

PHS Newsletter

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Annual Meeting - February 26th

At The Rod & Reel Club

The Annual Meeting & Election of Officers for the Palm-Hibiscus-Star Islands Association is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th at the Rod & Reel Club on Hibiscus Island. This important meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. A special **Landscape Workshop** put on by the City Parks Department will take place before the meeting from 7-7:30 PM.

President Hans Mueller indicates that the agenda will include reports from the City on the **Undergrounding Project**, plus reports on the proposed **Watson Island Tunnel**, the **FDOT I-395 Project** and important news concerning the **Rod & Reel Club**.

Current topics such as the proposed City Ordinance concerning the **Commercial Use of Homes in Single Family Residential Neighborhoods** and plans for addressing **Coconut Lane** issues 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. Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend.

Water Restrictions

The South Florida Water Management District issued the Modified Phase III Water Restrictions effective January 15, 2008.

Residents with **odd-numbered addresses** will be restricted to watering their lawns on Mondays ONLY from 4 am to 8 am OR from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Residents with **even-numbered addresses** will be restricted to watering their lawns on Thursdays ONLY from 4 am to 8 am OR from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Hand-watering with one hose fitted with an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed for 10 minutes per day for landscape stress relief and to prevent plant die-off.

Miami-Dade County is enforcing these restrictions.

At this time no restrictions apply to other outside water uses, such as for car and boat washing, pressure cleaning of paved surfaces, decorative fountains and water-based recreation (e.g. swimming pools, water slides). Please do your part.

Coconut Lane

Residents of Coconut Lane have been frustrated for some time over the condition of the street and its impact on the surrounding properties. We have requested special attention for this area by the **City Commission**, the City Manager and City Staff who have enforcement powers. The biggest positive change for Coconut Lane, however, will come after the Undergrounding Project when the entire street is repaved with bump-outs created to define parking. Coconut Lane will realize the greatest improvement as a result of this project. Until that time we must work together with the City and those construction sites in the area to make a difference for our residents on Coconut Lane.

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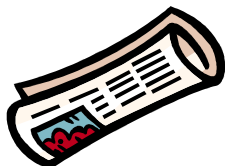
Watch Your Speed—Please!

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 March, 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!

National Election

This November, there will be a National Election for President of the United States. As always, you are encouraged to exercise your right to vote. You must be registered to vote at least 30 days in advance of the Election Day, November 4th. Registration forms can be obtained by calling **305-375-4600**, or by picking up one from the Palm Island Guardhouse. 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, as residents, we can continue that status.

The Police Department has assigned a Neighborhood Resource Officer to our community. He 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 the **Police Department, Officer Alejandro Bello at (305) 673-7813** for questions or to set an appointment for the survey.

2008 Annual Survey

The Annual Survey of residents to determine the main focus of the Association is presently being conducted. The survey form was earlier mailed to your home and is available on our website at www.phsislands.org, at the Palm and Star Island Guardhouses and as an insert to this newsletter. Please take a moment and let your wishes be known. In this way, the Association Board of Directors will know those items of most interest and can concentrate on those for this year. Please respond by Friday, February 22, 2008. Each property gets one ballot. Thank you in advance.

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping of landscape debris and other trash takes place almost weekly in our community. 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.

Homeowners Meeting Agenda Items

The upcoming Homeowners Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 26th, at 7:30 PM at the Rod & Reel Club will contain several important items with respect to our community. Among the items to be discussed are:

- Landscape Workshop (7-7:30 PM)**
- Unveiling of Guardhouse Plaque**
- PHS Officer of the Year**
- Recognition to the Parks Department**
- The Undergrounding Project**
- The proposed Watson Island Tunnel**
- The FDOT I-395 Project**
- Coconut Lane Issues**
- The Rod & Reel Club status**
- Election of Board of Directors**

Please plan to attend!

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

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. You can also check out our Web Site at 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

FEBRUARY 26	ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS ROD & REEL CLUB 7:30 PM
APRIL 6	PHS FAMILY NIGHT ROD & REEL CLUB 5 TO 7 PM
SEPTEMBER 23	HOMEOWNERS MEETING ROD & REEL CLUB 7:30 PM
OCTOBER 31	ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY PALM ISLAND PARK 5 TO 7 PM
NOVEMBER 4	ELECTION DAY ROD & REEL CLUB 7 AM TO 7 PM
DECEMBER 2	PHS HOLIDAY PARTY 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 Suzanne Kaiser**.
- **The Landscape Committee** for working with the City on the new landscape on Palm and Hibiscus islands. Also 22 new trees have been planted at the Palm Island Park as a result of their efforts. These trees will provide future shade for the Park and make it more usable during the hot summer months. Thanks!
- **Susan Silver** for a terrific job of repainting the large Flower on the Hibiscus sign at the entrance to Hibiscus Island. **Great Job!!**
- **The Rod & Reel Club** for providing meeting facilities for our Association Meetings and for 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 is 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 4th Floor at City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive in Miami Beach.

Mayor Matti H. Bower

Current Term: 2007 – 2009
First Elected: 1999
Profession: Mayor
Email: MayorBower@miamibeachfl.gov

Commissioner Richard Steinberg

Current Term: 2005 – 2009
First Elected: 2001
Profession: Attorney
Email: richard@miamibeachfl.gov

Commissioner Jerry Libbin

Current Term: 2005 – 2009
First Elected: 2005
Profession: Financial Planner
Email: jerry@miamibeachfl.gov

Commissioner Jonah Wolfson

Current Term: 2007 – 2011
First Elected: 2007
Profession: Attorney
Email: jonah@miamibeachfl.gov

Commissioner Saul Gross

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

Commissioner Edward L. Tobin

Current Term: 2007 – 2011
First Elected: 2007
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Commissioner Deede Weithorn

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