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A MESSAGE FROM THE Mayor



Larisa Svechin
Mayor

2024 is officially an election year, including both presidential and local elections. Considering this, I was moved by an essay written by high school student Natalie Carmouze, where she eloquently highlights the significance of voting. Here is an excerpt from her essay:

“Having the right to vote is a privilege not afforded to citizens in all countries. American citizens are some of the lucky ones who are granted the right to vote in this current time. Throughout history many have fought endlessly and lost their lives solely for the right to vote. They showed courage and great determination, inspiring those who come after them. The 15th amendment to our nation's constitution was a preface to more changes to come that would change voting rights.

Exercising this right allows individuals to contribute their opinion into the society they are living in and the government in which they live under. As history has shown, every vote counts. Whether that statement is seen in America with the electoral college or with a state law vote. Decisions can come down to one vote at times! This is why voting is so important.”

Registering to vote is a fundamental right. But you must be registered. Who can register?

- All citizens of the United States who are at least 18 years old, though you can pre-register at 16
- County elections require you be a resident of Miami-Dade County

- Sunny Isles Beach elections require you be a resident of Sunny Isles Beach
- There is no length of time you must live in the county if you register at least 29 days before the election in which you wish to vote.

Here are some important dates for the upcoming elections:

- March 7 – Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the Presidential Preference Primary Election
- March 19 – Presidential Preference Primary Election
- July 22 – Deadline to register to vote for the Primary Election or change your party affiliation
- August 8 – Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the Primary Election
- August 20 – Primary Election
- October 7 – Deadline to register to vote for the General Election
- October 24 – Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot for General Election
- November 5 – General Election

Participate in democracy. I strongly encourage you to register and exercise your right to vote. Register to vote, update your information, or request a vote-by-mail ballot at miamidade.gov/elections. For more information on City of Sunny Isles Beach municipal elections, visit sibfl.net/clerk-election.

Contact Mayor Larisa Svechin at lsvechin@sibfl.net or 305.792.1753.

Sunny Isles Beach Safety Efforts

Vice Mayor Alex Lama

I am happy to be back with my first article of the year and would like to thank you for your continued support. I also wish you health and prosperity for 2024. I am excited to inform you, if you are not aware already, that in our commitment to improve the well-being of our community, the city has begun implementing two important safety efforts.

Scoot Safe! Sunny Isles Beach Program:

If you own and operate a motorized scooter, the city is now requiring you to register it. This new Ordinance intends to improve the current transit situation between scooters, automobiles, and pedestrians. The goal is to enhance security and safety for all residents by outlining a set of rules and best practices that will safeguard our scooter operators and residents alike. For more information and to

register your scooter, please visit: <https://www.sibfl.net/scootsafe/>

Police Dispatch Communication:

The city is installing signs with a QR code that, when scanned, will put you in direct communication with our Police Department to expedite and make the process more efficient. You will see this signage on our beaches and parks, which will also include emergency and non-emergency numbers to call. New police dispatch technology is also being implemented that will allow the caller to share their live location, pictures, and video with the Police Department.



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

Enforcement starts April 1, 2024

REGISTER YOUR SCOOTER!

Register in-person at these upcoming events:

GATEWAY MARKET

Wednesday, March 6
5:30 - 10 PM
Gateway Park

EGG SCRAMBLE

Saturday, March 23
10 AM - 2 PM
Pelican Community Park

POP UP SCOOTER REGISTRATION EVENT

Wednesday, March 13
2 - 4 PM
182 Drive



CALENDAR

MARCH

OF EVENTS

AARP Tax Aide: Tax Return Preparation & Filing

March 4, 11, 18, 25
Mondays | 10 AM - 2 PM
 Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.
Pre-registration is required.

Bingo

March 6, 13, 20, 27
Wednesdays | 3 - 4 PM
 Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Gateway Market

March 6, 13, 20, 27
Wednesdays | 5:30 - 10 PM
 Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

Open House- Sunny Isles Beach Vision: Planning for Tomorrow

Thursday, March 7
5:30 - 7:30 PM
 First Floor Meeting Room, Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Cultural Trip: Moulin Rouge! The Musical

Friday, March 8
6:15 - 11 PM
 Bus departs from Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Price: \$90
Resident ID cardholders: \$60
Pre-registration is required.

Beach Cleanup

Saturday, March 9
8 - 10 AM
 Samson Oceanfront Park, 17425 Collins Ave.

Teen Talk

Tuesday, March 12
6 - 7:30 PM
 The Spot, 215 185 St.

Focus Group Meeting - Sunny Isles Beach Vision: Planning for Tomorrow

Tuesday, March 12
6 - 8 PM
 First Floor Meeting Room, Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Doc Chats: Women's Health Workshop

Wednesday, March 13
11 AM - 1 PM
 Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Pre-registration is required.

