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A magazine for City of Coral Gables Residents, produced by the City of Coral Gables

Your City Government

City Commission

- Mayor, Raul Valdez-Fauli
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- Commissioner, Jorge L. Fors Junior
- Commissioner, Pat Keon
- Commissioner, Michael Mena
- City Manager, Peter J. Iglesias
- City Attorney, Miriam Soler Ramos
- City Clerk, Billy Y. Urquia

## Update from the Mayor, Commission, and Appointed Officials

### From the Mayor

#### Mayor's Message

A city's most important function is to ensure the safety of its residents. Tree canopy, sidewalks, public art and other quality of life aspects are irrelevant if residents fear getting assaulted, their cars stolen or their homes burglarized.

Coral Gables has always been one of Miami-Dade County's safest cities, but crime has dropped to its lowest rate in 20 years thanks to several measures we've undertaken recently to protect our residents even further.

Whereas two years ago, 16 positions were left unfilled, the Coral Gables Police Department is now fully staffed, with nearly 200 sworn officers at your service. We attract the best of the best, we ensure they're compensated appropriately and we're proud to say that year after year, they set the bar for law enforcement excellence. You might not be aware of all the services they offer free of charge--for example, if you'll be away from home for an extended period of time, call 305-442-1600 to have them perform a residential security check and patrol your house more frequently. For crime prevention tips and other public safety resources for residents, I encourage you to consult <https://www.coralgables.com/departments/Police/> or follow the

Coral Gables Police Department on Twitter @CoralGablesPD.

The Coral Gables City Commission has adopted an ordinance allowing your alarm company to immediately contact the Coral Gables Police Department for dispatch if you don't answer the alarm company on the first try. No fee will be assessed to residents enrolled in the program for the first four false alarm calls for dispatch in one calendar year, and there's no charge to enroll. Just fill out the registration form at [www.coralgables.com/quickresponse](http://www.coralgables.com/quickresponse) or call 305-460-5280.

The City of Coral Gables is also proud to employ retired police officers and other safety experts as Neighborhood Safety Aides, a second set of eyes on the street to provide additional safety and comfort to residents. You may have seen them patrolling your neighborhoods in the City's official white electric vehicles. They'll let you know, for example, if you've forgotten to close your garage door or if you've left valuables in plain sight in your car, and you should feel free to inform them of any safety concerns you might have.

Since stolen vehicles are often used to commit crimes, we've installed license plate-reading cameras throughout Coral Gables, enabling us to pursue delinquents before they have the chance to engage in further illicit activity. We've also installed cameras in downtown Coral Gables to monitor for suspicious activity that may result in crimes committed against residents or visitors.

People choose the City Beautiful because Coral Gables is an extremely safe place to live, work, visit and go to school. These and other safety initiatives are meant to keep it that way!

I am proud to serve as your Mayor.

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## **From the City Commissioners**

### **Vice Mayor Vince Lago**

I'm so proud that we are making great strides on many initiatives in the realm of sustainability, transportation and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents. The City is taking the approach to re-balance the way people get around and provide a variety of choices that involve healthier transportation options like walking, cycling, and transit for those who would like to use them. As a Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board Member representing the City of Coral Gables, I am glad to have helped the City receive a grant which extended the popular door-to-door Freebee service to the Youth Center, the Coral Gables Library and the Douglas Road Metrorail Station. Following a successful pilot program, Coral Gables will soon open bids for one or two electric scooter providers to operate within the city boundaries. Legislative efforts, like lowering the speed limit, combined with enhanced street design makes our neighborhoods safer. Within the next few months, we'll be installing speed humps, speed tables, in-street pedestrian crossing signs, raised intersections, traffic circles and traffic islands in the critical areas residents helped us identify at last year's traffic calming workshops. Sustainability remains an important topic. We now have solar benches in our public parks, the largest electric fleet vehicles in the State of Florida, have banned plastic bags and polystyrene, and waive solar

permit fees for homeowners interested in installing solar. These are a few policies among many in which I have worked to deliver. I am very proud to serve as your Vice Mayor and will continue to spearhead initiatives that will enhance the quality of life for all residents and the business community.

### **Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Junior**

My wife and I are tremendously fortunate to live, work, and raise our daughter in the City Beautiful. I am immensely grateful that our residents entrusted me to work for the next four years alongside talented and experienced public servants who love this city as much as I do. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize my predecessor, Commissioner Frank Quesada, for his eight years of dedicated service to the City of Coral Gables. I also congratulate City Clerk Billy Urquia for his flawless execution of the April municipal elections—it was a shining example of how our City has leveraged smart technologies and other innovations to make administrative processes more responsive to our residents' needs. In the past few months, I've had the opportunity to speak with thousands of you who live, work, visit, operate businesses, and go to school in Coral Gables. Most of the concerns you've expressed to me center around fighting against unnecessary development, mitigating traffic, maintaining our historic features, improving sidewalks and streets, ensuring our parks are beautiful and functional, and improving public education options within our City limits, so those will be my primary areas of focus over the first few months of service to the City Beautiful. If you have a question, suggestion or concern you'd like to share, my lines of communication remain as open as they were during my campaign. I will be announcing office hours at my office located at 405 Biltmore Way, Second Floor, and you can also call 305-569-1833 to set up a one-on-one meeting, or send me an email at [jfors@coralgables.com](mailto:jfors@coralgables.com). I look forward to getting to know you better!

### **Commissioner Patricia Keon**

Parking Garages Government, be it local, state, or national, has a responsibility – a duty – to serve the public interest above all else. While ensuring public safety and the performance of essential services are among government's most obvious and important missions, so too is the proper stewardship of public lands. A recent vote by the Coral Gables City Commission on a public/private partnership to build a new downtown parking garage has been criticized because it failed to pass after years of negotiations and deferrals at the request of the private developer. It has been reported and editorialized that the City "...kicked the can down the road..." instead of approving the deal. As is often the case, there's more to the story. What the critics have failed to examine are the details of the deal. The City contribution in land, reimbursement of fees, upfront cash contribution, payments to the private developers over a 30-year period, etc.... came in at just over \$50,000,000.00. In addition, the City would have transferred almost all their development rights on the proposed garage site to the private developers so they could build their residential building on the other garage site. This drastically reduces the value of the cityowned property where the public parking garage was to be built. We could only redevelop this site with a one-story building if parking needs in the central business district changed in the future. The City can build this garage, including financing fees, for less and retain the development rights on the

developed garage site and retain ownership of the other garage site in the 300 block of Andalusia. The City is committed to break ground on a state-of-the-art 750 space public parking garage in the 200 block of Andalusia in fiscal year 2021-22. A decision on the use of the city owned land in the 300 block of Andalusia will be made when the new garage opens. While public/private partnerships are often an ideal method to further economic development and improve public spaces, at their core, such arrangements are still business deals that should meet the test for probity and equity. I do support public/private partnerships when they are genuinely win/win arrangements. This project failed to meet that test.

### **Commissioner Michael Mena**

Coral Gables is one of the most livable cities in the nation, and one important reason is our more than 70 parks, playgrounds and open green spaces for children and their families to enjoy year-round. My personal favorite is Kerdyk Park, where my daughters Aria and Pilar love to explore. They know, as I am sure you do, that in our City, playing is serious business! Nevertheless, one of my top priorities since being elected has been to take our Coral Gables parks system from good to great. Our parks should be the best parks in Miami-Dade County and we should not settle for less. Indeed, park enhancements will be listed among my top priorities in our budget process. To that end, Coral Gables is drafting a Parks Master Plan, the roadmap for our long-term plan for recreational facilities, parks, amenities and initiatives that will further enhance the quality of life for our residents. We thank all those residents who took the time to provide feedback about their interests, needs and ideas at one of the community input meetings that took place in May. If you were not able to make a meeting and have ideas about how to make the City Beautiful's parks even better, please let me know. One amenity we have been looking to add is a dog park for our four-legged residents and I am proud to announce that we are delivering, with the unveiling of Coral Gables' first dog park, the Bark Park, on the 4500 block of Ponce de Leon Boulevard. Our furry companions have been waiting far too long for a place to frolic, exercise and make friends of their own, and there will soon be a park in central Coral Gables made just for them. Residents who want to take their dogs on a stroll and enjoy some time off-leash will now have a designated and fenced-in area for large dogs and small dogs as well as amenities such as drinking fountains, wash stations, bag dispensers and tunnels. To learn more, check out the video at [www.coralgables.com/barkpark](http://www.coralgables.com/barkpark) I will continue advocating to make our parks the best parks, with the quality of equipment, green space, shading, and amenities that our children deserve.

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## From the Appointed Officials

### City Manager's Message

Our rich history and desirable way of life are what draw many to Coral Gables. As the world around us modernizes, our historic city, as imagined by founder George Merrick, becomes increasingly unique. However, we too must evolve in some ways to meet the needs of our residents. In Coral Gables, that means striking a balance between modern living and our storied past. As we lay the groundwork for the years ahead, our 2020-2022 Strategic Plan focuses on vast improvements in technology and infrastructure, guided by the results of our recent Community Engagement Survey. An astounding 95 percent of our residents rate quality of life in Coral Gables as 'excellent' or 'good', citing our central location, shopping and dining options, neighborhood feel, safety, walkability, and lush tree canopy among other factors. Still, we have heard our residents' concerns about traffic and speeding, and their desire for more green space and improved customer service. Our investment in technology and infrastructure is aimed at enhancing public safety, expanding access to parks and playgrounds, mitigating traffic congestion, and otherwise hardening our critical infrastructure. Despite already having lowered the speed limit in residential streets to 25 mph, we are exploring additional traffic-calming measures and smart mobility solutions. The City will also continue to explore trolley service expansion and innovative mobility solutions, as well as adding 20 miles of sidewalks and more than 5 miles of bicycle paths by 2022 to improve the pedestrian and cyclist experience. We want our residents to explore our rich culture and history, and allow them to move between our world-class neighborhoods and our vibrant downtown without a car if they choose so. We are also looking to implement innovative smart parking systems that allow parking spaces to be reserved remotely, alleviating congestion caused by drivers circling the block while looking for parking. Our parks master plan is currently in development, aimed at ensuring that every home is within walking distance from a green space. Thanks to our Tree Succession Project, we planted 3,000 new trees in residential areas to expand our emblematic tree

canopy and moving forward, the City will conduct ongoing tree plantings to continue citywide beautification efforts. Though our residents already give us high marks in the areas of public safety and sanitation, the completion of our Public Safety Building, new fire station, and a comprehensive sanitation study will allow us to provide an elevated level of service. To improve response times and the customer experience with our Development Services department, we are turning to technology. Take for example the kiosk surveys at the permit counter that allow us to get immediate feedback at the point of service and take corrective action when necessary. Also, our residents will soon be able to submit and review building permit applications and handle other transactions online. Paperless permitting will streamline our process and improve turnaround times. While we continue looking at ways to embrace technology, we remain committed to preserving the personal attention our residents expect. For example, we will be piloting staffed Neighborhood Information Centers or "NICE Centers" that will provide in-person municipal services and information to residents during emergencies. In Coral Gables, small details make big impressions. We thank our residents for helping us guide Coral Gables into the future. With their input and continued support, we can continue to be a world-class city with a hometown feel.

