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# DORAL

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*Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom, Community, and Pride.*

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FROM THE DESK OF  
**THE MAYOR**  
*Christi Fraga*

**Dear Residents of Doral,**

Summer is a wonderful time in the City of Doral. It's a season filled with family, friends, community celebrations, and opportunities to enjoy the parks, programs, and public spaces that bring us together.

This year, summer carries special significance as we join communities across the nation in commemorating America's 250th Anniversary. This historic milestone invites us to reflect on the values that have shaped our country and continue to inspire us today—freedom, service, resilience, and unity. Here in Doral, we are proud to celebrate this moment while honoring the diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences that make our community so vibrant.

While summer brings opportunities for fun and recreation, it is also a time to stay prepared. Hurricane season is underway, and I encourage all residents to review their emergency plans, stay informed, and take advantage of the resources available through the City. Being prepared is one of the best ways we can protect our families and support one another during severe weather events.

As the season comes to a close, we look forward to the excitement of a new school year. To our students, teachers, school staff, and families, I wish you a successful year filled with learning, growth, and new opportunities.

Thank you for helping make Doral such a welcoming and connected community. I hope you and your loved ones enjoy a safe, memorable, and wonderful summer.

Warmest regards,

Mayor, City of Doral

# PARKS FACILITIES



**Doral Central Park**



**Doral Aquatics Center**



**Doral Cultural Arts Center**



**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**

The Parks and Recreation Department currently operates and maintains eleven (11) parks, seven (7) bike trails, one (1) Cultural Arts Center, and one (1) Aquatic Center, offering a wide variety of amenities for all ages and lifestyles, including athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis and pickleball courts, basketball and volleyball courts, fitness areas, walking and biking trails, dog parks, a skate park, a pump track, kayak launches, aquatic facilities, and picnic pavilions. The Department remains committed to providing clean, safe, and accessible facilities and natural areas that enhance quality of life and promote active, healthy living throughout the City.

## 🎉 PARTY RENTALS 🎉



### Thinking of planning a party or family gathering?

Host your next special event at our community centers or one of our beautiful parks! Permits are required for pavilion and field rentals, and you can check availability online before booking.

Visit [www.cityofdoral.com/rentals](http://www.cityofdoral.com/rentals) or Call to book your **PARTY** today!

**Aquatics Center** at 305-593-6682  
**Doral Central Park** at 305-593-6677  
**Doral Glades Park** at 305-593-6638

**Doral Legacy Park** at 305-341-3601  
**Doral Meadow Park** at 305-482-9590  
**Morgan Levy Park** at 305-482-9590

# SUMMER

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
- Cristi's Dance Studio
- Chess for Kids
- Doral Table Tennis



- Beach Tennis
- Doral Fencing Club
- Florida Karate Clubs
- United Martial Arts
- Coding & Robotics
- Miami Table Tennis
- Chess

## Adult Programs

- Jazzercise
- Core Yoga
- Yoga Flow
- Yoga on the Lawn
- Full Moon Yoga
- Pickleball Clinics
- Archery
- Nature Crafts
- Aikido
- Swim Lessons
- Step Up Doral (Classes such as VXN, Wellness Wednesdays & more)



For more information on youth and adult programs, contact [Contact Marquise.West@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Contact.Marquise.West@cityofdoral.com) or [Kenneth.Harris@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Kenneth.Harris@cityofdoral.com)

# SUMMER

## Youth Sports

- Broncos Tackle Football & Cheerleading
- Youth Basketball League
- Field Hockey
- Doral Little League
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Table Tennis

## Adult Sports

- Adult Basketball League
- Adult Soccer League
- Tennis

For more information on Youth and Adult Sports, Contact

➤ [Marquise.West@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Marquise.West@cityofdoral.com) or [Kenneth.Harris@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Kenneth.Harris@cityofdoral.com)

## Senior (60+) Programs

- Pilates
- English Classes
- Art Classes
- Handmade Jewelry
- Choir
- Socials
- Trips & Tours
- Meditation, Breathing, and QI Gong
- Fall Prevention and Fall Management



- Seminar & Luncheons
- Jazzercise Lite
- Chair Yoga
- Yoga
- Tai-Chi
- Self-Defense
- AquaFit
- Aqua Zumba
- Zumba
- Bingo Nights

For more information on joining the Silver Club, email [Johanna.Villasmil@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Johanna.Villasmil@cityofdoral.com)

