

MIAMI BEACH

<http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/>

LOCATION

City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

HISTORY

The first South Floridians were the Tequesta Indians, who discovered the area more than 10,000 years ago and had it all to themselves until the Spanish claimed it in the 16th Century. In 1821, the Spanish flag was lowered and the Stars and Stripes raised over Florida. Enterprising wreckers from the Bahamas came to South Florida and the Keys in the early 19th Century, to hunt for the remains of an international array of ill-fated ships that crashed onto the treacherous Great Florida reef.

At about the same time, the Seminoles arrived, along with a group of runaway slaves. They fought to stay in Florida, and the area became a war zone from 1836 until 1857, with most non-Indian residents being soldiers stationed at Fort Dallas on the Miami River. Some of these soldiers and a few other adventurous frontier settlers gave Miami yet another new, foreign-born population. At war's end, many of the Indians remained in the Everglades.

The Bahamians who stayed became Miami's first permanent residents and helped found South Florida's first real community, Coconut Grove.

The area's greatest change came thanks to a visionary Cleveland widow named Julia Tuttle, who purchased 640 acres on the north bank of the Miami River in 1891, moving her family into the abandoned Fort Dallas buildings. Within four years, Tuttle -- the "mother of Miami" -- convinced Standard Oil co-founder Henry Flagler to extend his railroad to Miami, build a luxury hotel, and lay out a new town. The railroad arrived in 1896. The City of Miami was incorporated on July 28 that same year.

All kinds of people flocked to the new city, which was never an ordinary Southern town. Miami's first mayor was an Irish Catholic. Most of the early merchants were Jewish. African Americans and Black Bahamians made up one-third of the city's incorporators.

Greater Miami never lacked for forward thinkers, including John Collins (a New Jersey Quaker) and Prest-O-Lite king Carl Fisher, who together in 1913 embarked on an agriculture venture on a spit of oceanfront beach and started a bridge across the bay. Miami Beach was born.

During the Depression, Pan American Airways launched the era of modern

aviation with "Flying Clippers" from Miami's Dinner Key. Even then, Pan Am advertised Miami as the "Gateway to the Americas." Today, Greater Miami has overtaken New York's JFK as the nation's leading gateway for international arrivals with 5.1 million international travelers arriving in the U.S. through Miami in 1994.

Also during the Depression, another new group, predominantly Jewish, came to Miami Beach and built a large number of small hotels with stark moderne lines along lower Collins Avenue and Ocean Drive. This building boom helped bring the area out of the Depression and forty years later would become the world-famous Art Deco District, which includes the internationally renowned South Beach area.

World War II brought another 100,000 people to Greater Miami and the Beaches when the Army Air Corps and the navy established major training centers. Many of these servicemen made the area their permanent home after the war. By the end of the 1950s, South Florida had doubled its pre-war population.

When Fidel Castro took over Cuba in 1959, no one dreamed that the revolution would change Miami as much as Cuba. The Cuban exiles who were just beginning to pour into the area were bringing the next Miami with them. The '60s and '80s brought mind-boggling change as more than half-a-million Cuban exiles fled to Miami to start a new life. These enterprising refugees launched the area into its future as what many call the "Capital of the Americas."

The 1980s and early '90s brought a multi-billion dollar infusion of investment capital that produced a beautiful new Miami downtown skyline, a reborn Miami Beach, a modernized transportation infrastructure and a new way of life that features the arts, culture, sports and entertainment, all with an international accent. Although it has changed almost beyond recognition (again), Miami Beach has thrived amidst change and overcome many difficulties.

Greater Miami and the City of Miami Beach continue to be an international mecca for travel, business and to establish a home.

POPULATION

Population: 87,933 (as of 2000 census)

EVENTS

For general inquiries please send an email to events@miamibeachfl.gov or call 305-673-7577.

For a calendar of events, visit <http://mbca.gmcvb.com>.

ATTRACTIONS

BEACHES

All along Collins Avenue to 17th Street and then there's a beach access point at Ocean Drive.

