

SIB islander

CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH

November 2018

Family Movie Nights



Friday, November 2
Saturday, November 3
7:00–9:00 pm

Join the City of Sunny Isles Beach for a movie under the stars. Sit back and enjoy the popular animated Disney/Pixar production, *Coco*. 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, November 2 at Heritage Park, 19200 Collins Avenue and Saturday night, November 3 at Town Center Park, 17200 Collins Avenue. Free parking is available at each park or the *SIBshuttle* provides free transportation within the City.

2019 Schedule
January 4, 5
February 8, 9
March 1, 2
7:00–9:00 pm

As dates approach, movie titles may be found on the City's Calendar of Events web page, sibfl.net/calendar.



from our Mayor



George 'Bud' Scholl
Mayor

This November we prepare for another election year, which brings change to our City Commission.

Commissioners Jeanette Gatto and Isaac Aelion have served the maximum of two four-year terms as City Commissioners and their seats are now up for election. Throughout the last eight years, I have had the privilege of working alongside these two individuals who have both made positive and noteworthy contributions in our community.

Jeanette Gatto could always be counted on to advocate for her constituents even when they may not have been the majority. As demographics in her district changed from retired seniors to growing families, she ensured that all sides were represented on City issues. Her extensive marketing knowledge helped propel and showcase the City's brand and image to the world. Commissioner Gatto was the driving force behind enhancing communication to residents through transitioning the *SIBislander* from a quarterly to a monthly edition mailed to each household. She played a major role in finding a solution for the relocation of the skate park, focused on providing the popular activity for the youth while preserving the quality of life for nearby residents. She was always on the search for new and innovative ways to provide a peaceful and enjoyable place for condo dwellers.

With a vast knowledge of world affairs and international travel, along with a proficiency in communicating in multiple languages, Isaac Aelion was the ultimate Sister City ambassador. He consulted with staff on hosting international delegations, even greeting our visiting dignitaries at the airport at any time of day or night. It was his knowledge and flawless memory of City affairs that made him the most gracious host. Commissioner Aelion's engineering and business experience provided him with a unique perspective on all City ventures. He was thoughtful, looking at all sides of an issue and sharing those thoughts to ensure understanding of his position amongst residents.

The two newly elected commissioners will have big shoes to fill given the outstanding contributions of their predecessors. Please join me in wishing Commissioners Gatto and Aelion all the best in their future endeavors and thank them for their dedicated service to our City over the past eight years.

SIBlife

The 11th Annual Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Fest

Jazz Fest is back this Nov. 14-18, 2018 for five days of concerts and events featuring an assortment of jazz genres in partnership with various local SIB hotels, resorts and restaurants. With the theme, Jazz Around the World, award-winning artists from across the globe are gathering in Sunny Isles Beach to bring their own flair to the timeless genre of jazz music.

Wednesday, November 14

Kicking off the week of events is a free concert with Brazilian jazz group, Jazil Brazz. Jazil Brazz presents original captivating arrangements melding together the Great American songbook with the best of Brazilian music. The concert is free and begins at 7:30 pm at Samson Oceanfront Park. Stop by the City's information booth at the event to enter to win two free VIP tickets to Saturday night's main event.

Thursday, November 15

Stop by the Residence Inn Miami Sunny Isles Beach for Jazz on 9, a happy hour from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, featuring \$7 specialty cocktails, \$4 beer, and \$3 wine. Vocal jazz group, Vinyl Blvd, is providing the perfect entertainment to round out the event. Following happy hour, enjoy Jazz on the Beach down the street at Tony Roma's. Relax and dine while listening to the classical jazz musical stylings of Cesar from 8 to 11:00 pm. For more information about Jazz on 9, contact 386.496.8311. For more information on Jazz on the Beach, call 305.932.7907.

Friday, November 16

Il Mulino New York at the Acqualina Resort & Spa is hosting a "Moment in Time" dinner from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Enjoy a prix fixe menu with live music by Verdecia

Project, a Cuban band encompassing many musical styles, including jazz. The dinner costs \$75 per guest. Visit SunnyIslesBeachJazz.com to view the menu. For reservations, call Il Mulino New York at 305.466.9191 or Acqualina Hotel Concierge at 305.918.6800.

