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## LIFE

We are proud to bring you the Doral Life Summer Issue. This official City publication will reach all Doral homes to communicate exciting news, events and initiatives of interest to our residents. It can also be viewed online at [www.cityofdoral.com](http://www.cityofdoral.com). Email us anytime at [constituentservices@cityofdoral.com](mailto:constituentservices@cityofdoral.com) with ideas on what else you may want to see published in this machine. Your feedback is very valuable to us!

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## From the Desk of Mayor Bermudez

*Hello Neighbor,*

Summer is finally here! For many that means vacations and family fun, along with rest and relaxation. This is also a great time to spend time outdoors to stay active, enjoy nature and create memories with friends. I invite you all to enjoy our many parks and recreational opportunities available. For details on all of our facilities, events and programming, visit [www.cityofdoral.com](http://www.cityofdoral.com). Make sure to also connect with us on social media@cityofdoral. No matter what your plans are, I remind you to always stay safe and take the necessary steps to keep you and your loved ones secure.

At the Doral Government Center, we are all currently preparing the new budget for the upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year. Each year the process starts in March with Strategic Planning Workshops in which I work alongside the City Council, administration and department directors discussing how to best continue meeting the needs of the community. A plan is then established to develop a fiscally responsible budget that addresses those needs.

The subsequent Budget Workshops and Budget Hearings are broadcast to the public via Facebook Live, City website and Doral TV Channel 77 to ensure transparency and participation.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to ask you to please support your local Doral businesses whenever possible. While economic impacts from the pandemic have improved, small businesses are still recovering from the past year and they need our help. Visit [www.cityofdoral.com/spendlocal](http://www.cityofdoral.com/spendlocal) for a list of businesses offering special deals in Doral on goods and services for you and your family.

Wishing you all a very happy summer! Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, comments or concerns at [JuanCarlos.Bermudez@cityofdoral.com](mailto:JuanCarlos.Bermudez@cityofdoral.com). I look forward to working together to keep making Doral the premier place to live, work, learn and play.



Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink that reads "JCB". The signature is fluid and cursive, capturing the initials of the Mayor.

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez





## Doral Parks Bond Projects Update!

Since the City's incorporation in 2003, City leadership has envisioned world-class parks with many amenities that would be multi-generational, multi-purpose and multi-seasonal. Recognizing that the City is a flourishing one, the City is working proactively to help provide additional parks, facilities, and amenities to meet the needs of both current and future residents. A key goal is for all residents of the city to be within walking distance of a "walk-to" (or neighborhood park,) that meets the recreational needs of residents of all ages, interests and capabilities. That is why City leadership unanimously agreed to let the residents decide the future of Doral parks. On November 6, 2018, the General Obligation Parks Bond for \$150 million was passed by the voters. The approved bond funds will be used to fund the construction of high-priority, city-wide projects that includes increased green and nature spaces, development of Doral Central Park, construction of cultural facility and improvement of bikeways network and existing parks. Since then, work has been ongoing on all bond projects at varying levels, with improvements already completed on two parks and construction underway on two new parks.



### Doral Central Park Groundbreaking

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Doral Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez, City Council, staff along with Kaufman Lynn Construction and Bermello Ajamil & Partners broke ground on the Doral Central Park build-out project. The park will be closed to the public until further notice with Phases 2 and 3 scheduled to be completed in 2022 and Phase 4 completed in 2023. The 82-acre existing passive park will be transformed into a multipurpose and multigenerational park with amenities that include: a 70,000 sq. ft indoor recreation center, amphitheater, nature areas and aquatic facility.

The design of the park and the amenities included addresses the community's needs as identified in the Parks System Master Plan through community surveys and several community workshops that gave residents the opportunity to provide feedback. Following that process, the Mayor and City Council unanimously agreed that the residents should decide the future of our parks. Residents ultimately decided that they wanted projects like this to continue improving their quality of life.



