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Town Council adopts lower rate for property taxes

By David L. Snelling
The Miami Laker staff

The Miami Lakes Town Council officially adopted a lower rate for property taxes and eliminated any confusion over a proposal to borrow money to compete the master plan for Miami Lakes Optimist Park during the second and final budget hearing on September 18.

The new rate of 2.3217 mills generates \$7 million in ad valorem taxes and additional revenues brought the town's gener-

al fund operating expenses to \$17.7 million for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The town's estimated \$50 million budget includes reserves for emergencies, carry-over money for capital improvement projects and money never spent during the last fiscal year, FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Irma and a budget surplus.

But a \$2.6 million proposal for a short term loan for Miami Lakes Optimist Park sparked residents to flock to Town Hall

for the final budget hearing and reject the idea of borrowing money, though they support the much-needed improvements at the town's oldest recreation facility.

"We still have this building to pay for," said Claudia Lucas, referring to the loan to build the government center. "My concern is going into further debt. When you move forward, please consider the tax payers. We need to live within our means."

Esther Colon, a candidate for the Town Council, asked lawmakers to remove the \$2.6 million from the budget, and look for other resources to renovate the park.

"I sent your parks director pictures of the dug out in field 5," she said. "We have the money this year to fix them. It's

a safety issue."

Rey said the town is not budgeting \$2.6 million for the short term loan.

He said he placed an estimated figure for how much it would cost to complete the park's master plan, whether the town decides to borrow the money through a referendum, tap in the budget's reserves or other revenues including cell tower fees.

Miami Lakes allocated \$2 million for the park this fiscal year.

"It's a mechanism to decide what to do later on," he said.

But Vice Mayor Frank Mingo said the budget amount caused some confusion since residents believe Miami Lakes was proceeding with a mail-in ballot election to determine if they want to borrow the money.

"We eliminate the line item

and let the future council decide the way to put in the budget," said Mingo, who's vacating his seat to run for state representative.

Councilmember Ceasar Mestre said the budget amount might give new council members the impression the money is spent.

"There's no asterisk next to it and the new folks come here thinking it's done," said Mestre, who's term-limited this year. "We take it out and allow the new council to decide what to do."

Mayor Manny Cid said the amount shouldn't cause a problem since the residents, if the town decides to borrow the money, would have the final say.

"It's not a done deal," he said.
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Dads Take Their Kids to School Day at ML K-8 Ctr.



MIAMI LAKES K-8 CENTER (MLK8) celebrated Dads Take Your Child to School Day on September 26. All male role models were invited to spend precious moments with their student(s) while also enjoying donuts, coffee and juice. A photo booth expressing thanks for their influence and support of our students was also displayed. The MLK8 PTSA (parent teacher student association) was proud to sponsor this event. In the photo booth, MLK-8 student Ella Bermudez is pictured with her proud father Eddie Bermudez.

Miami Lakes Pumpkin Patch has something for everyone in family



MIAMI LAKES PUMPKIN PATCH at Miami Lakes United Methodist Church is now open through Halloween and is sure to thrill and please young and old alike.
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Pumpkin Patch schedules special events for all October weekends

The Miami Lakes United Methodist Church's (MLUMC) annual pumpkin patch is now open until Wednesday, October 31. Located at 14800 Ludlam Road, the patch will hold special events every weekend for residents.

Admission to the patch is \$3 Monday through Thursday, with admission being \$5 Friday through Sunday. Children 12 years old and under have free admission with a paying adult.

The admission price includes \$3 Pumpkin Bucks that may be applied towards any pumpkin or gourd purchase. (It is not valid for any other purchase.)

In addition to annual traditions like a variety of pumpkins in every shape and size, sing-alongs, scavenger hunts and magic tricks performed by the church's pastor, there will be something to entertain attendees

almost every weekend including a Bonfire Under the Stars on October 13.

The popular Flanigan's Dinner and Show of Illusion will happen on October 27. Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 12 and under. Should event-goers forgo dinner and just see the show, entry at the door will be \$5 per person.

Dinner will be available 5:30-8:30 p.m. from the Flanigan's food truck, and may be picked up before or after the show, however no food will be allowed in the show. The show will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting the church office or calling (305)821-7274.

The newest addition to the patch is a new princess carriage that includes a Pumpkin Princess. Photos with the

princess and meet-and-greets are also part of the newest attraction.

School field trips will be held every weekday morning from now until Friday, October 26. There is a fee of \$8 per child, and recreation includes interactive activities, songs, refreshments, a little pumpkin for each child, a goodie bag and a group photo with the whole classroom.

Professional photographers are welcome by appointment only. Passes will be \$60 for a single day or \$250 for the duration of the pumpkin patch. Appointments are also available for after event hours.

For more information, updates on the event or to volunteer, call (305)821-7274 or visit www.hopemlumc.com.

Council decides to hold off on referendum vote for a loan to finish Optimist Park

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"It's just a discussion."

Cid said renovating the park is badly needed since residents are taking their kids to parks in Pembroke Pines, Doral, Weston and Davie.

He said in 2013, the town was at its lowest point when the former mayor was arrested on bribery and kickback charges but later acquitted.

To regain the public's trust, Miami Lakes conducted a survey and 308 residents responded to the top four priorities in the town.

"Parks was No. 2," Cid said. "I believe in parks and thanks to parks, I'm here today. Everyday while growing up, I played at the park."

Councilmember Tim Daubert, who's been advocating for the park's improvements since he took office eight years ago, said he's in a conundrum.

"Everyone knows how bad I want to get the park done but I hate borrowing money," said Daubert, who's also term-limited. "I didn't vote for the bond issue for the government center. We got to get the park done because it's killing me."

The town earmarked \$2 million for the park this year, but has a \$4.5 million price tag for new basketball and tennis courts, an airnasium, walking and bike trails and replacing the park's lighting system.

Council members instructed Rey to make several changes at the first budget hearing in addition to lowering the property rate for taxes.

Rey and his staff restored \$59,824 taken from \$130,000 for enhanced police presence at Bob Graham Education Center and Miami Lakes K-8 Center.

The program was initially funded by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (\$70,176) and a transfer from Dunnwoody developer's contribution for education purposes to supplement the cost of police security.

However, at the first budget hearing, town staff was directed to reverse the \$59,824 and restore the developer's contribution to the full funding of \$300,000, which is earmarked for educational purposes, improvements to impacted schools in the town and youth education programs.

Another change made from the first budget hearing was finding money in the budget to give town staff a 2.3 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

The budget amount also includes a projection of revenues estimated at \$4.8 million from building permits for the new Senior Village and Assisting Living Facility; Lennar townhouses; Bob Graham/Elevate/Crescent; and N.W. 57-59 avenues development and \$2.5 million in carry-over funds from 2017-2018.

The police budget increased five percent, as the town budgeted \$8.7 million for public safety services, which is 49 percent of the spending plan for next year.

For other capital improvement projects, Miami Lakes is projected to spend \$3.8 million for stormwater drainage improvements including \$1.9 million for the third part of roads in West Lake (N.W. 148 Terrace/N.W. 148 Street/NW 149 Terrace); \$1 million for phase one of the Royal Oaks roadway and drainage project; and \$837,000 for the second portion of the town's canal bank stabilization.

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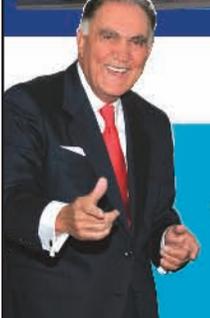
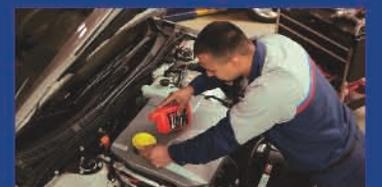
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Jeffrey Rodriguez, Xiomara Pazas vie for Seat 2

By David L. Snelling
The Miami Laker staff

Xiomara Pazas is seeking a Miami Lakes Town Council seat for the third time but newcomer Jefferey Rodriguez is standing in her way, as the two political candidates are seeking Seat 2 on November 6.

The winner replaces Council member Tim Daubert who is term-limited this year.

Pazos, owner of a medical transportation company, was vice president of the Serenity Pointe Homeowners Association and a long time community activist on issues of concern. She also volunteers for senior citizens.

Pazos, a Miami Lakes resident for 10 years, said she moved here because she wants to live in a small community that also has the best of everything.

"I moved here because it is a great friendly community," said Pazos, who raised \$300 for her campaign. "To me, Miami Lakes means kids, seniors, family, respect, love, comfort and security."

Pazos, 61, said she decided to run for political office for a third time because the Town Council has no diversity of thought or of any diversity of any kind.

"They all vote the same way and are not objective and do not keep an open mind," Pazos said. "They continue expanding that we don't need or want wasteful spending in our small town," she said.

"The way the council and mayor are going, the town will go to millions of dollars in debt. We need public servants who

are not part of any particular group of special interests. We need public officials who have the courage to speak for the average resident. I will speak for the average resident."

While on the campaign trail, Pazos said she's been knocking on doors and listening to people's concerns. She said residents don't know who council members are in general and they are complaining nothing has been done to solve the traffic problem.

"And they don't like the idea of spending \$55 million for parks," she said. "They said crime is increasing in our town."

If elected, Pazos said she will have an open door policy. "My door will always be open," she said.

Pazos is hoping the third time is the charm, as she's seeking another opportunity to be elected to the Town Council.

She said she's the best candidate and hopes residents agree with her political platform.

"Residents should vote for me," she said. "I would not have voted to allow the budget proposal to increase resident taxes, building hundreds of homes that will create more traffic and hurt our schools. New ideas mean new solutions. Just engaging could reshape dialogue around certain issues," she added.

Rodriguez, 34, is an attorney who specializes in contract law, real estate, corporate law, bank finance law, mergers and acquisitions and other commercial transactions.

He's married to Gisela Castilla Rodriguez, and they have two

children, Ava Marie Rodriguez, 6, and Alec Jude Rodriguez, who is three-years old.

For community involvement, Rodriguez served on the Miami Lakes Economic Development Committee in 2014 and was appointed to the Miami Lakes Planning and Zoning Board the following year. He later served as chair of the board before he stepped down to run for Town Council.

Rodriguez, who has lived in Miami Lakes for over 9 years, said he moved here because it's the quintessential place to raise a family in South Florida.

