



# PHS Newsletter

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## Annual Meeting & Election of Officers - February 27<sup>th</sup>

### At The Rod & Reel Club

The Annual Meeting & Election of Officers for the Palm-Hibiscus-Star Islands Association is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Rod & Reel Club on Hibiscus Island. This important meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.

**President Hans Mueller** indicates that the agenda will include reports from the Committees that operate throughout the year and updates on current activities. Important improvements in Security at the new Palm Island Guardhouse will be covered along with updates on the Undergrounding Project on Palm and Hibiscus Islands.

Current topics such as the proposed City Ordinance concerning the **Commercial Use of Homes in Single Family Residential Neighborhoods** and *exciting news* about plans for the **Palm Island Park** will be discussed. We will also have a report from the Nominating Committee offering a slate of Officers for the coming year, followed by the Election of Officers. Please plan to attend.

## Plans for the Palm Island Park

We are very happy to announce exciting new plans for the Palm Island Park. Most residents are aware of how much use we get out of the Park. For some time we have needed some additional play equipment for older children and shade, since the large, diseased tree had to be removed. In a cooperative effort with the City of Miami Beach, the Palm Island Park will receive a **new shade structure**, funded by the City of Miami Beach, **new play equipment**, **new swingset**, replacing the sand with **impact resistant surfacing**, and **new small trees** that will grow into future shade, all funded by the residents through a fundraising campaign and matching dollars from the PHS Islands Association.

**Helen Mopsick, Laura Gould and Stephanie Rosen** are Co-chairing the fundraising effort and have devoted the last several months to working with the City to develop a plan that all will be proud of. You can hear more details and see renderings of the project at the Homeowners Meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> (see article to the left). The campaign will officially kickoff at that time, with hopes of completion and installation in early summer.

Everyone benefits from the new enhancements at the Park--the children in the community, parents, grandparents, visitors and families in the future. Many potential homebuyers look at the Palm Island Park as a great benefit to the neighborhood. The new improvements at the Park will be a benefit to our entire community for years to come.

To get involved in the fundraising campaign or for questions, please call **Helen Mopsick at 305-753-3190**, or at [Helen@mopsick.com](mailto:Helen@mopsick.com).

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## Palm Island Guardhouse

**Joe Kaplan**, Chairman of the Security Committee, is working to amend the Post Orders for the Police Officers at the Palm Island Guardhouse. They will be finalized shortly. Resident input has been gathered throughout the process, so that the amended Post Orders reflect the issues residents are most concerned with. Joe and his Committee also met with the Police Chief to receive his endorsement. The new Post Orders will be in force March 1<sup>st</sup> and posted on the web site.

To that end, residents are **strongly encouraged** to do their part in ensuring the best security for all by #1, **Get your gate cards** as soon as possible and #2, **Use the Resident Lane** so the Officers can give more attention to visiting traffic. Continued use of the Visitors Lane hampers the job we expect the Officers to do and does not allow them to concentrate on the areas of most concern. The new gate cards operate "hands free" and greatly improve the flow of traffic in the Resident Lane. If you have not received your gate cards as yet, the blue forms are inserted in this issue of the PHS Newsletter, are also available at the Palm Island Guardhouse or on the web site at [www.phsislands.org](http://www.phsislands.org). You need to fill out the necessary form, which asks for vehicle registration number, auto tag number and a picture ID. The form should then be mailed to the County. If you have questions or problems, please call **305-375-2702**.

## City Election

This November, there will be a City-wide Election for both the position of Mayor and 3 members of the City Commission. You must be registered to vote at least 30 days in advance of the Election Day, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be obtained by calling **305-375-4600**, or by picking up one from the Palm Island Guardhouse. We will again be hosting a "**Meet the Candidates Night**" Program in October, to give residents the opportunity to see the candidates up close. Please register and **please vote!**

## Single Family Residential Ordinance

The City of Miami Beach is currently considering a proposed ordinance related to the **Commercial Use of Homes** in a Single Family Residential Neighborhoods. The Board of Directors is working to inform residents of the major items being considered. The discussion primarily involves whether a resident should be allowed to receive payment for the use of their home for events, parties or other gatherings. Related issues, such as parking, charitable events that you host and short-term rentals for less than six-month periods are **not** part of this proposal, even though they may also have impact on the neighborhood. You can express your feelings on this issue by participating in the PHS Islands Association poll either on-line at our web site, [www.phsislands.org](http://www.phsislands.org), or by mail, by picking up a copy of the survey from the Police Officer at the Palm Island Guardhouse. The current revision of the ordinance is available on our web site for you to review. You are also encouraged to e-mail the **City Commission** (addresses on back page) with your thoughts. Our input in this process is **very important!**



## Child Protection

Each year between 1.3 and 1.8 million children are reported missing in the United States. These children may be kidnapped, lost, or runaways. While the warning to "stay away from strangers" is good advice, it provides very limited protection. Children are more often abducted or exploited by people who have some type of familiarity with them. Instead, it is more appropriate to teach children to watch out for certain situations or actions, rather than certain kinds of individuals.

