



# PHS Newsletter

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## Annual Meeting – April 21<sup>st</sup>

180 Palm Avenue

Our Annual Meeting & Election of Officers for the Palm-Hibiscus-Star Islands Association is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and will be held at the home of Neil & Lisa Fairman, 180 Palm Avenue. This important meeting will begin at 7 PM with a cocktail reception provided by Thierry Catering. The program will begin at 7:30 PM.

President Pierre De Agostini reports that the program will include **Mayor Philip Levine**, new **Police Chief Daniel Oates** and new **Fire Chief Virgil Fernandez**. We will have an extensive agenda covering, among other items: status of the Undergrounding Project, Security, Traffic and a report of the Nominating Committee and the Election of the Board of Directors. Also included will be the City's plans for the **Memorial Day Weekend**. Our City representatives will cover the items in their area of responsibility and take questions and concerns from the residents in attendance.

You will also have the opportunity to sign up for a Committee of your choice. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Refreshments will be served.

## Islands 360 Newsmagazine

Islands 360 Newsmagazine is the first issue of our new community publication. It is the initiative of **Board President Pierre De Agostini**, with the support of the Board of Directors and the publishers of trillionaire magazines, publishers **Silvio Sulichin** and **Minerva Arbolea**. Our goal is to provide to all residents a forum in which they can communicate, share and additionally offer to the general public a cohesive, luxurious and attractive image of our privileged islands. Featured on the front cover were residents **Neil and Lisa Fairman**, who are long-time residents and are hosting this month's Homeowners Association Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> at their home. Neil has been a key member of the Board of Directors for several years, promoting our community. We are proud to have Neil and Lisa and their family as residents.

## Memorial Day Weekend

The City of Miami Beach and especially the Police Department has spent considerable time developing plans to deal with upcoming Memorial Day events. Last year went very well. Keeping in mind that the weekend crowd is privately organized over the internet, the City still needs to deal with the crowds, traffic, parking, litter, noise and other issues that surround a large event weekend. There is no actual "event" at the center of the weekend, just a large convergence of people recruited nationally for a good time. It places a large burden on the City and its resources. The City's plans for this year to handle the crowds and heavy traffic that will impact our residents during the weekend will be presented at the Homeowners Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

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## Watch Your Speed—Please!

We are fortunate to live on these beautiful Islands. We are somewhat isolated and may, in the hustle and bustle of our daily activities, forget about the posted **speed limit of 25 MPH** and the posted **Stop Signs**.

During **the month of May**, the City of Miami Beach Police **Motorcycle Patrol** will be visiting our community to monitor our traffic behavior. While we have never had a serious incident involving a vehicle and a pedestrian, we want to make sure one does not occur in the future. Help us keep the community safe! Please—watch your speed! **And please don't text and drive!**

## City Elections

This **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, there will be a City Election. Voters will be choosing races for the City of Miami Beach Mayor and 3 City Commissioners. The Mayor and the City Commission are important positions that impact our neighborhood and the issues we face. You are encouraged to exercise your right to vote. You must be registered to vote at least 30 days in advance of an Election. Registration forms can be obtained by calling **305-499-8363**, or at <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/Library/w ebappform.pdf>. Please register and **please vote!**



## Crime Prevention

The City of Miami Beach Police Department indicates that our neighborhood has one of the lowest crime rates in the City and Miami-Dade County. Working together with the Police Department, we can continue that status.

A Neighborhood Resource Officer has been assigned to our community. She is available to come to your home and perform a **Residential Crime Survey** that is totally confidential, while at the same time lets you know the weaknesses, if any, in your home security. Please contact **Officer Deborah Martineau at (305) 673-7813** for questions or to set an appointment for the survey.

## Dogs on Leashes—it's the Law!

The City of Miami Beach requires that dogs be kept on leashes when in public areas, such as streets, sidewalks and parks. To do otherwise is a violation of the City Code and the owner can be fined. It is also the safe and courteous thing to do. Even for dog lovers, everyone may not be comfortable with someone else's pet and they can feel threatened. Please remember to pick up after your dog. Plastic **"Doggie Bag"** dispensers are conveniently placed in the Parks on Palm Island, Hibiscus Island and Star Island. Keep others in mind when walking your dog.

## Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping of landscape debris and other trash takes place almost weekly in our community and hurts us all. It is virtually impossible to catch those responsible, but it is harmful to the neighborhood and causes the use of resources that might be spent in other ways in our community. Please make sure that your landscaper does the right thing and takes your debris out to the proper dumping sites. Also be on the lookout for those who violate the City Code for dumping. If you witness an illegal dumping incident in progress, please call **305-673-7901**.

## Homeowners Meeting Agenda Items

The upcoming Homeowners Meeting to be held on **Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 PM** located at 180 Palm Avenue will contain several important items with respect to our community. Among the items on the Agenda are:

**Mayor Philip Levine**  
**New Police Chief Daniel Oates**  
**"PHS Officer of the Year"**  
**Security on the Islands**  
**City Plans for Memorial Day**  
**Weekend**  
**New Fire Chief Virgil Fernandez**  
**Election of Board of Directors**  
**Refreshments**

Please plan to attend!

## No Soliciting

The PHS Islands Association has recently put up signs indicating “**No Soliciting**” at the entrance to Palm & Hibiscus Islands and also the entrance to Star Island. We have had recent incidents of soliciting door-to-door that were unwelcome and perhaps even fraudulent or illegal. Working with the City of Miami Beach Police Department, we placed these signs at the two Guardhouse entrances to our neighborhood. The public and visible placement of the signs indicating No Soliciting empowers the Police Department to be more aggressive in their response to unwanted soliciting in the neighborhood. If someone comes to your home soliciting or selling anything that you are not comfortable with, please call your Guardhouse (**Palm – 305-534-1808, or Star – 305-672-5444**). It is for everyone’s safety.

## Permits for Palm Island Park

We are very fortunate to have beautiful **Palm Island Park** located in our community. This public park is part of the City of Miami Beach Parks Department and as such, you are required to have a park permit to have functions at the Park. Without a permit your event may be in conflict with other events at the park and may be subject to cancellation. The City’s Parks Department has been very cooperative with our Association and continues to work with us to make improvements in the Park. To obtain a permit to use the Palm Island Park, please call The **Parks Department at (305) 673-7730**.

## Garbage & Recycling Days

Garbage Pickups are on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Recycle Pickup is on **Wednesdays**. Your materials should be placed at the street in the morning and empty cans or bins retrieved in the evening of that day. City Code states that garbage must not be placed in the swale more than 24 hours before or after a scheduled collection. To schedule a **Bulk Pickup, please call 786-515-2726**. Additionally, the City picks up **palm fronds** in the public areas on 3 days of each week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

## Calendar of Events

<b>APRIL 21</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING &amp; ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b> 180 PALM AVENUE 7:30 PM
<b>OCTOBER 20</b>	<b>HOMEOWNERS MEETING</b> PALM ISLAND PARK 7:30 PM
<b>OCTOBER 31</b>	<b>ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY</b> PALM ISLAND PARK 5 TO 7 PM
<b>NOVEMBER 3</b>	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> VFW POST #3559 650 WEST AVENUE 7 AM TO 7 PM

### THANKS TO:

- **Stephanie & Michael Rosen** for their leadership of the highly successful **Wendy Walks** over the last 6 years. The event is held to raise funds for Liposarcoma Cancer Research. The event started and ended at the Palm Island Park and attracted over 300 participants last year, raising important funds to combat the disease.
- **PHS Islands residents** and businesses who sponsored the Annual Halloween Party this past October 31<sup>st</sup>. The party was highly successful and everyone had a great time! A complete list of the sponsors is included in the insert to this Newsletter. This is a great tradition that continues on. Thanks to All!
- **Kurt Stange and Merry Christmas Lights** for putting up the Holiday Lighting at both the Entrance to Palm Island and the Entrance to Star Island over the end of the Year Holidays. They looked great and helped us enjoy the Holiday Season!
- **Publishers Silvio Sulichin and Minerva Arboleya** and [trillionairemagazine.com](http://trillionairemagazine.com) for their fine work on the initial issue of Islands 360 Newsmagazine. It has received rave reviews!

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