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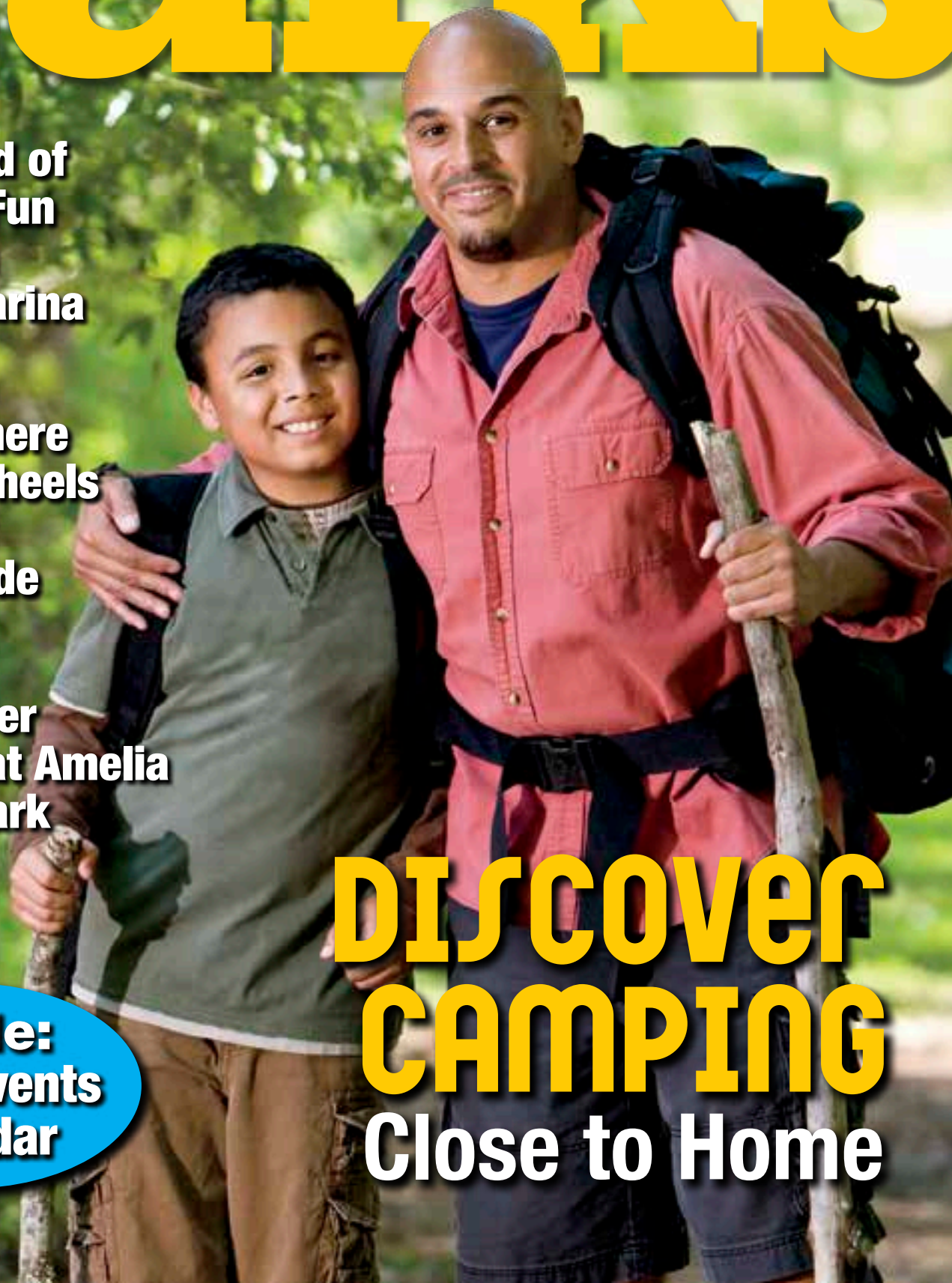
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A Boatload of Offshore Fun at Pelican Harbor Marina

Adventure-loving visitors can get their fill on land or water

Fun, adventure and blissful sea views can be part of your boating experience—and you don't have to own a boat. Take pleasure in the boating life by renting the Pelican Island Skipper—a 45-foot catamaran—available at Pelican Harbor Marina, which offers easy access to Biscayne Bay from Haulover inlet to Biscayne National Park.

