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A Newsletter Designed to Inform the Residents of Aventura

A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The City of Aventura's newsletter represents the City Commission's continued commitment to keep the community updated on important issues, including city government and services. This newsletter is published on a quarterly basis and your comments and suggestions are welcome.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to join with our community to make Aventura a city of the highest quality and a City of Excellence. We do this by providing RESPONSIVE, COST EFFECTIVE and INNOVATIVE local government services.



Budget Adopted Without Tax Increase or Service Reductions

On September 22, 2010, the City Commission adopted the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010. The budget adopted the same tax rate as the prior year of 1.726, which is the lowest rate in Miami – Dade County. The City's portion of the total property tax bill represents only 10% of the total. The other large portions represent the County and School Board. Just as important as keeping your taxes low, this was accomplished while maintaining the current service levels and programs our residents and businesses currently enjoy. These are challenging times for local governments to maintain quality services in light of revenue reductions caused by the downturn in the economy.

Over the past three years, the City has experienced huge losses in property tax revenue. Between the economic recession that resulted in lower property values and voter-approved constitutional amendments that took effect two years ago, the City's taxable value has decreased from \$9.609 billion to \$7.245 billion. This represents a loss of 25% or \$4.1 billion in tax revenue compared to the 2007 tax roll year. Simply stated, during the past three years, the City lost 25% of its total assessed valuation.

It was very clear, based on the property value decreases, that this year's budget could not be balanced without either utilizing reserves, cutting services or raising taxes. In light of the economic times our residents and businesses were facing, the City Commission decided increasing taxes was not an option. Prior



year's comprehensive reevaluation of service levels and budget line items resulted in operating cost reductions and created the foundation and financial stability for the City to respond to lower revenues. Based on the fact that we outsource many of our services, we have a low number of employees as compared to other cities. This model has served us well in dealing with the uncertain economic times. For these reasons, and most importantly to preserve the quality of life for our community, we did not recommend any reduction in service levels provided to the community at this time.

Therefore, based on these extraordinary times, the budget was balanced with funds from our reserves that the City very prudently set aside during better economic conditions. Approximately \$570,000 was utilized from the City's reserve funds to balance the budget. The key to our long time fiscal stability is to ensure that the amount used from the reserves is kept to a minimum. To ensure that this goal was realized, overall operating costs increases were limited to 3% compared to the

NEW STATE LAW BRINGS CHANGES TO THE INTERSECTION SAFETY CAMERA PROGRAM

The City's Intersection Safety Camera Program has been operating since the summer of 2008 under authority of City ordinance. As of July 1, 2010, a new state law took effect. The "Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act", named after a man who was tragically killed two weeks before the birth of his daughter by a red light runner, creates statewide uniform standards for the use of cameras to capture red light violations.

The State law sets a fine of \$158 for each violation. A Notice of Violation is issued after review and approval of the Aventura Police Department and is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. The owner may, within the first 30 days, pay the fine to the City or may provide a sworn affidavit that the driver was yielding to an emergency vehicle or funeral procession, or the driver was directed through the intersection by police or firefighters, or the vehicle was stolen, or that another person was driving and identifies that person.

If payment or an affidavit is not received within 30 days, a Uniform Traffic Citation (traffic ticket) is issued. Once the ticket is issued, the fine increases to \$277 and is payable to the Clerk of the Courts. The ticket will appear on the driver's history, but no points are assessed and insurance rates cannot be increased because of a photo enforced violation. The ticket can be appealed through the Traffic Court.

The video, still images, affidavit form and frequently asked questions are online at www.violationinfo.com and can be accessed using the Notice number and Pin number on the Notice of Violation or Uniform Traffic Citation. Locations of the cameras are listed on the City's website at www.cityofaventura.com.

previous year. Historically, this budget represents the lowest percentage of operating cost increase over the prior year since the incorporation of the City.

The total proposed budget for 2010/11, including all funds, capital outlay and debt service, is \$48,750,820. This is \$3,850,789 or 7.3% less as compared to the prior year. The decrease is attributed to completing major capital projects and reducing operating costs.

