

THE GATE



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Letter From the Board Chair



The end of one more year is here and we are all planning for the Holidays and setting our goals for the coming year.

I feel so fortunate to have a wonderful family and to live in Coral Gate where I have made many very good friends. I count among these friends the members of the Board of Directors who support me in working for the betterment of the neighborhood.

We are also pleased to work so closely with our Commissioner of District 4, Francis Suarez, who is also a resident of Coral Gate. In fact, Mr. Suarez is always willing to help us out and make us proud. We are also grateful for the credit Mr. Suarez gives the CGHA for its involvement in the City of Miami.

Looking back, we accomplished many of our goals for 2011.

- Residents of 33rd Court met with Commissioner Suarez re: traffic calming
- Crime has decreased 9% since 2010
- New Newsletter Editor and Website designer selected
- Hired landscaper to trim trees and clean plantings around the Wall and barricades
- Painting of Musial Circle

We have revamped the Coral Gate website and are proud to announce it is finally up at the following link: coral-gate.com. For this we are very grateful to two Coral Gate residents, Liz Rodriguez and Gretel Viñas at DesignHouse, who have volunteered for the website project.

For 2012, we hope to continue work on Crime Watch and traffic calming measures. We are also working with the City of Miami and Dade County to have speed limit signs installed in the neighborhood and we continue to seek a left turn signal at Coral Way and Coral Gate Drive.

Elections for the Board will take place in April. A Slate of Officers up for election will be distributed to you prior to our General Meeting and you will be invited to attend the meeting and vote in the next Board of Directors.

In closing, Happy Holidays to all of you and your families. I will see you around when I walk Spike, my ferocious Chihuahua! Please feel free to stop me and chat. This is all part of the lifestyle we still enjoy in the Gate. We truly are very lucky!

Maria C. Doval
Chair, Board of Directors

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BOARD CORNER



Charles Garavaglia was born in the City of Miami and grew up just outside of Coral Gate. Many of his friends lived in the Gate and he remembers playing football on 36th Avenue and coming into the neighborhood to catch the bus to Coral Gables High School. He remembers when

St. Raymond was still under construction and he and his family met in a private home surrounded by a tomato field on the site where the church now exists.

"I moved to Coral Gate because I wanted to stay in the City. It was a place that I already was familiar with and where I had a number of friends"

Charles has been an active member of the CGHA Board and now serves as treasurer. He also serves the wider community through his membership on the City Of Miami's Planning, Zoning and Appeals Board.

He is an IT professional at FPL and holds a Master's degree from FIU. He enjoys the outdoors, tending his numerous Bamboo plants and recently came back from a trip to Peru's Machu Picchu.

Mr. Garavaglia's most recent claim to fame is his excellent painting job at Musial Circle to match the Coral Gate Wall. Well done, Charles!

Coral Gate Home Owners Association & DesignHouse proudly present the new website for Coral Gate: www.coral-gate.com



The new website will provide residents with the latest in Coral Gate news, community updates, ordinance information, and much more.

To join the Coral Gate newsletter online, sign-up on the new website, "subscribe to newsletter" and let's save some trees!

Have a good resident story you want to share? Do you have tips on gardening, home repair ideas, or suggestions to share with residents?

Now you can share them on the new website. We also welcome suggestions for anything you would like to add to the website. Please email us your story.



*DesignHouse Founders and Coral Gate Residents:
Liz Rodriguez and Gretel Viñas*

For more on Designhouse, please visit DesignHouseGroup.com

A full-service boutique creative agency



Shake-A-Leg Miami

What better way to see Miami, than from the deck of a sailboat skimming the waters of Biscayne Bay! I do this every weekend at Shake-A-Leg Miami and still find this the most inspirational, most "I can't believe this" program that I have ever been associated with, says **Bob Valledor**.

Shake-A-Leg was founded by Harry Horgan of Rhode Island, who fell off the back of a truck and became paralyzed. He didn't let his "disability" stop him from doing what he most enjoyed, sailing. He convinced engineers at Tillerson-Pearson (manufacturers of the J-Boats, Pearson and Freedom sailboats) to make a sailboat he could sail. Think about that, make a sailboat someone in a wheelchair could sail. Well they did and Harry got his sailboat!

He felt such a relief sailing that he was inspired to start Shake-A-Leg in Rhode Island. He knew many physically challenged people would gain renewed self-esteem and confidence by learning how to sail a boat. You know what? He was right! Harry's success caught the attention of Dr. Barth Greene, of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, who asked him to start a similar program in Miami. It didn't take Harry long to figure out he could sail year round in Miami versus only 6 to 7 months in Rhode Island.

In the past 20 years, SAL-Miami has expanded from teaching primarily the physically challenged to teaching able bodied adults and children. We are also developing programs for children of all socioeconomic backgrounds including at-risk kids.

Shake-A-Leg Miami offers Basic, Intermediate and Advanced sailing and Cruising classes. We also have a certification course sanctioned and approved by the US Sailing Association and the American Sailing Association.

Can you guess who's the Head Sailing Instructor? Yup, that's me. I have been a sailing instructor for 19 years and loving it! It's a tribute to our success that so many of our students, physically challenged and able bodied, enjoy their experience so much that they become volunteer skippers for the various programs and activities offered at Shake-A-Leg.



Skipper Bob

To learn more about Shake-A-Leg Miami including all the programs, activities and classes they offer, click onto their web site link.

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To see us sailing circles around another boat, go to this link:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kwo5m3_o8-4

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 Ethyl Jones and Neighborhood Resource Officers

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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



5 Tips for Protecting Your Dog



1. Spay or neuter!

One reason dogs jump or dig under fences and end up running in traffic with the potential of being hit is they are looking to mate. That can largely be stopped by altering your pet. Spaying or neutering your pooch will also lower the chance of certain diseases, and removes the possibility of an accidental litter of puppies, which contributes to the overpopulation of dogs in shelters.

2. Secure your yard.

Many dogs enjoy time outside to sunbathe and lay on the grass and you can't always be watching, so you'll want to know the fence or gate is solid.

3. Tag and chip!

No one expects their dog to get lost. But if it happens. Dogs can't tell someone where they live! Keep a tag on your dog's collar with your cell phone number. Also, be sure to microchip your dog because collars and tags can fall off. The resQ® pet identification system is one example of a safe and convenient microchip system designed to help reunite lost pets with their owners.

4. Fleas can mean disease!

Fleas can cause health problems in dogs. That's why it's important to kill fleas by applying flea prevention monthly. Advantage II from Bayer (which is a sponsor of Adopt-a-Pet.com and helps us work to

find happy homes for thousands of shelter pets) kills ALL flea life stages to control infestation on dogs. Your canine pal will be happier and healthier without fleas!

5. Don't chew that!

Puppies and even adult dogs like to chew on things. All medications, sharp objects or poisonous, ingestible products and substances should be kept safely away from your dog. Lock these items, as well as any other small toys or items a pooch could accidentally choke on, safely out of reach or your dog.

Source: Adoptapet.com

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