## Special Needs Programs

- Feel the Beat! Dance classes
- Mind & Melody Music Program
- Special Olympics
- Wellness & Martial Arts Program
- Art Program
- Drum Circle for parents & siblings of individuals with Special Needs



For more information on Special Needs, contact [Anna-Marie.Humphrey@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Anna-Marie.Humphrey@cityofdoral.com)

# FITNESS CLASSES

## Doral Central Park Community & Fitness Center

Pilates  
Core Yoga  
Cardio Dance  
Zumba  
AquaZumba

Reggaeton Fitness  
Cardio HIIT  
Stepping Class  
Mobility & Flexibility  
Fully Body HIIT



For more information on fitness programs email [DCPfitness@cityofdoral.com](mailto:DCPfitness@cityofdoral.com) or use the QR Code for Registration.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION – DORAL CENTRAL PARK COMMUNITY & FITNESS CENTER CLASSES & MEMBERSHIPS

Register for Fitness Classes and Memberships for Doral Central Park! Create your MindBody account before registering. Registration can be done at any time.

- 1 Go to [www.cityofdoral.com/parks](http://www.cityofdoral.com/parks)
- 2 Click on “Doral Central Park”
- 3 Click on “Go to Fitness Center Classes & Memberships”
- 4 Create an account or log-in to account
- 5 Register for your favorite fitness classes or memberships!



# *Parks & Recreation*

## **ONLINE REGISTRATION**



Register

### *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](http://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](mailto:Marquise.West@cityofdoral.com) or [Gianna.Rivera@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Gianna.Rivera@cityofdoral.com)**



## YMCA Outdoor Explorer Nature Camp

**Ages:** 5-13 years old

- **Resident:** \$170 per week
- **Non-Resident:** \$204 per week
- **Registration Fee:** \$50

**Dates:** June 8 – July 31 (No camp on June 19 – Juneteenth, and July 3 – Independence Day observed)

**Time:** 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Location:** Doral Glades Park

**Description:** Join us this summer for an unforgettable outdoor adventure. Hosted by the YMCA of South Florida in partnership with the National Park Service and the National Wildlife Federation, this camp offers hands-on nature experiences, including fishing, kayaking, and guided outdoor exploration. Lunch and snacks are provided daily.

**To Register and for more information visit:** [YMCASouthFlorida.org](http://YMCASouthFlorida.org)

**Email:** [ydmiami@ymcasfl.org](mailto:ydmiami@ymcasfl.org)

**Phone:** 305-357-4000



## Camp Unbeatables

**Ages:** 5-14 years old

- **Resident:** \$180 Weekly/ Sibling \$170
- **Non-Resident:** \$216 Weekly/ Sibling \$206
- **Registration Fee:** \$45

**Dates:** June 8 – August 7

**Time:** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Location:** Doral Legacy Park

**Description:** Camp Unbeatables is a unique camp that combines life coaching with sports, artistic, creative and educational activities. Camp Unbeatables strives to provide children the necessary life skills and tools to be successful in today's world.

**To Register and for more information visit:** [Campunbeatables.com](http://Campunbeatables.com)

**Email:** [info@campunbeatables.com](mailto:info@campunbeatables.com)

**Phone:** 305-690-7491



# Juventus Doral Soccer Camp

**Ages:** 5–15 years old

**Weekly Prices:**

- **Resident** \$169 (full day camp) **Non-Resident** \$203 (full day camp)
- **Resident** \$110 (half day camp) **Non-Resident** \$132 (half day camp)

**Daily Prices:**

- **Resident** \$35 (full day camp) **Non-Resident** \$42 (full day camp)
- **Resident** \$25 (half day camp) **Non-Resident** \$30 (half day camp)

**Dates:** June 8– August 7 (NO Camp on June 19)

**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm or 1:00pm-4:00pm (half day) / 9am-4pm (full day)

**Location:** Doral Meadow Park

NO Lunch or Snacks provided.

**Description:** Join Juventus Doral Soccer Camp at Doral Meadow Park! Come enjoy our 9 week summer camp at Doral Meadow Park and improve your soccer skills!

**To Register and for more information visit:** [JacademyMiami.com/summer-clinics-doral](http://JacademyMiami.com/summer-clinics-doral)

**Phone:** 786-459-3464



## Doral Soccer Club

**Ages:** 6–16 years old

- **Resident:** \$175 Weekly **Non-Resident Fee:** \$209 Weekly
- **Resident:** \$50 Daily **Non-Resident Fee:** \$60
- \$ 45 Registration Fee
- \*Fee includes 2 camper shirts

**Dates:** June 8 – August 7 (NO Camp on June 19 or July 3)

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Location:** Morgan Levy Park

NO Lunch or Snacks provided.

