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Last weekend for early voting!



Head to the polls at your convenience during the early voting period. Visit any of [33 early voting locations](#) through Nov. 1 to cast your ballot. Before you head out to vote, [review your sample ballot](#) and check early voting location [wait times](#). For more information, visit the [Elections website](#) to make sure you're Election Ready.

Visit miamidade.gov/elections

Goodwill Ambassadors SURGE Team



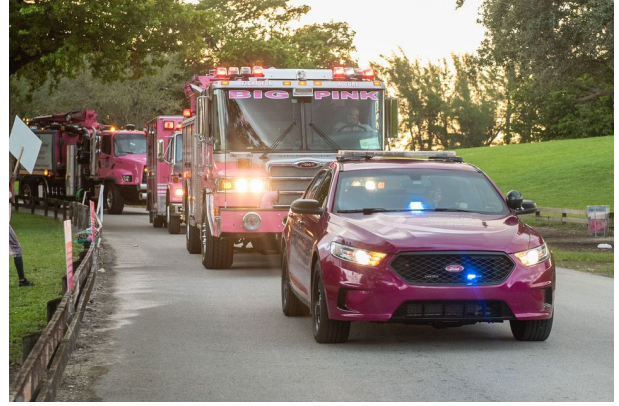
County safe space shelters for women received almost 3,000 diapers



The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women and the Domestic Violence Oversight Board, under the Office of Community Advocacy, hosted a Diaper Driver in partnership with the Miami Diaper Bank during the month of August to benefit mothers residing in domestic violence shelters. Donations kept coming in and on Friday, Oct. 9, volunteers delivered nearly 3,000 diapers to the collection point. Special thanks to County Commissioner Joe Martinez for his generous donation of \$2500.

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#OurCounty helps bring awareness to Breast Cancer



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and #OurCounty continues its annual participation in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign. In the U.S., one in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime, and on average, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes. So, by the time you have finished reading this paragraph, another woman has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

While we understand the current global priority is to stop the spread of COVID-19, we recognize that cancer patients still need you. They still need us. Patients continue to need care and support. Our fight continues until there is a cure as we fundraise for cancer research and focus on early detection awareness.

We invite you to join our fight and donate at: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/advocacy>

Miami-Dade County monitoring COVID-19

Miami-Dade County officials continue to work with local, state and federal agencies in monitoring COVID-19, part of the coronavirus family. The State of Florida has declared a Public Health Emergency.

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List of COVID-19 Testing Sites

Other sites with more information and updates on COVID-19, visit the following sites:

Moving to a New Normal:

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/openings.page>

Miami-Dade County Updates Regarding Coronavirus:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/home.page>

Miami-Dade County COVID-19 Testing Locations and Information:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/testing-locations.page>

IRS Information Regarding the Economic Stimulus Checks:

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>

Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Updates:

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

CDC COVID-19 Information:

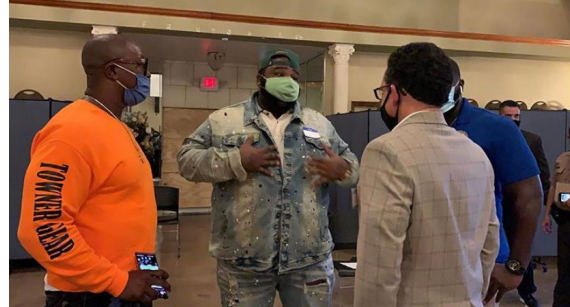
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Black Affairs Advisory Board & MDEAT presents

The Black Affairs Advisory Board along with MDEAT made a presentation entitled "Separate and

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CRB & Miami-Dade Police take a Seat At The Table with community influencers



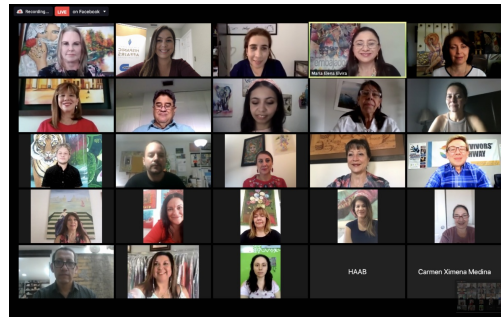
Community Relation Board and Miami-Dade Police teamed up for "The Discussion: A Seat at the Table", a roundtable discussion with community influencers, clergy and police chiefs, in hopes of continuing the dialogue to further improve police-community relations.

