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WATER

May is National Water Safety Month

When the weather heats up, there's nothing more refreshing than spending time in or on the water. If you are making the pool, beach or ocean a part of your day, make sure that water safety is your top priority! For parents, making sure your children know how to swim is easy with Miami-Dade Parks Learn-to-Swim program. Certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors will teach children, as young as two years old, the fundamentals of water safety and swimming.

Even if your child is a swimmer, enroll them in one of the advanced swimming level classes where they can perfect their strokes and become stronger swimmers. Parents are reminded to actively supervise children whenever around the water—even if lifeguards are present, and to always stay within arm's reach of young children and avoid distractions when supervising children around water. Arming young people with water safety information and swimming lessons at an early age can prevent drowning. 🐾



- Learn-to-Swim classes are taught by Certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors
- Classes include: Parent & Tot ages 2-5 • Levels 1-6 ages 6-18 • Adults
- Find a list of pools at www.miamidade.gov/parks
- Note: All pools are outdoors. Pool lifts are available at all pools. Miami-Dade Parks welcomes children and adults with disabilities in its swimming programs. If you need accommodations to participate, call 305-755-7848 (V/TDD).

Do Your Children Know How To Swim?

The Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, with the support of donors and corporate partners, is working to prevent unnecessary drowning incidents in Miami-Dade County by providing children and families with Learn-to-Swim scholarships.

For information, visit www.miamidade.gov/parks.

The Miami-Dade Drowning Prevention Coalition

Get everything you need on water safety awareness and drowning prevention at www.MiamiDadeDrowningPreventionCoalition.org.

Be sure to visit www.miamidade.gov/parks for updates on the Summer Safety Splash taking place just before the Memorial Day weekend. There will be interactive water activities for children of all ages, rescue and water safety demonstrations and more!

SAFETY

Celebrate National Safe Boating Week May 21-27

National Safe Boating Week is designed to remind boaters to practice safe boating.

No matter how much boating experience you have, it's always a good idea to have a boating plan and review boating safety rules before heading out on open seas.

Coastal Park & Marinas Enterprise Manager Tom Morgan wants you to have the best day out at sea and offers these tips, "As a reminder to ensure a fun, safe day on the water, please check your safety gear, dock lines and trailer. Be observant, respect other boaters and don't splash your trash!" 🍃



Miami-Dade Parks operates six, full-service marinas

- **Crandon Park Marina**, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-1281
- **Matheson Hammock Marina**, 9610 Old Cutler Rd., Miami, 305-665-5475
- **Black Point Marina**, 24775 SW 87 Ave., Miami, 305-258-4092
- **Herbert Hoover Marina Homestead Bayfront Park**, 9698 SW 328 St., Homestead, 305-230-3033
- **Bill Bird Marina Haulover Park**, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami, 305-947-3525
- **Pelican Harbor Marina**, 1275 NE 79th St., Miami, 305-754-9330

Boating Tips For Fun and Safety

Always...

- Wear a life jacket. Most boating fatalities occur from drowning. US Coast Guard statistics show **88%** of victims could have survived if they had worn a personal flotation device (PFD).
- Have a fire extinguisher onboard.
- Test boat lights before you cast off. If you use battery-operated lights, bring extra batteries.
- Designate a sober "skipper" to drive the boat.
- Watch the weather.
- Develop a float plan – give a responsible person details about where you will be and how long you will be gone.
- Hydrate – bring along plenty of water to drink.

Before heading out to launch...

Contact marinas for updates on important information in order to avoid delays, such as:

- Best times to launch;
- Traffic and parking conditions;
- Availability and affordability of short-term wet slips.

Sign up for the free Miami-Dade Marina SMS Alerts at www.miamidade.gov/wps/portal/Main/marinaalerts.

This service keeps boaters up-to-date on issues such as hazardous weather conditions, and boat ramp closures and re-openings via text alerts to their email or mobile phone.

Honoring Women Leaders

Miami-Dade County women are recognized for their influence and achievements

Women have been leaving their mark on history throughout the ages. References to famous women are found as far back as ancient manuscripts and Old Testament Bible passages, to modern day news stories. They are the subject of novels, plays, paintings and films. Women have been influential in advancing the sciences, medicine, arts, music, law, literature, politics, sports and the list goes on.

