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A MESSAGE FROM THE City Manager

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Chris Russo
City Manager

The Golden Shores Streetlighting project was recently completed in October. If you live or have been to the Golden Shores neighborhood in the past few weeks, you should have seen the new lights illuminating the streets at night. The installation of 130 streetlights marks a milestone in the Golden Shores Utility Undergrounding project.

The next phase of the project involves undergrounding the utilities, installing more durable equipment, removing the wires and utility poles in the rear yards, repaving roads, and improving entranceway sidewalks. The purpose of this project is to reduce the number of power and utility outages, increase safety by eliminating downed live electrical wires during a storm, all while enhancing beautification and landscape. The entire project is estimated to reach completion by the end of 2023.

You asked, and we answered. The much-anticipated additional streetlights at 174 Street and North Bay Road are currently in progress. We listened when residents advocated for additional lighting at this intersection as a result of an influx of pedestrian traffic due to the pedestrian bridge. The delivery of the actual lights is

delayed due to national shipping challenges, but is still anticipated to be completed in early 2022.

The progression of the Collins Avenue Utility Undergrounding project has paved the way for new holiday décor opportunities, including additional holiday lights. Very soon, you will start to see our holiday décor going up citywide. This year's decorations are unlike any other season's and will be displayed on the new streetlight poles along Collins Avenue.

Looking ahead, we will be engaged in a study on streetlighting for the interior streets to measure whether we need additional lighting. Having even greater visibility on the streets will enhance safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers alike. Whether it is the middle of the day or the middle of the night, we want everyone to feel comfortable on our roads and sidewalks.

We heard your concerns and continue with several projects to brighten Sunny Isles Beach for all residents. If you see an area of the city that could benefit from additional streetlights, please reach out to me with your concerns.

Contact City Manager Chris Russo at crusso@sibfl.net or 305.792.1701.

Happy Thanksgiving

Commissioner Alex Lama

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. It is an ideal time to spend with family and friends, to relax, share some laughs and indulge in lots of food, especially my favorite dessert, pumpkin pie. It is a day to be grateful for what we have and for the good fortune that has been presented to those of us living in this country. By living in the USA alone, we are spared much of the misfortune and conflict that is all too common in many other countries.

Thanksgiving is also a time to reflect and assess what is truly important in life and make sure these are prioritized. An important lesson I draw from the Thanksgiving tradition is that of cooperation and helping each other in time of need. As the Thanksgiving story goes, the Native Americans witnessed the plight of the Pilgrims in Plymouth and decided to share their food and come together in celebration.

It is important we help each other, especially in trying times. Some of the simplest ways to help in our society is to be kind, treat each other with dignity and be respectful of differing points of view.

While it is important to be grateful for the blessings and the opportunities we are afforded, it is equally important to be mindful and be kind to each other. Research shows that a warm smile, a quick hello and a polite disposition can have a positive effect not only on the well-being of the person to whom you direct it at, but also on your own well-being. Wishing you and your loved ones a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving.



Contact Commissioner Alex Lama at seat2@sibfl.net or [305.792.1752](tel:305.792.1752).

Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety

Interim Police Chief Michael Grandinetti

Safety is at the forefront of everything we do, especially pedestrian safety. I have been with the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department for 23 years and have witnessed firsthand the growth and development on our streets. I've seen how, over the last 20 years, drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians have become more distracted and more reckless.

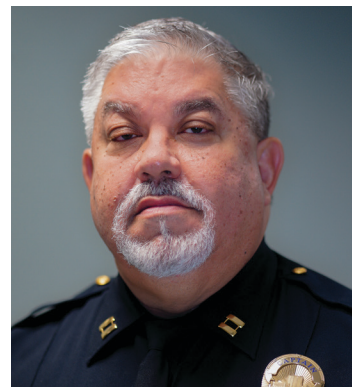
In an ongoing effort to enhance safety on and off the roads, we are working closely with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to make significant improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. FDOT recently installed 'No Turn on Red' and 'Yield to Pedestrians' flashing signs at Collins Avenue and 172 Street, 174 Street and 183 Street. They also installed flashing lights and radar speed signs on westbound Sunny Isles Boulevard, and pavement speed limit markers on each eastbound lane on Sunny Isles Boulevard just west of the pedestrian signal light.

Our department installed five solar-powered, FDOT-approved radar speed signs to remind drivers of the speed limit and warn them of their own speed on Collins

Avenue. In October, we conducted traffic enforcement details at multiple traffic-heavy locations on Sunny Isles Boulevard and Collins Avenue providing enforcement and education to those on the road and on the sidewalk. We plan to conduct these regularly to supplement our already increased officer and patrol presence.

Additionally, on October 26, we joined forces with FDOT and the University of Miami to host a Bike and Pedestrian Safety Presentation at the NSE SIB K-8 School where we provided educational resources on how to be a safe driver, bicyclist and pedestrian.

We continue to prioritize the safety of our residents and visitors above all else. You can read about all the traffic measures the SIBPD is taking to keep residents safe at sibfl.net/trafficsafety.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Mount Sinai Lecture: Enlarged Prostate & Difficulty with Urination

Thursday, November 4

11 AM - 12 PM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Light lunch provided after lecture.
Pre-registration required.

Family Movie Night: Tom and Jerry

Friday, November 5 | 7 PM

Heritage Park, 19200 Collins Avenue

Saturday, November 6 | 7 PM

Town Center Park, 17200 Collins Avenue

Bingo

Wednesday | 3 - 4 PM

November 10 & 24

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

FDOT SR 826/Sunny Isles Boulevard Construction Project Meeting

Wednesday, November 10 | 6 - 8 PM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Federal Holiday: Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11

City facilities closed.