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### ***City Attorney's Message***

There has been a lot of chatter over the past few months regarding plastic straws – the harm they cause to the environment, that they are a necessity for some individuals, and whether and how to regulate their use. Several local municipalities have banned plastic straws all together. The City has chosen to address single-use plastic straws in two main ways. In January, the City Commission adopted an ordinance prohibiting City contractors from selling or using single-use plastic straws within the City or as part of their contract with the City, and prohibiting the use of plastic straws by special event permittees and in City parks and facilities. Notwithstanding these prohibitions, the ordinance allows for straws to be provided to individuals with disabilities. After a sixmonth educational period, the ordinance became effective July 9, 2019. The City has also started a "Skip the Straw" campaign, encouraging the use of sustainable alternatives. In House Bill 771, the State legislature sought to prohibit counties and municipalities throughout the State from adopting or enforcing any regulation relating to single-use plastic straws until July 2024. Thankfully, the Governor vetoed the bill in May 2019, thereby leaving to local governments the ability and discretion to regulate plastic straws.

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## City Clerk's Message

Transformation has been at the core of “The City Beautiful” culture, as we are constantly reviewing what we do, how we do it, and finding areas in which to promote innovation. We recently completed a successful municipal election, and in retrospect we have diligently studied our existing processes and are working on strategizing new components to improve this experience. Our highly educated residents recognize the importance of voting in our democracy. However, only 25 percent of our voters participated in the recent election. It is my objective to improve our voter turn-out by implementing new policies and practices which would indelibly increase voter participation in Coral Gables. My vision is to make voting more conducive to our voters by introducing early voting, thereby providing ample resources and ensuring that our polling locations are convenient and easily accessible. In collaboration with our Mayor and City Commissioners, we are in the process of establishing a program entitled “My Voice Matters,” which introduces the importance of voting to children at a young age. In doing so through an educational format, children – our future voters – will get a sense of civic responsibility in a fun and engaging setting. Needless to say, we are enthusiastic about the future gravitating toward innovation as we move our city forward.

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## Community Engagement Survey

Led by our residents' input, Coral Gables is poised for enhancements in technology and infrastructure to take us into the future while preserving our history. In putting together our 2020–2022 Strategic Plan, we relied on what residents told us through their participation in the Community Engagement Survey. High marks in quality of life and city services reassures us that we are on the right track. Most importantly, we've also been guided by our residents to make slight course-corrections and focus our attention on certain areas to continue providing exceptional service and quality of life. [View Survey Results.](#)

95% of survey respondents say quality of life is good or excellent. The top contributing factors included:

- Central Location
- Shopping and Dining
- Neighborhood Feel & Tree Canopy
- Property Values
- Public Safety

City Services Most Important to Residents, and Resident Satisfaction with each Service

- Police- 85%
- Fire- 97%
- Sanitation- 88%

Top 5 Things Residents want Coral Gables to focus on, and what we are doing about it:

- Police Protection- Public safety building will enhance police services.

- Traffic Calming- expanded smart mobility options, and traffic-calming infrastructure.
- Street Lighting- Beautification projects with enhanced lighting.
- Public Parking- Expanded public parking garages, smart parking features.
- Parks and Open Spaces- additional investment in parks, sidewalks, and bike lanes.

Other Notable Community Engagement Survey Responses:

- How the City communicates news and events- 88% are satisfied or very satisfied
- Would promote Coral Gables as a great place to live, work, and play- more than 70% agree

## University of Miami Tickets: Buy 1, get 2 Free

Coral Gables residents have the opportunity to buy one ticket (per resident) and receive two free tickets for the "Coral Gables Day" game between the Miami Hurricanes football team and University of Louisville's Cardinals scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2019. This offer is made possible thanks to a 20-year Development Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the University of Miami. Coral Gables residents must show proof of residency at the time of purchase (driver's license is preferred). This promotion is good for all available seating excluding suites. Tickets must be purchased in person at the Hecht Athletic Center, 5821 San Amaro Dr., Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tickets quantities are limited and will only be available as inventory remains. This promotion is not available for online or phone ticket purchases. For more information, call 1-800-GO-CANES.

## Bike Tours- Bicycling in Coral Gables

### On Your Own Trails

These trails are best enjoyed sunrise to sunset

Old Cutler Trail

This 11-mile long trail is paved so cyclers, bikers and skaters can enjoy a smooth ride all the way through. The scenic view along on this path includes beautiful sightseeing locations such as Matheson Hammock and Deering Estate.

Commodore Trail

At 5-miles long, this trail is a mix of shared road, sidewalk, and a paved path. Along this metropolitan area you can enjoy prominent sights and locations such as the Viscaya Museum.

### Gables Bike Tours

Third Sunday of every month, 10 a.m. Join us for fun, educational bicycle tours through The City Beautiful. Each tour offers a different theme and route! Tours start at the Coral Gables Museum and include museum admission. Bike tours are presented by Bike Walk Coral Gables in partnership with the Coral Gables Museum. You will need to bring your own bike. Helmets are required for children under 16. Each tour is approximately 2 hours long. \$10; \$5 for Museum and Bike Walk Coral Gables members and children under 12. Please RSVP to 305-603-8067.

### September 15 - Fairchild tour

Spend a morning riding through our lush canopy and then enjoy a leisurely walk through Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens for a private tour. Visit the rainforest, butterfly conservatory, and extensive

tropical plant collections. See firsthand why Fairchild is a globally renowned plant conservation center. This is a long ride through tree-lined streets, starting and ending at the Gables Museum.

### **October 20 - Merrick Tour**

Join us for a special Fall treat to celebrate the life of our city's founder, George Merrick, in developing Coral Gables. Visit his family's plantation, the cottage he built for his wife, the Merricks' final home in the Gables, and experience a private tour of the house for which the Gables is named. The story of Coral Gables and the Merrick family is one of hopes and dreams, hard work and dedication, ups and downs, and, ultimately, the creation of the City Beautiful.

### **November 17 - Jewish Influence in the Gables**

From a world famous architect to nationally recognized campus worship center, to creators of our city's main street, Gables history is enriched by the influx of Jewish families after World War II. Visit significant buildings and sites, learning the stories behind the facades.

### **December 15 - Merrick's Villages**

Did you know that City of Coral Gables Founder George Merrick planned 14 international-themed villages for Coral Gables, but only seven were built? You will be amazed at the architectural styles from around the world that exist right here in our own backyard.

### **Bike Tour Information**

[Listing of bike tours](#)

Phone: 305-603-8067

More [information on trails](#)

## **City Events**

### **Gallery Night**

Gallery Night is held the first Friday of the month. The free City Trolley provides an easy way to travel between galleries, and restaurants. Catch the Trolley anywhere on the Ponce de Leon route, or start your tour at the Coral Gables Museum & Visitor Center located at 285 Aragon Ave. Download the [Gallery Night Trolley map](#)

### **Paws in the Pool**

Sunday, October 6 at the Venetian Pool 2701 de Soto Boulevard Phone: 305-460-5306 The Venetian Pool will open its doors for two sessions to accommodate both small and large dogs. Please bring proof of current rabies vaccination and be prepared to clean up life's little messes.

- Session 1: 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Small dogs only (0 – 30 lbs.)
- Session 2: 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Large dogs only (31 lbs. and up)

Admission: \$6 per dog and \$5 per human (Only granted to those accompanied by a dog).

Tickets will be sold at the door.

## **Adventure Day for All**

Sunday, October 13 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. In front of City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way

In Celebration of Disability Awareness Month, this family-friendly event is for all ages and will feature a resource fair, challenges, crafts, water activities, food trucks, live entertainment, and more. Event is FREE.

## **Pumpkin Patch at Pittman Park**

Saturday, October 19 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 2200 Galiano Street On the Corner of Galiano Street and Merrick Way Phone: 305-460-5600 Celebrate fall in the City Beautiful! Hundreds of pumpkins in all sizes will take over Pittman Park. Enjoy live music, pumpkin decorating, face painting, food and beverages for purchase, and adorable picture-perfect fall portrait areas. Event is FREE.

## **Halloween Haunted House**

Thursday, October 31 from 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 405 University Drive at the War Memorial Youth Center Phone: 305-460-5600 Prepare to be scared! Join us for a frightful evening at 405 Haunted House - if you dare! Tour our haunted house and hope that you don't get spotted by the creepy crawlers that dwell in it. Tickets: \$5 (Pre-sale tickets available starting October 7) Not suitable for children under 5 years of age. [Get your tickets online.](#)

## **Tree Lighting Holiday Spectacular**

Friday, December 6 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. In front of City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way Phone: 305-460-5600 The City of Coral Gables presents the always popular Holiday Spectacular. Don't miss the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the arrival of Santa at 7:00 p.m. Festivities will include: food, carnival rides and games, musical entertainment, pictures with Santa, bounce house, tree lighting, face painting, arts and crafts

## **Photos with Santa**

Select Times December 6 – 23.

Merrick Park in front of City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way Phone: 305-460-5600

Photos with Santa will begin soon after Santa's sensational arrival at Merrick Park during the Tree Lighting Holiday Spectacular event.

Photos are \$8 each, full color and framed in a postcard. Concessions will be available at the park when Santa is there.

Santa will keep coming back to Merrick Park for more photos until December 23, on the following days:

- Thursdays and Fridays from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Weekends from 12 Noon to 10 p.m.
- December 16, 17, and 18 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- December 23 from 12 Noon to 10 p.m.

## **Club PLAY Parents' Night Off**

Activity Code: 320409

Friday December 13 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

At the War Memorial Youth Center.

405 University Drive.

Parents, do you need a night off? Drop your children (Grades K through 8th) at the Coral Gables Youth Center and enjoy some grown up time off, while our Club PLAY staff provides your child with fun-filled activities as they participate in games, arts and crafts, socializing and making friends. We will provide participants with pizza and a drink, but they may also bring a lunch box with additional food and drinks. Register today while there is still space!

For registration criteria, contact the Youth Center at 305-460-5600

Fees

- Member \$27
- Resident \$36
- Non-Resident \$45

### **Junior Orange Bowl Parade**

Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. In front of City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way Join us to celebrate our youth, community, and culture through floats, cars, bands and more as they parade through downtown Coral Gables. [Parade Information.](#)

### **Big Toy Extravaganza**

Saturday, January 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. In front of City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way Phone: 305-460-5600 View, Climb and Explore! Children will have the opportunity to view, climb and explore all kinds of fun stuff. It's like a petting zoo for cars, trucks, super-sized and specialized vehicles! Also featuring food trucks, face painting, and rides. Accessible for all abilities and ages. FREE Bike Parking. Event is FREE.

### **Coral Gables Farmers Market at Merrick Park**

Saturdays, January 18 – March 28, 2020

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. In front of City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way Phone: 305-460-5600

- Fresh Florida Produce
- Free Tai Chi Classes
- Prepared Foods
- Gardening Workshops
- Baked Goods
- Cooking Demos
- Flowers & Plants
- Children's Activities
- FREE Bike Parking.

### **Super Smash Bros. Tournament**

Saturday, January 18 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 405 University Drive at the War Memorial Youth Center Phone: 305-460-5600 Ages: 13 - 17 years old. Join us at the War Memorial Youth Center after hours for

our Super Smash Brothers Tournament. Don't miss out on this opportunity to show off your gaming skills and win prizes! Pizza and refreshments included in the ticket price. Fee: \$5 [Tournament Tickets](#).