It's no different here in South Florida where 12 industry leaders and unsung heroes were recognized during the 28th Annual In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony, presented by Macy's, on March 3, 2016, at the Coral Gables Country Club. Each March, in celebration of Women's History Month, Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, in partnership



In the
COMPANY of
WOMEN 2016

28TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

with the Miami-Dade Commission for Women and the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade host this prestigious event to give accolades to women business owners, CEOs, CFOs, judges, journalists, actors, musicians, playwrights, coaches, athletes, doctors, philanthropists and more.

Local leaders and dignitaries including Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez and Miami-Dade County Chairman Jean Monestime, paid tribute to these remarkable women. 🍀



Back L to R: Helena M. Solo-Gabriele, Ph.D., Abigail Price-Williams, Esq., Maria I. Nardi, Lillian Rivera, Ph.D., Honorable Lisa C. Davis and Patricia Robbins. Front L to R: Betty Davis, Mayte Padron Cordones, Mary Weinert (Sophie Baltic Herter, posthumously), Tanya M. Ferriero, CPA and Karen A. Tynes.



Science & Technology winner Dr. Helena Solo-Gabriele (center) is supported by fellow faculty and students from the University of Miami College of Engineering at the 28th Annual In the Company of Women Awards ceremony.



Parks Director Jack Kardys, Chair of the Commission for Women Mara Zapata, Maria Nardi and County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez.



Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, County Attorney Abigail Price-Williams, Mara Zapata and Jack Kardys.

Award Winners

Mayor's Pioneer Award

Maria I. Nardi
*Chief of Planning and Design Excellence,
Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces*

Arts & Entertainment

Lourdes Lopez
Artistic Director, Miami City Ballet

Business & Economics

Tanya M. Ferreiro, CPA
CPA, Kaufman Rossin

Communication & Literature

Mayte Padron Cordones
*Community Relations Director,
WPLG TV Local 10.*

Education & Research

Karen A. Tynes
Education Consultant

Government & Law (Elected)

Honorable Lisa C. Davis
Councilwoman, City of Miami Gardens

Government & Law (Non-Elected)

Abigail Price-Williams, Esq.
Miami-Dade County Attorney

Health & Human Services

Lillian Rivera, Ph.D.,
*Administrator/Health Officer, Florida Department
of Health in Miami-Dade County*

Science & Technology

Helena Solo-Gabriele, Ph.D.
*Professor/Associate Dean for Research, University of
Miami College of Engineering*

Sports & Athletics

Jill Ellis
*Head Coach, United States Women's National
Soccer Team*

Posthumous Award

Sophie Baltic Herter
attorney, financial advisor and real estate broker

Community Spirit

Patricia Robbins
Founder/President and CEO, Farm Share, Inc.

Honoree

Maria I. Nardi

Maria Nardi serves as Chief of Planning/Design Excellence for Miami Dade County Parks. She directs two of the department's cornerstone projects: the Parks/Public Space Masterplan to transform Miami into a more livable and sustainable community, and the Recreation Program Plan. Her work includes the role of parks/public spaces in shaping cities; the emerging evidence-based science of health and the built environment, and the creation of equitable, resilient communities through parks/public spaces.

Previously, as Chief of Urban Design for the City of Miami, she initiated Miami21, a rewrite of Miami's land development regulations to transform the city into a walkable community. Nardi has a degree in Architecture from the University of Miami and holds a master's degree in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University.



Honoree

Abigail Price-Williams, Esq.

Abigail Price-Williams was appointed County Attorney by the Board of County Commissioners in 2015, providing in-house counsel representing all aspects of the County — the Commission, Mayor, County departments, boards and agencies. The office handles civil litigation, including state and federal trial and appellate work, and drafts and reviews contracts, ordinances and resolutions. Price-Williams oversees 134 employees, including 70 lawyers. Joining the County Attorney's Office (CAO) in 1990, her tenure includes serving as First Assistant County Attorney and Acting County Attorney, as well as head lawyer of the Aviation Department and Public Health Trust. Prior to joining the CAO, she was an Assistant State Attorney with supervisory and jury trial experience. Price-Williams has received numerous awards for her pro bono work with children.



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Celebrating Earth Day

Although April 22 has been designated Earth Day, every day *is* Earth Day.

Each morning when the sun rises it should remind us of the preciousness of the planet we live on, and the importance of maintaining and sustaining it for future generations. When the first Earth Day was celebrated back in 1970, it gave voice to a movement and a consciousness to environmental issues. It asked earthlings the question, “What are you doing to better the earth?”

On April 22, make sure you take the time to honor the planet you live on!



EarthFest

Free

Greynolds Park Boathouse

17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL

Saturday, April 23 • noon – 5 p.m.