## Doral White Course Park Groundbreaking

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Doral Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez, City Council, along with Waypoint Contracting, Inc., broke ground on the Doral White Course Park. This Park is located at 8429 NW 41st Street in Doral, FL. This new park will include a shaded playground, a waterfront event plaza, outdoor fitness stations, a multi-purpose green space area, fenced-off dog area, restrooms, and shelters. The park will have limited landscape lighting with general overhead and walkway lighting and security cameras. A new boardwalk will connect this park to the Downtown Doral area. The vision for Walk-to Parks like this (or neighborhood parks) is for every resident to be able to safely and comfortably walk to a high-quality park within ½ mile (a 5 to 10-minute walk) from their home.



## Doral Cultural Arts Center Update

Construction at the Doral Cultural Arts Center site continues to move along quickly. The Doral Cultural Arts Center will be located right next to Downtown Doral Park. This facility will celebrate the variety of cultures, arts, and experiences that make Doral so unique. Features will include a large art gallery space, a multi-purpose room, outdoor courtyards, area for catering, and public restrooms. The project is scheduled to be completed by the first quarter of 2022.





## PLANNING YOUR PLACE TO PLAY

The Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains nine parks with an abundance of amenities for every age and lifestyle including: a community center, lighted artificial sports fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts, bike-ways, jogging trails, exercise stations, batting cages, shaded playgrounds, dog-friendly off-leash areas (only at Trails & Tails) and covered pavilions/picnic tables available for party rentals. The City offers clean, safe and secure facilities for adults and children to play and natural areas for everyone to enjoy.

IT STARTS IN  
**PARKS**  
 Coaching. Connecting. Community.



*Doral Central Park*



*Doral Legacy Park*



*Trails & Tails Park*



*Doral Meadow Park*



*Downtown Doral Park*



*Morgan Levy Park*



*Doral Glades Park*



*Veterans Park*



*MAU Park*

# SPECIAL EVENTS



## Art After Dark Workshops

Join us in person or virtually for an exciting weekend of hands-on art! Participants will be taken step by step as they learn a new skill and create a unique work of art that they can take home with them. Necessary materials or tools will be provided at the workshop site. To register, visit [cityofdoral.eventbrite.com](http://cityofdoral.eventbrite.com).



**Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 Doral Glades Park  
 time TBD

**Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Virtual  
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 Doral Glades Park  
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

## Independence Day Fireworks Display



**Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Save the Date!  
 Stay Tuned for details!



## Back to School Drive-thru Backpack Giveaway

Free backpacks and supplies will be distributed to school aged children. This is a ticketed event and pre-registration is required. Doral residents pre-registration: July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>. General registration: August 12<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>. Maximum of two (2) backpacks per household, while supplies last. There will be no day-of tickets available. To register, visit [cityofdoral.eventbrite.com](http://cityofdoral.eventbrite.com).



**Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 Doral Glades Park  
 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM



## Short Films at the Park

Experience the art of independent cinema while enjoying a beautiful night under the stars at Downtown Doral Park. We invite you to a special screen-in of thematic family oriented short films. Short films are not only about getting a story across within a certain time frame, it's whether the filmmakers can make the audience feel something, an emotion or a different perception in such limited time frames. Come be a part of a culture movement, which is sure to last throughout the years.



**Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 Downtown Doral Park  
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



# PARKS PROGRAMS



## Just You & Me (Ages 2-5)

You and your child will bond and enjoy developmentally age appropriate arts and crafts activities in this fun class! Explore the fun of crafting as we make monster puppets, egg carton boats, and papier-mâché fish.

Doral Legacy Park  
REGISTRATION TAKEN MONTHLY

Fee: Resident: \$25 Non-Resident: \$30  
Day/Time: Fridays 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

## Ge-Ni-U-S Science Labs (Ages 7-13)

Join us in this fun exploration of science! These fun STEAM based activities will have your child engaged while learning about the multiple forms of science. This monthly program will include making a mechanical arm, learning about air compression and non-Newtonian fluids, and making a battery out of lemons.

Doral Legacy Park  
REGISTRATION TAKEN MONTHLY

Fee: Resident: \$25 Non-Resident: \$30  
Day/Time: Wednesdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM



## Nature Crafts (Ages 7-13)

This program will have craft building such as bird house decorating, flowerpot decorating, bird feeder building, and bookmark making. We will be creating beautiful crafts while learning about the natural world around us.

