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Dear Neighbors and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas. May the Christmas season fill your homes with joy, your hearts with love and your life with laughter.

Happy Hanukkah! Happy Holidays! May this festive season be filled with many blessings

I invite you to read this month's newsletter where you will find information about upcoming community events, county services, November in review and other important legislative updates.

May God bless you and your families during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Esteban Bovo, Jr.

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Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Jr. cordially invites to
celebrate the

**Norman and Jean Reach Park
Walk Way Ground Breaking Ceremony**

Wednesday, December 4th 2013

9:00 o'clock in the morning

at

Norman and Jean Reach Park

7901 NW 176 Street, Miami, FL 33015

Special Guests:

Chairwoman Perla Tabares-Hantman—School Board District 4
Representative Manny Diaz, Jr.—District 103
State Senator Rene Garcia—District 38

**Community
Events**

Hialeah

10th - Council
Meeting
14th - Santa's Snow
Blast

Miami Lakes

10th - Council
Meeting

Palm Springs North

10th - Civic
Association Meeting

[Visit our Community](#)

Toy Drive



Commissioner Bovo will be participating in a toy drive for the Verde Garden's community. This is homeless community composed of underprivileged families and disabled children. Please visit our office with a new or almost new unwrapped toy. Donations are also being accepted through the PayPal account at

ciro@godofarmies.com.

Mobile Constituent Hours

Our monthly Mobile Constituent hours will be **canceled for the month of November and December** due to Holidays. We apologize for any

[Calendar](#)

inconvenience.

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NOVEMBER IN REVIEW

Jorge Luis Garcia Perez Antunez Welcoming Dinner Event



Commissioner Bovo, Mayor Boria of Doral and local activists welcomed Mr. Antunez at Casa Marin in Hialeah. Jorge Luis is a human rights activist in Cuba.

Commissioner Bovo's Farm Share and Thanksgiving Celebration



Commissioner Esteban Bovo Jr. teamed up with State Senator René García to give away food to more than 1,000 families, including fresh produce and 350 turkeys. Braving the rains to help out were more than 200 volunteers from the Lions Club of Hialeah, the Women's Club of Hialeah, Hialeah Senior High School's DECA and National Honor Society, Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School's Sorrota Organization, and Girl Scout Troop 338.

Sponsors included Farm Share, the Miami Dolphins, the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority, Beauty Schools of America, Walmart, Sedano's Supermarket, Miami-Dade County Fire Department, the Miami-Dade County Police Department, HNTB Corporation, Miami Tech Inc. and Excalibur.

"I want to thank all the volunteers and sponsors who helped us feed so many families, and I wish all Miami-Dade residents a wonderful holiday filled with love and happiness," Commissioner Bovo said. "As we enjoy our feasts this Thanksgiving, let's give thanks for all of our blessings, small and large."



Miami Dolphins and Farm Share Event



Commissioner Bovo and Vice Chair Bell along with the Miami Dolphins and Farm Share gathered to prepare produce and turkeys to give to needy families across Miami-Dade County.



BCC Special Presentation



Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chair Lynda Bell and Commissioner Bovo presented a proclamation to Mr. Fausto Santos, Chair of The Alzheimer's Walk, declaring November 2013 as "National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness and National Caregiver Month"

Hialeah Veterans Day Ceremony



Commissioner Bovo along with U.S. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart attended an event in Hialeah for Veterans Day. Also in attendance was LTC Roberto Perez-Montoya, U.S. Army, Gary E. Cardenas, 14th District Vice Commander, Vice Commander American Legion Post 144-Miami Lakes and Larry Sheets, Commander Post 32-Hialeah and Judge Advocate, American Legion Department of Florida.



Miami Lakes Veteran's Day Parade



Commissioner Bovo attended the 34th Annual Miami Lakes Veteran's Day Parade with his family and staff on Sunday, November 10. There was also a Ceremony immediately after the parade honoring the Grand Marshal and all Veterans.

City of Hialeah Swearing in Ceremony



Commissioner Bovo attended the Swearing in Ceremony for Mayor Carlos Hernandez, Councilwoman Cue-Fuente, Councilman Gonzalez and Councilman Hernandez.

50th Anniversary Golden Veteran's Day Parade



Commissioner Bovo participated in the Golden Veteran's Day Parade 50th Anniversary Commemoration on Friday, November 8, 2013. Parade began at Flagler street and went into Bayfront Park where the Commemorative Ceremony was held.

BCC Special Presentation- Monica Bustinza





Monica Bustinza, a freshman at Miami Dade Honors College, is the creator of a food program called "Meals from the Heart". She started this initiative while attending Monsignor Edward Pace High School. As part of the program, she delivers "meal bags" to students in need at Holy Family School every week for the entire school year to ensure atleast one complete meal for their families for the weeked. We congraulate Monica for her efforts in community and look forward to her work!

Ribbon Cutting of Villa Alegria





Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new 72 unit Affordable Elderly Housing/ Multipurpose Facility. The project was designed to be an environmentally friendly and "Green" building. This five-story building offers 72 one-bedroom/one bath units each with a fully equipped kitchen.

7th Annual Smoking Prevention Summit and Movie Night



Commissioner Bovo along side State Senator Rene Garcia co-sponsored the Hialeah's 7th Annual Tobacco Prevention Summit where they presented a Despicable Me for the attendees. The summit has held at Goodlet Park.



COUNTY SERVICES

Young People Are Key to Making Progress Toward Racial Harmony and Understanding. Support Their Efforts and Encourage a Deserving Youth to Apply online or by mail. The Application Deadline is January 31, 2014.

THE PRINCETON PRIZE IN RACE RELATIONS

"To promote harmony, respect, and understanding among people of different races by identifying and recognizing high school age students whose efforts have had a significant, positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities."



One high school age student from South Florida will join with winners from 24 regions across the U.S. and receive:

- **\$1,000 Cash Award**
- **All expense paid trip to Princeton University for a Symposium on Race Relations**
- **Miami awards ceremony and recognition**

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Call: 800-742-1036

For questions about the Miami-

Dade Princeton Prize contact:

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Local organizers include:

Princeton Club of South Florida; Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board; Miami-Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board; Miami-Dade Public Schools; and Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole and Boniske, PL.

**Miami-Dade County Park Foundation
2013-2014 Noches Tropicales**



Noches Tropicales and Tropical Nights are produced each year by Miami-Dade Parks to bring communities closer together through the presentation of culturally diverse entertainment that is free and enjoyable for families.

The 2013-2014 Noches Tropicales at Tropical Park include: Tropical/Salsa night featuring Albita on Oct. 18, 2013; Baladas music night featuring Luisa Maria Guell on Dec. 6, 2013; Charanga music featuring Andy Harlow on Feb. 14, 2014; and ending out the season will be Merengue artist Tony Swing on April 4, 2014.

For More information - <http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/tropical-nights.asp>

COMMUNITY UPDATES



50 TONS OF SNOW!

Goodlet Park
4200 West 8th Avenue
Hialeah, FL 33012

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING
\$5.00 Picture with Santa Claus
\$10.00 Unlimited Rides
FREE SNOW PILES AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!



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