



# Grab your paddles

## Miami is about to host 'world's largest pickleball festival'

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Miami Video Productions

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to pay for transporting Isaacs' body and funeral arrangements as of Tuesday morning, according to the GoFundMe page that she started.

"The friends and family of Dylan Isaacs are looking for support of any kind as they go through this difficult time, currently they are looking to bring him home and make funeral arrangements after his senseless murder," Cooke said.

Anyone with information about the shooting is encouraged to contact Miami-Dade & the Florida Keys Crime Stoppers by dialing 1-800-346-8477, texting "CrimeStoppers305" to 738477 or visiting crimestoppers305.com. All Crime Stoppers tips are anonymous.

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Let the games begin. Miami Marine Stadium on Virginia Key will be teeming with pickleheads this weekend for an event billed as "the world's largest pickleball festival."

Say what now? In case you've been hibernating on your couch for the last few years: Pickleball — a cross between ping pong, badminton and tennis — is one of nation's fastest-growing sports.

To give you some idea of its popularity: In 2023, the game had close to 9 million players over the age of 6, compared to 4.8 million in 2022, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association.

If you're still clueless, that's OK. The new 305 fest, consisting of tournament competitions across

100 courts throughout the stadium, is open to everyone, spectators as well as for casual observers whose idea of breaking a sweat is running to find an outlet to charge their phones.

Activations include fitness clinics, cooking demos, skincare lounges, gin tastings, musical performances, VIP E11EVEN Vodka Beach Club, DJs, fashion show, food stations, and obvio, Instagrammable moments galore.

There will also be plenty of folks who live and breathe this thing, so you might want a brief history lesson before you go: As the story goes, pickleball was invented out of desperation in the summer of '65 on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle, Washington.

Three dads — Joel Pritchard, then a state representative, and his friends Bill Bell and Barney McCallum — were looking for something for

### The Pickle Games

- **When:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- **Where:** Miami Marine Stadium, 3501 Rickenbacker Cswy., Miami
- **Cost:** Tickets from \$20 at eventbrite.com
- **Info:** To register/RSVP go to thepicklegames.com

their bored kids to do on vacation and rounded up all the random equipment lying around. They ended up using ping-pong paddles and a Wiffleball to volley back and forth over a net to everyone's delight.

It's not totally clear where the curious name came from (nothing to do with cucumbers!) but it's said that Pritchard's wife, Joan, likened the new

game to the pickle boats in crew, the ones that were the least competitive in a race.

These days, it's played on a badminton-sized court with a modified tennis net and a paddle and a plastic ball with holes, both indoors and out.

Steve Suarez, whose Black Stage Productions produced The Pickle Games, thought it was high time that there was a full-scale homage and plans to make it an annual event in the 305.

"Pickleball has become a passion in our group of friends and among the members of our team," he said. "Given our 30 years' combined event-production experience, we decided to capitalize on the growing popularity of pickleball and curate a community event where everyone — from novice to professional players — can come together to have fun,

network and compete."

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**CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **COUNCIL ZONING MEETING** on **January 24, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM** to consider the proposed site plan for the property located at 3730 NW 79 Avenue. The meeting will be held at the **City of Doral, Government Center, Council Chambers located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166.**

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 24-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SITE PLAN FOR Corporate property services, inc., FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3730 NW 79 AVENUE, DORAL, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 53-184(F) OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**HEARING NO.:** 24-01-DOR-02  
**APPLICANT:** Corporate Property Services, Inc. (the "Applicant")  
**PROJECT NAME:** Pollo Campero  
**PROPERTY OWNER:** Boykin Limited Partnership  
**LOCATION:** 3730 NW 79 Avenue, Doral, Florida 33166  
**FOLIO NUMBER:** 35-3027-031-0020  
**SIZE OF PROPERTY:** ±.73 acres  
**FUTURE LAND USE MAP CATEGORY:** Business (B)  
**ZONING DISTRICT:** Commercial Corridor District (CC)  
**REQUEST:** The Applicant is proposing to convert the existing ±3,000 square foot bank facility into a Pollo Campero, fast food eating establishment.

**Location Map**

Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL. The application file may be examined at the City of Doral Planning and Zoning Department located at 8401 NW 53 Terrace, Doral, FL 33166.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

Connie Diaz, MMC  
 City Clerk  
 City of Doral

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All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **COUNCIL ZONING MEETING** on **January 24, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM** to consider a text amendment to Section 53-184(e), "Zoning Workshop" of Chapter 53 "Administration" of the City's Land Development Code. The City Council will consider this item for **FIRST READING**. The meeting will be held at the **City of Doral, Government Center, Council Chambers located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166.**

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE No. 2024-06**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 53-184(e), "ZONING WORKSHOP," OF CHAPTER 53, "ADMINISTRATION," OF THE CITY OF DORAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, PROVIDING FOR A REVISED TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH ZONING WORKSHOPS CAN BE SCHEDULED; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**HEARING NO.:** 24-01-DOR-03  
**APPLICANT:** City of Doral  
**REQUEST:** The Planning and Zoning Department respectfully recommends that the Mayor and City Councilmembers approve an amendment to Section 53-184(e) "Zoning Workshop" to provide for a revised time frame within which zoning workshops can be scheduled.

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