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**FROM THE
DESK OF**

The Mayor



Dear Doral Residents,

As spring brings new beginnings and renewed hope, I am reminded of the resilience and unity that define our community. This season is not only a time of growth but also an opportunity to reflect on our progress and set our sights on an even brighter future. As your Mayor, my commitment remains steadfast to ensuring that Doral continues to flourish as a city of opportunity, unity, and excellence.

I am thrilled to announce the long-awaited grand opening of the final phases of Doral Central Park. This world-class destination featuring an 80,000 sq. ft. recreation center, aquatics facility, competition pool, tennis courts, and more is a testament to our unwavering resolve to bring real results that enhance the quality of life for our residents. It symbolizes our dedication to delivering on our vision and moving Doral forward, ensuring it remains the greatest place to live, work, learn, and play.

This season also brings moments of reflection and gratitude. As we celebrate Easter and Passover, we are reminded of the power of faith and community. In May, we will come together on the National Day of Prayer, uniting in hope and solidarity as one city.

We will also take time to honor the incredible mothers whose love and strength shape our future and pay tribute to the brave men and women on Memorial Day whose sacrifices safeguard our freedom and way of life.

Your engagement and active participation continue to be the driving force behind our city's success. Together, we are not only meeting today's needs but also building the foundation for an even brighter tomorrow.

I am excited about all that lies ahead and am confident that, together, we will continue to achieve extraordinary things.

Warmest regards,

Mayor Christi Fraga

Parks Facilities

The Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains eleven (11) parks with an abundance of amenities for every age and lifestyle including: community centers, 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.



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 under the Parks and Recreation Department Park/ 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, **Doral Glades Park Community Center** at (305) 593-6638, **Doral Central Park** at (305) 593-6676, or **Aquatics Center** at (305) 593-6681 to book your appointment for a party rental permit. Fee schedule and permit information available on our website:

www.cityofdoral.com/parks

PARKS PROGRAMS

SPRING SESSION DATES: APRIL 1, 2025 – MAY 20, 2025

SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS: MARCH 10, 2025

Discover a variety of **engaging programs** for all ages! Whether you're interested in educational workshops, fitness classes, or creative activities, we have something for everyone. Explore your interests and connect with your community through our diverse offerings.

Youth Programs

- Crafty Art
- Just You & Me
- Genius Science Labs
- Toddler Time
- Simanof Orchestra
- Cristi's Dance Studio
- Chess for Kids
- Start Smart
- Doral Table Tennis
- Beach Tennis
- Doral Fencing Club
- Florida Karate Clubs
- United Martial Arts

Adult Programs

- Jazzercise
- Core Yoga
- Yoga Flow
- Sound Bath and Meditation Yoga
- Yoga on the Lawn
- Full Moon Yoga
- Step Up Doral (Classes such as VXN,
- Zumba, Wellness Wednesdays & more)
- Pickleball Clinics

Nature Programs

- Archery
- Nature Crafts

For more information on youth and adult programs, contact Marquise.West@cityofdoral.com

Stay active and have fun with our **sports programs** for youth and adults! From basketball to soccer, our leagues and classes cater to all skill levels. Join a team, make new friends, and enjoy the benefits of physical activity.

Youth Sports

- Broncos Football and Cheer
- Field Hockey
- Soccer
- Doral Little League
- Youth Basketball League
- Tennis

Adult Sports

- Adult Basketball League
- Tennis



For more information on Youth and Adult Sports, contact Kenneth.Harris@cityofdoral.com.

