



# Esteban BOVO, Jr.

Miami-Dade County Commissioner | District 13



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Dear Neighbors and Friends:

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

Sincerely,



Esteban Bovo, Jr.

## COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

### Mobile Constituent Hours

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

Monday, April 14th from 1 to 3 p.m.	Monday, April 14th from 3 to 5 p.m.
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.

### Affordable Housing Update

As your Miami-Dade County Commissioner, I would like to present affordable housing opportunities throughout the County. My office has verified information provided by the Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department about apartments that are/or might become available and may have a waiting list. For a full listing - [Click Here](#).

I want to reiterate that these are only possible opportunities for public housing. This is not an official guaranteed from the County.

*Como su comisionado de Miami-Dade me gustaría informarle sobre posibles rentas disponibles en nuestro condado. Mi oficina ha estado verificando información proveída por el Departamento de Vivienda Pública y Desarrollo Comunitario y adjunto a esta carta puede encontrar información referente a algunos apartamentos que probablemente estén disponibles o tengan una lista de espera de algunos meses. Para la lista*

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## Community Events

### Hialeah

8th - Council Meeting  
19th - Easter Egg-  
Stravaganza

22th - Council Meeting  
Miami Lakes

8th - Council Meeting  
11th - Movies at the  
Park

19th - Annual Town  
Spring Fling

25th - Movies at the  
Park

Palm Springs North  
8th - Civic Association  
Meeting

## Stay Connected

Join Our Mailing List!



## - Oprima Aqui

Quiero esclarecer que estas son posibles oportunidades de vivienda pública en el futuro cercano. Esto no es una garantía oficial del condado.

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

**El Comisionado Esteban Bovo, Jr. y el Departamento de Transporte Público de Miami-Dade les 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.**

Senior residents of Miami-Dade County 65 and older ride free on transit with the Golden Passport EASY Card. For more information, call 786-469-5028.

Residentes del Condado de Miami-Dade de 65 años de edad o más viajan gratis usando el transporte público con la tarjeta EASY Card del Pasaporte Dorado. Para más información, llame al 786-469-5028.

## GOODLET SENIOR CENTER

900 WEST 44 PLACE

HIALEAH, FL 33013

**WEDNESDAY/ MIERCOLES 5/7/2014**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

## Important Updates Regarding Palmetto Express

Joining our Newsletter is easy!

Just send your email address by text message:

Text  
**COMBOVO**  
to **22828** to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.



### ABOUT PALMETTO EXPRESS

#### What is Palmetto Express?

The **Palmetto Express** project by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six will add tolled express lanes along the SR 826/Palmetto Expressway from W. Flagler Street to NW 154 Street and along I-75 from the Palmetto Expressway to NW 170 Street in Miami-Dade County. The project is approximately 13 miles in length and will provide continuity to the upcoming I-75 express lanes (**75 Express**) being developed by FDOT District Four, from NW 170 Street in Miami Dade County to I-595 in Broward County.

#### What is the purpose of this project?

The purpose of the project as envisioned in the emerging South Florida Express Lanes Network is to improve mobility, relieve congestion, provide additional travel options, accommodate future growth and development in the region, enhance emergency evacuation, and improve system connectivity between key limited access facilities in South Florida: SR 826/Palmetto Expressway, I-75, SR 924/Gratigny Parkway, Florida's Turnpike, I-595 and SR 869/Sawgrass Expressway.

#### What are the overall improvements of this project?

Tolled express lanes will be incorporated with moderate widening along the Palmetto Expressway mainline. Overall improvements under consideration will include:

- One to two tolled express lanes in each direction along the Palmetto Expressway, from W. Flagler Street to NW 154 Street and one tolled express lane in each direction along I-75 from Palmetto Expressway to NW 170 Street

I-75/Palmetto Express Project Map



- Construction of a new flyover connecting **Palmetto Express** and **75 Express**
- Access points to/from the express lanes system
- Ramp metering at all entrance ramps along the Palmetto Expressway
- Installation of noise barrier walls at specific locations along I-75
- New lighting along **75 Express**

*Florida Department of Transportation, District Six*

1000 NW 111 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33172-5800

[For more information click here.](#)

## FROM THE DAIS



As Chairman of the Finance Committee, Commissioner Bovo is constantly exploring opportunities on how the County can cut cost while maintaining efficiency. He has sponsored a resolution that will be on the April 8th BCC meeting, directing the Mayor to research alternatives on the 24-hour duty firefighter/paramedic schedule. The review should evaluate the fiscal impact and savings of the implementation. This item will only give the BCC information and will not impact the current service.

