

# the Gate

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**LET THE SEASON OF GIVING BEGIN**



Dear Coral Gaters,

We have all lived through a rollercoaster year with many local and international events that remind us that there really is "no place like home." While life churns around our quiet enclosure, we can count ourselves lucky to come home to a peaceful family life. This was most evident this Halloween, when families and little monsters, angels and fairy tale characters walked our streets and politely knocked on our doors for treats.

This was just a glimpse of the lifestyle we have been fighting to preserve. We walk our children, push strollers, jog and bike through our winding streets. When we see a neighbor we take time to say hello and chat. This is a daily event for most dogwalkers whose faithful companions take them out for a stroll several times each day. I like to think that we enjoy all these activities because we feel safe and secure in Coral Gate.

While we live in the heart of the city near stores, churches and parks, we can come home to relative safety. We can continue to ensure this safety by getting to know our neighbors and by getting involved on our own block for Crime Watch. While we may have some problems, as all neighborhoods do, we can consider ourselves very lucky.

The Holidays are here and I would like to wish each of you and your families a healthy, peaceful and safe season. Happy Hanukkah - Merry Christmas - And a Prosperous New Year!

For 2013, the CGHA Board and I will continue to work hard on your behalf, to keep our wonderful neighborhood a safe and pleasant place to call home.

Happy Holidays Coral Gaters,

Maria C. Doval  
Chair, CGHA

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## Taxing District Survey Results

The majority of households who responded voted NOT to pursue a special tax district for specific shifts for police patrols in Coral Gate.

The poll, which was sent in English and Spanish in detail, was mailed to every home in Coral Gate to ensure that each homeowner had a chance to vote. The deadline for responding was October 15 and the results are in:

**The question:** Do you wish Coral Gate to implement or pursue a Taxing District?

The CGHA mailed 463 letters on September 24, 2012 at a cost of \$684 to print and mail.

By October 15, we had these responses, which were tallied by the Steering Committee:

**176 HOMEOWNERS RESPONDED**

**109 VOTED NO**

**67 VOTED YES**

These results inform us that the majority of homeowners are not interested and, therefore, did not respond. Furthermore, the majority of the homeowners that did respond do not want Coral Gate to have a Special Taxing District at this time. Thank you to all who did send in their vote.

# Board Corner



## Manny Gonzalez Like a Good Neighbor, He Volunteers

by Mary Andreu

Manuel “Manny” Gonzalez and his wife Betty moved into Coral Gate in 1994 as newlyweds. They are my back-door neighbors, so it was nice to see them remodel their Coral Gate home into a shining example of how our little houses can be transformed into very livable and lovely homes. I met them that first year as they introduced themselves and then asked, “How do these storm shutters get installed?” They had inherited some shutters in the garage, but had received no instruction. Since then, I’ve come to know Manny well, both as my neighbor and through his service on the Coral Gate Board.

have taught me life lessons that bring me good fortune at work and at home.”

Presently, Manny works at Miami International Airport in the capacity of Chief of MIA Business Ventures. He brings to this role his experience as Chief Operating Officer of the City of Miami International Trade Board and former Executive Director of Miami-Dade County’s International Trade Consortium.



Manny and Betty’s family grew with the addition of two sons, Michael (16) and Matthew (13). Through the boys, Manny got involved in Boy Scouts, and later as a leader. His experience changed from leading boys in camp activities to his role as a District Commissioner for the South Florida Council Boy Scouts of America. In 2009 Manny received the highest award granted to leaders, the Silver Beaver Award.

*Daughters of Charity  
Saint Vincent de Paul Orphanage/Haiti  
Miami Phone: 305 266-6485*

*For more information go to: [www.daughters-of-charity.org](http://www.daughters-of-charity.org)*

*Also, many Catholic Churches have a St. Vincent de Paul donation box. Please give what you can.*

Through his church, Manny is involved in several community service outreaches. He is an Emmaus Brother and Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus at the Church of the Little Flower. He admits that he carries a special fondness for his work in Haiti with the Daughters of Charity Saint Vincent de Paul Orphanage. There he works with over 1100 youths when he visits the orphanage every year. “I am passionate about service,” claims Manny, “because these activities

### Get Involved

Join the CGHA by sending in the membership form. Be sure to include your email address so that we may alert you to updates and news.

We are here to serve,  
Your CGHA Board

# 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 Avenue

## 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  
Neighborhood Resource Officers

## Ana M. Rodriguez • NET Administrator

New office at Coral Gate Park  
Tel: 305-960-4650 • Fax: 305-960-4659  
Email: arodriguez@miamigov.com

### 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**



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