Saturday, November 17

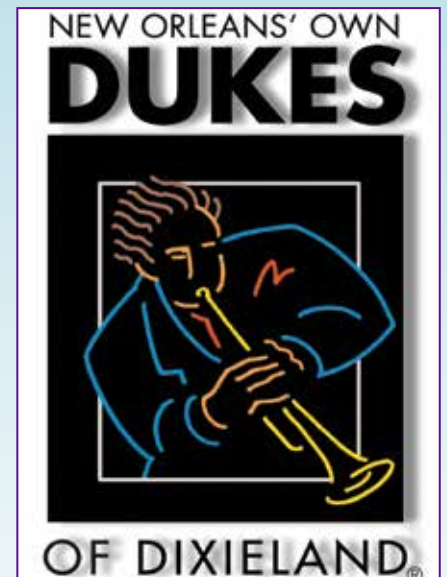
Jazz Fest culminates on Saturday for the main concert event beginning at 7:00 pm at Gateway Park. Opening the show is classically-trained musician, Marc Antoine, performing contemporary jazz songs. The second act features international acapella group, Accent, performing jazz classic and contemporary hits. From five different countries, the group found each other on the internet through common musical interests. Headlining Jazz Fest is the DUKES of Dixieland, a New Orleans-based jazz band. The six members of DUKES have performed concerts and festivals around the United States and overseas.

General admission tickets to the main Saturday event are \$10; reserved seating tickets are \$20; and VIP tickets are \$50. Tickets can be purchased online at sibevents.ticketleap.com or in person at Pelican Community Park or the SIB Government Center.

Sunday, November 18

Solé on the Ocean's BALEENkitchen is hosting a Sunday Jazz Brunch. Enjoy a gourmet menu featuring exquisite dishes such as Duck Carnitas Hash, Cauliflower Quinoa Cakes, and Chilaquiles Verdes. See the full menu at SunnyIslesBeachJazz.com. Call BALEENkitchen for pricing and reservations at 786.923.9305.

For more information about the 11th Annual Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Fest, visit SunnyIslesBeachJazz.com.



A Message from the City Manager

by Christopher J. Russo



Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility. Residents of Sunny Isles Beach must realize that our SIB Police Department is actively policing our community to prevent reckless behavior and to keep us all safe. To avoid injury by your own actions or the actions of others, please heed the following advice from Chief Dwight Snyder on ways to stay safe when walking, riding or driving around our City.

Normally this spot is reserved for our City Manager who keeps us informed on capital projects and future innovative developments currently in the planning stages, which makes this a world class and cutting-edge community. This month the manager graciously gave his article space to the police department, so we could discuss other factors that also affect the status of our community. One of the biggest concerns to date is 'safety' from a traffic perspective.

The safety of our community will always be the top priority of the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department on all levels. However, when we talk about traffic safety, the police department is only one component, as we have many other stakeholders who each have a different responsibility to ensure our roadways are up to standards

and work in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Traffic Control, who coordinate the signalization of intersections and pedestrian crosswalks. Each of these components, despite their complexities, have one major thing in common; traffic safety!

Most recently, the Florida Department of Transportation is finalizing the restoration of the state roads, which run through our City, including Collins Avenue and Sunny Isles Boulevard. The scope of this work was complicated and multi-faceted, which included the installation of new handicap accessible curbs at all intersections, several new and updated crosswalks for pedestrian safety, and the complete resurfacing and lane striping of Collins Avenue and Sunny Isles Boulevard. All of this work, when completed and combined with our already outstanding local roads, will provide the type of roadway system consistent with other modern communities.