You can rent the boat for a two-hour minimum at the price of \$267.50 per hour for a group up to 45 people, and you'll have a wonderful and memorable experience that everyone will be talking about for years to come. Pelican Harbor features a variety of boating services and amenities, such as free parking, 24-hour security, wet slips and more.

Experience a visitor-favorite—a two-hour guided sunset birdwatching trip each month aboard the Pelican Island Skipper (upcoming tours run Jan. 9 and Feb. 13). Tickets cost \$40 per person which goes toward the seabird station's wildlife relief efforts. The cruise travels along the shores of the prominent bird rookery known as "Bird Key," home to brown pelicans, cormorants and other magnificent aquatic birds. Along with great birdwatching opportunities, there are amazing views



Pelican Harbor Marina



of the water as the sun sets behind the strikingly beautiful Miami skyline.

For an afternoon pick-me-up, the ship store located in the marina sells cold beverages and snacks.

Kayak and paddle board rentals are available, and a sailing school helps folks learn to sail. The marina also houses an internationally-recognized seabird rehabilitation station that has helped thousands of injured seabirds.

Adventure-loving guests can plan ahead to reserve a memorable daytime getaway at the nearby Pelican Island nature preserve and bird sanctuary, just 400 yards offshore. The 10-acre island, home to nearly 30 species of birds and other wildlife, has a day dock, open "chickee" huts with canvas roofs, barbecue grills, picnic tables and a sand volleyball court. Access to the island is only available via boat and to those who rent the island facilities for special gatherings like birthdays, weddings, reunions or corporate retreats. It's like being on your own private tropical island with all the playground perks. The Pelican Island Skipper is available with reservation for guests requesting round-trip marina/island transport with their facility reservation; reservation is required.

Pelican Harbor Marina is located at 1275 NE 79 Street (on Biscayne Bay and the Intracoastal Waterway at statute mile 1084).

For more information about programs and activities at Pelican Harbor Marina, visit www.miamidade.gov/parks/pelican-harbor.asp or call 305-754-9330. 🍷

Pelican Harbor Marina Boating Services

- Boat rental
- Free parking
- 24-hour security
- Boat ramp access
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For more information call 305-754-9330 or visit www.miamidade.gov/parks/pelican-harbor.asp.

A photograph of two young boys on a boat in the ocean. The boy on the left is wearing a red life jacket and a white shirt, and the boy on the right is wearing a yellow life jacket. They are both smiling. In the background, other people in life jackets are visible on the water under a clear blue sky.

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Bike305

The perfect time to go cycling in Miami-Dade County is now. Neither hot and humid, nor rainy and frigid, Miami's mild weather during the winter months offers the ideal conditions for families, commuters and cyclists to get out there on two wheels and enjoy all that South Florida has to offer.

March is Bike305 Month, and the 17 municipalities participating in the Bike305 cycling movement are planning community bike rides; history and nature excursions; street closures for bike days and ciclovias (a Spanish word that translates to bike path and also known as events where streets are temporarily closed for biking and socializing); bike rodeos for children, and off-road ventures at some of the most scenic levees, trails and greenways in Miami-Dade County.

The month kicks off with "Bike to Work Day" on Friday, March 4, 2016. Residents are encouraged to leave the car behind and commute to work by bike or a combination of bike and public transportation, like the Metrorail. Elected officials will lead groups on bikes, showing their commitment to relieving traffic congestion and promoting healthier lifestyles.



Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez and Parks Director Jack Kardys bike to work.

corridor within the next decade. "Bike the Underline" is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2016.

Throughout the year residents can enjoy a connected network of paved trails from Snake Creek Trail in the north to Black Creek Trail in the south. These two recently-expanded trails join north-south trails from Florida City to Key Biscayne. Using roadways, cyclists can reach North Miami Beach. Parks, schools and libraries, along with beaches and natural areas, are great stopovers along the trails for cyclists exploring South Florida on bikes.