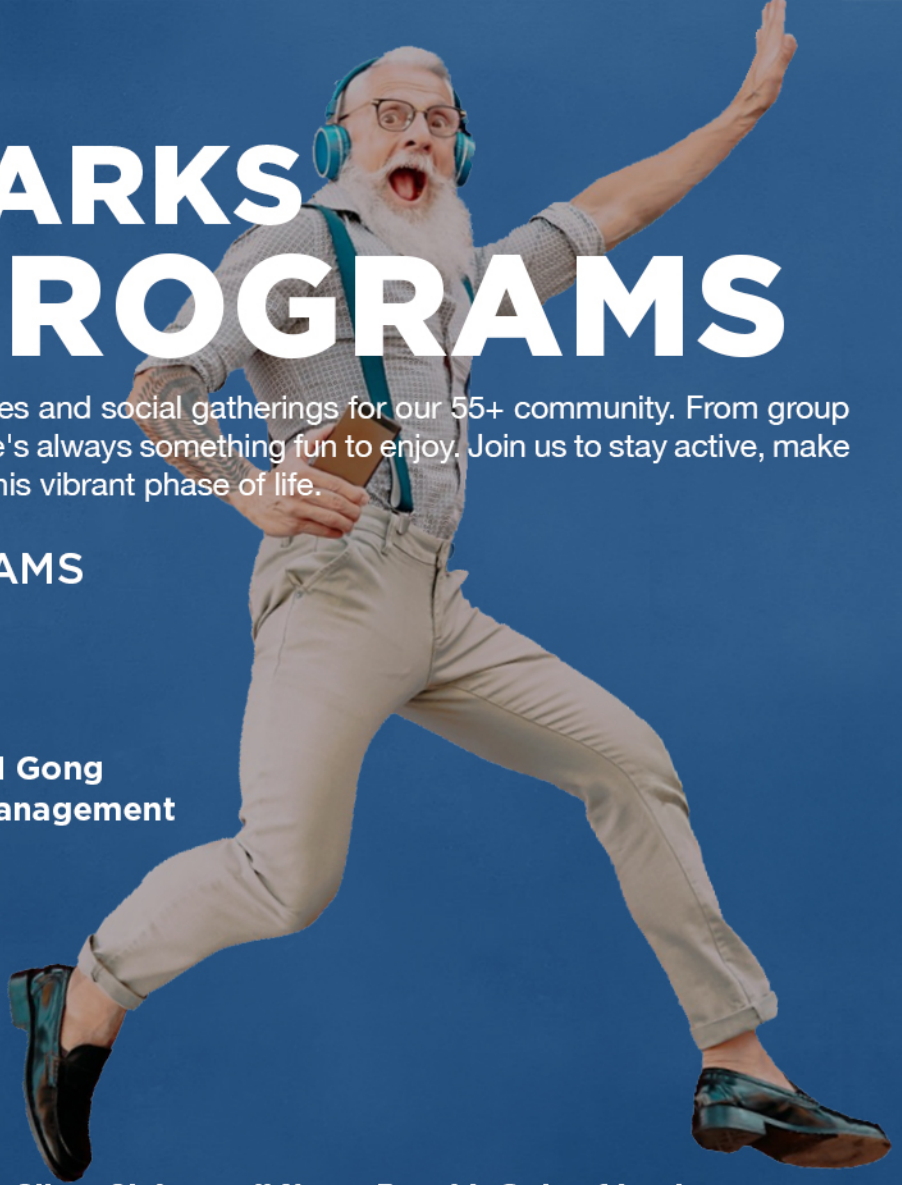


PARKS PROGRAMS

Our **Silver Club** offers enriching activities and social gatherings for our 55+ community. From group outings to educational workshops, there's always something fun to enjoy. Join us to stay active, make new friends, and celebrate the joys of this vibrant phase of life.

SENIOR (55+) PROGRAMS

- **Bingo Night**
- **Seminar & Luncheons**
- **Tai-Chi**
- **Meditation, Breathing & QI Gong**
- **Fall Prevention and Fall Management**
- **Jazzercise Lite**
- **Chair Yoga**
- **Art Class**
- **Jewelry Class**
- **Walk with Ease Program**
- **Socials**
- **Trips & Tours**



For more information on joining Silver Club, email Nerea.Recalde@cityofdoral.com.