"Having experienced Miami Lakes as a child living in Hialeah, I always viewed Miami Lakes as the quintessential place to raise a family," he said. "Naturally, when my wife and I decided to purchase our first home and raise a family, we chose Miami Lakes."

Rodriguez, who has raised \$15,825 for his campaign, said Miami Lakes is his refuge from the hustle and bustle of his daily life on Brickell Avenue.

"It is a place where my children play in parks with their cousins and friends," he said. "A place where my wife and I have met some extraordinary people with whom we share similar values. Miami Lakes is place we do not hesitate to recommend to family and friends looking to raise a family."

According to Rodriguez, he doesn't look at the position on the Town Council as a political office. Instead, he views it as an opportunity for public service.

"I consider serving on the Town Council as my chance to give back to our community and



JEFFREY RODRIGUEZ



XIOMARA PAZAS

do what I can to ensure that we keep Miami Lakes moving forward while maintaining the small-town characteristics that drew many of us to the town in the first place," he said.

"My desire to serve on the Miami Lakes Town Council was prompted by my love and appreciation for Miami Lakes."

Rodriguez said residents have given him an ear full on the issues in the town.

He said while on the campaign trail, traffic is the residents' top priority.

"I have been canvassing the town and going door to door since February, and obviously the number one issue on everyone's mind is the amount of traffic," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said he's optimistic the Town Council can fix the gridlock following several traffic proposals including widening of N.W. 67th Avenue at the Palmetto Expressway and Windmill Gate Road and MDX'S plan to develop new entrance and exit ramps.

Rodriguez said an over-

whelming majority of residents believe the town is moving in the right direction.

"With that being said, even residents that are satisfied with the current status of the town believe that there are still ways we can make improvements," he said.

If elected, Rodriguez said he favors an open door policy and would be more than willing to meet with any resident to discuss their concerns.

"I believe that is one of the mayor and current councilmember's biggest strengths," he said. "The mayor and other council members have published their phone numbers and have encouraged residents to text them to discuss issues and set up meetings. That is the type of transparency that should be encouraged by local government."

Rodriguez said residents should vote for him because he intends to stay true to the Bill of Rights of the town's charter, which states that the Town was created "to protect the governed, not the governing."

"Protecting and improving the quality of life of our residents will be my primary concern," he said. "That starts with the small details like ensuring that our streets and sidewalks are properly maintained, that our beautiful trees are properly trimmed, and that our parks are safe places for our children to grow up. But improving the quality of life of our residents also means tackling the larger issues affecting our residents, namely increased traffic and devastating blasting conditions. As their next Councilman I will strive to ensure that our Town remains safe and friendly."

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Preview of Town Council October 2 general meeting

By David L. Snelling
The Miami Laker staff

At its October 2 regular meeting, the Miami Lakes Councilmembers were scheduled to discuss, and expected to approve four ordinances on first reading, a host of resolutions and new business items that include setting up a committee to review the town's police contract with Miami-Dade, and a proposal for an ordinance in which the entire town council would be required to knock on 100 doors before the budget hearings to better understand the concerns and ideas of residents.

- Council members were expected to give their initial approval for an ordinance to amend the town's land development code to permit standing metal seam roofs for single-family and two-family buildings.

The proposed ordinance stemmed from the damages Hurricane Irma caused on residents' roofs.

- Council members were expected to give their initial approval for an ordinance to permit decks in the street side yard setback of residential corner lots, offering a minimum setback of four feet and to allow up to 60 percent of the required yards of such lots to be impervious.

- Council members were expected to give their initial approval for an ordinance to establish regulations for community homes in residential districts.

The proposed ordinance is to address somber homes in residential areas, where houses can be used as drug treatment centers under the U.S. Fair Housing Act and the American with Disabilities Act.

- Lawmakers were expected to give their initial approval for an ordinance to amend the town code to exclude hemp derived projects and commercial and industrial activities related to medical marijuana treatment facilities and independent testing laboratories related to state law.

The proposed ordinance calls for all commercial and industrial activities related to the sale and manufacture of products within genus cannabis to be banned within the town's boundaries.

- Council members were expected to approve a resolution to update the town's Strategic Plan including making schools safe since the Stoneman Douglas School shooting massacre that took the lives of 17 students and teachers, a top priority.

The revised version of the plan includes creating Miami

Lakes Autism Charter School in conjunction with private providers; creating a special population center for developmentally disabled adults; and establish Autism Shines in Miami Lakes.

- Council members were expected to authorize the town manager to execute a contract with Metro Express for the Windmill Gate Road improvement project in an amount not to exceed \$116,000.

- Council members were expected to authorize the town manager to execute a contract with H and R Paving for the Miami Lakeway South resurfacing project in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

- Lawmakers were expected to authorize the town manager to execute a contract with Florida Sidewalk Solutions for as-needed repair of sidewalk trip hazard projects for \$170,000.

- Council members were expected to authorize the town manager to execute an agreement with Lansight Technology for information technology services in an amount not to exceed \$745,000 for three years.

- For new business, council members were expected to discuss Councilmember Luis Collozao's proposal to create a police contract review committee; and Mayor Manny Cid's proposal for an ordinance in which the entire town council would be required to knock on 100 doors before the budget hearings to better understand the concerns and ideas of residents.

Miami Lakes Chamber welcomes STU president David Armstrong

St. Thomas University president David A. Armstrong, J.D. is the guest speaker for the Miami Lakes Chamber of Commerce membership meeting and luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, at Shula's Hotel on Main Street.

In August, Armstrong became the college's 10th president, leaving Thomas More College in Kentucky to join the Bobcats.

He was president of the liberal arts school belonging to the Diocese of Covington for five years.

The Cleveland, Ohio native earned his Juris Doctor from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with a minor in accounting, from Mercyhurst University.

Armstrong has been recognized throughout his professional career as the recipient of numerous awards including "Carpe Diem Award" (highest distinction awarded to graduating senior), Mercyhurst University (1986); Rhodes Scholar Candidate; GTE Academic All-American; Member; Football Hall of Fame, Mercyhurst University (1991); Charter Member Athletic Hall of Fame, Mercyhurst University (1996); Member, Alumni Hall of Fame, St. Peter Chanel (OH) High School (2009); and Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Service in a Chosen Field, Mercyhurst University (2015).

Armstrong, a nationally-recognized speaker on future trends of higher education law

and Title IX issues, has dedicated his career to making sure small, faith-based colleges not only survive but thrive in the new landscape of higher education. His commitment to the transformative power of a vibrant higher education has driven the colleges he's worked in to experience remarkable growth in enrollment, corporate partnerships and collegiate program agreements with other institutions through new academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs.

Armstrong strives to advance the mission and work of St. Thomas University with a collaborative, innovative spirit which will yield exciting new ventures and help expand the college's regional and national footprint.

Armstrong is married to Leslie R. Hafenmaier Armstrong with two children, David Balthazar and Johanna Marie.

Networking starts at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 noon.



DAVID ARMSTRONG

Reservations are requested by Friday, October 5. For reservations or more information on this or any other Miami Lakes Chamber event, contact Marta Diaz at 305-556-2212 or email mdiaz@miamilakeschamber.com.

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News and Notes from the Town of Miami Lakes

Elderly Affairs Committee plans October activities for seniors

Miami Lakes Elderly Affairs Committee (EAC) has scheduled several events for seniors during October.

Tuesday, October 9 – Mount Sinai Lecture Series. “What You Need to Know About Breast Cancer” will be presented by Dr. Sumana Narayanan at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 9, at Town Hall, 6601 Main Street.

A light lunch will be served courtesy of Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Wednesday, October 17 – Free Field Trip to Frost Science Museum. The Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science is a leading science museum dedicated to sharing the power of science, sparking wonder and investigation, and fueling innovations for the future.

Located in Downtown Miami’s waterfront Museum Park, the facility is divided into four buildings including the Frost Planetarium, Aquarium, and North and West wings. Guests can learn about the core science behind living systems, the solar system and known universe, the physics of flight, light and lasers, the biology of the human body and mind, and much more.

The field trip is for seniors, age 62 and up. The bus will depart at 10 a.m. from Miami Lakes Optimist Clubhouse at 6411 N.W. 162 Street. Seating is limited and reservations are required at www.toml.eventbrite.com. Reservations are now open and will close at noon on Tuesday, October 16.

For more information on



DR. SUMANA NARAYANAN

EAC events, visit www.miamilakes-fl.gov/eac, or call 305-364-6100.

‘The Spot’ Youth Center plans October events for Miami Lakes teenagers

Miami Lakes Youth Center will be hosting several fun and exciting programs for middle and high school students at “The Spot” from 6 to 8 p.m. during October at 6075 Miami Lakes Drive.

Friday, October 12 - Open Mic Night. Love singing, sharing poetry, or just being the comedian in your group? Bring your friends for a “coffee house style” Open Mic Night that will be filled with laughter, joy and sweets.

Wednesday, October 17 - Super Hero Night. Spiderman, Batman vs. Superman, DC vs. Marvel? Dress up as your favorite superhero or super villain and compete against friends in The Spot’s Super Hero vs. Super Villain Costume Contest. Best costume wins a prize.

Saturday, October 20 (rescheduled from September 15) – Community Service Field Trip

(9 a.m. departure from Miami Lakes Optimist Clubhouse and returning around 2 p.m.). In partnership with Miami-Dade County, the trip is designed to clean up Pelican Harbor. Event includes a kayak tour to the bay island where volunteers will collect trash. Lunch will be provided following the kayak trip back. There is a \$10 registration fee and space is limited as only 24 participants will be allowed.

Wednesday, October 24 – Murder Mystery Night. With Halloween just around the corner, join in to solve a murder mystery at The Spot. You and your friends must find all the clues to expose the murderer, but beware who you can trust, for the murderer could be anyone - even you.

For more information about the Youth Center programs, visit www.miamilake-fl.gov/thespot, or call 305-819-7768.

Volunteers and sponsors urged to join Town’s Halloween festivities

Want to be a “SPOOKTASTIC” volunteer at the Youth Activities Task Force’s annual Halloween event, “Nightmare on Montrose,” on Saturday, October 27?

A total of 75 high school volunteers are needed and volunteer registration is on a first come, first served basis. Volunteers must attend three dates to receive their community service hours:

- Wednesday, October 10, 6 to

8 p.m.

- Friday, October 26, 3 to 6 p.m.

- Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (event day)

The meetings and the event will be held at the Mary Collins Community Center, 15151 N.W. 82 Avenue.