Doral Glades Park  
REGISTRATION TAKEN MONTHLY

Fee: Resident: \$25 Non-Resident: \$30  
Day(s): Tuesdays Time(s): 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

## Crafty Art (Ages 5-10)

Get your creative side on and join us for our weekly Crafty Art program! Participants will be able to explore their creativity using different materials while interacting with others.

Doral Legacy Park  
REGISTRATION TAKEN MONTHLY

Fee: Resident: \$25 Non-Resident: \$30  
Day/Time: Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM



## Doral Broncos Tackle Football (Ages 5-14)

This award-winning program focuses on teaching the fundamentals of tackle football with an emphasis on sportsmanship, education, safety, and fun for all participants. Be part of the action as we accomplish our mission by continually striving to become better coaches, parents, and fans. Volunteer coaching opportunities are available.

Game Days: Saturdays  
Fee: Residents \$200 Non-Residents \$225  
Returning Players \$175 Non-Residents \$200  
\*Military and Coaches discounts available\*

Home games played at Doral Meadow Park  
Season Length: June – November 2021  
Registration Opens: April 5, 2021  
(Registration open until capacity reached)  
Practice Days/Times: Monday-Friday 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

## Doral Broncos Cheer (Ages 6-17)

This award-winning program focuses on teaching the fundamentals of cheer with an emphasis on sportsmanship, education, safety, and fun for all participants. Be part of the action as we accomplish our mission by continually striving to become better coaches, parents, and fans.

Fee: Residents \$200 Non-Residents \$225  
Returning Players \$175 Non-Residents \$200  
\*Additional cost for Elite competitions (January - April).  
\*\*Proof of Residency Required

Season Length: June 2021 - April 2022  
Registration Opens: April 15 - June 1, 2021  
Practice Days/Times: Monday-Friday 6:00 PM-9:00 PM





# Celebrate Summer


## PRACTICE SUMMER SAFETY



### Summer Safety Tips

1


#### SUN



Protect yourself from the sun with shade and sunscreen. Use sunscreen at least SPF 15 and apply frequently. Stay hydrated by taking a bottle of cold water with you on the go.

2


#### SWIM



Drowning is the lead cause of accidental death in young children. Always supervise kids around water and stay within view of life guards. Parents should also take a CPR class and learn the signs of drowning.

3


#### BOAT



Always have life jackets aboard for all passengers. Check weather forecast to plan routes that avoid dangerous conditions. Never drink and drive as it can lead to sometimes fatal accidents.

4


#### FIREWORKS



Never allow children to hold or play with fireworks. Only use legal fireworks and always use outdoors away from wooden objects. Keep your pets indoors to avoid them becoming scared of loud noises and running away.

5

#### COVID-19



Avoid crowded areas where social distancing is not possible. Use breathable materials for summer mask use.

**JUNE**

- Council Meeting**  
June 9<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM & 6:00 PM  
Government Center - Council Chambers
- Special Magistrate Hearing**  
June 17<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 PM  
Virtual
- Art After Dark Weekend**  
June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
TBA  
Doral Glades Park
- Local Planning Agency Meeting**  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
5:30 PM  
Government Center - Council Chambers
- Council Zoning Meeting**  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:00 PM  
Government Center - Council Chambers



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**JULY**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**Independence Day Fireworks Display**  
July 4<sup>th</sup>  
SAVE THE DATE!



**Independence Day Observance**  
July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Government Center CLOSED ALL DAY

**Special Magistrate Hearing**  
July 15<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 PM  
Virtual

**Art After Dark**  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00 PM  
Virtual



## AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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29	30					



### Council Meeting

**August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 AM & 6:00 PM  
Government Center - Council Chambers

### Back to School Drive-thru Backpack Giveaway

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 AM  
Doral Glades Park



### Special Magistrate Hearing

**August 19<sup>th</sup>**  
2:00 PM  
Virtual

### Short Films at the Park

**August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 PM  
Downtown Doral Park



### Local Planning Agency Meeting

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 PM  
Government Center - Council Chambers

### Council Zoning Meeting

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 PM  
Government Center - Council Chambers

### Art After Dark

**August 26<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 PM  
Doral Glades Park



Back to School Drive-thru Backpack Giveaway



Short Films at the Park



Art After Dark

# BUILDING DEPARTMENT

## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A FLOOD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

FLOODS CAN OCCUR IN THE CITY OF DORAL AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR BUT ARE MOST LIKELY DURING THE RAINY SEASON. HEAVY AND PROLONGED RAINFALL SATURATES THE GROUND AND CAUSES THE CAPACITY OF THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO BE EXCEEDED. THIS CAN CAUSE FLOODING ALONG STREETS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, CREATING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS. BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVELY FLAT TOPOGRAPHY, FLOODING CAN OCCUR ALMOST ANYWHERE IN THE CITY. BEING PREPARED IS YOUR BEST DEFENSE AGAINST A FLOOD.

