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## A MESSAGE FROM THE Mayor

“ As we mark one year since the condominium tragedy in Surfside, I want to share two new laws that were passed during a special Florida legislative session in May that will enhance building and condominium safety as well as property insurance. ”



Dana Robin Goldman  
Mayor

Senate Bill 4-D focuses on building and condominium safety as it relates to inspections, transparency, and reserves. The bill creates a two-phase milestone inspection process for condos and HOAs that are three stories or higher. Buildings must now receive inspections after 30 years and then again every 10 years. Further, condos that are within three miles of the coastline must start inspections after 25 years, and then continue every 10 years after. Before, Miami-Dade County law required all condominiums to conduct recertifications after 40 years and then every 10 years after. 4-D moves the initial inspection up for all condos in Sunny Isles Beach to be 15 years earlier. The goal is that by conducting these important inspections sooner, we will hopefully be able to catch any structural concerns and fix them before they become a life-threatening problem.

The bill also provides for greater transparency and disclosure so that inspections are included in the condo's official records provided to buyers, renters, unit owners and building officials. In addition, for condos three stories or higher, associations must complete a structural integrity reserve study at least every 10 years after the building is built. Condo boards are also unable to waive reserves for structural elements such as roofs,

load-bearing walls and electrical systems. By putting these regulations in place, unit owners, renters and buyers are able to hold condos accountable for the safety of their homes.

As the cost of living rises dramatically, Senate Bill 2-D addresses the increasing lack of access and affordability of property insurance in Florida. The bill focuses on reducing property insurance rates over time, while improving the choice and increasing transparency between homeowners and insurance companies. It includes anti-fraud and legal reforms to reduce frivolous litigation that drives up costs for insurance companies and policyholders. The bill also creates a new property insurer investigations unit to increase regulatory oversight and requires the Office of Insurance Regulation to provide enhanced monitoring whenever significant concerns are identified.

These bills are important steps that support the safety and quality of life for those who live in or own condominiums. While there is more work to do, it is comforting to know that our state is moving forward in the right direction to keep condo dwellers safe in their homes.

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# Teens at the Forefront

Vice Mayor Jeniffer Viscarra

Sunny Isles Beach celebrated its 25th anniversary last month. Since incorporating in 1997, we have become a more diverse and family-oriented place to live, work, and play. As our city changed, so did our residents' needs. Among those needs is the social well-being and safety of our teens. At the December 2021 Commission Meeting I brought forward two issues that I am hopeful will contribute to our teens' quality of life. The first is the idea of a Youth Advisory Committee and the second the possibility of a teen recreational space.

On paper, the Youth Advisory Committee became reality in March with Commissioner Stuyvesant and myself as co-sponsors. Our first youth members should be meeting in the near future. We will soon be on our way to a new chapter in civic engagement. Thank you teens and parents for getting involved!

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The plans for establishing a teen recreational space are in their infancy. The site located behind Navarro's—215 185 Street—was recently rezoned to allow for a community facility and is a possibility. However, it is too early to tell as we are still pending the results of a space feasibility study and may want to wait for the development of our recently approved Parks and Recreation Master Plan and community input.

However it unfolds, our young residents' needs will continue to be included in our future quality of life considerations, and I am confident the outcome will be something we can all be proud of.

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# Service Over Selfies

Commissioner Fabiola Stuyvesant

It is time to take responsibility for what is happening to our youth. Falsely, somehow and at some point, it has become more important to have more "likes" than real people's phone numbers. The reality is that our kids do not share their numbers anymore... they give each other their "Snapchat" accounts. And the risks of these kind of platforms are abysmal. Maybe some parents are not aware but there are sex predators posting as teens and drug dealers preying on children. Unaware of the risks, children are buying counterfeit pills on Snapchat and unfortunately, by the time parents find out it is usually too late. And that is not the only poisonous platform; Tesla CEO Elon Musk tweeted recently "Is TikTok destroying civilization? Some people think so... Or perhaps social media in general."

So, it is time for us--the adults--to teach the next generation how good it feels to live in the moment. To enjoy bike riding and beach walks, talking to the old lady that sits alone everyday

at the bus station, saying "please" and "thank you", or playing with their little brothers and sisters. There is REAL JOY in Service over Selfies.

## Four rules to stop social media recklessness:

1. Make sure to answer "yes" to this question before you post anything: Am I proud of what I am going to share?
2. Do not compare your real-life experiences to someone else's fake-perfect, well-crafted posts.
3. Do not buy anything through social media.
4. Do not share your personal information.

We must stop this humanitarian crisis and save our loved ones.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

## Federal Holiday: *Independence Day*

Monday, July 4



City Facilities Closed  
SIBshuttle will not run.

## Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 6 | 12 PM

Government Center 1st Floor Meeting Room,  
18070 Collins Ave.



July 6, 13, 20, 27

Wednesday | 3 - 4 PM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

## Blood Pressure & Glucose Screening

Thursday, July 7 | 9:30 - 11 AM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

## Teens Only: Movie Night *Spider-Man: No Way Home*

Friday, July 8 | 7 - 9 PM | FREE

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

## Mobility & Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, July 11 | 9 AM

Government Center 1st Floor Meeting Room,  
18070 Collins Ave.

## Lunch n' Learn with Florida Historian, Cesar Becerra

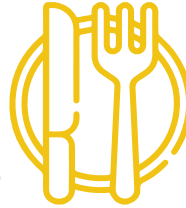
Tuesday, July 12

11 - 11:45 AM

FREE

Gateway Center,  
151 Sunny Isles Blvd.  
Snacks will be available  
for purchase.