Some of the major points emphasized in the budget are as follows:

- For the fifteenth year, no property tax increase.
- Total expenditures in all funds decreased by 7.3%.
- The operating cost increases were held to 3.0% without reducing current service levels or laying off employees.
- For the first time in the City's history, approximately \$570,000 was utilized from the City's reserve funds to balance the budget due to reduction in property tax assessments.
- Funds first full year of operations of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center which will be

utilized to host a variety of performing arts and cultural programming for all age groups.

- Includes \$491,200 for improvements to Founders Park including replacing playground equipment and sun covers and adding a hard surface tennis court.
- Funds \$505,000 to resurface NE 29th Avenue, NE 187th Street and NE 34th Avenue.
- Continues to implement technology enhancements that develop our "Electronic Government" to allow the public to interact more easily and conveniently with the City and to automate City operations.
- Continues contracting most maintenance functions, engineering, plan review and inspection services, as well as the operation of the new Arts & Cultural Center to the private sector.
- Funds police equipment needs from laptop computers to new police vehicles in the amount of \$852,000.
- Includes \$200,000 to upgrade the City's drainage system.
- Continue to adopt "Go Green" initiatives in order to save energy, conserve precious natural resources and reduce our impact on climate change.

Founders Park Gets a FaceLift! *Playground Renovation & Tennis Court Addition*



The City's first park is getting a major facelift as the 10,000 square foot playground will be replaced with state of the art, age appropriate equipment and surfacing for children of all abilities. All equipment and benches will be covered as well. All of the new equipment and surfacing meets or exceeds all safety, engineering and ADA requirements.

Residents are encouraged to use the playgrounds located at Waterways and Veterans Park while the new playground is being built.

The City will also be installing one additional hard court tennis court at Founders Park, in addition to the two current Har-Tru courts. Current tennis operations will not be interrupted during construction. Both projects are scheduled for a November completion.

ACES Builds Peace Through Leadership



On September 21, 2010, Aventura City of Excellence School, (ACES) celebrated Peace Day with the program theme: "Building Peace through Leadership - Developing Tomorrow's Leaders." It was a remarkable experience that joined the Aventura community together at the new Aventura Arts and Cultural Center.

Students from grades K-8 created their own artistic expressions of "Peace and Leadership" which were on display in a beautiful gallery exhibit during the celebration.

Fourth and sixth grade students, staff, parents, the community and members of the Living Values Program united to celebrate ACES and The City of Aventura's 7th Annual Peace Day event. Mayor Susan Gottlieb, City Commissioners, and the City Manager were on hand to deliver the official proclamation.

ACES Principal, Ms. Julie Alm, began the ceremony by stating that, "The City of Aventura is committed to building peace through its leadership. As a testament to this commitment, the City has proclaimed today a day of peace in the city."

Students sang, danced, and presented winning Peace Day artwork, essays, and poetry projects in front of a crowd of over 300 people. The program also featured ACES new National Junior Honor Society, a keynote presentation by the Anti-Defamation League, the ACES Middle School Dance Troupe and a spectacular video production created by the Nicolella family.

In a clear demonstration of leadership, ACES recognized its first group of distinguished National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) student

members on stage with a candle light induction ceremony. Honor Society students recited the organization's national pledge and motto, "light is the symbol of truth." Ms. Eizenbaum, NJHS Advisory Chair stated, "Peace cannot be achieved anywhere without good, strong leaders...creating these leaders for our future is one of our goals!"

Keynote guest, Andrew Rosenkranz, Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), held a special banner ceremony to award ACES the designation of being a "No Place for Hate School." ADL developed No Place for Hate® as part of a national campaign to organize schools to work together through projects that promote diversity and reduce prejudice and bullying.

"ADL is proud to designate Aventura City of Excellence School as a No Place for Hate® School. Students and teachers work together to foster a bias-free environment in a school that embraces diversity and teaches the next generation how to build bridges of understanding and respect for differences," stated Mr. Rosenkranz.

A moving Peace Day video presentation featured students, staff and administration sharing their beliefs on how peace is built through leadership at ACES and in the world.

