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Commission recognizes MIA for surpassing 45 million passengers

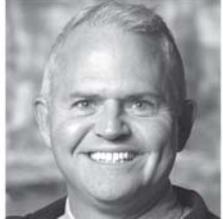
The Miami-Dade County Commission presented a proclamation to Miami International Airport Director Lester Sola on Feb. 20 to celebrate a major milestone in passenger traffic at MIA. The airport surpassed 45 million passengers in 2018 – an increase of nearly one million passengers over the previous year.



MIA Director Lester Sola accepts a proclamation from the County Commission on MIA's passenger traffic milestone.

As the busiest U.S. airport for international
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"City of North Miami" (Election 2019) The Incumbents on the Move!



Scott Galvin



Philippe Bien Aime



Alix Desulme



Michael Etienne

By: Yug Samot
 The 4 Year Term Limit for Mayor of the city of North Miami will end Dr. Smith Joseph mandate as mayor of the City in May 2019.

Councilman Philippe Bien Aimé of District 3, the incumbent, already decided his readiness to fill the mayor's shoes, based on his experience
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Miami-Dade County Bus Operator jumps into action to save baby from drowning

A Miami-Dade Transit Bus Operator dove into a canal to save a baby from drowning after the family's car plunged into a canal.

Bus Operator Elijah Saleem was driving a Route 27 bus northbound on NW 155 Street and 27 Avenue late Monday night when he saw a car go into a canal. Saleem immediately stopped the bus, secured it, and after calling for assistance, rushed to assist those inside the car.

Miami-Dade County Bus Operator jumps into action to save baby from drowning. The baby's father had managed to pull out his son out from the sinking car.

He handed the baby to Saleem and asked him to please save
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Bus Operator Elijah Saleem

Election in North Miami YOUR VOTE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THIS CANDIDATE!



Vanessa Joseph: Candidate for City Clerk, City of North Miami

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Letter to The Editor

Dear Friend,

I am no stranger to the Red Cross, but since January, I've been honored to take on the role of senior vice president of Disaster Cycle Services. It's a job that will bring me closer to the process of helping individuals, families, and communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

In the twelve years that I've been with the Red Cross, I've seen first-hand the devastating toll that disasters can have, most recently in my prior role leading the Northern Coastal California Region, but also in leading the recovery efforts for Superstorm Sandy and the 2013 Oklahoma tornadoes.

Today, the need for disaster services is not abating. It's more crucial than ever. Every year, we see record-breaking storms and fires – natural disasters of grand scale that have become the new normal. And while these are the stories that make the news, on average it's home fires that kill seven and injure dozens every day.

It's clear to me that the best way the Red Cross can fulfill its mission is to be ready for these disasters, big or small, so I am excited to usher in the Disaster Cycle Services Readiness Initiative.

Readiness. We define this as having the capacity and capability to reliably accomplish our mission with our partners. But what it means in practice is much more than that:

It's what you see when our volunteers mobilize to be present for thousands of shelter-seekers. It's what you experience when our staff can communicate with you in your own language.

It's what you receive in food, tarps, blankets, and essential items exactly when you need it.

And most of all, it is the hope you feel because we've made a connection that you can rely on.

After my first month in the job, I'm fired up to make this initiative a reality, together with our whole team under Harvey Johnson, our president of Humanitarian Services. And, I look forward to partnering with amazing supporters like you to achieve our mission of preventing and alleviating suffering in the face of emergencies.

Thank you for all that you do to help us be ready for the next family impacted by disaster and I'll stay in touch!

Sincerely,

Trevor Rigger SVP of Disaster Cycle Services

Chairwoman Edmonson advances housing agenda

Miami-Dade County Commission Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson's housing agenda moved two steps forward at the Feb. 20 County Commission meeting.

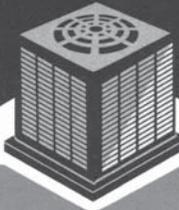
As part of the County's "Infill Housing" program, Commissioners approved a list of dozens of County-owned properties to be used for affordable housing, including properties that were conveyed to the County for non-payment of real-estate taxes.

