



THE GATE

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Why should you renew your membership or become a new member?

Coral Gate Chronology of Accomplishments

Coral Gate is Developed in 1948

In January, 1948 David M. Woolin began development of Coral Gate; the first 108 homes of the development were sold out immediately.

Coral Gate Lobbies for Park

Coral Gate residents lobbied successfully for the creation of Coral Gate Park. The Gate reported that in April, 1951, four acres of land were designated for the park: "This newspaper has been in the forefront of the fight for expanded recreational facilities in the Coral Gate area, and our articles have always pointed out the lack of such facilities."

Street Lights are a Unifying Factor

Coral Gate residents agreed to a special assessment by FPL to provide street lighting. The Gate claims the construction was conducted in a "speedy, efficient and orderly manner.

CGHA is Established

In October 1986, the Coral Gate Homeowners Association is born. Homeowners banded together after two homes on Douglas Road applied for rezoning.

First Street Closure in 1986

Lobbying by the CGHA resulted in the first street closure paid in full by the Miracle Center Associates. That agreement continues with the new owners of the Market Place and they maintain and landscape the closure.

Protests and Lobbies won by the CGHA

- 1989 - Residents protest plans by Varadero Market to convert four Gate homes into an expanded parking lot. The Gate Wins!
- 1991 - Coral Gate protests when Southern Bell dumps asphalt, concrete and dirt on the circle that we know today as Musial Circle.

- 1991 – Coral Gate homeowners launch campaign for street closures. They were finally constructed by the City of Miami in 1999.
- 1994 – Coral Gate receives grant from Florida Department of Agriculture for \$14,400 to plant trees in the neighborhood.
- 1996 – City of Miami Committee on Beautification and Environment awarded Coral Gate a commendation for beautifying the City of Miami by the tree planting.

The Big 50 in 2000

Coral Gate celebrated 50 years with a block party on January 23, 2000. The 22 original residents still residing in the Gate were honored by city officials. Children played four-square on our streets, mounted police, classic cars and a high school band paraded through. Residents of all ages celebrated the recently completed barricades that reclaimed our streets for our own.

Coral Gate Homes are Protected from Zoning Changes

In 2003, Coral Gate is designated as Miami's first Neighborhood Conservation District, which preserves the single-family residential use of Coral Gate homes. This NCD designation supercedes any future re-zoning efforts by the city or county.

Encroaching Development is Defeated by CGHA Activists

- Varadero market attempts to raze four homes for extra parking – defeated.
- Developer tries to convert a home to a Day Care business – defeated.
- Group tries to convert a duplex backing Coral Gate homes to commercial use – defeated.

Safety and Security

- Crime Watch is established and a communications network is created using email. Block captains volunteer for various sectors and local police routinely patrol our streets.
- The traffic light at Alhambra and Douglas is timed to allow safe exit for Coral Gate residents.
- CGHA continues to lobby for a left-turn signal at Coral Way and Coral Gate Drive. The current candlesticks at that intersection soon will be upgraded to a landscaped median.
- Traffic circles were the first phase of traffic calming within our streets. Commissioner Francis Suarez is working closely with residents to implement further traffic calming measures.
- The Musial Circle entrance was the first beautification project of the millennium. It will soon be painted to match the Coral Gate perimeter wall.
- The new Coral Gate wall is up! Since its dedication in May 2010, residents enjoy increased security and quiet.

Goals for 2011

- Cleaning and Painting of Musial Circle. Maintain trees and green areas of all the barricades.
- Have every street in Coral Gate participating in Crime Watch.
- Safety Measures to prevent traffic speeding throughout the Gate.
- Continue to have close communication with residents and the Miami Police Department.
- Collaboration with MPD to prevent and diminish crime.
- Increase Residents participation and membership of the CGHA.
- Continue to work with the State and the County to get a traffic light with a left turn signal at Coral Way and Coral Gate Drive, as well as replacing the candlesticks with a more effective traffic control at that same corner.

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