**\*FOR STEPS 1 THRU 6, REFER TO WINTER NEWSLETTER\***

## STEP 7

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

To reduce hurricane damage, all new buildings must be constructed with hurricane storm shutters. Installation is simple but requires a building permit. Contact the Building Department at (305) 593-6700 for more information.

In the event of a storm, check TV and radio sources for up-to-date information. Know what to do in the event of a hurricane watch, warning, and/or evacuation order. Create a checklist for emergency supplies, know the locations of evacuation centers, and plan ahead for your pets. Prepare your home before a storm to reduce potential damage.

For more information, review the Hurricane Guide on the Miami-Dade County Division of Emergency Management website or call the office at (305) 468-5400. Visit [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) to learn more about what to do in the event of a hurricane watch or warning in your area.

## STEP 8

### YOU CAN BUY FLOOD INSURANCE IN LOW RISK ZONES

Flood insurance is not just for properties in the floodplain. Did you know that more than 25-percent of flood insurance claims are for structures outside the 100-year floodplain? Even if your home or business is located in a low risk zone, it may still be at risk of flooding. Homeowners, renters, and business owners in low risk zones can purchase standard policies or reduced-rate “preferred risk” policies.

You can visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) or contact your local insurance agent for more information and rates.



## STEP 9 FLOOD EDUCATION

Doral has many resources available to help you understand your flood risk and options for mitigation. If you want to learn more about flood risk as well as the benefits of mitigation contact the Building Department at (305) 593-6700. A City official can come discuss these topics with your homeowners' association or neighborhood group.

The City is also promoting education on NAI—no adverse impact floodplain management—to set local goals and reduce damages from floods. To learn more about NAI, visit [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org) or contact the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM).

## STEP 10 LID TECHNIQUES

Doral is encouraging homeowners and developers to take action to reduce stormwater flooding by implementing low-impact development (LID) techniques. Install LID techniques, such as rain barrels and permeable pavers, to help manage stormwater on site instead of allowing it to runoff into the stormwater drainage system, which can become overwhelmed and lead to flooding.

To learn more about what types of LID techniques you can implement on your property, contact the Building Department at (305) 593-6700. Developers should contact the Planning Department at (305) 593-6630 for advice and assistance on incorporating LID into commercial projects.

### FLOOD PROTECTION ASSISTANCE

The City of Doral flood protection assistance program provides information on property protection, how to obtain funding for your flood mitigation project, and can perform a site visit to determine possible flood hazards. For more information please contact the City of Doral Building Department at 305-593-6700 or [building@cityofdoral.com](mailto:building@cityofdoral.com).

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

## TIPS & RESOURCES

Hurricane season is officially here and the City of Doral wants to remind everyone that the time to prepare is now! Doral, as well as the rest of the County and State, are in the potential path of hurricanes. Which is why it is imperative that you review your family and business' hurricane and supplies plan sooner rather than later.

This is the third hurricane season in which the City of Doral Divisional Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is available to be activated, if necessary. The EOC provides a centralized space for City staff and first responders to gather critical information, coordinate response activities, and manage personnel during emergencies and catastrophic events to ensure an effective and efficient recovery for our residents and business owners.

With public safety as the City's utmost priority, all City departments are working diligently to provide the support you need to keep you, your family and your business safe during a state of emergency.

### Pre-Storm Activities for Residents and Businesses

- Review your emergency kit. Make sure to have food, water (1 gallon per person per day) and medicine for a minimum of three days. Visit the Public Safety page from the City website to see a complete list.