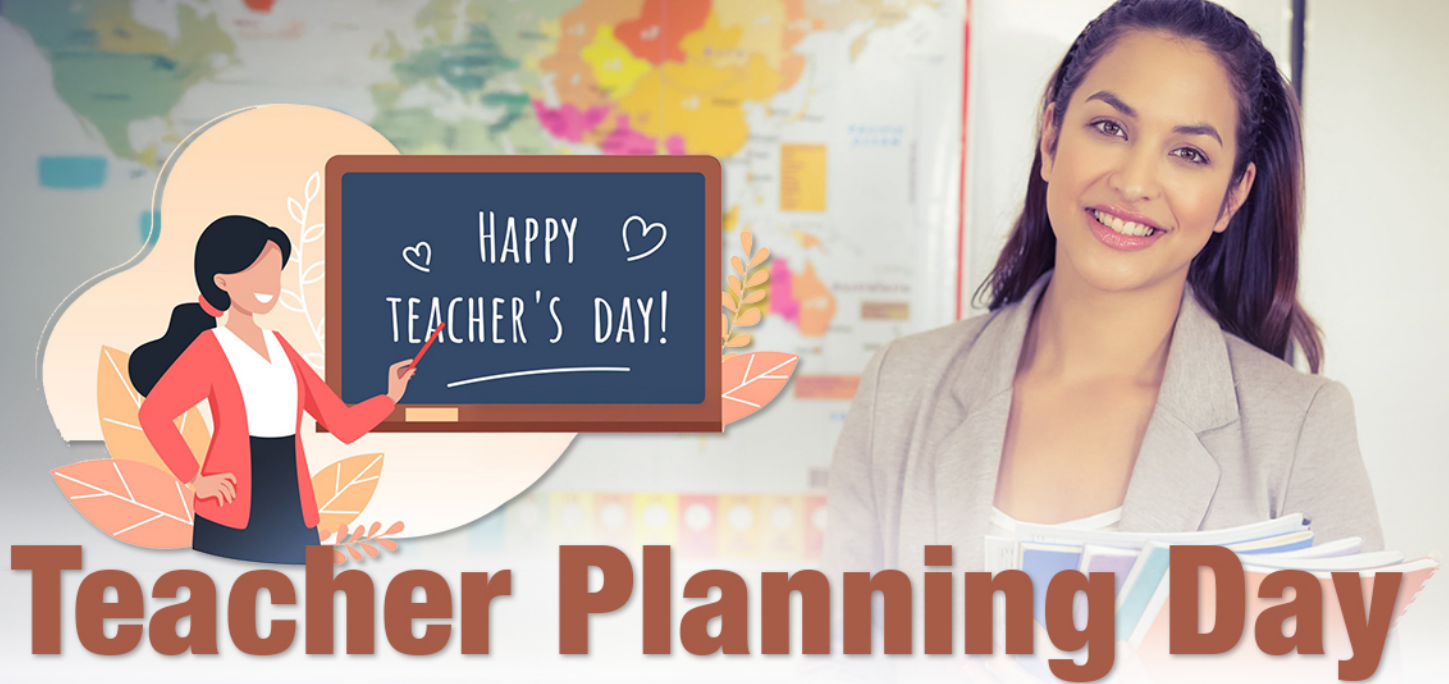
Special Needs Programs

We are committed to providing inclusive programming for individuals with **special needs**. Our tailored classes and activities focus on fostering personal growth, building confidence, and creating a supportive environment for all participants.



- **Feel the Beat! Dance classes**
- **Mind & Melody Music Program**
- **Special Olympics**
- **Adult Day Training Program**
- **Wellness & Martial Arts Program**
- **Tai Chi Program**

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



Teacher Planning Day

Teacher Planning Day is a one-day camp that offers exciting and eventful indoor/outdoor activities, games, movies, and more. This is a unique program that integrates educational and fun components. The price includes lunch and snack.

Ages 5-13

To register, visit the park your child will be attending.



Morgan Levy Park



Doral Legacy Park



Doral Glades Park

Dates and Fees

March 31, 2025
April 18, 2025

Residents: \$22
Non-Residents: \$27

One time t-shirt fee: \$5

For more information, contact doralparksinfo@cityofdoral.com.

PARKS & RECREATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION

5 Easy Steps

Register for Park programs in five easy steps! Create your WebTrac account before registration begins! *Every customer wishing to use our online feature will need to create a log-in account.

- 1 Go to www.cityofdoral.com/parks
- 2 Click on the “Register Online” tab
- 3 Click on “Launch Online Registration”
- 4 Create an account or log-in to account
- 5 Register for your favorite programs!

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

The City of Doral Students in Action Volunteer Program is designed for high school students to assist the City of Doral Parks and Recreation Department in providing quality community events, programs and activities for visitors and residents of Doral. If you are a student interested in becoming a Parks and Recreation volunteer for community events, programs and/or activities throughout the year, please follow the link below to download the application and visit Morgan Levy Park or Doral Legacy Park to submit it. You can also submit your application and copy of photo ID directly to **Marquise.West@cityofdoral.com** or **Gianna.Rivera@cityofdoral.com**.



Spring Break CAMPS

Camp YMCA

March 24th - 28th

Doral Glades Park, 7600 NW 98th Place

The YMCA of South Florida's Outdoor Education camp allows kids to explore their love of nature and the outdoors. It also teaches self-reliance and builds character and leadership amidst fun activities that include fishing, archery, kayaking, and more!

To register call (305) 357-4000, email ABarton@YMCASouthFlorida.org, or visit Ymcasouthflorida.org.

