

# the G A T E

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## A Neighborhood United

Welcome to the Spring 2008 issue of The Gate. The Gate features news, information, personal stories and reminiscences from your neighbors. We hope it will help make your life in Coral Gate—one of Miami's best little neighborhoods!—a bit easier and more enjoyable.

Feel free to share your stories, comments and suggestions.

Enjoy!



On January 16, Coral Gate residents joined forces and once again showed they are united in their efforts to protect this historic neighborhood. The meeting, held at St. Raymond's Parish Hall, was a standing room only event; well attended by over 75 residents who shared their concerns over rising crime in our neighborhood.

Commissioner Tomás Regalado once again took time out from his busy schedule to speak at length about a recent wave of burglaries in Coral Gate. Also in attendance was Commander Papier of the Miami Police Department and members of his team. The officers

informed their attentive audience that the rise in crime follows a national trend but that Coral Gate continues to



be one of the safest, least crime-ridden neighborhoods in Miami. Nevertheless, many of us... *(contd. inside)*

### CONTRIBUTE TO CORAL GATE.

Because you live here too. Help us preserve and improve our historic neighborhood. We're always looking for volunteers to help us distribute newsletters or contribute ideas to help make life in Coral Gate better for all. Join us! **Annual homeowners association fee is still only \$15... and voluntary!**

Send your \$15 check payable to Coral Gate Homeowners Association to:

Coral Gate Homeowners Association  
P. O. Box 450215  
Miami, FL 33245

Or email us for more information:  
[theco.ralgatesc@hotmail.com](mailto:theco.ralgatesc@hotmail.com)



**JOIN US MARCH 12th!**  
**Neighborhood Meeting at**  
Coral Gate Park. Details on p.2.



## WATER RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT

If your home address ends in an **odd number** (1, 3, 5, 7, 9), water your lawn only on **MONDAYS, 4-8 am/4-8 pm**

If it ends in an **even number** (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) water on: **THURSDAYS, 4-8 am/4-8 pm**

For more information, call the *Water Conservation Hotline* at: **1-800 662-8876.**

**Water-saving tip:** *next time you wash your car, park on the grass. This way, you clean your car and water your lawn at the same time!*



# What is Miami 21?

*A fresh new look at urban planning and how it affects you.*

*Miami 21* is a zoning plan for the Miami of the 21st Century. The far-reaching vision of Miami 21 takes into account all the integral factors that will make each area within our City a unique, vibrant place to live, learn, work and play. It provides a new vision for the City that will be supported by clear guidelines and regulations that ensure future generations will reap the benefits of well-balanced neighborhoods and a rich quality of life.

Part of the Miami 21 vision is a *form-based zoning code* where the emphasis of the code is placed on the "form" (shape/configuration) of a structure and

the relationship of buildings to each other, to streets and to open spaces - rather than emphasis on its "use."

The form-based code includes principles which focus on a greater mix of housing, commercial and retail uses, transit and pedestrian oriented communities, and preserves open spaces.

You can read up on *form-based zoning* at the following web sites:

- [miami21.org](http://miami21.org)
- [formbasedcodes.org](http://formbasedcodes.org)
- [theseasideinstitute.org](http://theseasideinstitute.org)



### SAVE THE DATE

**March 12, 7:00 pm**

### NEIGHBORHOOD GENERAL MEETING:

**Coral Gate Park**  
1415 SW 32nd Ave

### CORAL GATE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTION

New Coral Gate board members will be elected at our General Meeting on **March 12<sup>th</sup>** at Coral Gate Park.

In addition, Coral Gate has a steering committee of four members who lead meetings and decide the general focus for the year. Nominees for this period's Steering Committee are Maria

Doval, Gloria Xiques, Sergio Barrero and Irene Pimentel who is also nominated for Secretary. Charles Garavaglia is the nominee for Treasurer.

At the meeting we will have a printed slate so you can vote and support the candidate of your choice. Nominations from the floor are also welcome. Come out and be an active part of your neighborhood.

### 2008 Nominated Coral Gate Board Members:

- *Mary Abreu*
- *Sergio Barrero*
- *Wilma Dick*
- *María C. Dovál*
- *Charles Garavaglia*
- *Grace Garrido*
- *Julie Hood*
- *Matthew & Blanca McDonald*
- *Marcos Moure*
- *Irene Pimentel*
- *Francis X. Suárez*
- *Robert Valledor*
- *Gloria Xiques*

### 911 AND CELL PHONES

When an emergency arises at home and you must dial 911, call from your house phone. These calls are automatically routed to the correct emergency dispatcher based on your address. If you must use your cell phone, tell the dispatcher you live in the city of Miami as you relay your address. Cell phone calls are transmitted by towers that cross municipal boundaries. Calls from our area are not automatically



routed to a Miami dispatcher. Commander Papier, from the Coral Way/Brickell NET area, addressed this at our Crime Watch meeting following up on incident in which a Gate resident called 911 and was rerouted to several dispatchers before the crisis was resolved.

### CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Many of us Coral Gate residents share information via email on a daily basis. If you don't have a computer, share your home or cell phone number with neighbors so they can contact

you in case of an emergency.

### WHEN TO CALL 311

311 is a non-emergency number you can call for government questions or services like:

- Order new recycling bins
- Ask for potholes to be repaired
- Report violations like overgrown lots or junk/trash piles
- Request a stop sign or traffic signal be installed at a busy intersection

### STREET LIGHTS OUT?

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

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...have had items like cars, bicycles, plasma TVs, jewelry, and computers stolen from our homes. According to police data, since July 2007, we've had over 15 home burglaries, 5 stolen cars and 10 motor vehicle larcenies. Quite frankly, we're all fed up and concerned about our properties and families. In addition to helping us start our Citizens' Crime Watch, here are some crime prevention tips the officers shared:

- Never open your door to strangers. Install a peephole if you don't have one.
- Get to know your neighbors; look out for each other.
- Report suspicious people and slow-driving cars to the police non-emergency number: **305-579-6111.**

- Join our new **Coral Gate Citizens Crime Watch.** Know who's the lead person in your block or volunteer to be that person if your block has no one assigned.
- Patrol the neighborhood, take a few extra minutes to drive around before you get home.
- Consider installing better outdoor lighting or locks.
- Lock all gates, doors and windows.

### CRIME WATCH UPDATE!

Thanks to Sergio Barrero some Crime Watch signs have gone up. We will place signs on the 16th Terrace and Coral Gate Drive/21st Street traffic circles. As people sign up for Crime Watch, Sergio and Matthew McDonald will put up the remaining signs. They will be going up at the STOP signs, yield signs and other traffic circles.



Julie Hood

### Meet your Coral Gate Board Members

Originally from California, Julie has been a Coral Gate homeowner since moving to Miami in '92. "I bought my house two weeks before Hurricane Andrew!," she told us. An oceanographer by profession, she's been teaching physics at *MAST Academy High School* for the past ten years and has served as a math and science department chair.

She enjoys gardening, motorcycling, taking photos and traveling to exotic lands.

On January 18, Julie was chosen as **Teacher of the Year** at Mast.

**Congratulations!**

### NowYouKnow

Essential clip-and-post-on-your-fridge neighborhood info. Also handy for new neighbors. Welcome to the Gate!

### WHAT'S R1?

Single family residential zoning code. Our homes (all 463 of them; built between 1948 and 1950) are zoned **R1**. Adherence to this code gives us low density and low traffic and makes Coral Gate one of the most desirable communities within the City of Miami.

### NOISE ORDINANCE

Miami laws restrict noise between 11PM and 7AM. Please observe these hours.

### TRASH PICKUP

The city picks up household garbage on Tuesdays and Fridays. Yard trash is picked up on Thursdays. **DON'T FORGET!** Don't put out your garbage before the scheduled day. You could be fined \$75.00 per day!

Nearest solid waste dump site:  
1290 NW 20 St. Open Monday to Sunday, 7:00 am - 5:30 pm.  
(305) 575-5107.

### PARKING

Vehicles can only park on driveways or swale areas, otherwise you may be fined. Don't park on sidewalks either or you may be fined.

### SCOOP THAT POOP

All dogs must be on a leash when walking with their owners and all canine "gifts" must be promptly removed. No one needs the extra fertilizer, thank you.

### YARD SALES

You need a permit from the city to have a yard/garage sale (you can have up to 2 a year). Get 'em at:

### CORAL WAY NET OFFICE

2299 SW 27th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33145  
Tel: (305) 329-4750  
Hours: Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

From now on, all Coral Gate meetings will take place at the Coral Gate Park Clubhouse, unless advised otherwise.

### CORAL GATE PARK

1415 SW 32nd Ave  
Miami, FL 33145  
305-442-0377



### FREE TREES!

The group *Citizens for a Better South Florida* is offering up to **two free trees** to Coral Gate homeowners. Only native trees will be available, no exotics or species not approved by the City of Miami. They will be planted for you *only* in the swale areas of our neighborhood, not yards. You just have to water and maintain them. Coral Gate board members Matthew & Blanca McDonald are leading this effort. If you're interested, please send them an email with your name, address and phone number to:

[MBLC@JUNO.COM](mailto:MBLC@JUNO.COM)

For more information, visit:  
[www.abettersouthflorida.org](http://www.abettersouthflorida.org)