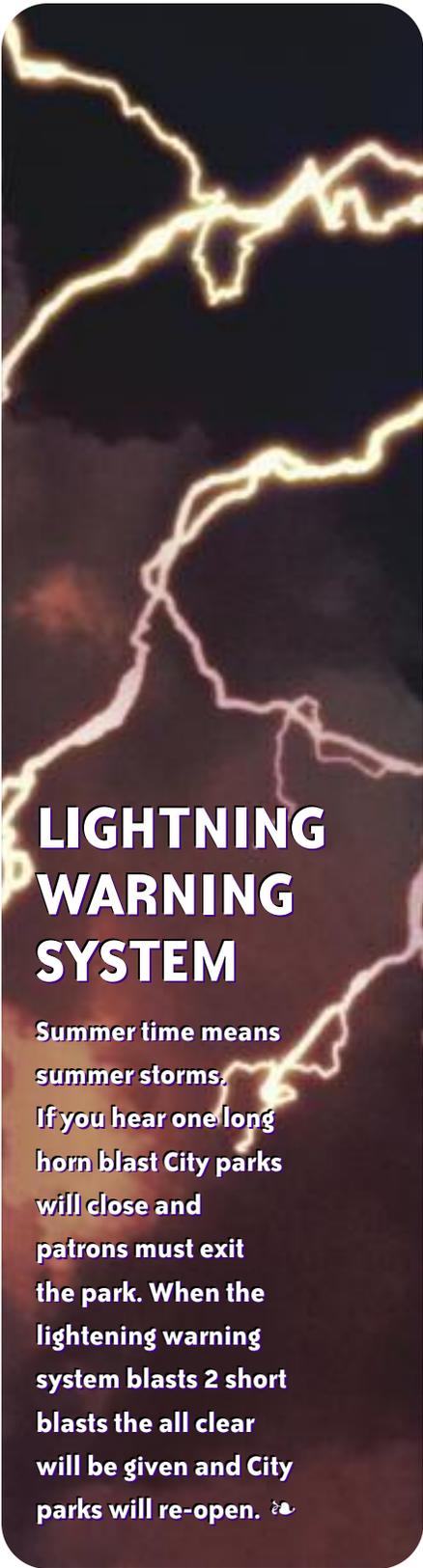
As a school-wide service learning project, the entire ACES community prepared and collected over 560 Peace Day Gift Boxes filled with essential items for needy children. The donations are destined for international distribution through the Good Samaritan program led by parent volunteer, Rosane Alves-Garcia.

ACES ACHIEVES NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY CHAPTER



Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES) is always striving to improve and excel in all manners of education for our students. Whether it is character education, leadership, citizenship, or academic goals, ACES is proud of its successes in achieving annual gains in excellence in all areas. We have grown to represent the highest standards of our community, and we still manage to do more and more each year!

Beginning this school year, ACES has been accepted as a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The NJHS is a nationally recognized organization that distinguishes the top middle school students in the country. The purpose of this organization is to "create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage good citizenship in the students of secondary schools."



LIGHTNING WARNING SYSTEM

Summer time means summer storms. If you hear one long horn blast City parks will close and patrons must exit the park. When the lightening warning system blasts 2 short blasts the all clear will be given and City parks will re-open.

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Community Services Happenings



SPECIAL EVENTS

HALLOWEEN HARVEST

Join us on Sunday, October 31 for a howling good time at this year's Halloween Harvest event featuring tricks, treats, and more! This family fun event is located at the Community Recreation Center, 3375 NE 188 Street from 1 - 4 PM and is the perfect way for kids to experience Halloween in a safe environment. The afternoon will be spent playing games, trick or treating, journeying through the Halloween fun maze, and showing off their costumes at the costume parade.

Parking and Shuttles will be available at the Harbour Centre beginning at 1 PM. Harbour Centre is located at the corner of 29 Avenue and 188 Street.

FOUNDERS DAY

The 15th Annual Founders Day will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2010 from Noon – 5:00 PM at Founders Park Bayside, 3105 NE

190 Street. Enjoy a variety of activities including arts and crafts for all ages, airbrush tattoos, face painting, rock climbing walls, Toddler Town play area, puppet shows, mobile arcade, Aventura History and Highlights slideshow, and the chance to catch a football game on the "Big Screen".

