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District 5

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Your monthly source for everything business in District 5

Welcome to the September issue of Strictly Business. We hope you had a productive summer and got to celebrate Labor Day Weekend surrounded by friends and family. Business owners and community organizations like yours should also be recognized on Labor Day for the work you all do to employ others and stimulate our economy.

This month, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners is in the process of approving the annual budget. Through the budget, the County funds initiatives geared towards economic development and our small business community. In the 2019-2020 County's Proposed budget, there are funds for programs that benefit the small business community through capacity-building workshops, training sessions, and special initiatives based on economic trends. [You can learn more about this year's proposed budget here.](#) There is still time to participate in the budget process by attending the public hearing on September 19th. The new fiscal year begins October 1.

If there is anything our office can do to help your business or organization, please reach us at

District5@miamidade.gov or [\(305\) 375-5924](tel:3053755924).

Mom and Pop Grant Program

Recipient Spotlights

[Piñeiro English & Citizenship
Center](#)

[Josefina's Beauty Salon](#)



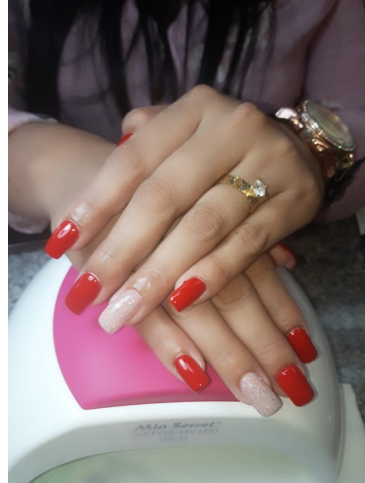
Piñeiro English & Citizenship Center provides one-on-one conversational English courses and classes to prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam. Aside from instruction, the staff of PECC helps clients prepare all application forms and required documents to submit to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Despite being affected by the West Flagler Street construction over the past few years, PECC has continued to provide essential services to members of our community.

Address: 1701 West Flagler Street
#314, Miami, FL 33135

Phone: 305-300-1413

Hours: Everyday: 8am - 10pm

Email: pineiromrangel@aol.com



Josefina's Beauty Salon provides a wide range of services to the community in Little Havana. Since 2015, the salon has specialized in a wide range of beauty services for their clients on West Flagler Street. Their services include hair care and coloring, keratin, manicures, pedicures, and facials. The salon offers hair color specials every day of the week. Whether you are in need of a simple trim or want to refresh your look, Josefina and her team will help you feel your best.

Address: 1903 West Flagler Street,
Miami, FL 33135

Phone: 305-541-3828

Hours: Monday - Wednesday:
8am - 6pm, Thursday - Saturday:
8am - 7pm. Closed Sunday

Mom and Pop 2019 Cycle Update

- All checks for the 2019 cycle are still in process
- All recipients will receive an email and phone call when their check is ready for pick up

Program Spotlight

Focus: Women Entrepreneurs



FOCUS on your growth and the
development of your venture



The Idea Center at Miami Dade College has launched a free program designed for women entrepreneurs from Venezuela. "Focus: Women Entrepreneurs," is a 12-week program for Venezuelan women living in South Florida looking to validate the scalability of their early-stage ventures. The course will be taught in English to allow participants to strengthen their business communication skills. The application for this session of the course has closed, but you can [learn more about the program and get future updates here.](#)

Upcoming Events In District 5

September 10: [Start Your Business: Test The Viability](#)

September 12: [How to Develop a Succession Plan and Exit Your Business](#)

September 14: [Basics of Small Business Marketing & Branding](#)

September 18: [1 Million Cups](#)

September 19: [Developing Your Business Plan - A Free Workshop](#)

September 19: [Immigration 101 For Entrepreneurs & Small Business Owners](#)

September 21: [Creating an Actionable Marketing Strategy](#)

September 24: [Start Your Business: Test The Viability](#)

September 28: [Practical Application in the Digital Realm](#)

Small Business News

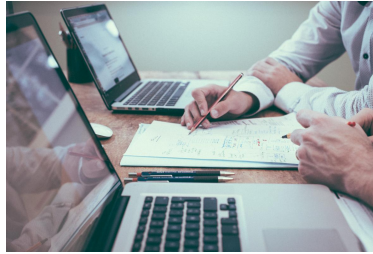
[*An Opportunity for Venezuelan Women Only: How to Succeed in Miami*](#) (Miami Herald)

[*Thanks to Consumers, US Economy is Rising Steadily if Slowly*](#) (Miami Herald)

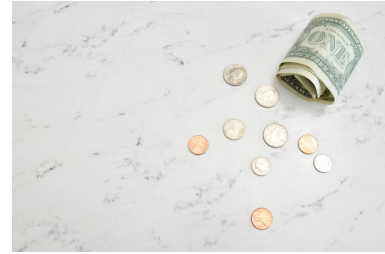
Additional Business Resources



[Miami-Dade County
2019 Hurricane
Readiness Guide](#)



[FSBDC at Florida
International University](#)



[2020 Census Jobs](#)