Camp Unbeatables

March 24th - 28th

Doral Legacy Park, 11400 NW 82nd Street

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 call (305) 690-7491, email info@campunbeatables.com, or visit Campunbeatables.com.

Juventus Doral

March 24th - 28th

Doral Meadow Park, 11555 NW 58th Street

Juventus Academy Doral embraces a philosophy and a style based on the monitoring of the child's progress from a technical and behavioral standpoint, and on putting them in the care of competent instructors in possession of up-to-date techniques and developmental skills. Come join the Juventus Doral Soccer Spring Camp!

To register call (786) 459-3464 or visit Jacademymiami.com.

Doral Soccer Club

March 24th - 28th

Morgan Levy Park, 5300 NW 102nd Avenue

Doral Soccer Club has always been committed to preparing players in reaching their maximum potential by providing a state of the art training facility at Morgan Levy Park with comprehensive and complex drills provided by Licensed coaches to ensure players needs are met with a fun experience and healthy learning environment. Come join the Doral Soccer Club Spring Camp!

To register call (786) 319-1418, email info@doralsoccerclub.com, or visit Doralsoccerclub.com.

Doral Central Park

Grand Opening of Final Phases This Spring

We are thrilled to announce **the grand opening of the final phases of Doral Central Park**, where a state-of-the-art Community Center and Aquatic Center will soon be ready for families, friends, and children to come together and enjoy endless opportunities for fun, fitness, and recreation. This incredible space is designed for everyone in the community to thrive, offering a variety of world-class amenities for active living and socializing.

Doral is proud to be one of the only cities in the Miami-Dade metropolitan area offering such a vast array of green spaces and community-focused facilities, making it the **ultimate destination for residents to live, work, learn, and play.**



Community Center Features:

- Elevated indoor running track
- Indoor fitness center with lake views
- Multi-purpose exercise rooms
- Child watch room & indoor play area
- Silver Club Room, art room, and teen room
- Double gymnasium with bleacher seating
- Meeting/event rooms
- Lounge with walk-up cafe
- Outdoor plaza and gathering spaces
- Teaching kitchen & elevated outdoor café
- Men's and women's lockers
- Tennis courts & basketball courts
- Large multi-purpose meeting rooms
- Storage rooms for community use

Aquatic Center Features:

- Training pool & leisure pool
- Splash pad for families
- Competition pool & grandstand
- Training building with locker rooms
- Concessions building and shelters
- Dedicated drop-off plaza



With these incredible amenities, Doral Central Park will offer unmatched experiences for residents of all ages. Stay tuned for the grand opening details this spring!

Spring Floodplain

MANAGEMENT TIPS

QUICK TIPS:

1. **Clean up debris from your yard.** Debris, such as leaves and branches, can clog storm drains and contribute to flooding. Pay attention to mulch, as that can also clog storm drains.
2. **Inspect your gutters and downspouts.** Make sure that your gutters and downspouts are clean and free of debris. Also, make sure that your downspouts are properly directed away from your foundation.
3. **Trim your trees and shrubs.** Overgrown trees and shrubs can fall on power lines and block roads during a storm. Be sure to trim your trees and shrubs regularly.
4. **Have a flood plan.** In the event of a flood, it is important to have a plan in place. This includes knowing where to go, what to take with you, and who to contact.
5. **Use Low Impact Development (LID).** Rain Gardens, green roofs, infiltration systems, and permeable pavers are examples of such. These items can both help with flooding and save water.

DATA:

According to FEMA, flooding is the most common natural disaster (higher than fire) in the United States, and it can cause billions of dollars in damage each year.

FAQS:

Q: What should I do if I live in a Special Flood Hazard area?

A: If you live in a Special Flood Hazard area, it is important to take steps to protect your property from flooding. This includes elevating your home, installing a sump pump, and purchasing flood insurance.

Q: What are the benefits of flood insurance?

A: Flood insurance can help to protect you from the financial devastation that flooding can cause. Flood insurance can pay for repairs to your home and belongings, as well as additional living expenses if you are displaced from your home due to flooding.

COMMON MYTHS:

Myth: I don't need flood insurance because I don't live in a Special Flood Hazard area.

Fact: Flood insurance is beneficial for everyone regardless of their flood zone. Even if you live in a low-risk flood zone, you are still at risk of flooding. The water cannot read lines on a map.

Myth: Flood insurance is way too expensive.

Fact: Flood insurance is more affordable than you might think. The average cost of flood insurance is less than \$900 per year for structure and contents coverage.

