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CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

May 2019

Decades Rewind at Gateway LIVE!



Saturday, May 11

7:30 pm

Gateway Park

151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

It's not just the music, it's memories. Take a journey back in time with Decades Rewind. Disco, Funk, Rock, Motown, and all the hits of the 60s, 70s, & 80s take center stage in this theatrical music production. Featuring more than 60 songs from Aretha to Zeppelin, 100 costume changes and historical video, Decades Rewind will have you singing and dancing in the aisles.

Tickets are \$10, or free with a valid City-issued SIB Resident ID Card. Tickets are on sale at Pelican Community Park, the SIB Government Center and online at sibevents.ticketleap.com. Free parking is available in the Gateway Park garage or ride the free SIBshuttle within City limits. For more information, visit sibfl.net/decadesrewind or call 305.792.1706.



from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl
Mayor

Over my many years in public office I had the privilege of being hosted at all of our Sister Cities with the exception of Hengchun.

Well that changed last month when our commission accepted an invitation to Taiwan for a Sister City visit and agreement signing. Attending from our city government was Vice Mayor Larisa Svechin, Commissioner Jeniffer Viscarra and myself. Also attending were Keith and Fang Oliver, longtime residents of Sunny Isles Beach. Fang Oliver is originally from Taiwan and was the genesis for forming our Sister City relationship six years ago.

Our interpreter, Wayne Chang, was assigned to us from the local Pingtung University where he is an undergraduate senior. Wayne had a great sense of humor and did an excellent job attempting to translate my myriad of jokes that typically did not make much sense in Chinese! We spent five days touring around Hengchun and Pingtung County, visiting the university, Kenting National Park and many other sites.

The city was once completely surrounded by a wall, of which about half remains. The four gates—north, south, east and west—remain and are used to serve as the only passage points in and out of the city. The city of Hengchun is the southernmost city in Taiwan and acts as the entryway to the national park, which provides pristine beaches, great hiking and beautiful scenery. This makes Hengchun primarily a tourist destination during the summer months, bringing more than one million tourists each year. Very impressive given their population of 30,000 residents is just slightly larger than ours.

Our hosts, headed by Hengchun Mayor Lu, also provided us with a variety of great food. Pingtung County has a pure mountain-fed municipal water system, so we were able to eat and drink whatever our local hosts served. Our hosts provided us with very nice beachfront accommodations that I would highly recommend.

We all formed a very strong bond with our counterparts in Hengchun, recognizing many similarities between our two cities and vowing to strengthen our relationship into the future. We will be inviting Mayor Lu and his delegation to come and visit us in early December.

SIBlife

22nd Anniversary Weekend Celebration

On Saturday, June 1 join us for a free concert at Samson Oceanfront Park from 7:00-9:00 pm. A fireworks display off the Newport Fishing Pier starts at 9:15 pm. Free parking is available on the north side of 174 Street, in the lot behind Walgreens or at City Hall. The SIBshuttle will run within City limits during the event.

On Sunday, June 2 from 11:00 am-3:00 pm, enjoy a free barbecue picnic at Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard. Shorty's famous barbecue will be served at the City's annual picnic. Music, rides and games will also be on the menu. Residents with a valid City-issued SIB Resident ID Card can avoid long lines and pick up their FREE BBQ wristband early at Pelican Community Park or the SIB Government Center. Wristbands for all others cost \$10. Kosher option wristbands must be picked up by May 17. Parking is free at the Gateway Park garage with overflow at Bella Vista Bay Park. The SIBshuttle operates on a special event schedule within City limits.

Renew your SIB Resident ID Card Online

Renew your City-issued SIB Resident ID Card online now at sibfl.net/residentid. Don't be left out of the free perks afforded to our residents holding a valid, not expired, card. Cards are valid for one year, so be sure to check your expiration date and get the process started if you need to

renew. It can take up to seven business days to receive your renewed Resident ID Card. Remember to bring your Card to the Anniversary BBQ Picnic for a free gift!

Summer Camp Registration

Sumer Camp registration is in full swing. Go online to activities.sibfl.net and view the choices available for this summer. Camps are filling up quickly! If you have not yet registered for camp, stop by our office today to do so. If you have already registered for sumer camp and still need to pay the balance, our online payment portal will make this easier for you. Contact the Pelican Community Park front desk at 305.792.1706 to receive your online account credentials.