**Description:** Doral Soccer Club Camps is and 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 along with comprehensive and complex drills provided by licensed coaches to ensure players needs are met with a fun experience and learning environment.

**To Register and for more information visit:** [Doralsoccerclub.com](http://Doralsoccerclub.com)

**Phone:** 786-319-1418



## Doral Central Park Summer Camp

**Ages:** 5–13 years old

**Rates per week:**

- **Resident:** \$ 170 | Sibling: \$170
- **Non-Resident Fee:** \$215 | Sibling: 205
- **Doral Central Park Members:** \$160 | Sibling: \$150

**Dates:** June 8th – August 7th

**Time:** 7:30am-5:30pm

**Location:** Morgan Levy Park

**Extended Care:** 7:00am & 6:00pm - \$25 per week add on

**Description:** Join us this summer for a fun-filled camp! Campers will enjoy sport, arts & crafts, STEM, cooking, and outdoor adventure. Each features a new theme in a safe, engaging environment.



**JULY 2026**

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**Government Center Closed - Independence Day Observed**  
**July 3rd and July 6th**  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Doral Government Center

**Independence Day Celebration**  
**July 4th**  
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Doral Central Park

**Nature Craft**  
**July 6th**  
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
Doral Glades Park

**History of Art**  
**July 9th**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Cartooning & Comic Teen Workshop**  
**July 10th**  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**FREE Coding & Robotics Classes**  
**July 11th & July 25th**  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Doral Central Park

**Pickleball Clinics**  
**July 17th**  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Doral Glades Park

**Spanish Storytime**  
**July 21st**  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Art After Dark: Leather Journal**  
**July 22nd**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

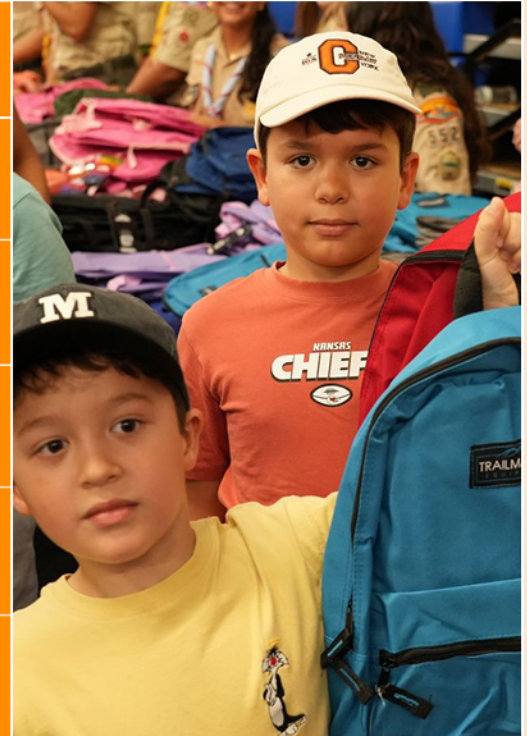
**Plant & Sip: Ikebana Workshop**  
**July 28th**  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Full Moon Yoga**  
**July 29th**  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Doral Glades Park

**The Artful Spirit of Doral: A Resident's Exhibition & Cultural Night**  
**July 30th**  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**AUGUST 2026**

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**Nature Craft**  
August 3rd  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Doral Glades Park

**National Night Out & Back to School Night**  
August 4th  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Doral Central Park

**Spanish Storytime**  
August 5th  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Matcha Monday Meetup**  
August 10th  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
TBA

**Council Meeting**  
August 12th  
10:00 AM Morning | 6:00 PM Evening  
Doral Government Center

**Budget Workshop FY26-27**  
August 12th  
2:00 PM  
Doral Government Center

**Art After Dark vWorkshop**  
August 13th  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Summer Time Interactive Art Classes**  
August 21st  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Pickleball Clinics**  
August 21st  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Doral Glades Park

**Clay Crocs - Summer Time Interactive Art Class**  
August 21st  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Tactile Mixed Media Collage for People Living with Low Vision**  
August 22nd  
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Full Moon Yoga**  
August 27th  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Doral Glades Park