In a related move, the Commission also approved a report outlining a 10-year plan to increase the number of affordable and workforce housing

units along public transportation corridors. The report was in response to a 2016 Commission directive to develop and submit a 10-year plan for the development of workforce and affordable housing on County-owned vacant land within a two-mile radius of Metrorail stations and one-mile radius of high frequency Metrobus corridors. "Enhancing affordable housing is my top goal as Chairwoman of the Board of County Commissioners, and if we can combine that with moving forward on public transportation, that is something we definitely want to see," Chairwoman Edmonson said.

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Kendall Indian Hammocks Park to host 16th annual Family Festival of Arts and Games for children and young adults with disabilities and their families

"Step right up!" All the fun and excitement of those favorite carnival games is coming to the 16th annual Family Festival of Arts and Games – "Carnival" on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, located at 11395 SW 79th St., Miami (near shelter 1 & 2). The event is presented by the Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department's Disability Services in partnership with All Kids Included, Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, The Roxy Theatre Group, and Villa Lyan Academy and Adult Program.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., participants with disabilities enrolled in Miami-Dade Parks Disability Services Out-of-School programs and its event partners' programs will join their families for fun, interactive activities that involve adaptive art, music, dance, sports, fitness, rides, games, and more!

Activities will include:

- Adaptive sports and fitness
- Performances from Supersonic Jump Rope Team, All Kids Included, Villa Lyan, The ROXY Theatre Group, and Miami-Dade Parks Disability Services
- Zumba dance lessons
- Workshop from Home Depot
- Visit from "McGruff" - The Miami-Dade Crime Dog Office and Miami-Dade Police Department
- Arts & Crafts: mask making, tie dye bandanas, paper flower garden, and balloon art
- Photo Spot and Hayride Float Parade
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- Free samples and coconut water provided by BADIA Spices, Inc.
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About Miami-Dade Parks

2019 marks the 90th anniversary of Miami-Dade Parks! Celebrate with us all year and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or on our website for information on our year-long celebration and the latest news and updates from Miami-Dade Parks. Miami-Dade Parks is the third largest county park system in the United States, consisting of 270 parks and 13,573 acres of land. It is one of the most unique park and recreation systems in the world and focused on Placemaking, Health and Fitness and Conservation and Stewardship. The nonprofit Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade supports Miami-Dade Parks' efforts to further develop Miami-Dade County's world-class parks system for residents and visitors.

Who:

Miami-Dade Parks Disability Services, All Kids Included, Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, The Roxy Theatre Group, and Villa Lyan Academy and Adult Program

What:

16th annual Family Festival of Arts and Games – Carnival ... for children and young adults with disabilities and their families

When:

February 23, 2019 — 10:00 a.m. - 03:00 p.m.

Where:

Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, 11395 SW 79th St., Miami (near shelter 1 & 2)

Editor's Note:

This event is not open to the general public. News media representatives are invited to come out to interview/ photograph families enjoying adaptive family-fun activities and share in the experience.



Community Calendar

Golden Passport

(for those 65 years of age or OVER)

If you are a senior citizen 65 years and over and are a permanent Miami Dade resident, you are eligible to ride transit free with a Golden Passport EASY Card. How to apply: When applying for the 65 and over Golden Passport, you must complete the Golden Passport EASY Card Application and provide a current valid Florida ID or driver's license with a Miami-Dade County physical address and your Social Security Number. A new application requires that a picture of the patron be taken at the MDT Transit Service Center or a 3-1-1 Service Center for placement on the newly issued EASY Card. Seniors will receive a Golden Passport EASY Card that is valid for twenty years. Replacement: When replacing their Golden Passport, those 65 and over need to provide a copy of their Florida ID or Florida Driver's License, as well as a copy of the front/back of current EASY Card with a Miami-Dade County physical address and their Social Security Number.

