



Wants You!



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I will always remember 2014 as the year that Coral Gate made history again!

The Planning and Zoning Board Meeting last February set a precedent with the City of Miami Chambers filled to standing room only with Coral Gate residents. Neighbors came together, fighting to preserve our NCD-1 status. We left very happy, having obtained a unanimous vote.

I am very proud this occurred on my watch as Chair of the Coral Gate Homeowners Association. City of Miami officials called us to congratulate us on our Win! The CGHA continues to be recognized as the best organized group of activists for neighborhood conservation in the City and County.

We have quite a number of new residents, some with young families, and I would like to welcome them to our close community. It is a privilege to serve you and I invite you to join the homeowners association. The more members we have, the greater impact we have when petitioning the city on behalf of our residents. Plus, it's a great way to meet your neighbors. So, get involved. We want you!

In the meantime, I wish you a hearty and healthy Holiday Season shared among your family, friends and, of course, your neighbors.

Maria C. Doval
Chair,
Coral Gate Homeowners Association



GET INVOLVED: JOIN UP!

By Manny Gonzalez

A homeowner's association is only as strong as its volunteers. All of our elected Board members serve as volunteers lending their time and efforts to improve the quality of our neighborhood. We encourage you to get involved and voice your opinions about matters that are important to you. Please step up to help out with our committees. All committees would be happy to have more help.

All residents of Coral Gate may participate in our standing committees. We always need help.

Volunteer Now!

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To be eligible to hold a Board position, you must meet the following criteria:

- Own and reside in a home in Coral Gate
- Be current with CGHA dues (\$15/year)
- You must have volunteered on a committee

To apply for a Board position, write to info@coral-gate.com for an application.



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County Approves Speed Tables for Coral Gate

By Robert J. Kirby

Over the last two years members of the Coral Gate Homeowners Association have been asking the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County to move forward with a traffic calming project in Coral Gate. The initiative was born out of the February 2013 General Meeting during which Coral Gate residents signed a petition confirming that speeding cars were negatively affecting their safety and well-being.

Since then the CGHA has provided a lot of feedback to the City and County on different possible designs for the devices and locations where speeding most often occurs. The "traffic tables" located on Key Biscayne, for example, were provided as the model for the devices that would best calm traffic while at the same time be attractive. Details like type of surface materials and speed table height were evaluated, again using Key Biscayne as the example. Examples were also provided to the City of devices that we would wish not to be installed in the neighborhood because they are ineffective.

The City has since obtained approval from the County to construct traffic tables at three separate locations within the neighborhood: 20th Street, 32 Court and 16th Terrace. Installation should start in November 2014.

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