**Doral Opera & Cultural Night**  
August 28th  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center



**SEPTEMBER 2026**

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**Labor Day**

**September 7th**  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
CLOSED ALL DAY  
Doral Government Center

**Spanish Storytime**

**September 8th**  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**1st Budget Hearing FY26-27**

**September 8th**  
6:00 PM  
Doral Government Center

**Council Meeting**

**September 9th**  
10:00 AM Morning  
6:00 PM Evening  
Doral Government Center

**Hispanic Heritage Doral Art Exhibit**

**September 10th**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Hispanic Heritage Celebration**

**September 12th**  
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
Doral Central Park

**Nature Craft**

**September 14th**  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Doral Glades Park

**Hispanic Heritage Salsa Classes**

**September 15th, 22nd & 29th**  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Art After Dark Workshops**

**September 17th**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Doral Cultural Arts Center

**Pickleball Clinics**

**September 18th**  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Doral Glades Park

**2nd Budget Hearing FY26-27**

**September 22nd**  
6:00 PM  
Doral Government Center

**Summer Time Interactive Art Classes**

**September 25th**  
4:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Doral Glades Park

**Full Moon Yoga**

**September 25th**  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Doral Glades Park

**Doral 5K**

**September 26th**  
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Doral Meadow Park



# GROW YOUR BRAND

through City of Doral



## Sponsorship Opportunities

**Connect. Engage. Make an Impact.**

The City of Doral invites local businesses and organizations to become sponsors of our exciting year-round events and programs. From family festivals and holiday celebrations to cultural events, community initiatives, and signature gatherings, our sponsorship program provides valuable opportunities to showcase your brand while supporting the community you serve.



## Why Become a Sponsor?

As a City of Doral sponsor, your organization can enjoy a variety of benefits, including:

- **Direct engagement** with thousands of residents and visitors
- **Increased brand visibility** during events
- **Recognition** through event marketing and promotional materials
- **Social media exposure** and digital marketing opportunities
- **On-site activation opportunities** to promote your products and services
- **Networking opportunities** with community leaders, businesses, and attendees

Many sponsorship opportunities also include a designated activation space complete with a tent, table, and chairs, allowing your team to interact directly with attendees and create meaningful connections. Amenities may vary depending on the event and sponsorship level.

# EVENTS FOR EVERY BUDGET



Whether you are a small business looking to increase local awareness or a large organization seeking high-profile community engagement, we offer sponsorship opportunities at a variety of investment levels that can be tailored to meet your marketing goals.

## Join Us!

Partner with the **City of Doral** and put your brand in front of engaged audiences throughout the year while helping us create memorable experiences for our community. For sponsorship information or to discuss upcoming opportunities, please contact **Darling Jarquin** at: [Sponsorship@cityofdoral.com](mailto:Sponsorship@cityofdoral.com)

**We look forward to partnering with you!**

# Avoid the Pitfalls



DOs



DON'Ts

## The Top Development Mistakes in Doral (and How to Stay Ahead of Them)

Every community has its share of permitting myths, shortcuts, and well-intended assumptions that lead people down the wrong path. Doral is no exception. But the benefit of a city with a strong Development Services team is that most mistakes are preventable with the right information.

*By Jane Decker, Development Services Administrator*

**Here are the most common pitfalls we see — and how to avoid them entirely.**

### 1 Signing a lease before confirming zoning or checking permit history

A space might look perfect for a restaurant, academy, salon, or gym — but that doesn't mean the zoning district (e.g. Land Development Code, [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com)) allows it. Even within the same plaza, different bays can have different approvals or restrictions. Or worse, there are existing violations that you will inherit.

**Solution:**

Call or visit Planning & Zoning before you negotiate terms at [www.cityofdoral.com/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning-Department](http://www.cityofdoral.com/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning-Department).

### 2 Assuming a “minor remodel” doesn't require a permit

Replacing carpet? No permit.

Moving electrical outlets, modifying plumbing, adding walls, installing HVAC, or changing the layout? All require permits.

**Solution:**

When in doubt, ask a Building Department representative. A five-minute conversation can prevent a costly code violation. Visit our Solution Center for more information.

[www.cityofdoral.com/Departments/Building-Department/Hours-of-Operation](http://www.cityofdoral.com/Departments/Building-Department/Hours-of-Operation)

### 3 Overlooking parking requirements

Parking ratios vary by business type. A medical office, child-care center, church, restaurant, and warehouse all have different requirements.