## Community Recreation

Nationally Accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies

### Community Recreation Information

[Programs and membership information](#)

[Register for programs online](#)

Register for programs in person: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00am – 12 noon.

Forms of payment: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, cash, and checks only.

#### Requirements for minors:

- Parent or legal guardian must be present to sign waiver form at the time of registration.
- Changes to the waiver/registration form may only be made by the parent or legal guardian signing the form.
- A copy of the most recent report card must be presented at the time of registration for all Club P.L.A.Y. activities including aftercare and Club P.L.A.Y. All Day.
- Birth certificate or passport required for age verification for all other programs.

#### VIP (Volunteer in Parks)

Ages 15 years old and above

Become a Parks VIP! (Volunteer in Parks). The Coral Gables Youth Center is always looking for dedicated and energetic staff to assist with many different events and programs within the City. Need volunteer hours for school? Want to coach your child's sports team? Or are you just looking to help out in the community? Then this is the program for you. This program is ongoing. Sign-up today! 305-460-5600.

#### War Memorial Association

The Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center Association, along with Coral Gables Community Recreation, would like to encourage your donation of \$25 to provide scholarships for Summer Camps. If interested in participating, please call Kirk Menendez at 305-510-3353.

#### Video & Photo Policy

Occasionally, videos and photos may be taken of participants in programs, classes, and activities, or of people in City parks and facilities. Please be aware that these videos and photos may be used to promote the services and facilities that our City Beautiful offers. These videos and photos may be used by the City in various media.

#### Help Keep Your Children Safe, Get Your C.A.P.A. Sign Today!

Children At Play Awareness Communities across the nation have wrestled with traffic and speed issues along neighborhood streets in an effort to preserve and enhance quality of life and also protect those "littlest citizens" that are busy at play in their front yards. Children awareness (C.A.P.A.) is a program offered by the City of Coral Gables to allow parents and/or caregivers to purchase and place authorized

City-issued signs in the ground area of their property while children are actively playing in the front yard. Coral Gables residents may purchase two “Children At Play” signs by visiting the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center at 405 University Drive, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. The cost of the signs is \$6.50/per sign. Each City-issued sign is numbered for verification purposes.

### **Refund Policy**

Refund requests must be made, in writing, 7 days prior to the start of the registered program/activity date. There will be no refunds issued when a request is submitted with less than a 7 day notice.

Requests for emergency medical reasons will only be accepted with proper documentation. Approved refunds will be assessed a \$15 processing fee and any applicable program/ camp/activity costs. Refunds will not be issued after the completion of the program.

### **It’s not a fishing line. It’s connecting with the environment.**

Florida’s parks are key to connecting with our natural and historic treasures in order to preserve them. Connecting to everything around us and to each other we learn to value our environment, our heritage, and our place in the world. We grow in awareness of our responsibility to protect and cherish these things through green practices and gentle use, increasing our desire to conserve what we enjoy today for future generations.

### **Gift Cards**

Give the gift of recreation.

Celebrate special occasions & holidays by gifting others with a large selection of health and leisure activities in the City Beautiful! Gifts cards may be purchased and redeemed at any of the City of Coral Gables Community Recreation Facilities: Adult Activity Center, Salvadore Tennis Center, Venetian Pool, War Memorial Youth Center, and William H. Kerdyk Biltmore Tennis Center. Gift cards may also be [redeemed online](#). There are no additional fees to activate and cards are rechargeable. For additional information please call 305-460-5601 or email [parks@coralgables.com](mailto:parks@coralgables.com).

### **Online Registration- Easy and User Friendly**

Register for recreation programs with our online system.

The Community Recreation Department online registration system is mobile-friendly and allows for from-home and on-the-go registrations. Users can register and renew classes, sign up for memberships, make court and rental reservations, obtain tickets for the Venetian Pool, among other convenient features. Online registration is only accessible to households that have active accounts. Visit the registration office to create your household account today! For questions about the new registration system, call 305-460-5600. [Register online](#).

Key Benefits of Our Online Registration System:

- User friendly online household management
- Online program and activity registration
- Online pass and membership registration & renewal
- Online court reservations and bookings
- Online rental reservations and bookings
- Online ticket sales for Venetian Pool

- League scheduling
- Immediate access to household records and receipts
- Mobile and tablet friendly
- Secure web/mobile credit card transactions

NEW: Use our unique six-digit activity code to expedite your activity search on-line. Codes are identified with the phrase “Activity Code” at the beginning of each program or activity listing.

## War Memorial Youth Center

### [Youth Center Information](#)

Email: [parks@coralgables.com](mailto:parks@coralgables.com)

Phone: 305-460-5600

Address: 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33134

### Hours

Hours of Operation:

Monday thru Friday 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

### Year Round Holiday Hours

- New Year’s Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>: Closed
- Martin Luther King: Open regular Hours
- Presidents’ Day: Open regular hours
- Memorial Day: Closed. Don’t miss our Memorial Day Ceremony to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service protecting our nation’s freedom. Ceremony will be held at the War Memorial Youth Center memorial monument.
- Independence Day: Closed
- Labor Day: 7:00 a.m. – 4: 00 p.m.
- Halloween: Closed for Haunted House activities at 6 p.m.
- Veterans Day: Open regular hours
- Thanksgiving Day: Closed
- Day After Thanksgiving: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Day before Christmas: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day: Closed
- New Year’s Eve: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m.

### Membership

Membership is not required to participate in our programs but it will save you 25% off programs cost!

### ***Youth Center Fitness Membership***

Youth Center Fitness Members Enjoy These Benefits:

- One year annual membership to the Fitness Center.
- Priority registration and a 25% discount on Fitness Center programs.
- Complimentary toddler-sitting service while using the facility during designated hours.\*
- Use of gymnasium when not in use by the Coral Gables Community Recreation Department.

To qualify for program discounts, the respective membership must be valid through start and end dates.

Fitness Membership Annual Rates

| Membership Type                            | Resident | Non-Resident |
|--|----------|--------------|
| Individual (full-time college student)     | \$152    | \$227        |
| Individual (senior ages 55+)               | \$152    | \$227        |
| Individual (15 and older)                  | \$227    | \$339        |
| Two (2) person household (senior ages 55+) | \$182    | \$302        |
| Two (2) person household                   | \$302    | \$489        |
| Three (3) or more person household         | \$378    | \$641        |

Must be 15 years or older to use the Fitness Center. 7% Sales tax is included in rates.

### ***Youth Center Full Membership***

Youth Center Full Members enjoy the benefits of Fitness Members Plus:

- One year annual membership to the Youth Center.
- Priority registration
- 25% Discount on all programs, athletic leagues, camps, and lessons held at the War Memorial Youth Center.

To qualify for program discounts, the respective membership must be valid through the start and end dates.

Full Membership Annual Rates

| Membership Type                            | Resident | Non-Resident |
|--|----------|--------------|
| Individual (child)                         | \$227    | \$339        |
| Individual (senior ages 55+)               | \$337    | \$339        |
| Individual (15 and older)                  | \$302    | \$489        |
| Two (2) person household (senior ages 55+) | \$273    | \$384        |
| Two (2) person household                   | \$378    | \$641        |
| Three (3) or more person household         | \$565    | \$942        |

7% Sales tax is included in rates.

### **Guest Passes**

Guest passes are available at the Youth Center registration office. Limited to 3 visits per year. Must be accompanied by a member. All guests must show proper picture ID.

### **Guest Fees**

| Guest Access Type         | Fee |
|---------------------------|-----|
| General Access (Under 18) | \$4 |

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Guest Access Type        | Fee    |
| General Access (Over 18) | \$7.50 |
| Fitness Center Access    | \$13   |

Must be 15 years of age or above to access the fitness center.

**\* Toddler-Sitting Room (For Members Only)**

Toddler-sitting service is available to members while using the Fitness Center at the Youth Center, Monday - Friday, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. This service is NOT available during the summer season from June - August. This service is provided for ages 18 months years of age and above that are potty-trained. Please call ahead at 305-460-5600 for availability.

TO QUALIFY FOR RESIDENT RATES, 2 PROOFS OF RESIDENCY ARE REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION. Please contact us for details or visit us online. Membership Refund Policy: Refunds for memberships will not be granted if the membership is used in conjunction with a program's or camp's discounted registration, or following the seventh day of purchase. If request is received within 7 days of purchase, a full refund may be issued minus a \$15 processing fee. Credits for unused memberships will only be issued for medical reasons with valid documentation

**Parties**

Reserve Your Party Today!

Hosting birthday parties at the Coral Gables Youth Center is a great way to create lasting memories with family and friends. Come and celebrate your next birthday with one of our party packages!

About the party packages:

- Available on Saturdays only.
- Both party packages require a \$50 refundable security deposit pending inspection of reserved area.
- No piñatas or outside chalk allowed.
- Set up and clean up time is included in the 4-hour time frame.
- ALL GUESTS attending the party must show a valid state issued ID to be cleared through the Fast Pass system before entering the facility

***4 Hour Basic Party Package***

(Saturdays Only) Includes:

- 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. time frame
- Picnic tables and seating for up to 50 guests
- Access to indoor playground area
- Access to outdoor gated playground
- Sole use of pavilion area
- Shared use of patio area

Cost: \$276

***4-Hour Gymnastics Party Package***

(Saturdays Only) Includes:

- 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. party time frame. GymKIDZ time frames are 1 hour sessions and can be between 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. or 1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
- 1-Hour session with GymKIDZ instructors including use of indoor bounce house and slide. This gymnastics session is for 15 children. Each additional child is \$11.50 at the door.
- Picnic tables and seating for up to 50 guests
- Access to indoor playground area • Access to outdoor gated playground
- Sole use of pavilion area
- Shared use of patio area

Cost: \$463 (\$242 payable to GymKIDZ and \$221 payable to Youth Center)

## **After School and Out of School Activities**

### *Club PLAY*

#### **Registration Requirements**

A copy of a recent report card from the current school year must be presented when registering for Club P.L.A.Y. Verification of participation in an authorized magnet program is required and may delay a child's arrival to the Youth Center. Parent or legal guardian must be present to sign waiver form at the time of registration. Children must be registered to participate in Youth Programs.

#### **Registration Dates**

Spring Programming Registration Dates: Resident & Members: December 2 Non-Residents: December 16

#### **Club PLAY- After School Program**

Premier Leisure Activities for Youth at the Coral Gables Youth Center.

Club P.L.A.Y. is a well-rounded recreational program with emphasis on teamwork, friendship, sportsmanship, and FUN! Weekly activities include a cultural hour, a fitness challenge, games, and sports. Monthly activities include cooking, special events, and a story hour. Homework assistance is available Mondays through Thursdays at the parent's request. To schedule your child, contact Yanessa Rodriguez, Youth Center Recreation Specialist at 305-460-5630.

#### *Age Groups*

- Kindergarten-First Grade (Green Group). Activity Code: 320401
- Second-Third Grade (Red Group). Activity Code: 320402
- Fourth-Fifth Grade (Blue Group). Activity Code: 320403
- Sixth-Eighth Grade (Purple Group). Activity Code: 320404

#### *Dates and Hours*

Session 1: August 19 - September 13

Session 2: September 16 - October 11

Session 3: October 14 - November 8

Session 4: November 12 - December 20 (This is a 5-Week Session)

Club P.L.A.Y. Days and Hours: Monday - Friday, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Club P.L.A.Y fees do not include the fee for Club P.L.A.Y. All Day, or any camps as these are separate programs.