Join us for continuous entertainment featuring Jimmy Stowe and the Castaways, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band. Watch the 8th Annual Aventura Star Talent Competition finals and see who will be the next Aventura Star! Sample some great food at the Aventura Café and celebrate Founders Day with the entire family.

Parking and Shuttles will be available at the Harbour Centre beginning at 11:30 AM. The Aventura Express will operate from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM. For more information, contact the Aventura Community Services Department at 305-466-8930 or on the web at www.city-ofaventura.com.

VETERANS DAY

Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 10 AM, the City of Aventura will be recognizing and remembering all the brave men and women who have served in the armed forces. Please plan to join City officials, community leaders, veterans, heroes and neighbors at the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center located at 3385 NE 188 Street for this important ceremony.

PROGRAMS

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION

The Fall eBrochure is available on line at www.cityofaventura.com Registration for winter activities will begin on December 6, 2010 for residents and December 13, 2010 for non-residents. Winter activities are scheduled to begin the week of January 10, 2011.

CULTURAL ARTS THEATRE and LEISURE PROGRAM

The Cultural, Arts, Theater and Leisure Program had two enjoyable trips over the summer. Participants viewed exciting exhibits in August at the Norton Museum of Art, lunch at the Serenity Tea House, toured the Intracoastals on the Lady Atlantic, and a delicious dinner at Tony Wu's in September. There is still time to join us for an exciting evening at Tatiana Night Club & Restaurant, which includes a complete dinner and Las

Vegas/Moulin Rouge style show on Sunday, November 14th, as well as lunch at Fra Diavolo and “Mame” at the Broward Stage Door Theatre on Wednesday, December 29th. Our next program, with registration on December 6th, will include a tour of the new Egyptian gallery at the Bass Museum and dinner at Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse on January 12th, “Say It With Music”: The Songs of Irving Berlin at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on January 15th, “West Side Story” at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on February 23rd, and “August: Osage County” at the Actors’ Playhouse and lunch at Villagio’s Restaurant on March 16th.

SUMMER CAMP

736 children were registered in the 2010 Summer Camp program. Children ages 5 -14 years experienced many new adventurous through field trips, games, arts and crafts, swimming and special events. Children learned new skills, made new friends and new memories that will last a lifetime.

TEACHER PLANNING DAYS

When school is out, the adventures begin! The City of Aventura offers fun-filled days of activities for children ages 5-14 years at the Community Recreation Center, located at 3375 NE 188th Street. Spend the day playing games, making crafts, special events, campers choice and more! Teacher Planning Days begin at 7:30 AM and end at 6:00 PM. Fee include all activities, supplies and lunch. Resident fee is \$43 and non resident fee is \$52.

Monday, November 1, 2010

The Wonders of Weather, Playing in the Rain

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

The Wonders of Weather, Arctic Adventures

WINTER BREAK CAMP

December 20 – 23 and December 27 - 30

Sail away on an “Island Hoppin Holiday” with the City of Aventura. Join us as we celebrate the holidays island style. Winter Camp is available for children ages 5-14 years at the Community Recreation Center located at 3375 NE 188 Street from 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM. The cost for residents is \$245 for the two week session or \$141 for 1 week session. Winter Break Camp will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31.

Monday, December 20 –

Thursday, December 23, 2010

Campers will celebrate the holidays with a beach party complete with a grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts dress up contest, create edible sushi confections and journey to the International Game Fishing Association Museum, where campers will tour fishing boats, explore nature trail and experience deep sea fishing through a virtual reality game.

Monday, December 27 –

Thursday, December 30, 2010

Campers will participate in exciting island survivor challenger games, make and eat sandy candy, create Caribbean Batik Art, journey to the AMC Movie Theatre and ring in the New Year with a Luau celebration.

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

Members enjoy a variety of benefits including: indoor basketball court, a state of the art technical center, individual fitness orientation, fitness room with a waterfront view, a variety of classes and activities for all ages and free classes such as Yoga, Body Sculpting, Bridge, Mahjongg, and Canasta.

