AGREAT PLACE TO PLAY Fall 2021 Program & Event Recap





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PARKS & RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Parks and Recreation
Department is to provide world class parks and
recreation facilities, programs and events for
people of all ages and abilities.







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GET AN INSIDER'S VIEW

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ON THE COVER

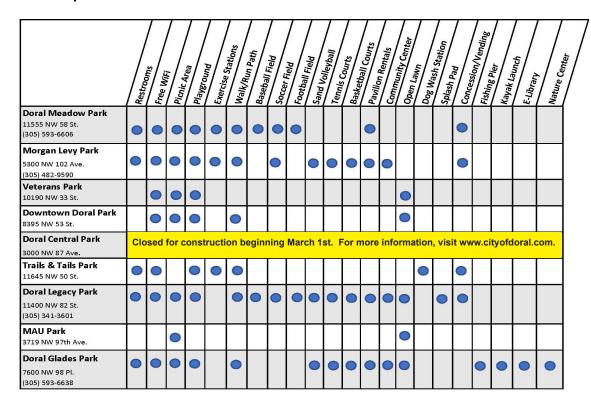


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DORAL CENTRAL PARK
CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION



Morgan Levy Park (14 acres)



Trails & Tails Park (8.3 acres)



Downtown Doral Park (3 acres)



MAU Park (.68 acres)



Doral Meadow Park (14 acres)



Doral Glades Park (25 acres)



Veterans Park (1.3 acres)



Doral Legacy Park (18 acres)

upcoming | events

MARCH

DR. SEUSS STORYTIME

March 4

4:30 PM & 6:00 PM

Doral Legacy Park

Come celebrate Dr. Seuss Birthday with us! It will be two fun-filled Storytime adventures with your favorite Dr. Seuss characters'! Help us celebrate reading, as we sing Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss! Registration is required. RSVP starting February 11th starting at 12:00 noon at www.cityofdoral.eventbrite.com.

MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (MISO) AT THE PARK

March 5

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Downtown Doral Park

Bring your blankets, picnic baskets and family to enjoy an afternoon with the beautiful sounds of the Miami Symphony Orchestra led by Eduardo Marturet. Event is free and open to the public. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. For those unable to attend, the event will also be live streamed on @cityofdoral Facebook Live.

MOVIES AT THE PARK

March 25

6:30 PM

Downtown Doral Park

Catch a family friendly film "on the green" at Downtown Doral Park on a giant inflatable movie screen. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. No alcoholic beverages, glass containers, or pets are permitted. Movie schedule may be subject to change. Refreshments will be available onsite for purchase. This event is FREE and open to the public.

APRIL

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

April 2

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Doral Meadow Park

The Doral Bunny is hopping on through for our annual EGGStravaganza! Join us to enjoy inflatable rides, egg hunts, fun games, and other interactive activities throughout this festive morning. Event entrance and egg hunts are free. Food, refreshments, and photos with the Doral Bunny will be for sale at the event.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

April 22

Various Times

Doral Glades Park

Join us for different Earth Day activities at Doral Glades Park! Stay tuned to social media for more details or visit www.cityofdoral.com/parks.



Did you know you can rent our pavilions, fields and rooms for your next party or gathering?

Rentals are available at the following locations: Morgan Levy Park, Doral Meadow Park, Doral Legacy Park and

Doral Glades Park. Book today by visiting us in-person at the park you want to reserve. *Morgan Levy Park handles

reservations for Doral Meadow Park.* For more information, call (305) 593-6600.



National Night Out & Back to School Night

The City of Doral, in partnership with the Doral Police Department and the Parks & Police 4 Kids Foundation, hosted its annual National Night Out and Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 3, at the Doral Police Training and Community Center. This fun-filled event prepared families for back-to-school season while equipping them with beneficial tips on crime watch and public safety.

Activities included food samples, balloon twisters, music, inflatables, sponsors booths with school supplies giveaways and exciting police demonstrations. Throughout the event, over 800 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed for free to residents.

