



# PHS Newsletter

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## General Homeowner's Meeting – September 25<sup>th</sup>

The next General Homeowner's Meeting for the Palm-Hibiscus-Star Islands Association is scheduled for Tuesday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>** at the Rod & Reel Club on Hibiscus Island. This important meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

**President Hans Mueller** indicates the agenda will include presentations on the **Undergrounding Project**, new **Security** plans for the Palm Island Guardhouse, including the installation of state of the art cameras to monitor traffic, improvements at the **Palm Island Park**, a report from the **Landscape Committee** and the upcoming special events to be held. Refreshments will be served

The newly sworn-in **Police Chief** for the City of Miami Beach, **Carlos Noriega**, will be our special guest. Residents are encouraged to attend a reception to meet Chief Noriega from 7 to 7:30 PM on the night of our Homeowners Meeting. We are fortunate to have a very special relationship with the Miami Beach Police Department. Please come out and meet Chief Noriega and representatives from the Police Department.

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## Palm Island Park

The Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Palm Island Park will be held on **Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 5 PM. The Ribbon Cutting will be held at 5:15 PM, after which there will be pizza, ice cream and refreshments for all in attendance. City Officials will also be on hand to help us celebrate the new Park. Everyone is invited!!

Since last Spring, the City of Miami Beach has installed two new shade structures, new play equipment, a new swing set, removed the old sand lot and installed new safety ground cover, refurbished the tennis courts and the basketball court, including new netting at each and installed new landscaping in the way of shrubs and small trees that will eventually provide shade to the Park.

The improvements were paid for by the City of Miami Beach, the PHS Islands Association and generous residents (see insert). A special fundraising campaign was kicked off to provide funding to supplement the City's budget for the Park. A list of the contributors can be found in the insert to this Newsletter.

Special thanks go to **Helen Mopsick, Laura Gould** and **Stephanie Rosen** for leading this effort. They first began working on this project in May 2006. Since that time they have worked closely with the City of Miami Beach, equipment providers and residents to the end result we see today. Thanks to all who made this happen! The beautiful new Palm Island Park will be a source of enjoyment and community pride for many years to come.

## Halloween Party – October 31<sup>st</sup>

The Annual Halloween Party for the children and families on the Islands will be held at the Palm Island Park on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 7 PM. There will be plenty of food, rides and attractions for ghosts and goblins of all ages, including a costume contest. You do not want to miss the adult costume contest! A special category of “Best costumed Family” has been added. There will also be a prize for the “Best Decorated Home” on each Island. Please come out and join your neighbors for this fun event.

## Meet the Candidates Night – Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

The PHS Islands Association will host a “Meet the Candidates” Night Program as we do every year when City Elections are held. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:30 PM at the Rod & Reel Club on Hibiscus Island. This important meeting will give residents the opportunity to get a close up view of the candidates and hear their proposed programs for the City of Miami Beach. Residents will also have the opportunity to ask questions. Please take this opportunity to learn more about the candidates and make an informed decision when voting on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## PHS Family Night – October 14<sup>th</sup>

The PHS Islands Association will hold its first Family Night on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 7 PM at the Rod & Reel Club on Hibiscus Island. Moms and Dads bring your children, grandchildren, grandparents—everyone is welcome! Activities will include games and activities for the children, socializing for the adults and NFL Football on TV for those who cannot miss that! “Kid-friendly” food will be served for all and munchies for those watching football games. Reservations may be needed for this first time event. For additional information, please contact **Stephanie Rosen** at [step@gmail.com](mailto:step@gmail.com).

It is our objective to have one Neighborhood Family Night each month so watch for this upcoming event coming to a Rod & Reel Club near you! Please join us!

## Landscape Committee

The newly organized Landscape Committee has been very active in the last few months. **Margie Willensky**, Chairperson of the Committee reports that the Committee has met several times recently with City Staff to review plans for new landscaping at the entrance to Palm Island, at the entrance to Hibiscus Island, in the median on Palm Avenue and in the Palm Island Park. The City submitted plans for the landscaping which the Committee reviewed and made several comments. Those comments were then incorporated into the final landscape plans.

The Committee is working closely with the City of Miami Beach Parks Department to continue this beautification our neighborhood. In the months to come they will be developing plans for the traffic circles at each end of Palm Avenue and the Park located behind the Hibiscus Island sign. Future plans also call for developing a Master Plan to include drawings and plant palettes the can be used as a guide for homeowners wishing to make changes in their landscape design.

Members of the Committee are:

**Margie Willensky, Chair**  
**Claudia Brod**  
**Robert Fairless**  
**Mary Martin**  
**Patrick Meyer**  
**Alex Moggio**  
**Adam Mopsick**  
**Hans Mueller**  
**Jean Paul Robin**  
**Marvin Schenker**  
**Marjorie Schultz**

If you have any comments or would like to get involved with the Landscape Committee, please contact Margie Willensky at [margie@cci-sw.com](mailto:margie@cci-sw.com). Thanks to Margie and her Committee for their fine work and their dedication to making our neighborhood more beautiful to all to enjoy.