National Arbor Day

On Friday, April 26, the City, in conjunction with the NSE/SIB K-8 School, celebrated Arbor Day at 182 Drive and Atlantic Boulevard with a tree planting. The students presented original works about trees and performed a song. The day is traditionally held the last Friday in April each year and is commemorated with tree plantings, poems, songs or other acknowledgments of the importance of having trees in our environment. Trees help combat climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere. Trees also offer cooling shade, block wind, attract birds and wildlife, prevent soil erosion, clean our water, and add beauty to our communities.



A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



Our sense of invigoration for capital improvement projects is growing to new heights as we complete some long-term projects and lay the groundwork for even more.

The Central Island Drainage Project is currently in its final stages. Twenty-six wells were cleaned and tested, and we are already seeing improved performance on our streets. Throughout the upcoming months, the work will continue as the outfalls and drainage structures in the entire City are cleaned. And though our drainage system has been improved, it is now all of our responsibility to keep our storm drains clear of debris and waste. You can do your part by not littering and reporting any drain blockages that you notice.

Also nearly complete is the mangrove mitigation project in the area of the former skate park. Once the planting of additional native mangroves in this area is finished, we will work to design an innovative park concept to accommodate a meditation garden in consultation with the Public Arts Advisory Committee.

As I have previously discussed, the Gateway Park build out is projected to begin shortly. The bids for a contractor have been received, and we are looking forward to a

grand opening in spring of 2020. The multi-faceted facility will feature recreation and education space for seniors, teens, and other special programming. The senior component was largely championed by former Commissioner Roslyn Brezin. We mourn her passing this past February and know that she would have been overjoyed to see this project come to fruition.

A major effort we are undertaking to enhance the safe passage around our City is the construction of pedestrian bridges that provide a reprieve from traversing across Collins Avenue. The Government Center Pedestrian Bridge is well into the design phase as the conceptual design was approved by the Commission this past February. The 174 Street Bridge is now in the conceptual design phase. We are planning an open air and park-like concept that is going to add not only a functional necessity to our City, but also an aesthetically pleasing space for all to enjoy. These highly-anticipated projects have long lead times with approval required from multiple outside agencies. We anticipate construction to commence in 2020 and 2021 respectively.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed their beach sand renourishment

project last year, which brought approximately 150,000 cubic yards of sand to our beach. And this year, we are scheduled to receive more than 80,000 cubic yards of sand from private developers. This month, the Army Corps of Engineers will assess the condition of existing submerged breakwaters as we pursue other viable erosion mitigation options.

Sustaining a proactive City can often become difficult for some governments. Fortunately, we have the staff and resources to foresee potential issues in our City. The Golden Shores Pump Station was overhauled more than 15 years ago and though functioning at maximum capacity, the pump station will soon be evaluated for upgrades. It is our goal to prevent the potential for failures in the future and utilize the latest technology.

If our excellent staff is the heart of the City, our capital improvement projects are the backbone. Every day we are innovating, developing, and executing projects designed to improve the lives of our residents and visitors. We will continue to keep you updated on the most recent capital improvement project advancements online at sibfl.net and on our social media pages.

City Advisory Committee—Wheels Up

from the desk of Commissioner Dana Goldman



My past years of service on the City of Sunny Isles Beach City Advisory Committee (CAC) have greatly informed me on City issues. The committee reports to the commission addressing specific issues, lends professional expertise and facilitates community discussion.

The CAC is a force for civic engagement. It's a forum for residents to bring to the City's attention matters of interest and also serves as a catalyst for new citywide initiatives. It's at the CAC where I first learned about our City in motion. Some of our ideas were later adopted by the Commission and are currently in place. We are now reinventing the CAC and its decade-long tradition.

The City is currently seeking volunteers for any of the CAC's four suggested subcommittees: 1) Quality of Life/Condominium, 2) Public Safety, 3) Social Welfare Issues, and 4) Cultural and Community Affairs. Here's a new idea for the fifth: Green Initiatives. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers with a desire to contribute. Our residents have diverse skill sets, interests and experience. If you are interested, apply online at sibfl.net/committees by May 17, 2019.

I will serve as a liaison to the CAC, assisting the office of the City Manager to communicate CAC initiatives. The CAC Chair will report to the Commission on programming activities, initiatives, recommendations and related items. We look forward to your input and expect to be fully operational by summer 2019. It's Wheels Up.

For more information, my email is dgoldman@sibfl.net and my direct phone number is 786.512.6364.