Teens Only: Silent Dance Party

Friday, March 15
7 - 9 PM
 The Spot, 215 185th St.
Pre-registration is required.

Gateway LIVE: Beethoven on the Beach featuring Orchestra Miami

Saturday, March 16 | FREE
6 PM
 Gateway Park, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.

City Commission Workshop

Tuesday, March 19
10 AM
 Fourth Floor Conference Room, Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

City Commission Workshop

Thursday, March 21
3 PM
 Commission Chambers, Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

Regular City Commission Meeting

Thursday, March 21
6:30 PM
 Commission Chambers, Government Center, 18070 Collins Ave.

All Day Fun Zone

Friday, March 22
8 AM - 6 PM
 Pelican Community Park, 18115 N Bay Rd.
Price: \$45
Resident ID Cardholders: \$30
 Ages 5 - 12

Egg Scramble

Saturday, March 23
10 AM - 2 PM
 Pelican Community Park, 18115 N Bay Rd.
Price: \$20 pre-purchase/ \$25 at the event
Resident ID cardholders: \$5 pre-purchase/ \$10 at the event



Full Moon Yoga

Monday, March 25
7 - 8 PM
 On the Beach by Trump International Beach Resort, 18001 Collins Ave.
Pre-registration is encouraged.



Spring Break Camp

March 25 - 29
 Register at activities.sibfl.net

Spring Break Sports Camp

March 25 - 29
 Register at activities.sibfl.net

Senior Roundtable

Wednesday, March 27
12 - 1 PM
 Gateway Center, 151 Sunny Isles Blvd.
Pre-registration is required.

Multi-Agency SHRED-A-THON & Electronics Recycling

Saturday, March 30
10 AM - 2 PM
 Bill Bird Marina, Haulover Park, 10800 Collins Ave, Miami, FL 33154

Disclosure: Events are subject to change.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

PLANNING AND ZONING - SIB VISION: PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

The City is embarking on a project to establish a vision for the west side of Collins Avenue called Sunny Isles Beach Vision: Planning for Tomorrow. The west side of Collins Avenue is known for its businesses, parks, our top-rated K-8 public school, homes, and places of worship, but it is facing redevelopment pressure.

The Planning and Zoning Department is leading this effort to create a plan that will guide future redevelopment, including how tall buildings can be, how many homes can be in one place, etc. This plan will become official rules that are incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. Residents will have opportunities to provide their input over the next few months. We'll keep you updated online and on social media on how to take part in creating this vision, including open houses, events, community surveys and Commission workshops.

To learn more about this project, please visit sibfl.net/vision.

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MY SUNNY ISLES BEACH APP

The City of Sunny Isles Beach is introducing a new communication tool for residents: My Sunny Isles Beach app. This user-friendly mobile app allows residents to easily request city services and access important information available on our website. By signing up, residents can also receive push notifications for updates and announcements. To submit a request, residents must simply create an account, select a topic such as noise disturbance, trash in parks, etc., fill out the information, and submit. The app is available for download on iOS (App store) and Android (Google Play) devices.

Stay connected with My Sunny Isles Beach!

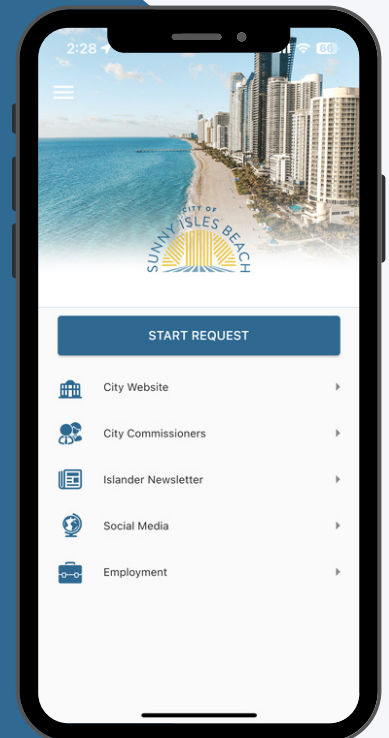
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EGG SCRAMBLE

ALL AGES

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

10 AM - 2 PM



Pelican Community Park

Mark your calendars for this year's unforgettable Egg Scramble extravaganza - a day of laughter, fun, and a celebration for the whole family! Don't miss out on this blooming good time.

Pre-purchase: **\$20** / At the event: **\$25**

Resident ID Cardholders pre-purchase: **\$5** / At the event: **\$10**

For more information, visit sibfl.net/eggscramble.

Wristbands are required for all guests to gain entry to the event.