APRIL 2025

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Abstract Painting on Canvas

April 2nd
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

Eggstravaganza

April 5th
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Doral Central Park

Spanish Storytime

April 8th
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

Council Meeting

April 9th
10:00 AM – Morning and 6:00 PM – Evening
Doral Government Center

Abstract Painting on Canvas

April 10th
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Spring Time Art Class:
Bobblehead Easter Bunny**

April 11th
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

Succulent Art Wall

April 11th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

My Doll & Me Nature Walk & Tea Party

April 12th
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Doral Glades Park

Art After Dark – Ceramic Painting

April 17th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

Storytime: Westofchester's ABCs of Miami

April 23rd
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

To BEE or Not to BEE Workshop

April 23rd
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Doral Glades Park

Cultural Night – Cumbia Night

April 24th
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

MAY 2025

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National Day of Prayer

May 1st

12:00 PM

Doral Government Center

Mother's Day Artisan Market

May 3rd

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Downtown Doral Park

Council Meeting

May 14th

10:00 AM - Morning and 6:00 PM - Evening

Doral Government Center

Art After Dark

May 15th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Doral Cultural Arts Center

Spanish Storytime

May 21st

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Doral Cultural Arts Center

Memorial Day

May 26th

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM CLOSED ALL DAY

Doral Government Center

Cultural Night - Spanish Rock Night

May 29th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Doral Cultural Arts Center

Spring Time Art Class:

Clay Succulent Garden

May 30th

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Doral Cultural Arts Center

Short Film Festival

May 30th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Doral Cultural Arts Center

Clay Succulent Garden

Interactive Art Class

May 30th

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Doral Cultural Arts Center

JUNE 2025

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For more information
Visit our website at
www.cityofdoral.com

Council Meeting

June 4th

10:00 AM – Morning and 6:00 PM – Evening
Doral Government Center

Opening Reception: The Artful Spirit of Doral - Doral Resident's Exhibit

June 5th

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

Spanish Storytime

June 11th

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

Father's Day Wings & Wilderness

June 14th

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Doral Glades Park

Art After Dark

June 19th

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

Cultural Night - Elvis Presley Tribute

June 26th

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center

Summer Time Art Class: Silly Slime Jars

June 27th

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Doral Cultural Arts Center





Pesticides , Herbicides and Fertilizers

A **pesticide** is a substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, controlling, repelling or destroying pests such as weeds or insects. **Herbicides** are a subset of pesticides, used to control growth of unwanted plants such as weeds. A **fertilizer** is a substance that contains essential plant nutrients such as nitrates and phosphates that are used to promote healthy plant growth.

Pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers can be of great benefit when used correctly. **Pesticides and herbicides** are designed to protect plants from insects or weeds, while **fertilizers** allow plants to grow healthier and more rapidly than under normal circumstances. While these products can be beneficial, their excessive and incorrect use can adversely affect the environment, flora and fauna and ultimately human health.



Why is using too much Pesticides, Herbicides and Fertilizers harmful?

Nutrient pollution is a costly issue and negatively impacts the environment. The environment needs the perfect balance of nutrients in order to flourish! An excess amount of nutrients from **pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers** will result in serious environmental and human health issues and can impact the economy. Stormwater runoff containing these chemicals often enter into water bodies killing or damaging a variety of organisms. The nitrogen from fertilizers that are washed into water bodies by stormwater runoff depletes the oxygen in the water creating “dead zones”.

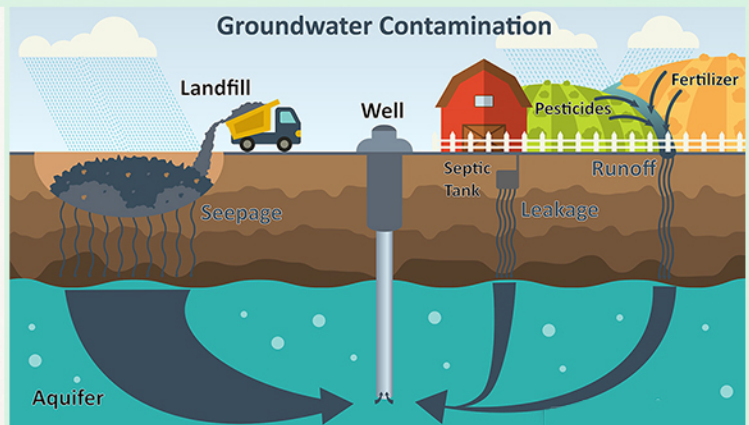
Fertilizers can disrupt natural biological communities by increasing plant and microbial growth and changing the natural water ecosystem subsequently disrupting the food chain. When these chemicals dissolve in stormwater they can migrate into our groundwater drinking supplies or end up in surface waters. Even low levels of nutrient pollution in our groundwater drinking supplies can be harmful to humans.



