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# DORAL

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### **Parks Bond Projects continue to Open!**

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## From the Desk of Mayor Bermudez

*Hello Neighbor,*

I hope that 2022 has been a happy and fruitful year for you and your families. This year has been a successful and productive one for the City of Doral where much has been accomplished. We prioritized our City's transparency, accountability, and the great quality of life our residents and businesses deserve. During the past 12 months we accomplished improving the municipal services we offer, increased public safety, and opened the doors to new state-of-the-art recreational facilities. Most recently, with the well-being of our community in mind, my colleagues on the City Council I and adopted the lowest millage rate in our City's history, ensuring that your taxes paid to the City will not increase. This also makes Doral's millage rate the lowest in all of Miami-Dade County.

An exciting and bright chapter is upon us as the City celebrates an important milestone next year – the 20th anniversary! The hard work and dedication that has transformed Doral into a world-class City, has truly been a labor of love that so many people have contributed to.

Our founding members, our elected officials, City staff, and especially our residents, have all been integral in making Doral the success that it is today. It has been an honor of a lifetime to serve you and I thank you for the opportunity. As I prepare to enter a new chapter myself, as the Miami-Dade Commissioner for District 12, know that I remain dedicated in this new role and as a resident to continue working to ensure that Doral remains the premier place to live, work, learn and play!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'JCB', positioned above the printed name.

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez







# PLANNING YOUR PLACE TO PLAY

The Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains eleven (11) 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 (Trails and Tails & White Course) 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.



*Doral Cultural Arts Center*



*Doral Central Park*



*Doral Glades Park*



*Doral Legacy Park*



*Doral Meadow Park*



*Downtown Doral Park*



*MAU Park*



*Morgan Levy Park*



*Trails & Tails Park*



*Veterans Park*



*White Course Park*



# Parks and Recreation PROGRAMS

## Winter Break CAMPS



### Camp **Unbeatables**

Camp Unbeatables is a multi-sports and multi-function camp program where children not only are able to learn and practice many sports, indoor and outdoor recreational activities but receive a unique Life Skills Training Program created by Life Coaches, Family Therapists, and certified teachers. **To register, visit [www.CampUnbeatables.com](http://www.CampUnbeatables.com) or call (305) 690-7491.**

**December 26 – January 6**

**Doral Legacy Park, 11400 NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street**

### Camp **YMCA**

Spend your Winter Break at the Y! The YMCA of South Florida's Outdoor Education camp allows kids to explore their love for nature and the outdoors. It also teaches self-reliance and builds character and leadership amidst fun activities that include fishing, archery, kayaking and more! Bring a healthy lunch and drink along with a change of clothes, everything else will be provided, including a daily afternoon snack. **To register, email Jorge Piriyaikul, Program Director, at [Jpiriyakul@YMCASouthFlorida.org](mailto:Jpiriyakul@YMCASouthFlorida.org) or call 305-357-4000 ext. 1163.**

**December 26 – January 6**

**Doral Glades Park, 7600 NW 98<sup>th</sup> Place**



Thinking of planning a party or family gathering? Host your next special event at our community centers or at one of our beautiful parks. Permits are required for the use of pavilions and fields. Please visit our website at [www.cityofdoral.com](http://www.cityofdoral.com) under the Parks and Recreation Department/Park Rental link for reservation and fee information. Please contact Morgan Levy Park Community Center at (305) 482-9590, the Doral Legacy Park Community Center at (305) 341-3601 or the Doral Glades Park Community Center at (305) 593-6638 to book your appointment for a party rental permit. Fee schedule and permit information available on our website:

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



# Parks and Recreation PROGRAMS

## Youth Programs

- Crafty Art
- Dance Juniors
- Just You & Me
- Simanof Orchestra
- EcoAdventures
- First Step Dance
- Dance Minis
- Ge-Ni-U-S Science Labs