SHOPPING

Lincoln Road

For list of merchants visit:

http://www.shoponmiamibeach.com/pdf/Lincoln_Road_Tip_In.pdf

<http://www.lincolnroadmiamibeach.com/>

Ocean Drive and Collins Avenue

For list of merchants visit:

http://www.shoponmiamibeach.com/pdf/Ocean_Collins_Tip_In.pdf

Espanola Way and Washington Avenue

For list of merchants visit:

http://www.shoponmiamibeach.com/pdf/Espanola_Way_Tip_In.pdf

MUSEUMS

Bass Museum of Art

2121 Park Avenue

Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Telephone: 305-673-7530

Fax: 305-673-7062

Diane Camber, Director

Email: info@bassmuseum.org

Website: www.bassmuseum.org/

GOLF

Miami Beach Golf Club

2301 Alton Road, Miami Beach, FL 33140

Phone: 305-532-3350

Fax: 305-532-3840

www.miamibeachgolfclub.com

TENNIS

The City of Miami Beach Parks & Recreation and Greensquare Tennis bring you the World renowned Bollettieri Tennis Training Academy at Flamingo Park Tennis Center!

The Flamingo Park Tennis Center features 19 clay courts and a pro shop. The Tennis Center was once home to the Jr. Orange Bowl Tournament and is managed by Greensquare Tennis / Bollettieri - Mar. Please visit www.gsibollettieri.com or call 305-673-7761 for more information.

Court Fees

Residents: \$4 / hour

Non-Residents: \$8 / hour

Annual Pass (October 1, 2006- September 30, 2007)

Juniors: \$50 res./\$75 non-res.

Adults: \$185 res./\$375 non-res.

Senior 65+: \$150 res./\$250 non-res.

Family of 4: \$400 res./\$700 non-res.

City of Miami Beach Parks & Recreation and Greensquare Tennis bring you the World renowned James Bollettieri Tennis Academy at North Shore Park Tennis Center!

North Shore Park Tennis Center features 12 tennis courts, 10 of which are clay hydro-courts and 2 are hard courts, and includes a pro shop that sells tennis products and promotional items.

Court Fees

Residents: \$4 / hour

Non-Residents: \$8 / hour

Light Fees: \$1.50

Annual Pass (October 1 - September 30)

Adults: \$185 (\$375 non-residents)

Senior 65+: \$150 (\$250 non-resident)

Family: \$400 (\$700 non-resident)

These prices do not include tax

MARINAS

Miami Beach Marina

300 Alton Road

Miami Beach, FL 33139

305-673-6000

Grove Harbour Marina

2640 S Bayshore Drive

Miami Beach, FL 33133

305-854-6444

Keystone Point Marina

1950 NE 135th Street Suite 306

Miami Beach, FL 33181

305-940-6236

North Beach Marina

724 NE 79th Street

Miami Beach, FL 33141
305-758-8888

Sunset Harbour Yacht Club
1928 Sunset Harbour Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-398-6800

SCHOOLS

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Toras Emes Academy of Miami private · PK-6
1051 North Miami Beach Boulevard North Miami Beach, FL 33162
(305) 947-6000

Neytz Hachochma private · ungraded
995 North Miami Beach Blvd Ste 112 North Miami Beach, FL 33162
(305) 770-1990

Mechina of South Florida private · 7-12
1965 Alton Rd Miami Beach, FL 33139
(305) 538-5543

Yeshiva Elementary School private · PK-6
7902 Carlyle Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33141
(305) 867-3322

St. Patrick Elementary School private · K-8
3700 Garden Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33140
(305) 534-4616

St. Joseph's School and Cultur private · PK-8
8625 Byron Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33141
(305) 866-1471

Rabbi Alexander S Gross Hebrew private · PK-12
2400 Pine Tree Drive Miami Beach, FL 33140
(305) 532-6421

Lehrman Community Day School private · PK-6
727 Lehrman Drive (77 St.) Miami Beach, FL 33141
(305) 866-2771

Le Petite Papillon Montessori private · ungraded
P.O. Box 416493 Miami Beach, FL 33141
(305) 867-4244

Casa Dei Bambini Montessori private · PK-5
4025 Pine Tree DriveMiami Beach, FL 33140
(305) 534-8911

Rabbi Alexander Gross High School private · 9-12
2425 Pine Tree DriveMiami Beach, FL 33140
(305) 535-5670

Temple Menorah Early Childhood private · PK-K
620 75th StreetMiami Beach, FL 33141
(305) 866-0221

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

North Beach Elementary School public · PK-6
4100 Prairie AveMiami Beach, FL 33140
(305) 531-7666