Miami-Dade AAAB coordinates delivery of masks for the "Taiwan Can Help" Initiative



On Wednesday, September 30th, Miami-Dade County Commission Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson accepted a donation of 25,000 face masks from the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce's Miami chapter on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners at the Joseph Caleb Center. The Miami-Dade County Public Housing Department received 15,000 masks for their senior residents, and the Lotus House and Curley's House Food Bank received 5,000 masks each. The donation was part of the "Taiwan Can Help" initiative by Taiwanese chambers of commerce to distribute more than 10 million masks to vulnerable populations. The Miami-Dade Asian-American Advisory Board under the Office of Community Advocacy coordinated the delivery of the donation together with the Miami-Dade International Trade Consortium, the Elders Affairs Advisory Board, the Commission for Women, the Domestic Violence Oversight Board, Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board and the Black Affairs Advisory Board.

Hispanic Heritage Month 2020 Celebrations and Activities



The Miami-Dade County Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board (HAAB) celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, during the months of September – October 2020, through presentations of various programs, activities, events and distribution efforts of food and personal protective equipment.

In the month of September the Board wrapped up their HAAB COVID-19 Task Force meetings, where they assembled over 25 recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, focusing on the impacts of the Coronavirus to the most vulnerable populations in the community. On October 2 HAAB kicked off their cultural celebrations with the virtual Hispanic Art Expressions Exhibit- "Tones of the Quarantine". The week-long virtual exhibit, streamed live each day during the run of the program and featured over 60 works of art, by artists highlighting the diverse cultures that make up Miami-Dade County. On October 14, HAAB joined the Internal Services Department's Small Business Development Division co-hosting a virtual Vendor Outreach event, in an effort to promote business opportunities for those in the community interested in doing business with the County. October 13 – 20 HAAB co-sponsored the 3rd Annual Hispanic Heritage Book fair together with the Mi Libro Hispano organization and with support of the Miami-Dade Public Library System. The book fair brings together more than a hundred writers each year, in addition to the participation of publishers, teachers, artists, and cultural and educational organizations. Each day of the book fair featured the launch of works in Spanish, English and bilingual editions, along with live readings, writing workshops, cultural performances and a chance to meet and greet the authors, writers and publishers. The virtual events brought in thousands of viewers and participants via the online and social media platforms and allowed the Board to reach a vast audience of our community during Hispanic Heritage Month! '

Please be sure to stay up to date with the Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board by following their social media pages:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MiamiDadeHAAB>
Twitter: @MiamiDadeHAAB

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence includes physical or sexual violence, threats, or emotional psychological abuse. Miami-Dade County offers [programs](#) such as counseling, treatment, sheltering and early intervention services. Learn about [domestic violence prevention](#) and what you can do to help.

**COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
BOARD MEETINGS UPDATES**

[Asian-American Advisory Board \(AAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Joshua Ho
Chairperson: Sharon Fine

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Location: TBD

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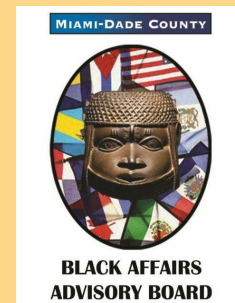


[Black Affairs Advisory Board \(BAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Retha Boone-Fye
Chairperson: Stephen Johnson, Esq.

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 10 am
Location: Miami-Dade Main Library Arva Moore Parks Auditorium
101 West Flagler Street Miami, FL 33130

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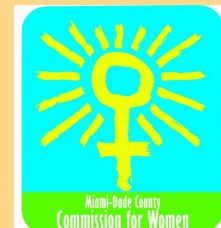


[Commission For Women \(CFW\)](#)

Program Director: Monica Skoko Rodríguez
Chairperson: Sharon Kendrick-Johnson

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6 PM
Location: TBD

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[Community Relations Board \(CRB\)](#)

Program Director: Shirley Plantin, EJD
Chairperson: John Quick, Esq.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 2 pm
Location: TBD

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[Domestic Violence Oversight Board \(DVOB\)](#)

Program Director: Elizabeth Regalado
Chairperson: Miguel A. De Grandy, Esq.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 10 am
Location: TBD

Domestic Violence Hotline, call 1 (800) 500-1119

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[Elder Affairs Advisory Board \(EAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Katherine Bolt
Chairperson: Nercy Radcliffe

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 10 am
TBD

Miami-Dade County has the largest population in the State of Florida of individuals 60+ years old. With a County population that totals 2.7 million, more than 435,000 of the total population is made up of those 62+. On May 1, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved Ordinance [18-49](#) creating the Miami-Dade County [Elder Affairs Advisory Board](#).

Report elder abuse at 1-800-962-2873

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[Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board \(HAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Natalie Milian, MPA
Chairperson: Francesco Duberli

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Location: TBD

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[LGBTQ Advisory Board](#)

Program Director: Gabriel Paez
Chairperson: Aiyana Angeni Gonzalez

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 3:30 pm
Location: Miami-Dade Main Library Arva Moore Parks Auditorium
101 West Flagler Street Miami, FI 33130

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