



# E-BRIEF

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## Calendar of Meetings and Events

### Town Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m., South Dade Regional Library, 10750 SW 211th ST, 1st Floor

### Dedication Ceremony at Cutler Ridge Park

Dedication of the Cutler Ridge Soccer Field and Lights, Saturday, August 22nd at 8:00 p.m., Cutler Ridge Park, 10100 SW 200th ST

### 1st Annual Cutler Bay Open Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 29th at 11:30 a.m., Keys Gate Golf & Country Club, 2300 SE Palm Drive, Homestead

### Town Hall Closed

Monday, September 7, 2009. Town Hall will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

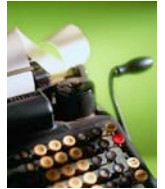
### First Budget Hearing

Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m., South Dade Regional Library, 10750 SW 211th ST, 2nd Floor

*This e-newsletter from the **Town of Cutler Bay** offers you a brief update of what is going on in the Town. We hope you will find this information valuable and we welcome any suggestions to improve it. If you know of other people that would like to receive the Town's e-Brief, please contact us at [townclerk@cutlerbay-fl.gov](mailto:townclerk@cutlerbay-fl.gov) or download an e-mail opt-in form from our website, [www.cutlerbay-fl.gov](http://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov).*

## Millage Rate Information

On July 15th, the Council adopted a tentative maximum rate of 3.0310 at its regular Council meeting. This is **not** the final rate. This is the maximum rate that the Town's administration had asked Council to consider in order to give staff an opportunity to properly address current levels of service and continued day-to-day operations. The final rate could be lower, but it cannot be higher, as per Wednesday's Council vote. Again, this is just a tentative working rate. There will be two public hearings taking place on September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the South Dade Regional Library. Florida Statutes (200.065 and 200.185) have established a process that municipalities in Florida must follow to formally review, amend and then adopt a tentative budget and proposed millage rate. They must hold two public hearings (in September) for adoption of an annual budget, and the levy and establishment of the millage rate for ad valorem taxes.



## E-Brief News

### Stop Bar Improvements

Recently, the Town has embarked on re-stripping the pavement markings at intersections with stop signs. Several locations have been re-stripped already. The improvements allow for safer driving conditions during the day and at night. Stop bars are made of thermal plastic with embedded reflective material and each stop bar location will have six yellow reflective RPMs (raised pavement marking).



### Tree Planting on Coral Sea Road

The planting of live wild oaks continues within the Town. Recently, trees were planted along the swales of Coral Sea Road near Cutler Ridge Elementary. The tree planting project is due to a beautification project initiated last year. The Town Council in the past two fiscal years has appropriated \$150,000 per year to increase the Town's tree canopy, which was lost since Hurricane Andrew in 1992.



### New Additions to [www.cutlerbay-fl.gov](http://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov) Website

Recognizing the importance of the World Wide Web and its far-reaching ability the Town is updating its website to offer more governmental services and information to residents, visitors, and business people. Recent additions to the website include a "Going Green" "Kids Page" and "Lost Pets" webpage. Furthermore, new add-ons such as the Resolutions/Ordinances webpage will help residents keep up with recent legislation, the Town Events webpage is continuously updated to inform citizens of events and meetings around the community, the Town Newsletter/E-Brief webpage contains our latest publications and electronic newsletter. Feedback is always appreciated and suggestions will be implemented to best accommodate the website visitors.



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## **Brief Legislation from the June 29, 2009 Special Council Meeting:**

- Adopted Resolution 09-48 certifying the results of the special election on June 25, 2009.

## **Brief Legislation from the July 15, 2009 Town Council Meeting:**

- No action taken on Resolution in reference to requiring that the Town to comply with all state and federal requirements with respect to employees absent from work for service in the uniformed services.
- Adopted Resolution 09-49 determining the proposed millage rate and date, time and place for the first and second budget hearings.
- Adopted Resolution 09-50 approving Playmore for the installation of playground equipment at Saga Bay Park in the amount of \$84,096.00.
- Adopted Resolution 09-51 declaring certain vehicles as surplus directing the town manager to dispose such surplus property.
- Adopted Resolution 09-52 supporting the Town's participation in the state of Florida energy economic zone pilot program.
- Adopted Resolution 09-53 approving the memorandum of understanding between the Town and Miami-Dade County for the enforcement of commercial and multi-family recycling programs in the Town.
- Adopted Resolution 09-54 relating to professional services authorizing the town manager to issue a purchase order to Marlin Engineering for engineering and surveying services for street improvements on SW 208<sup>th</sup> Street between 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Old Cutler Road.
- Adopted Resolution 09-55 authorizing the town manager to contract with a grant writing firm to perform services in connection with the United States Department of Commerce, broadband technology
- Adopted Resolution 09-56 supporting the construction of a traffic circle at the intersection of Caribbean Boulevard and SW 192<sup>nd</sup> Drive.
- Approved Ordinance adopting green land development regulations within the town.

## **Academic Achievements in Town**

As we start to transition into a new school year, we can't help but to reflect on the academic achievements of this past year. These prestigious achievers were formally recognized at our Town Council meeting with letters of recognition on their outstanding contribution to their schools and their education.



At Cutler Ridge Middle School, five students placed second in the Miami-Dade County Geography and History Bee. Samantha Hall, Kailin Brousseau, Maxwell Cussell, Ryan Trivett, Cameron MacDonald, and alongside their teacher Jennifer Morrow, spent months preparing for this event including giving up their lunch hour. Their persistence paid off and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

Brooklyn Waters was named the winner of the Whispering Pines Elementary School Essay Contest which is done each year for the fifth grade. This year's topic was to write a letter to the President addressing the economic issues they are facing in Cutler Bay. The judging was executed by professors at Miami-Dade College. She has also recently sent her essay to President Obama and is still awaiting a reply. This was a great feat for Brooklyn and we hope she can help us face the tough times ahead.

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