Doral 5K



On Saturday, October 2, 2021, the City hosted its annual Doral 5K run/walk at Doral Meadow Park. Over 920 participants joined in and committed to health with this 3.1-mile certified racecourse.

At 6:30 AM, participants were invited for a pre-race group stretch and warm-up hosted by one of our event sponsors. This stretch got participants on their feet and getting their blood pumping to get ready for the race.

Immediately following the pre-race warm-up, runners gathered by the start line and enjoyed the beautiful acapella rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner by Doral Resident, Luna Meneses. Afterwards, Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez recognized Councilmembers and thanked the energetic crowd for doing their part in keeping Doral a healthy and energetic place to live.

A synchronized countdown of "on your mark... get set... GO!" sent the runners on their way and as participants made their way back to the finish line, they were greeted by an enthusiastic crowd and a custom finisher medal.

As most of the runners crossed the finish line, participants gathered around the awards ceremony stage and greeted Mayor and Councilmembers as they presented the placer medals to the top overall finishers and top three in each age group.

A big congratulations to all the 2021 Doral 5K participants for their achievements and for stepping up your health!









Howl-O-Ween

Dog Costume Contest

The annual Howl-O-Ween dog costume contest brought in over 500 patrons to Trails & Tails Park on Saturday, October 16. Beginning at 5:00 PM, patrons and their four-legged best friends were able to walk around and enjoy sponsor giveaways, caricature drawings, photobooths and the dog costume contest! What a fantastic night celebrating the love for our furry family members.

Trunk-or-Treat & Movie Night

On Friday, October 29, the City hosted a very spook-tacular evening at Downtown Doral Park. Over 300 patrons joined in on some trunk-or-treat fun and enjoyed an evening on the lawn watching the Disney hit, Cruella.

Veterans Day Ceremony

On The City of Doral hosted its 7th annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11 to celebrate and honor the brave men and women who have fought for our country. The ceremony was graced with many notable and honorable speakers like our Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

This year, we had the distinct honor of having newly appointed U.S Southern Command Commander, General Laura Richardson, as our special guest speaker. General Richardson is the second woman in history to lead a combatant command and the first to head SOUTHCOM, headquartered here in Doral.

This reflective and powerful ceremony honored our Veterans and their families for their tremendous sacrifice to ensure that we continue to live our lives free.











Holiday Cheer

TREE LIGHTING & MOVIE NIGHT

To kick off the Holiday season in Doral, the City hosted the Tree Lighting & Movie Night event. On Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00 PM, over 3,000 patrons gathered in front of the City of Doral's Government Center dressed in their festive pajamas to light up Downtown Doral Park and Government Center and to join in on a special feature of a holiday favorite, The Polar Express.

Patrons were also able to enjoy live performances from carolers, Las Payasitas Nifu Nifa, free hot chocolate, a life-sized nativity set, train rides, pictures with Santa and so much more!

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

On the following night, the City hosted its annual Light up the Night event. This heartwarming and intimate ceremony which honors all our first responders during the holiday season. The event was held in the plaza of Downtown Doral Park across the street from our Government Center, and the ceremony was led by Rabbi Avrohom Brashevitzky who invited Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez on stage. After the Rabbi and other dignitaries spoke, they were also invited to light the first candles on the 9-foot Menorah. Attendees then enjoyed light kosher bites, raffles and refreshments following the ceremony.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT THE PARK

This year, Holiday Celebration at the Park replaced the City's signature event Holiday Lights and Ice due to the construction taking place at Doral Central Park. The event took place on Friday, December 10 at Doral Meadow Park from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM and attracted over 5,000 patrons. Mayor and Council gave a warm welcome to attendees and introduced the first of many holiday themed live performances from local schools. Families also had the opportunity to enjoy an evening full entertainment including inflatables, a gingerbread house contest, music, pictures with Santa, train rides, photobooths, hot chocolate stations, sponsors booths and more.

