

LIVE, WORK, LEARN AND PLAY

DORAL

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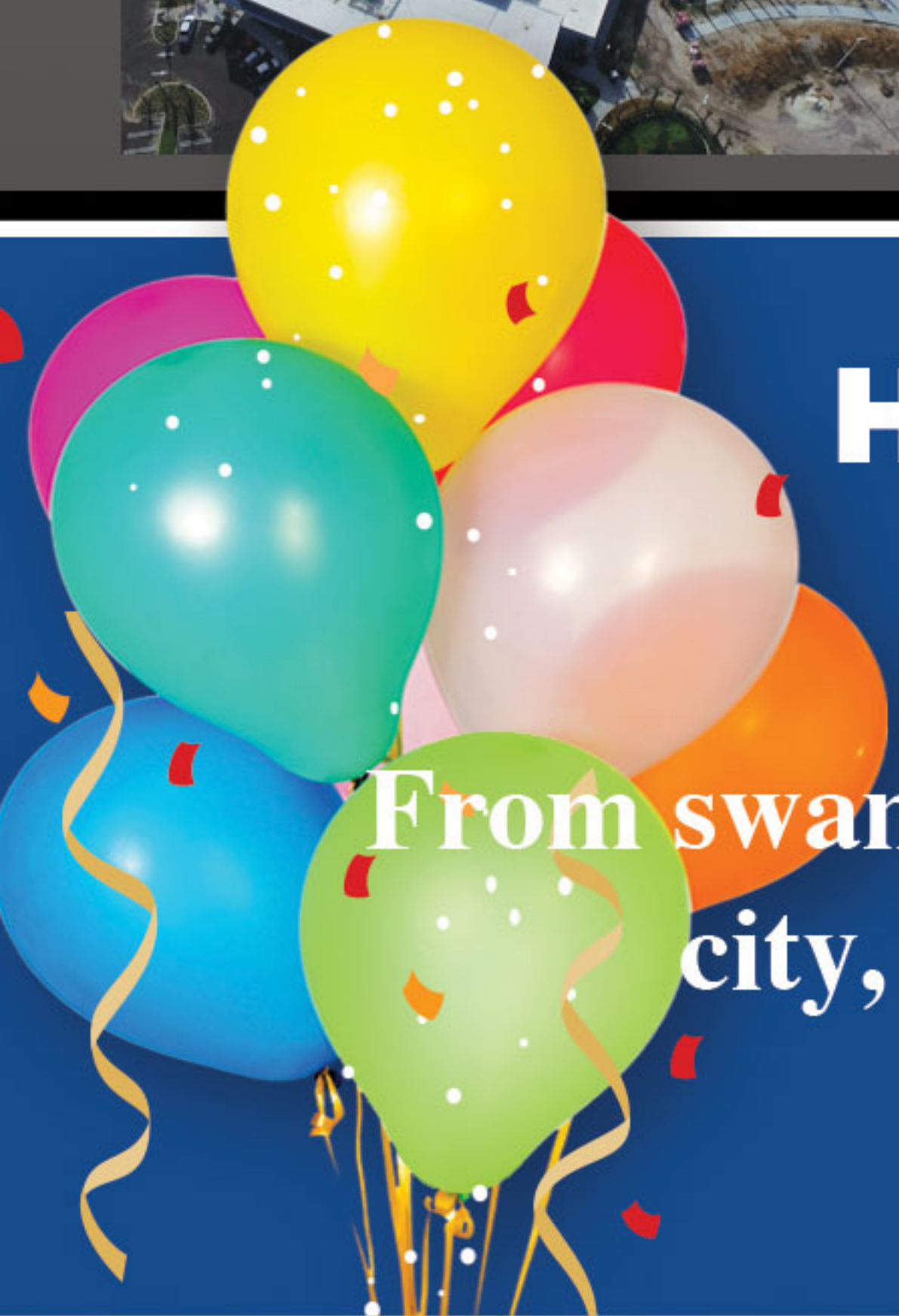
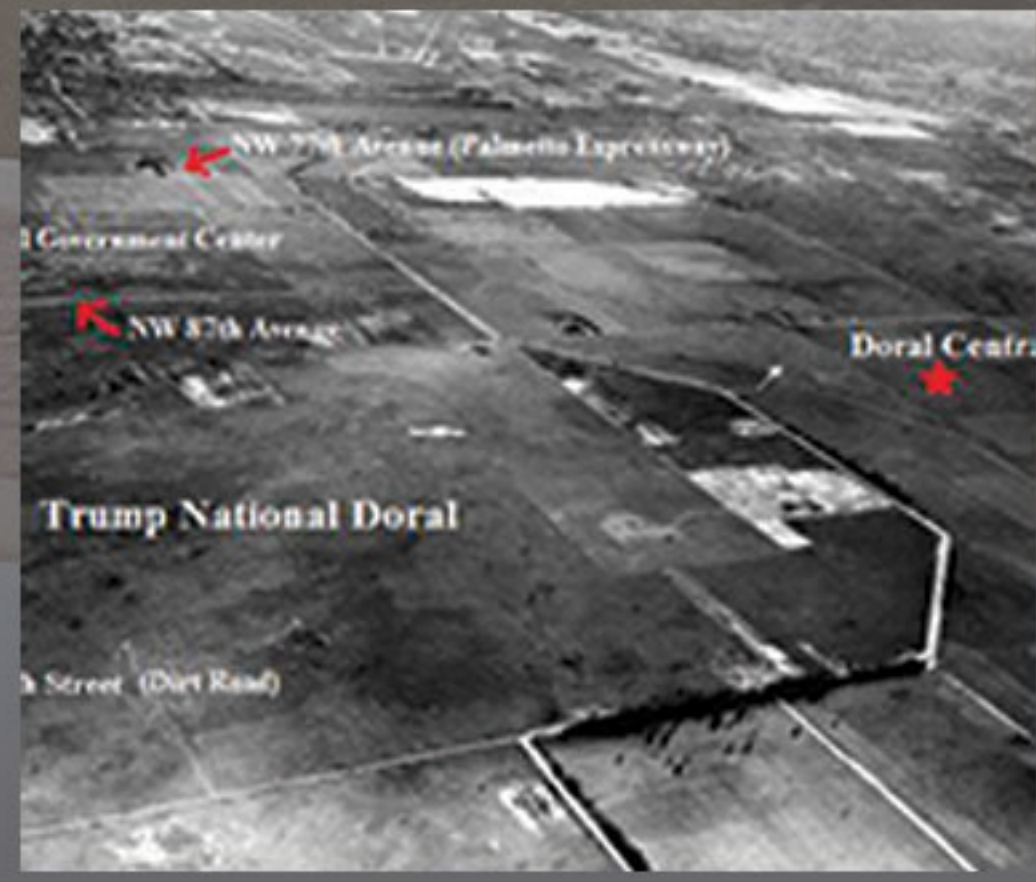


