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Letter from the Chair



Greetings!

The General Meeting of the Coral Gate Homeowners Association was held on April 25, 2012 and Your officers were elected for a two-year term. Members of the CGHA were present to vote and we were honored to have Mayor Tomas Regalado swear us in. As Board Members, we take our role very seriously and are honored to serve you, the residents of Coral Gate. This year we welcomed two new directors, Liz Rodriguez and Jesus Torres, who bring new energy and ideas. Liz has developed the website and newsletter; Jesus shows interest in working on Crime Watch.

Immediately following the ceremony, the floor was opened up for a Q & A session with our mayor, Mr. Regalado, with our Miami Commissioner, Francis X. Suarez, and with our Miami-Dade Commissioner, Xavier L. Suarez. It was an honor to have these dignitaries meeting with us and giving us their candid insights. We were reminded once again of their sacrifice of time and talent, and why these leaders are committed to public service.

As Miami's first Neighborhood Conservation District, Coral Gate is empowered to preserve the single-family residential zoning of our neighborhood. We love strolling through our peaceful, enclosed streets, and our annual tree plantings are ensuring that our walks are shaded and cool. We have more ideas to come about the "Greening" of Coral Gate.

Your CGHA continues to fight for the safety and tranquility of our streets. If you want to help, please join our Crime Watch Committee. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors. Most of us started out at the block level, distributing flyers or meeting about Crime Watch. The Miami Police department is very supportive of this effort and continues to patrol our streets, whether undercover, by patrol car, or on horseback. It's nice to know that they are looking out for us.

We are also accepting advertising in future issues of the Coral Gate newsletter and on the web (contact is Liz@designhousegroup.com). Winn Dixie, our neighbor with the newly renovated store on Coral Way, provided delicious treats at the General Meeting.

Have a fun and safe summer!

Maria C. Doval
Chair, CGHA

Induction Ceremony

Officers were elected during the May 2010 General Meeting for two-year terms.

Steering Committee

Maria C. Doval, Chair
Mary Andreu, Secretary
Sergio Barrero
Robert Valledor

Charles A. Garavaglia, Treasurer

Board Members

Wilma Dick
Manuel Gonzalez
Miriam Graydon
Julie Hood
Blanca McDonald
Matthew McDonald
Carmen Rodriguez
Liz Rodriguez
Jesus Torres



Shown here, from left to right: Liz Rodriguez, Carmen Rodriguez, Miriam Graydon, Mary Andreu, Wilma Dick, Manny Gonzalez, Jesus Torres, Maria C. Doval

Board Corner



Wilma Dick

After looking at homes in the Northeast, Northwest, and Southwest as far out as Kendall, my husband and I found Coral Gate. That was 1961. What could be more convenient to work, shopping and going to Crandon Park for swimming, boating and

fishing?

The mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance, were \$87 a month. That was scary! My husband worked for Westinghouse Appliance Service and I soon got a job in Coral Gables for an insurance agency. I could walk to work if I wanted to.

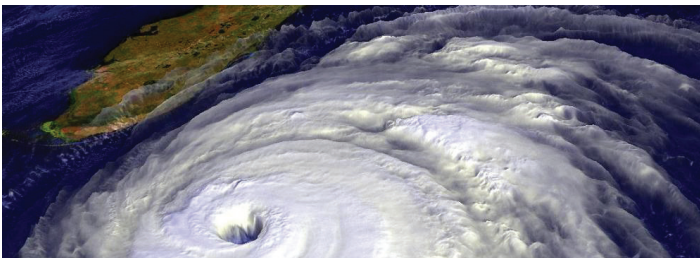
A few years later the house next to ours was for sale and my parents, who lived in the Allapattah area at the time, bought it. They, too, loved living in Coral Gate.

I have been a member of the CGHA for 25 years or more and proud to be the president in 1993. That was the time we were fighting for the barricades. I remember walking a picket line on Coral Way to bring attention to our cause. Yes, we won!

My husband and I loved boating and fishing. We bought our first small boat and could go over to Crandon Marina, launch our boat and spend the day on Biscayne Bay.

After a number of years we were able to do some traveling, but when we came home and would relax in our own back yard my husband always said "What could be nicer than this?"

Hurricane Season Reminders : Always be Prepared



- Update your contact information for family members, neighbors and work.
- Have all Emergency Numbers handy; you may need them.
- Get Fresh Batteries for your cell phone, pager and other devices. Check your fire alarms at home. Make sure they are all fully charged.
- Keep flashlights with fresh batteries at home, work and in your car.
- Store at least a seven-day supply of nonperishable foods for EVERYONE in the home. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water. Do not forget a manual can opener, as well as paper goods and plastic utensils.
- A minimum seven-day supply of water per person should be kept on hand. That amounts to a gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation. Nursing mothers, children, elderly and sick people may need more water.
- Do not forget your pets. This is the time to make sure they are wearing a collar with ID and if possible a registered Microchip. Keep pet carriers ready with towels and a bag of pet food. Your birds can be placed in pet carriers as well if an emergency in your home occurs.
- Generators present clean air concerns, so make sure you designate a well-ventilated area to run your generator.
- Never light candles during the hurricane! Use them only when there is no danger of wind storm and always use with supervision.
- Pick up a Hurricane Preparedness booklet, available in grocery and hardware stores for more complete information.

Now You Know: Essential – clip and post on your fridge

Pet Laws Update

The City of Miami has revised pet laws:

- Vaccinate pets against rabies beginning at 4 months of age. Revaccinate every 1 to 3 years.
- License your dogs annually
- Keep their tags on at all times
- You're allowed 4 dogs on residential property that's one acre or less; 6 dogs on 1-2 acres and 8 dogs on 2 acres or more.
- You can't buy/sell/own pit-bulls
- It's illegal to allow a dog to defecate/urinate on sidewalks of public streets or public buildings.

Neighborhood Meetings

Neighborhood meetings take place at:
Coral Gate Park, 1415 SW 32nd AVE or
St. Raymond Catholic Church

When to Call Non-Emergency

- For junk/trash piles at a busy intersection, call #311.
- For suspicious activities or suspicious persons, call Non-Emergency Police Dept. (305) 579-6111

Street Lights Out?

Call FP&L at 1-800-468-8243

Thank You

Mayor Tomas Regalado
for all the years of service to our community.

Commissioner Francis Suarez
for continuing the tradition of watching over Coral Gate.

City of Miami Police Commander Alberto Alberto and
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Call or visit the office for personal assistance with the following:

Concerns: Street Maintenance • Litter • Graffiti
• Shopping Carts

Licenses: Certificate of Use • Business Tax Receipt

Permits: Class I and II Special Permits • Parking
Meters (bagging meters for events) • Tree Removal
• Special Events Permits • "No Trespassing" Affidavits
• Noise Waiver

Payment: City Fees and Fines

Yard Sales



Adopt-a-Circle



Neighbors, if you are interested in sponsoring a circle on your street, the city of Miami will be happy to recognize you for your effort. You may also bring volunteers from an organization of your choice to help maintain the traffic circle of your choice. No fees are involved. This is what it entails:

1. Perform landscaping and maintenance at least 12 times per year;
2. Perform landscaping and maintenance during daylight hours and good weather conditions only;
3. Conduct safety meetings prior to landscaping and maintenance sessions;
4. Wear safety vests while performing landscaping and maintenance activities (provided by Public Works Department)

This program is sponsored by Commissioner Suarez and is very easy to join.

Online, visit: www.coral-gate.com/activism and download the Adopt-A-Circle application.

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