Proper use of Pesticides and Fertilizers:

South Florida soils allow nutrients to drain away from plants roots system quickly so be sure to **fertilize responsibly**. Always know when, how often, and what type of fertilizer to use. **Lawn fertilization programs** should begin in early October, not early May. **Do not fertilize healthy trees and shrubs**; they should only be fertilized if they are growing poorly.

If trees or shrubs need to be fertilized, **fertilize when plants are dormant in late fall or early spring**. Over fertilization produces unnecessary growth which requires more pruning. **Organic pesticides** should always be used whenever possible. If a pesticide is necessary, it is important to determine the exact type of pest to determine the best type of pesticide to use.



Avoid polluting by doing the following:

- * **Carefully** read the manufacturer's directions.
- * **Always follow** the pesticide, herbicide or fertilizer **guidelines** exactly.
- * Buy and apply only the **recommended amount** of the product.
- * Apply chemicals to grass or landscape area **avoiding driveways, sidewalks and impervious surfaces**.
- * **Do not apply** chemicals **near water systems** such as wells, streams, canals, or lakes.
- * **Clean up excess** fertilizers and always avoid getting them into the storm drains.
- * Chemical leftovers should always be **properly stored or disposed**.
- * **Take precautions** to prevent spills and know what to do if a spill occurs.

Remember, ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!

Proper disposal of home chemicals

Don't toss household waste in trash, storm drains, or on the ground—it harms the environment and can reach groundwater and surface water. Drop off chemical products at the Miami-Dade County Home Chemical Collection Center (HCCC) for proper disposal. **Check the accepted items list below.**

- Oil-based paints
- Pesticides, solvents
- Pool chemicals
- Electronic items including:
 - Computer monitors and televisions
 - Personal computers, keyboards, hard drives and printers
 - VCR's, audio and video equipment
 - Communication equipment such as cellular telephones and hand-held radios
- Unbroken fluorescent light bulbs, including the older, long-tube fluorescents, modern compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and other fluorescent types
- Latex paints that are still in liquid form
- Propane tanks (larger tanks such as those used for RV's, forklifts, or fixed kitchen gas supply are not accepted)
- Empty oxygen tanks



**Home Chemical Collection
Center at West Dade**
8831 NW 58th Street
Hours of Operation
Wednesday - Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
For more information
Call 3-1-1, (305) 468-5900

Always conserve and recycle resources. Recycle used oil and your household chemicals or materials.



Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping harms the environment, is a crime, and ruins the City's appearance. If you see someone dumping tires, debris, hazardous materials, or furniture into storm drains, canals, or public areas, call Doral Police at **(305) 593-6699** to report it. Don't confront them—note details or take pictures. For past dumping, contact the **City's 3-1-1, Code Compliance at (305) 593-6680, or Public Works at (305) 593-6740.** Dumping in storm drains is illegal. Use Miami-Dade County Recycling Centers for proper disposal of trash, yard waste, or debris.



Snapper Creek Trash & Recycling
2200 SW 117th Avenue
Hours of Operation
Monday - Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
For more information
please visit www.miamidade.gov

DORAL BUSINESSES

Growth by the Numbers

Doral continues to establish itself as one of South Florida's fastest-growing business hubs, attracting companies across industries. With a strong business climate, a strategic location, and a highly educated workforce, the city's momentum shows no signs of slowing.



Business Growth on the Rise

592 New Business Registrations – From January 2024 to January 2025, 592 new businesses set up in Doral, further cementing the city as a prime destination for entrepreneurs and established companies alike.



Top 5 Business Categories

The most common new businesses reflect the city's diverse economy:



- **Administrative Offices – 176**
- **Warehouses – 88**
- **Insurance & Wholesale Companies – 50**
- **Eating Establishments – 35**
- **Retail Stores – 30**

This influx of businesses fuels job creation, commercial expansion, and increased investment in the community.