Other improvements are designed to relocate some of our local bicyclists and pedestrian traffic off of busy Collins Avenue and on to our local roads. Thanks to the vision of our elected officials and City staff, the City of Sunny Isles Beach recently completed a beautiful pedestrian bridge, which traverses an Intracoastal canal, connecting North Bay Road between 174 and

172 Streets, as well as an overhead pedestrian bridge over westbound Sunny Isles Boulevard. Several other overhead pedestrian bridges are currently in the discussion stages, all with one thing in mind, providing the safest possible environment for our residents and guests to enjoy all of the amenities our City has to offer.

Lastly, with the many safety advancements discussed, the most important component to keeping our community truly traffic safe belongs to you, our residents and guests who utilize our roadways and sidewalks on a daily basis. The police department has the ultimate responsibility to enforce traffic laws and to educate motorists when they commit infractions but driving/walking safe is your responsibility. The reasons for traffic crashes are many, but a lack of attention by motorists, not following the rules of the road, is dangerous and cannot be tolerated. There are many tips pedestrians can follow to stay safe. See the sidebar for a listing of these.

In closing, this is our community and the police are committed to protecting at all costs, but we need you to set the example by following the rules of the road. "Drive safe/walk safe," so everyone arrives alive!

—Chief Dwight P. Snyder

Term Limits

from the desk of Commissioner Isaac Aelion



When the U.S. Constitution replaced the Articles of Confederation in 1789, George Washington, as our first president, decided that term limits for the presidency were important in order not to extend too much power to one person. Since then, term limits became codes in many elected office positions in state, county, and municipal government charters.

While several counties and municipalities in Florida have only recently amended their charters to introduce term limits, the City of Sunny Isles Beach had codified term limits in the original City charter. Since its inception 21 years ago, the City has grown to a thriving community where the residents enjoy a lifestyle with the highest quality services like beautiful parks, an excellent school and high-quality retail services. In fact, in this relatively short period, Sunny Isles Beach has become a world class destination for tourism and for young families to call home.

These successes can be attributed to the wisdom of the voters who have always chosen the right people to serve in the City Commission as leaders of the community. This November I will complete my second and last term as City Commissioner. I am proud to have been part of this leadership journey and I know, in my heart, that the City will have elected officials who are going to continue to serve it well.

As this is my last article for the Islander, I would like to thank the Mayor, my fellow Commissioners and the City staff who have made this journey so meaningful and memorable.

Taking Action: A Safe and Secure School for Our Students

from the desk of Commissioner Larisa Svechin



As a parent of four school-age children, safety is my priority. After the tragedy that occurred in Parkland on February 14, 2018, where 17 students and staff members were killed, Florida passed the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. Here are some key points of the law: 1) raise the age to purchase a firearm to 21 from 18, 2) require a three-day waiting period for firearm purchases, 3) give law enforcement more authority to seize weapons and ammunition from those deemed mentally unfit or otherwise a threat, and 4) provide additional funding for armed school resource officers and mental health services.

The last key point is what most affects the daily school routine of parents, students, and visitors to the school. If you have recently visited the NSE/SIB K-8 School, you will notice new safety measures. Middle school students must wear IDs at all times. Every person who enters the school must have their ID scanned and receive a temporary visitor pass. The school has hired English, Spanish, and Russian speaking security guards.

Some of this may seem cumbersome, but please be patient and understand that this is being done to protect our youngest residents. Please respect and abide by the direction given by Sergeant Gonzalez, and the crossing and security guards. Next time you pass the school, take a moment to recognize the love, commitment, and resources dedicated to our future leaders.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS

Be alert as you walk. In addition to vehicular traffic, a pedestrian must be aware of bicycles, scooters and electric cars that operate very quietly as well as stationary objects like fire hydrants, bus shelters and meter covers. Use all your senses to stay safe.

Pedestrians, take these defensive actions:

- Walk on sidewalks
- Wear bright clothing if walking at dusk or in the dark
- Do not step onto a street suddenly
- Do not cross in mid-block, use a crosswalk
- Wherever you cross, do not assume a driver sees you
- Make eye contact with drivers; acknowledge each other

At crosswalks with pedestrian signals:

- Cross when the walking person is displayed
- Always check for drivers going right on red or turning left
- Crossing time is getting short as the flashing hand appears
- Do not start crossing if the countdown numbers are displayed
- STOP, do not walk if a red hand is displayed

At new flashing crosswalk signals:

- Push button to activate the vehicle warning system
- Make eye contact with the approaching drivers
- Step into the crosswalk when the vehicles have stopped.