### *Transportation*

The Coral Gables Youth Center-Club P.L.A.Y. does not provide transportation from school.

### *Fees*

| Registration Type | Sessions 1-3 (4 weeks) | Session 4 (5 weeks) |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Member            | \$280                  | \$336               |
| Resident          | \$373                  | \$447.50            |
| Open Registration | \$466                  | \$559.20            |

### *Club P.L.A.Y. All Day!*

At the Coral Gables Youth Center Wondering what to do with the kids on those days when school is off? Wonder no more! The Coral Gables Youth Center offers a Club P.L.A.Y. All Day for children in grades K-8. These special Club Days provide your child with fun-filled adventure as they participate in active games, arts and crafts, and board games. Don't wait, register today. Space is limited. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Early drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m. Pick-up ends at 6:00 p.m. An additional fee of \$12.50 will be assessed for every 15 minutes (or any part of) a parent is late picking up a child. Assessment of fee begins at 6:01 p.m.

Snacks included in daily fee. Children should bring a lunch and drink. Club P.L.A.Y. All Day fees are not included in Club P.L.A.Y. Aftercare session fees.

### *Age Groups*

Kindergarten-First Grade (Green Group). Activity Code: 320405

Second-Third Grade (Red Group). Activity Code 320406

Fourth-Fifth Grade (Blue Group). Activity Code 320407

Sixth-Eighth Grade (Purple Group). Activity Code 320408

### *Dates*

- September 30
- November 4
- October 9
- November 11
- October 25
- November 27

### *Fees*

Member: \$27

Resident: \$36

Open Registration: \$45

### ***NEW! S.T.E.M. PROGRAM LEGO® MINDSTORMS EV3 Robotics***

Activity Code: 321005

Ages: 8 - 13 years old Experience the cutting edge of technology with the introduction of LEGO® MINDSTORMS EV3 Robotics. Students will work in pairs to solve challenges by building and programming robots using the LEGO® MINDSTORMS EV3 Robotics. In addition to having fun, participants learn daily about robotic programming, problem solving, and teamwork skills.

Tuesdays September 3 - December 3 (13 weeks) 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. No Class November 26 (Thanksgiving holiday) Make up week: December 10.

Fees:

Members: \$360

Residents: \$450

Non-Residents: \$563

### ***Athletics***

#### ***Coral Gables Youth Athletics Information***

Fun, recreational, and instructional athletic programs on an athlete first, winning second, environment.

Team Selection: Player evaluation is standard procedure for team formation. Players will be evaluated on their skill level and placed on teams accordingly. Evaluation dates and times will be provided at registration.

Equipment: Team athletic equipment is provided by Coral Gables Parks and Recreation.

Uniforms: Provided by Coral Gables Parks and Recreation. Full uniforms must be worn by all participants in order to participate in games. Shoes, shin guards, knee guards, etc. are the responsibility of the participant.

Transportation: Players are responsible for their own transportation to and from practices and games. All participants must present a copy of their birth certificate at time of registration.

#### ***Flag Football League***

Activity Code: 320215

Ages: 7 - 13 years old

Season: September 18 - December 15

Ages 7 - 9 years old:

Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Games: Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Saturdays, 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Ages 10 - 13 years old:

Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Games: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. Fridays, 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

Fees:

Members: \$170

Residents: \$226

Non-Residents: \$283

#### ***Girls Volleyball***

Activity Code: 320214

Ages: 8 - 15 years old

Season: August 26 - November 16

Ages 8 - 11 years old - Junior Division:

Practices: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Games: Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

Ages 12 - 15 years old - Senior Division:

Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Games: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

Fees:

Members: \$170

Residents: \$226

Non-Residents: \$283

### ***GVC Tournament Volleyball Team***

Activity Code: 120223

Ages 13 - 16 years old

Season: November - April Gables

Volleyball Club is a club team that plays in Florida Region of USA Volleyball Tournaments. Participants must attend tryouts and be selected to a team before registration. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. For tryouts information please call Jerry Jones, Recreation Specialist at 305-460-5606.

Fee: \$150

### ***Kidokinetics***

Activity Code: 320321

Ages 2-7 years old

The "Fun Way to Fitness" – your child will learn a new sport each week. They will be introduced to the basics of each sport in a fun and non-competitive atmosphere. Activities include soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, football, golf, hula hoops, obstacle courses, T-ball and more. All classes are led by experienced coaches who will provide a fun and safe environment for learning. Kidokinetics focuses on individual achievement to improve the child's self-confidence.

For more information contact (954) 385-8511 or visit [Kidokinetics](http://Kidokinetics.com).

Ages 2 - 4 years old:

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Mondays, 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

September 9 – October 28 (7-weeks)

November 4 - December 16 (6-weeks)

No class September 30 or November 11.

Ages 3 - 5 years old:

Mondays, 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

September 9 – October 28 (7-weeks)

November 4 - December 16 (6-weeks)

No class September 30 or November 11.

Ages 4 - 7 years old:

Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

September 10 - October 29 (8-weeks)

November 5 - December 17 (7-weeks)

Fees:

| Registration Type | 6 Week Session | 7 Week Session | 8 Week Session |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Members           | \$63           | \$72           | \$82           |
| Residents         | \$82           | \$96           | \$120          |
| Non-Residents     | \$102          | \$110          | \$136          |

T-Shirts are available for an additional \$10 (paid to KidoKinetics staff).

### *Youth Basketball League*

Activity Code: 120225

Ages 7-14 years old

Season: January 13 - April 25

Practice days and times will vary depending on coach availability.

Practice & Game Days:

Ages 7-8: Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays

Ages 9- 10: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays Ages 11-12: Monday, Wednesdays, Saturdays

Ages 13-14: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

Fees:

Members: \$170

Residents: \$226

Non-Residents: \$283

### *Under 8's Soccer League*

Activity Code: 120213

Ages 5-8 years old

Season: January 28 - April 30

All teams will practice from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Games: Thursdays and Saturdays

Fees:

Members: \$170

Residents: \$226

Non-Residents: \$283

### *Young Viejos Softball League*

A slow-pitch softball league for players 65 years old and above

Activity Code: 320214

Games: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Participants must register at the Coral Gables Youth Center prior to participation.

Please call for more information.

Additional information for Young Viejos: E. Jerry Llevada: 305-613-8378 Hector Martinez: 786-431-7032

### ***Turkey Hoop Shoot 3 Point Contest and Skills Challenge!***

Activity Code: 320264

Age categories (co-ed): 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-16 years old.

Come to the Coral Gables Youth Center and show off your basketball skills. Participate in our 3 point shooting contest or skills challenge.

Friday, November 15 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Ages 13 - 16 years old.

Saturday, November 16 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Ages 9 - 12 years old.

Participants must register on or before November 14

Proof of age Required (Birth certificate or driver's license)

Entry Fee: 5 canned goods for donation to Camilus House.

### ***Hoop It Up Tournament***

Ages 14-18 years old

The Coral Gables Youth Center is proud to present an exciting 3 vs 3 basketball competition for boys and girls ages 14-18. Form your own team and sign up for this great opportunity to play halfcourt basketball and improve your skills. No practices, no coaches, just competitive games.

First Round- Friday, November 15, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Playoffs- Saturday, November 16, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Participants must register on or before November 14

Proof of age Required (Birth certificate or driver's license)

Maximum 4 players per team

Entry Fee: 5 canned goods for donation to Camilus House.

### ***GymKidz Gymnastics***

Please call for availability for each class. Make-up classes must be scheduled through the front desk of Gym Kidz.

### ***Gymnastics Office Hours:***

Monday - Friday: 2:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday: Closed

### ***Gymnastics Sessions:***

- Session 1: August 19 - September 21
- Session 2: September 23 - October 26
- Session 3: October 28 - November 30
- Session 4: December 2 - January 18

(Closed Winter break)

### ***Gym Kidz One-Day Camps***

Ages 5-14 years old

Participants will improve technique, physical strength, flexibility, and coordination while enjoying fun activities like arts and crafts, games, movie time, music and more.

- September 30: Teachers Planning Day

- October 9: Teachers Planning Day
- October 25: Teachers Planning Day
- November 4: Teachers Planning Day
- November 11: Veterans Day
- November 27: Teachers Planning

Day Full day: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fees:

Members: \$40

Residents: \$52

Non-Residents: \$65

### *Monday*

- 3:30 p.m. Tiny Tumblers , Red & Orange (5-8)
- 4 p.m. Hot Shots (invite only)
- 4:30 p.m. Tiny Tumblers, Red & Orange (5-8), Blue & Green (invite only)
- 5:30 p.m. Purple & Gold (invite only)

### *Tuesday*

- 3:30 p.m. Tiny Tumblers Red & Orange (5-8)
- 4:30 p.m. Tiny Tumblers Red & Orange (5-8) Purple & Gold (invite only)
- 5:30 p.m. Blue & Green (invite only) Purple & Gold
- 6:30 p.m. Gym Stars (invite only)

### *Wednesday*

3:30 p.m. Tiny Tumblers Hot Tots (invite only) Red & Orange (5-8)

4 p.m. Hot Shots

4:30 p.m. Tiny Tumblers Red & Orange (5-8) Ninja Kids (Boys)

5:30 p.m. Blue & Green (invite only)

### *Thursday*

3:30 p.m. Tiny Tumblers Red & Orange (5-8)

4:30 p.m. Tiny Tumblers Red & Orange (5-8) Blue & Green (invite only)

5:30 p.m. Blue & Green (invite only) Red & Orange (9-14)

6:30 p.m. Gym Stars (invite only)

### *Friday*

3:30 p.m. Tiny Tumblers Red & Orange (5-8)

4:30 p.m. Purple & Gold (invite only) Hot Shots (invite only)

### *Saturday*

10 a.m. Tiny Tumblers Red & Orange (5-8)

11 a.m. Tiny Tumblers Blue & Green (invite only)

## ***Fees***

per 5 week Session

| Registration Type | 40-55 Minutes, 1 class per week | 40-55 Minutes, 2 classes per week |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Members           | \$78                            | \$147                             |
| Residents         | \$103                           | \$195                             |
| Non-Residents     | \$128                           | \$244                             |

Hot Shots Class Only

| Registration Type | 85 Minutes, 1 class per week | 85 Minutes, 2 classes per week |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Members           | \$117                        | \$221                          |
| Residents         | \$155                        | \$293                          |
| Non-Residents     | \$192                        | \$366                          |

Gym Kidz annual registration/insurance: \$60 Registration fee is in addition to tuition fees, and paid directly to Gym Kidz.

Missed a class? We will hold additional make up classes week 5 of every session. For safety reasons, they must be prescheduled with our front desk.

## ***Activity Codes:***

- Tiny Tumblers: 3 - 4 years old: 320230
- Hot Tots: 3 - 4 years old - Invite Only: 320231
- Ninja Kids: Boys 5 years old and above: 320238
- Red & Orange: Beginner: 320232
- Blue & Green: 5 years old and above Intermediate - Invite Only: 320234
- Purple & Gold: 5 years old and above Advanced - Invite Only: 320237
- Hot Shots: 5 - 7 years old Pre-Team Invite Only: 320233
- Gym Stars I - Invite Only: 320235

## ***2019 AAU FI Gold Championships Team Results***

Congratulations to this pint-sized group of gymnastics superstars who train at the Youth Center, winners of a recent state competition. The City of Coral Gables declared July 10 as "Gym Kidz Gymnastics Day" in Coral Gables.

