



# E-BRIEF

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## Calendar of Meetings and Events

**Town Hall Closed**  
Monday, October 15

**Town Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 PM  
Town Hall Chambers

**Fall Community Wide Garage Sale Dates**  
October 22 & 23

**State of the Town Address**  
Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.  
Mercedes Benz of Cutler Bay  
10701 SW 211th ST, Cutler Bay, FL 33189

*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).*

## FY 2011-2012 Town Budget

On September 20, the Town Council approved the Town's operating FY 2011-2012 budget. Resolutions 11-67 and 11-68 which approve the final millage rate and operating budget of the Town were also adopted. The proposed millage rate was 2.8031 mills, with the Council settling on 2.5702 mills. The millage rate will generate more ad-valorem revenue than the rolled-back rate of 2.5344 mills, which will be used to fund new budget initiatives, including but not limited to, education initiatives and new parks. Final copies of the Town's adopted budget should be available online soon.

## Restoration of Miami-Dade County Services to South Dade

Through efforts spearheaded by Commissioner Lynda Bell a number of County services are returning to the South Dade area including the distribution of Baby Stroller Permits, Golden Passports, dog tags and more. A Miami-Dade 311 specialist will be on site weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to assist residents, plus an automated computer touch-screen will allow residents to pay their bills and access other services online. In addition, a Transit ticketing machine will be available.

**For more information, please contact County Commissioner Lynda Bell's office at 305-378-6677.**

## Have a Scary Good Time This Halloween

Halloween is quickly approaching, and the Town would like to inform the residents about different activities going on in your neighborhood. Cutler Ridge Park will be hosting events for Town residents on Saturday October 29 from 6-9 p.m. The event will include a haunted house, costume contest, haunted hay rides, "Track or Treat" around the walking path, and a "spider egg" hunt along with food and beverage sales. Residents not attending the event are being urged to trick or treat in your neighborhoods. With different levels of celebration all over the town, we want to make sure our streets are safe against any unwanted activity.

**Should you see any unusual activity please call 305-4-POLICE (305-476-5429) or 911 in the event of an emergency.**

## Tips For A Safe Halloween

1. Be sure older children **TAKE FRIENDS** and younger children are accompanied by a **TRUSTED ADULT** when "Trick or Treating."
2. Accompany younger children to the door of every home they approach and make sure parents and guardians are familiar with every home and all people from which the children receive treats.
3. Teach children to **NEVER** enter a home without prior permission from their parents or guardians.
4. Teach children to **NEVER** approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.
5. Make sure all children wear reflective clothing and carry a glow stick when out at dusk and at night.
6. Teach children to **NEVER** approach a home that is not well lit both inside and outside.
7. Consider organizing or attending parties at home, in schools, or in community centers as a good alternative to "Trick or Treating."

