



# Esteban BOVO, Jr.

Miami-Dade County Commissioner | District 13



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Dear Neighbors and Friends

Thank you for being part of my mailing list. I invite you to read this month's newsletter where you will find information about upcoming county services for the month of July, June in review and other important community updates.

If you would like to submit a community invitation or update for our next newsletter, please email us at [District13@miamidade.gov](mailto:District13@miamidade.gov).

Sincerely,



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## COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

### Happy Birthday America!



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and Happy Independence Day. Let us take a moment to reflect on this incredible country we live in and the freedoms that we are afforded. We have been abundantly blessed. Our democracy is a direct product of the sacrifices and determination of our forefathers who worked diligently to establish liberty in this great nation we call home. On this day, let us be filled with pride and love for our nation as we salute the spirit

of America.

"The greatest lesson we can learn from the past is that freedom is at the core of every successful nation." - Anonymous

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## Community Events

### Hialeah

4th - Independence Day  
Celebration  
9th - Council Meeting  
23rd - Council Meeting

### Miami Lakes

4th - Concert &  
Fireworks  
9th - Council Meeting

### Palm Springs North

9th - Civic Association  
Meeting

[Visit our Community  
Calendar](#)

## Stay Connected

Join Our Mailing List!



Joining our Newsletter is  
easy!

Just send your email address  
by text message:

Text  
**COMBOVO**  
to **2828** to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.

May God keep you and your families safe on this 4th of July and may God Bless America.

## Register or Renew your Golden Passport Save the drive to Downtown!

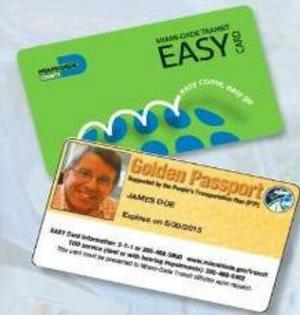


**Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Jr.  
and Miami-Dade Transit invites  
you to register for your Golden  
Passport EASY Card**

**El Comisionado Esteban Bovo, Jr. y el Departamento de  
Transporte Público de Miami-Dade le invita a inscribirse  
para su tarjeta EASY Card del Pasaporte Dorado**

**To register, bring your Social  
Security Card and a current valid  
Florida ID or driver's license.**

**Para inscribirse, traiga su  
tarjeta del Seguro Social y una  
identificación válida del estado de  
la Florida o su licencia de conducir.**



*To continue riding for free, seniors 65 and older receive a Golden Passport EASY Card that is valid for three years. The card must be reactivated every third year in the senior's birth month. For information, call 786-469-5028.*

*Para viajar gratis usando el transporte público, residentes de Miami-Dade de 65 años de edad o más recibirán la nueva tarjeta EASY Card del Pasaporte Dorado que es válida por tres años. Este pasaporte se necesita renovar cada tres años en la fecha del cumpleaños de la persona. Para información, llame al 786-469-5028.*

MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY

**Town Hall of Miami Lakes  
6601 Main Street  
Miami Lakes, FL. 33014**

**Wednesday/Miercoles 7/17/2013  
10 a.m.— 1p.m.**



**COMMISSIONER ESTEBAN BOVO, JR  
and Miami-Dade Animal Services**

**FREE Spay and Neuter**

**DON'T HAVE ANY PETS?**

**Adopt a friend!**

**Sunday • 7/21/2013  
Location & Time TBD  
More exciting details to follow  
Call 305.820.8424 for more details**



### Mobile Constituent Hours

Our office will be holding mobile office hours every second Monday of every month in order to meet with constituents in the Miami Lakes and Palm Springs North region of District 13.

Monday, July 8th from 1-3pm	Monday, July 8th from 3-5pm
Miami Lakes Library Branch	Palm Spring North Branch
6699 Windmill Gate Road	17601 NW 78th Avenue
Miami, FL 33014	Miami FL, 33015

Should you need any assistance with Miami-Dade County issues or have any concerns that you would like to address with Commissioner Bovo, please come out and meet with him. No appointments are necessary.



Miami Dade County  
Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Jr.

**Town Hall Series**



COMING SOON TO THE FOLLOWING LIBRARIES:

John F. Kennedy Library  
190 West 49th Street  
Hialeah FL 33012

Miami Lakes Library  
6699 Windmill Gates Road  
Miami Lakes FL 33014

Palm Springs North Library  
17601 NW 78th Avenue  
Miami Florida 33015

CALL US AT 305.820.8424 FOR MORE DETAILS

## From the Dais



At the July 16th Board of County Commissioner's meeting, Commissioner Bovo will be sponsoring the following items. Please click the file number for more details.

[131269](#) - Urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to require Electrocardiograms (EKG) examinations of Florida high school student athletes for clearance to participate in athletics.

[131277](#) - This item changes the definition of "local business" by requiring that companies seeking local preference not be wholly owned subsidiaries or associates of companies not headquartered in Miami-Dade County.

[131258](#) - This item approves the renewal of the lease agreement between the Palm Springs North public library and its landlord.