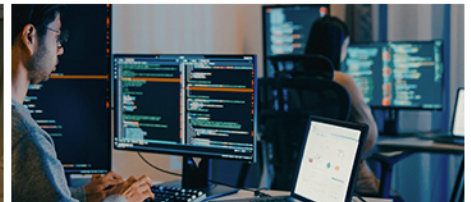
DORAL *Means* BUSINESS

A Thriving Business Hub

Doral's business-friendly environment has consistently earned national recognition:

- **Named #3** in the U.S. for Small Businesses by Go.Verizon.com
- **Ranked #1** Best Place to Invest in Real Estate in Florida by NerdWallet
- Recognized as the **Best City in Florida** for Business Startups by BusinessWeek

Doral is home to **over 2,600 trade and logistics companies, 250 company headquarters, and more than 100 multinational corporations.** Major employers include Carnival Cruise Lines, Univision, Perry Ellis International, Amadeus North America, and Hellmann Worldwide Logistics.



Why Businesses Are Choosing Doral

- **Strategic Location** – Centrally located near Miami International Airport, three major expressways, and PortMiami, Doral is a gateway for international trade and commerce.
- **Pro-Business Environment** – With no personal income tax, a low corporate tax rate, and the lowest municipal millage rate in Miami-Dade County at only 1.7166%, businesses thrive here.
- **Skilled Workforce** – Doral boasts a highly educated, multilingual workforce, with over 52.9% of residents holding a bachelor's degree or higher.

What's Next?

With nearly **600 new businesses opening in just one year**, Doral's economic future remains bright. As the city continues to grow, expand its mixed-use developments, and attract top-tier companies, its reputation as a premier business destination will only strengthen.



Doral's Best of the Best: A Celebration of Local Excellence

Doral is home to a vibrant and diverse business community, where excellence shines in every corner—from delicious dining spots to top-tier services and entertainment. Each year, the Best of the Best Awards recognize outstanding businesses that make our city such a special place to live, work, and play.

Last year, residents cast their votes each month, celebrating the incredible variety our community has to offer. Here's a look back at the 2024 Best of the Best Winners:

- **Best Happy Hour** – Fuegos del Sur Doral
- **Best Flower Shop** – Excellent Florists
- **Best Pastelitos** – Karla Cuban Bakery
- **Best Brewery** – MIA Bruhaus
- **Best Tacos** – Chabella Mexican Cantina
- **Best First Date Spot** – Taikin Asian Sushi
- **Best Mojito** – Mordisco
- **Best Ice Cream** – Alma Mia Gelateria
- **Best University** – MD College West Campus
- **Best Medical Facility** – Aranda Wellness
- **Best Live Music** – Shoma Bazaar
- **Best Sandwich** – Cuento Sandwiches



Best of the Best 2025: New Year, New Categories!

A new year means new winners, and 2025 is bringing even more exciting ways to highlight Doral's top businesses! In addition to longtime favorites like Best Restaurant and Best Happy Hour, we've added fun new categories to showcase the variety of experiences our city has to offer.

This year, you can vote for:

- **Best Croquetas** – Because no Miami meal is complete without them!
- **Best Tequeños** – A must-have at any breakfast gathering
- **Best Coworking Space** – The perfect place to work, network, and create!
- **Best Family-Friendly Spot** – The ultimate go-to for fun with the kids.
- **Best Auto Dealer** – Where Doral residents go to find their dream car.

And many more! Your Vote Counts!

Help decide this year's Best of the Best! Vote for your favorite businesses each month and see past winners at cityofdoral.com/Businesses/Best-of-the-Best

Façade

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Transform Your Property with the Doral Façade Improvement Grant!

Are you a business owner, commercial property owner, or part of a homeowner association in Doral? Now is the perfect time to give your property a fresh, new look with financial help from the City of Doral! **The Doral Façade Improvement Grant Program** is back, offering reimbursement funds to enhance the appearance of buildings across the city.

This competitive grant program is designed to encourage private investment, beautification, economic growth, and job creation. Whether it's a fresh coat of paint, updated signage, new landscaping, or improved lighting, this grant can help cover a portion of the costs to make your property stand out. **Eligible applicants can receive a 50% reimbursement for renovation costs, up to \$10,000 per project.**

How to Apply

Applications will be accepted exclusively through the City's online grants application portal. Mark your calendars! The submission period opens on **April 7 at 8:00 a.m. and closes on May 9, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.** Only completed applications will be considered, so be sure to have all your project details ready.

With a fully digital application process, applying for the grant is now easier and more transparent than ever. Don't miss out on this opportunity to revamp your property while contributing to the overall beautification of Doral!

For full program details, eligibility requirements, and to apply, visit the City's Doral Façade Improvement Program website. Stay informed on more city initiatives by following us on social media and visiting our website!

