



2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

AND A SNEAK PEEK
INTO 2020



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In Cutler Bay

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Town Council will work to make Cutler Bay an excellent place to live, work and play. Cutler Bay's government will be creative, responsive and respectful in providing innovative and cost effective services to the community.

CORE VALUES

The Town of Cutler Bay is a customer focused government. Cutler Bay's Customers are our residents of all ages, tax payers, and everyone who does business, or visits our Town.

- We measure our success based on customer satisfaction.
- We value and seek customer feedback at every opportunity.
- We empower our employees to achieve customer satisfaction.
- We value, recognize and reward friendly, courteous customer service.
- We believe in leading by example.
- We strive to establish and maintain an inspiring vision.
- We focus on guidelines rather than rules.
- We believe in and value continuous improvement.
- We encourage our customers to define quality service.
- We believe that our plan for quality is a never ending effort.
- We focus on process improvement.
- We let customer feedback define quality improvements.
- We have no substitute for honesty and ethical conduct.

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to the wonderful Town of Cutler Bay!

Our Town serves as a gateway to the tranquility of the rural character of South Miami-Dade and the leisure lifestyle of the Florida Keys. We're close enough to all the action Miami-Dade County has to offer, yet separate enough for a peaceful quality of life with a hometown feel. Cutler Bay holds the best of both worlds!

Incorporated in 2005, Cutler Bay is the youngest municipality in Miami-Dade County. Our Town operates under a lean government with only 32 employees servicing over 45,000 residents.

Some of our Town's highlights include: access to Biscayne National Park, nine Town parks, Southland Mall, and one of the most prominent cultural institutions of the region which offers year-round events and performances—the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center.

We host some of the biggest events in the area that draw thousands of attendees, such as our Halloween Spooktacular & Golf Cart Parade, our Chili Day Cook-Off and our 4th of July Celebration & Golf Cart Parade.

Cutler Bay is well connected to transit by way of the South Dade Transitway Corridor and we are serviced by two Florida Turnpike exits.

Our Town provides a full range of municipal services including police, parks and recreation, planning and zoning, building, code enforcement and public works. We're also served by eight local public schools.

The heart of Cutler Bay, however, is our residents. In the fast-paced and ever changing world we live in, our residents have somehow preserved the familial, small-town feel we all know and love that has come to be known as the character of Cutler Bay.

Whether you are a resident, business, neighbor or just checking out the area, you are welcome to enjoy all that our beautiful community has to offer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Meerbott".

Mayor Tim Meerbott

2019 DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Hosted and successfully documented a total of 14 employee trainings for Fiscal Year 2018-19
- Facilitated the 5th Annual iPrep Executive Internship Program for 24 Juniors from Cutler Bay Senior High School during 2018-19 school year
- Through an internship assignment, Executive Interns raised \$1,605 for the Relay for Life of South Dade, which benefits the American Cancer Society
- Executive interns completed a total of 100 community service hours in fiscal year 2018-19
- Hired an Aquatics Coordinator, Public Works Department Administrative Assistant, Assistant to Town Clerk, Administrative Services Department Administrative Assistant, five Youth Program Aides and four Park Service Aides
- Promoted Code Compliance Officer to Building & Code Compliance Manager and further restructured the Community Development Department following the resignation of former Planning & Zoning Director and Building & Code Compliance Director
- Continued to work closely with the Town Manager to improve the overall structure and efficiencies of all Town Departments and staff needs
- Fully completed the migration of all 32 Town employees onto a virtual environment. The Town continues to work with ITD virtual environment engineers to perfect and optimize efficiencies by reconfiguring all workstations to thin-client

solutions; making it possible for users to connect to their desktops and applications from anywhere, anytime and from any internet capable device

- Decommissioned and donated surplus equipment of more than 20 computers, cell phones, monitors, keyboards and mice to state and local agencies benefiting veteran and youth affairs

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Division

- Processed and issued over 2,807 Building Permits
- Implemented process that provides permit holders courtesy notices both prior to permit expiration and post permit expiration. Since implementing this process 199 permits have been renewed
- Continued offering electronic document recording services on Notices of Commencement to customers applying for building permits in the Town. 141 Notice of Commencements were sent to the County electronically this fiscal year
- Continued process of scanning finalized permits and plans

Code Compliance Division

- Processed approximately 913 Code Compliance cases and matters
- Processed 17 Property Abatements
- Held 12 Special Magistrate Hearings
- Presented 132 cases in front of the Special Magistrate

CHARTER OFFICIALS

The Town Manager, Town Clerk and Town Attorney are appointed by and report to the Town Council.



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Planning and Zoning Division

- Reviewed 725 building permits for Zoning
- Evaluated and processed development zoning applications
- Approved the Site Plan administratively for approximately 6 single family homes throughout the Town
- Approved the Site Plan administratively for the renovation of the South Dade Shopping Center, including the reconstructed Publix, located at the corner of SW 184 Street and South Dixie Highway
- Approved the building permit for the reconstruction of the South Dade Shopping Center Publix
- Amended the Town's Land Development Regulations to include new permitted uses in the TC District and regulations relating to Growth Management Plan amendments
- Received applications for re-zonings and Growth Management Plan Land Use re-designations
- Processed the Town initiated Growth Management Plan amendment to re-designate over 350 acres from Residential-Conservation to Conservation
- Coordinating the Moratorium on Development process which is studying Town regulations on Traffic, Environmental and Landscape/Façade standards
- Received applications for both single- and multi-family development
- Held one Zoning Workshop
- Continued the implementation of the Town's Growth Management Plan and Land Development Regulations