STORYTIME WITH SANTA

To close out the Holidays in Doral, the City hosted a three day virtual storytime with Santa and Mrs. Claus. On the weekend of December 23rd, residents and non-residents alike joined in on the City's Facebook and on Doral's local channel 77 to witness Santa singing and reading stories for all the boys and girls with milk and cookies!









Congratulations to Doral's Holiday Card Contest Winners!

Each year during the Holidays, Doral hosts a Holiday Card Contest for the local schools to participate in. This year, we recevied 18 submissions.

Our winners were selected through a voting process done through the City's Facebook account. We had two winners this year!

Category 1 (top right) Ana Victoria Testa, age 8. Category 2 (bottom right) Anastasia V. Sulbaran, age 9.

Congratulations to all the participants for all the wonderful submissions. We look forward to next years contest with more amazing submissions from Doral's youth.





Culture *in* Doral

SHORT FILMS AT THE PARK

The magic of short films circulated Doral at the Short Films at the Park on Friday, August 27 at Doral Legacy Park. Those in attendance hit the red carpet and received goodie bags and giveaways as they viewed the films. The founder of the Miami Short Film Festival, William Vela, took the stage to welcome everyone and discussed the importance of short films and he quickly briefed the audience about the films they were watching. What an exciting evening to enjoy and share the love of film.

ART AFTER DARK

This quarter featured six different Art After Dark workshops. The first was held on Thursday, August 5, where instructors guided 30 participants to create a beautiful 'Bali Candle'. This tropical scented candle was poured into coconut shells and decorated with flower petals. The second Art After Dark was held at Doral Legacy Park on Thursday, September 30, where the 30 participants designed a custom needlepoint decorative sign to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The third Art After Dark was held virtually on Wednesday, October 27, where 25 participants were taught how to knit their own chunky blanket.

The Silver Club members had a special Art After Dark workshop that was solely reserved for members on Wednesday, November 10, at Doral Legacy Park. Members learned how to build their own Autumn Wreath to display on their homes. The week after, the City hosted another workshop open to the public. This workshop featured the creation of a beautiful cornucopia succulent arrangement to showcase at their upcoming Thanksgiving dinners. The final Art After Dark workshop of this quarter was held virtually on Thursday, December 16, as teachers took attendees step by step as each built a unique centerpiece to celebrate the Holiday season.

Interested in participating in our Art After Dark workshops? Visit www.cityofdoral.com/parks or call (305) 593-6600.

HISPANIC HERITAGE EXHIBIT

This year our exhibit brought 22 local artists with over 50 artworks for our Hispanic Heritage Celebration in Doral. Each participating artist submitted a piece of art they felt best fit with this year's theme of 'Culture Through Generations', this transformed the Doral Government Center into an exhibit displaying a variety of art forms including paintings, sculptures, photography, and textile works. On Friday, September 17, the artists, family, and friends gathered at the Doral Government Center for the exhibit opening to commence the two-week long exhibit.







Adventures with EcoAdventures

One of our newest programs, EcoAdventures, is proving to be one of the most popular outdoor programs. This program, which is offered monthly at Doral Glades Park, offers a day full of kayaking, archery and fishing. This class is designed for those ages 9 and over. The next class will be on February 5 and then again on March 5. To register, visit www.cityofdoral.com/parks or visit one of our community centers to register in-person.





BINGO NIGHTS

The City of Doral's Silver Club Bingo Nights are back in person this quarter with an average of 40 participants between August and December and ranged in themes from Halloween to Thanksgiving. These popular bingos were hosted at Morgan Levy Park, Doral Glades Park and Doral Legacy Park. Interested in joining in on the fun? Email Nerea.Recalde@cityofdoral.com for more information or call (305) 593-6600.

SEMINARS & LUNCHEONS

Silver Club Seminars and Luncheons provide the 55 and older community access to important age-related topics all while offering the opportunity to engage and socialize with their friends. This quarter covered topics such as, healthy blood pressure; medicare; and cardiovascular disease and ways to prevent it. Seminars were hosted at Doral Legacy Park and averaged 20 participants.