- Be sure to bring all front yard and backyard decorations, items, and accessories indoors to avoid the possibility of flying projectiles.
- Survey your property for any property maintenance-related issues prior to a storm, such as damaged fences, loose roof shingles or tiles, or other similar items so that they may be repaired before a potential storm hits.

- Ensure that hurricane shutters are in good working order and are being maintained regularly. If your home has hurricane panels, make sure all required hardware and materials are easily available and accessible.



- Flooding can be a major concern during a storm. The City maintains all storm water drains within the public right-of-way, but make sure that if you live in a private community, your association management maintains the storm water drainage system within your community. Ensure that all private storm drains are serviced and cleaned out to assist in alleviating standing water in roads and parking lots. Remember "Only Rain Down the Drain."



- Trim your trees weeks, even a couple of months, before the start of hurricane season to avoid having dead branches and pruned landscaping from becoming dangerous objects during a windstorm. Proper disposal of these items is critical to prevent property damage during a storm.

- For business owners in the City, all outdoor seating and tables, along with loose signs, should be brought indoors. All heavier outside storage materials should be properly secured, as well. City Inspectors will be scoping the City for construction sites and handling out flyers informing to secure loose construction materials. Have an emergency plan for your employees.

- Contact your Insurance Agent to ensure your property is properly insured.
- Contact your Homeowner's Association (HOA) to receive information specific to your community.
- The City's Building Department will be available to assist customers with any hurricane permitting and inspection inquiries. For flood information visit our website: [www.cityofdoral.com](http://www.cityofdoral.com), under the Building tab.





## TIPS & RESOURCES

### Post-Storm Activities for Residents and Businesses

- Various major street intersections in Doral are equipped with portable generator interface devices that allow the hook-up of portable generators for continued operation of traffic signals in case of power outages caused by a hurricane event. Treat all intersections as a four (4) way stop when the traffic light is not functioning, or the Stop sign is down.
- In the event that your property is damaged during a storm, be aware of unlicensed contractors. Make sure to verify that all potential contractors working on your home are properly licensed, insured, and qualified by the State of Florida, and that all appropriate building permits are obtained.



- The City of Doral has contractors on standby ready to assist with clean-up and debris removal on City public roads. This will allow first responders to have unimpeded access in case of emergencies. In a continued effort to protect residents and business owners, the Code Compliance Department will be aggressively investigating and enforcing all reports of illegal contracting work performed in the City. Please know that if your community is managed by a Homeowners' Association (HOA), that HOA is responsible for their respective community debris pick-up and disposal at a designated Miami-Dade County Solid Waste facility.
- Florida Power and Light (FPL) outage and restoration information is available by calling 1-800-4-OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243) or through their mobile website at [www.FPL.com](http://www.FPL.com).
- Cooperate with authorities if curfews are issued within the City and avoid leaving the house to drive around unless needed.

## Stay Informed!

- The City of Doral has the goal of keeping the residents and stakeholders informed. City staff uses various platforms to keep the public notified of hurricane emergency alerts.
- City residents and business owners may sign up to receive Automated Weather Alerts through Doral Alerts. This is free of charge and the application can also be downloaded on your smart phone. These alerts are pushed out to registered participants automatically, when the National Weather Service declares inclement weather areas near registered address. Residents and business owners may sign up via our website to receive these notifications.
- The City of Doral uses these social media outlets to keep residents and business owners informed of any emergencies. Follow our Twitter accounts (@cityofdoral and @DoralPolice), Instagram (@cityofdoral and @DoralPD), and our City Facebook page (@cityofdoral). There you can also find the link to subscribe to Doral Alerts.
- For emergencies, please call 911. For Police non-emergencies, call 305-593-6699.

## Additional Resources:

[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)  
[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
[www.cdc.gov/disasters](http://www.cdc.gov/disasters)

[www.miamidade.gov](http://www.miamidade.gov)  
 Doral PD Hotline: 786-871-1465  
 Miami-Dade Answer 311 Center



State of Florida Emergency Information Line 800-342-3557; TTY: 800-226 4329

*A full list of contact numbers can be found in the City of Doral's website [www.cityofdoral.com](http://www.cityofdoral.com), under the RESIDENTS tab.*



## Community Policing in Doral

One of the main pillars of the Doral Police Department is community policing. Community-oriented policing focuses on developing positive relationships those living and working in our City. Throughout the year, Doral Police participates in several programs and initiatives that allow them to connect with residents and businesses to foster bonds that allow our officers to assist and keep the City safe. During the first months of 2021, Doral Police was at the forefront of many activities that supported the community and provided vital help.