Want to be in-the-know? Find trail maps, events, and cool information on commuter cycling by visiting and signing up on bike305.com. 🍌



Biking is a family affair. Miami-Dade County Parks Assistant Director George Parrado with his family.

The second-annual "Bike the Underline" will introduce many residents to the paved trail underneath the Metrorail line currently known as the "M-Path." The organized event is a leader-led bike ride from downtown Miami to downtown Dadeland with attractions at key Metrorail stations. The Underline is a work-in-progress which will transform the under-utilized transit property into a 10-mile linear park and multi-modal transportation

Bike305 Month Events

- Gables Bike Day
- Pinecrest Bike Day
- Miami Lakes Ciclovía
- South Miami Bike & BBQ
- Palmetto Bay's Ride with the Mayor
- Cutler Bay-Palmetto Bay Community Bike Ride
- Biscayne Everglades Greenway Bicycle Festival
- Everglades Bicycle Club's Snowbird Century



For weekly community bike rides and updates visit bike305.com.

TENNIS ★ BASKETBALL ★ TRACK & FIELD



The Youth Sports Championship Series aims to build and support a strong foundation of organized sports throughout Miami-Dade County through a series of sport championships coordinated by the Miami-Dade Parks department.



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GOAL!

New \$4 million soccer complex opens at Amelia Earhart Park

More than three billion fans make soccer an incredibly popular sport. No wonder it scores big among Miami-Dade's soccer-loving residents and their children, especially in a growing community like Hialeah, where the demand is high for quality fields to play the game. Thanks to the efforts of the Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, there are new opportunities to kick around a soccer ball with the recently completed soccer complex at Amelia Earhart Park.

The state-of-the-art complex creates a venue for youth and adult soccer tournaments with premium amenities that are guaranteed to enhance the experience for both soccer players and spectators. It features regulation soccer fields, a field center building with a concession area and restrooms, shaded bleacher seating, a plaza area, connecting walkways, a covered picnic shelter and more. A combination of funding from the "Building Better Communities" General Obligation Bond Program and Quality Neighborhood Improvement Program financed the roughly \$4 million development project.

"This premier soccer complex meets the gold-standard for public soccer facilities, accommodating everything from recreational pick-up games with friends to competitive club soccer activities and tournaments. It is going to keep this park in step with the needs of youth and adult



Teams compete at Amelia Earhart Soccer Complex.

soccer players and fans for many years to come," said Miami-Dade County Parks Director Jack Kardys.

The new complex comes on the heels of a renovation at the park which included two new lighted Soccer5 fields, both were designed and funded by Soccer5 Miami, the facility's operator. Miami Soccer5 also operates Miami-Dade Parks' soccer facilities at Kendall Soccer Park and Tropical Park. Over time, Miami-Dade Parks, in partnership with the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade and Soccer5, plan to build up to six new fields. 🍀



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Information and tickets at www.miamidade.gov/parks/company-of-women.asp | \$60; \$65 at the door

DISCOVER CAMPING

Close to Home!

You don't have to travel far to enjoy the great outdoors in Miami-Dade County. Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces has numerous enjoyable camping options. There are RV camping facilities and tent camping areas available as well as educational and recreational programs that can nurture group and corporate team building.

These facilities provide families the ability to have a vacation away from the rush of urban and city life. Nature trails and preserves abound and offer a great number of amenities.



Tent Camping

Tent Camping With Miami EcoAdventures

Tent camping is available at A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center, Arch Creek Park, Bill Sadowski Park and Castellow Hammock Preserve.

Patrons must contact Miami EcoAdventures and schedule their event in advance for groups of four or more. Special arrangements, such as programs and accommodations, can be made.



Site-specific group size limits apply. Tent camping costs \$5.65 per person per night; \$5 for tax-exempt groups. Call 305-666-5886 for details and reservations.

Tent Camping at Larry & Penny Thompson Park

12451 SW 184 Street, Miami

Tent campsites available for \$16.95 per night.

For reservations, call 305-232-1049 in advance to book your camping adventure!