SOCIALS

As our Silver Club members transitioned back to in-person socials, they were able to enjoy several activities with fall session. On September 11, members got together to celebrate Grandparents Day with a brunch at Doral Legacy Park. In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, 35 Silver Club members came dressed in their native countries and enjoyed themed dishes at the annual Hispanic Heritage Dinner & Social on September 24. To wrap up this quarter's socials, 50 Silver Club members gathered on November 19 for a Turkey Dinner. Dinner was followed by fabulous raffles and a saxophone performance.

TRIPS AND TOURS

Another Silver Club favorite transitioned back to in-person. Trips and Tours kicked off with visiting some spectacular locations throughout South Florida. Members joined in on the Miami Marlins vs Washington Nationals baseball game, a shopping day at Brickell City Center and shared laughs at the Actors Playhouse in Coral Gables. The last trip of the quarter was to the Adrienne Arsht Center where members reveled in a holiday classic, Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol. Trips averaged ten attendees.

For more information on Silver Club programming, email Nerea.Recalde@cityofdoral.com or call (305) 593-6600.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Taking the stage in 2022, will be our newest program for seniors, Mind&Melody. The City of Doral is partnering with Mind&Melody, Inc. to offer Music for Seniors! Led by professional Musicians, this hour-long class will explore rhythms, genres, and musical concepts. Great conversations, great company, and beautiful music will bring the Silver Club members together. To stay updated on the latest information, visit www.cityofdoral.com/parks or follow us on social media @cityofdoral.







Doral Sunbursts are Always Shining!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Doral Sunbursts competed in numerous competitions this Fall Season. The Sunbursts competed in the Softball County Games on October 9 where they played magnificently well and received second place in their division. They also competed in two divisions in basketball team skills and traditional 5 v 5. Doral Sunbursts A team finished first place in team skills, Doral Sunbursts B team received third place in team skills, and our traditional 5 v 5 team finished in first place.

Congratulations to the Doral Sunbursts teams and we can't wait to see you participate in the Special Olympics Area Competition in January.

SPECIAL NEEDS SOCIALS

During the fall season our Special Needs participants got to enjoy a range of socials hosted at Doral Legacy Park, Doral Glades Park and Morgan Levy Park. Members celebrated Thanksgiving with a dinner on November 18, a gift exchange on December 13 and a holiday party on December 17. This season was a fantastic way to kick-off in person socials.







V-I-C-T-O-R-Y

DORAL BRONCOS CHEER TEAMS

Doral Broncos Cheerleading completed another successful season. For the 2021 Season, 95 cheerleaders aged 6-17 years old made up three teams: Pee Wee (PINK), Prep (BLUE) & Pro (BLACK). They cheered for the Broncos football teams at home games throughout the season and successfully competed at the Miami Xtreme League Competition and the Orange Bowl Cheerleading Competition, claiming the following:

- Grand Champions Pro
- Overall Top Score Pro
- Spirit Team Award (Doral Park)
- 1st Place Pro Large Division
- 1st Place Prep Large Division
- 2nd Place Pee Wee Medium Division

The Doral Broncos Cheer teams continue to be victorious and make Doral proud!





BATTER UP!

DORAL LITTLE LEAGUE

The Fall 2021 season was full of fun and exciting games for over 275 participants and 50 volunteers in the Doral Little League/Doral Youth baseball program.

Our Skills and Drills beginners' program had over 125 kids ages 4-14 years and they learned about the fundamentals of baseball including learning how to run the bases, hitting, catching, and throwing.

Doral teams won three travel ball championships at 6U, 8U and 11U level. Little League Tigers 13U team came in 1st place in their division as well. Congratulations to our Doral Little League players for all their big hits this season!