FINANCE

- Received Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Presentation Award for the fifth consecutive year
- Maintained one of the lowest millage rates in the County at 2.4323

PARKS & RECREATION

Events and Programs

- Provided over 25 programs and activities for Active Adults aged 55+ throughout the year, including a six week "Living Healthy Workshop" by Alliance for Aging
- Successfully hosted the 6th Annual Cutler Bay Senior Games. The Cutler Bay Senior Games is one of the only Sanctioned senior games in the area.
- Continued Partnership with Silver Sneakers to host Active Adult fitness classes at Cutler Bay Town Center. Added a new "Splash Class" at Cutler Ridge Pool
- Partnered with the Village of Palmetto Bay and the Village of Pinecrest to host Tri-City Senior Game Days and a Tri-City field trip to Marlins Park
- Continued partnership with the South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center to offer free performances for Active Adults aged 55+ and discounted tickets for Cutler Bay residents
- Worked in conjunction with the Administrative Services Department, and the Town's Executive interns Group

Project/ Relay for Life team to support the Relay for Life of South Dade- and raised \$1,605

- Generated a total of \$10,627 towards the Cutler Bay Community Fund through the 11th Annual Cutler Bay Open Charity Golf Tournament and other special events
- Successfully hosted 13 Special Events at various parks in the Town

After School & Summer Camp Programs

- After School Program was recognized at the Annual Children's Trust Provider meeting on September 19, 2019 for accomplishing and receiving the 5th Step Ribbon in the Inclusion Readiness Tool
- Prepared and coordinated Art Exhibition on December 7, 2018 at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center with the artwork created by program students since the beginning of the school year
- Organized end of school year program on May 22, 2019 at Cutler Bay Senior High School with over 100 parents in attendance
- Summer camp served on average 66 children per day for 8 weeks
- Project Rise (NOVA) created training videos on Literacy and PACER here at Cutler Ridge Park to be used as a training resource for all Children Trust providers

Maintenance Division

- Hired one full-time maintenance worker and three night staff
- Installed new water fountains at Cutler Ridge Park, the Pool and Lakes By the Bay Park
- New Bulletin Boards at Cutler Ridge Park and Bel Aire Park
- Installed New LED Lighting System at Cutler Ridge Park
- Cleared the south end of Saga Bay Park

- New Butterfly Garden at Whispering Pines Park
- Demolition of Franjo Park and installed new LED Light system
- Continued work

Maintenance Division

- Provided swimming lessons and water safety classes to nearly 800 participants
- Provided aquatic facilities to five Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- Upgraded amenities: guard stand, backwash system, loop pump, water fountains
- Built and operated the annual haunted house where approximately 1,200 people visited

PUBLIC WORKS

Awards

- Received three industry Awards from the American Public Works Association (APWA) for Manta Drive in the following categories: Project Manager of the Year, Contractor of the Year and Project of the Year
- Received 2018 Tree City USA Award and Tree City USA Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation
- Received a "Certificate of Achievement" For Excellence in Floodplain Management Program from the Miami Dade County CRS Users Group

Projects Completed

- Completed SW 100th Ave Roadway Improvement Project ahead of schedule and under budget. The project consisted of new sidewalks, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) crosswalks, driveway approaches, continuous curb and gutter, improved drainage, new concrete medians, asphalt milling and resurfacing, back of sidewalk harmonization, and street tree planting

- Completed the Gulfstream Elementary Complete Streets Project. The project consisted of sidewalk replacements, addition of ADA ramps with truncated domes at all intersections, reworking the radius at key intersections along with adding curb and gutter to improve safety

Educational Events

- Presented Annual Earth and Arbor Day event at Dr. Edward L. Whigham Elementary. The Town donated 370 plants to enhance the schools existing Butterfly Garden
- Participated in career/truck day events at Whispering Pines Elementary
- Hosted Cutler Bay Goes Green Day with students from Cutler Bay High School, for the cleanup of the SW 87th Ave Ditch

Procured Invitation to Bid

- ITB 18-07 Town wide Roadway Resurfacing & Sidewalk
- ITB 19-03 Gulfstream Elementary Complete Streets Project
- ITB 19-08 Misc. Roadway and Drainage Improvements

Projects Request for Proposal

- RFP 19-04 Public Works Landscape Maintenance Services
- RFP 19-09 Emergency Debris Removal

Other

- A total of 7.92 miles of the Town's roadways were milled and repaved
- Reported 146 down signs to the Miami Dade County for repair and/or replacement
- Reported over 500 bulky trash piles to Miami Dade County for removal
- Reviewed 87 Public Works Permits
- Performed 57 Public Works Inspections