Day Camping

Camp Owaissa Bauer is an ideal venue for educational and fun school fieldtrips. Camp Owaissa Bauer will help customize your fieldtrip to meet the individual needs of your group, large or small. The campground offers educational programs, hayrides, campfires, hiking and archery. Our educational programs follow the standards set for the Common Core curriculum.

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For more information about this and other group outings at Camp Owaissa Bauer call 305-247-6016.

Camp Owaissa Bauer is located at 17001 SW 264th Street, Homestead.



Fun Features of Miami-Dade Parks Campgrounds

WATER SLIDE at Larry & Penny Thompson Park

Larry & Penny Thompson Park features three mammoth water slides carved into a lakeside rock formation. There's also a sandy white beach and clear blue lake that makes for an ideal inland swimming spot.

CAVE at Camp Owaissa Bauer

A cave in Miami? It's true! There are several known solutional caves formed in underground limestone throughout Miami-Dade County, including one on the grounds of Camp Owaissa Bauer. Come and explore!

NATURAL LIMESTONE BRIDGE at Arch Creek Park

Arch Creek Park was created around a natural limestone bridge formation that was once part of an important Indian trail. It is believed to have first been used by the now-extinct Tequesta Indian tribe and later by the Seminoles.

Tips for Being A Happy Camper

Stay Warm and Dry

Cold days are rare in South Florida but on occasion we experience that cold snap, where a warm jacket will come in handy. Be sure to pack accordingly for your camping trip. In addition, don't let that inevitable sudden downpour catch you off guard. Rain gear is not only important for you but also for your belongings. Pack plastic zipper bags to keep your belongings dry. Consider protection for cameras, memory cards, matches and documents like fishing licenses, money and passports.

Safely start (and extinguish) that campfire

When starting a campfire, always use proper safety precautions. Most campsites have safe, designated areas for campfires, such as fire pits or grills. Have a bucket of water nearby for properly extinguishing the fire. To extinguish the fire, douse the fire in water, mix the ashes and embers with soil or sand, and be sure the area is cool to the touch



before leaving. Looking for an easy way to start a fire? Before you leave home, pack a paper egg crate with 12 self-starting charcoal briquettes. Place the egg crate in the fire pit and light it up.

Try out your gear at home first

Setting up a tent can sometimes be difficult, despite how easy it may look. Spare yourself some anxiety and frustration at the campground by familiarizing yourself with how to set up that new tent in your backyard. You'll be an expert when it comes time to pitch the tent at your campsite, and you'll have more time to enjoy the great outdoors.

Keep the bugs away, naturally

Nothing can ruin a camping experience quite like a swarm of mosquitoes or other biting insects. Sage is a natural aromatic insect repellent. Also referred to as "smudge sticks," bundles of dried sage can be burned at a campsite to keep away pesky mosquitoes.

Background picture: Lake and beach at Larry & Penny Thompson Park

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

january

Tuesdays

Food Truck Round-up

5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Bill Bird Marina at Haulover Park

Free Parking at Marina Lot

305-947-3525

Food, fun and entertainment for the whole family. Bring your blankets and beach chairs and enjoy local food underneath the stars. Pets and glass containers not permitted.

January 8

Deering Estate SPOOKOVER

11 p.m. - 4 a.m.

Deering Estate

\$65 per person

305-235-1668

Experience the Deering Estate overnight where you can investigate and attempt communication with the spirits that roam in the historic houses and main grounds.

January 9

Seabirds on the Bay Aboard the Pelican Island Skipper

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Pelican Harbor Marina

\$40 per person

305-754-9330 or

www.pelicanharbor.org

Birdwatching cruise on Biscayne Bay.



January 9 & 10

Redland Heritage Festival

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fruit & Spice Park

\$8 per person (Children 11 & under are free)

305-247-5727 or

bcullen@miamidade.gov

A tradition at the park since 1976, this annual festival features local arts and crafts, historical exhibits, a large selection of tropical plants and great food. Children's activities include a petting zoo, pony rides, magic shows and an interactive Everglades wildlife show.

January 10

Sunday Canoe Tour

7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Deering Estate

\$30 Adults, \$20 Children ages 9-14

305-235-1668

Take a sunrise canoe tour across Biscayne Bay and visit Chicken Key, a seven-acre

mangrove island and bird rookery. Space is limited. Reservations required.

