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# Introducing Speed Tables to Coral Gate



Approaching Key Biscayne Speed Table



View of Speed Table and Swale



Profile of Speed Table

The purpose of this newsletter is simply to communicate the process to you, our residents. We are currently in the “joint review process” in which the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County collaborate with the Coral Gate Homeowners Association to plan street calming measures. Residents will NOT be taxed or asked to pay for these improvements individually. The funds will come from transportation tax and other monies set aside for street improvements by the City of Miami. Both Mayor Tomas Regalado and District 4 Commissioner Francis Suarez are promoting this process. Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez also supports the speed tables and has directed his Aide, Mr. J.C. Garrido, a civil engineer, to assist in launching speed tables in Coral Gate as a “prototype” for future projects in Miami and Miami Dade County.

Mr. Garrido presented Concept Drawings to residents at the General Meeting on May 22 at Coral Gate Park. There are currently twelve proposed locations within Coral Gate, plus a unique addition proposed for the entrance to Coral Gate from Douglas Road that will deter drivers from blowing through the stop light at SW 20th Street and the intersection of Coral Gate Drive and SW 18th Street. (see illustrations).

Speed tables are already in place in Key Biscayne (see photos), and have been very successful in that community. The photos depict how the speed tables blend into the landscaping in front of a home. They do not detract from the serenity of the street; they simply ensure that drivers cannot increase speed on simple “strait-aways.”

Coral Gate went through a traffic study in February under the direction of Dr. Joan Shen, Acting Director of Miami-Dade County Public Works. The concept drawings are done, and financing is being sought by city officials. Eventually, the project will be led by the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) of the City of Miami and a street site survey will be conducted to determine the best location for the speed table on each block.

You, the residents of Coral Gate, have the final say on whether or not a speed table is added to your street. Initially, the city of Miami will contact the property owners impacted on each block with a proposed speed table. Then, 2/3 of the residents on that block must approve the added speed table. Finally, the homeowners that are immediately adjacent to the speed table must be 100% in agreement. Your opinion will be sought throughout the entire process and the CGHA will participate in the process.

**The Steering Committee and Board of Directors  
Coral Gate Homeowners Association**

# Recap of Street Calming Initiative

Within the last few months many of your neighbors have joined together in an effort to make Coral Gate safer and more beautiful by proposing to County and City officials that additional traffic calming devices be installed in the neighborhood.

During a February 2013 General Meeting of Homeowners there was tremendous support for the idea. Coral Gate residents filled the meeting place to capacity and 45 people signed a petition and provided their feedback on where speeding cars were negatively affecting their safety and well-being.

Since February the Homeowners Association has been meeting with County and City officials, engineers and architects to get their input on projects completed in other areas of the county that would work for us in Coral Gate. The goal is to calm traffic and beautify the neighborhood.

These efforts have resulted in a proposal to place “traffic tables” in twelve (12) locations that your neighbors have identified as problem areas. These “traffic tables” will slow traffic in areas where speeding is at its worst. Many are proposed in “straight-aways” where there is nothing to inhibit a careless driver from far exceeding the speed limit.

This proposal does NOT involve speed bumps, but rather “tables” that have a small incline and decline and provide a narrowing effect along the road. The tables will contain curbs alongside them, beautifying vegetation in the swale and signage to indicate their presence.



Robert Kirby  
Coral Gate Resident

More from Robert...

*“I’ve been living in the Gate since 1998. I worked for DERM from 1998-2002 and then joined the U.S.*

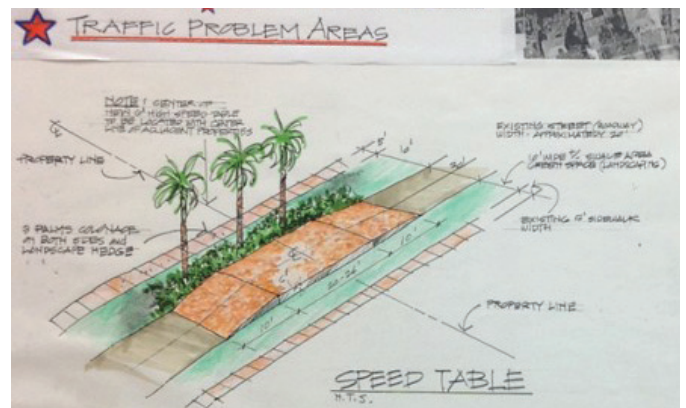
*Army, Corps of Engineers in 2002 until the present. I am a biologist/enforcement officer for the federal Clean Water Act Program here in Miami and the Keys. My wife Lina and I have two pet rabbits named Bruno and Rocky. You may see us with them in their playpen next to our house in the morning and late afternoons. We love the Gate’s location, tree lined streets and single family tranquil character.”*



Concept of Circle at SW 18th St and Coral Gate Dr



Concept of SW 20th Street Entrance



Speed Table Sketches



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# Now You Know: Essential — clip and post on your fridge

## City of Miami Police Department Information

### South District - Police

2200 West Flagler, Miami, FL  
Major David Sanchez  
Commander Alberto Alberto, Jr.: (305) 643-7170  
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### Neighborhood Resource Officers

Wilfredo Perez: (786) 663-9485  
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Ariel Saud: (305) 491-2645  
ariel.saud@miami-police.org

**Emergency:** 911

**Non-emergency:** (305) 579-6111

## 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

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### City of Miami

Mayor Tomas Regalado  
Commissioner Francis Suarez, District 4

### Miami Dade County

Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez, District 7  
Commission Aide J.C. Garrido, District 7  
Joan Shen, Acting Chief Public Works Dept.

## Revised By-Laws

The Coral Gate Homeowners Association is posting revised By-Laws at [www.coral-gate.com/by-laws](http://www.coral-gate.com/by-laws) for your review. At the next general meeting, voting members of the association will be asked to approve these amended By-Laws. Eligible voters are resident homeowners who are current members of the CGHA.

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New office at Coral Gate Park  
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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

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