- Replaced damaged and potential trip hazard sidewalk flags: 13,410 Linear Feet (L.F.), which amounted to 2,682 Sidewalk Flags
 - Town's contractor VisualScape removed over 400 cubic yards of debris
 - Town's contractor SFM swept over 1,052 miles, which removed approximately 120 tons of debris from roadways
 - Hosted four quarterly Flood Mitigation Committee meetings
 - Through collaboration with Town consultants, Wood Group, the Town improved from a Community Rating System (CRS) Class 5 to a Class 4, effective October 1, 2019. This improvement provides Town residents an additional \$303,044 in flood insurance savings annually (or 30% savings)
 - Neighborhood Enhancement Action Team (N.E.A.T.) removed over 34 tons of debris from Town swales and roadways
 - Continued Town wide Storm-drain cleaning, including all of Cutler Ridge Sec 3, Cutler Ridge Sec 7, Aurora Park Sub, Cutler Ridge Sec 5, Holiday House Sec 1, Bel Aire Sec 3, residential neighborhoods. Total cleaned; 1,008 drainage structures, 53,546 LF of stormwater drainage pipe
 - Completed the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
 - Completed the 2019 Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Report
- TOWN CENTER BUILDING**
- Executed a three-year Lease Agreement for 1,057 Sq. Ft. to Community Health of South Florida, Inc. on the fourth floor generating \$75,889.22 of total revenue
 - Executed a five-year and four months Lease Agreement for 3,670 Sq. Ft. to J. Brokerage Corp. on the fourth floor generating \$430,595.72 of total revenue
 - Increased building occupancy from 77% to 82%
 - Installed new aluminum railings and decorative box planters along the front steps of the Town Center building entrance. While creating aesthetic improvements to the entranceway, these improvements allow residents and patrons an extra level of safety and accessibility to the Town Center
 - Improved parking lot lighting by replacing lamps with new LED fixtures and brackets. In retrofitting the parking area, we increased visibility and reduced energy and maintenance costs
 - The addition of two wall pack light fixtures on the north and west side entrance of the building increased brightness in the front courtyard
 - The replacement of condensing coils in our hvac system helped boost the efficiency of power usage in the building
 - Refreshed third and fourth floors by installing durable and water resistant new LVT flooring
 - Upgraded drinking fountains with bottle fillers in the first and second floor encouraging the reduction of bottled water consumption in an effort to ensure less plastic waste and help to our environment
 - Hosted "Careers in Stem Camp" in the Penthouse Suite during the summer 2019
 - Coordinated and facilitated logistics for over 100 Community, Public Involvement events and Committee meetings hosted at the Town Center Building
- TOWN CLERK**
- Provided agenda documents, legal postings, attended meetings, time stamped audio, uploaded audio and provided minutes for 30 Total meetings of the Town Council (includes all types from Oct. 2018-Sept. 2019)
 - Facilitated, scheduled, rescheduled, provided legal postings, informational postings, provided reminders to committee members, copies of records, signage and sign-in sheets for 65 committee meetings for five committees
 - Facilitated and managed 8 appointments to committees
 - Processed and published 41 legal ads
 - Executed and managed the adoption of 112 Resolutions and Ordinances
 - Received, researched and responded to 155 public records requests
 - Procurement accomplished - RFP, RFQ, ITB (bids placed on file, advertised, facilitated pre-bid meetings, provided Cone of Silence, performed bid openings and acted as point of contact) for 13 bids
 - Researched and performed 1,400 lien search requests and responses with a projected revenue in excess of \$100,000
 - Provided services and information to assist 2018 candidates with electronically terminating campaign treasurer's finance reporting for all 2018 General Election
 - Coordinated election functions with Miami-Dade Elections Department and provided advertisements for both Town's General Election and Run-off Election
 - Facilitated the reporting of Form 1 Financial Reports for Council, staff, and committee members
 - Registered 50 Lobbyists providing revenue of over \$13,000
 - Coordinated and provided information to Town Council regarding gift disclosure, required ethics training

opportunities, available links to training and provided nearly 200 event flyers and calendar invitations

- Planned and facilitated the Town's first Committee Appreciation and Training Event
- Contracted a formal, customized Town of Cutler Bay Records Management Plan, held employee trainings, began implementation of the plan

TOWN MANAGER

- Town Staff published press releases and distributed to local media outlets (Miami Herald, Community Newspaper, Homeshopper and the Florida Villager)
- Coordinated the publication of monthly center page stories published in the Community Newspapers
- Maintained the Town's Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Nextdoor and LinkedIn pages
- Increased the Town's monthly e-newsletter to every other week
- Awarded \$7,500 in grant awards to local non-profit organizations through the Cutler Bay Community Fund
- Facilitated and coordinated Town Manager reports for the Town Council Meetings
- Facilitated and coordinated elected official reports for the Town Council meetings
- Coordinated with Town Clerk and Town Attorneys to develop agendas for 30 Town Council meetings and workshops
- Represented the Town at Miami-Dade County Commissioner Hearings, Town Hall meetings for neighboring municipalities, and Legislative Session meetings with the Town Council
- Coordinated two resident Open Mic Nights

POLICE

The Town contracts with Miami-Dade County for Police Services. Charged with the primary responsibility to protect, the Unit is fully committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of the Cutler Bay community, emphasizing community-oriented policing and traffic safety. Over the last year, Police have been present at over 130 events and meetings for the Town and community.

Emergency Calls* Average Response Times

(Goal Response Time of Eight Minutes or Less)

Year to Date (Jan. 1- Oct 17)	Emergency/Priority Response Times (Minutes/Seconds)	Total Calls for Services (Emergency/Priority)
2019	7:03	1,499
2018	6:58	1,587

**Definition of an Emergency Call: A call that is considered life threatening, requiring an emergency response with lights and siren*

Non-Emergency Calls* Average Response Times

(Goal Response Time of 30 Minutes or Less)

Year to Date (Jan. 1- Oct 30)	Routine Response Times (Minutes/Seconds)	Total Calls for Services (Routine)
2019	13:49	9,913
2018	13:29	10,601

**Definition of a Non-Emergency Call: A call that is not life threatening, or the report of a crime where a subject is no longer on scene.*

Neighborhood Resource Unit

The Neighborhood Resource Unit (NRU) utilizes a Community Oriented Policing approach to service the Cutler Bay community. The community has become familiar with NRU officers who attended over 80 community gatherings, such as Home Owners Association and Neighborhood Crime Watch meetings, Business Watch groups, Church Organization and other community assemblies. For information about the NRU and their services, please contact Sergeant Chris Reed at cmreed@mdpd.com or call (305) 234-4237.