PARKS

FALL PARK HOURS

Founders Park

Monday – Sunday 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM

Waterways Park

Monday – Sunday 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM

Waterways Dog Park

Monday – Sunday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Veterans Park

Monday – Sunday 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM

SplashPad

Come splash around at the City of Aventura SplashPad. The SplashPad is free to Aventura residents with a photo ID and \$10 plus park admission for non residents. The SplashPad is located at the City of Aventura’s Founders Park, 3105 NE 190 Street. Don’t forget to bring your sunscreen!

September - October 31

Weekends Only

10 AM – 7 PM



Founders Day

Back to School Membership Special

September – October, “Back to School” membership special, purchase a 3 month membership and receive 3 months free.

Follow us on Twitter Special

Mention the membership special from Twitter and receive 3 months free when you purchase a 3 month membership.

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AVENTURA ACTIVITIES

WINTER/SPRING SEASON
Watch for the latest eBrochure
online in November.

REGISTRATION OPENS:
Residents:
December 6, 2010

Non-Residents:
December 13, 2010
www.cityofaventura.com

AVENTURA COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER



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Classes for all interests & ages

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ATHLETICS

YOUTH ATHLETICS

Register for any of our Youth Athletic Programs, attend the parent orientation and receive a FREE 2 month family membership to the Community Recreation Center.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Youth basketball registration is now open for children ages 5-14 years. Basketball season will begin in November through December 2010. Participants will have one practice and two games per week. Get ready for another exciting season! Community Recreation Center Membership is not required for participation.

GIRLS SOCCER

Ready, Set, GOAL! The City of Aventura is offering girls soccer from November, 2010 –

March, 2011. Girls' soccer is available for children ages 4-14 years. All participants will have one game and one practice per week. Last year we had a great season and we are ready to do it again this year! You won't want to miss it!

BOYS SOCCER

The City of Aventura will be offering boy's soccer from January – February 2011. Boy's soccer will consist of one practice and two games per week. Registration available soon. See you on the field for another exciting season!

GOING GREEN

The City of Aventura continues in its efforts to go green. The lights in the Commission Chambers were replaced with energy efficient fixtures and a 4th hybrid vehicle has been placed in service.

Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act



DON SOFFER EXERCISE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the exercise path began on Monday, March 15, 2010 and were completed in August 2010. The project consisted of resurfacing the entire exercise path, installation of new trash containers and benches and ADA handicap detectable warning strips.

YACHT CLUB WAY BRIDGE REPAIRS

As part of the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act repairs to the Yacht Club Bridge were completed in August 2010.

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

AT NE 190 STREET & NE 29 AVENUE

Improvements began September 27, 2010 with a completion date of February 2011. The project consists of installing approximately fifteen hundred linear feet of new drainage pipe. New pipe installation is to improve the drainage along NE 191 St. and NE 29 Ave.

Let Us Host Your Event



The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is an elegant state-of-the-art facility set amidst a spectacular waterfront setting.

From intimate concerts, lectures, plays and performances to community and family fare, the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center can provide the perfect setting.

Amenities include:

- A 324-seat theater
- 48' x 30' stage

- State-of-the-Art lighting and sound package
- Full fly system
- High end concessions
- Exquisite waterfront location

For detailed information about each of these amenities or any other questions you may have, please check out our rental rates online or call us 305-466-8002 to learn more about bringing your event to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.



RED LIGHT CAMERA DATA SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN ACCIDENTS IN AVENTURA



The City's goal in adopting the Intersection Safety Camera Program in 2007 was to make red light runners change their habits to prevent the accidents and injuries at key intersections in the community. The data compiled by our Police Department over the past three years shows that the program is working and our motorists and pedestrians are safer.

The data shows that crashes citywide have dropped by 200 reported crashes, or approximately 15%, from 2008 to 2010. During that same period, crashes at intersections with cameras have decreased even more significantly. At the intersection of Aventura Boulevard (NE 199 Street) and Biscayne Boulevard – one of the highest crash locations in the City – accidents have dropped from 60 in 2008 to 25 in 2010 – a drop of about 60%.

