



# PHS Newsletter

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## New Association Officers & Committee Chairs

The Annual Meeting & Election of Officers for the Palm-Hibiscus-Star Islands Association was held on **February 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Rod & Reel Club on Hibiscus Island. At the meeting the 7 Board Members were elected to serve as the Officers for the Association for the coming year. The Board of Directors selected the following Board Officers:

President	Hans Mueller
Vice President – Palm	Todd Tragash
Vice President – Hibiscus	Adam Mopsick
Vice President – Star	Marc Iacovelli
Secretary	Margie Willensky
Treasurer	Al Levy
At-Large	Linda Evans

The Committee Chairs are:

Security	Jerry Sokol
Hospitality	Karise Neves
Safety & Compliance	Adam Mopsick
Undergrounding	Ian Kaplan
New Guardhouse	Gib Oxios



## Fourth of July Picnic

The Special Events Committee is currently working hard on the Fourth Annual **Fourth of July Picnic** at Palm Island Park. This will be an excellent opportunity for all of us to get to meet our neighbors while celebrating the 4th of July Holiday. Last year we had over 100 residents in attendance and everyone had a great time, along with a lot to eat! **Shorty's Bar-B-Q** will cater the food again this year. There will be ribs and chicken plus the usual side dishes for a charge of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under.

The picnic is planned for 5-7 PM. There will be plenty of time to see the many fireworks displays around the area after the event. There will be activities and games for the kids. The Committee is currently looking for sponsors for soft drinks and water and other financial support. Should you or your company be interested in helping with the event, or know of someone interested in a sponsoring opportunity that supports the residents of our Islands, please contact **Karise Neves** at (305) 672-9872, or Tim Rose at (305) 299-2617. Please **RSVP by June 27<sup>th</sup>** for this event, as we expect another good crowd.

A coupon for your convenience has been inserted in this Newsletter. Please fill out and return to the Committee by mail or drop off at the Guardhouse.

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## Undergrounding Project

You have no doubt noticed quite a bit of painted markings on the streets and swale areas around Palm & Hibiscus Islands. You will also see staked engineering points in the area of your property. Please leave them undisturbed, as they are important to the project. All will be removed as the project continues.

**Ian Kaplan**, Chairman of the Undergrounding Committee, reports that the Association recently hired the firm, PBS&J, to complete a survey of property corners required before the engineering plans can be finalized. The Committee is meeting regularly with the City of Miami Beach and the Utilities in order to keep the project moving forward as quickly as possible. Hopefully, we will all begin to see results in the not too distant future. Much improved service from FPL, BellSouth and Atlantic Broadband is expected after the completion of the project.

## Web Site

**Margie & Harvey Willensky** have agreed to assist with upgrading the Web Site for the Palm-Hibiscus-Star Islands Association. We hope to make the web site more user-friendly and interactive. We plan to use it for polling on issues that face our community. Please check it out at [www.phsislands.org](http://www.phsislands.org). Many more changes will be coming soon!

## Watch Your Speed—Please!

We are fortunate to live on these beautiful Islands. We are somewhat isolated and sometimes, in the hustle and bustle of our daily activities, we may forget about the posted **speed limit of 25 MPH** and the posted Stop Signs. Fortunately, we have never had a serious incident involving a vehicle and a pedestrian. In the coming weeks, the City of Miami Beach Police Department will post the "Smart Machine" which measures a vehicle's speed as it passes by. Shortly afterward, the motorcycle patrol will be on the Islands to assist us with enforcement. Help us keep the community safe! Please—watch your speed!

## Hurricane Season

Hurricane season starts June 1 and lasts until November 1. Hurricanes can form very quickly and strike at any time during the season. Always stay tuned to local news broadcasts for hurricane-related advisories. Don't forget our islands are located in an evacuation zone. You should have plans on where you will stay, how to get there and what supplies you will take with you. Consider the needs of the elderly and young family members and pets. To insure the safety of our residents, we encourage everyone to seek safe shelter and evacuate their homes when the order is given. Hurricanes can be very serious and cause much property damage and possibly even lives.

The City of Miami Beach fire, rescue and police teams will cease emergency operations during an impending hurricane when winds reach Tropical Storm force (35-40 mph). Residents that require special care and/or special transportation need to register immediately with the **Miami-Dade County Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program at (305) 513-7700.**

## Association Dues for 2005

Dues Collections for the year 2005 have been very well received. The funds collected allow us to operate as an Association, with a full-time Executive Director, mailings, postage, and events such as the Halloween Party and the Fourth of July Picnic. Your participation is **critical!** If you have not yet paid your Association dues, please do so. Your \$300 check should be made to the **PHS Homeowners Association** and can be dropped off at the Palm or Star Island Guardhouse, or mailed to:

**PHS Islands Association  
152 Palm Avenue  
Miami Beach, FL 33139**

You can also pay by Master Card or Visa. Please call **Tim Rose at (305) 299-2617** to provide the card information for processing.