To celebrate Earth Day, Miami-Dade EcoAdventures will be hosting EarthFest. Everyone is invited for a fun-filled day of free activities, seminars and interactive exhibits.

For more information, call 305-666-5885 or visit www.miamiecoadventures.com.



If you can't make it out to EarthFest, do your part and get planting! Earth Day 2016 has been designated: Trees for the Earth and over the next five years, the goal is to plant 7.8 billion trees.

Trees help combat climate change. They absorb excess and harmful CO₂ from our atmosphere. In a single year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the same amount of CO₂ produced by driving the average car 26,000 miles. Trees help us breathe clean air. Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark. Trees help communities achieve long-term economic and environmental sustainability and provide food, energy and income. 🌱

DID YOU KNOW? Neat Streets Miami launched the Million Trees Miami program in 2011 to help grow our tree canopy and has already planted 190,000 trees! Visit www.neatstreetsmiami.com.



Explore and Learn

Join the captain and his mates for a three-hour tour aboard the Pelican Skipper

Grab your picnic basket and set sail for an afternoon on the Pelican Skipper catamaran where you will enjoy a cruise to and back from historic Boca Chita Island. Boca Chita is Biscayne National Park's most popular island destination. The tour runs weekends (Friday-Sunday) through May 1, 2016.

This tour is made possible through a unique partnership between, Miami-Dade Parks, the City of Homestead, the National Parks Conservation Association, the Florida National Parks and Monuments Association and the National Park Service.

"Our commitment to our blueways and bay/ocean public access and education is just one of the many facets of how Parks connects people and parks for life," Miami-Dade Parks Director Jack Kardys shared. The family-friendly excursion departs

from the park's Dante Fascell Visitor Center, located at Convoy Point, 9700 SW 328 Street, Homestead, FL 33033. Departure times for the ADA-accessible Pelican Skipper are 10:30 a.m. and/or 1:45 p.m. Guests will enjoy a guided, two and a half hour adventure aboard a 45-foot power catamaran, which includes beautiful scenery, interesting facts about the island's history, ecosystems and wildlife; and time to explore the iconic lighthouse and beach.



The cost is \$29 (adult)/\$19 (child-age 5-12), plus tax. Children age 4 and under are admitted free, when accompanied by a ticketed adult. Groups are welcome. Advance reservations are advised for this tour. Reservations can be made by calling the Florida National Parks and Monuments Association at 786-335-3644. The boat tour calendar and schedule are available at www.nps.gov/bisc/planyourvisit/guidedtours.htm. 🌿



You Don't Have To Be A Pro To Play At The Miami Open!

Juniors take to the courts for championship match

Since 2013, the Youth Sports Championship Series has helped kids build a strong foundation of organized sports, and with the partnership between Miami-Dade Parks, USTA Florida and IMG — a sports and marketing organization — it has given local junior tennis players an opportunity of a lifetime: to play tennis at the same facility where their professional idols play.

During the internationally renowned Miami Open, youth players, ages 8-12, vie for a chance at the Mayor's Cup. The Mayor's Cup is the finale to the Miami Junior Tennis Cup, a two-day tournament held Tamiami Park Tennis Center.

Last year, Yubel Ubri took home the 2015 Mayor's Cup at the Miami Open. "Yubel is a fast learner in all of the areas of his life," dad Yubelnal Ubri shared. "He is a natural athlete that advanced so well at a young age that he often competes in divisions of older kids."

Not only do these tennis pro hopefuls participate in the tournament, many of them train at the Tamiami Park Tennis Center. Considering the park's commitment to youth programs, it's not hard to imagine why.



Tamiami Park Tennis Center is one of the most unique venues in the country. It is the first tennis facility to have courts for kids. These include a 36-foot, 60-foot and 78-foot courts, as well as having blended lines on all of its full-size courts. "USTA Florida is so excited that tennis is now easier for young children with shorter courts and modified equipment to make tennis user-friendly for all players," says USTA Florida tennis program coordinator Cathy Nordlund. The program is run by the Friends of Miami Tennis Inc. www.FriendsOfMiamiTennis.com — a non-profit that offers unique training for kids.

While the win is nice, Yubelnal, reminds his son that no matter what the outcome, "he is always a winner and my number one!" The same philosophy the tennis program at Tamiami Parks instills in all of its players!

The 2016 Miami Junior Tennis Cup has expanded to give even more local kids an opportunity to showcase their skills. For more information on the Miami Junior Tennis Cup and other Youth Sports Championship Series events, visit www.PlayMiami.org.