January 13

Nite Hike & Campfire

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$15 per person

305-235-1668

View the woods and its wildlife as it comes to life at night. Visit the Tequesta burial mound and learn facts about the Tequesta Indians. Listen for great horned owls and eastern screech-owls along the way. Gather under the stars around a crackling fire by the bay and enjoy complimentary s'mores.

January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

305-961-2781

Join hundreds of volunteers in a day of service at a local park to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 16 & 17

One-Minute Play Festival

Jan. 16, 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.;

Jan. 17, 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$20 per person

305-235-1668, ext. 238

The Deering Estate presents the 4th annual



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South Florida One-Minute Play Festival, America's largest and longest running short form theatre company founded by Producing Artist Director, Dominic D'Andrea. The festival features one-minute plays by established and emerging South Florida playwrights and may contain mature content.

January 22
Moonlight Canoe Tour

7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Deering Estate
\$40 Adults (Ages 18+)
305-235-1668

Take a moonlight canoe tour across Biscayne Bay and enjoy a campfire and s'mores on Chicken Key. Space is limited. Reservations required.

January 27
Speaking Sustainably
Film Series "Billfish: Battle on the Line"

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Deering Estate
Free
305-235-1668

Film series offered free to the public to engage the community with critical environmental issues of the 21st century and to inspire action.

January 30
Sunrise Photography

6 a.m. - 8 a.m.
Deering Estate
\$20 per person
305-235-1668

Bring your camera and take sunrise photos of Biscayne Bay. The price also includes admission to the Estate during regular hours (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) on the day of the photo shoot. Please note that you must register and pay in advance.



February 6 & 7
Affair En Plein Air

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Deering Estate
Free with Estate Admission (\$12 Adults; \$7 Children ages 4-14)
305-235-1668

A two-day outdoor juried painting experience with partner GroveHouse Artists.

February 7
Sunday Canoe Tour

7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Deering Estate
\$30 Adults; \$20 Children ages 9-14
305-235-1668

Take a sunrise canoe tour across Biscayne Bay. Visit Chicken Key, a seven-acre mangrove island and bird rookery, approximately one mile off-shore. Space is limited. Reservations required.

february

February 4
Historic Ghost Stories Tour

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Deering Estate
\$30 per person
305-235-1668

Step into the past, as you listen to the stories of the Deering Estate's previous inhabitants and paranormal visitors. Hear about sightings and experiences from actual paranormal investigations of the historic Deering Estate.



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February 8

Playwright Reading – The Getting Lost Reading Series

8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Deering Estate

Free

305-235-1668

Playwright Artists in Residence Lost Girls Theatre, Andie Arthur, Katie Siegel and guest actors, present a series of contemporary play readings in the Deering Estate Visitor Center Theatre. Please note that the performance may contain mature content.



February 10

Nite Hike & Campfire

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$15 per person

305-235-1668

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Indians. Listen for great horned owls and eastern screech-owls along the way. Gather under the stars around a crackling fire by the bay and enjoy complimentary s'mores.

February 10

“Love-In” In-Park Series Performance

5 p.m.

Leisure Access Center / A.D. Barnes Park
Free

305-665-5319 or giselp@miamidade.gov

A performance celebrating love in all its varieties and expressions. Performers are adults with intellectual disabilities who attend the Adult Day Training program at the Leisure Access Center. Facilitators are Dance Therapist and choreographer Ana Miranda from Art Work for Us Inc. and theater artist Gladys Ramirez of the Miami Theater Center. The In-Park Series project is made possible with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners.

February 13

Seabirds on the Bay aboard the Pelican Island Skipper

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Pelican Harbor Marina

\$40 per person

305-751-9840 or www.pelicanharbor.org

Birdwatching cruise on Biscayne Bay.

February 13

Bay Cruise

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$35 per person

305-235-1668

Enjoy a romantic and relaxing cruise on Biscayne Bay!

February 14

“Moonlight & Music” Valentine’s Day Concert

Gate opens at 7 p.m.;

Concert at 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$25 per person

305-235-1668

Celebrate your love at a romantic, outdoor concert under the stars!