## ***Fitness and Wellness***

### ***Fitness Center Hours of Operation***

Monday - Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 305-460-5616

Must be at least 15 years old to access the Fitness Center and must be a member.

Guest Fee is \$13 per day

Fitness classes will begin when minimum enrollment requirements are met. Please check with the Fitness Center for more information

### ***Taekwondo***

Activity Code: 340318

Ages 7 years old and above

Beginners Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m

Monthly Fees:

Members: \$35

Residents: \$45

Non-Residents: \$55

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Fees:

Members: \$60

Residents: \$80

Non-Residents: \$100

### ***Aikido***

Activity Code: 340319

Ages 10 years old and above

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Monthly Fees:

Members: \$35

Residents: \$45

Non-Residents: \$55

### ***Pre-Teen Fitness Program***

Activity Code: 320308

Ages 8 - 12 years old

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Monthly Fees:

Members: \$35

Residents: \$46

Non-Residents: \$58

### ***Teen Fitness Program***

Activity Code: 330309

Ages 13 - 15 years old

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Monthly Fees:

Members: \$42

Residents: \$56

Non-Residents: \$70

### ***Sport-Specific Fitness & Conditioning***

Ages 12 years old and above

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Wednesday is active recovery day where the participant is encouraged to work out on their own. Times vary depending on the time of year and sport.

Additional Sessions and Group Training can be arranged.

Weekly Fees:

Members: \$120

Residents: \$160

Non-Residents: \$200

### ***Get Strong For...***

Ages 15 years old and above

Days and times can be arranged

Six-Session Fees:

Members: \$180

Residents: \$240

Non-Residents: \$300

### ***Fitness Boot Camp***

Activity Code: 340314

30 Minute Circuit

Ages 16 years old and above

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 6:15 a.m. - 6:45 a.m.

Monthly Fees:

Members: \$60

Residents: \$80

Non-Residents: \$100

### ***Jiu Jitsu/Grapppling/MMA/Judo***

Activity Code: 340315

Children 7 - 12 years old

Juniors 13 & 14 years old

Adults 15 years old and above

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Monthly Fees:

Members: \$40

Residents: \$50

Non-Residents: \$68

### ***Yoga***

Activity Code: 340301

Ages 15 years old and above

Call Fitness Center for days and times

Monthly Fees:

Members: \$40  
Residents: \$50  
Non-Residents: \$68

### ***Fitness & Sculpting***

Activity Code: 340311  
Ages 15 years old and above  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8 a.m. - 9 a.m  
Monthly Fees:  
Members: \$28  
Residents: \$37  
Non-Residents: \$46

### ***Tai Chi***

Activity Code: 310323  
Ages 18 years old and above  
First class is FREE.  
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m  
Monthly Fees:  
Members: \$30  
Residents: \$40  
Non-Residents: \$50

### ***Ageless in Motion***

Activity Code: 310316  
Ages 55 years old and above  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., and 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Monthly Fees:  
Members: \$36  
Residents: \$48  
Non-Residents: \$60

## **Holiday Camps**

### **Club Play Holiday Camp**

Activity Code: 320526  
Ages: Kindergarten – 8th Grade students (Age group is determined by current grade child is enrolled in).  
Come enjoy some fun activities and games with your counselors and friends.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior registration in Club P.L.A.Y. does not guarantee a space in any Holiday Camp. Parents or legal guardian must be present to sign waiver form at the time of registration. A copy of the most recent report card must be presented at the time of registration for Club P.L.A.Y. A copy of a birth certificate is required for all other camp registrations.

Week 1: December 23 - December 27\*

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Early drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m.

Late pick-up until 6:00 p.m.

\*December 24 Special Time: 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\*No camp December 25

Week 2: December 30, 2018 - January 3\*

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Early drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m.

Late pick-up until 6:00 p.m.

\*December 31 Special Time: 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\*No camp January 1<sup>st</sup>

Weekly Fees:

Members: \$167

Residents: \$211

Non-Residents: \$264

### **Junior Golf Inclusive & Adaptive Holiday Camp**

Activity Code: 320553

Ages: 6 years old and above

Dates: December 30, 31, January 2, and 3

Camp Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\*No camp on January 1. Prorated fee.

At Granada Golf Course Campers will be paired in groups based on age and skill level. This camp is taught by PGA Golf Professionals and is designed to meet the needs of junior golfers of all abilities. Campers will participate in different types of contests and games while learning swing and shot techniques, golf rules, tournament play, and participate in Golf Olympics.

Registration is open to participants with or without disabilities.

All participants must register at the Youth Center.

For additional information contact Philip J. Argianas, at 305-238-7507 or email [pjagolf@aol.com](mailto:pjagolf@aol.com)

Fee: \$180

### **Recreational Holiday Tennis Camp**

Activity Code: 320526

Ages: 5 - 17 years old

Dates: December 30, 31, January 2, and 3

Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This is a progressive development camp that will teach your child the necessary skills and fundamentals to be successful in tennis while participating in a relaxed and friendly environment. Children will be divided into groups by age and skill level providing your aspiring tennis star with the most encouraging

atmosphere to learn and advance. Basic strokes, footwork, court positioning, and strategies will be taught in a fun and nurturing environment. Join us and discover why tennis is the game for a lifetime!

Fees:

Residents: \$160

Non-Residents: \$200

### **High Performance Holiday Tennis Camp**

Activity Code: 320554

Ages: 8 - 19 years old

Dates: December 30, 31, January 2, and 3

Camp Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This camp is for the competitive junior player. Includes tactical development, match play, as well as footwork and conditioning. Players in this program need to be competing at the USTA local, state, or national level. Acceptance into this program is subject to staff approval.

Fees:

Residents: \$255

Non-Residents: \$315

### **Gymnastics Winter Break Camp**

Activity Code: 320527

Ages: 5-14 years of age.

This camp is designed to give participants progressive gymnastics skills on all competitive gymnastics skills and events. Participants will improve technique, physical strength, flexibility, and coordination while enjoying fun activities like arts and crafts, games, movie time, music and more.

Week 1: December 23, 26 - 27

Week 2: December 30, January 2 - 3

Full day: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Extended day: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fees

| Registration Type | Full Day | Extended Day |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| Members           | \$110    | \$123        |
| Residents         | \$146    | \$164        |
| Non-Residents     | \$183    | \$202        |

### **Venetian Pool**

Address: 2701 De Soto Blvd.

Phone: 305-460-5306

Pool Fun Fact! Pool water temperature remains between 76-78 degrees year round.

Formed from a rock quarry in 1923 the Venetian Pool is included in the National Register of Historic Places. This 820,000 gallon pool is fed with cool spring water daily and features two waterfalls and coral caves. Venetian Pool offers the unique atmosphere you have been searching for. Host your party, wedding, meeting or special event at the Venetian Pool. To schedule a visit call the number listed above.

Sale of admission tickets will cease once the pool has reached maximum capacity. Re-entry of any kind will be prohibited once the pool is closed for admission sales.

### **Hours of Operation**

- August 19, 2019 – September 8, 2019
  - Monday – Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
  - Saturday – Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- September 10, 2019 – October 28, 2019
  - Tuesday – Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
  - Saturday – Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- October 29, 2019 – November 30, 2019
  - Tuesday – Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\*Hours of operation are subject to change.

The pool is closed on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- President's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day

### **Admission Policy**

Children must be a minimum of 3 years of age and 38 inches tall to enter the facility. Verification of age must be presented at the time of entry.

- No Rainchecks or refunds.
- No re-entry without a receipt.
- No coolers, alcohol or glass.
- No outside deliveries permitted.
- No smoking on property.
- Sale of admission tickets will cease for the day once the pool has reached maximum capacity.
- Re-entry will be prohibited.
- Restrictive clothing is prohibited inside the water.
- With exception for service animals, animals are not permitted in the facility.

### **Admission Rates**

#### ***Daily Admission***

September 4 – November 30

Adult (13 years & above) \$15

Child (3-12 years) \$10

Coral Gables Resident\* Year-Round Rate:

Adult (13 years & above) \$6

Child (3-12 years) \$5

\*Every adult must provide proof of Coral Gables residency at time of admission to qualify for resident discount. Cash, Visa, MasterCard and American Express accepted. Fees are subject to change.

### ***Annual Membership Rates***

(Pool Closed December and January)

| Membership Type  | Resident | Non-Resident |
|------------------|----------|--------------|
| Family Household | \$610    | \$1,365      |
| Single Adult     | \$315    | \$690        |

### ***Group Rates***

(Weekdays Only)

Please visit the [Venetian Pool website](#) and click on our Rates & Requirements tab to download the Field Trip Policy & Reservation Form.

For additional information regarding your group visit, please call 305-460-5306.

### ***Facility Rentals, Motion Picture, Video, and Photography***

Are you looking for that perfect place to host your wedding, rehearsal dinner, holiday or birthday party? Then look no further! The newly renovated Venetian Pool with its waterfalls and tropical foliage is the perfect setting for your next event. The pool is also available for still photography, video and motion pictures. For more information regarding rental policies, pricing and reservations, send an email to [VPinfo@coralgables.com](mailto:VPinfo@coralgables.com) or call 305-460-5306 and ask for a member of the Venetian Pool management team.

### ***Adult Swimming Lessons***

Activity Code: 310609

Ages 18 years old and above

Learning how to swim is essential at any age! Whether you are looking to learn how to swim or simply improve your strokes and skills, our instructors will work with your individual skills and needs.

Classes are semi-private.

Four-Week Saturday morning classes.

Participants must bring proper swim attire.

- Session 1
  - August 31, 2019
  - September 7, 2019
  - September 14, 2019
  - September 21, 2019
- Session 2
  - September 28, 2019
  - October 5, 2019
  - October 12, 2019

- October 19, 2019

Fees:

Residents: \$40 per session

Non-Residents: \$50 per session

### **Paws at the Pool**

Venetian Pool's Annual Dog Swim!

It's that time of the year again! Bring man's best friend for a day at the pool. The Venetian Pool will open its doors for two sessions to accommodate both small and large dogs. Please bring proof of current rabies vaccination and be prepared to clean up life's little messes. Only those accompanied by a dog will be permitted to enter the facility. Please plan on keeping your dog leashed when not in the pool. Any dog showing signs of aggression will be asked to leave.

Sunday, October 6

Session 1: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Small dogs only (0 through 30 lbs.)

Session 2: 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Large dogs only (31 lbs. and up)

Admission: \$6 per dog / \$5 per human (Admission only granted to those accompanied by a dog) Tickets will be sold at the door; 200 dog maximum per session.'

### **Buy Venetian Pool Tickets Online**

Save time! Don't wait in line buy your Venetian pool ticket in advance online!

Coral Gables residents can now purchase their presale ticket to the Venetian Pool online at [playgables.com](http://playgables.com) Advanced ticket sales to the Venetian Pool are for valid Coral Gables residents only. To purchase a resident ticket online a login/account must first be created and activated in person at the Coral Gables Youth Center at 405 University Drive. If purchasing multiple resident tickets, proof of residency/age will be verified upon arrival. No more than six resident tickets may be purchased per resident household at a time. Advanced ticket sales may not be purchased on day of visit, all tickets must be purchased up to 24 hours prior to visit start date. No rain checks or refunds for advanced ticket sales.