**Solution:**

Verify parking counts early, especially in older plazas or during peak seasons. Check in at [www.cityofdoral.com/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning-Department/General-information](http://www.cityofdoral.com/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning-Department/General-information) for more information.

## 4 Underestimating timelines for state or county agencies

Even when City reviews move efficiently, some elements require outside partners — Fire, Water/Sewer, FPL, or County Public Works.

### **Solution:**

Build a little cushion into your project schedule and ask for a roadmap based on your specific submittal. In addition to all the resources on our Building Department homepage, you can also visit [www.miamidade.gov/global/economy/building/home.page](http://www.miamidade.gov/global/economy/building/home.page) for more information on outside agency reviews and requirements.

## 5 Not understanding floodplain limitations

Flood zones influence far more than insurance. They affect what you can build, how high you must elevate equipment, and which parts of a structure can be enclosed.

### **Solution:**

Ask the City's floodplain team early. A simple check prevents redesigns. Visit our flood page [www.cityofdoral.com/Departments/Building-Department/Flood-Information](http://www.cityofdoral.com/Departments/Building-Department/Flood-Information) for more information and click the "Other helpful links" page to visit the FEMA's National Map Service Center.

## 6 Relying on landlord verbal assurances

"Don't worry, everything is up to code." "Those old violations don't matter." "You can open in 30 days." Verbal promises cannot override the Florida Building Code, City Code, or County regulations.

### **Solution:**

Trust, but verify — in writing. Most permit records are available online. Visit [www.cityofdoral.com/permitting](http://www.cityofdoral.com/permitting) to request records for structures built after 2003. For structures built prior, we encourage you to visit Miami-Dade County's Microfilm section at [bldgappl.miamidade.gov/microfilm/](http://bldgappl.miamidade.gov/microfilm/).

## 7 Neglecting to close old permits or code cases

Old issues stay with the property and can delay closings, renovations, and certificates of use.

### **Solution:**

Request a records search before purchasing or leasing. **See #6 above.**

## A Better Way Forward

Avoiding pitfalls isn't about bureaucracy; it's about protecting your investment, time, and safety. Development Services is here to guide you, answer your questions, and help you succeed.

The final article in this series will look ahead: **"The Future of Development in Doral: Faster Service, Better Tools, and a City Built on Transparency."**



# Doral Seeds

**Doral is looking for its next growth story!**

**Compete for a \$40,000 Small Business Grant**

The City of Doral is planting the seeds for local business success with the launch of Doral Seeds, a new competitive grant program designed to help entrepreneurs take their businesses to the next level.

Through the program, one qualified Doral business will be awarded a \$40,000 grant to support growth, expansion, innovation, or other strategic business investments. In addition to the funding opportunity, participants will gain valuable knowledge and resources to strengthen their business plans and prepare for future success.

Eligible businesses will have the opportunity to refine their growth strategy, develop a professional business pitch, and participate in educational workshops before presenting their vision during Demo Day.

## Who Can Apply?

Doral Seeds is open to eligible for-profit businesses that are physically located and operating within the City of Doral. Applicants must:

- Have been operating continuously for at least 12 months
- Hold an active Business Tax Receipt
- Maintain all required licenses, registrations, permits, and approvals
- Be in good standing with applicable requirements

## Application Requirements

Applicants should be prepared to submit:

- Business documentation and proof of operating activity
- Basic financial information and projections
- A 10-slide pitch deck
- A 90-second business video
- A proposed use-of-grant plan with measurable milestones

## Program Timeline

- July 16, 2026 – Mandatory Orientation Workshop
- July 30, 2026 – Application Deadline
- August 11, August 20 & August 25, 2026 – Educational Workshops led by the SBDC at FIU
- Sept 1, 2026 – Demo Day at the Doral Cultural Center

## How it works

<p><b>1 Attend the Mandatory Orientation</b></p> <p>July 16, 2026   6:00 PM Doral Government Center</p> <p>Learn about program requirements, eligibility criteria, and the application process.</p>	<p><b>2 Submit Your Application Online</b></p> <p>Applications must be submitted by July 30, 2026 at <a href="http://www.cityofdoral.com/doralseeds">www.cityofdoral.com/doralseeds</a></p> <p>Qualified applications will be reviewed and scored.</p>	<p><b>3 Become a Finalist</b></p> <p>Selected applicants will advance to the final round and participate in a business development and pitch preparation program before presenting at the Doral Seeds Pitch Event.</p>	<p><b>4 Pitch Your Business</b></p> <p>Sept 1, 2026</p> <p>Finalists will present their business, growth plans, and funding proposal before a review panel.</p>	<p><b>5 Awardee Announced</b></p> <p>Grant funding will be awarded to the highest-rated business following the Pitch Event.</p>
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Following the workshops and review process, finalists will present their business growth plans before a review committee, with one business ultimately selected to receive the \$40,000 grant award.

