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In the Company of Women 2017

The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, is a proud co-sponsor of the annual, "In the Company of Women" awards ceremony. A celebration recognizing distinguished women for their professional achievements, volunteerism, and contributions to the community. This event will take place on March 8, 2017, at the Coral Gables Country Club.

[For More Info Click Here](#)

Attention Parents: FREE Cultural Events

Question of the Week



Feminist is a person who advocates for social, political, legal, and economic rights for women equal to those of men.

Understanding the definition, do you consider yourself a feminist?

Yes

Select

No

Select

General Information

State Weekly Report

HB 961 | Excess MDX Toll Revenue/Public Transportation - County Priority: Representative Jeanette Nunez filed HB 961, which would require MDX to transfer to Miami-Dade County 20 percent of toll revenue in excess of operating costs and debt obligations for the purpose of funding public transportation. HB 961 would require the County to provide reports to the Senate President and House Speaker on transferred amounts and projects funded. HB 961 also would require MDX to provide a 3 percent rebate to each person who pays tolls on the MDX system. [Read More>>>](#)

Issues Affecting Women in Miami-Dade Survey

The purpose of this research is to study people's knowledge and perception about issues affecting women in Miami-Dade County and programs available to women. This survey will take approximately five minutes. Your participation in this research study is voluntary. Your responses will be confidential and no identifying information such as your name, email address or IP address will be collected. The results of this study will be used for scholarly purposes only. Thank you in advance for your participation! ~ Commission for Women

[Take Survey](#)

Community Advisory Committees

Community Advisory Committees are utilized to foster and sustain civic engagement in communities located in targeted areas. In accordance with the requirements of the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) program, the Department's citizen participation strategy and approach affords residents the opportunity to identify community conditions and needs, develop and implement plans and monitor their effectiveness in improving the conditions in which low-income people live.

For more information click on: [Meeting Schedule](#)

The New Americans - Cities for Citizenship

CITIZENSHIP INFO SESSION

MARCH 4TH
1:30PM - 3PM
\$5 parking with validation

MAIN LIBRARY: 101 W. FLAGLER ST. MIAMI FL 33130

DO I QUALIFY?

- If you are 18 or older
- If you are a person of good moral character
- If your spouse is a US citizen and you have had a green card for 3 years
- If you have had a green card for 5 years

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Complete an I-485 form with supporting documents
- Background check
- US citizenship test
- Take a civics test
- Take an English exam

DO I HAVE TO PAY?

You may qualify for a waiver and not have to pay the application fee. If you receive public benefits like Medicaid or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), receive the Food Stamp Program, or your household income is below 125% of the poverty line. Please bring your most recent tax return and 2 months of pay stubs.

UPCOMING CITIZENSHIP CLINICS:
Due to limited space, registration is required.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 TH	SATURDAY, MARCH 18 TH
11 AM - 3:00 PM	11 AM - 3:00 PM
North Dade Regional Library	South Dade Regional Library
2455 NW 183 Street Miami Gardens, FL 33056	30755 SW 211 Street Cutter Bay, FL 33189
Register at: bit.ly/FMmarch11	Register at: bit.ly/FMmarch18

FLORIDA CITIZENSHIP MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CITIZENSHIP

This citizenship event is brought to you by the Office of New Americans, Miami-Dade Public-Private Coalition, Miami-Dade Public Library System, and Florida New Americans Campaign.

For more information call 311

An initiative has been launched in order to advocate the increasing number of legal permanent residents, in Miami-Dade County, applying for citizenship. Come and learn everything you need to know about how to become a citizen.

Attend the Citizen Info Session on March 4th, 2017 from 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM at the Main Library | 101 NW W. Flager St. Miami, FL 33130.

Make sure to **reserve** your spot at one of our two upcoming citizenship workshops on [March 11th](#) or [March 18th](#).

[For More Info Click Here or Call 311](#)

Community Advocacy Board Update

Asian American Advisory Board

Program Director: Mr. Joshua Ho
Chairperson: Mr. Mehmet Ulutas

Next Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Location: 111 NW 1st Street Miami, FL
10th floor Transportation Trust Conference Room



Asian Culture Festival

Experience Asian Culture with Exotic Food, Beautiful Art Works, Crafts, Merchandise, & many more at the Asian Culture Festival. March 4th - 5th 10 AM - 5 PM at the Fruits and Spice Park.

[Click Here For More Info](#)



COSMOS hosted it's 7th Annual Appreciation Dinner

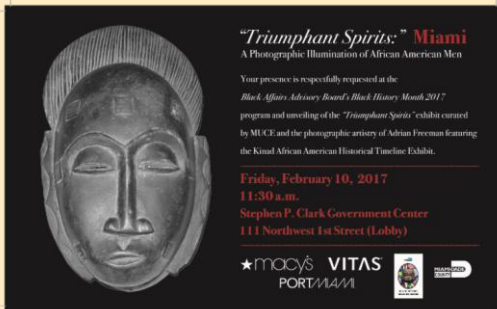
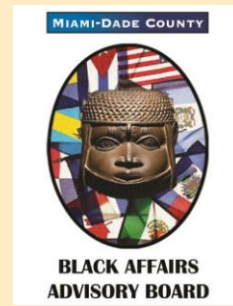
Last Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Hilton Miami Airport Coalition of South Florida Muslim Organizations (COSMOS Fla) held its 7th Annual Appreciation Dinner. [Read More>>>](#)

Black Affairs Advisory Board

Program Director: Ms. Retha Boone-Fye

Chairperson: Mr. Stephen Johnson

Next Advisory Board Meeting:
Today, March 1, 2017 at 10 AM
Location: 111 NW 1st Street Miami, FL 33128
18th Floor Conference Room