Pre-registration required.



## Full Moon Yoga

Wednesday, July 13 | 8 - 9 PM

Samson Oceanfront Park (on the beach),  
17425 Collins Ave.

Residents: FREE

Non-Residents: \$5

Pre-registration required.

## City Commission Workshop: Zoning

Friday, July 15 | 10 AM

Commission Chambers  
Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

## City Commission Workshop: Space Assessment Feasibility Study

Friday, July 15 | 1 PM

Commission Chambers  
Government Center,  
18070 Collins Ave.

## Casting with a Cop

Sunday, July 17 | 8 AM - 12 PM

Newport Fishing Pier, 16501 Collins Ave.

Pre-registration required.

More info on [page 4!](#)

## Modern Era Movie: *Peter Rabbit*

Monday, July 18 | 10 AM - 1 PM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Residents: FREE

Non-Residents: \$5



## Concert in the Park *Ricky Valido*

Wednesday, July 20

7:30 - 9 PM | FREE

Samson Oceanfront Park,  
17425 Collins Avenue

## City Commission Workshop: Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget

Thursday, July 21 | 10:30 AM

Commission Chambers  
Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

## Regular City Commission Meeting

Thursday, July 21

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers  
Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

## AARP Smart Driver Course

Friday, July 29 | 9 AM - 4 PM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.  
Registration required.



**FOR COMPLETE EVENT  
DETAILS, VISIT**

[sibfl.net/events](http://sibfl.net/events)

SPOTLIGHT ON...

# PARKS & RECREATION

We want to give a huge shoutout to our Parks and Recreation divisions in the Cultural & Community Services Department for their continued outstanding work. Our Parks division manages eleven parks around the city placing a focus on safety, cleanliness, and of course, fun! They also provide support for special events and programs.

Looking for the park closest to your home? Visit [sibfl.net/parks](http://sibfl.net/parks) to see our complete list and their hours.

Our Recreation division plans all youth, adult and senior programming, including our resident-favorite Summer Camp. From our yoga classes on the beach to our championship winning soccer program, our recreation staff gives it their all to develop fun and meaningful activities for all ages to enjoy.

Interested in registering for Summer Camp or summer program? Visit [activities.sibfl.net](http://activities.sibfl.net) to see what's available this season.

## INSIDE THE *Isles* Committee Initiatives

Since their establishment earlier this year, our advisory committees have been working hard to develop recommendations and improvements to enhance both sustainability and safety. Below is an update on the two committees.

The Environment Sustainability Advisory Committee is in the process of drafting a Dune Master Plan to support the protection and preservation of dunes. It is imperative to protect the dunes along our beach to ensure a sustainable future. The ESAC is also looking into partnering with the NSE/SIB K-8 School environmental club.



The Mobility and Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee is developing a priority list of recommendations on how to improve safety on the roads that they will present to the City Commission. They are also developing an education and awareness campaign focused on monthly spotlights on pedestrian safety.



To learn more or to contact a committee member, visit [sibfl.net/committees](http://sibfl.net/committees).



**SUNDAY, JULY 17 | 8 AM - 12 PM**  
**NEWPORT FISHING PIER**  
16501 COLLINS AVE  
**AGES 6 - 15**  
*Open to Sunny Isles Beach Residents only.*

Join your Sunny Isles Beach Police Department for a morning on the pier with fishing, prizes, and fun for the whole family. Get to know your local law enforcement while spending a day on the beach.

Registration available on [activities.sibfl.net](http://activities.sibfl.net).

Fishing gear supplied to first 25 registrants only.

# GET INVOLVED

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Know someone who does great things for our Sunny Isles Beach community?

**Nominate them today!**

**[SIBFL.NET/COMMUNITYSPOTLIGHT](http://SIBFL.NET/COMMUNITYSPOTLIGHT)**

*Rules apply, visit website for more details.*

## PHOTO CONTEST

Submit your great shots of the City's stunning architecture, beautiful parks, and the Atlantic Ocean!

Learn more about the photo contest and submit your best photos today at [sibfl.net/photocontest](http://sibfl.net/photocontest).



## NOMINATE A VETERAN

Nominate a veteran to be added to the Veteran's Wall at Heritage Park on Veterans Day.

Visit [sibfl.net/veterans](http://sibfl.net/veterans) to put in your nomination.

# DID YOU KNOW?



## WE OFFER 14 DIFFERENT SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

From Fine Art to Flag Football, there are plenty of activities your child will love. See all summer programs at [activities.sibfl.net](http://activities.sibfl.net).

## WE TEST THE WATER IN OUR SPLASH PADS DAILY AT HERITAGE AND GATEWAY PARKS TO MAINTAIN SAFE WATER LEVELS

We want your experience to be as enjoyable as possible, so that means making our water features' water clean, as odorless as possible, and most of all safe.

## NEARLY ALL ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS TAKE PLACE AT OUR NEWEST FACILITY, GATEWAY CENTER.

Want to take a virtual look inside? Check out our 3D tour at [sibfl.net/gatewaycenter](http://sibfl.net/gatewaycenter)!

## ALL PLAYGROUNDS ARE INSPECTED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY FOR ALL RESIDENTS & PATRONS

Inspections play a vital role in our maintenance program to ensure we are staying on top of any decaying equipment and most importantly to prevent injuries.



**PARKS TEAM**



**RECREATION TEAM**

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