crosswalks were improved. We are now in the process of removing, replacing and installing decorative streetlights along Collins Avenue. This phase of the project is anticipated to be completed in early 2020.

We have been implementing our stormwater drainage improvement program step by step. Last year, we upgraded the central island area, 174 Street to 183 Street, by cleaning out all deep stormwater collection wells and catch basins, inspecting all drainage pipes and outflows from our City, and repairing or replacing any pipes deemed necessary. This project will continue into 2019. The planning has started for the rehabilitation of the Golden Shores Stormwater

Pump Station. We are also embarking on a stormwater retention facility expansion study. More sand is due to be placed on our beach starting in 2019 while we work on a long term plan to mitigate beach erosion.

In the public safety arena, our Sunny Isles Beach Police Department has made great efforts to increase the safety on and off the roads. Through a continued proactive and visible presence, our officers have been on the streets, in the school, and at our events.

We expanded our media presence offering an emergency notification system, SIBAlert, and a new YouTube channel to view our video content. Our Cultural & Community Services department also introduced an entertainment series last year, Gateway LIVE!, and this unique quarterly series will continue in 2019. Mark your calendars because the Chinese Acrobats of Hebei will take the stage on Saturday, February 2.

What's still to come? We have some exciting projects in the works, and I know our City staff is up to the task. I am grateful for all of our dedicated employees who go above and beyond to ensure Sunny Isles Beach is a World Class City. With the City nearly fully staffed with excellent talent, we are working

diligently on several capital projects to ensure timely completion.

One of the most important concerns our City faces is transportation and pedestrian safety. As we work to further implement the Transportation Master Plan, we will continue widening sidewalks along several interior City roads. We are presently in the bidding stage to build a new pedestrian bridge over Collins Avenue at the Government Center, and are working on the planning for two additional pedestrian bridges to be built over Collins Avenue at 174 Street and at Sunny Isles Boulevard. I will continue to provide updates as these projects develop.

The interior of Gateway Park will soon become the hub for all senior and teen programming and other activities. Soon we will be out to bid for the interior build out and be underway with construction. This additional space will allow us to provide a higher quality of programming for all age levels across Sunny Isles Beach.

I am excited for what the future holds for the City and look forward to seeing everything our accomplished staff is able to achieve. Stay tuned throughout the year to receive the latest news, updates, and happenings in Sunny Isles Beach.

Climate Change, Sea Level Rise and Our Resiliency

from the desk of Vice Mayor Dana Goldman



If a single storyline dominates the media today regarding coastal cities, it is climate change and sea level rise. The media's fever-pitched and urgent call to action should affect policy makers at every level. Indeed, our City's Comprehensive Plan, a blueprint for existing and future development, was amended in 2016 to include our responsibility to address sea level rise and provide mitigation strategies.

Our City has made important strides in addressing flooding and storm surge events. We've implemented storm water capital improvements, acquired lands for green space and planted hundreds of additional trees. Our beach renourishment is complete, and we joined the American Flood Coalition where I currently serve on the Interim Advisory Board.

Yet, we must continually ask ourselves, how can our city be more sustainable and more resilient? Over the years, residents have offered numerous suggestions, including banning single use plastics and adapting to alternative energy sources. We've had numerous discussions with neighboring municipalities about resiliency and workable adaptation strategies. But we must do more to increase our sustainability education and awareness platform. We can and should decrease our energy, water and fuel consumption and continue to encourage and enhance options for recycling and alternative modes of transportation.

I will continue to work with my colleagues on the City Commission to address this profoundly important issue. Climate change, sea level rise and resiliency cuts across the global, national, statewide, and local spectrum. I welcome your input and can be reached at dgoldman@sibfl.net.

Grateful to Serve as Your Commissioner

from the desk of Commissioner Jeniffer Viscarra



In this new year the City of Sunny Isles Beach has two new commissioners; I am grateful to be one of them. I grew up around these parts. My family moved to the Aventura area in 1981 when I was seven years old. I attended local schools and graduated from North Miami Beach Senior High. I remained local, earning a bachelor's degree from Barry University and a master's degree from Florida International University, where I stayed on at a full-time position and as an adjunct professor.

In 2000, I moved to Sunny Isles Beach. Though teaching is my first love and I enjoyed working in academia, I left FIU to attend Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York, after which I returned home to SIB. Since 2007 I have primarily practiced family law and volunteered in various capacities including as Chair of the City Advisory Committee (CAC). Perhaps my favorite contribution as Chair of the CAC is the implementation of the wallet card program, which helps first responders more successfully interact with people with Autism Spectrum Disorder. A year later the State of Florida passed a law requiring autism awareness training, putting our police department well ahead of the curve.