Deadline to register is October 5 at <http://bit.ly/2018HalloweenVolunteer>. For more information, visit www.miamilakes-fl.gov/volunteer.

Local businesses can also participate by becoming a sponsor of the “Nightmare on Montrose” Halloween spectacular which draws more than 3,000 people and features a costume contest, trick-or-treat around-the-clock, a scare zone and pumpkin decorating.

To become a sponsor, visit <http://bit.ly/2018HalloweenSponsor> for more information, or visit www.miamilakes-fl.gov/yatf.

Town officially welcomes CrossFit Miami Lakes



MAYOR MANNY CID and Councilmember Tim Daubert welcomed CrossFit Miami Lakes on September 25. CrossFit Miami Lakes is a world-class training facility located in the heart of Miami Lakes inside the NutriForce Sports Complex at 14660 N.W. 60 Avenue. The facility features 14,000 square feet of indoor space along with a 13,000 square-foot outdoor training area with a broad training program suitable for all fitness levels.

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- Jeffrey Rodriguez 121

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News and Notes from the Town of Miami Lakes

State of the Town address set for Tuesday, Oct. 9



MAYOR MANNY CID

Mayor Manny Cid will deliver his annual State of the Town Address at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 6601 Main Street,

The event is sponsored by JetStream Federal Credit Union and will be catered by the Miami Lakes Educational Center's Culinary Arts Program students.

Cid will highlight the Town's accomplishments during the past year and the priorities for the upcoming year. In addition,

he will be recognizing the Town business, volunteer and volunteer of the year.

For more information, contact

the mayor's assistant Joseph Sosa at sosaj@miamilakes-fl.gov.

Business Networking Happy Hour at Italy Today on Oct. 17

Miami Lakes Economic Development Committee and the Miami Lakes Chamber of Commerce are co-hosting The Ultimate Business Networking Happy Hour from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, at Italy Today, 6743 Main Street.

Stop by after work and enjoy meeting up to 100 business professionals in just two hours. Attendees will include top executives, business owners, investors, entrepreneurs and startups from a diverse range of industries.

The Miami Lakes Chamber

is a powerhouse and a hub for local businesses from the Town and neighboring cities since 1971. Trustee members include Town of Miami Lakes, The Graham Companies, BankUnited, JetStream Federal Credit Union, Baptist Health South Florida, Miami Jewish Health Systems, Vista Memorial, First Bank and Great Waste.

For more information on Chamber memberships, visit www.miamilakeschamber.com or contact Marta Diaz at Chamber@miamilakeschamber.com.

Hispanic Heritage event set for Saturday, October 20

In honor of National Hispanic Month, Miami Lakes Cultural Affairs Committee will present "Que Rico Es!" National Hispanic Celebration from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, at Town Hall, 6601 Main Street.

A special presentation on the history of Cuban soda will be given by Marcel van Hemert, heir to the Cawy Bottling Company. Cawy is a soda beverage company founded in Cuba in 1948 and nationalized after the Cuban Revolution in 1959.

Two of the company's executives

emigrated to the United States and restarted the brand in 1962, first offering lemon-lime soda, and then diversifying outside of that competitive market by offering Materva (a yerba mate flavored soda) and other tropical flavors.

The free event will feature traditional Cuban cuisine, music, art, and of course, Cafecito!

For more information, contact Committees and Special Events coordinator William Sanchez at sanchezw@miamilakes-fl.gov, or call 305-364-6100.

Marketing opportunities for local businesses at Veterans Day Parade

The 39th annual Miami Lakes Veteran's Day Parade will be staged on Sunday, November 11.

Organizations and groups interested in being a part of the longest running Miami-Dade County patriotic tribute honoring active duty and retired military members are urged to visit <http://bit.ly/2018VetParadeParticipant> to register not later than

Monday, October 29.

Businesses interested in marketing their goods and services at this event which attracts more than 2,000 people are invited to visit <http://bit.ly/12018VCParadeSponsorship>.

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NOTICE IS HEREWITH GIVEN that meetings of the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida, and its committees, have been scheduled for the following dates, times and locations:

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
Thursday, October 4, 6:30 PM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Stret, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 4, 7:00 PM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

State of the Town Address
Tuesday, October 9, 6:00 PM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Elderly Affairs Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 8:30 AM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Education Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 6:30 PM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Economic Development Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 16, 5:30 PM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Special Call Town Council Meeting on Community Homes & Hemp Amendment
Tuesday, October 16, 6:00 PM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Veterans Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 6:00 PM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Neighborhood Improvement Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 7:00 PM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Workshop on Traffic Study (I-75 Bridges)
Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 PM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 PM
Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

In accordance with the provisions of F. S. Section 286.0105, should any person seek to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, such person will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made; which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in the proceedings should call Town Hall at (305) 364-6100, no later than (2) days prior to the proceeding for assistance.

Please be advised that two or more Councilmembers may be in attendance at the above events/meetings.

This Notice dated
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Main Street Players have rescheduled *Superior Donuts*

Main Street Players (MSP) located at 6766 Main Street, has postponed performances of *Superior Donuts*, which was originally scheduled to run September 28 through October 21.

The show will now run from January 3 through January 20, with performances Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for students, seniors and military personnel. Theatre League and

Industry will be \$20 with I.D. presented at the door.

MSP will host two staged readings during the month of October.

The Shakespeare Troupe of South Florida will present a staged reading of an abridged version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Friday, October 12 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$20.

The hilarious *No Cojas Lucha*, written and directed by Sonia Cordoves, will be back at MSP Saturday, October 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, October 21 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

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Miami Lakes Cub Scout Pack 660 celebrates 50th anniversary

By **Kayleen Padron**
The Miami Laker staff

For 50 years, Cub Scout Pack 660 has helped the young boys of Miami Lakes learn the fundamentals of adventure and what it truly means to be an active citizen.

"The Pack" offers a variety of programs for boys in kindergarten through fifth grade. Instead of phones, tablets or video games, the pack encourages children and their families to focus more on moral values, leadership, fitness and good character.

"What you learn from scouting is the values you want your children to have when they become young men. It's not about winning, it's about doing the right thing. It's about advancing, but there's no competition. You're advancing for yourself and really, it's about having stupid fun," said Sean Schwinghammer, current Cub Master and den leader.

Schwinghammer has been part of the pack since 16 years ago, when his now 22-year-old son joined Cub Scouts in first grade. Now his youngest son is following his brother's footsteps to eventually become an Eagle Scout as well.

As leader, Schwinghammer is responsible for boys' advancements and creating a program that scouts and families will enjoy. On top of being part of the pack, Schwinghammer is a Miami Lakes resi-



CUB MASTER SEAN SCHWINGHAMMER joins with members of Pack 660 in marking their 50th year.

dent and has been a town activist for 25 years.

"I'm very proud to be a part of it, to be honest. I'm very excited to be as well," said Schwinghammer.

Cub Scout Pack 660 is chartered to the Miami Lakes Methodist Church, and is affiliated with Miami Lakes K-8 Center. Since the first day the pack was founded in Miami Lakes, the main focus has always been family and has strived to serve the community. In addition to activities that adhere to their code, the scouts travel and camp in a places they've never been to before.

"We foster good memories. Some of them with boogers," he chuckled. "Some of them with swimming with alligators, or getting lost on a hike. What we do is expose children to a better way to be, and they love it. They absolutely love it."

The pack serves their community by participating in every Veterans parade and park clean-up. The scouts also build their own model cars or boats and race them, they even learn how to survive the outdoors alone. With the existence of modern technology and video games, it's not commonplace to see children engaging in such rigorous activities, but it gives them a chance to break through the comfort zone of a screen.

"It's been a real joy. People always say 'you're a real boy scout' and they say it as a negative, but it shows a positive aspect that you're going to do the right thing every time," explained Schwinghammer.

If your child is interested in joining the Cub Scout Pack 660, they are invited to attend a Pack meeting at Miami Lakes United Methodist Church, 14800 Ludlum Road.

"This fiftieth anniversary is a big deal," explained Schwinghammer. "There isn't anybody who hasn't been involved with scouting one way or the other."

Even the oldest residents say 'You're with 660? I used to be a den leader!' Everywhere you go, especially older people know because scouting has always been a fundamental part of this community. It's just cool that way."

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Miami's Fine Art Lamps lights up Miami Lakes with fine creations

By Kayleen Padron
The Miami Laker staff

Founded in New York in 1945, Miami's Fine Art Lamps has resided in Miami Lakes for over two decades. Located just before Red Road at 5770 Miami Lakes Drive, the corporate office building of Miami's Fine Art Lamps holds a lot more than meets the eye.

Beginning in the waiting room with some of their own fixtures on display, numerous corridors lead to a large work space. In there, workers put finishing touches of paint and detailing to each fixture-in-progress. Silver and gold specks from the flakes that adorn the chandeliers sparkle on the workroom floor.

Just miles away, Miami's Fine Art Lamps has two separate shops for glass and metal works. In the glass shop, experienced staff mold and shape individual segments and carefully piece them together to make the necessary figures for their distinct lamps.

"There's a sense of pride for what they do. Every piece of glass is handmade, every bent metal as well," said marketing



NEW OWNERS of Miami's Fine Art Lamps are longtime employees Rene Quintana and Laura Goldblum. manager Jackie Hessler.

Hessler has been working for the company for almost 19 years. Her son also works for the glass shop, hand-making glass pieces for the electroliers. While making her way through the shops, Hessler is greeted with warm smiles and waves.

In the metal shop, employees wield and manipulate pieces to create organic shapes that form the skeleton of the lighting fixtures. All the pieces are taken to

the main corporate building where they are then put together, wired through and shipped off to its desired customer. The whole process can take weeks for customized pieces, but pride and hard work is put into every individual fixture.

"We're very overcritical, but you know what? It's only the best of the best for our customer," remarked CAD designer Leslie Miller.

Previously owned by Max Blumberg, whose family operated the business, it was recently sold to longtime employees and executives Rene Quintana and Laura Goldblum. And although it's no longer a "family run" business, its obvious that the company still operates like one, with employees who've been working there for decades.

Although Miami's Fine Art Lamps corporate office is stationed in Miami Lakes, the metal and glass workshops reside in Hialeah. The company has recently planned to consolidate all the work spaces into one location just a few miles away from their current position in Miami Lakes.