Following these tips and staying alert are important ways to stay safe.



November 1

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

November 1

Thursday, 5:00 pm
 Public Arts Advisory Committee Meeting
 SIB Govt. Center 4th Floor Meeting Room

November 2

Friday, 10:00 am–2:00 pm
 Mini-FLOW
 SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

November 2

Friday, 7:00-9:00 pm
 Family Movie Night: *Coco*
 Heritage Park

November 3

Saturday, 7:00-9:00 pm
 Family Movie Night: *Coco*
 Town Center Park

November 6

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

November 7

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

November 8

Thursday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
 Blood Pressure and Glucose Screening
 SIB Govt. Center 1st Floor Meeting Room

November 9

Friday, 7:00-10:00 pm
 Teen Only Carnival
 Gateway Park

November 11

Sunday, 9:30 am
 Veterans Day Celebration
 Heritage Park

November 12

Monday, Government Offices Closed
 Federal Holiday: Veterans Day Observed
 Shuttle Bus does not run

November 13

Tuesday, 10:00 am–1:00 pm
 Golden Era Movie: *The Wizard of Oz*
 Pelican Community Park

November 14

Wednesday, 7:30 pm
 11th Annual SIB Jazz Fest Kick-Off
 featuring Jazil Brazz
 Samson Oceanfront Park

November 15

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

November 17

Saturday, 7:00 pm
 11th Annual SIB Jazz Fest
 Gateway Park

November 20

Tuesday, 9:30 am
 Cultural Event: Sawgrass Mills Mall
 Sunrise, Florida

November 22

Thursday, Government Offices Closed
 Federal Holiday: Thanksgiving
 Shuttle Bus does not run

November 23

Friday, Government Offices Closed
 Day After Thanksgiving
 Shuttle Bus Service, Orange Line only

November 25

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

November 25

Sunday, 5:30 pm
 Cultural Event: *The King and I*
 Broward Center for
 the Performing Arts

November 28

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

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: November 20
 10:00–11:00 am inside the library

Citizenship Classes

Saturdays: November 3–24
 10:00–11:30 am

Poetry Reading

Saturday: November 10
 4:00–5:00 pm
 Share your poetry or all-time favorites.

Russian Social Club

Saturday: November 17
 3:30–5:30 pm

Programs for Children

Bedtime Stories

Wednesdays: November 7–28
 7:00–7:30 pm
 Share stories and music.
 Ages 3–5 yrs.

Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers

Mondays: November 5–26
Library closed November 12
 10:00–10:40 am
 Activities for toddlers and caregivers.
 Ages 19 mo. to 3 yrs.

Creative Corner Family Program

Saturdays: November 3–24
 11:00 am
 Activities for the whole family.



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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This free concert features Jazil Brazz, performing original arrangements from the Great American songbook with the best of Brazilian music.



Wednesday, November 14 • 7:30 pm
Samson Oceanfront Park • 17425 Collins Avenue

Free parking is offered on the north side of 174 Street, in the municipal lot on 175 Terrace and at the SIB Government Center; or take the free SIBshuttle within City limits.

DUKES of Dixieland

An internationally acclaimed New Orleans-based jazz band. Opening acts include: Marc Antoine, a classically-trained Parisian guitarist and Accent, an international acapella group.



Saturday, November 17 • 7:00 pm
Gateway Park • 151 Sunny Isles Boulevard

General admission: \$10. Reserved seating: \$20. VIP admission: \$50, includes food and beverage within the VIP area. Purchase tickets online at SunnyIslesBeachJazz.com or in person at Pelican Community Park or the SIB Government Center. Free parking at Gateway Park garage or at Bella Vista Bay Park. Take the free special event SIBshuttle to the event within City limits!