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Commissioner Barbara Jordan and Mayor Oliver Gilbert to host 6th Annual Black Heritage Festival

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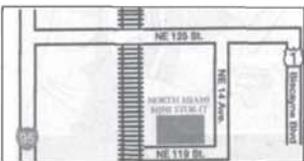
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On Wednesday, February 13th, 2019, the City of North Miami was designated as a StormReady Community by the The United States Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in conjunction with The Miami National Weather Service Forecast Office. The StormReady program helps arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property before, during and after all types of severe weather. North Miami is one of only four municipalities in Miami-Dade County who has obtained this special recognition and is now listed on the national map of [StormReady Communities](#). The North Miami Division of Emergency Management was presented the plaque by members of the Miami National Weather Service Forecast Office.

Being recognized as a Storm Ready Community qualifies North Miami to receive an additional 25 points on our Community Rating System Score from the National Flood Insurance Program. The higher our score, the more discounts our residents may qualify for on their flood insurance.

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Miami-Dade County Bus Operator jumps into action to save baby from drowning

his baby. Saleem grabbed the baby in one arm and with the other assisted the father and his female companion, both in their 20s, in getting out of the car, which continued to sink.

Saleem's quick and brave action ensured everyone survived the accident.

"We are tremendously proud of Mr. Saleem's heroic actions. He saved a baby and his family from drowning that night. This is an example of the many ways our employees go above and beyond the call of duty.

We want to thank Mr. Saleem for his selfless actions that night, and for the excellent service he provides to our riders every day,"

said Department of Transportation and Public Works Director Alice N. Bravo, P.E.

According to Saleem's supervisors,

Saleem, who has been with DTPW since late 2011, is an exemplary employee who often goes out of his way to help others.

"For him to go above and beyond, that's the type of person he is day in and day out," said Metrobus Division Superintendent Melvin Watson.

"We try to instill in our Bus Operators that we are public servants first. He is a person who cares about people, and that is what guided his actions."

Saleem said he doesn't consider himself a hero; he is just glad he was able to assist the family that night.

"I was just hoping I could help," said Saleem.

Media interested in interviewing Saleem can contact Karla Damian at Karla.Damian@miamidade.gov, or Luis Espinoza at Luis.Espinoza@miamidade.gov.

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Commission recognizes MIA for surpassing 45 million passengers

freight, MIA also set a new record of 2.3 million tons of freight, adding 60,000 tons to the 2017 total.

"Miami International Airport is the top economic engine in Miami-Dade County, so when the airport does well, the County does well," said County

Commission Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson. "As MIA continues to generate more jobs, I look forward to helping make sure that all the diverse segments of our community benefit from the many contracting opportunities at MIA."

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Commissioner Barbara Jordan and Mayor Oliver Gilbert to host 6th Annual Black Heritage Festival Vendors to display wares Feb. 23

we will have a special gospel showcase, and we're asking our attendees to help us celebrate our theme 'Historically Made: HBCU Edition' by coming out and representing their historically black college or university," Commissioner Jordan said.

There will be mobile units on site providing information and services such as the Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Agency and the Miami-Dade Public Library System. The festival will also feature African fashions, dancers, face painting, rock climbing, vendors, and food trucks.

"I am pleased to join Commissioner Jordan in hosting the Black Heritage Festival," said Mayor Gilbert. "Celebrating our rich heritage highlights the strength, resilience and creativity that has always existed in our community and remains vital to our achievements in the future."

Attendees will enjoy performances by Miami Norland Middle School's Dynasty Step Team, the Junkanoos, Zipporah Live, the Viking Freedom Writers and more.

Sponsors for the Black Heritage Festival are EAC Consulting, Inc., Airside International Business Park, Carrie Concessions, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, The Carrie Meek Foundation, Bombardier, Pinnacle Housing Group, HBC Engineering Company, and Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Beirman, P.L.

WHO: Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, District 1

Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver Gilbert
WHAT: Sixth Annual Black Heritage Festival

WHEN: Saturday, February 23, 2019, noon to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Miami Carol City Park
3201 NW 185th St.

Miami Gardens, FL 33056

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"City of North Miami"

in the city of North Miami as vice mayor and former interim mayor with great accomplishments and proven leadership.