## This is Mosquito Season . . .

Or maybe you haven't noticed!! The Miami-Dade County Mosquito Control Department sprays the Islands on a regular schedule unless they receive additional complaint calls from our residents. It actually **helps our case** if you call the Mosquito Control Office, as they log in calls and respond to those neighborhoods ahead of schedule. This is especially important as mosquitoes can spread serious disease and discomfort. You can call **Mosquito Control at (305) 592-1186**.

If you have any problems with allergies or suffer from asthma, you should call the same number. You will then be notified when spraying is going to occur in your neighborhood so that you can stay inside or leave the area during the time of the spraying. Please protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes, especially during the morning and early evening when they are feeding. Wearing long sleeve shirts and pants, mosquito repellent and avoiding the high risk hours of the day will lessen your exposure to mosquitoes and the discomfort they bring.

### Vacation Safety Tips

Many of us leave the islands for a period of time during the spring and summer months. Here are some reminders to consider:

- \* Ask a neighbor to use your driveway while you are away.
- \* Continue to have your lawn trimmed.
- \* Leave the radio and lights connected to an automatic timer
- \* Do not keep valuables at home; place in a safety deposit box.
- \* Have someone pickup your mail, newspapers and any outdoor advertisements, or have your mail and paper held.
- \* Light the exterior of your home with light sensors.
- \* Tell your neighbor where you can be reached, if necessary.
- \* Have a good & safe summer!

## Calendar of Events

JULY 4	FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC PALM ISLAND PARK 5 TO 7 PM
SEPTEMBER 27	GENERAL HOMEOWNER'S MEETING ROD & REEL CLUB 7:30 PM
OCTOBER 18	"MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT" ROD & REEL CLUB 7:30 PM
OCTOBER 31	ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY PALM ISLAND PARK 5 TO 7 PM
NOVEMBER 1	GENERAL ELECTION ROD & REEL CLUB 7 AM TO 7 PM

### Thanks To:

- **Justyn Feldman and The GMS Group** for sponsoring this edition of the PHS Newsletter.
- **The Parks Department** for recent improvements completed at Palm Island Park and on Star Island.
- **The Rod & Reel Club** for providing meeting facilities for Association Meetings and City Elections. **Congratulations** also to the new President of the Rod & Reel Club, **Donald Crissey**.

### Remember to Register to Vote!!

The City Election will be held on Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>. You must be registered at least 30 days before the election. Our Polling place is the Rod & Reel Club on Hibiscus Island, which is very convenient for all. This election is important as we are electing a Mayor for the City of Miami Beach, as well as 3 City Commissioners. Please remember to register and to vote. Voter Registration forms can be picked up at the Palm Island Guardhouse or obtained by calling **(305) 375-4600**.

Palm-Hibiscus-Star Islands Assn  
152 Palm Avenue  
Miami Beach, FL 33139



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

***When You Think Tax-Free...  
Think GMS...***



**Justyn Feldman**  
Vice President  
Municipal Bond Specialist

*(A Palm Island Resident)*

**800.453.6232**  
**305.329.3113**

*Brickell BayView Centre  
80 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1740  
Miami, Florida 33130*

*Other offices in: Livingston, NJ ■ Jersey City, NJ ■ Boca Raton, FL ■ Houston, TX ■ Springfield, PA*

*Member NASD and SIPC*



# MEN AT WORK!

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ISLANDS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
152 Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139

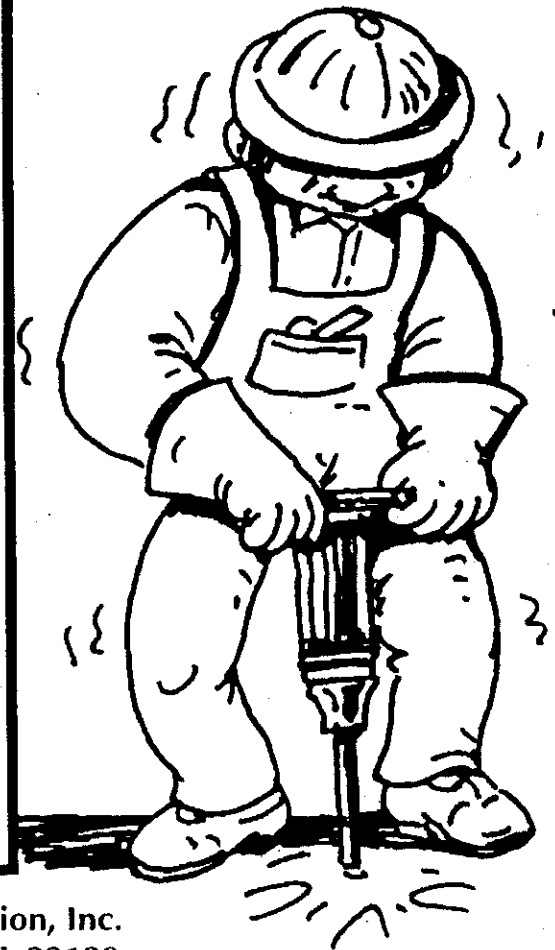
The long-awaited Undergrounding Project is in its final stages of planning. The project will greatly improve utility service to Palm & Hibiscus islands.