Businesses interested in learning more or applying should visit [cityofdoral.com/doralseeds](http://cityofdoral.com/doralseeds) once the webpage is live. For questions, please contact the Economic Development team at [economicdevelopment@cityofdoral.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@cityofdoral.com).

The City of Doral extends its sincere appreciation to Banesco USA and the Florida International University Small Business Development Center (SBDC at FIU) for their partnership and support in making Doral Seeds possible and helping local entrepreneurs access the tools, training, and opportunities needed to grow and thrive.

# MADE IN DORAL

LOCAL BUSINESSES • LOCAL STORIES • LOCAL SUCCESS

## Tripping Animals BREWING



**Stay Trippy:** How Four Friends Turned a Passion into Doral's Craft Beer Destination  
*Tripping Animals Brewing has spent eight years building something bigger than a brewery — a community gathering place rooted in Doral.*



## The Origin Story

For Daniel Chocron, Iker Elorriaga, Ignacio Montenegro, and Juan Manuel Torres, beer was never just a drink — it was a discovery. Growing up in Venezuela, the four founders were primarily familiar with traditional light lagers. But travel changed everything. Exposure to Belgian dubbels, English pale ales, and the bold IPAs of the American craft beer scene opened their eyes to what beer could really be.

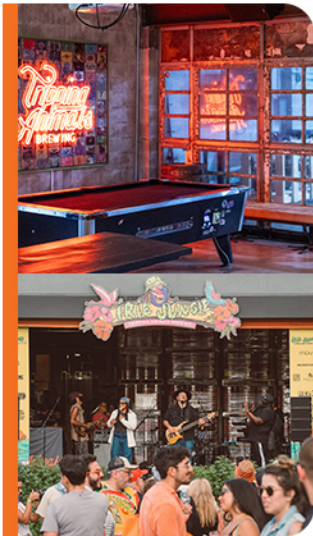
- **Founded 2018**
- **Owners:** Daniel Chocron, Iker Elorriaga, Ignacio Montenegro & Juan Manuel Torres
- **Location:** 2685 NW 105<sup>th</sup> Ave Doral, FL 33172

*"We realized beer could be so much more than what we saw on the shelves back home."*

### — The Founders, Tripping Animals Brewing

After enrolling in a small brewing course, the group launched a nano-brewery in Venezuela — not for profit, but purely out of love for the craft. Years of experimentation followed. By the time they were ready to make it official, they had a business plan, the support of their families, and a destination in mind: **Doral.**

## Finding Home in Doral



**Choosing Doral wasn't a calculated market decision — it was personal.** The founders were already familiar with the community and its culture. When they found a space that could accommodate their production needs without ever requiring them to leave the neighborhood, the decision was clear.

Eight years later, that bet has paid off in ways that go beyond the bottom line. The City of Doral and its residents have embraced the brewery with a loyalty the founders describe as "overwhelming." Regulars have become true supporters, showing up consistently and making the hard work feel worthwhile.

***"They are the heartbeat of the brewery. Our local fans aren't just customers; they are our biggest supporters."***  
— The Founders, Tripping Animals Brewing

## More Than Just Beer



**Tripping Animals is a family-owned, independent brewery — but the founders are quick to clarify that a great pint is only part of the story.** The full experience includes a curated wine selection and Trippy Kitchen, their in-house food concept serving elevated comfort dishes like fresh Ceviche, Tuna Tiradito, signature Burgers, and Chicharron.

● **Ever Haze**  
7% Hazy IPA — their signature craft staple

● **No Mames**  
6% Lager — the approachable, crowd-pleasing pour

● **Trippy Kitchen**  
Elevated comfort food, made in-house to pair with every brew

What sets them apart, the team says, isn't the product alone — it's the vibe. Tripping Animals has built a safe, family-friendly environment where world-class craft beer meets a totally laid-back atmosphere.