Last Chance To View The Triumphant Spirit Exhibit

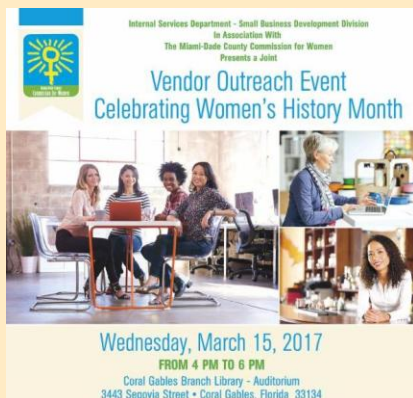
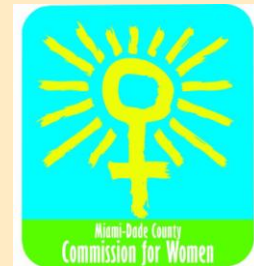
As we come to a closing, we invite you to visit the Triumphant Spirits Exhibit in the Lobby area of the Government center. The last day to experience the exhibit is Monday, March 6th. |

March 7th | Commission for Women will be co-sponsoring with the Black Affairs Advisory Board to present the unveiling of the Vessels Exhibit. The unveiling serves as a tribute to leading black women within the Miami-Dade Community.

Commission For Women

Program Director: Ms. Laura C. Morilla
Chairperson: Ms. Marie Woodson

Next Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 5:30 PM
Location: 111 NW 1st Street
Miami Gardens, FL 33128
6th Floor Conference Room



Vendor Outreach Event

Meet large Prime contractors subcontracting opportunities | Be informed on how to do business with Miami-Dade County | Meet County Agencies and the potential contracting opportunities with them | learn how to become certified as a Small Business Enterprise firm| Wednesday, March 15, 2017 | 4 PM - 6 PM |

To RSVP email: sbmail@miamidade.gov

Community Relation Board

Program Director: Ms. Shirley Plantin
Chairperson: Mr. Edward Shohat

Next Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2017
Location: Miami-Dade Inter-American Campus
627 SW 27th Avenue Miami, FL



Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board

Program Director: Ms. Natalie Milian
Chairperson: Ms. Francческа Cesti-Browne

Next Advisory Board Meeting:

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Location :The Survivor's Pathway Office
1801 Coral Way, Suite 200 Miami, FL 33145



Feeding Children Everywhere



The Miami-Dade County Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board is excited to announce their partnership with Feeding Children Everywhere for the Hunger Project, where 75,000 healthy meals will be packaged for hungry children in South Florida. The event will take place on Saturday, March 25th at Marlins Park. For more information and volunteer opportunities, please visit the Hunger Project registration page:

[Click Here](#) to take a look at the Hunger Project registration page!

Military Affairs Board

Program Director: Mr. Gustavo Cruz
Chairperson: Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Firefighters Memorial Building
8000 NW 21st Street
Doral, FL 33122





Supporting the Police Ride & Rally

The Office of Community Advocacy participated and assisted in the 2017 Support Our Police Ride and Rally held at Tropical Park on Sunday, February 26th, 2017. Pictured is Gustavo Cruz, the Program Director for the Military Affairs Board and his children along with Yvans Morisseau, Community Advocacy Liaison.

Independent Review Panel Working Group

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 2 PM - 4 PM
Location: Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street Miami, FL 33128
Commission Chamber Room
2nd Floor



Advocacy Governmental Services

Tuesday March 7, 2017

FedAssist 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Representatives from the offices of United States Senators, [Bill Nelson](#) and [Marco Rubio](#), will be available to assist with questions regarding US Government Departments and Agencies. Some US Government Programs: Housing, Veterans Services, Loans, Social security, Financial Aid.

Every Third Tuesday

Miami-Dade County Services

Housing Locator

You can search for affordable housing by location, cost and/or amenities using the [housing locator service](#) from Socialserve.com. These housing listings are subject to change on a daily basis. Features include: Customize your search with advanced search tools. Find Section 8, income-based, and special needs properties Analyze costs associated with affordable housing with useful tools such as a rent calculator, rental affordability chart, moving costs, budget worksheets.

[Supportive Services for Veteran Families \(SSVF\)](#) - will be providing services for low-income veteran families: Short Term Case Management, Rental Assistance, Utility Deposit/Rental Assistance, Security Deposit Assistance, Patriot Pass Assistance, Emergency Supplies, and Childcare Assistance.

[DCF/ACCESS](#) -

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) will be offering more information.

[ACCESS program](#) - which provides the following services: Temporary Cash Assistance, Food Stamps, Medicaid, and Refugee Assistance.

Every Third Thursday

[MDX-SunPass](#) - Every third Thursday of the month MDX will provide all attendees with a free SunPass mini for all vehicles in their household as well as informing residents about current and future MDX projects.

[Life Alliance](#) - Organ Recovery Agency (LAORA) will have representatives available every third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to educate residents on how to become a registered organ and tissue donor.

Every Month

[Take the Train, Take the Test](#) - the Florida Department of Health, Miami-Dade Transit and 3-1-1 have joined forces to offer free HIV and STD testing to the public at select Metro-rail stations.

Fraud Free

Every year, people are victims to schemes and scams. Today's scams involve new technology, combined with the same old tricks. You don't have to be a victim. We have tips to help you remain fraud free.

[Visit the Fraud Free Website](#)

File a Complaint

Citizens can register their grievance anonymously online or by calling the Commission on Ethics & Public Trust 24-hour hotline: 786-314-9560.

- [File a Complaint](#)
- [The Complaint process.](#)

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Each unincorporated Miami-Dade Police District has a CAC made up of about fifteen lay people. They meet monthly with the command staff of the District at the station.

The meeting is open to the public. Any problem requiring special attention can be presented; police matters are assigned to an officer.

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Sincerely,

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