## JUNE IN REVIEW

### Commissioner Bovo "Working for You" with the Million TREES Campaign and the North Pointe YMCA



County Commissioner Esteban Bovo Jr. joined Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department Director Jack Kardys and over 120 volunteers from the North Pointe YMCA as they rolled up their sleeves to plant more than 60 trees at the Country Club of Miami South Park on Thursday, June 27, 2013, as part of Million TREES Miami and his "Working for You" campaign.

"These trees will provide more shaded areas for the many families who visit the park," said Commissioner Bovo. "They will also enhance the park's beauty while furthering the County's goal of achieving a sustainable urban forest."



The Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department supplied the park's new trees, which consist of 60 silver buttonwood trees and three larger native trees.

Developed by the Miami-Dade Community Image Advisory Board, the Million TREES Miami campaign is a community-wide effort to achieve a 30 percent tree canopy cover for Miami-Dade County by planting 1 million trees by 2020.

To donate to the program, register a tree planting or for more information, please visit <http://milliontrees.miamidade.gov>.

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### **Commissioner Bovo "Working for You" at the Water and Sewer Department**

Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Jr. continues his "Working for You" campaign at the Miami-Dade County's Water and Sewer Department. On Friday, May 31st, Commissioner Bovo visited the South District Wastewater Treatment Plant and John E. Preston Wastewater Treatment Plant.





Superintendent Steve Kroheim led Commissioner Bovo's tour of South District Wastewater Treatment Plant. Commissioner Bovo studied the HLD filters and performed a manual backwash on one of the filters under the direction of the Station Operator, Thomas Brooks. The Commissioner was briefed by Operator Terrance Carter on the basic design and operation of the Sodium Hypochlorite Generation system which converts salt to bleach for on-site disinfection.



Commissioner Bovo worked as a Treatment Plant Operator at the John E. Preston Water Treatment Plant with Division Chief Tom Segars, gaining hands-on experience in operating a major water treatment facility. The plant provides high-quality drinking water to the residents of District 13.

"Working closely with our Water and Sewer Department has given me the opportunity to better understand and deepen my appreciation for the hard work and time that goes into providing our residents clean water every day," said Commissioner Bovo. "Being able to perform a manual backwash on some filters was a great learning experience. I look forward to continuing my initiative with each of our County departments to find new solutions and ensure we continue to deliver excellence every day."

*Click on the images for a complete photo album*



Alongside fellow Commissioners at the Miami Heat Championship Celebration



Town Hall at the Town of Miami Lakes with State Representative Manny Diaz, Jr.



At the Operation Pedro Pan Avenue Street Dedication ceremony alongside Hialeah Mayor Carlos Hernandez, Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and the Operation Pedro Pan Organization.



Meeting with Florida Governor Rick Scott and La Brigada 2506 with State Representatives Manny Diaz, Jr. and Eddy Gonzalez, Chairwoman Sosa, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Hialeah Garden Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz.



Commissioner Bovo had the privilege of welcoming the public at the Mayor's Faith-Based Community Symposium.



Congratulating the Hialeah Miami Lakes High's Model UN team on their many successes throughout the 2012-2013 school year. Go Trojans!



Senator Marco Rubio and Commissioner Bovo, along with their families and staff, volunteered at the Chapman Partnership for the Father's Day weekend.



Commissioner Bovo had the honor of leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the Town of Miami Lakes State of the Town address. Photographed with: Miami Lakes Councilman Tim Daubert and former Councilman Robert Meador.

## COUNTY SERVICES

### iSwim for Jenny



### DROWNING PREVENTION

The Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade and the Swim for Jenny Memorial Fund invite swimmers of all ages, abilities and skill levels to participate in iSwim for Jenny, a week-long fundraising event at participating Miami-Dade Parks and community pools, August 10-16, 2013.

Swimming must be done at your neighborhood community pool with lifeguard\*\* and/or one of the Miami-Dade Parks aquatic facilities/donation collection sites, listed below:

AD Barnes Pool  
3401 SW 72 Avenue, Miami, FL  
305-665-1626

Palm Springs North Pool  
901 NW 176 Street, Miami, FL  
305-558-3762

South Dade Pool (Helen Sands)  
16350 SW 280 Street, Miami, FL  
305-248-1386

Tamiami Pool  
11201 SW 24 Street, Miami, FL  
786-315-5295

\*\*To register your swim team at a different pool than those listed above, or to register your community pool as an official site for the iSwim for Jenny, please contact Jim O'Connor at A.D. Barnes Pool at (305) 665-1626\*\* All donations must be turned in at one of the four approved Miami-Dade Parks' aquatic facilities/donation collection sites listed above on August 16 between 1 and 4 p.m.

Nationally, drowning is the second-leading cause of injury-related death among children ages one to 14. Florida has the second-highest number of drowning incidents in the U.S. and Miami-Dade County leads the state in drowning deaths with an average of 45 a year.

For more information, please visit [here](#).