Biscayne Elementary School public · PK-6
800 77th StMiami Beach, FL 33141
(305) 868-7727

Fienberg-Fisher Elementary School public · PK-6
1420 Washington AveMiami Beach, FL 33139
(305) 531-0419

South Pointe Elementary School public · PK-6
1050 4th StMiami Beach, FL 33139
(305) 531-5437

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Nautilus Middle School public · 7-8
4301 N Michigan AveMiami Beach, FL 33140
(305) 532-3481

HIGH SCHOOLS

Miami Beach Senior High School public · 9-12
2231 Prairie AveMiami Beach, FL 33139
(305) 532-4515

North Miami Beach Senior High School public · 9-12
1247 NE 167th StNorth Miami Beach, FL 33162
(305) 949-8381

For Colleges and Universities, see North Miami Beach profile.

HOSPITALS

MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL CENTER - 4300 ALTON RD., MIAMI BCH., FL. 33140
- Telephone No. 305-674-2121

MIAMI HEART INSTITUTE - 4701 NORTH MERIDIAN AVE., MIAMI BEACH, FL 33140 - Telephone No. 305-672-1111 NOTE: This facility does not have an emergency room.

PARKS AND RECREATION

BELLE ISLE PARK is a neighborhood park which serves the residents of Belle Isle and the adjacent Venetian Islands.

CRESPI PARK is a small neighborhood park, is complemented by nearby Stillwater Park to serve the immediate residential area.

FISHER PARK a large neighborhood park that provides a broad spectrum of activities, ranging from toddler playgrounds to adult recreational leagues. FISHER PARK, created as a memorial to one of Miami Beach's founding fathers, is a neighborhood green space with secured shaded playground.

FLAMINGO PARK is the "Central Park" of South Beach featuring grand tree-lines promenades that dramatically link its past and present.

- The Aquatics Center is listed in two local publications as "Best Public Swimming Pool," this state-of-the-art facility features an 8-lane lap pool that is aerated in the summer and heated in the winter to maintain an 82 degree temperature year-round.
- Bark Park - The bark park consists of two separate dog areas available for your canine family.
- Baseball Stadium - The best in South Florida, home to the Miami Beach High Tides, our local high school, and plays host to the Adult South Florida Baseball League. Several baseball players from Major League Baseball (MLB) train on this magnificently maintained field during the off season.
- Basketball Courts - Flamingo Park's basketball courts were voted "Best of Miami 2005" in a local publication. Come play on our two full or four half courts.
Handball/Racquetball Courts
- Handball/Racquetball Courts are one of the oldest and well-maintained in the country. All (6) four wall courts and (6) one wall courts are exterior and available for night play.
- Memorial Football Stadium - This state-of-the-art field is laser graded and

has a computer controlled irrigation system. Covered with rolled Bermuda sod, the same quality that the National Football League (NFL) plays on, this field is used 12-months a year by a wide range of players that includes the Parks and Recreation Department, high school, civic leagues and charitable teams. Several NFL players train on this field during the off season. The football field is available for rental only.

- Miami Beach Police Athletic League Building - The Abe Resnick Youth Resource Center is a 13,000 square foot two story building houses the Miami Beach Parks and Recreation's After School programs at Flamingo Park. It also features its own fitness center that is open to the public.
- Running Track (6 lane, 400 meters) - Runners of all levels can enjoy training or just fun fitness on the only track in Miami Beach. Mileage guide: 2 laps=1/2 mile, 4 laps=1 mile.
- Soccer Field - Miami Beach Parks and Recreation's traveling and intramural teams play and compete on this field. This area is also used for general activities.
- Softball Field - Traveling and intramural teams play and compete on this field. It is also the venue for Miami Beach High School Girls Softball Team.
- Tennis Center - The tennis center features 19 clay courts and a pro shop. The Tennis Center was once home to the Jr. Orange Bowl Tournament and is managed by Greensquare Tennis / Bollettieri-Mar. Please visit www.Greensquaretennis.com for more information.
- Tot Lot/Playground - In December 2005, the Parks and Recreation Department along with GameTime designed this tot lot/playground that benefits the developmental progression of children's climbing abilities, early social and cognitive development, youth health and fitness. The tot lot/playground was designed to help parents fight the number one threat to their children today-obesity. The amount of equipment was tripled to include a Fit Kid Elementary area with a toddler lot, swing set, and 5-12 year old area that includes a rock climbing wall. This beautifully landscaped and irrigated area also features an original choo-choo train from the 1950's.