General Investigation Unit

- An overall clearance rate of 24.32% for all Major Crimes reported from January 1 – October 17
- A reduction in Robberies by 4.17%, when compared to 2018
- A reduction in Aggravated Assaults by 24.0%, when compared to 2018
- A reduction of Burglaries by 12.9%, when compared to 2018



GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS (2018-19)

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FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM	AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT STATUS	PURPOSE
Florida Department of Transportation	SMART Demonstration Grant	\$192,500	In Progress	Fund a first/last mile demonstration project to improve access to public transportation
Florida DEP Land and Water Grant	Lakes by the Bay Canoe Launch	\$200,000	In Progress	Funding to install a canoe/kayak launch, floating dock, pavilion at Lakes by the Bay Park
Florida Department of Agriculture	Small City Energy Efficiency	\$86,000	Completed	LED field lighting at Cutler Ridge Park
Florida Department of Agriculture	Urban Forestry Grant	\$10,000	In Progress	Funding to replace tree canopy along roadways and parks, and to restore natural habitat at Lincoln City Park
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	SW 100 Avenue Drainage Improvement	\$374,000	Completed	Funding to improve drainage and roadway conditions along SW 100 Avenue
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Saga Bay 1.2 Drainage Improvement	\$165,000	Completed	Funding to improve drainage in parts of the Saga Bay Community
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Cutler Ridge Section 3 Drainage Improvements	\$200,000	In Progress	Funding awarded to complete drainage improvements in the Cutler Ridge Section 3 Sub-Basin
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice	Out-of-School Program	\$61,500	On-Going	Funding is used to support the After-school and Summer Program at Cutler Ridge Park for 75 youth ages 6-11
Florida Department of Law Enforcement	Edward Byrne-JAG Program	\$14,939	In Progress	Funding to support Community Crime Prevention & Safety Education Program
Florida Department of Transportation	Manta Drive Roadway Improvement Project	\$344,260	Completed	Funding to improve Manta Drive with new sidewalks, landscaping, repaved roadway, and drainage
Florida Department of Transportation	Safe Routes to School Gulfstream Road	\$476,141	Completed	Funding for sidewalk and roadway improvements along Gulfstream Rd. leading to Gulfstream Elementary
Florida Department of Transportation	Bike/Pedestrian Facility Improvements	\$360,340	In Progress	Funding to improve bike facilities and sidewalk connectivity throughout the Town
Miami-Dade County	Neat Streets Tree Matching Grant	\$7,462	Completed	Funding used to replant 35 Live Oak trees throughout the Town following Hurricane Ir-ma
Miami-Dade County Transportation Planning Organization	TPO Smart Mobility Hubs Plan-Cutler Bay	\$50,000	Completed	Funding to develop a mobility plan to identify first and last mile transit options throughout Town
Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs	2019 4th of July Celebration	\$5,000	Completed	Funding supported the 2019 4th of July Celebration at Whispering Pines Park
The Children's Trust	Careers in STEM Summer Camp	\$135,700	On-Going	Funding awarded for Summer 2019 to support the Town's Summer Camp for Middle School Youth
The Children's Trust	Out-of-School Program 2018-2022	\$185,636	On-Going	Funding awarded to support the Parks and Rec After-school Program at Cutler Ridge Park
The Miami Foundation	2020 Census Counts	\$15,000	In Progress	Funding awarded to conduct outreach campaign promoting the 2020 Census

TOTAL AWARDED \$2,883,478

A look back at last year....



JAN '19 Chili Day Cook-Off



SEP '19: Hurricane Dorian Relief Efforts



OCT '19: Senior Games



APR '19: Wings Over the Bay



AUG '19: Mayor Visits Fire Stations 34 & 55



OCT '19: Coffee with a Cop



OCT '19: Officer Perez Recognized at Town Council Meeting



FEB '19: Franjo Park Site Visit



APR '19: Arbor Day



MAY '19: Interns Visit SW 100 Ave Project



**APR '19: Town
Receives REAL Award**



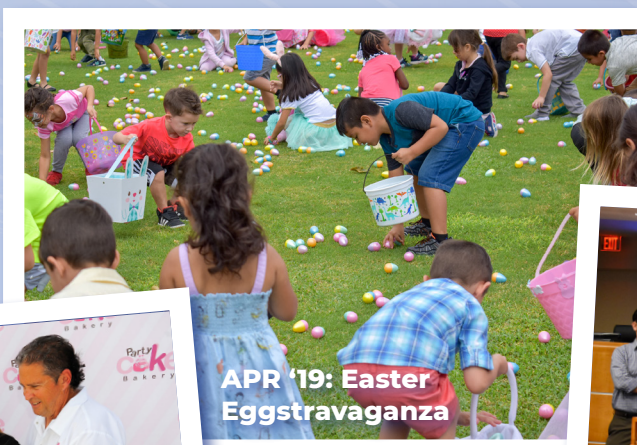
**JUL '19: 4th of July Celebration &
Golf Cart Parade**



APR '19: Open Mic Night



**AUG '19: Cutler Bay Open
Charity Golf Tournament**



**APR '19: Easter
Eggstravaganza**



**DEC '18: First Town Council
Meeting with New Council**



**AUG '19: Party Cake
Bakery Opening**



JUN '19: STEM Summer Camp



**OCT '19: Halloween Spooktacular
& Golf Cart Parade**

NOTABLE TOWN TOPICS OF 2019

RESIDENTIAL SHEDS During the March 20 Town Council meeting, the Council voted to change the maximum number of sheds in a residential property from one to two.