Zonta seeks vendors for November 10 Flea Market

The Zonta Club of Miami Lakes is currently accepting vendors for its community flea market scheduled for Saturday, November 10. Vendors large and small are invited to participate in this annual event. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will take place at the parking lot south of Main Street bordering Ludlum Road and New Barn Road.

Vendors can reserve two parking spaces for only \$36.50. Proceeds from the flea market will assist the Zonta Club of Miami Lakes in supporting the advancement of women and girls locally and globally. To

reserve space, visit www.zontamiamilakes.org/annual-flea-marketpulguero-anual.html.

Vendors can reserve their spaces by paying for their spots via PayPal on the website as well as completing and submitting the vendor contact form. Payment is the only way to assure a spot. Vendors must bring their own tables, chairs and any other needed supplies.

The Zonta Club of Miami Lakes has arranged for the free pick-up of any unsold or unwanted items as donations to the Lotus House charity at the end of the event.



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Town Manager Selection Committee submits 5 candidates to Council

By David L. Snelling
The Miami Laker staff

The Miami Lakes Town Manager Selection Committee officially submitted the names of the top five candidates for council members to interview to determine the best person for the job.

At its final meeting last week, the committee picked North Miami Beach City Manager Anna Garcia; Bell City, California Manager Howard Brown; Bay Harbor Island Assistant Town Manager Juan Jimenez; veteran firefight-

er Edward Pidermann; and Miami Lakes' Chief Financial Officer Ismael Diaz, the five candidates who scored the highest marks during their interviews.

Pidermann and Jimenez are Miami Lakes residents.

But the committee decided not to include the two alternates, PGA West (California) General Manager Scott Randall and Wilmington, North Carolina interim City Manager John Bauer, after their background checks revealed some problems with their previous

employers.

Council members will start to interview candidates following the November 6 elections, when three new faces take their seats on the dais.

Council members Tim Daubert and Ceasar Mestre are term-limited this year and Vice Mayor Frank Mingo is vacating his seat to run for state representative.

Jefferey Rodriguez and Xiomara Pazos are vying for Daubert's seat, and Carlos O. Alvarez and Esther Colon seek to take over Mestre's chair.

Attorney Joshua Dieguez automatically won Seat 4 at the end of the town's qualifying period, as he replaces Mingo.

Council members might chose to interview the candidates one-on-one or as a group and pick the winner by December. They hope to have the new town manager on board sometime in January in case Town Manager Alex Rey leaves early to take another job.

Rey, whose resignation is effective in March, said he has applied for other jobs.

He's is retiring from Miami Lakes to take advantage of the government Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP), which would pay him a high amount on his pension plan.

Rey has worked in government for more 30 years, starting with Miami-Dade County and served as Miami Lakes town manager for over 14 years.

Miami Lakes Zip Code bill passes in House, now heads to Senate for approval

U.S. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Miami) scored a big victory on behalf of Miami Lakes, as the town continues to pursue landing its own zip code.

The House of Representatives passed Diaz-Balart's bill which authorizes the United States Postal Service to establish a dedicated ZIP Code for Miami Lakes.

A vote in the Senate would make it official.

"For nearly a decade, Miami Lakes has been plagued with issues stemming from not having its own ZIP Code. From higher auto insurance rates to causing election confusion, the lack of a dedicated ZIP Code has been detrimental to the community," said Diaz-Balart.

"Throughout this ordeal, I have worked alongside Mayor Manny Cid and together we have made it our priority to solve this issue for the residents of Miami Lakes. Last Congress, I passed a designated ZIP Code bill that unfortunately died in the Senate. Today marks the second time I have passed this legislation, and I will not relent until this issue is settled. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to swiftly consider this bill," Diaz-Balart added.

He praised Cid for leading the campaign for six years to get an independent zip code. "I particularly want to thank Mayor Cid for his commitment to this



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issue and appreciate his dedication to the Town of Miami Lakes," Diaz-Balart said.

"He has been a staunch advocate for the community, and I am honored to work with him. Together, we are bringing home results for Miami Lakes, and I could not have a better partner to achieve this. I will continue to work with him to see this issue through its final resolution."

Cid said Miami Lakes is in good hands with the congressman working hard in the Nation's Capitol.

"Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart has been our champion in Washington D.C. He continues to deliver for Miami Lakes and today is further proof of his promise that our Town will receive an independent ZIP Code," Cid said.

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Kiwanis Club of Greater Miami Lakes hosts annual Square Dance October 6 to benefit ELIMINATE

After having very successful events in the past, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Miami Lakes is pleased to announce that it will hold its third-annual square dance to benefit ELIMINATE on Saturday, October 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Roberto Alonso Community Center in Royal Oaks Park located at 16500 N.W. 87 Avenue.

There will be a professional square dance caller who will be teaching beginners how to square dance. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the event, as well as various items up for purchase in a silent auction. The ticket price for the event is \$15 person. Ticket purchasers can make out their check to Kiwanis International Foundation, a 501c3 organization, for tax purposes which are tax deductible as allowed by law.

The Kiwanis Club is presently soliciting donations from local businesses and individuals for the silent auction. Last year's auction sold items like gift baskets, gift cards to local restaurants and stores, high end golf clubs by Odyssey and more. Individuals or businesses who wish to make a donation for the silent auction, the Kiwanis Club will gladly arrange for pick-up of the item.

To purchase tickets for the event, or to make a donation for the silent auction, contact an officer of the Kiwanis Club – Allen Albrecht (305) 558-8657 or text (786) 208-3177. Thomas Freiwald at (305) 582 3280 or Diana Fernandez at (305) 586-8736.

Kiwanis International and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) joined forces on a five-year project to raise \$110,000,000 to eliminate maternal and neo-natal tetanus in third world countries. This project was appropriately named the Eliminate Project (ELIMINATE,) and for just \$1.80 a child or mother is vacci-

nated against tetanus.

To date, over 100 million dollars has been raised towards meeting that goal. This goal has been reached thanks to the efforts of Kiwanis clubs worldwide and sponsored leadership clubs such as Circle K International (CKI) clubs at the collegiate level, Key Clubs at the high school level, Builders Clubs at the middle school level and K-Kids clubs at the elementary school level.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Miami Lakes is proud to sponsor Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) at the following local schools:

- Key Clubs at Barbara Goleman Senior High, Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High, American Senior High, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Hialeah Gardens Senior High, Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy, and Mater Lakes Academy High School.

- Builders Clubs at Milam K-8 Center Middle School, Hialeah Gardens Middle School, and Bob Graham Education Center.

Public speaking third place winner visits Toastmasters

The Miami Lakes Toastmasters Club will host Anita Fain Taylor delivering her third place World Championship of Public Speaking speech, "it is what it is, and it ain't what it ain't," at Miami Lakes Educational Center on Tuesday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

Each year, the Toastmasters International Convention culminates in the final round of the International Speech Contest, where the world champion of public speaking is chosen. In this exciting event, 10 contestants from all over the world deliver speeches that are evaluated by a panel of experienced Toastmasters.

After a year of competing in club, area, district and semifinal competitions, the contestants advance for the chance to win this prestigious designation. Taylor is a local district 47 Toastmaster, and beat out about 30,000 Toastmasters from around the world to advance to the international competition. Her win this year is even more relevant since the three winners of the event were women for the first time in the history of Toastmasters.

With this win, Taylor joins the prestigious World Championship of Public Speaking



ANITA FAIN TAYLOR

Toastmasters with other notable winners such as Cavett Robert, who won the contest in 1942 and went on to found the National Speakers Association. Miami Lakes residents and others are invited to join at the October 16 meeting to hear Taylor's award-winning speech and to learn more about Toastmasters.

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Miami Lakes Eye Care and Laservision marks 30th year



MIAMI LAKES EYE CARE principal staff includes (from left) Adalberto B. Acuña, O.D.; Joseph Trentacoste, M.D.; Barbara Zambrano; William Zambrano, M.D.; and William Zambrano Jr. O.D.

By Kayleen Padron

The Miami Laker staff

Miami Lakes Eye Care and Laservision Center has proudly served Miami Lakes for 30 years. Located at 15600 N.W. 67 Avenue in Suite 210, the office serves patients of all ages and medical backgrounds. From a pair of glasses to laser vision correction surgery, the team at Miami Lakes Eye Care do what they can with confidence to make patients feel comfortable and taken care of.

"We take care of all patients and of all ages," said administrator Barbara Zambrano. "We like to think that we take care of our patients from a very young age to the elderly. We have patients that, imagine, we've been here for 30 years. They were teenagers, and now their children are coming in to see us. We've had multiple generations come to see us. That is super cool."

Since 1988, Dr. William Zambrano and Dr. Joseph Trentacoste have worked side-

by-side providing better vision for Miami Lakes residents. Zambrano's son, William Zambrano Jr. joined the team in 2014 shortly after graduating with his Doctor of Optometry degree.

Additionally, Zambrano's wife Barbara, has been working alongside her husband as the office administrator since day one. Even Trentacoste's son currently works as an optician. The Miami Lakes Eye Care Center has employees that have been there for decades, making the office more like a family than a business.

"It's fabulous, it's wonderful," said matriarch Zambrano about the office reaching its 30 year anniversary. "The care we give to our patients for the past years, and the confidence they have in us. Patients come to us because of who we are."

In addition to serving the community, the Zambranos have been residents of the town since 1970. The family is also chock-full of local school alum-

ni from schools like Monsignor Edward Pace High School, Dade Chrisitan School and Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School.

"It's a small family atmosphere town, and like everyone in Miami Lakes, you grew up here and you stay here. You start a family here," explained Zambrano.

Although 30 years has come and gone, there have been few changes in the practice. Besides advancements in cataract surgery, lasek procedures or quality of eyeglasses, everything else has stayed the same.

"You know, I think we like to say that we've kept it the same way. We spend quality time with patients, and we don't rush our patients. Since day one and 30 years later," Zambrano said. "We give them the same quality we did 30 years ago as we do today. So what has changed? I don't think we've changed."

For more information about Miami Lakes Eye Care, visit www.eyedoctorsite.com.

Miami Lakes may use legal action for N.W. 59 Avenue land

Miami Lakes might seek Eminent Domain relief to acquire some land near Opa-locka Airport following the owner's refusal to sell his property, which stymied the town's plan for a connected road and boat storage.

The land at dispute is near N.W. 59 Avenue, where the town is planning to build a road to connect to N.W. 153 Street to alleviate traffic congestion and parking spaces for the storage for residents' watercraft.