## Animal Services invites you to Celebrate Independence day by Pledging to Adopt Shelter Pet

Miami-Dade Animal Services celebrates Independence Day with a weeklong adoption extravaganza, including waiving fees for cats and 50 percent off all dogs for the general public.



To honor Veterans and Military personnel, with proper identification, Animal Services is offering free adoptions for cats and dogs.

**WHAT:** Weeklong Adoption Extravaganza

**WHERE:** Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department  
7401 NW 74<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33166

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

For more information visit [www.miamidade.gov/animals](http://www.miamidade.gov/animals) or call 311.

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### Hurricane Preparedness Are you Ready?

The 2013 hurricane season is here and it is our job to be prepared. Making a hurricane plan ahead of time and having the vital supplies will go along way toward helping you and your loved ones in the event of a storm. Please check the official [hurricane guide](#) for tips for before, during and after a storm.

Important facts for you to know:

- There are three Hurricane Evacuation Centers in our district including Lawton Chiles Middle School, Barbara Goleman Senior, and Country Club Middle.
  - There is a [Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program \(EEAP\)](#) to assist anyone who is unable to evacuate and/or shelter on their own.
  - Proper [tree and shrub pruning](#) before a hurricane approaches can help eliminate major damages to your property by reducing the debris that can become airborne.
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## Summer Proof your home with Adopt-a-Tree



The Miami-Dade County Department Regulatory and Economic Resources Division of Environmental Resources Management (RER-DERM) will be hosting Adopt-a-Tree giveaways. Miami-Dade County residents will have the opportunity to green their backyards by adopting two FREE trees from the Miami-Dade County Adopt-a-Tree program. It has been documented that shade trees can cut the air conditioning cost of a property by 30%; thus, trees can help to summer proof a home when it comes to its cooling cost.

Miami-Dade residents eligible to adopt FREE trees will be able to choose from a variety of tree species including Jackfruit, Carambola, Pigeon Plum, Green Buttonwood, and Mango (while supplies last). Community service hours are available for students who volunteer to work an Adopt-a-Tree event.

Also at this event, residents can get up to two high-efficiency shower heads and up to three energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs absolutely FREE! Just bring your current shower heads and three of your most heavily used regular light bulbs to the event and trade them for more efficient ones (while supplies last). For more information about the light bulb and showerhead exchange programs, call 311.

Saturday  
**July 27, 2013**  
9 am - noon

City of Homestead  
Harris Field Sports Complex  
1034 NE Eighth Street

Saturday  
**September 14, 2013**  
9 am - no

City of Doral  
J.C. Bermudez Park  
3100 NW 87 Ave.

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### Board of County Commissioner Combined Newsletter

Beginning in May 2013, an e-newsletter will be publishing news and events in the Office of the Chair and Commission districts. The newsletter will be disseminated on the first and third Wednesday of every month to [portal subscribers](#) who specifically sign-up to receive news alerts on the Board of County Commissioners.

Please visit <http://miamidade.gov/wps/portal/Main/members> to subscribe with the Miami-Dade County Portal.

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### Taking Care of Pets Lesson

Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department and Public Schools Collaboration

Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department in collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools implemented a Taking Care of Pets Lesson which will become a part of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders curriculum. This lesson plan will be launching into the classrooms during the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> at all public elementary schools reaching an estimated 89,300 students.

This lesson is set to teach students pets' basic needs and care. The lesson will promote responsible pet ownership and at the same time stimulate students in developing character behaviors (i.e. kindness, honesty, fairness, integrity, responsibility) when taking care of pets.

## COMMUNITY UPDATES




# Independence Day CELEBRATION

## July 4th, 2013



Mayor Carlos Hernandez  
and the City Council invite you to join us!

### FIREWORKS & LASER LIGHT SHOW



### FIREWORKS START AT SUNSET FREE ADMISSION

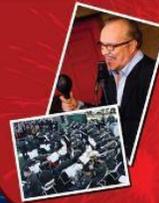
No coolers or beach umbrellas allowed in stadium.  
Free admission for parking, concert,  
fireworks and laser show.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Milander Park  
4700 Palm Avenue  
Hialeah, FL 33012




### STAGE



Carlos Oliva y  
"Los Sobrinos del Juez"

13th Army Band  
Florida National Guard



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**FREE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FREE**

*4th of July*  
**Concert and**  
**FIREWORKS**

**THURSDAY**  
**JULY 4, 2013**  
**5:00 PM**

**MIAMI LAKES PARK**  
**6411 NW 162<sup>ND</sup> STREET**

**FOOD TRUCKS**   **LIVE MUSIC**   **MEET UNCLE SAM**

**10th ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CLARISELL DE CARDENAS, SPECIAL EVENTS & COMMITTEES COORDINATOR AT (305) 364-6100 X1112 OR VIA EMAIL DCARDENAS@MIAMILAKES-FL.GOV. Per County Code Section 26-1, RULE 15(a), no personal fireworks or sparklers will be permitted at the event. Parents or guardians will be held strictly responsible and accountable for the actions of minors.

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