The District 3 seat for councilman is now open and Michael Etienne, the actual city clerk of the city of North Miami is running for the position leaving the city clerk seat open for grab.

Two other incumbents are running for their seats: Scott Galvin (District 1) and Alix Desulmé (District 4). They are both ready and willing to face their

challenges.

They have expressed their desire to meet with their constituents during town hall meetings and often debates that could be forth coming.

All these incumbents have so far raised several thousands of dollars for their respective campaign and some of them feel confident that the community will never ignore their efforts to identify and solve the problems in North Miami "the city in progress".

Alleged illegal dumping violator caught in the act by Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management enforcement officer

Illegal dumping is a crime and anyone caught dumping illegally is subject to a fine, vehicle seizure and even possible arrest and incarceration.

One individual found that out the hard way when he was allegedly caught in the act of illegal dumping by Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) Waste Enforcement Officer Levar Baker.

"I was conducting surveillance on an illegal dumping hot spot," Baker noted in a case summary report. "When a truck was observed driving slowly past the hot spot and made a U-turn. I then observed the alleged violator exit the vehicle and begin to illegally dump the debris from the truck to the right of way of 4680 NW 31 Avenue," he added. The alleged violator was handed a citation for \$410 and the waste was removed from the site. Photos and a short video from the incident can be found here.

Illegal dumping is a serious crime that

can harm the environment and negatively impact neighborhood aesthetics. Dumping items such as tires, debris, old furniture and hazardous materials not only harms the environment and lowers property values, but results in millions of dollars spent on enforcement and cleanup costs.

Miami-Dade residents who witness an illegal dumping incident in progress should call 911. Never confront someone who is dumping. Instead, try to get the vehicle license plate number or at least a description of the vehicle used to commit the crime.

If an instance of illegal dumping has already happened, call 311.

Illegal dumping can also be reported using the MDC Solid Waste mobile application for Apple users. It's available for download free of charge in the iTunes store.

For more on illegal dumping, visit the DSWM website at www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste.

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As you age, you have a higher risk of contributing to these statistics. It's important to know that with proper care and management, those living with heart failure can enjoy a full, active life.

KNOW THE SIGNS

Most people that develop heart failure have a pre-existing condition, like coronary artery disease, high blood pressure or a previous heart attack. If you've been diagnosed with one of these issues, it's critical that you manage it carefully to help prevent the onset of heart failure.

In general, the number one thing you can do to fight back against heart-related health problems is to be aware of the most common risk factors. If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may be at a higher risk.

- Do you have high blood pressure or high LDL cholesterol levels?
- Do you smoke or consume alcohol excessively?
- Are poor diet and inactivity causing you to be overweight or obese?
- Do you have diabetes?

LIVE THE SIMPLE 7

Beating heart disease is a lot easier than you may think. To make the biggest impact on your heart's health, the American Heart Association recommends you practice these "Simple 7" habits every day:

- 1 **Keep a healthy weight**
- 2 **Eat better and healthier**
- 3 **Get up and get active**
- 4 **Watch your blood pressure**
- 5 **Lower your blood sugar**
- 6 **Kick the smoking habit**
- 7 **Control your cholesterol**

If you've been diagnosed with a heart issue, open communication with your care team is vital. Remember, with proper management, you can live a long and healthy life.

About 1 in every 4 deaths is caused by heart disease.



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Commissioner Diaz urges protection of veterans' homelessness program

The Miami-Dade County Commission on Feb. 20 unanimously approved a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz to urge Congress to preserve funding for a federal homelessness program for veterans. The resolution is in response to threatened cuts to the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program, which combines Housing and Urban Development housing vouchers and VA supportive services to help homeless

veterans and their families find and sustain permanent housing. In 2018, approximately 38,000 veterans in the United States were homeless or did not have safe and stable housing. "Veterans are our heroes, and for anyone who served this country in uniform to be living on the streets is heartbreaking and should never be allowed to happen in America," Commissioner Diaz said

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