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20 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday Doral!

From swampland to a booming city, learn Doral's story.

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Flood Season is here!

Learn helpful tips to protect your property.

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From the Desk of the Mayor

Happy 20th Anniversary, Doral! This is an important time for our community as we celebrate two decades of growth and success. In a short time, Doral has come a long way, gaining recognition throughout the state of Florida, as well as throughout the country. We are undoubtedly, the premier place to live, work, learn and play!

At the heart of Doral's triumphs are our residents and business owners. It is through your hard work, passion, and commitment that our community shines. Thank you for all that you do! I am proud to serve you all and to work hand in hand with you and City leadership to continue to improve our great City.

Sincerely,



Mayor Christi Fraga





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.



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

Summer CAMPS

Camp Unbeatables

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.

Doral Legacy Park - June 12 - August 11

To register and more information: 305-690-7491, info@campunbeatables.com, www.campunbeatables.com



Cristi's Dance Camp

This exciting camp offers a way for your child to keep fit, energizes, make new friends, improve confidence, and improve their dance skills!

Doral Legacy Park - June 12 - August 11

For more information: 786-205-1026, cristisdance@gmail.com, www.cristisdance.com



YMCA Nature Camp

Join us for an adventure! Learn to be brave and become an explorer as we pioneer through the Everglades, Biscayne Bay and Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge. While you're having fun kayaking, and practicing archery, you'll be exposed to the curriculum from the National Wildlife Federation. You won't want to miss this educational journey of South Florida's backyard!