***"We aren't just selling beer," they explain. "We're offering a particular 'Tripping' experience that joins people together."***

## What's Next

The team has their eyes on the national craft beer map, but their most exciting ambitions remain rooted right here. Community events like Irie Jungle and Skip The Line have become standout moments on Doral's social calendar, and the founders are committed to bringing even more immersive, one-of-a-kind experiences to their neighbors.

For a brewery that started as a passion project in Venezuela and found its forever home in Doral, the next chapter looks a lot like the first: curious, community-driven, and ready to raise a glass.

***Visit Tripping Animals Brewing in Doral and experience it for yourself. Stay trippy.***



# CITY OF DORAL

RECOGNIZED AS A TOP WORKPLACE

The City of Doral is proud to be recognized as a Top Workplace by both the Sun Sentinel and USA Today, reflecting the City's ongoing commitment to creating a positive, supportive, and engaging workplace for employees.

These prestigious awards are based entirely on employee feedback, measuring factors such as workplace culture, leadership, communication, professional growth, and overall employee satisfaction. Earning recognition at both the regional and national levels highlights the City's dedication to fostering an environment where employees feel valued and empowered to succeed.



Behind these achievements is the dedicated work of the Human Resources Department, which plays a vital role in supporting employees throughout every stage of their careers. From recruitment and onboarding to professional development, employee wellness initiatives, benefits administration, and recognition programs, the HR team works year-round to ensure employees have the resources and support they need to thrive.

The department continuously seeks opportunities to enhance the employee experience through training programs, leadership development, wellness initiatives, employee appreciation events, and policies that promote work-life balance. These efforts help cultivate a workplace culture built on collaboration, respect, and continuous growth.

As Doral continues to grow as a premier city to live, work, and do business, the City's employees remain at the heart of its success. These Top Workplace recognitions serve as a testament to the collective efforts of City leadership, Human Resources, and staff across all departments who contribute daily to making the City of Doral an exceptional place to work.

*The City extends its gratitude to its employees for their dedication and commitment to serving the community and looks forward to continuing to build a workplace where employees can grow, excel, and make a meaningful impact.*



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# Recognizing

## Code Compliance Officer Week 2026



From June 1–7, 2026, the City proudly recognized **Code Compliance Officer Week** and honored the dedicated professionals who work every day to help preserve the quality of life within Doral.



The City's team of certified Code Compliance Officers plays an essential role in maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of the community through professionalism, consistency, and public service.

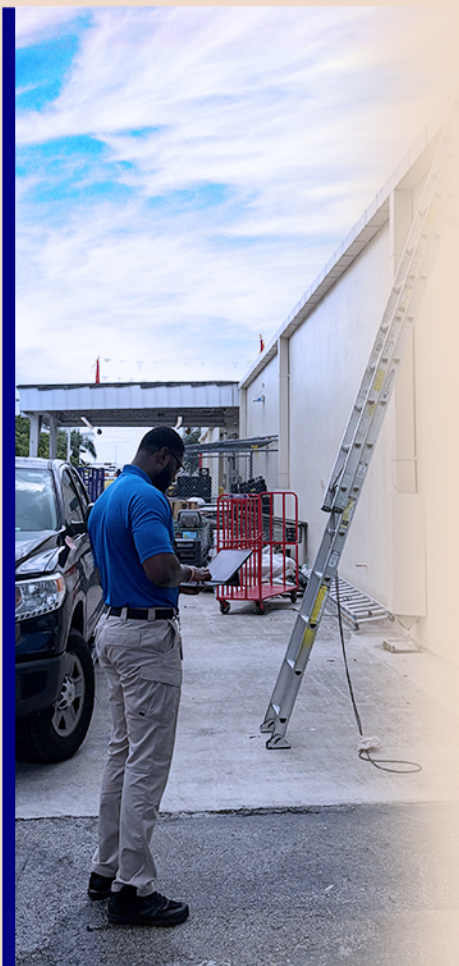
### Highly Trained, Responsible, and Committed

These dedicated individuals are highly trained, responsible, and committed to upholding the standards that help keep Doral a clean, safe, and vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

Beyond enforcement, the department prides itself on a proactive, education-based approach focused on achieving voluntary compliance whenever possible. Through daily community interaction, outreach efforts, and problem-solving initiatives, Code Compliance Officers work closely with residents, businesses, and property owners to educate and encourage cooperation before enforcement becomes necessary.