LA GORCE PARK a small yet vital park that provides recreational opportunities to the northern limits of the Mid-Beach District.

LUMMUS PARK As early as 1870, Henry Lummus launched a plan to develop a coconut plantation in the area know today as Lummus Park.

MAURICE GIBB MEMORIAL PARK a highly utilized waterfront park flanking the Venetian Causeway entrance to Miami Beach.

MUSS PARK located near the geographic center of the Mid-Beach District,

anchors the mini parks of the area by providing a full range of organized recreation programs.

NORMANDY ISLE PARK a large neighborhood park with a blend of popular recreational and passive activities.

NORTH SHORE OPEN SPACE PARK is Miami Beach's environmental treasure and the passive park of the North District.

NORTH SHORE PARK & YOUTH CENTER, a 17.22 acre district park, encompasses three parcels of land, bisected by three major North Shore arteries of the city; Collins, Harding and Dickens Avenues.

PALM ISLAND PARK is a neighborhood park with waterfront views and family-oriented amenities.

Palm Island Park, a 2.13 acre park, serves residents of the predominately single-family homes on Palm Island.

PINE TREE PARK is the ecological gem of Mid-Beach with lush vegetation and waterside promenade, is a passive park that balances the open space demands of the Mid-Beach District.

SOUTH POINTE PARK is the passive park of South Beach and the waterfront gateway to the city, offering panoramic vistas of the Atlantic Ocean and the Miami skyline.

STILLWATER PARK a neighborhood park with defined edges and entry points, works in conjunction with nearby Crespi Park to provide a complementary program of indoor and outdoor recreational activities.

TATUM PARK combines with the other nearby North District parks to form the fabric for a comprehensive parks and recreation infrastructure.

WASHINGTON PARK is a key recreational component in the redevelopment and revitalization of the South Pointe neighborhood.

TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORTS

Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport
320 Terminal Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315 - (954) 359-0200

Miami International Airport
4200 NW 21 Street
Miami, FI 33142

Aventura is 15 miles north of Miami International Airport. To reach Aventura from Miami Int'l, take State Road 112 east to I-95, then travel north. For more information, call their main information line at 305-876-7000 or visit their official

website: www.miami-airport.com.

PORTS

See Miami profile

BUSES

With numerous bus stops, and service running every 10 to 15 minutes every day, the South Beach Local makes getting around in SoBe a breeze. Hop on the new "South Beach Local" and cool off for just 25 cents a trip.

Recently, the City of Miami Beach completed the installation of state-of-the-art electronic parking meter mechanisms citywide. The electronic meters accept multiple coins, including quarters, nickels and dimes, and now also Parking & Transportation Cards. The cards provide parkers with a cashless way to use the City's new electronic parking meters.

1. What are Parking & Transportation cards and where can I buy one?

They are prepaid parking cards that instead of coins, are used on our parking meters and garages. They will only work on CMB parking meters, not Miami nor Surfside, Bal Harbour, Coral Gables, etc. We have several vendors on the beach which include: City Hall and Parking Department. The Parking Department accepts cash and MC/Visa credit card payment for the parking cards. Please call (305) 673-7505 for current vendors.

2. Are the cards recyclable or rechargeable?

Yes, we can recycle the cards and recharge them. We accept the cards back when they have a zero balance and then recycle them in batches for future sales. At that point, the customer can buy another card. The cards can be recharged at the Parking Department located at 309 23rd Street, Suite 200, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

Contact us at (305) 673-PARK

DEPARTMENTS

A.D.A. Compliance
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7080
Fax: 305-673-7028

Answer Center, The
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-604-CITY (2489)

TTY number: 305-673-7218

Arts, Culture and Entertainment
(Please see Tourism and Cultural Development)

Asset Management, Office of
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7193
Fax: 305-604-2437

Building Department
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7610
Fax: 305-673-7857

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Office
777 17th Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7071
Fax: 305-673-7073
Website: www.cmbprojects.com

Central Services
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7480
Fax: 305-673-7074
Contact: Donovan Ireland, direland@miamibeachfl.gov

Children's Affairs Division , Office of
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Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7491
Fax: 305-604-2421
Email: childrensaffairs@miamibeachfl.gov