Cameras operate 24 hours a day and capture images of every vehicle running a red light at the intersection. The program is administered by American Traffic Solutions, Inc. (ATS) with each violation reviewed and approved by the Aventura Police Department prior to issuance. Camera locations are listed on the City's website at www.cityofaventura.com.

AVENTURA UPDATE



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- Sign up to volunteer
- Get information on Facility Rental
- Subscribe to the eNewsletter to stay informed on the latest AACC news

www.aventuracenter.org

Aventura Arts & Cultural Center October Kicks Off to a Grand First Season



Patti LuPone
Photo by Ethan Hill

The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's star-studded first season kicked off with events for the entire family, including a vibrant, family-fun "Curtain Up" open house and an evening with legendary two-time Tony Award-winning performer Patti LuPone in celebration of the Center's official grand opening. Aventura's brand new Center continues to come alive with programming for all ages in its debut year, with award-winning educational children's productions and a variety of regional presenters, community groups, theatrical acts and concert presentations.

The Center's "Curtain Up" kicked off grand opening festivities with a sneak preview of the beautiful 14,864-square-foot, 324-seat waterfront performing arts facility, allowing

the community to experience the Center's cultural programming firsthand. Activities included guided tours of the Center and presentations by local performance groups as well as puppeteers, mimes and other musical and performing arts entertainers.

A highlight of the season that wasn't to be missed, guests enjoyed An Evening with Patti LuPone that began with a cocktail reception followed by the special concert with one of the greatest performers in modern musical theater.

Other October events included the Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida's Petrouchka, the Family Fun Series production of Junie B. Jones and Smart Stage Matinee's Sticks and Stones.

November welcomes Doreen Cronin's best-selling barnyard books' return to the theater in the Family Fun production of **Giggle, Giggle,**

Quack on Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mayhem ensues when Farmer Brown leaves town and puts his city-slicker brother in charge. The farm animals enjoy all sorts of treats such as pizza for the hen, bubble baths for the pig and movie night for the cow. Children will enjoy pre-show arts and crafts presented by Young At Art Museum, complimentary face painting and a post-show snack provided by Whole Foods Market and Blue Bell Ice Cream. Tickets are \$14 with \$3 lap tickets available for infants 12 months and under. Tickets are \$15 when bought the day of the performance.

The City of Aventura presents **The Piano Men** starring **Jim Witter** in a musical journey through the 70s featuring the songs of Billy Joel and Elton John on Friday, November 12 at 8 p.m. Hits including "My Life," "Candle in the Wind," "Rocket Man" and "Just the Way You Are," are accompanied by rear-screen projection of the newspaper headlines, automobiles, people, events, toys and even the TV shows that shaped a decade. Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

After seven highly successful seasons at the Broward Center for Performing Arts, Next Step Dance makes its debut in Miami-Dade as The Next Step Dance, Inc. presents An Invitation to Dance on Saturday, November 13 at 8 p.m. The contemporary dance company, showcasing



Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida

entertaining and provocative works, will present audience favorites from the repertoire: Summertime, Silenzio, Photograph, The Other Side, Surrender, Woodblock Study and One For My Baby. The event is part of the Aventura Cultural & Arts Center's Arts Access Program, which provides technical and marketing support to local community groups enabling them to develop and build their audiences. Tickets are \$26.50.

A.B.B.A. International Entertainment presents **Remember Then**, a 50's and 60's Musical Tribute, on Friday, November 19 at 8 p.m. Come relive the magic and the memories of the best time in musical history, featuring the Marvelettes Revue and special guests The Temptations Revue, accompanied by a live band. Preferred VIP seating includes a Meet & Greet Celebration. Tickets are \$35 or \$60 for Preferred VIP tickets.



Francesco Libetta

The City of Aventura presents **María Rivas** on Saturday, November 20 at 8 p.m. Rivas is Venezuela's premier contemporary vocalist and composer. A native of Caracas, her style truly represents the "new Americas." Drawing on the cultural richness of her homeland, her unique popular sound is an intoxicating blend of indigenous European and African strains, with just the right splash of Brazilian and Latin Jazz. Rivas is a remarkably gifted and versatile artist and an international star in the making. Tickets are \$30.