February 14

Kite Festival

Noon - 5 p.m.

Haulover Park

Parking \$7 per car, \$15 per bus/RV

305-947-3525

Bring your own kite, blankets and beach chairs and enjoy an afternoon of fun. Food trucks will be serving up your favorite foods. Kites are available for purchase by Skyward Kites. Pets and glass containers not permitted.

Great Park Summit



April 14–15, 2016

www.miamidade.gov/parksmasterplan/great-parks.asp

February 17

Ceramic League of Miami Exhibit Evening and Exhibit

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Deering Estate

Free

305-235-1668

The annual exhibit will feature award winning works in a variety of contemporary ceramic constructions. Also featured is From Our History, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Deering Estate as a Miami-Dade County Park. Contemporary painting exhibit by guest solo artist John Bailly with "10,000 Years of Miami."

February 19

Concert Series featuring the Deering Estate Chamber Ensemble

Meet-the-Artists Reception 7:30 p.m.;

Concert at 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$20 Adults; \$12 Seniors and Students (K-12 & College with Student I.D.)

305-235-1668

"Young Romantics" featuring works by Mendelssohn, Korngold and Strauss.

February 19

Moonlight Canoe Tour

7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$40 Adults (Ages 18+)

305-235-1668

Take a moonlight canoe tour across Biscayne Bay and enjoy a campfire and s'mores on Chicken Key. Space is limited. Reservations required.

February 20

String Master Class

10:30 a.m. - noon

Deering Estate

Free with Estate Admission (\$12 Adults;

\$7 Children ages 4-14)

305-235-1668

A String Master Class with founding members of the Deering Estate Chamber Ensemble and top young string players of South Florida.

February 24

Speaking Sustainably Film Series

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Deering Estate

Free

305-235-1668

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February 26

Winter Star Gazing

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Fruit & Spice Park

Free

305-247-5727 or bcullen@miamidade.gov

Under the allure and mystique of the "Wolf Moon," Southern Cross Astronomical Society will guide you through a celestial exploration of the heavens. Enjoy refreshments, and storytelling around the campfire.

February 27

Sunrise Photography

6 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Deering Estate

\$20 per person

305-235-1668

Bring your camera and can take sunrise photos of Biscayne Bay. The price also includes admission to the estate during regular hours (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) on the day of the photo shoot. Please note that you must register and pay in advance.



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February 27

African-American Arts Forum with Michelle Grant-Murray and Guests

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Deering Estate

Free and open to the public;

RSVP required to

stryky@miamidade.gov

305-235-1668

Choreographer and educator Michelle-Grant Murray will conduct a unique forum of guest artists from the community to discuss the climate of African-American and black arts in Miami. Event will include a dance performance, question and answer session, and tour of the historic homes of the Deering Estate.

February 28

Vintage Auto Show

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Deering Estate

Free with Estate Admission (\$12 Adults; \$7

Children ages 4 - 14)

305-235-1668

The Deering Estate, in collaboration with the Antique Automotive Club of America - South Florida Region, will host the 4th annual Vintage Auto Show where car enthusiasts of all ages can enjoy a variety of vintage automobiles.



march

March 3

28th Annual In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Coral Gables Country Club

\$60 per person; \$65 at the door

www.miamidade.gov/parks/company-of-women.asp

Event features a cocktail reception with silent auction followed by an awards presentation.

March 4

Feast With the Beasts

Main Event 8 p.m. - midnight

VIP Beastkeeper 7 p.m. - midnight

Zoo Miami

Main Event \$250 per person

VIP Beastkeeper \$500 per person

305-255-5551 or www.zoomiami.org

Enjoy a momentous evening under the stars

at Zoo Miami with tantalizing treats from some of South Florida's most prominent restaurants, caterers and eateries. This annual fundraising event benefits the Zoo Miami Foundation in its efforts to continue education and conservation programs in support of Zoo Miami.

March 4

Deering Estate SPOOKOVER

11 p.m. - 4 a.m.