PLASTIC STRAWS BANNED Keeping in line with the Town's long history of environmental social responsibility, the Town Council adopted an ordinance during the July 17 meeting that prohibits the use, sale, or distribution of single-use plastic straws in commercial establishments, by mobile vendors, and by special event permittees, as well as on Town facilities and property. Beginning January 1, 2020, the Code Compliance Department will begin issuing written warnings and on March 1, 2020 shall enforce civil penalties for violations.

TRANSIT: ON DEMAND SERVICES As a result of a nearly \$600,000 Florida Department of Transportation grant the Town was awarded, an on-demand transportation service that will pick up and drop off riders right in front of their homes and transport them to and from the busway for free will soon be coming to Cutler Bay. Stay tuned to our e-notifications and social media pages to learn when this service will begin.

LINCOLN CITY PARK IS NOW A NATURAL PRESERVE After receiving the results from a Natural Forest Community (NFC) Quantitative Evaluation that found Lincoln City Park qualifies as an environmentally endangered land, the Town Council adopted a resolution during the March 20 meeting designating the park as a natural preserve. The .6 acre passive park is located at SW 212 Street and 99 Avenue.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM During the May 15 Town Council Meeting, a resolution was adopted to establish the Environmental Stewardship Program. This program is designed to incentivize local businesses to rise to the challenge and voluntarily adopt green practices such as: conserve natural resources; reduce, reuse and recycle; and take affirmative steps to prevent pollution, among many other practices. Businesses that participate will also be rewarded with recognition and marketing efforts from the Town.

This voluntary program is in the process of being completed and will be sent to businesses in Cutler Bay by early 2020.

NEW TOWN WEBSITE COMING SOON The Town is getting a new website! The new website will provide residents with improved design and structure that will be easier to navigate through and find information. The new website will go live in early 2020.

AGE FRIENDLY ACTION PLAN ADOPTED In January, the Town Council adopted and implemented the AARP Age Friendly Action Plan, becoming the 2nd municipality in Florida to do so. The plan serves as a guideline to be a more age-friendly community under the criteria established by the AARP and the World Health Organization. The plan is comprised of eight Domains of Livability: Outdoor Spaces and Buildings; Transportation; Housing; Social Participation; Respect and Social Inclusion; Civic Participation and Employment; Communication and Information; Community and Health Services.

The Town's Action Plan has received recognition from the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, Congresswoman Donna Shalala and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the Moratorium on new building the Town Council adopted during the July 17 meeting is to enact additional regulations and/or requirements in order to preserve the Town vision and character.

Applicants who submitted a completed development application to the Town's Community Development Department prior to the effective date of this Ordinance are exempt from the proposed moratorium Ordinance.

LAND SWAP

During the July 17 Town Council Meeting, the Town Council approved the purchase of approximately 16 acres located north of SW 212 Street and east of Old Cutler Road (a parcel of land better known as the "Potato Field") from GCF Investments Inc. while selling them the building and land where our current Town Hall sits (the Cutler Bay Town Center). Although the exchange has not been finalized, the immediate benefit would be a reduction in cost. The Cutler Bay Town Center building has been a drain on the Town's budget that results in losses of approximately \$744,000 per fiscal year. This land swap will remove that burden.

The long-term benefits are much greater. The property that we are acquiring is currently zoned for mixed use commercial and residential development, with a residential component allowing a maximum of 30 units per acre (or approximately 480 units for all 16 acres). By transforming this property into a public space, not only will that prevent any development with multiple residential units from materializing on it, but it would also prevent the traffic that would come along with such a development.

The vision for this piece of land is to transform it into an open community plaza and park complex that will house the future Town Hall and be a gathering place for the community. Once the transaction is finalized, the Town will hold several public visioning sessions to hear what residents envision for this space.

CRS CLASS 4

Effective October 1, 2019, the Town became the first municipality in Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties to reach a Community Rating System (CRS) Class 4 and only the third municipality in Florida to do so.

The CRS is a voluntary program for communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), with an objective to reduce flood damage to insurable property, strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

This achievement is the result of the efforts by the Town Council, the Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee, Town staff and the Town's professional consultants. One of the best benefits of reaching this CRS Class is that Residents and local businesses save 30% on their flood insurance premiums which equates to a total of \$1,823,789 savings for the Town!

VACATION RENTAL REGISTRATION

As the popularity of home vacation rentals continues to grow, so do the concerns of residents and neighbors regarding the excessive noise, excessive on-street parking, accumulation of trash, and diminished public safety that these rentals can sometimes bring. During the March 20 Town Council Meeting, an ordinance was adopted to include a section in the Land Development Regulations to regulate vacation rentals.

2019 AWARDS/EMPLOYEE CREDENTIALS & DEVELOPMENT

R.E.A.L. AWARDS – MUNICIPALITY, COMMUNITY OR PUBLIC SECTOR CATEGORY:

Cutler Bay was named the winner in the “Municipality, Community or Public Sector” category of the 2019 Real Estate Achievers & Leaders (R.E.A.L.) Awards by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION’S TREE CITY USA AWARD

For the tenth consecutive year, the Town has been designated as a Tree City USA. Tree City USA is a national recognition program that began in 1976 which provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. The program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION’S GROWTH AWARD

For the fifth consecutive year, the Town has been awarded Arbor Day Foundation’s Growth Award, which recognizes higher levels of tree care by participating Tree City USA communities. The Growth Award highlights innovative programs and projects as well as increased commitment of resources for urban forestry.