Their work often takes place behind the scenes, yet its impact is visible throughout the community. From maintaining neighborhood standards and improving public spaces to supporting public safety and enhancing overall quality of life. Whether responding to concerns, assisting residents, or collaborating with other City departments, the Code Compliance team approaches every situation with professionalism, fairness, and a strong sense of public service.

**Code Compliance Week** serves as an opportunity to recognize and thank these hardworking public servants for their continued dedication to the community and their commitment to serving the residents of Doral with integrity and pride every single day.





## Welcomes New Police Leadership

The City of Doral marked an important new chapter in public safety on June 17, 2026, as Police Chief Matthew Castillo and Deputy Chief Jonathan Dweck were officially sworn into office during a ceremony at the Doral Government Center. The event brought together elected officials, city leadership, law enforcement partners, residents, and community stakeholders to celebrate the department's new leadership team.

Mayor Christi Fraga, City Manager Zeida Sardiñas, and Chief Castillo shared remarks highlighting the importance of public safety, community trust, and the continued commitment to excellence that residents have come to expect from the Doral Police Department.

Chief Castillo joins Doral after serving as Chief of Police for the Miami Springs Police Department. A graduate of Florida International University and the FBI National Academy, he brings decades of law enforcement experience and a proven record of community-focused leadership.

Deputy Chief Jonathan Dweck was also sworn in as part of the department's new executive leadership team. With 24 years of law enforcement experience, including his most recent role as a pilot and instructor in the Miami-Dade Police Department's Aviation Unit, Deputy Chief Dweck brings extensive operational expertise and leadership experience to the department.

Together, Chief Castillo and Deputy Chief Dweck will build upon the department's strong foundation while advancing public safety initiatives, supporting officers, and strengthening community partnerships. Their leadership reflects the City's ongoing commitment to keeping Doral one of the safest, most vibrant, and most desirable communities in South Florida.

The ceremony concluded with a reception celebrating this significant milestone for the department and the community it serves.



# Stay Informed with **DoralAlerts**

When emergencies happen, every second counts. Doral residents and business owners are encouraged to sign up for **DoralAlerts**, the City's official emergency notification system, to receive critical information when it matters most.

**DoralAlerts** delivers real-time notifications about severe weather, road closures, missing persons, evacuations, public safety incidents, and other emergency situations that may impact the community. Users can customize alerts based on their home or business location and choose how they would like to receive notifications, including phone calls, text messages, emails, or through the mobile app.

*By signing up, you'll receive timely updates directly from the City, helping you make informed decisions and stay prepared during emergencies.*



Don't wait until an emergency happens—**register for DoralAlerts today** and stay connected to the information you need to keep yourself, your family, and your business safe.

 **SIGN-UP NOW!**



## Doral Welcomes the World: A Global Moment for Our City

THIS DECEMBER, DORAL WILL STEP ONTO THE WORLD STAGE.

The 2026 G20 Leaders' Summit will bring heads of state, government officials, international delegations, and global media to our community, placing Doral at the center of some of the world's most important conversations. Representing approximately 85% of global GDP, 75% of international trade, and two-thirds of the world's population, the G20 is one of the most influential international forums in the world.

For Doral, this moment represents much more than hosting a major event—it reflects the remarkable evolution of our city into a globally connected destination for business, innovation, culture, and opportunity.

Strategically located just minutes from Miami International Airport and home to a thriving international business community, Doral has long served as a gateway between the United States and the world. Today, our city's diverse population, strong economy, and international presence continue to attract investment, entrepreneurs, and visitors from across the globe.

In partnership with regional stakeholders, the City of Doral is preparing a series of high-profile events surrounding the Summit, including a Welcome Reception for international delegations, a Business Connection Forum designed to foster economic collaboration, and Global Fest: Doral Where the World Meets, a multicultural celebration that will showcase the energy, diversity, and spirit of our community.

These events will provide opportunities to highlight what residents already know: Doral is a city that embraces innovation, welcomes diverse cultures, and creates meaningful connections across borders.

As preparations continue throughout the year, residents can take pride in knowing that Doral has been chosen to help host a gathering of global significance. It is a milestone that reflects decades of growth and reinforces our position as one of South Florida's most dynamic and internationally recognized cities.

This December, world leaders will come to Doral—but the lasting story is how Doral has become a city ready to welcome the world.

Learn more about the G20 Summit, upcoming community events, and opportunities to get involved at the City's G20 information page. [www.cityofdoral.com/g20](http://www.cityofdoral.com/g20)



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