Deering Estate

\$65 per person

305-235-1668

Experience Deering Estate overnight where you can investigate and attempt communication with the spirits that roam in the historic houses and main grounds.

March 5 & 6

26th Annual Asian Culture Festival

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Fruit & Spice Park

\$12 per person; \$5 Children ages 6 - 12:

305-247-5727 or bcullen@miamidade.gov

This annual festival features Asian crafts, art and exotic music and dance, highlighted by a tasty selection of authentic Far Eastern cuisine. Sponsors: Thai-American Association, Singha and the Fruit & Spice Park.

Live-in
Party in the Park
Save the Date
May 1, 2016
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March 9

Nite Hike & Campfire

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$15 per person

305-235-1668

View the woods and its wildlife as it comes to life at night. Visit the Tequesta burial mound and learn facts about the Tequesta Indians. Listen for great horned owls and eastern screech-owls along the way. Gather under the stars around a crackling fire by the bay and enjoy complimentary s'mores.

March 11

Concert Series Featuring the Deering Estate Chamber Ensemble

Meet-the-Artists Reception 7:30 p.m.;

Concert at 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$20 Adults; \$12 Seniors and Students

(K-12 & College with Student I.D.)

305-235-1668

The Deering Estate Chamber Ensemble's ninth season features a culmination of commissioned and classical works. Program includes audience and Deering Estate Chamber Ensemble favorites with works by Composer-in-Residence Juraj Kojs and Turina, Mozart/Alkan and Dvorak, as well as a CD release presentation.

March 12

Paralympic Experience

10 a.m.

Tropical Park

305-234-1673 or jsantia@miamidade.gov

A day-long celebration to assist individuals with physical and visual disabilities how participation in sport and living a healthy, active lifestyle can have a profoundly positive impact on their lives.

March 12

Sunrise Photography

5:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Deering Estate

\$20 per person

305-235-1668

Bring your camera and can 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. Please note that you must register and pay in advance.

March 12

Archaeology Day

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$7 per person ages 4+

305-235-1668

The Deering Estate will host its annual Archaeology Day in celebration of Florida Archaeology Month. Activities and programs for the entire family include educational

activities, expert lectures and walking tours of the estate's unique natural areas.

March 20

Deering Seafood Festival

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Deering Estate

305-235-1668

Enjoy delicious catches from the sea, celebrity chef cooking demos, fun-filled adventures for kids, Virgin Island stilt walkers, a Bahamian Junkanoo musical parade and ongoing live entertainment at the 14th annual Deering Seafood Festival.

March 21-25

Deering Estate Spring Camp

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Deering Estate

\$188

305-235-1668

Camp for youth and teens.

March 21-25

Palmetto Golf Academy Spring Break Camp

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Palmetto Golf Course

\$225 per golfer

305-528-4817

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Miami-Dade Parks Receives State's **Exceptional Employer Award**

The Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department is among eight Florida businesses receiving the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's annual Exceptional Employer award for companies demonstrating an outstanding commitment to hiring and retaining people with disabilities. The 2015 awards were presented by representatives from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), Blind Services, and Vocational Rehabilitation in Tallahassee City Hall in October, as part of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.



Through a partnership with APD, Miami-Dade Parks Disability Services implemented an internship program this past year aimed at helping high school students and young adults with intellectual disabilities become more independent and smoothly transition into the real world after graduation. It resulted in gainful employment for several program participants. 🍀

Programs for **Active Older Adults**



Come interact with other Active Older Adults at one of 14 Miami-Dade County Parks Community Centers. FREE educational, fun,

and physical activities are designed to help you be happy, healthy and live longer.

FREE activities include SNAG® golf, board games, line dancing, Tai Chi, excursions*, Zumba, table tennis, EnhanceFitness programs and more.

These programs are for all activity levels and more are being added regularly.

For additional information and participating locations call **786-372-9701**.

**Some excursions require admission fees.*





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Tennis Center at Crandon Park



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To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters and/or any accommodations to participate in any Miami-Dade Parks-sponsored program or meeting, contact Lucy Binhack, 305-755-7848, binhack@miamidade.gov, at least 7 days in advance to initiate your request. TTY users may also call 711 (Florida Relay Service).