**CARNIVAL CENTER**  
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The new **Carnival Center for the Performing Arts** (formerly known as the Miami Performing Arts Center) has been open since last October. From the large, exquisitely designed state-of-the-art 2,400-seat Ziff Ballet Opera House, the 2,200-seat Knight Concert Hall a 200-seat black box Studio Theater, the Peacock Education Center and the Thomson Plaza for the Arts, every type of performance will have its stage in South Florida. Add to that a beautiful Plaza for the Arts that will be both a wonderful stage for outdoor performances and one of the area's most inviting public spaces. The Carnival Center has transformed our community into one of the great cultural capitals of the Americas.

There will continue to be great excitement in the Miami area for decades to come thanks to the Carnival Center. For tickets and information about upcoming events, please call **305-949-6722** or go to the website, [www.carnivalcenter.org](http://www.carnivalcenter.org).

**Miami Children's Museum**

**The Miami Children's Museum** is a welcome neighbor on Watson Island. Operating hours are daily from 10 AM to 6 PM. The Museum along with **The Parrot Jungle Island** and the new **Carnival Center for the Performing Arts** are exciting new additions to our community. For more information about the Miami Children's Museum and its many programs, please call **(305) 373-kids (5437)**, or go to [www.miamichildrensmuseum.org](http://www.miamichildrensmuseum.org).

**General Election – November 6<sup>th</sup>**

The upcoming General Election is set for Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Our Polling place is conveniently located at the Rod & Reel Club on Hibiscus Island. The voting hours are from 7 AM to 7 PM that day. The deadline to register to vote is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Voter Registration forms are available at the Palm Island Guardhouse and at the Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Homeowners Meeting. You can also call the **Miami-Dade County Elections Department at (305) 375-4600**.

**Calendar of Events**

<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b>	RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY 5 TO 6 PM PALM ISLAND PARK
<b>SEPTEMBER 25</b>	GENERAL HOMEOWNER'S MEETING ROD & REEL CLUB 7:30 PM
<b>OCTOBER 14</b>	PHS FAMILY NIGHT ROD & REEL CLUB 5 TO 7 PM
<b>OCTOBER 23</b>	"MEET THE CANDIDATES" NIGHT ROD & REEL CLUB 7:30 PM
<b>OCTOBER 31</b>	ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY PALM ISLAND PARK 5 TO 7 PM
<b>NOVEMBER 6</b>	ELECTION DAY ROD & REEL CLUB 7 AM TO 7 PM
<b>DECEMBER 3</b>	PHS HOLIDAY PARTY ROD & REEL CLUB 8 TO 11 PM

**Thanks To:**

- **Helen Mopsick, Laura Gould and Stephanie Rosen** for their hard work and leadership on the new Palm Island Park. Thanks also to their Committee and to those who contributed so generously.
- **Margie Willensky and the Landscape Committee** for their great work together with the City of Miami Beach that has resulted in the recent landscape improvements on the Islands and in the Park.
- **The City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department** for their great work at the Palm Island Park and for landscape improvements to Palm, Hibiscus and Star Islands.
- **The Rod & Reel Club** for providing meeting facilities for our Association Meetings and for our City Elections.



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### **\* IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS \***

Answer Center (Info) (305) 604-CITY (2489)	Palm Island Guardhouse (305) 534-1808
Miami Beach City Hall (305) 673-7300	Star Island Guardhouse (305) 672-5444
Mayor & Commission (305) 673-7030	Atlantic Broadband (305) 861-1564
City Manager (305) 673-7010	Bell South Cust. Service (305) 780-2355
City Clerk (305) 673-7411	FPL Customer Service (305) 442-8770
Police Department (Emergency Only) 911 (Non-Emergency) (305) 673-7900	TECO Peoples Gas 1-877-832-6747
Fire & Rescue (Emergency Only) 911 (Non-Emergency) (305) 673-7120	Voter Registration (305) 375-4600
Public Works Dept. (305) 673-7080	Garbage Collection (305) 673-7616
Parking Department (305) 673-7505 (24-Hour Dispatch) (305) 673-9453	Bulk Waste Pickup (Appt.) (305) 471-4444
Code Compliance Dept. (305) 673-7555	American Red Cross (305) 644-1200
Parks & Recreation Dept. (305) 673-7730	Office of Miami-Dade County Emergency Management (305) 468-5400
Water & Sewer Dept. (305) 673-7625	National Weather Service (305) 229-4522
Building Department (305) 673-7610	National Hurricane Center (305) 229-4470
Neighborhood Services (305) 673-7077	U.S. Coast Guard (305) 535-4300
	Mosquito Control (305) 592-1186
	Rod & Reel Club (305) 531-1233

**Special Thanks** to those residents who participated in the Fundraising effort to improve the Park:

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