At a special meeting, council members approved hiring an attorney who specializes in Eminent Domain to give lawmakers the pros and cons of the

procedure to determine if they want to take the next step.

According to Town Manager Alex Rey, Miami Lakes reached an agreement with Miami-Dade Aviation Department and FDOT to use their portions of the properties.

But the town needs the privately-owned land west of N.W. 57 Avenue to proceed with the transportation master plan.

Rey said the owner rejected the town's initial offer of \$7 million for the property.

Rey said the timing of Eminent Domain is crucial to the project's timetable.

"Construction is set to begin in 2020," he said.

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Miami Lakes Library schedules October activities



TEEN PATRONS at Miami Lakes Branch Library participated in a “Sugar Skills Makeup Workshop” to create beautiful, intricate designs traditionally seen on Mexican Day of the Dead celebrations. The workshop was led by professional makeup artist Heather Green.

Miami Lakes Branch Library announced the following programs that are available for the public during October:

For Children and Families:

Movies and Stories for Kids

– Watch favorite movies with family and friends. Movies being shown this month are “Ferdinand,” “Para Norman,” “Hocus Pocus,” and “Descendants 1 & 2.” Events made possible by the Town of Miami Lakes Education Advisory Board at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Talking is Teaching. Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers

– Stories, songs and activities for toddlers. Best for ages 18 months to 3 years old at 11 a.m. on Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25.

STEAM: How to Build a Bridge

– FIU’s student chapter of American Concrete Institute (ACI) will lead a two-house workshop about bridge design and construction. Space is limited. For information, contact the branch. Meets on Saturday, October 6, at noon.

Paws to Read – This reading program aims to improve the literacy skills of children through the assistance of therapy dogs who serve as literacy mentors. Bring a book of your own choosing or choose one from the library’s collection at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 13.

Peruvian Dance Showcase featuring Marinera 305 – Join

for an interactive dance performance by Marinera 305, a dance school dedicated to sharing Peruvian culture and heritage with the community. All ages welcome. Event made possible by the Town of Miami Lakes Education Advisory Board at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 20.

Science in the City – Enjoy hands-on lessons infused with experiments to spark interest in STEM. Each new lesson builds upon the previous. Space is limited so contact branch to register. Best for ages 8-12 years at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 27.

For Teens:

D & D and More - Create your own adventure with this classic role-playing game or play chess, Shadow Hunters, Magic, the Gathering and more. Best for ages 12 years and up at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, October 15, 22 and 29.

The Art of Storytelling Learning Circle

– What makes someone a good storyteller? Explore the storytelling process at Pixar and gain insight on how to write stronger stories during this free six-week online course. Best for ages 8-18. Meets at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, October 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Sci-Fi Makeup Demo

– Celebrate this year’s Teen Read Week theme, “It’s Written in the Stars...Read!,” with an out of this world makeup demo! Special effects makeup artist

Tabitha Sciafani will demonstrate a number of techniques to create sci-fi themed makeup. Best for ages 12-18 years at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 15.

For Adults:

Purls of Wisdom – Learn basic knitting and stitching. Materials will be provided. Best for ages 18 and up at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, October 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Strum the Lute: Tai Chi for Beginners

– Practice this ancient tradition and learn gentle movements to increase strength, flexibility and balance. Class is led by library staff. Best for ages 18 and up at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Meditation – Join in meditation derived from Raja Yoga, a discipline that helps develop inner calm, clear thinking and personal well-being. Meets at 11 a.m. on Fridays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Citizenship Information Session

– The Florida Immigrant Coalition, in collaboration with the Office of New Americans, will be available to answer questions in the process and requirements of filing for citizenship. Meets at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 13.

Book Discussion Group

– This month’s selection is “Code to Zero” by Ken Follett at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16.

My Miami Story - The Miami Foundation

– Everyone who lives in Miami has a story. How did you get here? What keeps you here? What can we do to improve our community? When we have a chance to talk about our experiences and hear others, we connect and learn about what matters to all of us. Join the conversation at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 23. Light refreshments will be served.

Mario Diaz-Balart Outreach Table

– A member of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart’s staff will be available to discuss federal issues and address any concerns a constituent may have with a federal agency, at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24.

Miami Lakes Branch Library is located at 6699 Windmill Gate Road and is open Monday and Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m., and Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The branch is closed on Sundays.

For more information, call 305-822-6520.



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Florida Trend names Alberto Carvalho among the states' Most Influential leaders

Florida Trend magazine selected Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho as one of Florida's Most Influential business leaders in its latest edition in a new section recognizing community advocates.

The inaugural special section of the publication highlights the 500 most influential executives in different economic sectors throughout the state of Florida.

The editorial staff recognizes the state's most influential business leaders spanning across more than 60 business categories, and the editorial selection of the 500 executives was based on extensive contacts in regional business circles, hundreds of interviews and months of research, culminating in a highly selective biographical guide to the people who help shape Florida.

Carvalho, who was appointed superintendent in 2008, manages the fourth largest school district in the U.S. with more than 346,000 students and 52,000 employees.

For the first time ever, Miami-Dade County Public Schools had no "F" schools last year.

Carvalho was honored for his latest recognition by Florida Trend magazine.

"I owe it all to my 48,000 colleagues at Miami-Dade County Public Schools," Carvalho said.



ALBERTO CARVALHO

On Saturday, October 20, Miami Lakes Optimist and MPS (Mucopolysaccharidosis) SuperHero Foundation are co-hosting the MPS SuperHero second-annual 'Kickin' for a Cure' kickball tournament. The event will be hosted at Miami Lakes Optimist Park located at 6411 N.W. 162 Street, and will last from 9 a.m. until 2 a.m. There will be fun, raffles, food and a free kids corner with lots of entertainment hosted by a child life specialist.

Miami Lakes Mayor Manny Cid and Doral Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez along with other mayors in Miami-Dade county will be in attendance. Along with local businesses, they will all come together at

this friendly competition for a great cause. All funds raised will go directly to funding a cure for MPS II, otherwise known as Hunter Syndrome.

Most children affected by MPS II will slowly lose their abilities to walk, talk and eat before they're 10 years old, and

will lose their lives shortly after. The MPS SuperHero Foundation believes all children deserve a chance to live, and that's what they are trying to accomplish.

For more information about the foundation, visit www.mpssuperhero.org.

Upcoming Miami Lakes Meetings Calendar

The Town of Miami Lakes, homeowners associations, professional and volunteer groups have scheduled meetings during **September**:

Town of Miami Lakes

Planning & Zoning Board	Oct. 4	6:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Cultural Affairs Com.	Oct. 4	7:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
State of the Town Address	Oct. 9	6:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Elderly Affairs Com.	Oct. 10	8:30 am M.L. Govt. Center
Education Adv. Board	Oct. 11	6:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Economic Devel. Com.	Oct. 15	5:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Special Call Town Council Meeting	Oct. 16	6:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Veterans Committee	Oct. 18	6:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Neigh. Improv. Com.	Oct. 18	7:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Workshop on Traffic Study (I-75 Bridges)	Oct. 23	6:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Public Safety Committee	Oct. 23	6:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center

Homeowners Organizations

Silvercrest South	October 2	7:00 pm MCCC
Loch Lomond	October 3	6:30 pm MLOP
Royal Palm Estates	October 4	7:00 pm MCCC
Loch Lomond East	October 10	7:00 pm MLOP
Lake Cynthia	October 10	7:30 pm MCCC
Windmill Gate	October 11	7:00 pm MLOP
Lake Carol	October 11	7:30 pm MCCC
Loch Andrews	October 15	7:00 pm MLOP
Loch Isle	October 15	7:00 pm MLOP
Lake Glen Ellen	October 16	7:30 pm MCCC
Royal Oaks	October 17	7:30 pm MCCC
Gramercy Park	October 18	7:00 pm MCCC
Regatta Pointe	October 18	7:00 pm MCCC
Lake Elizabeth	October 22	7:00 pm MCCC
Lake Martha	October 23	7:30 pm MCCC
Villa Vizcaya	October 24	7:30 pm MCCC
Anchorage	October 25	7:00 pm MCCC
Fountain Park	October 29	7:30 pm MCCC

Miami Lakes Clubs, Professional & Volunteer Groups

M.L. Chamber/Com.	Wed. Oct. 10	11:30 am Shula's Hotel
M.L. Garden Club	Mon. Oct. 22	7:00 pm MLOP
M.L. Bridge Club	Mondays	11:30 am MCCC
MLCA Bridge Club	Thursdays	11:00 am MCCC
M.L. Quilting Club	Tuesdays	11:15 am MCCC
M.L. Kiwanis	2nd/4th Thurs	6:30 pm Pamper.Chef
M.L. Toastmasters	1st/3rd Tues.	ML Educ. Center
M.L. Lions Club	1st/3rd Tues.	7:00 pm Bev. Hills.

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MLOP is Miami Lakes Optimist Park, 6411 N.W. 162 Street
MLYC is Miami Lakes Youth Center, 6075 Miami Lakes Drive E.
MLPW is Miami Lakes Picnic Park West, 15151 N.W. 82 Avenue



Classes and Recreation Calendar

The Town of Miami Lakes has scheduled the following classes and recreation activities during **October**:

Notice: Due to early voting at MCCC, some classes have been scheduled at RACC from October 15 to 31.