Resolution - [Click Here](#)

Commissioner Bovo is also sponsoring an item calling for a Countywide Special Elections, to be held in conjunction with the General Elections of

2014, to submit to the electors the proposal for an amendment to the Home Rule Charter regarding the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser. If the item is approved at the April 8th BCC meeting, the question will appear as such on the ballot:

SHALL THE CHARTER BE AMENDED, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017, TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF THE PROPERTY APPRAISER BE CHANGED FROM AN OFFICE ESTABLISHED AND EXISTING UNDER THE HOME RULE CHARTER AND COUNTY CODE TO AN OFFICE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO AND UNDER THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, INDEPENDENT FROM COUNTY GOVERNMENT EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND STATE LAWS?

YES NO

Resolution - [Click Here](#)

## MARCH IN REVIEW

### Perla Tabares Hantman Academy of Excellence Dedication Event



Commissioner Bovo along with members of the Town of Miami Lakes and City of Hialeah Council, attended the "Perla Tabares Hantman Academy of Excellence" dedication at Barbara Goleman Senior High School.

MDCPS Chairwoman Hantman has dedicated herself to improving education throughout the County as school board member for 18 consecutive years. Perla was the first hispanic woman to serve as Chair in 1999 and has served at this position several times during her tenure.



*(From Left to Right) Town of Miami Lakes Councilman Nelson Rodriguez, Miami Lakes Vice-Mayor Manny Cid, Miami Lakes Mayor Wayne Slaton, Miami Lakes Councilman Frank Mingo, MDCPS Chairwoman Perla Tabares Hantman, Commissioner Bovo, MDCPS Board Member Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall and City of Hialeah Councilmembers Paul Hernandez and Jose Caragol*

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## **Hialeah Housing Saint Patrick's Day Party**



The Hialeah Housing Authority hosted a Saint Patrick's day party for their residents at the Milander Center for Arts and Entertainment.

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## **The Great Miami Lakes Historical Scavenger Hunt**



On Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Commissioner Bovo Jr., the Town of Miami Lakes and Katherine Duarte hosted the Great Miami Lakes Historical Scavenger Hunt. The hunt created a family friendly and fun way for the community to learn more about the history of the Town of Miami Lakes.

## COUNTY SERVICES

### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO HOST CHARTER AMENDMENT TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Miami-Dade County is hosting a series of town hall meetings, where residents can provide input and ask County staff about the proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter regarding the Property Appraiser, Legistar 140307, sponsored by Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Jr.

On July 7, 2011, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 11-44, which states "the County shall hold six public meetings regarding any resolution calling an election on a proposed Home Rule Charter amendment."

**What:**

Miami-Dade County Charter Amendment Town Hall Meetings

**When and Where:**

Thursday, April 3rd, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
South Dade Regional Library  
10750 SW 211th Street  
Miami, FL 33189

Monday, April 7th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
Miami Beach Regional Library

227 22nd Street  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

**Monday, April 7th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Milander Center for Arts and Entertainment**  
**4800 Palm Avenue**  
**Hialeah, FL 33012**

Wednesday, April 9th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
West Dade Regional Library  
9445 Coral Way  
Miami, FL 33165

Wednesday, April 9th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
Coral Gables Library  
3443 Segovia Street  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Thursday, April 10th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
Arcola Lakes Library  
8240 NW 7th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33150

Thursday, April 15, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
North Dade Regional Library  
2445 NW 183rd Street  
Miami, FL 33056

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**THE WOMEN'S PARK ANNOUNCES 2014 HIGH SCHOOL  
ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION WITH OVER \$1,000 IN  
CASH PRIZES**

Topic must be related to women's issues. Deadline to submit is April 30,  
2014

Junior and senior high school students are invited to submit a 500 word essay expressing their views on different topics related to women and gender. Essays should be between 500 and 700 words and must focus on one of the three related topics: reproductive health; gender and media; and violence against women.