### COVID-19



### COVID-19 Relief Food Deliveries

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Doral Police, with the support and approval of the Mayor and City Council, has delivered boxed groceries to over 2,000 Doral residents. The program which recently concluded, provided important support to those in need of food due to their inability to leave their home or as a result of loss of employment.



### COVID-19 Vaccinations

The Doral Police Department spearheaded the vaccination effort in conjunction with other key City of Doral departments and the Florida Department of Health. Vaccinations took place at Doral Legacy Park during scheduled dates through appointments. To date, over 1,500 residents have been vaccinated.



### AUTISM AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

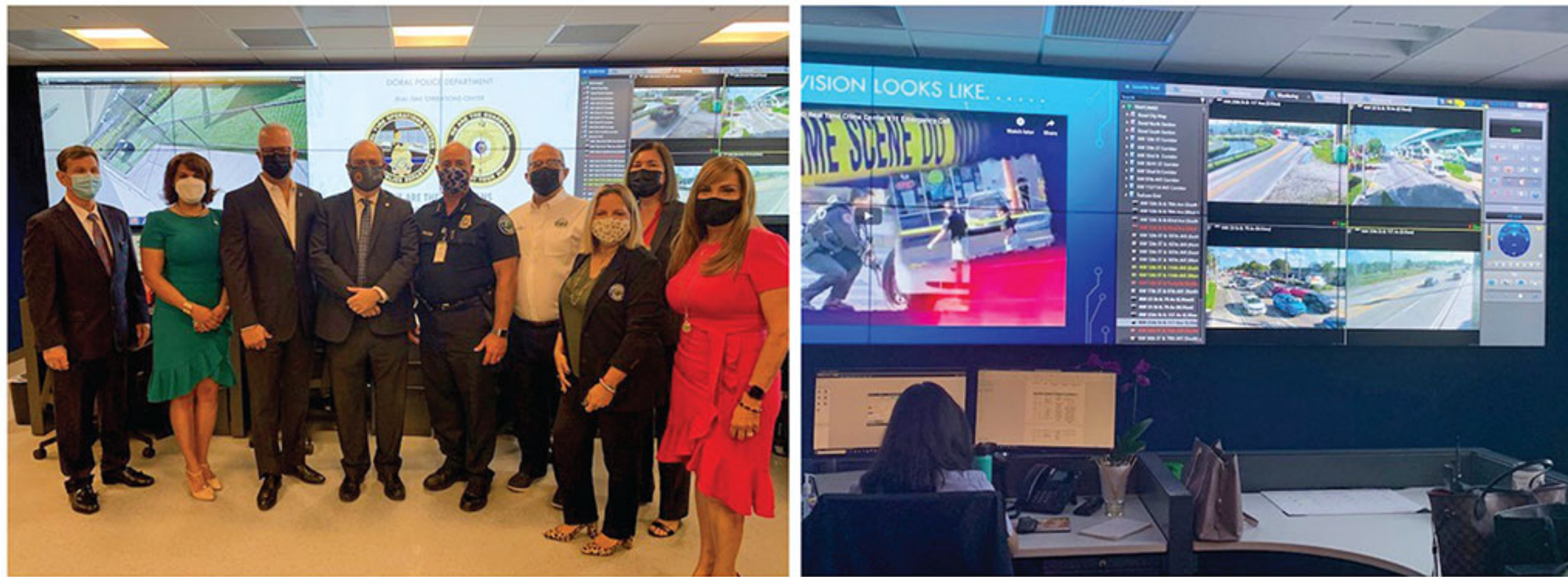
The Doral Police Department proudly supported a 27-mile long bike ride hosted by the Miami-Dade Fire Department to increase Autism Awareness with all funds collected benefitting the important cause. Over 200 people participated in the ride to show their support. Afterwards attendees enjoyed an Expo Fair with multiple vendors and a bike safety demonstration conducted by members of the Doral Police Department. Additionally, Doral Police officers wore specially crafted badges to commemorate Autism Awareness Month in April.