Safety First

from the desk of Vice Mayor Larisa Svechin



Safety is every parent's priority. As a parent of four school-age children, I understand this first hand. Safety education and activism has turned into a passion for me.

During this current and last legislative session, I have been advocating for legislation in Tallahassee and Washington, DC supporting distracted driving laws, pedestrian safety, and anti-violence against children and women. Yet while law makers are presenting and debating, we, the residents of Sunny Isles Beach, have the challenge of living in a small city with a major state road and millions of people passing through every year.

You do NOT need to wait for laws to be passed and/or enforced. At this moment, you can actively get involved in being part of the solution. Did you know that together with the NSE SIB K-8 School and the City of Sunny Isles Beach PD, you can attend free safety events? Past events include Internet Safety, Mental Health, Human Trafficking, and most recently, Pedestrian & Vehicular Safety. As a SIB PTSA Board member, I, along with Sergeant Gonzalez of the SIBPD, have carefully curated these events for the past six years. The SIB PTSA generously provides a light meal and the City provided child care for our latest event.

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, or resident with no children, it is important to be engaged, educated, and responsive to your city's pedestrians, vehicles, bikes, scooters, and strollers. Please contact me with questions or suggestions for future events at lsvechin@sibfl.net.



The City's Ocean Rescue Division protects beachgoers 365 days a year. During Water Safety Month in May, be sure to visit one of the ten lifeguard towers to view the informational boards. The boards are updated daily with air and water temperatures, high and low tides, wind speed and direction, the UV Index, the time of sunset, and potential risks to swimmers.

Also take note of the flags flying at each tower indicating the hazard level in the ocean, usually relating to water current or wave action. The universal meanings are:

- **Green** for low hazard—little current or wave action
- **Yellow** for caution—medium current or wave action
- **Red** for a high hazard—strong currents or waves
- **Purple** for dangerous marine life.

Double red flags indicate a beach closure, meaning the danger is too great for swimmers to enter the water due to rip current, high waves, dangerous marine life or contamination.

Before heading to the beach, check current conditions online at sibfl.net/current-beach-conditions or by calling 305.792.1940.



May 1

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

May 2

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

May 3

Friday, 9:30 am–1:30 pm
Mini-FLOW
Pelican Community Park

May 4

Saturday, 1:00 pm
Cultural Event: Anastasia
Broward Center for the Performing Arts

May 7

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

May 7

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

May 9

Thursday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
Blood Pressure and Glucose Screening
SIB Govt. Center Commission Chambers

May 10

Friday, 7:00–10:00 pm
Teens Only: Game Night
Pelican Community Park

May 11

Saturday, 7:30 pm
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Gateway Park

May 12

Sunday, 10:30 am
Cultural Event: Schnebly Winery Tour
Homestead, FL

May 15

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

May 16

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

May 17

Friday, 7:30 pm
Full Moon Yoga
Samson Oceanfront Park

May 18

Saturday, 7:00 pm
Russian Heritage Concert
Gateway Park

May 19

Sunday, 5:00 pm
Russian Heritage Art and Culture Showcase
Heritage Park

May 22

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

May 26

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

May 27

Monday, Memorial Day
Federal Holiday: Government offices closed
Shuttle bus does not operate

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: May 21
10:00–11:00 am inside the library

Citizenship Classes

Saturdays: May 4–25
10:00–11:30 am

Poetry Reading

Saturday: May 11
4:00–5:00 pm

Russian Social Club

Saturday: May 4
3:30–5:30 pm

Programs for Children

Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays: May 1–29
6:00–6:30 pm
Ages 3–5 yrs.

Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers

Mondays: May 6–20
10:00–10:40 am
Ages 19 mo.–3 yrs.

Creative Corner Family Program

Saturdays: May 4–25
11:00 am inside the library



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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RUSSIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Russian Heritage Concert

Immerse yourself in the popular & traditional music of the Eastern European culture.



Saturday, May 18, 7:00 pm
Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

Admission is free and free parking is available in the Gateway Park garage or ride the free SIBshuttle within City limits.

Russian Heritage Showcase

Experience the rich art and culture of our Eastern European neighbors featuring performers of all ages.



Sunday, May 19, 5:00 pm
Heritage Park, 19200 Collins Avenue

Admission is free and free parking is available under the William Lehman Causeway and in the Heritage Park garage or ride the free SIBshuttle within City limits.