- United Martial Arts
- Florida Karate Clubs
- Doral Fencing Club
- Chess for Kids
- Miami Table Tennis Club
- Doral EARTH
- Archery
- Teacher Planning Days
- Toddler Time



## Adult Programs



- Wellness Wednesdays
- Archery
- Doral Run Club
- Core Yoga
- Baby & Me Yoga



- Jazzercise
- Yoga on the Lawn
- Full Moon Yoga
- OM Yoga Flow

For more information on youth and adult programs, contact [Christopher.Hovde@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Christopher.Hovde@cityofdoral.com)

## Senior (55+) Programs

- Bingo Night
- Seminar & Luncheons
- Social Hours
- Tai-Chi



- Jazzercise Lite
- Chair Yoga
- Senior Art
- Handmade Jewelry



For more information on joining Silver Club, email [Nerea.Recalde@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Nerea.Recalde@cityofdoral.com)

## Special Needs Programs

- Feel the Beat! Dance classes
- Special Olympics
- Wellness & Martial Arts Program
- Mind & Melody Music

For more information on Special Needs Programs, contact [Anna-Marie.Humphrey@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Anna-Marie.Humphrey@cityofdoral.com) or call 305-593-6600.

## Youth Sports

- Doral Little League
- Basketball League
- Flag Football
- Broncos Football and Cheer



- Tennis
- Field Hockey
- Soccer
- Futsal

## Adult Sports

- Adult Basketball League



For more information on Youth and Adult Sports, contact [Kenneth.Harris@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Kenneth.Harris@cityofdoral.com) or [Jennifer.Chirino@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Jennifer.Chirino@cityofdoral.com)



**NOVEMBER 2022**

| SUNDAY    | MONDAY    | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY  |
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**Veterans Day Ceremony**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 AM  
Veterans Park



**Veterans Day Observed**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Government Center Closed

**Art After Dark**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 PM  
Cultural Arts Center



**Movies at the Park**

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30 PM  
Downtown Doral Park



**Thanksgiving Observed**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**  
BOTH DAYS  
Government Center Closed





## DECEMBER 2022

### Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

6:00 PM  
Downtown Doral Park

### Holiday Celebration at the Park

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM  
Doral Meadow Park

### Art After Dark Workshop



**December 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM  
Cultural Arts Center

### Light Up the Night



**December 19<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM  
Downtown Doral Park

### Council Meeting

**December 21<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 AM & 6:00 PM  
Government Center - Council Chambers

### Christmas Day Observed

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

December 26<sup>th</sup> ALL DAY  
Government Center Closed

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## JANUARY 2023

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### New Years Day Observed

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

January 2<sup>nd</sup> ALL DAY  
Government Center Closed



### Council Meeting

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM & 6:00 PM  
Government Center - Council Chambers

### Martin Luther King B-day Observed

**January 16<sup>th</sup>**

ALL DAY  
Government Center Closed

### Art Walk

**January 21<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 PM  
Downtown Doral Park



### Movies at the Park

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM  
Downtown Doral Park





# DORAL PARKS BOND UPDATE

In 2018, the City Council at the time unanimously voted to put out a referendum so that Doral voters could decide if they wanted to invest in parks. The decision was left to the residents and 52.7% of residents said "YES" to improving and building parks and recreational facilities. There is a lot that goes into bringing the ambitious vision of world-class parks to reality that includes conception, design, preconstruction, procurement and construction. Since the passing of the bond the City of Doral has been working with all the necessary parties and agencies to carry out the multiple projects.



## Morgan Levy Park Improvements (Completed)

This project included the removal and replacement of existing flooring, new millwork, painting and the addition of a grease interceptor. The addition of ADA accessible routes to the picnic areas, and transitioning to high-efficiency LED fixtures in the parking area as well as adding and enhancing security cameras.