(Youth Programs)

(All classes are free unless noted by [\$])

Archery Juniors [\$]	Ages 11-17 Mondays	4:30 pm MLOP
Ballet 1	Ages 5-7 Mondays	4:30 pm MCCC
Ballet 2	Ages 7-9 Mondays	5:30 pm MCCC
Ballet 3	Ages 9-11 Wednesdays	4:30 pm MCCC
Ballet 4	Ages 11-16 Wednesdays	5:30 pm MCCC
Bricks4Kidz [\$]	Ages 5-12 Thursdays	6:15 pm MLYC
Canta Y Baila Conmigo	Ages 0-5 Tuesdays	10:30 & 1130 am MLYC
Code Explorers [\$]	PK Coding Ages 4-5 Wednesdays	4:00 pm MLYC
Code Explorers [\$]	Engineering Toy Making Ages 6-13 Wednesdays	6:00 on MLYC
Code Explorers [\$]	Game Design Ages 6-13 Tuesdays	6:00 pm MLYC
Code Explorers [\$]	Coding for Homeschoolers Ages 5-10 Tuesdays	10:00 am MLOP
Guitar [\$]	Ages 7-12 Tuesdays	6:00 pm MLOP
Jazz 1	Ages 5-7 Tuesdays	4:30 pm MCCC
Jazz 2	Ages 7-9 Tuesdays	5:30 pm MCCC
Jazz 3	Ages 9-11 Thursdays	4:30 pm MCCC
Jazz 4	Ages 11-16 Thursdays	5:30 pm MCCC
Martial Arts Tots	Ages 6-8 Mon./Wed.	4:30 pm MCCC
Martial Arts Beginners	Ages 7-9 Mon./Wed.	5:30 pm MCCC
Martial Arts Intermediate	Ages 8-10 Tues./Thurs.	4:30 pm MCCC
Martial Arts Advanced	Ages 11-16 Tues./Thurs.	5:30 pm MCCC
Open Hang Nights (Themed Nights)	Ages 11-17 Select Wed./Fri.	6:00 pm MLYC
YMCA After School Care [\$]	Ages 6-8th Grade	2:00 to 6:00 pm MLOP
YMCA After School Care [\$]	Ages K-5th Grade	2:00 to 6:00 pm RACC

(Adult Programs)

Open Play Dominoes	Mon. to Fri. 18+	6:30 pm RACC
Line Dancing	18+ Tues./Thurs.	11:00 am MCCC
Painting 1	18+ Fridays	9:30 am MCCC
Painting 2	18+ Fridays	12:30 pm MCCC
Painting 3	18+ Wednesdays	10:00 am RACC
Spanish Advanced Conversational	18+ Mon./Wed.	6:00 pm MCCC
Spanish Intermediate	18+ Tues./Thurs.	6:00 pm MCCC
Yoga 1	18+ Mon./Wed.	7:45 am MCCC
Yoga 2 [\$]	18+ Tues./Thurs.	7:45 am MCCC
Yoga in the Park	18+ Saturdays	9:00 am MLPW

(55+ Senior Programs)

Computers (English)	T/Th (Ages 55+)	9 & 11:15 am MCCC
Computers (Spanish)	M/W (Ages 55+)	9 & 11:00 am MCCC
Knitting/Crocheting	T/Th (Ages 55+)	1:00 pm MCCC
Sewing	T/Th (Ages 55+)	1:30 pm MCCC
Tai Chi	Mon.-Th. (Ages 55+)	9:00 am MCCC

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In Memoriam: Pro golfer Jim Kiely



JIM KIELY

Jim Kiely, a professional golfer who learned how to play in the Junior Golf Program at the former Miami Lakes Country Club (now Shula's Golf Club), passed away on August 17.

Aside from devotion to his family, Kiely's greatest passion was golfing. After the Junior Golf Program in Miami Lakes, he later played through college and then became a professional golfer.

Locally, Kiely set a course record with a round of 62 which he scored while playing with close friend, William "B" Graham, at Shula's Golf Club. Since he was not a member at the time, his feat could not be noticed on the first tee box.

Kiely earned his Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Class A membership and tour card by 1982. He was a board member of the Nat Moore Foundation, Dade Schools Athletic Foundation, and Nova Southeastern University Baudhuin School.

He was also on the Jr. Golf advisory committee for the Florida Sports Foundation, an advisory member of the Dade Amateur Golf Association, and a certified rules official who volunteered his services to Junior Golf Tournaments, PGA professional events and trained other PGA professionals.

He had 11 hole-in-ones and is the silhouette on the Florida golf license plate which raises money for junior golf programs across the state.

Kiely leaves behind his three children, Kaitlin Rae Kiely and her finance David Weisser. Kristopher Joseph Kiely and James Ian Kiely; a sister Kathleen Kiely Ferrer and brother-in-law William Ferrer; niece Tristan Kiely Ferrer; former spouse Lori Kiely; cousins and many friends.

A mass was held on August 25 at Our Lady of the Lakes Chapel. Donations in Kiely's memory have been made to the First Tee of Miami, 1802 N.W. 37 Avenue, Miami, FL 33125.

MDC's Ladies volleyball team off to 10-0 season

The back-to-back NJCAA National Champion Lady Sharks Volleyball team, lead by head coach Kiko Benoit, has started the 2018 season with a bang.

The Lady Sharks are 10-0, 1-0 in conference. They are ranked No. 1 in the FCSAA State Coaches Poll and No. 1 in the NJCAA Poll. The team is lead by a talented and diverse group. The Lady Sharks represent eight different countries on their roster.

Sophomore setter Tiziana Baumrukova, from the Czech Republic who averages over 11 assists per set. Valeria Santos from Puerto Rico is a member of the 25 plus dig club twice this season (vs. Hillsborough, vs. Daytona State) and averages over 4 digs per set.

Sophomore OH/RS Valeria Alegrias from Colombia averages 2.94 kills per set, 2.29 digs per set, and sophomore Fiorella Murillo averages 2.67 kills per set and 3.10 digs per set.



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FIU ranked in top 100 public universities

Florida International University is ranked among the top 100 public universities in the U.S., moving up 22 spots from last year's rank, according to the Florida Board of Governor's performance metrics.

It is the first time in school history that FIU cracked the 100 ranking.

"This rise in rankings reflects the hard work of our faculty and staff, and the determination of our students to excel. Our improvement demonstrates that our focus on student success, timely graduation and preparation to take or create great jobs, is making a difference for our students and their families," said FIU president Mark B. Rosenberg.

Among all universities, public and private, FIU also ranked 187th overall in U.S. News and World Report's rankings. The university has 18 programs that are currently ranked in the Top 100.

U.S. News & World Report has been providing the education rankings, which are used by parents and students to select schools, since 1983.

FIU's Alec Dominguez will chair SAAC advisory group Miami-Dade County Public Schools increasing AP exam rates and enrollments

Florida International University cross country runner Alec Dominguez was elected as the chair of the Conference USA Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) at the July meetings in Frisco, Texas.



ALEC DOMINGUEZ

Dominguez, a senior from Weston, Florida, will lead the group of 14 representatives from C-USA universities, who annually lead community service initiatives, discuss hot topics affecting collegiate athletics, and engage the student bodies at their respective schools.

"It means a lot being elected chair of C-USA SAAC," said Dominguez. "Leading this special group of athletes from across the conference is truly a great honor."

Dominguez is the first FIU student athlete to be elected to this position at the C-USA level, and is excited to hit the ground running and share his vision moving forward.

"A major initiative I look forward to tackling is mental health and breaking the stigma

that surrounds student athletes," Dominguez said. "This is an initiative that I look towards accomplishing not only on campus, but also throughout the conference."

Dominguez is notably involved on campus, as the president of the Student Athlete Leadership Council and the FIU SunBlazers fan club. He has also served as a captain for the FIU Athletics Relay for Life team.

St. Thomas' men's soccer team predicted to finish first in Sun Conference

The St. Thomas University Bobcats, the defending Sun Conference champions, have been picked to finish first in the 2018 Sun Conference Men's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll.

The poll was voted on by each of the conference's 10 head coaches.

St. Thomas received seven first-place votes and 74 total points, edging out Keiser by two points for the top spot. The

Bobcats posted a 14-1-2 mark in 2017, defeating Truett McConnell in the Opening Round of the NAIA National Championship, and falling in penalties to Mobile in the Round of 16.

Coach Felix Mats returns with members of last year's conference championship squad, including junior forward Pablo Gil who registered seven goals and five assists.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has been able to not only increase enrollment in advanced placement (AP) courses, but passing rates on AP exams have also increased.

In the 2017-2018 school

year, more than 30,000 students were enrolled in an AP course, with 55 percent of those students passing the exam. AP classes allow students to earn college credits while still enrolled in high school; this can help the student with the cost of

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Mater's Lily Sierra commits to FIU for volleyball team

Mater Academy senior volleyball player Lily Sierra recently committed to enroll at Florida International University and play for Panthers' top-ranked team starting next year.

Sierra made The Miami Herald All-Dade team during her sophomore and senior years after leading the Lions to two district championships and two appearances in the regionals.

Sierra chose FIU over St. Thomas University, Barry University and other universities and colleges who recruited her.



LILY SIERRA

FIU's Maurice Alexander named to Paul Hornung Award Weekly Honor Roll

Florida International University junior wide receiver Maurice Alexander was named to the Paul Hornung Award Weekly Honor Roll following his stellar all-around performance in the Panthers' 63-24 victory over UMass.

Alexander returned a punt 60 yards for a touchdown, and he also caught a touchdown pass, becoming the first Panther ever to record a punt return and touchdown reception in the same game.

He finished the game with 190 all-purpose yards.

For the season, Alexander registered 92 yards receiving, on six catches and scoring two touchdowns.



MAURICE ALEXANDER

FIU's Abbie Hughes named to Beach All-American team

Florida International University freshman setter Abbie Hughes was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association fifth annual High School Beach All-American team.

Hughes, who leads FIU with 229 assists on the season, was honored on the second team. Hughes played for Ohio Valley Beach Volleyball Academy/Next Level during her prep career in Mason, Ohio.

At the Ohio Valley Beach Volleyball Academy, Hughes won back-to-back Beach Fest Gulf Shores Tournaments. Hughes also placed second in the USA National Championship and finished first in two AVP Next events.

"Abbie is a unique athlete that was able to navigate playing indoor and beach as successfully as anyone in the country garnishing All-American status in both disciplines," said Rob



ABBIE HUGHES

Long, director at Ohio Valley Beach. "Before leaving for college at Florida International in June, Abbie and Maddie Anderson were yet to drop a match as a partnership in juniors play in 2018."

FIU's Lina Bernier named Defensive Player of Week

Florida International University volleyball player Lina Bernier was named the Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week following her performances that led to victories for the Panthers.

Bernier collected 39 digs in the wins over UAB and Marshall that helped FIU start conference play 2-0. For the season, Bernier has tallied 16 or more digs in 12 of the Panthers' 14 matches.

Bernier is currently third in the conference in digs, averaging 5.06 per set. Yumi Garcia of Charlotte leads C-USA with 5.86 digs per set. Amber Weber



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of Marshall is second with 5.33 digs per set.

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Dade Christian School welcomes Paul A. Humphreys as principal and NTBC Schools Superintendent

Dade Christian School welcomed Paul A. Humphreys as the new principal and New Testament Baptist Church (NTBC) superintendent of schools. He will focus on the mission of developing every child in mind, body and spirit. He believes that cultivating creative thinkers using a well-balanced approach can produce compassionate Christian global citizens.