### **Parties**

Birthday Party Package

Our birthday party packages are available during normal operating hours.

Time Frame: 5 hours (Saturdays & Sundays from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

Fee: \$400 for first 15 guests (Includes \$50 refundable security deposit-pending inspection of reserved area)

Additional Guests: (Package of ten)

Adults with food: \$210; without food: \$150

Children (ages 3-12) with food: \$160 Children (ages 3-12) without food: \$100

Birthday party area maximum occupancy: 35 (includes children & adults).

Children under the age of three are not permitted into the facility.

Package includes: Reserved area (upper patio, lower patio or shady beach), \$50 Refundable\* Security Deposit, 3 café tables, 15 chairs and 1 long table, choice of 2 piece chicken tenders, slice of pizza, or a

hot dog, as well as a bag of chips per person and unlimited pitchers of soda for 2 hours. Birthday Package at the Venetian Pool Rules and Guidelines:

Saturdays & Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (5 hours).

Reservations must be made in person with the admission office and with completed reservation form.

Full payment for all guests attending party (adults and children) plus \$50 security deposit is required at time of booking. Additions will be permitted 2 weeks prior to your party date with payment in full.

All participants MUST be at least 3 years of age and must provide proof of age if not at least 38 inches tall.

Coolers, glass, alcohol and outside deliveries are PROHIBITED.

Please read the rest of our [birthday package rules and guidelines](#) or call us at 305-460-5306.

## **Tennis**

### **Facilities Holiday Hours:**

New Year's Day, January 1st: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Martin Luther King Day: Normal Hours

Presidents' Day: Normal Hours

Memorial Day: Normal Hours

Independence Day: Closed

Labor Day: Normal Hours

Veterans Day: Normal Hours

Thanksgiving Day: Closed

Day After Thanksgiving: Normal Hours

Christmas Eve: 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Christmas Day: Closed

December 31st: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For annual tennis pass fees please check the Parks and Recreation [Tennis web page](#)

### **Court Rates**

(hourly/per person)

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Resident: \$4.90

Non-Resident: \$8.40

5:00 p.m. until closing

Resident: \$8.40

Non-Resident: \$11.60

### **The William H. Kerdyk Biltmore Tennis Center**

Address: 1150 Anastasia Avenue

Phone: 305-460-5360

Ten lighted tennis courts.

Hours:

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### **The Salvadore Park Tennis Center**

Address: 1120 Andalusia Avenue

Phone: 305-460-5333

Thirteen lighted clay courts.

Hours:

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### **7 & Under Red Ball Tennis Clinic**

At Salvadore Park Tennis Center

Ages 5-7 years old

This class introduces your child to tennis using the USTA 7 & Under Tennis Method, which focuses on skill development, improving racquet skills, hand-eye coordination, balance and movement. A 36 foot court and games to develop skills, modified scoring, rallying, and larger red decompressed balls are used. Racquets between 19"-23" inches are required. Goals are set for players to have fun and enjoy the experience of learning the game of tennis by using correctly sized equipment and courts.

Mondays & Wednesdays

Activity Code: 320219

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Session 1: August 19 - October 2

(No class September 2 for Labor Day)

Session 2: October 14 - November 27 (

No class November 11 for Veterans Day)

Fees per Session (13-Classes)

Residents: \$234

Non-Residents: \$296

Saturdays,

Activity Code: 320261

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Session 1: August 24 - October 5 (No class August 31 for Labor Day Weekend)

Session 2: October 19 - November 23 (No class November 30 for Thanksgiving weekend)

Fee per session (6-Classes)

Residents: \$111

Non-Residents: \$139

### **10 & Under 10 Orange Ball Recreational**

At Salvadore Park Tennis Center.

Ages 8-10 years old

This class introduces your child to tennis using the USTA 10 & Under Tennis Method, which focuses on skill development, rallying, developing core strokes, and improving their ability to play games or sets with a modified scoring format. A 60 foot court is used along with low-compression orange balls to

maximize their learning experiences. Racquets between 25"-27" inches are required. Goals are for players to continue development of their tennis skills while understanding court positioning and basic strategy. Program coordinators will encourage participants to play on our team in the USTA's Junior Team Tennis League.

Mondays & Wednesdays

Activity Code: 320220

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Session 1: August 19 - October 2 (No class September 2 for Labor Day)

Session 2: October 14 - November 27 (No class November 11 for Veterans Day)

Fee per session (13-Classes)

Residents..... \$279

Non-Residents..... \$341

Saturdays

Activity Code: 320262

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Session 1: August 24 - October 5 (No class August 31 for Labor Day Weekend)

Session 2: October 19 - November 23 (No class November 30 for Thanksgiving weekend)

Fees per session (6-Classes)

Residents: \$127

Non-Residents: \$159

### **10 & Under Competitive**

Activity Code: 320221

At Salvadore Park Tennis Center.

Ages 8-10 years old

This class is for the experienced child participating in the USTA 10 & Under Tennis Pathway. This program will focus on skill development, point construction, tactics and strategies, developing core strokes and improve ability to play games or sets with correct scoring format. A 60 or 78 ft. court will be used with orange and green low-compression balls to maximize learning experiences. Racquets between 25"-27" inches are required. Players must play on our team in the USTA Junior Team Tennis League and compete within the USTA's 10 & Under Competitive Pathway. League and tournament schedule will be provided.

Mondays & Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Session 1: August 19 - October 2 (No class September 2 for Labor Day)

Session 2: October 14 - November 27 (No class November 11 for Veterans Day)

Fees per session (13-Classes)

Residents: \$478

Non-Residents: \$603

### **Adult - Beginner / Advanced Beginner Tennis Clinic**

Activity Code: 310204

At Salvadore Park Tennis Center

Ages 18 years old and above

This program is for the beginner to advanced beginner level adult wanting to learn the fundamentals of the game. The clinic will cover court positioning, stroke production, movement, shot placement and games.

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Session 1: August 22 - October 3 (No class September 2 for Labor Day)

Session 2: October 17 - December 5 (No class November 11 for Veterans Day)

Fees per session (7-Classes)

Residents: \$153

Non-Residents: \$191

### **Adult Intermediate Tennis Clinic**

Activity Code: 310205

At Salvadore Park Tennis Center

Ages 18 years old and above

This program is for the intermediate level adult rated 2.5 to 3.0 in the USTA's NTRP rating system.

Participants will do drills and play games designed to improve their shot placement and court positioning skills while incorporating a variety of tactics and strategies.

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Session 1: August 20 - October 15

Session 2: October 15 - November 26

Fees per Session (7-Classes )

Residents: \$153

Non-Residents: \$191

### **Adult Advanced Tennis Clinic**

Activity Code: 310201

At Salvadore Park Tennis Center

Ages 18 years old and above

This co-ed program is for students who have a solid USTA NTRP rating of 3.5 or better. Women in this program typically have a rating of 4.0 or higher. Men in this program are typically rated 3.5 or higher.

Classes will cover shot placement, strategy, stroke development, and point play. Proper tennis shoes are required. Participants must be approved by the program coordinator or have participated in the program previously.

Mondays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Session 1: August 19 - September 30 (No class September 2 for Labor Day)

Session 2: October 14 - December 2 (No class November 11 for Veterans Day)

Fees for session 1 (6 Classes)

Residents: \$158

Non- Residents: \$197

Fees for Session 2 (7 classes)

Residents: \$184

Non-Residents: 229

### **Varsity/Junior Varsity**

Activity Code: 330223

At Salvadore Park Tennis Center

Ages 11-17 years old

This program is for students who aspire to play on their middle school team. Players that have turned 11 years of age but did not complete the 10 and under USTA competitive pathway will graduate to the Junior Varsity program. The more advanced players will be encouraged to participate in the USTA's Junior Team Tennis League. Classes will cover shot placement, strategy, stroke development, and point play. Players must bring their own racquet. Proper tennis shoes are required.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Session 1: August 20 - October 3

Session 2: October 15 - December 3 (No class November 28 for Thanksgiving)

Fees per session (14-Classes)

Residents: \$382

Non-Residents: \$479

### **3.0-4.0 Ladies Open Tennis Clinics**

Activity Code: 310260

At Salvadore Park Tennis Center

Ages 18 years old and above

This program is designed for women who have a rating between 3.0 - 4.0 in the USTA's NTRP system. Doubles & singles patterns of play, stroke development, movement and tactics are the focus of the program. Players will be grouped to their level.

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Session 1: August 22 - December 5 Daily enrollments for each Thursday class. (No class November 28 for Thanksgiving Day)

Fee per class:

Residents: \$30

Non-Residents: \$35

### **2.5 Ladies Team Practice Tennis Clinics**

Activity Code: 310202

At Salvadore Park Tennis Center

Ages 18 years old and above

This program is designed for 2.5 female team members for team practice only. Patterns of play, stroke development, movement and tactics are the focus of the program. This program only meets on Tuesdays. Advanced registration required. Participants must supply their own racquet and proper tennis shoes are required.

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Session 1: August 20 - October 1

Session 2: October 15 - November 26

Fee per session (7-Classes)

Residents: \$220

Non-Residents: \$272

## **Accessible Recreation**

### **Accessible Recreation Program**

The objective of this program is to provide enjoyable recreational experiences to all participants through inclusive programming, accessible facility design and provision of accommodations. This program is a three-tier initiative designed to identify and meet the recreational needs of underserved populations within the community. Tier One: Inclusion This phase will provide immediate training and support to maximize inclusion opportunities for participants in existing City recreation programs. Tier Two: Adaptive Programming and Events This phase will establish new programs and events specifically designed to meet the unique needs of special population groups within recreation. Tier Three: Transition Support This phase will introduce programs through external partnerships, to support young adults with disabilities to transition from recreation youth programs into volunteer positions to promote self-determination and provide valuable work experience.

For additional information

[Accessible Recreation Web page](#)

Phone: 305-460-5344

Email: [ADA@coralgables.com](mailto:ADA@coralgables.com)

### **American Sign Language**

Activity Code: 311008

Ages 16 years old and above

Have you ever wished you could talk with your hands? Do you think it would be cool to chat casually with your friends through windows, or underwater? What would you say if you could communicate with a Deaf or hard of hearing neighbor? Here is your opportunity to do exactly that! Learn American Sign Language the fun way, through interactive game, stories and music. No experience needed.

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Session 1: August 27 – September 17

Session 2: September 24 – October 15

Session 3: October 22 – November 12

Session 4: November 19 – December 10

Fees per session (4 classes)

Resident: \$35

Non-Resident: \$45

### **Special Olympics Bocce Program**

At the War Memorial Youth Center

The basic principle of the sport is to roll a bocce ball closest to the target ball, which is called a palina. Bocce as a Special Olympics sport provides participants the opportunity to have social contact, develop physically and to gain self-confidence. Next to soccer and golf, bocce is the third most participated sport

in the world. This program provides adaptive and inclusive training in the sport of Bocce, with opportunities to participate in Special Olympic competitions during the spring season. Participants do not need any prior training or experience for this program. Registration is open to participants with and without disabilities.