### KEY BENEFITS

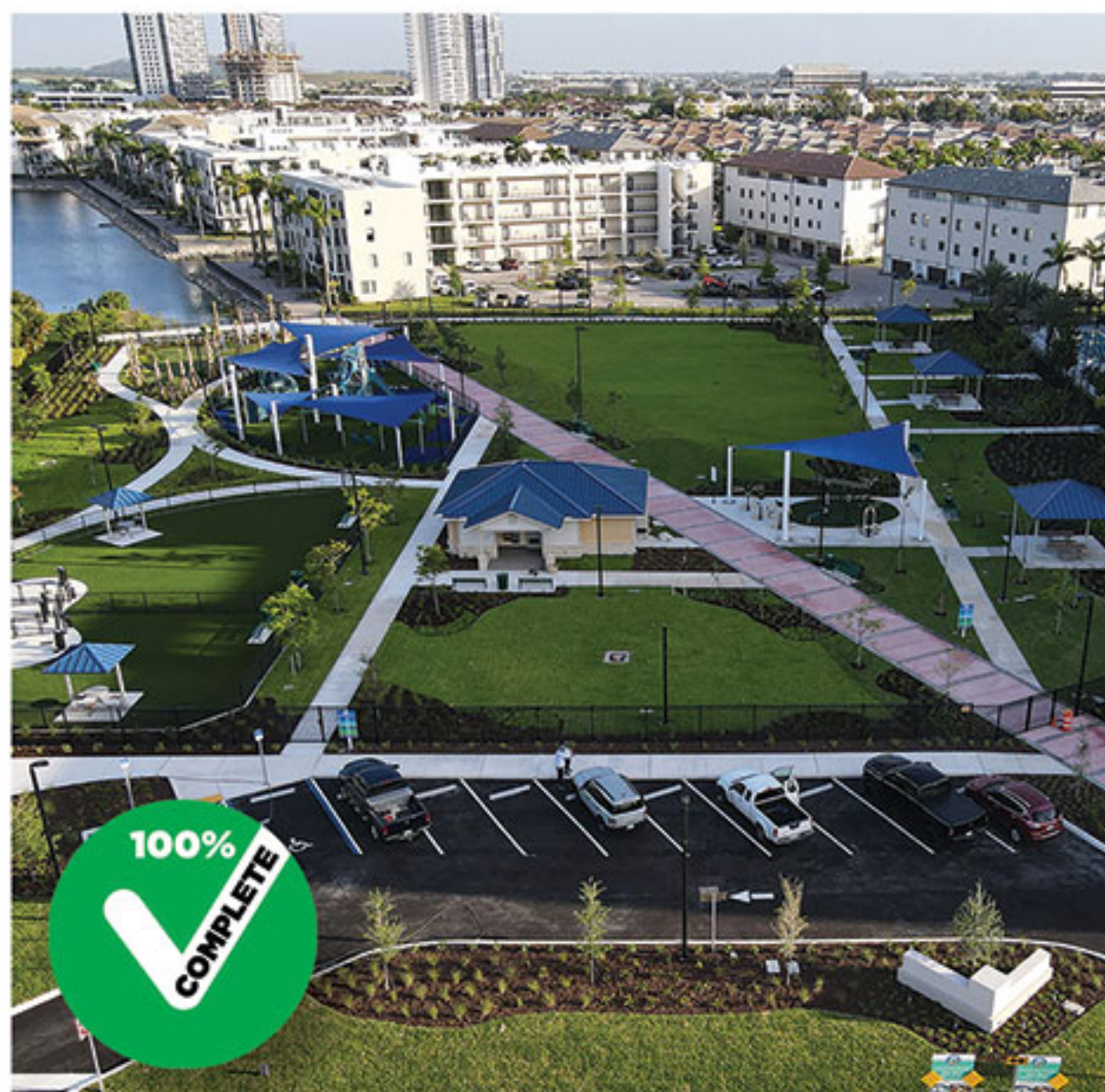
- Add more security cameras
- ADA Accessible routes to picnic BBQs
- Transitioning to high efficiency LED light fixture

## Doral Meadow Park Improvements (Completed)

The project included enclosing the existing outdoor patio space to provide 800 square feet of indoor recreation area with a new HVAC system. In addition, the existing building renovation included a high-tech conference room, a kitchenette, façade treatments, green walls, an indoor trophy case, modernized bathrooms and a multi-purpose outdoor plaza.