Brooke Dugarte (left) and Matthieu Van Aal (right) both from Tamiami Park Tennis Center congratulate each other after their Championship Match at the Miami Junior Tennis Cup at the Miami Open.



(Left to Right) Adam Berrett of IMG, Cathy Nordlund of USTA Florida, Chris Evans of Miami-Dade Parks, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez and Miami-Dade Parks Director Jack Kardys.

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Ready For A 'Reel' Good Time?

Second annual fishing event is fun for the whole family

If you haven't experienced the thrill of casting a rod or felt the tug of a catch at the end of a pole – now's your chance! The second annual "Vamos a Pescar" (Let's go fishing, Miami!) festival is the perfect time for children and families to enjoy a day of fishing and the great outdoors.

The event takes place on Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Tropical Park, 7900 S.W. 40 Street in Miami, and features activities in and around the water like canoeing, kayaking and fishing of course!

"This event is the perfect opportunity for people who have wanted to fish but have been afraid to get their hands dirty," Recreation Specialist Robbie Carmona shared. "We take care of everything. If you don't want to touch the bait, we'll hook it for you and show you how to unhook your catch. We want people to forget their fears about fishing and learn to love the sport!"

For the Weckel family the event was a great time to bond with one another.

With Daniel, age 11, and Robert and Christina both 10 in tow, mom Angie took her family to the lake because "they were excited to try fishing activities," she shared. "It was great that the rods and worms were free."

All of the Weckels believe in parks. "My kids have been going to the park's summer camp for years and have taken swimming lessons at the pool at A.D. Barnes



pool since they were three years old," she continued. "Our favorite park is A.D. Barnes, especially because of the pool, nature center, summer camp, trees and playground."

Last year, the lake was stocked with 9,000 catfish and an additional 3,000 will be added in a process known as lake stocking. Fish feeders have been installed to condition fish to populate the areas in which people will fish, which means

that the odds of hookin' a live one is good! Rods, reels, tackle and bait are all provided free of charge.

Along with fishing, there will be boating skills clinics, sport shooting education, a Daisy® inflatable BB gun range, and wildlife presentations.

For information, you may contact Robbie Carmona at 305-361-6767 ext. 112 or RCARMON@miamidade.gov.

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This summer, don't let your kids stay home watching TV and playing video games. Treat them to an exciting Miami-Dade Parks' summer camp where they will enjoy awesome outdoor activities in the fresh air, the opportunity to make new friends and create life-long memories.

Fit2Play™ general summer camps are managed by recreation specialists and conveniently located at 30 parks throughout the County, your child can enjoy fun-filled days, field trips to places like Zoo Miami, Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, Deering Estate and Pelican Island. They can even learn how to swim! Camps run from June 13 - August 12 (select sites will be open through August 19) , are open from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday-Friday and offer 7:30 a.m. early drop-off and 6 p.m. late pick-up options. Campers will also enjoy the annual end-of-summer bash at the Tropical Park Equestrian Center which includes games, sports competitions and lunch.

If your child wants more adventure, then a Specialized Camp may be right for them. Specialized Camps focus on specific areas of interest and offer unique experiences that include EcoAdventures, Nature/Science, Sports, Cultural Arts and Zoo Miami camps. 🍀



Mark Your Calendar – Early registration starts May 2

- Costs for General Camps for kids, ages 6-14: \$40–\$90 per week.
- Costs for Specialized Camps: \$100-\$255 per week.
- Children with disabilities may attend General Camps. Specialized Camps exclusively for children with disabilities are also available and are managed by certified therapeutic recreation specialists.
- Choose from 30 parks throughout the County
- Camps run June 13 - August 12
- Most of the camps offer rolling registration, so parents can enroll their child for one week or for several weeks at any time throughout the summer, but they must register at least one week prior to the desired start date in some cases. Registration is available at any General or Specialized Camp's host park. Parents can also register their child for most of Miami-Dade County Parks' exciting Summer Camps online at bit.ly/16summercamp.

Families in need of financial assistance must register and apply for assistance in person at their selected park.

THE GREAT PARK PLAN

It's always been about our commitment to build a greener, more accessible Miami-Dade

It's always been about making Miami-Dade County a better place to live, where people feel safe and have seamless, open access to parks, public spaces, natural and cultural areas, greenways and trails – where everyone can enjoy a better quality of life. Putting that commitment into action, the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department created a plan to make Miami-Dade more equitable, more accessible, more sustainable, more beautiful and with more ways to explore it.