Wednesdays

Ages 8 - 15 years old

Activity Code: 320253

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Ages 16 years old and above

Activity Code: 310254

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Session 1: August 21 – September 11

Session 2: September 18 – October 16\*

Session 3: October 23 – November 13

Session 4: November 20 – December 18\*

\*No class October 9, November 27

Fees per session (4 practices)

Residents: \$35

Non-Residents: \$45

### **Free Community Bocce Nights- NEW!**

At the War Memorial Youth Center

405 University Drive, Coral Gables

For all ages and abilities Bocce, also known as lawn bowling, is one of the most widely played games, all over the world. Simple rules and easy set-up make Bocce a relaxed, but strategic game that people of all ages and skill levels can play together. Bocce is known as a calming, and competitive way to bring friends together to enjoy the outdoors. Meet by the batting cages at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center for an introductory lesson, followed by a relaxed game of Bocce. Playing area is outdoors, please dress for the weather and bring water.

Every third Monday of the month 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 16

This program is FREE

### **Free Boccia at the Adult Activity Center- NEW!**

At the Adult Activity Center 2 Andalusia Avenue, Coral Gables

Adult Services and PLAY for All are joining forces to bring an all-new, all ages, all abilities, family friendly program to the Adult Activity Center. Boccia is a unique sport that was specifically designed to create competitive equity between players with and without impairments that affect motor skills. Players on opposing teams score points by propelling colored balls closest to a target ball on a long, narrow, indoor

playing court. In Boccia, all participants play seated, whether in a wheelchair or not. Balls can be propelled by throwing, kicking, or utilizing a ramp — making the game an extremely adaptable sport for players of all ability levels.

Thursdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This program is FREE

### **Social Club for Adults with Disabilities**

At the City of Coral Gables Adult Activity Center, 2 Andalusia Ave, Coral Gables.

Every First Thursday of the month, 6 - 8 p.m.

A social and recreational group of adult persons with disabilities (21 years of age and above) Join us for an evening of fun! The fun activities are up to you, and can include: Board Games, Movies, Dominos, Music, Computer Games, and Chatting with Friends. Caregivers, parents or personal assistants are welcome! Call the Adult Activity Center at 305-461-6764 on every first Thursday of the month to confirm activities. Complimentary valet parking is available across the street at The Palace. Free parking is available in the garage above the building with validation. To receive validation, bring your ticket with you inside to the Registration Office.

### **Gifts in Golf (GIG) KIDS**

Activity Code: 320252

At Granada Golf Course

Ages 6 - 16 years old

Swing into Golf Inclusive and adaptive program for boys and girls with functional autism The GIG – Gifts in Golf “Golfing with Autism” golf clinic offers an introduction to golf specifically designed for those individuals on the autism spectrum. Each clinic will run for 1.5 hours once a week for six consecutive class weeks. Participants will be instructed on fitness exercise, golf basics, putting, chipping, pitching, full swing, golf etiquette, rules, and tournament play.

Saturdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Session 1: September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12

Session 2: October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23

Fees per Session (6 classes):

Resident: \$200

Non-Resident: \$225

At the Granada Golf Course, on 2001 Granada Blvd. Phone: 305-460-5367 Registration is open to participants with or without disabilities. All participants must register at the Youth Center. For additional information contact Philip J. Argianas, at 305-238-7507 or email: [giftsingolf@aol.com](mailto:giftsingolf@aol.com)

### **Junior Golf Inclusive & Adaptive Afterschool**

Activity Code: 320251

Ages 6 - 16 years old

This junior golf program is an inclusive and adaptive instructional program designed for all youth to enjoy learning golf. Classes are open to all abilities of students. We have an excellent schedule of golf-planned putting, chipping pitching and on golf course play. Golfers will participate in a number of different types of contests and games according to skill level. This program provides excellent quality golf instruction while teaching participants confidence, responsibility and sportsmanship.

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Session 1: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15

Session 2: October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26

Fees per session (6 classes):

Resident: \$200

Non-Resident: \$225

At the Granada Golf Course, on 2001 Granada Blvd. Phone: 305-460-5367 Registration is open to participants with or without disabilities. All participants must register at the Youth Center. For additional information contact Philip J. Argianas, at 305-238-7507 or email: [giftsingolf@aol.com](mailto:giftsingolf@aol.com)

## Adults 50+

### City of Coral Gables Adult Activity Center

Address: 2 Andalusia Avenue

Phone: 305-461-6764

[Adult Activity Center Webpage](#)

Complimentary valet parking at The Palace, 1 Andalusia Avenue.

The Adult Activity Center (AAC) welcomes everyone 50 years old and above. The focus of the Adult Activity Center is developing ways to age well. Join us to strengthen your brain and body, to socialize, make friends, have fun, and enjoy life to the fullest!

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Phone: 305-461-6764

Registration Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 305-461-6765

### Fitness and Wellness

The Adult Activity Center fitness and wellness classes are designed to help older adults maintain their cardiovascular health, strength and flexibility. Whether you're a regular, or a newcomer, we welcome you to come enjoy the benefits of working out, staying active and meeting new people. Fitness & Wellness classes includes Pilates, Life in Motion, Body & Brain Yoga, Aqua Zumba, Basic Beginner Ballet, Total Body Conditioning, Yoga 1, Yoga 2, Practice Pilates, Zumba, Tai Chi, Line Dance, Belly Dance, walking club, ballroom dancing, and Pickleball. Please contact the Adult Activity Center for cost of fitness classes.

### Arts and Sciences

Come register for our arts and science classes. Begin to learn and understand a new language or improve them. We offer English, Spanish, French, and more. Enhance your picture capturing and editing skills by enrolling in our photography class. Learn how to cast on, row, and bind off in our knitting

classes. Arts and Science class include all levels of French and Spanish, Scrapbooking, Knitting, Arts & Crafts, Watercolor Techniques, Drawing, Coconut Art beauty after 50, and Bridge Class.

Session Fee (6 to 8 weeks):

Residents: \$25.20

Non-Residents: \$31.50

### **Leisure Classes**

Leisure Courses offer instruction and inspiration to help you try out new activities, interest or master and existing skill. Our returning popular courses include French, English, Canasta, Bridge and Book Club, which are offered in English and Spanish. Our leisure classes involve For the Love of Theatre, Beginner Chess, MahJong, Meditation, Digital Photography Club, Spanish Current Events, Let's Do Lunch, Book Club, Dominos Club, Beginner Canasta Class, Current Events, Table Tennis, Party Bridge, and Brain Gym. All leisure classes are FREE of charge!

### **Social Services**

A wide variety of social services & support groups are offered at the Adult Activity Center. Social Services offered are Embracing Aging, and SHINE, which is a division of the Alliance for Aging that provides bilingual, unbiased insurance information for seniors. The support groups include Alzheimer's for Caretakers, Cancer, Hearing Loss, Disabilities, and MS.

### **Special Events**

We celebrate several special events throughout the year. For additional dates, times and details please check our newsletter.

Rising Stars Concert Series: Every other month we will offer recitals of Jazz, Pop, Broadway and Opera selections sung by the wonderful musicians of South Florida. These concerts are free of charge, and light food and refreshment will be provided.

### **Let's Do Lunch**

Join volunteer Jude Alexander the last Wednesday of each month to sample wonderful local restaurants. Sign up at the registration desk at least 3 days in advance.

### **First Annual Western Roundup**

September 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Put on your boots, saddle up and join us for a rootin tootin good time! YEE~HAW!!! Enjoy line dance demonstrations, DJ and western style photos. Mosey-on up your cowboy boots and have some good ol' fun! Sport your best western attire because we'll also have a costume contest! Free. No registration required.

### **S.H.I.N.E: Medicare 101**

September 25, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Medicare enrollment is around the corner from October 15 - December 7. It's important that everyone looks at their Medicare coverage at this time of the year. Please join us for a FREE, educational presentation about medicare and an opportunity to have your questions about it answered. Free with registration.

## **Registration**

Coral Gables residents have a week priority to register for classes. Two forms of ID must be on file to prove Coral Gables residency. Register in person or online at [www.playgables.com](http://www.playgables.com) and register early to reserve your space.

All the latest AAC information such as class descriptions and start dates is available in the AAC newsletter. Coral Gables residents have a week priority to register for classes. Two forms of ID must be on file to prove Coral Gables residency. [Register online](#) or in person and register early to reserve your space.

## **Thank You Volunteers!**

Our facility and programming features 45 volunteers that keep you active, healthy, and social. Their skills keep our activities vibrant and engaging, and our facility dynamic. We offer services, information and advocacy to better illustrate the pillars of healthy aging: physical and mental fitness, proper nutrition and rest, meditation and socialization.

## **Stay Up-To-Date**

The City of Coral Gables Adult Activity Center (50+) publishes a seasonal NEWSLETTER online at [www.coralgables.com/aac](http://www.coralgables.com/aac) If you would like to receive this newsletter send your contact information to: [aacinfo@coralgables.com](mailto:aacinfo@coralgables.com)

## **City Programs and Information**

### ***Senior Advisory Board Meetings***

Open to the public every 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

### ***Learn CPR***

First Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center. Please register early as there are limited spots available. Classes are free but for those wishing to obtain certification, a payment in the amount of \$20 by check must be made directly to the Fire Department. For more information please contact 305-460-5601.

### **Successful Aging involves helping others: Volunteer!**

All the classes are led by volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for the Adult Activity Center, we are always looking for new teachers, substitute teachers and general help. A volunteer application for the City of Coral Gables must be submitted. Please contact the Adult Activity Supervisor, regarding volunteer opportunities: [aacinfo@coralgables.com](mailto:aacinfo@coralgables.com) or 305-460-5625.

## **Golf**

### **Biltmore Golf Course**

Address: 1210 Anastasia Avenue

Phone: 305-460-5364

With a multitude of programs aimed at all ages and levels, the Biltmore and Granada golf courses are a source of fun all year long. Designed by Donald Ross in 1925 and host to the Junior Orange Bowl Golf Tournament, the nation's largest junior golf tournament, the Biltmore provides the residents of Coral

Gables a golf course showcase. With the picturesque Biltmore Hotel as a backdrop, residents and visitors alike are sure to enjoy the challenging, Par 71, 6,700-yard layout. For details on the Biltmore Golf Academy, Junior programs, and golf memberships, or to schedule a tee time, call the Pro Shop at 305-460-5364, or [book online](#).

### *Fees*

Biltmore Golf Course rates are effective May 1st to October 31st.

All fees are subject to change and 7% Florida State Sales Tax.