The contest is a joint effort between the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, the Women's Park and FIU's Center for Women's and Gender Studies, and will run through April 30, 2014. An award reception will take place at The Women's Park in late May. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three essays. Awards include: \$500 first place award, \$350 second place award, and \$200 third place award.

**Please submit entries in PDF or Word format via email to  
[wstudies@fiu.edu](mailto:wstudies@fiu.edu)**

**by midnight, April 30, 2014. Entries must include the student's full name, email address, phone number, their current grade, and the name of their high school.** All papers will go through Turnitin.com for review.

For more information, please email Rosa Henriquez at [henriqu@fiu.edu](mailto:henriqu@fiu.edu) or the Women's Park at [thewomenspark@miamidade.gov](mailto:thewomenspark@miamidade.gov).

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**MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES  
NATIONAL POETRY MONTH WITH CONTEST FOR TEENS**  
Young adults, 12-19, are invited to enter the Miami-Dade Public Library's  
fourth annual Poetry Contest, in celebration of National Poetry Month.

**The contest runs from April 1-30, and the theme is *Technology*.**

Poems may reflect how teens use technology, the way it's affected their lives or its impact on society. Poems should be 20 lines or less and will be judged on originality, artistic quality, and emotional impact. Submissions must be the writer's own work and should not have been previously published.

First, second and third place winners will receive Best Buy gift certificates valued at \$100, \$50 and \$25. The top three poems will also be entered in a national contest held by Voice of Youth Advocates.

Contest entry forms are available at any branch or online at [www.mdpls.org](http://www.mdpls.org). Poems may also be submitted, at the library's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/miamidadepubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/miamidadepubliclibrary).

**COMMUNITY UPDATES**

# FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



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## FRIDAY APRIL 4TH, 2014

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*AMELIA PARK  
401 E 65 ST  
HIALEAH 33013 FL*

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION  
**SHARE YOUR HEART (305) 401-7989**  
**COMUNIDADES EN ACCION (786)317-0554**

**\*FIRST COME FIRST SERVE. WE HOPE TO HELP AROUND 500-1000 FAMILIES**



# OPEN HOUSE

You're invited



To the Latin Builders  
Association Construction  
and Business Management  
Academy Charter High School  
Open House

Saturday April 5, 2014  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
13835 NW 97 Ave Hialeah,  
FL 33018

**Live Registration**  
**Campus Tours – Meet with College Counselors**  
**Entertainment - Free lunch!**

**Free Ipad case for the first 50  
students registered!**

PH: (305) 827-3022

[www.lbaacademy.org](http://www.lbaacademy.org)



SAT., APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> · 11:00AM – 4:00PM  
SUN LIFE STADIUM

This event is **FREE** and open to the public!

Addressing the health & medical needs of our community. Encouraging youth & families to eat healthy and maintain a physically active lifestyle.

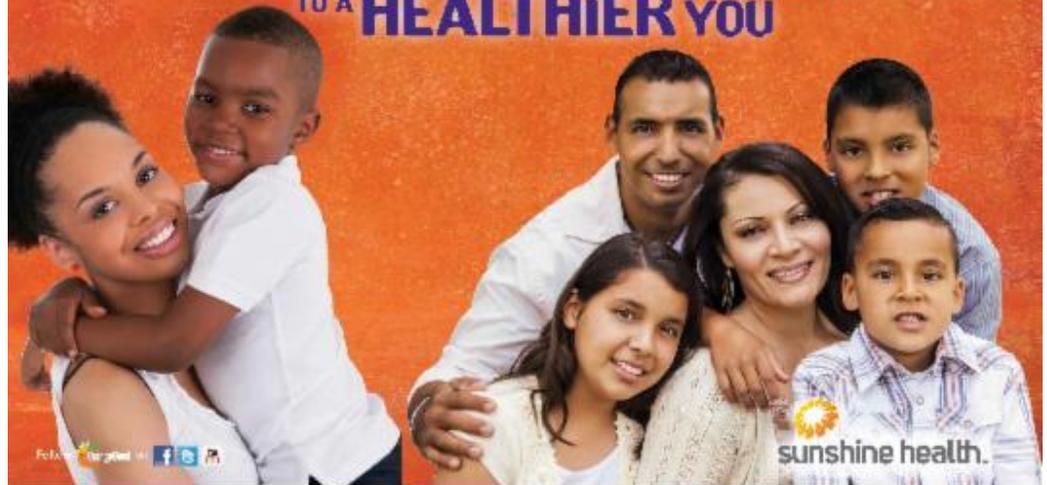
EVENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS
- OVER 65 EXHIBITORS
- EDUCATION & AWARENESS SEMINARS
- CPR CLASSES
- FITNESS CLASSES
- BOUNCE HOUSES, MUSIC & INTERACTIVE FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Each attendee will receive a **FREE** gift