City Attorney
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7470
Fax: 305-673-7002

City Clerk
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7411
Fax: 305-673-7254

City Manager
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7010
Fax: 305-673-7782

Code Compliance Division (See Neighborhood Services)
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7555
Fax: 305-673-7012

Communications, Office of
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7575
Fax: 305-673-7229

Community Development & Housing Division
555 17th Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7260
Fax: 305-673-7772

Community Resource & Outreach Division
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7580
Fax: 305-604-2498

Convention Center
(Please see Miami Beach Convention Center)

Cultural Affairs

Cultural Arts Council
Art in Public Places Committee and Fine Arts Board
Phone 305-673-7577
Phone 305-673-ARTS (2787)
Fax 305-673-7063

Economic Development
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7193
Fax: 305-673-7772

Elder Affairs Program
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7491

Fax: 305-604-2421

Engineering Division
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7080
Fax: 305-673-7028

(Film & Print Office - Film Permits)
(Please see Tourism and Cultural Development)

Finance
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Administration:
Main No. 305-673-7466 Fax No. 305-673-7795

Fire Department
2300 Pine Tree Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone 305-673-7120
Fax: 305-673-7881
Emergency Calls for Service: 911
Non Emergency Number: 305-673-7111

Fleet Management
140 MacArthur Causeway
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7641
Email: fleet@miamibeachfl.gov

Housing & Community Development Division
555 17th Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7260
Fax: 305-673-7772

Human Resources
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7524
Fax: 305-673-7529

Information Technology
1100 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7040
Fax: 305-673-7049

Jackie Gleason Theater of the Performing Arts
1700 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Mailing Address

1901 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7300 (Box Office)
Fax: 305-673-7435
Website: <http://www.gleasontheater.com/>
Email: info@smgmb.com or comments@smgmb.com

Labor Relations, Office of
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139
Telephone: 305/673-7009
Fax: 305/604-4094

Mayor and City Commissioners
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7030
Fax: 305-673-7096

Miami Beach Convention Center (*Also See Jackie Gleason Theater of Performing Arts*)

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Miami Beach, Florida 33139
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Fax: 305-673-7435
Website: www.miamibeachconvention.com/
Email: info@smgmb.com or comments@smgmb.com

Neighborhood Services Department
555 17th Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7077
Fax: 305-673-7772
Email: neighborhoodservices@miamibeachfl.gov

Occupational Licensing
1700 Convention Center Drive, First Floor
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7420
Fax: 305-673-7795

Ocean Rescue
1001 Ocean Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Telephone: 305-673-7714
Fax: 305-673-7717

Office of Budget and Performance Improvement (OBPI)
1700 Convention Center Drive, 3rd Floor
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7510
Fax: 305-673-7519

Parking Department
309 23rd Street, Suite 200
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7505
Fax: 305-673-7853
24-hour "parking dispatch" number for parking related complaints involving a request for enforcement: 305-673-9453

Parks and Recreation
2100 Washington Ave
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7730
Fax: 305-673-7725
Website: www.miamibeachparks.com
Email: recreation@miamibeachfl.gov

Planning and Zoning Department
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7550
Fax: 305-673-7559
TDD: 305-673-7219

Police Department
1100 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7925
Fax: 305-673-7065
Carlos Noriega, Acting Chief of Police
Frequently Called Numbers

Procurement (Purchasing)
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7490
Fax: 305-673-7851

Email: procurement@miamibeachfl.gov

Public Works

1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7080
Fax: 305-673-7028
After hours emergency services call: 305-673-7625
Email: works@miamibeachfl.gov

Resort Tax

1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7447

Risk Management

1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7014
Fax: 305-673-7023

Special Master

1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone 305-673-7181
Fax 305-673-7182

The Answer Center

1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-604-CITY (2489)
TTY number: 305-673-7218

UTILITIES

Public Works

1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Telephone: 305-673-7080
Fax: 305-673-7028
After hours emergency services call: 305-673-7625
Email: works@miamibeachfl.gov

FPL: 305-442-8770

Water Department: City of Miami Beach 305-673-7625

Sewer: City of Miami Beach 305-673-7625

Garbage: City of Miami Beach Sanitation 305-673-7616

Recycling: City of Miami Beach Sanitation 305-673-7616
Phone: Bellsouth 888-757-6500
Cable: Atlantic Broadband 305-861-1564

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