### KEY BENEFITS

- Outfield Baseball Netting
- New Multi-purpose Room
- New Kitchenette
- New Hallway Storage
- Staff Office
- Conference Room
- Large Storage Area
- Maintenance/Storage Area
- Men's Restroom
- Women's Restroom



## BRAND NEW Doral White Course Park (Completed)

This Park is located at 8429 NW 41st Street in Doral, FL. This new park includes a shaded playground, outdoor fitness stations, a multi-purpose green space area, fenced-off dog area, restrooms, and shelters. The park includes landscape lighting with general overhead and walkway lighting and security cameras. It also features a boardwalk that connects this park to the Downtown Doral area.

### KEY BENEFITS

- Putting Green
- Picnic Shelters
- Shaded Playground
- Shaded Seating Areas
- Outdoor Fitness Plaza
- Waterfront Events Plaza
- Fenced Off-Leash Dog Area
- Multi-Purpose Greenspace
- Restroom
- Boardwalk to Downtown Doral
- Parking Lot



## Trails & Tails Park Improvements (Completed)

The project included the installation of additional light fixtures to increase security in the area, replacing existing fixtures, and the addition of lighting to the dog and play areas. The existing small and big dog play areas have had their fences repaired.

### KEY BENEFITS

- Increased year around access by adding site-lighting in the entire park facility
- Fixed fencing in the dog areas



## Doral Cultural Arts Center (Completed)

The Doral Cultural Arts Center site is located between 53rd Street and 53rd Terrace, adjacent to the City of Doral Government Center. This facility serves to celebrate the variety of cultures, arts, and experiences that make Doral so unique. This facility will be a place for the community to gather for events, programs, exhibits and much more!

### KEY BENEFITS

- Large art gallery space
- A flexible multi-purpose room
- Rooftop plaza
- Multiple outdoor courtyards
- Catering area
- Additional multi-purpose greenspace
- Public art
- Public garden spaces
- Public restrooms