As commissioner, I will continue to work diligently to keep our City an exemplar municipality while ensuring that our residents' safety and quality of life needs are met. I can be contacted at jviscarra@sibfl.net or 305.792.1700.

SIBiInformation

BEHIND THE SCENES
WITH THE MEDIA DIVISION:
YouTube Channel Unveiled



Visit the City's new YouTube channel, where the community can access all of our video content at the click of a button. Explore this YouTube channel and see the best of our video content. Our production team records City events, concerts, activities, and meetings and produces short recaps, promos, and informational pieces. These videos can now be found on our YouTube channel, @CityofSIB.

Other videos on the channel cover subjects such as hurricane preparedness, mosquito control, short-term vacation rental license applications and much more. Videos are uploaded in a timely manner and our community can peruse the presentations at their leisure.

As always, relative video content will stream on SIBTV along with other news and happenings. Viewers can now access City-produced content in two ways; by visiting [Youtube.com/cityofsib](https://www.youtube.com/cityofsib) or by tuning into SIBTV on Atlantic Broadband Channel 92/107.5 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99.



January 1

Tuesday, New Year's Day
Federal Holiday: Government Offices closed
Shuttle Bus does not run

January 2

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

January 3

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

January 4

Friday, 9:30 am–1:30 pm
Mini-FLOW
Pelican Community Park (new location)

January 4

Friday, 7:00–9:00 pm
Family Movie Night: *Despicable Me 3*
Heritage Park

January 5

Saturday, 7:00-9:00 pm
Family Movie Night: *Despicable Me 3*
Town Center Park

January 8

Tuesday, 10:00 am–1:00 pm
Golden Era Movie: *Grease*
Pelican Community Park

January 8

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

January 9

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

January 10

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

January 12

Saturday, 6:30-10:00 pm
Teens Only: Escape Room Challenge
Pelican Community Park

January 15

Tuesday, 6:45 pm
Cultural Event: *Hamilton*
Broward Center for the Performing Arts

January 16

Wednesday, 7:30 pm
Sunny Serenade: *The Jersey Wiseguys*
Samson Oceanfront Park

January 17

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

January 19

Saturday, 10:00 am–3:00 pm
Concert & Cars on the Green
Gateway Park

January 21

Monday, Government Offices Closed
Federal Holiday: Martin Luther King
Shuttle Bus runs holiday schedule: Blue Line only

January 21

Monday, 5:30-6:30 pm
Full Moon Yoga
Samson Oceanfront Park

January 23

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

January 24

Thursday, 6:00 pm
Public Arts Advisory Committee Meeting
SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

January 27

Sunday, 10:45 am
Cultural Event: Chocolate Festival, Fairchild Garden
Coral Gables, Florida

January 27

Sunday, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Wiggle and Paint
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. Unless otherwise noted, classes and programs are held in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Sunny Isles Beach Government Center, 18070 Collins Avenue.

Programs for Adults

Basic Computer Classes for Seniors

Tuesday: January 15
10:00–11:00 am inside the library

Citizenship Classes

Saturdays: January 5–26
10:00–11:30 am

Poetry Reading

Saturday: January 12
4:00–5:00 pm
Share your original poetry or all-time favorites.

Russian Social Club

Saturday: January 19
3:30–5:30 pm

Programs for Children

Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays: January 2–30
7:00–7:30 pm
Share stories and music.
Ages 3–5 yrs.

Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers

Mondays: January 7–28 *except 21st*
10:00–10:40 am
Activities for toddlers and caregivers.
Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.

Creative Corner Family Program

Saturdays: January 5–26
11:00 am inside the library
Activities for the whole family.

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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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Teens Only Escape Room Challenge

2 Escape Rooms: Patient Zero and Boom
Open To Grades 7–12, must show school identification
to register and enter.*



Saturday, January 12 • 6:30–10:00 pm
Pelican Community Park • 18115 North Bay Road

*Pre-registration required in person at Pelican Community Park or the SIB Government Center. Pizza, music and activities will be provided while groups wait for their turn.

Concert & Cars on the Green

Relax and enjoy musical entertainment from the stage along
with a display of classic and modified cars on the lawn at the
City's premier park.



Saturday, January 19 • 10:00 am–3:00 pm
Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Admission and parking, at the Gateway Park garage, are both free or ride the free SIBshuttle within City limits.