Now and in the coming weeks you will notice:

- More FPL, BellSouth, Charter Communications, TECO Peoples Gas, and the City of Miami Beach Public Works personnel evident in the community
- Painted markings on the streets and in the swale areas.
- Stakes placed at the property corners.

Please do not disturb any markings that are in the vicinity of your property - they are important! All will be removed as the project moves forward.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Palm-Hibiscus-Star Island Association, Inc.  
152 Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139  
Ph. 305-299-2617

Waste Management of Dade County is pleased to announce that we will be providing your residential solid waste services in Miami Beach effective January 1, 2005. The services provided include regular garbage, yard trash, and bulk trash as described below. Although the service provider is changing, your scheduled service days will not change.

**REGULAR GARBAGE** will be collected twice each week from your backyard or side-yard, depending upon where you keep your cans. If you prefer, you may also bring the cans to the curb. All regular garbage should be placed in cans not to exceed 32 gallons in capacity or 50 lbs. so that the garbage can be safely and efficiently removed from your property. If plastic bags are used instead of cans, they should be securely closed and tied and the garbage should not be heavier than the bags can effectively contain without breaking open.

If for some reason service cannot be provided, a notice (red tag) will be left at the residence with an explanation of why the service could not be provided.

**SERVICE DAYS (reg. Garbage):**

South of 41st St.: **Mon/Thu**  
41<sup>st</sup> St.-63<sup>rd</sup> St.: **Tues/Fri**  
67<sup>th</sup> St-87<sup>th</sup> Ter.: **Wed/Sat**

Please be sure garbage is accessible on all service days. Gates should be unlocked and dogs or other animals should be

confined away from the point of service at your residence.

**YARD TRASH** will be collected from the curbside twice each week on the same days as your regular garbage pickup, provided that the yard trash is placed adjacent to pavement in appropriate containers, bags, or bundles less than fifty (50) pounds each with no dimension over four (4) feet each, and with limbs or branches not exceeding four (4) inches in diameter. Yard trash does not include any form or matter or debris resulting from tree removal, land clearing, land development, building demolition, or home improvement.

**BULK TRASH** will be collected on an on-call basis up to four (4) times each year at no additional cost. This includes any household furniture, household trash, remodeling & home repair trash, white goods, and/or yard trash that cannot be cut for placement into a container, bag or bundle due to the materials exceeding the weight and size restrictions for regular trash collection. Items must not exceed six (6) feet in length. Please call the number at the bottom of this brochure to schedule an appointment. Service will be provided within seven (7) calendar days.

**DO NOT PUT MATERIAL OUT MORE THAN 24 HOURS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT.**

Additional bulk pickups (above and beyond the initial four each year) are also available upon request for additional fees.

**Questions? Please call our Customer Service Center at (305) 471-4444** for prompt and courteous assistance from one of our specially trained Miami Beach Residential Customer Service Reps. The Customer Service Center is staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am until 12 noon.



**Waste Management  
of Dade County**

125 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Court  
Miami, FL 33127  
Phone (305) 471-4444  
Fax (305) 325-9160  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)



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ISLANDS ASSOCIATION, INC.

*Catered By:*



*When: Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM*

*Where: Palm Island Park*

*RVP by June 27<sup>th</sup> using the form to the right*

*There will be FUN entertainment for the children.*

*For more information contact: Karise Neves  
305.672-9872*



*YES! We will be attending*

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *No. of Adults @ \$10 each*

\_\_\_\_\_ *No. of Children (10 and under) @ \$5*

*(children under 5 are free)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Total Attending*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Total Payment*

*Send Payment to:*

*PHS Islands Assn.*

*152 Palm Avenue*

*Miami Beach, FL 33139*

*OR, drop off at Guardhouse*



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ISLANDS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Please remember to pay your  
Association dues!  
We now accept credit cards!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Type (check):

Visa  MC  American Ex

Credit Card Number:

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ 300.00

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Send payment (check or credit card  
information) to:

PHS Islands Association

152 Palm Avenue

Miami Beach, FL 33139

Or, drop off at Guardhouse.



Help us keep our records up to date! Please fill out the following

## PHS Islands Homeowner Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Year you moved on the Islands: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in your home:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 0-5 \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 6-10 \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 11-17

Number of adults in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_