# DORAL SHINES

## #DoralShines with New National Awards



### 2021 FutureEdge 50 Awards

The City of Doral has been selected as a winner of the CIO (Chief Information Officer) 2021 FutureEdge 50 Awards as an organization pushing the edge with new technologies to advance their business for the future. The City is the only city among the winners and the award is based on the Real Time Operations Center Innovative Technology recently inaugurated at the Doral Police Department. The judges evaluated a large and highly competitive field of nominations, and they recognized our city's innovation and business acumen with digital.

Innovations in this year's class include a wide variety of technologies advancing organizations across many industries. City of Doral ranks among top industry leaders such as IBM, Zoom, Intel for the use of complex data aggregation initiatives with artificial intelligence and machine learning with our Real Time Operations Center diverse technologies which support diverse outcomes for public safety. Winners improved products and services through the adoption of edge computing and supply chain efforts with IoT (internet of things).

CIO Digital Magazine is the #1 global resource trusted by business technology leadership as this award-winning website is a one-stop shop for enterprise CIOs and business technology executives around the world searching for unparalleled peer insight and expertise to remain on the cutting edge of business, tech and leadership.

As one of the winners, Doral will join the discussion and be celebrated at CIO's Future of Work Summit taking place online September 21-23, 2021. This highly successful semiannual event focuses on how organizations are adapting to the evolving business landscape with advances in automation, cloud native applications and many other digital innovations – aligning with the types of projects honored by the award.



# DORAL SHINES



## **Achievement Award from the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC)**

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the state's leading certifier of green residential and commercial construction and local governments, has announced the 2020 Annual Achievement Awards winners for Builder of the Year, Highest Scoring Projects, and Certifying Agent of the Year. The City of Doral has been awarded as one of the three finalists in the Local Government Category. The City has received Platinum Level under the Local Government re-certification.

Promoting a State of Sustainability Since 2000, the non-profit Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) is the state's leading certifier of green homes, buildings, communities, and local governments. Over two decades ago FGBC brought together industry professionals from the construction, government, academic and research communities to create green standards tailored specifically to Florida. To date it has certified over 25,000 residential, commercial, high-rise, land developments and local governments participating in its certification programs. FGBC certification programs are the only standards developed with state specific criteria to address Florida's hot-humid environment, climate, distinctive topography, unique geology, resiliency, and natural disasters.



## **Doral ranks #3 Best Small City for Small Business**

Go.Verizon.com just released their fourth annual report on the Best Small Cities to Start a Small Business. Doral has ranked as #3! Despite a difficult year for the small business community, the team at Go.Verizon celebrates Doral's ability to help its business owners persevere and thrive.

Rankings were based on data collected by Go.Verizon from nearly 300 cities country wide with populations between 50,000 and 75,000. Factors considered were percentage of residents with at least a Bachelor's degree, income per capita, tax score, etc.

The recognition credits Doral with an impressive show of innovation, making the jump from last year's ranking of #14. In addition to its tax-friendly environment, the City is the second-most educated city on the list after Weston, FL. (over 51% of its citizens hold at least a bachelor's degree). The city also has considerable broadband access and a booming work economy.



# DORAL MEANS BUSINESS

## CAMACOL Doral

The City and CAMACOL are proud to partner to bring you “CAMACOL Doral”, an important collaboration to further encourage economic growth in the City. Together we are launching the “Business Spotlight” e-newsletter which will be sent to the community each week. The goal is to promote local businesses and help them thrive, especially during this time of recovery. If you are interested in having your business featured, tell us your story! Email us at [economicdevelopment@cityofdoral.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@cityofdoral.com). Please include name of your business, location, website and details on the services you provide and deals you’d like to highlight. We look forward to working together to make sure Doral’s business community continues to succeed!



Want to know which Doral businesses are offering great deals as part of this program? Visit our website for a complete list and just bring in your Spend Local, Save Local Card to enjoy discounts.



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Doral residents, cut out the Spend Local Card and keep it in your wallet. Find the local businesses offering discounts at:

[www.cityofdoral.com/spendlocal](http://www.cityofdoral.com/spendlocal)

SEE THE OTHER SIDE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO GET A CARD.



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