Doral Glades Park - June 12 - August 11

For more information: 305-357-4000 ext. 1163, www.ymcasouthflorida.org



Doral Soccer Club

Doral Soccer Club camp specializes in a soccer friendly camp that will help your child learn and improve their soccer skills.

Morgan Levy Park - June 12 - August 11

To register and more information:

786-319-1418, 305-979-4006, 786-287-3355, 786- 222-0836, info@doralsoccerclub.com, www.doralsoccerclub.com

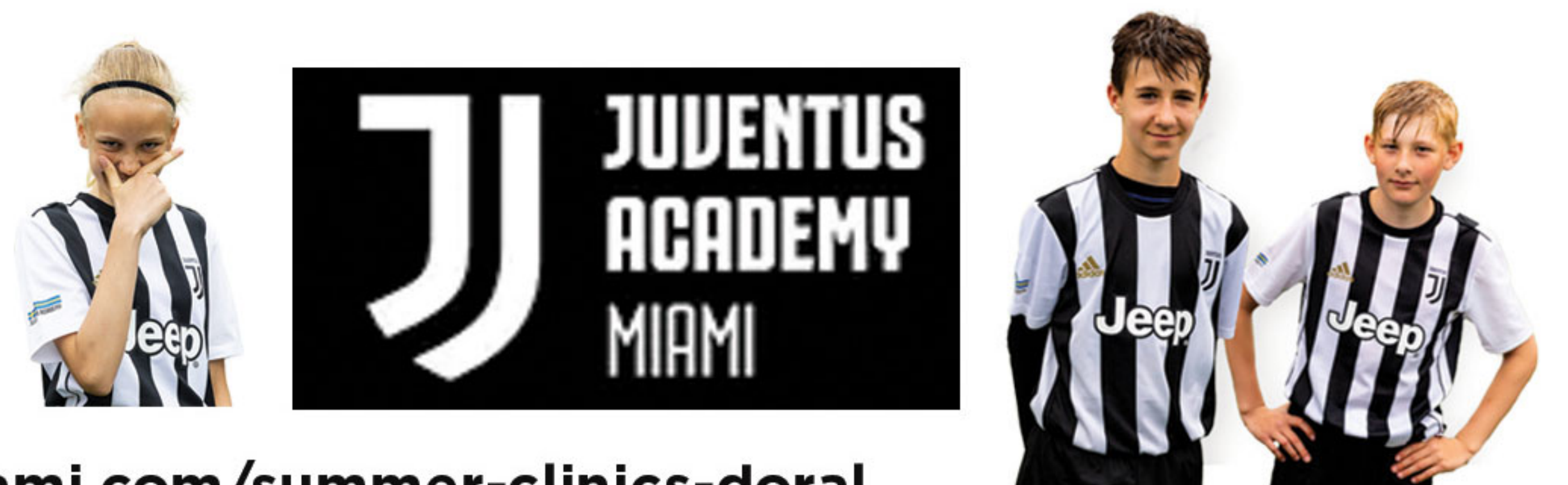


Juventus Doral

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!

Doral Meadow Park - June 12 - August 11

To register and more information: 786-459-3464, Jacademymiami.com/summer-clinics-doral





Parks and Recreation PROGRAMS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Archery
 Chess for Kids
 Crafty Art
 Dance Juniors
 Dance Minis
 Doral Fencing Club

EcoAdventures
 First Step Dance
 Florida Karate Clubs
 Ge-Ni-U-S Science Labs
 Just You & Me
 Miami Table Tennis Club



Simanof Orchestra
 Start Smart
 Teacher Planning Days
 Toddler Time
 United Martial Arts

ADULT PROGRAMS



Archery
 Baby & Me Yoga
 Core Yoga
 Doral Run Club



Full Moon Yoga
 Jazzercise
 OM Yoga Flow
 Wellness Wednesdays
 Yoga on the Lawn

For more information on youth and adult programs, contact Christopher.Hovde@cityofdoral.com