In 2008, the Open Space Master Plan was born.

The plan created a framework for creating a more livable and sustainable community – a community that connects people from all areas of the county to one another, to explore an unlimited amount of possibilities. The foundation of the plan is built on six guiding principles: **Equity, Access, Beauty, Multiple Benefits, Sustainability and Seamlessness.**

You may not realize it, but parks have always been a part of your life. Think about some of your most cherished memories. Memories of learning to ride a bike or watching your child win their first ballgame. Memories where you relaxed in an open space. Was there a park somewhere in the background? Those memories are priceless, and make parks powerful.

According to the National Recreation and Park Association, four in five Americans agree that their local parks are worth the tax dollars invested in them, and most Americans agree that they are an integral part of their lives. For Miami-Dade resident Leticia

Delatorre Gunn, her neighborhood park has become a place for making memories.

When Gunn purchased her northeast Miami home in 2008 she and her family were among a small handful of residents on the block. The neighborhood was full of abandoned houses. There was crime and the park that sits right in front of her house, Military Trail Park, was overgrown and ignored. She didn't feel like it was a safe place for her or her family.

"We saw the potential in the neighborhood and we were confident that the right people would too. Slowly but surely, people started moving in and demanding change."

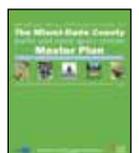
That attitude quickly caught on and became advocacy, and that advocacy led to change.

One by one families and residents came together, voicing the need for improvements to their park. Spearheaded by resident Adrian Lorenzo, who galvanized residents and inspired them to find their voices, residents reached out to Miami-Dade Parks, the Miami-Dade Police Department and Commissioner Audrey Edmonson to get things moving.

"Persistence and a great community with a goal can

Review The Master Plan

To learn more about the plan, visit www.miamidade.gov/parksmasterplan/library/OSMP_FINAL_REPORT_entiredocument.pdf.





Military Trail Park

make a dream into a reality. Parks create a deep sense of community while protecting our natural environment,” Lorenzo declared.

The first item on their to-do list was to get the grass mowed and on a regular cutting schedule. Next, through the Parks department, establish a Park Watch Patrol where staff drives by in the evening to shine a bright light on the area to break up unwelcome activity. Then a beautification plan was implemented and the park saw new plants and greenery. The empty lot adjacent to the park was purchased by Parks for future use, and residents will soon enjoy an illuminated walking path when new light poles are installed.

This dialogue among residents, civic leaders and the Parks department is an example of how neighbors who care can make a difference in their parks.

Now it's time for all of Miami to demand more parks and open spaces.

The Parks department is hosting the Great Park Summit on April 15, 2016, bringing together elected officials and influential leaders from local municipalities, urban planning professionals, health and wellness experts,

students, the business community, developers and environmental stewards, for an engaging discussion on how to build a better community through parks. The conversation will highlight how innovative planning, design and development, and the stewardship of public spaces can be catalysts for a healthier, greener, more economically vibrant community.

“This summit is for everyone. If you live, work or play in Miami-Dade County and want to be a part of the change, join us,” Eric Hansen urged. “This is an open discussion that impacts everyone. The goals of the plan focus on open access to parks and public green spaces where all

residents, regardless of income, age, race or ability, can take a short walk to a central neighborhood park to enjoy the outdoors and feel safe doing so,” added Hansen.

Today, Delatorre Gunn celebrates her neighborhood's victory. Her granddaughters ride their bikes and enjoy every corner of their beautiful park. Watching them race each other down the path she smiles noting that “this park created our community.”

It's become the place for her to make memories. Unleash the power of parks.



Be A Part Of The Talk

Register for **The Great Park Summit** at www.GreatParkSummit.com.

parkscalendar

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

April

April 3

Vamos a Pescar Fishing Festival

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1 p.m. – 5 p.m.; Free

Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St.

305-666-5885

www.miamiecoadventures.com

April 5

Sunset Jams with the Miami-Dade Public Library System

Bring a chair or blanket and settle in for a fun evening outdoors with Lela Lombardo.

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Free

Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.

305-235-1668

www.deeringestate.org

April 6

Bullseye! Archery Skills Course

Get an in-depth archery experience during this six-session program.

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; \$8 per person

Bill Sadowski Park, 17555 SW 79 Ave.

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April 7

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Historic Ghost Stories Tour

Step into the past with stories of the Deering Estate.

\$30 per person

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April 7

Boccia Clinic

Participants 12 and older can learn the basics of this paralympic sport for individuals with physical disabilities.