Humphreys began his lifelong educational journey at Baptist University of America in Decatur, Georgia. Upon graduation, he remained at the university as an instructor and coached the college varsity boys basketball and baseball teams. He graduated with a bachelors of science degree in secondary education, and continued his education at Union Institute and University where he received his masters of education in educational leadership with proficiency in middle school and high school.

Humphreys has also led several seminars on the topics of curriculum, discipline and athletic continuing education programs. In the process of completing his education,

Humphreys became an ordained minister to meet the needs of all families with love



PAUL A. HUMPHREYS

and respect.

His longstanding educational career has included teaching, coaching and leadership positions at Masters Christian Academy, Florida Christian School, Dade Christian School and Hollywood Christian School. He has successfully led three schools through accreditation and successfully completed with high honors.

Humphreys believes strongly

in Christian education and is passionate about leading Dade Christian School into a bright future.

Humphreys is married to Cathy Humphreys and together they have six children and 11 grandchildren. Humphreys' wife spent 26 years in Korea as a missionary, and also has a master's degree in counseling from Liberty University.

Giving Gators hosted school supplies drive and visited local schools with donations

The non-profit organization Giving Gators hosted a school supply drive on August 31. They visited local schools and delivered everything from backpacks to the most needed tools for students to succeed.

"This simple act is an easy way to create a profound impact on students and their learning experience," said Giving Gators

founder Daylin Garcia.

Giving Gators hopes that with the collaboration of local sponsors like Nu World Title, LLC; PRMG Doral; and others, that they can continue to host events and fundraisers throughout the year with the means of continuing to assist the community.



PICTURED at the school supply drive are (from left) Bob Graham Education Center principal Yecenia Martinez, students from various grades, counselor Sara Najara, Miami Lakes Mayor Manny Cid, Giving Gators sponsor Tony Fernandez and Giving Gators founder Daylin Garcia.

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Pace holds Spirit Day for St. Mark Catholic School students



PICTURED at the Spirit Day at St. Mark Catholic School (from left) St. Mark's principal Teresita Wardlow, Melissa Alvarez, Ruben Masters, Amanda Perez, Sade Rogers, Daniella Conde, Teresa Macias, Emem Medny, David Barbier and Pace religion teacher Jeff Sanchez.

By Raquel Edmundson

Special to The Miami Laker

Students of Monsignor Pace High School (Pace) recently held a spirit day for the entire student body at St. Mark, the Evangelist Catholic School in Davie. The group of seniors who participated are members of Pace's pastoral ministry class, taught by Andres Novela, a class of 1996 Pace alumnus and the school's director of campus ministry.

The class focuses on teaching high school students how to communicate the gospel in ways that are relevant to their age group as young adults. The pastoral ministry group is at the core of Pace's campus ministry program, which helps organize all of the school's masses and prayer services.

Pace senior Teresa Macias said, "Being able to share my faith with younger kids felt incredible." The morning of spirit day, during the prayer service, students performed a skit and lead the group in moments of reflection.

Pace students later took some time to break into small groups with St. Mark's eighth graders, and older students had a chance of interacting with them at a deeper level.

It was a day of expression and growth for all who participated. Together, the Pace students continue to understand that there are several ways to express their faith in relevant ways that will resonate with today's youth.

Spanish Lake Elementary students and staff spotlight the meaning of Patriotism

Spanish Lake Elementary's (SLE) fifth graders embarked on their studies of American history with Patriot's Day on September 11.

Fifth grade students in Julie Barreto-Tejero's class wrote on a copy of their hand print about what being a patriot meant to them.

This was a message of peace and hope, and the handprints were then displayed in the shape

of the American flag.

Through their studies, students learned who they are and what they stand for as they grow into responsible citizens.

The study of American history helps students understand themselves and others as they learn from the mistakes of history's past. SLE students embrace history to improve decision making as they learn important values.



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Pace senior Thomas Willis was honored as the Riddell Sports Player of the Week

Monsignor Edward Pace High senior fullback and linebacker Thomas Willis was named Riddell Sports Player of the Week last month for his hard work and outstanding performance this season.

The 5'11, 217-pound player helped the Spartans to a 3-0 record before losing to American Heritage and University.

Willis' honor came two

weeks before Joe Zaccheo announced he's stepping down as Spartans head coach and athletic director at the end of the football season.

Zaccheo spent 22 years at Pace, winning 110 games in his first 11 seasons, four state semi-final appearances and won the Class 3A state championship in 2003.

He led the Spartans to the regional final last season.



SPARTANS fullback and linebacker Thomas Willis and head coach Joe Zaccheo.

Popular local singer Mercedes Ferreira-Dias joins Team Blake in her second 'The Voice' audition

From singing at Miami Lakes community events, at her church and countless events at Mater Lakes Academy (MLA), Miami Lakes resident Mercedes Ferreira-Dias made it to Team Blake on NBC's The Voice.

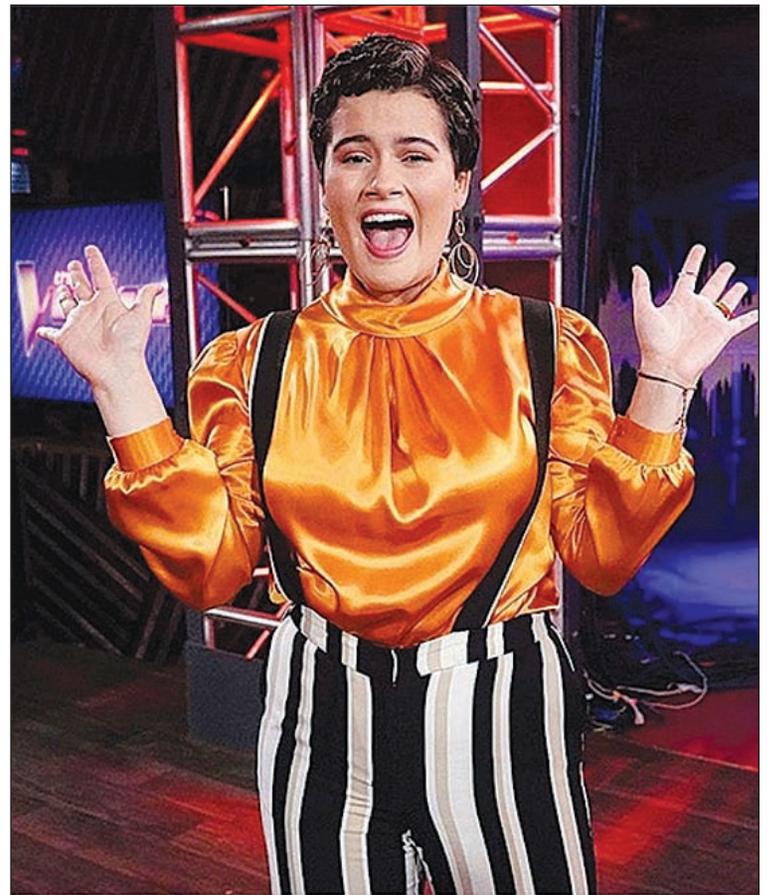
On September 24, the first episode of the blind auditions aired, and all viewers, especially her MLA family and friends in Miami Lakes, were ecstatic to see her sing "She Used To Be Mine" by Sara Bareilles.

With her excellent singing and song choice, she had Voice judges Blake Shelton and Kelly Clarkson turn their chairs for her.

The choice became hers as she had to choose between both judges. Ferreira-Dias chose Team Blake, the king of country music.

MLA administration and staff are beyond proud of her. Up next, Ferreira-Dias will face the battle rounds.

Her support team from MLA are wishing her the best of luck as they root for her in further success on the show.



MERCEDES FERREIRA-DIAS is pictured after her successful audition on "The Voice."

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Pace to induct 5 new members in Hall of Fame

By Raquel Edmundson

Special to The Miami Laker

On October 12, Monsignor Edward Pace High School (Pace) will induct five new members into its Hall of Fame during the 2018 Homecoming football game against Miami Edison Senior High School.

This year's inductees are husband and wife Jorge and Elsie Alvarez, Joel Rodriguez, Maurice Sikes and Rosemarie Banich.

Alvarez attended Pace and graduated in 1984. He and his wife are proud parents of Pace alumni Daniel Plasencia (class of 2006), Kristen Plasencia (class of 2009) and Christine Alvarez (class of 2012.) They have three grandchildren and reside in Miami Lakes.

The Alvarez's have been in the commercial real estate lending industry for over 25 years. Jorge Alvarez attended Miami-Dade College and Florida International University while his wife attended Miami-Dade College and Barry University.

They both currently serve on the Pace finance committee, Pace board of trustees and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church finance committee. While the children attended

Pace, Elsie Alvarez was active with yearbook and teacher appreciation week activities. Jorge Alvarez serves on the Town of Miami Lakes Economic Development Committee.

Rodriguez grew up in Miami Lakes, and graduated from Pace

in 2000. As a student athlete at Pace, he was a top-ranking football center and offensive lineman and went on to play for the University of Miami (UM) from 2000 through 2004.

Rodriguez served as the offensive line coach and run-game coordinator for Fordham University in New York before returning to UM as their director of player development and defense, a position he still holds today.

Rodriguez has also served as the keeper of the famous Hurricanes "turnover chain" during the past couple seasons, which has brought a great deal of excitement to the South Florida community.

In June of this year, Rodriguez was inducted to the Miami Lakes Sports Hall of Fame.

Sikes is a 1999 Pace alumnus. Like Rodriguez, he played Spartan football and received mentoring by head football coach and athletic director Joe Zaccheo. His efforts on and off the football field eventually earned Sikes an athletic scholarship to UM, where he was a member of the 2001 national championship team.

He graduated with a degree in criminology, and pursued a career in law enforcement with the Coral Gables Police department. He has received various accolades in his profession including several Officer of the Month awards and squad commendations. He has worked to help mentor younger police

officers and received a Silver Medal of Valor for saving three people from a burning vehicle. He currently serves as sergeant of the motorcycle unit.

Banich completed her high school years at Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School and graduated in 1986. She went on to earn a bachelors degree in English from the University of South Florida, and a Juris Doctorate degree from the UM School Of Law.

After practicing law for several years in Miami and Oakland, California, she earned a masters degree and subse-

quently taught English literature at California State University. In 2012, she was named by Archbishop Thomas Wenski as the Director of the Second General Synod of the Archdiocese of Miami, and was selected in 2014 to serve as the Director of the Archdiocese of Miami's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, where she continues to serve.