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION’S FLORIDA CHAPTER AWARDS:

Town of Cutler Bay received three awards from the American Public Works Association’s (APWA) Florida Chapter Awards Program for the Town’s Manta Drive Roadway Improvement Project, which was completed in 2018.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR (STORMWATER)

- Stacey Sookdew-Sing (Town Consultant with RJ Behar & Company)—awarded for her professionalism and performance in the management of the project

APWA’S CONSULTANT OF THE YEAR

- Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.—awarded for their notable achievements in planning, designing and implementing the project

APWA’S CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

- Metro Express Inc.—awarded for their dedication, commitment, and professionalism for completing the construction of the project

GFOA DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

For the fifth consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has presented the Town of Cutler Bay with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget. This achievement reflects the Town’s ongoing commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The GFOA’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

EMPLOYEE CREDENTIALS AND DEVELOPMENT

- All Code Compliance Officers are Florida Association of Code Enforcement Level 1 and Level 4 certified
- Code Compliance Coordinator is Level 1 and Level 2 certified
- All Code Compliance Officers are Storm Water Operators Level 1 & 2 certified
- 7 lifeguards successfully became Water Safety Instructor certified
- 2 lifeguards successfully became Certified Pool and Spa Operators
- Youth Program Teacher obtained her Ph.D.
- FDOT NESU Certification (2 staff members)
- LTD Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Holder (5 staff members)
- Sea Level Rise & Resilience Tools Training (2 staff members)
- FHWA/FDOT Emergency Relief Training Course (2 staff members)
- Stormwater Operator Level I (1 staff member)
- LAP Professional Services Certification (3 staff members)
- Stormwater Utility Manager obtained Master’s in Public Administration
- 2019 Florida Stormwater training conference (1 staff member)
- 2019 Floodplain Managers Association training conference (1 staff member)

UPCOMING PROJECTS

FRANJO PARK RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT



After sustaining substantial damages in September 2017 by Hurricane Irma, the Town Council and staff have been working hard to not only restore, but improve Franjo Park. The Town Council has budgeted over \$1.4 million for this project, which will come from a combination of insurance proceeds (\$329,311), FEMA Grants (\$65,380) and Town funding.

The restoration of the park's baseball fields and three buildings will include: New LED Sports Lighting System; Shade Canopies; Dugouts, Backstops, & Foul Ball Fencing; Drainage System; Perimeter Fencing; Bermuda Sod in Athletic Field; Sidewalks Around Concession Area & Common Areas; and Laser Grading Clay Infields. The Community Room, Offices, Restrooms and Stand Facilities will all be upgraded.

The project has had several setbacks that extended the original timeline, however, we anticipate its reopening toward the end of 2020.

CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH



This \$597,000 project is made possible with the help of a \$200,000 grant Town staff obtained from the Florida DEP Land and Water. The project is currently under construction and will see the installation of a canoe/kayak launch, floating dock, pavilion and parking at the passive parcel of Lakes by the Bay Park.

We anticipate for this project to be completed in early 2020.

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS



Through the assistance of a \$360,000 Florida Department of Transportation Grant Town staff secured, bike and pedestrian improvements are coming to Cutler Bay in 2020! The project strives to improve public safety, enhance pedestrian mobility and provide a healthier community.

The project limits are in various locations in Town. Upgrading of pedestrian facilities (crosswalks, bus stops, sidewalks); Removing obstacles in the Right-of-Way; Ensuring Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance; Filling in sidewalk sections that are incomplete; Installing High Visibility Crosswalks.

The project has a tentative commencement of May 2020 and estimated time of completion as September 2020.

FRANJO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



Earlier this year, funding for the improvement of Franjo Road was approved by the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization Governing Board.

The \$8,946,758 approved funding for this project will see the improving of Franjo Road from Old Cutler Road to SW 184 Street from two to three lanes that will include a center turn lane, curb and gutters, shared use path, storm drainage system, pavement markings and signage, signalization, and roadway lighting—much like the Caribbean Boulevard and Old Cutler Road improvements.

The Franjo Road improvement project was identified through the feedback we received at various public involvement meetings held when we were developing our Complete Streets Master Plan (funded by a TPO Grant). No estimated date of when this project will commence has been announced.

2020 EVENTS

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CENSUS 2020: COUNT CUTLER BAY IN!



Everyone can respond to the 2020 Census in the mode they prefer: online, by phone, or by mail.

Residents! This once-a-decade population count affects everyone, here's why:

- Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year
- The results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets

For the first time in history, the Census will be available online, making it easier for everyone to be counted.

Join us to spread the word about the importance of the 2020 Census and help ensure a complete and accurate count by visiting www.census.gov.

For Census job opportunities visit www.2020census.gov/jobs

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



MUNICODE

The Town utilizes Municode to promote transparency and efficiency. Municode offers online legislative search tools for residents and Town staff to stay informed on Town Ordinances. To search the Town of Cutler Bay Codes Library, please visit www.municode.com and visit the Library page, search by state then municipality (Cutler Bay).



CUTLER BAY MOBILE APP

The Town is proud to offer the Cutler Bay FL Mobile App. This user friendly mobile app gives residents access to the latest news and events happening in the Town. Residents can also use the app to report any issues or concern via their phone. Residents can download the app for free in the iTunes Store or Google Play by searching "Cutler Bay FL."



