



# HAMMOCKS COMMUNITY PARK PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**November 8, 2012  
7:00 p.m.**

**At**

**West Kendall Regional Library**  
10201 Hammocks Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33196  
(305) 385-7135

This public meeting is being held to advise the community of environmental issues at Hammocks Community Park and the remediation effort that is underway to correct it.

## Agenda

- 1. Introduction** – Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Department (PROS)
- 2. Overview of Assessment** – Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory & Economic Resources (RER)
- 3. Health Consultation** – Miami-Dade County Health Department (MDCHD) / Florida Department of Health (FDOH)
- 4. Proposed Action** – Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Department (PROS)

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### ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

A recent random testing by Miami-Dade County's Regulatory and Economic Resources Department (RER) has revealed that the Hammocks Community Park located at 9885 Hammocks Boulevard and a portion of the adjacent middle school field have higher than normal levels of arsenic in the soil. However, after review, it is the opinion of the Florida Department of Health that the arsenic levels pose a very low increase in potential health risk to park and school users. As a result, the park will remain open for all regular activities. In accordance with the FDOH low risk opinion, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) has determined that the adjacent middle school field will also remain open.

In the abundance of caution and to eliminate any risk to the public, RER has required that a minimum of 12 inches of clean material be spread over the affected areas. The Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (MD-PROS), which operates the park, has already retained a contractor who will spread the initial one inch of material over the entire affected area in the coming days. The park will remain open during this operation.

The remainder of the work will likely take place beginning next summer after engineering plans are approved by RER. Miami-Dade County will work closely with MDCPS and the Florida Department of Health on the final engineering solution and on the planning of the actual field work. We will make every effort to keep the park open during this final phase of the work. A public meeting has been scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> at the West Kendall Regional library located at 10201 Hammocks Boulevard where representatives of MD-PROS, RER, the Health Department and MDCPS will be available to answer your questions.

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