## Doral Central Park (Under Construction)

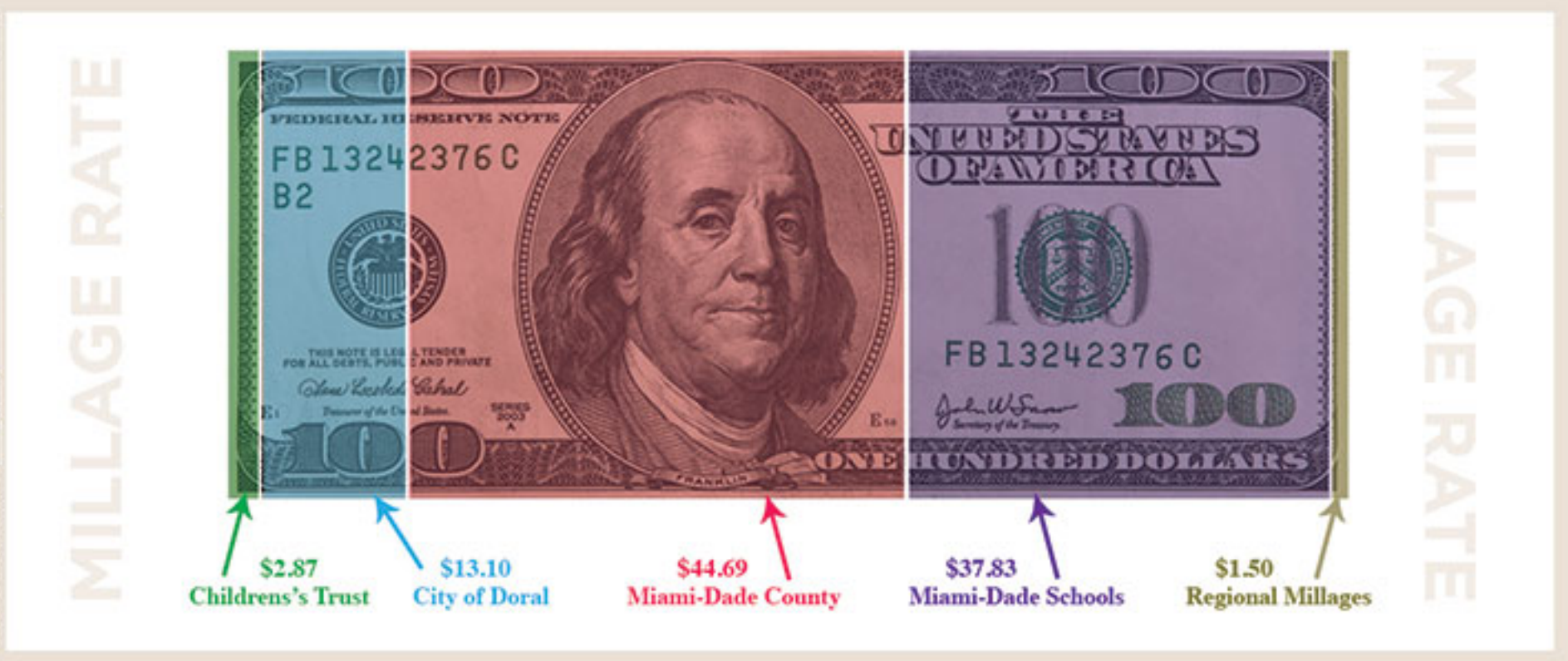


Doral Central Park is located at 3000 NW 87th Avenue and is the flagship project of the Doral Parks Bond. This 78 acre park will be one of the largest parks in the region and include state-of-the-art amenities like an indoor recreational facility, and aquatics venue with a competition pool, practice swim pool, and recreational splash park area. Outdoor amenities will include walking paths, tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts, (2) two ballfields, picnic areas and pavilions, skate park and pump track and sensory playscape/nature area. Additional activities that will take advantage of the lake are a wetland trail, canoe/(remove) kayak/ paddle boat launch, lakefront trails, and a lakefront promenade. The park will have a multipurpose lawn to serve as the city's special-events hub with the addition of an open-air amphitheater.

This exciting project will open in phases. Phase 2/3, currently in progress, will be completed during the first quarter of 2024. This phase consists of completing the final grading, tying in below and above ground utilities, construction of the Amphitheater, nature conservatory, wetlands boardwalk trail, shaded picnic areas, ballfields, multipurpose fields, skate/ pump track and other ancillary support services. This opens up the amenities of the east portion of Doral Central Park.

Phase 4 (the final phase) will be completed during the fourth quarter of 2024. This phase contains all the surface parking lots, and vertical construction components - aquatic venue and indoor recreation building. Additionally, the hardscape and landscaping is more dense in this area of the site along with more intersecting underground utilities. Planning, coordination and sequencing of work will take more time. This opens up the amenities of the west portion of Doral Central Park.





## Mayor and Council Adopt Lowest Millage Rate in the County

During the second Budget Hearing Meeting, Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez and City Council unanimously approved to adopt a reduced millage rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 at 1.7166. This will be the lowest millage rate of any of the 34 municipalities in Miami-Dade County for the upcoming year and the lowest millage rate ever in the City's history of almost 20 years.

"The entire nation is currently experiencing difficult economic times and inflation, which is why we knew that we needed to take action during budget process for the upcoming year to help our residents and business," stated Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez. "I want to thank my colleagues – Vice Mayor Digna Cabral, Councilman Pete Cabrera, Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca and Councilman Oscar Puig- Corve – for joining me in this crucial decision to lower Doral's millage rate so that our community does not see a rise in taxes from the City."