COMMUNITY ON PATROL (COP) APP

The Town and Miami-Dade Police Department offer the Community on Patrol (COP) App to allow the residents of Miami-Dade to be on patrol in their neighborhoods and report any suspicious activity to the Town's Policing Unit. The COP App can be downloaded for free in the iTunes Store or Google Play by searching "Community on Patrol"



MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT TRACKER

Miami-Dade County Transit, which operates the Town's Circulator Bus Service, encourages you to utilize the Miami-Dade Transit Tracker App to help track your ride and plan your trip. The program allows riders to attain real-time tracking of the Town's Municipal Circulator, Metrobus and Metrorail. The App also provides fare information, Miami-Dade Transit contacts, bus schedules, and connecting buses. For more information, please visit the Miami-Dade County Transit website at www.miamidade.gov/transit.



CRIME MAPPING

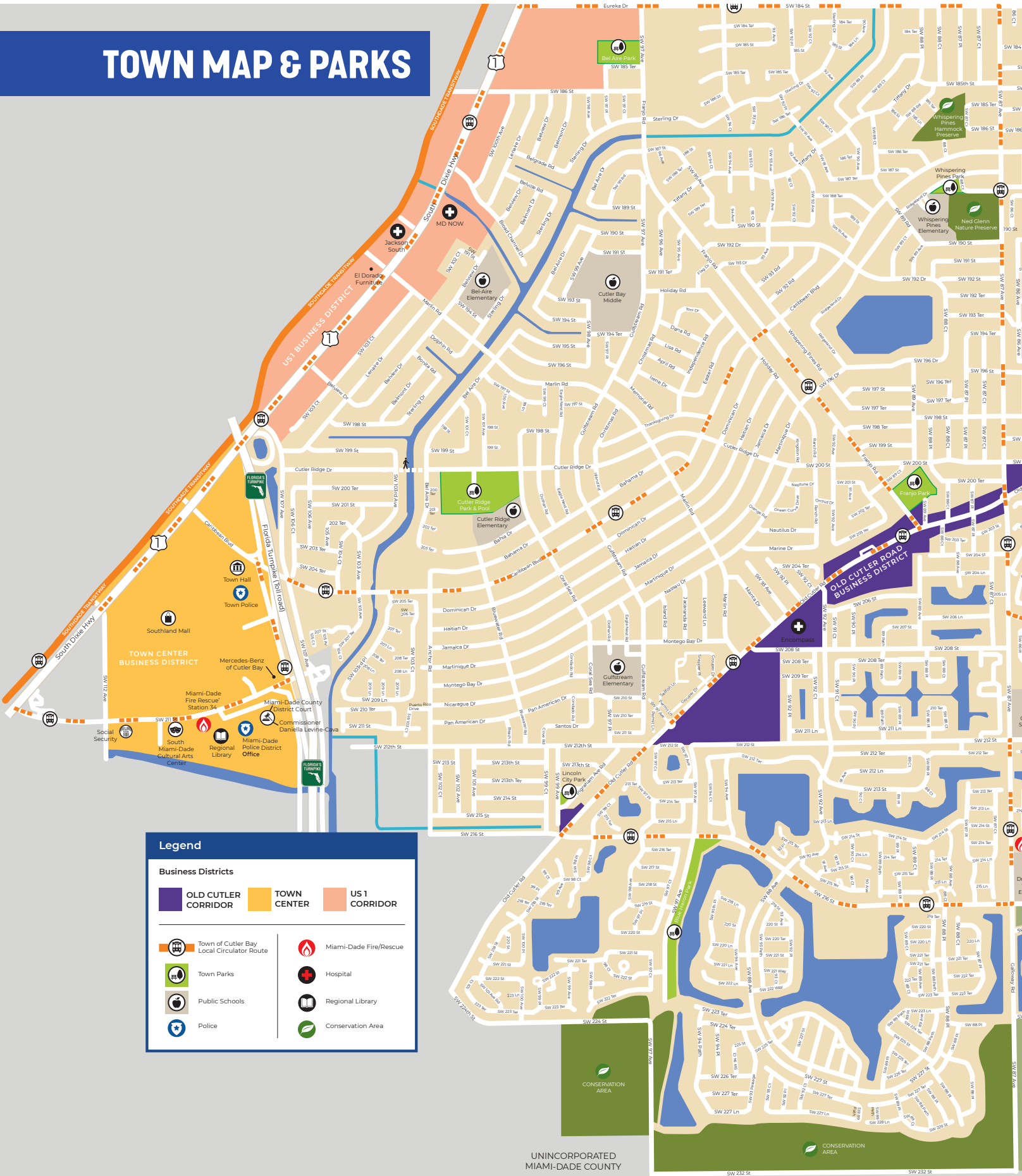
The Town and Miami-Dade Police Department utilize CrimeMapping to help law enforcement provide the public with valuable information about recent crime activity in their neighborhoods. Crime data is uploaded on a daily basis so that the information being viewed by residents is only a few days old. To view crime trends in your neighborhood, please visit www.crimemapping.com.



CUTLER BAY CITY GUIDE

Currently available at the Front Desk in Suite 105 in our Town Hall, the Map include informations about our Town Center, schools and special events.