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.; Free

NFL Y.E.T. Center, 7090 NW 22 Ave.

305-234-1673

jsantia@miamidade.gov

April 10

Sunday Canoe Tour

Take a sunrise canoe tour across Biscayne Bay and visit Chicken Key. Space is limited. Reservations required.

7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.; \$30 adults;
\$20 children ages 9 – 14

Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.

305-235-1668

www.deeringestate.org

April 13

Nite Hike & Campfire

Experience the woods and its wildlife at night. Gather under the stars around a crackling fire and enjoy complementary s'mores!

7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.; 15 per person

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April 14

Lecture Series: "Tree Islands in Palm Beach County"

7 p.m., Free

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April 16

Deering Estate Festival of the Arts "Intersections"

Enjoy a performance from National Water Dance Projects, exhibit tours and a Literary Lounge with poetry readings. Exhibition runs from Monday, April 5 – Saturday, June 3.

3:30 p.m. – 10 p.m., Free

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April 16

UF/IFAS Extension Miami-Dade Master Gardener Clinic

UF/IFAS Extension Miami-Dade Master Gardener volunteers will share plant care and gardening tips, and answer questions. Bring plant and insect samples sealed in baggies for a free identification.

10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Free

Miami International Agriculture Horse and Cattle Show at Tropical Park

Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 Street

www.miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu

April 19

Hands-on Propagation Workshop for Commercial Tropical Fruit Growers

Learn and practice grafting, air-layering, cuttings and planting. Registration limited to commercial tropical fruit growers.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; \$45 per person

Contact Miami-Dade County UF/IFAS

Commercial Tropical Fruit Agent Jeff

Wasielewski at jwasielewski@ufl.edu or

305-248-3311, ext. 227.

April 21

Boccia Tournament

Teams will compete for the annual tournament championship in this paralympic sport for individuals with physical disabilities.

Come as an individual and be placed on a team or sign up your entire team where you will be guaranteed at least two games.

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., \$5 per person ages 12+

NFL Y.E.T. Center, 7090 NW 22 Ave.

305-234-1673

jsantia@miamidade.gov

April 22

Moonlight Canoe Tour

Take a moonlight canoe tour across Biscayne Bay. Space is limited. Reservations required.

7 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., \$40 per adult ages 18+

Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.

305-235-1668

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April 22

Earth Day Moonlight Kayak Adventure

Relax on a journey along the shallow waters of Key Biscayne.

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.; \$30 per person

Crandon Park Marina, 4000 Crandon Blvd.

305-666-5885

www.miamiecoadventures.com

April 23

EarthFest

Celebrate Earth Day the Eco way! Join us for activities, seminars and exhibits.

12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Free

Greynolds Park Boathouse

17530 W. Dixie Hwy.

305-666-5885

www.miamiecoadventures.com

April 23

Sunrise Photography

Take sunrise photos of Biscayne Bay!

Price also includes admission to the Estate during regular hours (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.).

Advanced registration & payment required.

6 a.m. – 8 a.m.; \$20 per person



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April 23

Tackling Invasive Pests in the Landscape

Join UF/IFAS Miami-Dade Extension volunteer Ernesto Clark as he provides strategies and techniques for controlling invasive pests in your yard and garden.

3 p.m. – 4 p.m., Free

West Dade Regional Library

9445 Coral Way

305-553-1134

April 23 & 24

Redland Blues & BBQ Festival

Features award-winning BBQ, incredible blues & country music and family activities.

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; \$8,

children 11 and under are free

Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave.

305-247-5727

www.fruitandspicepark.org

April 27

Film Series

Speaking Sustainably in partnership with WPBT2 and Changing Seas to engage the community with critical environmental issues.

7 p.m.; Free

Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.

305-235-1668

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April 28

Green Industry Best Management Practices in Spanish

Mandatory class for anyone applying fertilizers commercially to lawns. Attendees are able to obtain required fertilizer license from Florida Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.; \$20 per person

Call Patty Viera at 305-248-3311 x 225

Miami-Dade County Extension

18710 SW 288 St.

www.miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu



April 29

Transition Resource Fair

Students and families are invited to join us as we provide information about transition and post-secondary resources for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities.

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Free

Tropical Park - Mary Abreu Community Center, 7900 SW 40 St.

Info: Gisel Prado at Giselp@miamidade.gov or 305-665-5319.

April 29

Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Biological Control Updates

This class will focus on basic IPM techniques with emphasis on biological control.