#### 18 Hole Green Fees

| Fee Type                   | Weekends and Holidays before 4pm during EDT | Weekdays before 4pm during EDT | Twilight Golf After 4pm during EDT | Junior 17 years old or younger. Care Fee not included |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Coral Gables Resident      | \$72  | \$62                           | \$56                               | \$25  |
| Miami-Dade County Resident | \$93  | \$82                           | \$77                               | \$30  |
| Biltmore Hotel Guest       | \$107                                       | \$97                           | \$85                               | \$40  |
| Visiting Guests            | \$130                                       | \$110                          | \$100                              | \$50  |

#### 9 Hole Green Fees

| Fee Type                   | Weekends & Holidays before 6pm EDT | Weekdays before 6pm EDT | Evening Twilight Golf after 6pm during EDT |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Coral Gables Resident      | \$43                               | \$39                    | \$35                                       |
| Miami-Dade County Resident | \$62                               | \$56                    | \$51                                       |
| Biltmore Hotel Guest       | \$72                               | \$61                    | \$59                                       |
| Visiting Guests            | \$82                               | \$71                    | \$69                                       |

### Additional Fees

Walking Rates:

- Walking Rates are the rates listed in the tables minus \$32 for 18 holes / \$21 for 9 holes golf cart fee.
  - Walking is not permitted on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays before 10:00 a.m.
  - All Golf Cart Fees are per person / seat. Each person riding in the cart pays the golf cart fee.
- Driving Range Discount Key: 30% Volume Discount off large baskets
- Driving Range Discount Key: 15% volume discount off small baskets
- 18 Holes Rental Clubs: \$75
- 18 Holes Pull Cart Rental: \$12
- 9 Holes Rental Clubs: \$40
- 9 Holes Pull Cart Rental: \$6
- Large Basket of Range Balls: \$16
- Small Basket of Range Balls: \$8

- Group Administration Fee: \$10 per person (required for groups of 12 or more)

### Granada Golf Course

Address: 2001 Granada Blvd.

Phone: 305-460-5367

The Granada Golf Course, a nine-hole Par 36, is located just outside the downtown area. Granada’s local flavor, association support and private club atmosphere make it quite unique. Designed and opened in 1923, Granada is the oldest operating nine-hole course in Florida. A perfect place for residents, visitors and beginners alike, Granada members take great pride in the facility. Burger Bob’s, Granada’s 10th hole, is a favorite of the community. Residents can share stories and enjoy a wonderful morning, while enjoying a home-cooked meal. Call the Pro Shop for details at 305-460-5364.

### Granada Golf Course Fees

| Service Item                           | Resident | Non-Resident |
|--|----------|--------------|
| Walking Fee                            | \$17     | \$22         |
| Twilight Walking                       | \$14     | \$18         |
| Replay- Walking                        | \$12     | \$16         |
| Junior (under 17)                      | \$10     | \$13         |
| Ride-n-save Weekends & Holidays        | \$31.50  | \$36.50      |
| Ride-n-save weekends & Holidays Replay | \$16.50  | \$16.50      |
| Ride-n-save weekdays (including cart)  | \$28.50  | \$31.50      |
| Ride-n-save weekdays- Replay           | \$16.50  | \$16.50      |
| Cart Fee- 9 Holes                      | \$16.50  | \$16.50      |

## Parks

### Use of Facilities

Permits are required for exclusive use of pavilions. Permits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations may not be completed over the phone. Anyone wishing to reserve a park must complete a permit request seven days in advance at the Coral Gables Youth Center, located at 405 University Drive, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays. Permit shall designate the use of the pavilion area exclusively for hours of rental. Rentals available from sunrise to sunset. No pets are allowed at any park or facility, unless stated otherwise. Athletic field usage requires additional permit. For additional information contact us at 305-460-5600.

### Rules, Regulations and Conditions

1. \*Jaycee Park and Pierce Park rentals shall only be made available to residents of the City of Coral Gables. All other park rentals shall be available to residents of Miami-Dade County.
2. Live animal rides, mechanical rides and other entertainment devices are PROHIBITED in all City of Coral Gables Parks. No vendors permitted.
3. The applicant will assume full liability and responsibility for any accident and/or injury resulting from, or in any way related to, the use of the facility.
4. The applicant will reimburse the City of Coral Gables in full for any excessive damage or any loss to facility equipment that resulted in any way from the use of the facility.
5. The applicant will strictly enforce the following rules for all persons attending the function:

- The function will start promptly and all persons attending the function must be off the premises after the reserved time frame is over.
  - Alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED in or near the facility
  - Good conduct must be enforced, and noise must be kept to an appropriate level.
  - The City of Coral Gables, its employees, departments or representatives are not to be held liable or responsible in any way for any accident and/ or injury resulting from, or in any way related to the use of the facility.
6. Any and all athletic or program activities shall require a contract agreement for facility usage and may constitute additional fees and/or a percentage of program registration fees collected.

Acceptance of a park rental permit indicates that the named individual or organization is fully cognizant of all responsibilities in connection with the use of the named facility and agrees to observe, obey, and comply with all City of Coral Gables Community Recreation Rules and Regulations, as well as all City, County, State, and Federal Laws, Rules and Regulations.

Please Note: Rental of these parks does not restrict the use of the playground equipment to rental participants only. Rental shall designate the use of the pavilion area exclusively and only for hours of rental.

\*\$100 security deposit required for all parks and facility rentals.

\*\*Please submit permit at least 7 days prior to event.

**Park Rentals**

| Park                                    | Location             | Maximum Number of Allowable Guests (Children and Adults) | Hourly Rate (2 Hour minimum rental) |
|---|----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Coral Bay Park Pavilion                 | 1590 Campamento Ave. | Up to 15 Only  | \$42                                |
| Jaycee Park Pavilion                    | 1230 Hardee Road     | Up to 15 Only  | \$42                                |
| Pierce Park Pavilion                    | 101 Oak Ave          | Up to 15 Only  | \$42                                |
| Phillips Park Field                     | 90 Menores Ave       | Up to 30 Only  | Rate varies                         |
| Philips Park Pavilion                   | 90 Menores Ave       | Up to 30 Only  | \$53                                |
| Salvadore Park Pavilion                 | 1120 Andalusia Ave   | Up to 30 Only  | \$53                                |
| Sunrise Harbor Park Pavilion            | 25 Sunrise Ave       | Up to 15 Only  | \$42                                |
| William H. Kerdyk, Jr., and Family Park | 6611 Yumuri Street   | Up to 30 Only  | \$53                                |

**Youth Center Facility Rentals**

| Rental Location | Maximum number of allowable guests (children and adults) | Resident Rate (hourly) | City Non-Profit (hourly) | Resident for profit (hourly) | Non-resident (hourly) |
|-----------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                 |  |                        |                          |                              |                       |

| Rental Location   | Maximum number of allowable guests (children and adults) | Resident Rate (hourly) | City Non-Profit (hourly) | Resident for profit (hourly) | Non-resident (hourly) |
|---|--|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Classroom <sup>[1]</sup>                                | 40   | \$42                   | \$54                     | \$68                         | \$82                  |
| Conference Room <sup>[1]</sup>                          | 12   | \$42                   | \$54                     | \$68                         | \$82                  |
| Theater <sup>[1]</sup>                                  | 150  | \$101                  | \$135                    | \$168                        | \$202                 |
| Staff for After-Hours Rental (per staff) <sup>[2]</sup> | TBD  | \$40                   | \$40                     | \$40                         | \$40                  |

<sup>[1]</sup> Monday – Friday 6 a.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.; pending availability

<sup>[2]</sup> Requires Director Approval

### Parks and Open Spaces Amenities

For information about specific amenities available at each City park, please Contact XXX

## City News and Projects

### Coral Gables' Comprehensive Multimodal Transportation Plan

Addressing our city's mobility needs for today and the future

We may take transportation for granted, but success in connecting people to people and linking them to jobs, shops, parks and other destinations is what has made Coral Gables a major business and tourism destination as well as a vibrant residential community. But our strategic location near Miami International Airport and on the way to and from the Palmetto and Dolphin Expressways also means Coral Gables experiences cut-through traffic from nearly 600,000 commuters seeking faster routes to work, school and recreation every day. While we can't promise quick or easy solutions, we are committed to leveraging smart city technologies, alternative forms of transport and cutting-edge urban planning strategies to meet transit challenges. Nearly three years of studying global best practices, consulting transportation experts and listening to the ideas of residents will result in a 10-year blueprint to improve the [city's transportation system](#). Here's some of what the City of Coral Gables has done and will do to make it easier, safer and more sustainable to get around.

#### Did You Know?

Transportation is responsible for nearly half of Coral Gables' greenhouse gas emissions. If we reduced the 370,000 car trips that start or stop in Coral Gables every day by 17,000 by walking, biking or scooting, we would immediately reach our City's 2025 goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent.

## Speed limit reductions

- We've reduced the speed limit on all residential Coral Gables streets from 30 to 25 miles per hour to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone Traffic calming measures
- We've installed the first new speed tables in more than 10 years and will soon install speed humps, raised intersections, traffic circles and traffic islands in critical areas
- We'll soon make Biltmore Way safer and more comfortable for pedestrians and bike riders by narrowing, reducing and resurfacing lanes while adding greenspace, crosswalks, sidewalks, landscaping and bicycle infrastructure
- To learn more about proposed traffic calming devices, check for [upcoming community meetings](#)
- For a [map of current and proposed traffic calming locations](#)

## Cars

- We'll be adding 21 electric car charging ports
- Download the Traffix mobile app to report traffic, ParkMe to find parking and PayByPhone to pay for parking in our City—all are available on the [Smart City Hub](#)
- We've partnered with Waze to gain insights into congested or hazardous locations to drive smarter urban planning and help us respond quicker to road blockages
- We've installed smart lights, cameras, sensors and other devices to better understand the flow of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians around our city, enabling us to determine where future calming devices, sidewalks and bike paths will be located

## Electric scooters

- Coral Gables was the first city in Florida to authorize a shared, dockless e-scooter program, and we've opened the bid process for one or two electric scooter providers to operate permanently within the city boundaries
- A third of scooter users use the vehicles to replace car trips, freeing up parking and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

## The Freebee

- We provide free door-to-door rides around downtown Coral Gables from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, in our eco-friendly Freebee vehicles
- Download the [Freebee app](#) to check service areas and reserve your trip

## Biking

- We provide and install bike racks and support other [initiatives for businesses to become bicycle-friendly](#)
- We're expanding greenways from 10 miles now to 34 miles within the next few years to provide yet another way for residents to move around
- Since February 2019 alone, Coral Gables residents have taken more than 500 trips on shared dockless bikes
- [map of existing and proposed bike paths](#)

## Walking

- We've added 232 high-emphasis crosswalks and 1.2 miles of sidewalks since 2016
- We are building sidewalks on our busiest streets and providing safe connectivity to neighborhood parks

## The Underline

- We're supporting the Underline, which will transform the land below Miami's Metrorail from Brickell to Dadeland into a 10-mile bike and walking trail, encouraging people who normally drive to or through Coral Gables to walk, bike and take mass transit instead
- More information [about the Underline](#)

## Trolleys

- Our free trolley service runs every 15 minutes Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m., including holidays, with service running until 10 p.m. the first Friday of the month to support the Gallery Walk
- The North/South Ponce de Leon Boulevard route runs between Flagler Street and the Douglas Metrorail Station
- The Grand Avenue Loop route runs from the Douglas Metrorail Station south on Douglas Road, west on Grand Avenue, north on LeJeune Road and east on Granello Avenue back to Douglas Station
- Track trolleys in real time by downloading the ETA SPOT mobile app on the Smart City Hub
- For more information, email [trolley@coralgables.com](mailto:trolley@coralgables.com)

## New developments

- We're requiring all developers submitting applications for building permits and/or zoning approvals to conduct [traffic impact studies](#) with consultants vetted and hired by the City of Coral Gables

## **You play a key role in making our transportation plan a success!**

To help shape the transportation future Coral Gables needs, share your ideas at future community meetings or by contacting Mark R. Brown, AICP, PTP at [mbrown@coralgables.com](mailto:mbrown@coralgables.com)