SENIOR PROGRAMS



Bingo Night
 Chair Yoga
 Handmade Jewelry
 Jazzercise Lite



Seminar & Luncheons
 Senior Art
 Social Hours
 Tai-Chi

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

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS

Feel the Beat! Dance classes
 Mind & Melody Music



Special Olympics
 Wellness & Martial Arts Program

For more information on Special Needs Programs, contact Nerea.Recalde@cityofdoral.com

ADULT SPORTS

Adult Basketball League
 Beach Tennis



YOUTH SPORTS

Basketball League
 Broncos Football & Cheer
 Doral Little League
 Field Hockey

Flag Football
 Futsal
 Soccer
 Tennis

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

MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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National Day of Prayer

May 4th
12:00 PM
Doral Government Center

Mother's Day Artisan Market

May 6th
4:00 PM
Downtown Doral Park



Council Meeting

May 10th
10:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Doral Government Center - Council Chambers

Kids to Parks Day

May 20th
9:30 AM
Doral Meadow Park



Local Planning Meeting

May 24th
5:30 PM
Doral Government Center - Council Chambers

Memorial Day

May 29th
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Doral Government Center CLOSED

Memorial Day Remembrance

May 31st
6:00 PM
Veterans Park





JUNE 2023

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City of Doral's 20th Birthday Celebration

June 10th

SAVE THE DATE

Council Meeting

June 14th

10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Doral Government Center - Council Chambers

Juneteenth

June 19th

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Doral Government Center CLOSED

Local Planning Agency Meeting

June 28th

5:30 PM

Doral Government Center - Council Chambers

JULY 2023

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Independence Day Celebration

July 4th

7:00 PM

Trump National Doral

Independence Day

July 4th

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Doral Government Center CLOSED

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A FLOOD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

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

STEP 1 KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD

Regulated floodplains are illustrated on inundation maps called Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). It is the official map for a community on which FEMA has delineated both the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) and the risk premium zones applicable to the community. SFHAs represent the areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual chance flood event. Structures located in the SFHA have a 26-percent chance of flooding during the life of a standard 30-year mortgage. FEMA FIRM maps are available for free public viewing online at msc.fema.gov/portal. You can also contact the Building Department at (305)593-6700 for help determining if your property is in a flood zone. The Building Department can also provide information on local drainage issues, historical flooding in your area, and natural areas of the floodplain that may be near your property.

Copies of Elevation Certificates for all new and substantially improved buildings are also available for review at the Building Department.

STEP 2 INSURE YOUR PROPERTY

Flooding is not covered by a standard homeowner's insurance policy. The City of Doral participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, so that flood insurance is available to everyone in the City, including homeowners, condo owners, commercial owners, and all renters. Renters are encouraged to purchase flood insurance for the contents of their home. Homeowners can get up to \$250,000 of coverage and businesses up to \$500,000. Renters can obtain up to \$100,000 of coverage. Do due Doral's participation in the Community Rating System, you will receive a reduction in your insurance premium.

Note that there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect. That means now is the best time to buy flood insurance! Contact your preferred insurance agency for more information. Additional information can be found online at www.floodsmart.gov or by calling 1-888-379-9531.