For a full list visit [orangebowl.org](http://orangebowl.org) | To become an exhibitor call 1 (305) 341-4784

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TO A **HEALTHIER YOU**



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AND ITS YOUTH ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE  
BRING YOU

**MOVIES**

AT THE

**PARK**

**April**

**11 & 25**

**7:30 pm**

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15151 MONTROSE ROAD**

**FREE!**

  
**MIAMI LAKES**  
*Growing Beautifully*

**MIAMI'S PREMIER  
4G TURF FIELDS**

**SOCCER5**  
*Hialeah*

**SOCCER 5 HIALEAH  
AMELIA EARHART PARK  
401 E 65TH STREET  
HIALEAH, 33013**



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**COME VISIT US TODAY, CALL 305 873 8765 OR EMAIL:  
[info@soccer5usa.com](mailto:info@soccer5usa.com)**

**Welcome to Miami Soccer 5 in our Miami Dade Parks!**



# EGG-STRAVAGANZA

April 19, 2014



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

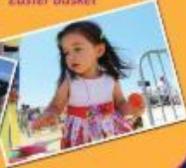
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Free for Children 3 - 10 years of age

Over 50,000 Eggs

Find a **GOLDEN EGG** and receive a special Easter Basket

**CACHE FIESTAS KIDS ZONE**



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\$3.00 Per Egg or 2 for \$5

All proceeds go to the Edgar J. Hall Special Populations Center

**FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Goodlet Park  
4200 West 8th Avenue  
Hialeah, FL 33012



- Pictures with the Easter Bunny
- Live Entertainment
- Prizes and Giveaways



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The Town of Miami Lakes Presents

# Spring Fling

Saturday, April 19th

10:00 A.M.

Free Family Fun

Easter Egg Hunt  
Paint-a-Picture for Mom

PICNIC PARK WEST  
15151 Montrose Road

For updates on future events please visit [www.miamilakes-fl.gov](http://www.miamilakes-fl.gov) or contact Special Events & Committees Coordinator via email at [decardenasc@miamilakes-fl.gov](mailto:decardenasc@miamilakes-fl.gov) or (305) 364-6100 ext. 1132



## The Miami Foundation's Public Space Challenge

The Miami Foundation just launched the second year of our Public Space Challenge, an effort to improve Greater Miami's neighborhoods by offering \$130,000 in support for projects that help improve, create or activate our local public spaces. We are looking to fund the best ideas for parks, libraries, public buildings, playgrounds - or any other place where people can come together.

*We'd love to hear your ideas, and hope you will submit a project for your neighborhood at [ourmiami.org/challenge](http://ourmiami.org/challenge).*

In Year 1, we funded a host of projects from Kendall to Little Havana, Liberty City and Wynwood. Winners are building out walkways shaded by

hundreds of colorful umbrellas, community gardens in vacant lots and neighborhood festivals.

We are hosting a series of five workshops around the county, starting this week, to answer questions and develop ideas. You can find out more in the attached flyer and on our [blog](#).

Help us fuel the conversation. The Miami Foundation created this challenge to engage our community and increase demand for better public spaces across Miami-Dade County.

Your voice, your ideas can make a difference.

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**The following locations are IRS free tax preparation sites in Miami- Dade County District 13**

of Business and Tech-Hialeah Miami-Dade College-Hialeah (	Open until April 11, 2014	Open until April 8, 2014
		Tuesdays between 4pm-7pm
Appointment Only - 786-693-8803		Bldg. 1800.
West 49th Street, Suite 203		1776 West 49th Street
Hialeah, FL 33012		Hialeah, FL 33012

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