City shuttle does not run.

Veterans Day Celebration

Thursday, November 11 | 9:30 AM

Heritage Park, 19200 Collins Avenue

Blood Pressure & Glucose Screening

Friday, November 12 | 9 AM - 12 PM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Pre-registration required.

Call [305.792.1706](tel:305.792.1706) to register.

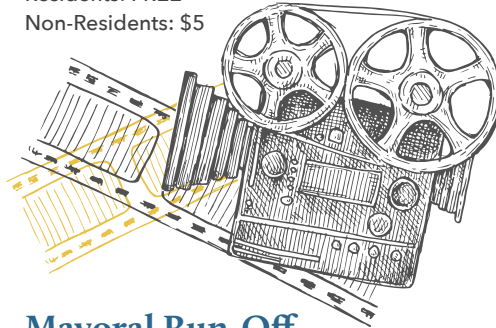
Modern Era Movie: In the Heights

Monday, November 15 | 10 AM - 1 PM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Residents: FREE

Non-Residents: \$5



Mayoral Run-Off Special Election

Tuesday, November 16

7 AM - 7 PM

Multiple Locations: For more information,
visit sibfl.net/clerk-election.

Concert in the Park

Wednesday, November 17

7:30 PM

Samson Oceanfront Park,
17425 Collins Avenue
FREE



Full Moon Yoga

Thursday, November 18

5:15 - 6:15 PM

Samson Oceanfront Park (on the beach),
17425 Collins Avenue

Residents: FREE

Non-Residents: \$5

Pre-registration required.

Regular City Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 18 | 6:30 PM

SIB Government Center,
Commission Chambers
18070 Collins Avenue

Blood Drive

Friday, November 19

10 AM - 5:30 PM

SIB Government Center,
18070 Collins Avenue

Presented by OneBlood.

Appointments are required.

Please register at oneblood.org/donate-now.

Teens Only: Cooking Class

Friday, November 19

7 - 9 PM

Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Pre-registration required.

Gateway LIVE!

Saturday, November 20 | 7:30 PM

Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Residents: FREE

Non-Residents: \$10



Federal Holiday: Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 25 &

Friday, November 26

City facilities closed.

City shuttle does not run on November 25.

City shuttle Blue Line does not run on

November 26.

**FOR COMPLETE EVENT
DETAILS, VISIT**
sibfl.net/events

WINTER 2022

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Winter program registration opens November 19 for residents with a valid City-issued Resident ID Card and December 3 for everyone.

Sign up for your favorite youth, adult, or senior programs. There will be a wide variety of fun and exciting classes such as karate, yoga, piano, Zumba, soccer, basketball, and more. You won't want to miss out!

LOOK OUT FOR PROGRAM DETAILS COMING SOON ON
[ACTIVITIES.SIBFL.NET](https://activities.sibfl.net)

IF YOU HAVE NOT USED THE ONLINE PORTAL TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM, REQUEST AN ACCOUNT AT [ACTIVITIES.SIBFL.NET](https://activities.sibfl.net) OR CALL 305.792.1706 TO RECEIVE LOGIN CREDENTIALS.

SPOTLIGHT ON... CODE COMPLIANCE

We want to thank our Code Compliance Division for their dedication to our community. The division was instrumental in ensuring a safe COVID-19 reopening for businesses as they provided guidance and assistance on reopening compliance. From visiting each business personally to handing out informational fliers, they worked with each to understand and comply with the many restrictions placed on them by Miami-Dade County. Because of the division's hard work, our city is better positioned to reach the standards our residents and businesses deserve.

The Code Compliance division prides themselves on the role they play to ensure the health and safety of our community. The division provides services related to code complaints, business licensing, special event permits, property liens, and parking enforcement and permits. Through their diligent research, the division now offers several online services, including an online application for licensing renewals for Local Business Tax Receipts and Certificates of Use and an online submission for code complaints.

To schedule an appointment with the Code Compliance division or to submit a code complaint, visit sibfl.net/code-compliance or call 305.792.1760.

INSIDE THE *Isles*

HR & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our Human Resources department is always on the lookout for qualified candidates. If you're a dependable and capable candidate looking to work for a quality city with competitive compensation and benefits, we encourage you to apply for a position. The City believes that investing in employees will result in excellent customer service that enriches the quality of life of residents and businesses.

There is a plethora of diverse roles available from parks to IT to police. As a City employee, you are a member of our team devoted to serving the Sunny Isles Beach community and using your expertise to make a meaningful impact. Whether you are just starting your career in local government or you are a seasoned professional, Sunny Isles Beach offers a collaborative, safe, and enriching work environment.

The HR department has perfected the art of investing in employees, resulting in a boost in productivity and reduced costs. We take great pride in serving our residents and invite other like-minded professionals to join our team. For more information or to view the full list of openings with job descriptions, visit sibfl.net/employment.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

7 - 9 PM

Fridays at Heritage Park
Saturdays at Town Center Park

2021

Tom and Jerry

FRI | NOVEMBER 5

SAT | NOVEMBER 6

2022

The Croods: A New Age

FRI | JANUARY 7

SAT | JANUARY 8

Raya and the Last Dragon

FRI | FEBRUARY 4

SAT | FEBRUARY 5

The Secret Garden

FRI | MARCH 4

SAT | MARCH 5



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