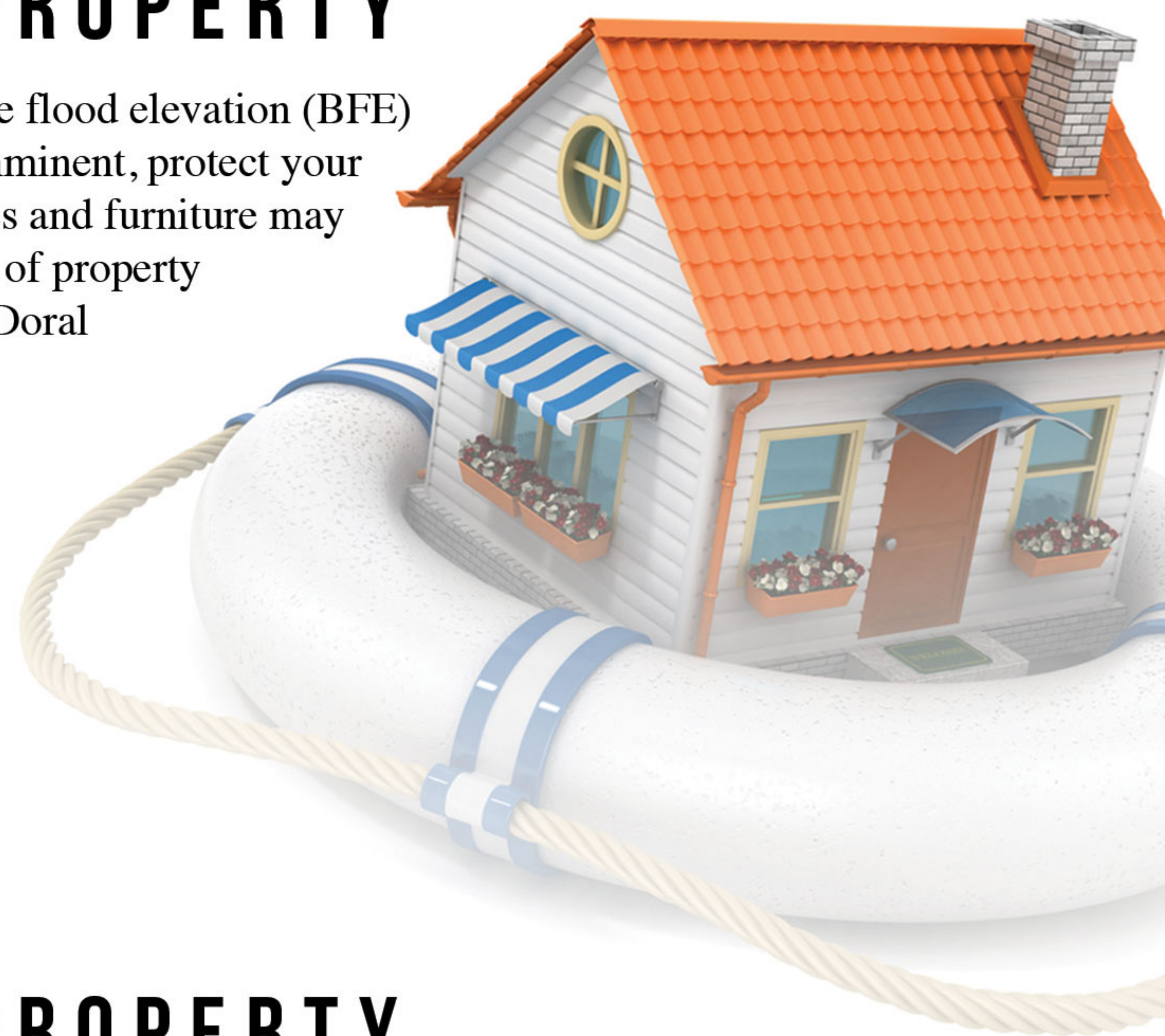
STEP 3 PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

The City of Doral coordinates with the Miami-Dade County Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service (NWS) in issuing public warnings about expected floods and storms. Local TV and radio stations may announce advisories and info issued by the NWS.

- Tune-in to local AM radio stations, local TV, and City Cable Channel 77 for updates on storms and information on when floodwaters may be approaching.
- All hazard NOAA Weather Radios (NWR) are available for purchase in local electronic retail or department stores and provide access to the NOAA Weather Radio Frequencies 162.550 and 162.450.
 - If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker. If you lose power, turn off all major appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or in standing water.
 - Turn off the gas and be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Do not smoke or use any open flames unless you know that the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.
 - Avoid low-lying areas. Seek shelter in the highest areas possible.
 - Discuss your family emergency plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together, and what you will do in case of emergency. Do not disregard road barriers. Never attempt to drive through flooded roadways. Floodwaters can conceal damage underneath. As little as two feet of running water can carry away most vehicles, including SUV's. **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!**

STEP 4 PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

If the first finished floor elevation of your property is lower than the base flood elevation (BFE) established by FEMA, consider elevating your structure. If a flood is imminent, protect your property by sandbagging areas vulnerable to the entry of water. Valuables and furniture may also be moved to the highest floor to minimize damages. Other methods of property protection and floodproofing are available in FEMA publications at the Doral Branch Public Library. The City of Doral flood protection assistance program provides more information on property protection, local drainage issues, and how to obtain funding for your flood mitigation project. City officials can perform a site visit to your property to determine possible flood hazards and recommend retrofitting and floodproofing techniques. For more information, please contact the Building Department at (305) 593-6700 ext. 3111.