TOWN MAP & PARKS



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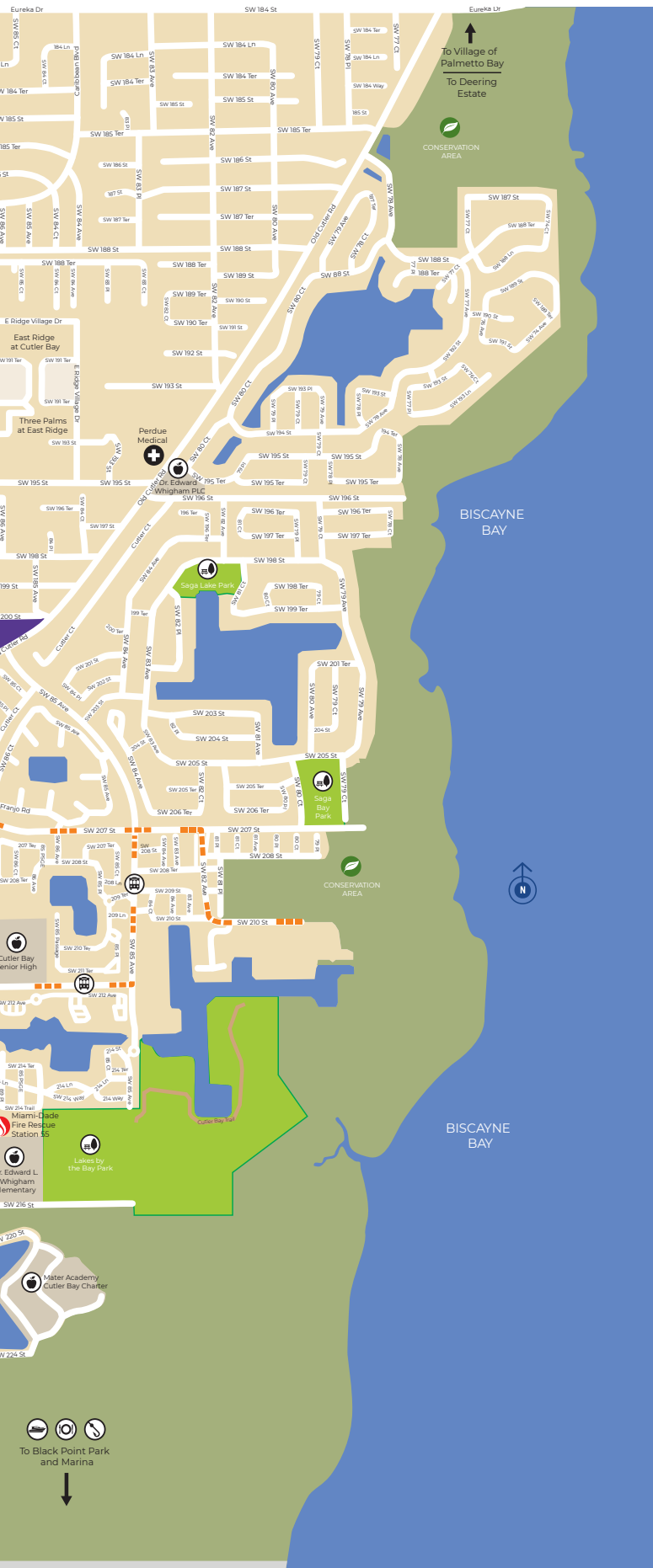
Business Districts

- OLD CUTLER CORRIDOR
- TOWN CENTER
- US1 CORRIDOR

Facilities and Services

- Town of Cutler Bay Local Circulator Route
- Town Parks
- Public Schools
- Police
- Miami-Dade Fire/Rescue
- Hospital
- Regional Library
- Conservation Area

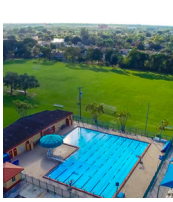
UNINCORPORATED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY



BEL AIRE PARK | 18500 SW 97 AVE.
5 acre park with lighted athletic field, restrooms, covered playground area and parking lot. Home to Palmetto Raiders Youth Development Club tackle football and cheerleading program.



BLUE HERON PARK | 21900 SW 97 AVE.
5 acre park with a shaded 1/2 mile paved multi-use path for walkers, joggers and cyclists; outdoor fitness equipment with benches and a pavilion.



CUTLER RIDGE PARK | 10100 SW 200 ST.
10 acre park with a 25 meter swimming pool, lighted and unlighted athletic fields, a multi-purpose recreation building, a picnic pavilion, covered playground and paved parking lot.



FRANJO PARK | 20175 FRANJO RD.
This 5 acre park is currently under a restoration and improvement project, which should be completed toward the end of 2020.



LAKES BY THE BAY PARK | 8551 SW 216 ST.
45 acre park with 3 lighted baseball/softball fields, 4 batting cages, 2 lighted soccer/football/lacrosse fields, a .6 mile exercise path with fitness stations, covered playground, restrooms and concession building.



LINCOLN CITY PARK | 212 ST & SW 99 AVE.
At just over 1/2 acre, this is the Town's smallest park. Recently designated as a natural preserve Lincoln City Park has an abundance of native species including live oak and slash pines.



SAGA BAY PARK | 8000 SW 205 ST.
5 acre park with 4 lighted tennis courts, outdoor fitness equipment, a covered playground, a paved walking path, restrooms and paved parking lot.



SAGA LAKE PARK | SW 198 ST. & SW 83 AVE.
5 acre Park with a picnic pavilion, a paved fitness path and a practice baseball/softball field.



WHISPERING PINES PARK | 8800 RIDGELAND DR.
1.3 acre park with a covered playground and picnic pavilion.



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