The Miami Beach Police Department has compiled a guide on preventing child abductions that you may find helpful. Please contact the **Police Department, Det. Bobby Hernandez at (305) 673-7383**.

## Answer Center

The City of Miami Beach has established a new phone number to call for questions you may have about the City. They can also assist with information on phone numbers of departments and personnel within the City Government. That number is **(305) 604-CITY (2489)**. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. You can also reach the Answer Center by e-Mail at [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov)

## 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**.

## E-Mail Addresses

We use E-mail to notify or remind you of important meetings, calendar dates, and to notify you of significant happenings that impact the residents of our Islands. Make sure that we have your E-mail address—call **Tim Rose** at **(305) 299-2617** or better yet, you can E-mail him at [tim.rose@phsislands.org](mailto:tim.rose@phsislands.org). You can also check out our Web Site at [www.phsislands.org](http://www.phsislands.org).

## 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 **(305) 471-4444**.

## Calendar of Events

<b>FEBRUARY 27</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING &amp; ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b> ROD & REEL CLUB 7:30 PM
<b>OCTOBER 16</b>	<b>MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT</b> ROD & REEL CLUB 7:30 PM
<b>OCTOBER 31</b>	<b>ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY</b> PALM ISLAND PARK 5 TO 7 PM
<b>NOVEMBER 6</b>	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> ROD & REEL CLUB 7 AM TO 7 PM
<b>DECEMBER 4</b>	<b>PHS HOLIDAY PARTY</b> ROD & REEL CLUB 8 TO 11 PM

## Thanks To:

- **The Hospitality Committee** for doing a **SUPER** job with the Annual PHS Holiday Party in December. It was a good time for all! Members of the Committee—**Barbara Hagen, Mary Jo Garrity, Carla Oxios, and Linda Evans**.
- **Helen Mopsick, Laura Gould and Stephanie Rosen** for Co-Chairing the Committee for the enhancements at the Palm Island Park.
- **Amarilis Osorio** for serving on the Board of the Community Partnership for Homeless and assisting with the Annual Celebrity 5K Run on March 25<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Homeless.
- **The City of Miami Beach** for providing the funding for the new shade structure at the Palm Island Park and the new lighting soon to be installed for the large Hibiscus sign as you enter Hibiscus Island. **Great Job!!**
- **The Rod & Reel Club** for providing meeting facilities for our Association Meetings and City Elections.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

## City of Miami Beach Mayor & Commissioners

The City of Miami Beach is governed by a City Commission/City Manager type of government. The City Commission consists of six elected Commissioners and an elected Mayor. Commissioners are elected to a term of four years with a term limit of two terms. Terms are staggered so that half of the Commission are elected every two years. The Mayor is elected every two years. The Commission appoints a City Manager who oversees the City Administration. The phone number for the Office of the Mayor and Commissioners is **305-673-7030**. Offices are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor at City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive in Miami Beach.

### **Mayor David Dermer**

Current Term: 2005 – 2007  
First Elected: 2001  
Profession: Attorney  
Email: [mayordermer@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:mayordermer@miamibeachfl.gov)

### **Commissioner Michael Gongora**

Current Term: 2006 – 2007  
First Elected: 2006  
Profession: Attorney  
Email: [michael@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:michael@miamibeachfl.gov)

### **Commissioner Matti Herrera Bower**

Current Term: 2003 – 2007  
First Elected: 1999  
Profession: Commissioner  
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### **Vice Mayor/Commissioner Saul Gross**

Current Term: 2005 – 2009  
First Elected: 2001  
Profession: Business/Real Estate  
Email: [saul@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:saul@miamibeachfl.gov)

### **Commissioner Simon Cruz**

Current Term: 2003 – 2007  
First Elected: 1997  
Profession: Business/Real Estate  
Email: [simon@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:simon@miamibeachfl.gov)

### **Commissioner Jerry Libbin**

Current Term: 2005 – 2009  
First Elected: 2005  
Profession: Financial Planner  
Email: [jerry@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:jerry@miamibeachfl.gov)

### **Commissioner Richard Steinberg**

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