Meet your Park Rangers



Have You Met Doral's Urban Park Rangers?

Doral's parks aren't just places to relax and enjoy the outdoors—they're also vital community spaces where safety and conservation are a priority. At the heart of keeping these spaces safe and enjoyable are Doral's Urban Park Rangers. These dedicated individuals are more than just park staff; they're guardians of nature, educators, and a key resource for the community.

A Day in the Life of a Park Ranger

The day-to-day tasks of a Doral Urban Park Ranger are diverse and dynamic. Rangers are responsible for patrolling park grounds, ensuring the safety of visitors, and maintaining the parks' natural beauty. They monitor wildlife, check the condition of trails, and assist with the enforcement of park rules to prevent damage to the environment. Rangers also provide valuable support by answering visitor questions, offering directions, and guiding people on how to properly enjoy the facilities while preserving nature. Whether it's responding to an emergency situation or assisting with general park needs, the park rangers are always ready to step in when needed.

Why Park Rangers Matter

Urban park rangers play a crucial role in maintaining Doral's green spaces, ensuring these areas remain safe, clean, and accessible for all. Their presence helps foster a sense of security for those enjoying the parks, whether they're taking a morning jog, having a family picnic, or simply walking their dog. Rangers also play an essential part in protecting the flora and fauna that call Doral's parks home, preserving these spaces for future generations.

Park Safety Tips from Your Rangers

As park-goers, it's important to stay aware of your surroundings and follow a few simple safety tips to help preserve the environment and ensure everyone's safety:

1. **Stay on designated paths** – This helps protect wildlife and prevents damage to fragile ecosystems.
2. **Respect park rules** – Whether it's no littering, designated areas for activities, or quiet zones, following the rules helps maintain a positive park experience for everyone.
3. **Stay hydrated** – Florida's sunny weather can be deceiving, so remember to drink water and take breaks as needed.
4. **Be mindful of wildlife** – Always observe animals from a distance and avoid feeding them, as it can disrupt their natural behavior and diet.
5. **Dogs are welcome at White Course Park and Trails & Tails Park** – If you're bringing your pet, please keep them on a leash at these parks and remember to clean up after them to help keep the environment clean. Be sure to check the specific pet-friendly areas to ensure a great experience for you and your furry friend!

Meet Your Rangers

Next time you visit one of Doral's beautiful parks, keep an eye out for one of Doral's Urban Park Rangers. These dedicated professionals are there to help, guide, and protect. If you see them on patrol, don't hesitate to say hello and learn more about the role they play in keeping Doral's parks safe for all.



Aggressive Driving Unit

TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY

The City of Doral is taking bold steps to curb reckless driving with the launch of the Aggressive Driving Unit (ADU), a specialized enforcement team dedicated to making our streets safer. Announced on February 3rd by Mayor Christi Fraga, the City Council, and Chief of Police Edwin Lopez, this initiative underscores Doral's commitment to traffic safety.

The ADU will focus on identifying and penalizing dangerous driving behaviors, including speeding, tailgating, unsafe lane changes, running red lights, and road rage incidents. The unit will also ensure compliance with commercial vehicle regulations, disabled parking rules, and school zone safety measures.

"Our commitment to public safety is unwavering, and the ADU reflects our zero-tolerance approach to reckless behavior on our roads," said Mayor Christi Fraga. "This unit will be instrumental in tackling aggressive driving, ensuring safer streets, and fostering a more enjoyable driving experience for all in our community."

"The creation of this unit further demonstrates our commitment to proactive traffic enforcement," said Chief Edwin Lopez. "Our mission is to promote road safety, reduce the number of crashes caused by aggressive driving, and foster a culture of responsible and respectful driving and parking in our City."

To achieve its goals, the ADU will employ:

- **High-visibility patrols** in high-risk areas
- **Data-driven enforcement** to target problem spots
- **Collaboration** with other agencies to address traffic concerns
- **Public awareness campaigns** to educate residents on safe driving practices

With this initiative, the **Doral Police Department** continues to prioritize the safety and well-being of all who live, work, and commute in the city.



STAY INFORMED & REPORT CONCERNS

Residents are encouraged to stay updated on traffic enforcement efforts by following the Doral Police Department on Instagram (@DoralPD) and X (@DoralPolice). If you witness aggressive driving or have traffic safety concerns, contact Doral PD at (305) 593-6699 or visit www.cityofdoral.com/police.

Together, we can make Doral's roads safer for everyone!

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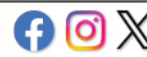
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