Rosemarie is married to Marc Banich and they have one son, Matthew, who is a proud

Spartan and member of the class of 2021.

The five will be inducted as part of the Homecoming game festivities on Friday, October 12 at the Pace football field, which includes the annual Homecoming Alumni Bash for Pace alumni and friends starting at 6 p.m. Parking is \$5 for the event.

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Dade Christian School hosts its annual Fall Festival on October 31

Dade Christian School celebrated fall through a series of events, starting with homecoming week October 1 through 5.

The week is themed after super heroes, and each day had a different dress-up day. Students were encouraged to dress as their favorite super hero, a famous duo or more throughout the week.

Fall festivities continue with Dade Christian's 2018 Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. A Christain-themed 'Trunk n Treat' will take place at 6601 N.W. 167 Street.

Parking will be \$3 per car. The event will include music, games and nut-free candy options.

For an additional cost, hayrides, food, face painting



and a photo op area will be available. 'Scary' costumes are prohibited. (305)827-8728 or visit www.dadechristian.org.

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Bob Graham Education Ctr. introduces new members of the 2018-19 PTSA Board

Bob Graham Education Center (BGEC) held elections for the 2018-2019 PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) board on September 13.

The BGEC administration and staff are proud to share the

members of the board, who've been re-elected.

The BGEC administration thanks them for their tireless efforts in fundraising for many endeavors at the school.



PTSA MEMBERS and others as they are pictured (from left) Karen Grace, North region coordinator for the Miami-Dade County Council for PTSA; Sandra West, second vice president of the Miami-Dade County Council for PTSA; Yanelis Cruz, BGEC membership chairwoman; Jeannette Vazques, BGEC recording secretary; Brenda Morejon, BGEC treasurer; Victoria Suarez, BGEC corresponding secretary; Yanet Corton, BGEC president; Yecenia Martinez, BGEC principal; Marlene Freixas, BGEC vice president; and Nancy Lawther, Ph.D., president of the Miami-Dade County Council for PTSA.

Gemstone Payments introduces new office

By Kayleen Padron

The Miami Laker staff

When it comes to running a business, there are many things everyday consumers don't factor in. Gemstone Payments, LLC. (Gemstone) located at 15280 N.W. 79 Court, helps businesses by providing easy-to-use payment software to process purchases.

"I love Miami Lakes," chuckled Carlos Romero, chief technology officer and Miami Lakes resident of 20 years. "This is a hometown to us, and we have an office in Atlanta and a couple of employees in the U.K., and an office in Panama, but we feel like Miami Lakes is our home, and we treat Miami Laker with a little more love."

For two years, Gemstone has housed their business in the town of Miami Lakes. In April, they moved to their newest location right in front of Ana G. Mendez University at Parkside Corporate Center.

"I think it's very central, particularly in South Florida. We're out of the chaos of some of the cities just south from us, and it still has some of that hometown feel without the craziness," Romero said.

Romero co-founded the company with chief executive offi-



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cer Serafin Fuente. The life-long friends have been in the same line of business together, and have started many ventures as a team. Since the early 90's, the dream team has worked together in payments.

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Ex-STU hoops star joins pro club in Argentina

Former St. Thomas University men's basketball player Raheem Bowman recently signed a professional contract to play for Club Argentino de

Junin of Junin, Buenos Aires in Argentina. Last season with the Bobcats, the New York native, who lived in Country Club of Miami,

averaged 15.2 points and 12.5 rebounds per game during his senior year, and he ranked fourth in NAIA Division II in total rebounds-per-game and

defensive rebounds per game at 9.20. He also ranked eighth nationally in field goal percentage (.629).

In his three-year career at St. Thomas, Bowman scored 991 points and grabbed 788 rebounds.

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FORMER BOBCAT Raheem Bowman has signed a pro contract with Club Argentino de Junin.

Jose J. Arrojo named new COE executive director

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (COE) recently selected Jose J. Arrojo as the new executive director. Arrojo, a former Chief Assistant Miami-Dade State Attorney, assumed the post when Joseph Centorino stepped down at the end of August.

Arrojo will be the third director of the Ethics Commission since it was created by voters in 1996. Robert Meyers served prior to Centorino.

Arrojo has served as a Chief Assistant State Attorney since 2004.

Previously, he had served as an Assistant State Attorney in a variety of areas, including public corruption, racketeering and organized crime, voter fraud, narcotics and homicide.

The University of Miami graduate earned his Juris Doctor at Florida State University and currently serves as an instructor in Miami-Dade College's School of Justice, Public Safety and Law Studies.

Centorino assumed the position of Executive Director on September 1, 2011, following his 25-year career at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office – most of that time serving as the Chief of the Public Corruption Unit.

During his tenure, he has overseen the establishment of policies restricting the use of special event tickets for public facilities by elected officials, and recommendations for the limitation of use of Miami International's Protocol Office by politicians traveling on personal business.

Centorino championed the creation and passage of an "Oath of Civility" for elected officials and public board appointees.



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MDC Foundation sets new record with \$1 million in fundraising for scholarships

For the first time ever, the Miami-Dade College Foundation hit the \$1 million mark in fundraising.

During the third annual I AM MDC Day last week, the organization raised a record \$1,045,350 for scholarships and programs that support students seeking to earn their college degrees.

Last year, the foundation raised \$228,543.

MDC alumni, staff, students and community members contributed large amounts of dollars to help reach the \$1 million fundraising benchmark, supporting affordable, accessible and high quality of education for college students.

"To say that Miami Dade College's third annual I AM MDC Day was a success is honestly an understatement," said MDC president Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón, an alumnus of the College. "This incredible milestone is a testament to the strength and commitment of our Shark family and would not have been possible without the generosity and good will of so many people in our community and our sponsors who believe in the critical mission of our College. This special day was truly an affirmation of the immeasurable impact MDC has had on Greater Miami and our nation."

All I AM MDC Day proceeds will support scholarships for MDC students and programs. Notable gifts designated for important programs include \$250,000 from The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for Puerto Rican students displaced after Hurricane Maria and \$100,000 from the Sprayregen

Family Foundation to establish a financial assistance program for student emergencies.

The lead sponsor of this year's I AM MDC Day was McDonald's South Florida Operators Association. Other sponsors were Bank of America, BankMobile, Geico, Sprint, Shutts and Bowen, Formula 1, Publix Super Markets Charities, Whole Foods, Burgerim, and South Florida Educational Federal Credit Union.

I AM MDC Day included spirited events at all eight MDC campuses. Padrón led a kick-off ceremony at Wolfson Campus with a check presentation from McDonald's South Florida Operators Association, remarks from alumni and students, and a vocal performance from MDC alumna, singer and 2017 America's Got Talent semi-finalist, Yolo Mayor.

"This place is not only a Dream Factory, MDC gives opportunities to so many people and brings the community together," said Alex de Armas, MDC alumna and WSVN 7 news anchor who was awarded the I AM MDC Day Ambassador Award. "I thank MDC for all the dreams that have become a reality and for all the opportunities given to me."

"I can say that I am a living example of how, at MDC, opportunity truly does change everything," said Carolina Mendoza, a student, scholarship recipient and president of the Student Government Association at Wolfson Campus.

"On such an important day for MDC, I know that more lives are about to be changed – just like mine."

Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral hosts guest speaker and the Iveron Icon from Honolulu

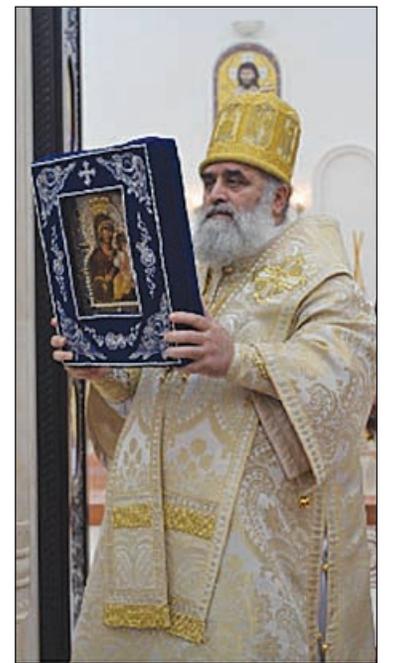
Internationally acclaimed Orthodox Christian writer and broadcaster Father Stephen Freeman will be appearing at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral at 16601 N.W. 77 Court on Saturday, October 20.

Freeman is host of the show "Glory to God for All Things" on Ancient Faith Radio and author of the book "Everywhere Present." To listen to his show, visit www.AncientFaith.com. He will lead the cathedral's autumn retreat titled "Face to Face: Shame and our Encounter with God."

In conjunction with the autumn retreat, the cathedral will be receiving a visit from the Iveron Icon of Honolulu. He will display a religious painting of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary that has been certified by the Russian Orthodox Church as a miraculous icon. Myrrh oil continuously collects on the surface of the painting, and there



GUEST SPEAKER Father Stephen Freeman.



THE IVERON ICON of Honolulu displays the famous painting of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary.

have been several documented cases of miraculous healing of those anointed with it.

The autumn retreat begins at 10:30 a.m. and concludes at 6 p.m. Admission is free, and no registration is required. For more info, go to www.OrthodoxMiami.org or call (305) 822-0437.

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Hialeah Gardens Middle hosts S.T.E.A.M. Night

On October 25, Hialeah Gardens Middle School (HGM) is hosting its first annual Interactive S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) night for the community of Miami Lakes as well as students and parents.

The event will take place at 6 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Participants will

be able to visit a variety of classrooms and participate in various hands-on S.T.E.A.M. related activities.

This year, HGM became the only Miami-Dade County public middle school to gain a gold S.T.E.A.M. school designation for three years in a row. Students gain hands-on experience through elective courses like

the agriscience program, which features over 30 animals including a zebu cow and an aquaponics tank.

Other classroom programs include sailing and nautical classes with CPR certification.

Through the business program, students can also earn Microsoft Office specialist certifications and Internet

Crime Complaint Center certifications (IC3) before their advancement to high school.

HGM also offers additional courses in all areas of S.T.E.A.M. including biomedical, robotics, coding, dance, band, drama and more.

The HGM administration encourages the community to join them for the interac-

tive S.T.E.A.M. night to get first-hand experience with what students are accomplishing every day.

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