Take it to the Hoop

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

This season of the Youth Basketball League had 185 participants that were spread out into 25 different teams, with over 25 Volunteer Adult Coaches. Teams practiced during the week and later played games on weekends and some weekdays with their families and friends to cheer them on. Games were played at Morgan Levy Park and inside the Doral Legacy Park Gymnasium.



Park Renovations & Enhancements

Play on!

This Fall, Downtown Doral Park, Doral Meadow Park & Morgan Levy Park playgrounds received a much-needed replacement of the playground surfacing and was completed on time and within budget.

One of the most utilized amenities in our park system is our playgrounds. Children of various ages enjoy the ability to climb, jump, slide, and swing in them while they play with their family and friends.

Continuous maintenance and renovations are the key to ensuring that the play never stops. The project sites were completed one at a time in order to avoid having to close multiple playgrounds at the same time for an extended period of time. The project commenced on June 14, 2021 with the first site being Doral Meadow Park and concluded on September 23, 2021 with the last site being Downtown Doral Park.





One fish, Two fish

Doral Glades Park was stocked with fish! Yes, you read correctly.

Did you know that lakes are a living ecosystem in which all components are interrelated? Establishing and maintaining a sustainable fish population is a mjaor goal in healthy lake management. In partnership with the Florida Fish and Wildlife, Doral Glades Park is now home to an additional 6,000 fish. The fish species provided were bluegill and red ear sunfish. Because of this partnership, this service was completed at no cost to the City.

Fishing is allowed at the park and because of this thriving ecosystem, catch and release mandates are not necessary.

Eagle Scouts Soar with Community Enhancement Projects

Nature Identification Signs

Mr. Ricardo Juan Mendez, Boy Scouts of America Doral Troop 552 member, completed his service project at Doral Glades Park.

Mr. Mendez worked to make interpretive signage that is educational and informational. The park contains an abundance of native flora and fauna and with the creation of these trail signs, patrons will be able to easily identify our native surroundings. In addition, patrons will be able to learn about the importance of our ecosystem.

This project was fully funded through fundraising by Mr. Mendez and was at no cost to the City.

Monofilament Containers & Signs

Mr. Gabriele Savino, Boy Scouts of America Doral Troop 552 member, completed his service project at Doral Glades Park.

Mr. Savino worked to make improvements to the fishing dock where he installed monofilament disposal containers, fishing signs, and rod holders on the dock. He also donated fishing rods, supplies, and a rod holder that will be available to all visitors.

This project was fully funded through fundraising by Mr. Savino and was at no cost to the City.

We appreciate and are so grateful for these wonderful projects and look forward to continued collaboration with the Doral Troop 552.



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Sponsorship Totals

OCTOBER

IN-KIND: \$18,881.75

CASH: \$7,800.00

NOVEMBER

IN-KIND: \$995

CASH: \$800

DECEMBER

IN-KIND: \$4,100

CASH: \$6,300

A special thanks to...



Become a sponsor today and get your business noticed!

The City of Doral strives to produce top-rated events that the entire family can enjoy for free or little charge. In order to accomplish this goal, the City welcomes sponsorships to help offset event expenses. These events and programs take place throughout the year and attract various ages and interest groups. The Parks and Recreation Department plans, organizes and coordinates over 20 City-wide special and cultural events throughout the year with an estimated attendance of more than 80,000 each fiscal year.

The City of Doral events and programs provide you and your business the opportunities to obtain brand awareness and recognition, increase exposure, increase your company's perceived image, give back to the community, reach a targeted audience and a chance to know other businesses.

For more information on how to get involved, contact Ashley Barcena at Ashley.Barcena@cityofdoral.com.

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Program Attendance

Genius Labs	222
Nature Craft	62
Just You and Me	220
Crafty Art	120
Start Smart	648
Core Yoga	78
Florida Karate Club	910
Doral Fencing Club	225
Chess for Kids	91
Doral Beach Tennis Club	702
Joga Binito Futsal	442
Simanof Orchestra	171 6
Cristi's Dance	468
Jazzercise	286



Beach Tennis Program

Contracted Sports and Programs

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