STEP 5 PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

You must obtain a building permit before beginning land development or any building activity, including rebuilding. Doral's floodplain ordinance requires that if your structure is substantially damaged or improved it must meet the construction requirements for a new building. This means all new and substantially improved buildings must be built with the lowest floor, including basement, elevated no lower than the base flood elevation (BFE) plus one foot of freeboard. Know the substantial damage rules before you begin repairs. You must also always keep areas between lots clear to maintain drainage.

Before you build, fill, or otherwise develop in a floodplain, contact the Building Department at (305) 593-6700 to discuss city regulations in more detail. Report any development in a floodplain without a permit to the Code Compliance Department at (305) 593-6680.



At the February 8th Council Meeting, the Project Team for the Doral Parks Bond, provided an in-depth presentation to Mayor Christi Fraga and City Council regarding all facets of the bond, including the flagship project – Doral Central Park. Together, with the City Manager and staff, Mayor and Council had the opportunity to have a productive and open conversation on where we are and where we need to be. As a result, decisions were made by leadership to address the existing issues with the bond projects, improve transparency in the process, reengage the community, and fix some of the areas in order to deliver the high-quality facilities that the community deserves.

Doral Cultural Arts Center

We will explore better use of certain areas in the facility that are currently underutilized so that we can maximize its purpose for great programming like art classes for kids, cultural workshops, and more.

Bike Trails

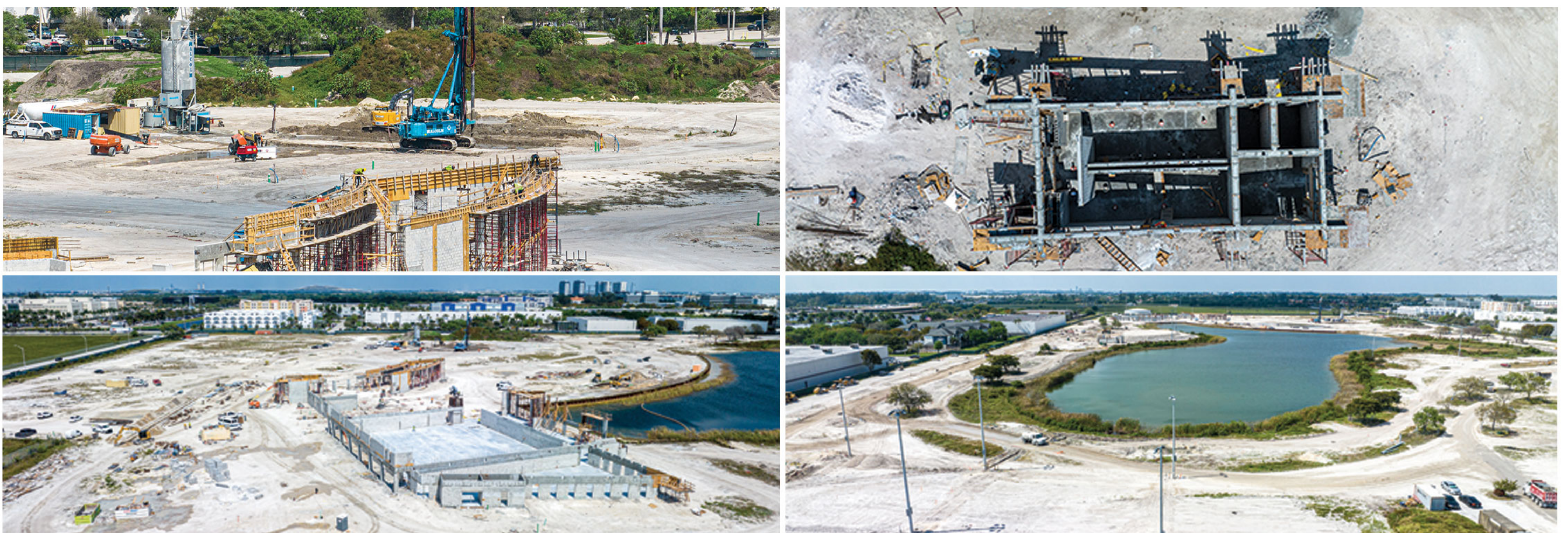
The bike paths will be reassessed to honor the original intent, and properly expand with new bike paths in our community. This is important to continue promoting walkability and active lifestyle in our City, while also reallocating funds to light these paths for maximum safety.