8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

\$10 per person

Call Patty Viera at 305-248-3311 x 225

Miami-Dade County Extension

18710 SW 288 St.

<http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu>

April 30

Global Youth Service Day

This volunteer event was created to encourage children and teens to be active in their community. Get community service hours for participating.

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

To register, call 305-961-2781

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305-235-1668

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To find out more, call 311, visit www.miamidade.gov/parks or connect with us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.   

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May

May 1

Love-In Party at the Park

Outdoor festival celebrating era of the '60s, '70s & '80s, with concerts, classic cars & more.

11 a.m.; \$15 per person, \$20 at the door
Greynolds Park, 18500 NE 22nd Ave.
305-945-3425
www.miamipartyinthepark.com

May 7

"Mom's Night Out" Cabaret Concert featuring Wendy Pedersen & Jim Gaisor

8 p.m.; gate opens at 7 p.m.; \$20
Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.
305-235-1668
www.deeringestate.org

May 8

Mother's Day Picnic with Joanna's Marketplace

Enjoy a relaxing day with mom.
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Free w/ Estate admission
\$12 for adults & \$7 for children ages 4 – 14
Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.
305-235-1668
www.deeringestate.org

May 8

Mother's Day Champagne Bay Cruise

Celebrate Mother's Day on a cruise on Biscayne Bay while sipping champagne.
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
\$45 for adults; \$35 for children ages 4 – 14
Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.
305-235-1668
www.deeringestate.org

May 8

Mother's Day Sea Kayak & Snorkel Adventure

Kayak on the beautiful shallow waters of Key Biscayne and Bear Cut Preserve.
9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., \$60 per person

Crandon Park Nature Center
4000 Crandon Blvd.
305-666-5885
www.miamiecoadventures.com

May 8

Mother's Day Oleta River Canoe Trek

Relive the Oleta River's historic past as you explore the transition of ecosystems.
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; \$30 per person
East Greynolds Park Boat Ramp
16913 Biscayne Blvd.
305-666-5885
www.miamiecoadventures.com

May 11

Nite Hike & Campfire

Gather under the stars around a crackling fire by the bay and enjoy complementary s'mores!
7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.; \$15 per person.
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May 12

Lecture Series: "Digging for Truth: Uncovering A 100-Year-Old Mystery at the Isla San Lucas Penal Colony in Costa Rica"

In partnership with the Archaeological Society of Southern Florida, the Deering Estate presents a free lecture on the second Thursday of each month.
7 p.m.; Free
Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.
305-235-1668
www.deeringestate.org



May 13 – 15

Redland International Orchid Show

This American Orchid Society-judged event is the largest annual orchid show in the U.S., featuring over 50 booths of educational exhibits and orchid vendors.
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; \$10 per person
Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave.
305-247-5727
www.fruitandspicepark.org

May 17

Hurricane Preparation and Trees, What is the Forecast for 2016

This class will focus on how to maintain trees and landscape before hurricane season.
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; \$10 per person
For more information, call Patty Viera at 305-248-3311 x 225.
Miami-Dade County Extension
18710 SW 288 St.
http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu

May 20

Concert featuring the Deering Estate Chamber Ensemble

Veinte de Mayo: A Celebration of Cuban Composers.
8 p.m.; \$20 adults; \$12 seniors and students K-12 & college with student I.D.
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May 21

Sunrise Photography

Take sunrise photos of Biscayne Bay! The price also includes admission to the

Estate during our regular hours (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) on the day of the photo shoot. Advance registration and payment required.
5:30 a.m. – 7:30 am; \$20
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May 24
Hands-on Pruning Workshop for Commercial Tropical Fruit Growers

Learn how to properly prune fruit trees during this informative, hands-on pruning class. Registration limited to commercial tropical fruit growers.
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.; \$15 per person
Contact Miami-Dade County, UF/IFAS Commercial Tropical Fruit Agent Jeff Wasielewski at jwasielewski@ufl.edu or 305-248-3311, ext. 227
Miami-Dade County Extension
18710 SW 288 St.
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May 25
Film Series: "South Florida's Rising Seas: Impact"

The Speaking Sustainably Film series is offered in partnership with WPBT2 and Changing Seas to engage the community with critical environmental issues of the 21st century and to inspire action.
7 p.m.; Free
Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.