Taxpayers in the Doral have historically benefitted from low taxes with approximately 13% of their taxes going to the City, while 45% and 38% goes towards Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, respectively. The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is available on the City's website for the public to access – [www.cityofdoral.com](http://www.cityofdoral.com).

## Doral Gives Back through Community Grants

Each year City leadership designates funds in the budget for giving back to the community. During Fiscal Year 2021-2022, over \$157,000 dollars was awarded to qualifying groups and organizations that include: small businesses, non-profit organizations and schools.

### Learn about these opportunities

The **Community-based Organization Grant** is a competitive grant program intended to provide non-profit beneficiaries with opportunities to plan, develop and implement sustainable projects that will serve the needs of the Doral community.

The **Doral Façade Improvement Grant** program provides financial assistance to businesses, homeowner associations and commercial property owners in Doral in order to stimulate private sector investment, beautification, economic growth and job creation in the City, by improving the appearance of the buildings within City boundaries.

The **City of Doral PTSA Grant** program assists Doral schools in implementing educational programs that benefit their students. Through this process, the City may reimburse registered PTSAs for approved educational enhancement programs taking place in the current school year. The City also provides annual school supplies donation to Doral schools. The purpose of the donation is to help provide schools with a reserve of essential school supplies that can be utilized by students and teachers throughout the school year.

Doral's leadership remains committed to investing in and assisting the community! Make sure you follow us on social media (@cityofdoral) for future announcements on when grant cycles open.





**CELEBRATING THE FIRST AMERICAN CITY IN THE WCCD NETWORK CERTIFIED UNDER ISO 37120, ISO 37122, AND ISO 37123**



## **City of Doral Receives WCCD's Triple Certification on Data for Smart, Sustainable and Resilient Cities**

The World Council on City Data (WCCD) has awarded the City of Doral with the International Organization for Standardization's newest (ISO) 37123 (Resilient Cities) certification. Beyond Doral's most recent ISO 37120 certification, and last year's ISO 37122 (Smart Cities) certification, Doral is the first city in the United States and Canada to achieve WCCD certification under all three standards within the WCCD administered ISO 37120 Series of Standards. This achievement further solidifies the City's commitment to harnessing standardized city data to drive a citizen-focused approach to smart service delivery.

"This significant certification further confirms our status as an international model city that is focused on transparency and data-driven decision making that yields results," said Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez. "By investing in these initiatives, we cultivate a safer more sustainable community for our residents and businesses."

The City of Doral has been a long-standing member of the World Council on City Data, first obtaining ISO 37120 certification in 2017 and annually in subsequent years. The certification process was spearheaded by Doral's Information Technology Department, with support from the City's Planning & Zoning, City Clerk, Parks & Recreation and Finance departments, as well as Miami Dade County Fire, Environmental, Solid Waste, and Water and Sanitation. All of these entities played a key role in gathering the data for reporting which was instrumental to the success of the certification process.

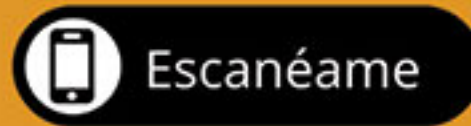
"On behalf of the WCCD, I am pleased to recognize Doral's most recent ISO 37120 and the WCCD'S newest ISO 37123 (Resilient Cities) certifications," stated the WCCD President and CEO, Dr. Patricia McCarney. "Having already received ISO 37122 (Smart Cities) certification last year, Doral has become one of only a handful of cities worldwide that have received WCCD certification under the entire ISO 37120 Series. Doral is also the first American city to achieve this important triple certification. This truly impressive accomplishment would not have been possible without Mayor Bermudez and Council's leadership and the dedicated, data-driven City staff. I look forward to our continued work, exploring how we can use Doral's year-over-year data trends to support the City as a data-driven community while driving forward Doral's continued prosperity and success."



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