Doral Central Park

There will be a refocus on the true plan of the park, which is to be a place for multiuse and multigenerational amenities. Multipurpose fields will be reintegrated into the project to allow for greater enjoyment for all needs, like soccer, events, and passive green space use.

Mayor Fraga, with the support of the City Council, is currently reaching out to partners like Miami-Dade College, Miami-Dade County and the state, to acquire funding that will help us bring these regional projects to fruition, without further burdening our taxpayers.

For regular updates and news regarding the Doral Parks Bond, visit the City's social media, website (www.doralparksbond.org) and participate in the public workshops, coming to your community!





DORAL TURNS 20!

From swampland to a booming city, Doral has come a long way and it all began with the dream and vision of one man. His name was Alfred Kaskel. In the late 1950s, he purchased 2,400 acres of swampland in what is now present day Doral for about \$49,000 with the intention of building a world-class golf course and hotel. In 1962, the Kaskel's dream came true when they opened the country club that featured the Blue, Red and Par 3 golf courses. They named it Doral - a combination of Doris and Alfred.

As Doral's very first structure, the Doral Hotel and Country Club became the area's hot spot. In the second year of operation, the Kaskel's hosted the first Doral Open Invitational, Florida's major PGA event. Even after ownership changes through the years, it continues to be internationally known for its golf courses, especially the Blue Monster.

There were more farms with cows, horses and chickens than people on NW 107 Avenue; NW 87 Avenue was just two lanes and NW 41 Street ended at NW 104 Avenue. Traffic problems were nonexistent, except for the occasional runaway cow. By the early 1980s, Doral started to experience the first movement in growth when Doris' and Alfred's grandson Bill developed Doral Estates which followed by a joint venture with Lennar Homes to build Doral Park. Both communities were named after the hotel, a trend that was to be repeated many more times.

Younger families started flooding to the area but had to travel to purchase even the most basic essentials, because there were no stores - or schools or parks. Although the majority of the original homes were investment properties or second homes, the early fulltime residents believed that the quality of life and the low housing costs far exceeded the lack of amenities and started coming together as a community.

From 1983 to 1985, the county imposed a building moratorium for the area to protect the well fields. Once the ban was lifted, Doral experienced tremendous growth. The West Dade Federation of Homeowner Associations was formed in 1989 under the leadership of Morgan Levy to stand strong against any proposals that threatened the community's welfare. As a result of their efforts, a police station instead of a jail was built, higher development standards were implemented, and more lighting, roads and landscaping appeared in the area. Incorporation began in 1995 with the realization that residents were paying a very high price for services received; they wanted more services at a reasonable price. The county met the first attempt at incorporation with a year's deferral. Doral had been classified as a "donor community", meaning that the taxes paid were more than the cost of operations. With the deferral, incorporation efforts intensified even more.

In January 2003, following a seven year battle, 85% of the voters in Doral voted in favor of incorporation. Finally, they had their own new city with a local government and more service for their tax dollars. In June of the same year, 92% voted to accept the City Charter and elected their first Mayor and City Council - Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez, Vice Mayor Pete Cabrera, and Council Members Mike DiPietro, Sandra Ruiz, and Robert Van Name. In August, the City Council took their oath of office.

The City of Doral has come a very long way in a very short time and is attracting positive attention from Fortune 100 corporations, mom-and-pop businesses, young families and retirees. More and more people are choosing Doral for their place to live, work, learn and play. And so what began as swampland has transformed into one of the most beautiful cities! After so many years, Doral's sense of community pride continues to shine. It remains a beacon of hope that will undoubtedly continue to lead us into the next several years of success.

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

The Doral Life magazine can also be enjoyed in Spanish, simply scan this QR Code.

La revista "Doral Life" también se puede disfrutar en español, simplemente escanee este Código QR.



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