305-235-1668
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May 28 & 29
Memorial Day Weekend Key Biscayne Kayak Adventure

Paddle over sea-grass beds and sand flats, make your way past an ancient fossilized reef and venture into the serene mangrove forests.
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.; \$30 per person
Crandon Park Nature Center
4000 Crandon Blvd.
305-666-5885
www.miami-coadventures.com

May 29
Memorial Day Weekend Sunrise Kayak Adventure

Watch the sunrise from your kayak and see the world awaken
6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.; \$30 per person
Crandon Park Marina, 4000 Crandon Blvd.
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day session; Expedition Deering ages 9-14: \$190 for a five-day session.
Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.
305-235-1668
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June 15
Exhibit Evening featuring GroveHouse Artists

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Free
Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Ave.
305-235-1668
www.deeringestate.org

June 17 & 18
Father's Day Weekend Sunset Kayak Adventure

Enjoy sea birds soaring overhead as you paddle your way around Pelican Island.
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.; \$30 per person
Crandon Park Marina, 4000 Crandon Blvd.
305-666-5885
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June

June 13 – 30
Deering Estate Summer Camp

Discover the endless possibilities at the beautiful Deering Estate.
7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Eco Explorers (Ages 6-8): \$165 for a five-



June 13 – August 22 Afterschool Programs and Summer Camp for Children with Disabilities

Participants are transported to this program by school bus during school days and by family on non-school days. To receive transportation services from school to the park, parents must request an IEP meeting at school then have "transportation" added to the IEP. Limited slots available.

Afterschool: Monday–Friday, August–June from 2 – 5 p.m.
Seasonal Camps and Teacher Work Days: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Free (funded by The Children's Trust)

Westwind Lakes Park 6805 SW 152 Ave., 305-380-9106
decourt@miamidade.gov

Camp Matecumbe 13841 SW 120 St., 305-752-4966

Dbonet@miamidade.gov

Goulds Park 11350 SW 216 St., 305-234-1673

Jsantia@miamidade.gov

Gwen Cherry Park 7090 NW 22 Ave., 305-694-4889 ext. 250

Bphilli@miamidade.gov

Tamiami Park 11201 SW 24 St., 305-222-2128

ArleneB@miamidade.gov

North Greynolds Park (ages 14-21 only) 2270 NE Miami Gardens Dr.
305-931-5025 jthera@miamidade.gov

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June 18

Father's Day Bay Cruise

Celebrate Father's Day with a cruise on Biscayne Bay!

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

\$35 per person

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June 18

Summer Cabaret Concert

Features eclectic and world music artists in the intimate setting of the historic Stone House Ballroom.

8 p.m.; gate opens at 7 p.m.

\$20 or \$55 for the three-concert series.

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June 18 & 19

Redland Summer Fruit Festival

This annual event showcases local agriculture and tropical fruits. Vendor booths featuring local wines, yummy foods and rare fruit samplings will be available.

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; \$8 per person

(children 11 and under are free)

Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave.

305-247-5727

www.fruitandspicepark.org

June 19

Sunrise – Solstice

Take sunrise photos of Biscayne Bay!

Price also includes admission to the Estate during regular hours (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.).

Advanced registration & payment required.

5:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.; \$20 per person

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June 19

Father's Day Sea Kayak and Snorkel Adventure

Kayak the beautiful shallow waters of Key Biscayne and explore Bear Cut Preserve.

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., \$60 per person

Crandon Park Nature Center

4000 Crandon Blvd.

305-666-5885

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June 21

Proper Mango Harvesting, Storage, Shipping and Packaging for Commercial Tropical Fruit Growers

Learn how to properly pick mangos, as well as post-harvest techniques. Registration limited to commercial tropical fruit growers.

9 a.m. – 12 p.m., \$15 per person

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Commercial Tropical Fruit Agent Jeff

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June 22

Green Industry Best Management Practices in Spanish

Mandatory class for anyone applying fertilizers commercially to lawns. Attendees are able to obtain required fertilizer license from Florida Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., \$20 per person

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June 24

Proper Tree Planting

This class will be in collaboration with the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) and Sunshine 811, and will teach how to properly plant and stake trees in the landscape.

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.; Free

Call Patty Viera at 305-248-3311 x 225.

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June 25

Summer Butterfly Walk

Explore various habitats in search of Dina Yellow, Dingy Purplewing and Atala butterflies, as well as nearly 40 other species on-site.

Free with Estate admission: \$12 for adults;

\$7 for children ages 4-14

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June 26

Local qualifier for the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship

Boys and girls ages 7-15 are welcome to participate in a fun, interactive golf skills challenge.

Free

Country Club of Miami, 6801 NW 186 St.

305-829-8456 ext. 236

www.drivechipandputt.com

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