Patrons of Exceptional Artists presents the **Miami International Piano Festival**, known for bringing the world's best pianists and rising stars to South Florida, on Sunday, November 28 at 4 p.m. in the debut of the Aventura Cultural Series. The first concert of the Series will open the Festival's 2011 Season with a fascinating program by Italian keyboard master, **Francesco Libetta**. This unique program will feature compositions by Chopin and others that specifically pay tribute to Italian Theatre, sopranos and ballerinas, as well as an enlightening pre-concert discussion by "Miami's Music Maven" Professor Frank Cooper. Tickets are \$30.

Kathy Kosins in The Ladies of Cool, presented by the City of Aventura on Saturday, December 18 at 8 p.m., rounds out 2010. Singing songs in the tradition of Julie London, Anita O'Day, June Christy and Chris Connor, Kosins recalls the extraordinary singers of the 1940s and 1950s that were household names to jazz and pop fans alike in that era. Tickets are \$25.

Tickets, group discounts and scheduling information for all performances are available through the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center's box office at 954-462-0222 or online at www.aventuracenter.org. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188th Street in Aventura.



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Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Calendar of Events



CONCERTS

Jim Witter's The Piano Men ? 11/12/10

A musical tribute to the piano mastery of Billy Joel and Elton John.

A.B.B.A. International Entertainment Presents: Remember Then ? 11/19/10

Come relive the magic and the memories of the best time in musical history. Remember the old school sock hops? Or just listening to the jukebox over a malt and burger at the neighborhood drive-in? Those times can be yours again as A.B.B.A. International Entertainment presents "Remember Then" a tribute to the 50's and 60's.

María Rivas ? 11/20/10

María Rivas is Venezuela's premier contemporary vocalist and composer.

Miami International Piano Festival - Francesco Libetta ? 11/28/10

Miami Piano Festival presents Francesco Libetta (Italy), keyboard master in a program of rare repertoire by Chopin and others.

Kathy Kosins - The Ladies of Cool ? 12/18/10

Songs in the tradition of Julie London, Anita O'Day, June Christy, and Chris Connor.

Rob Garrett "King of Diamonds" - A Neil Diamond Tribute ? 4/2/11

Rob Garrett has performed all over the world and now he comes to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

SMART STAGE SERIES

Where learning comes to life with school day performances

Sticks and Stones ? 10/25/10

A musical play on social issues and bullying, based on important real life experiences of adolescents.

Afro-Brazil ? 1/10/11

Two continents, separated millions of years ago, are reunited on stage in the voices of almost 40 singers, a thrilling performance of Capoeira, colorful folk dances, Samba and Carnival.

The Wizard of Oz ? 2/4/11

It's a rousing musical version of the timeless classic where witches, wizards and munchkins are real and where a journey to find heart, courage, brains and a way back home becomes an adventure in discovering friendship.

Doktor Kaboom! ? 5/6/11

Doktor Kaboom! takes his audience on an amazing educational tour of the modern scientific method, using humor and comedy while demonstrating spectacular applications of the physical sciences.

FAMILY FUN SERIES

Where the stories are the stars

Junie B. Jones ? 10/9/10

A delightful musical based on the books by Barbara Park features outspoken, precocious, lovable Junie B. Jones!

Giggle Giggle Quack ? 11/6/10

When the farmer's away, the animals will play in this hilarious sequel to the barnyard blockbuster, Click, Clack, Moo!

The Wizard of Oz ? 2/5/11

This updated and upbeat new version of The Wizard of Oz offers an hour packed with interactive fun and energetic musical numbers!

Stuart Little ? 5/14/11

Stuart Little is a merry musical about a noble mouse that jumps headlong into adventures big enough to match any imagination.

DOUBLE CHAI SERIES

Lansky ? 1/19/11 - 1/30/11

The story of Meyer Lansky, infamous gangster, gambler and complicated personality, comes to life on stage.

Zero Hour ? 2/16/11 - 2/27/11

A naïve reporter attempts to interview the famously volatile and hilarious Zero Mostel.

Circumcise Me ? 3/16/11 - 3/27/11

A collision of comedy and theater that will have everyone howling with laughter and standing up to cheer.

Meshuggah – Nuns ? 4/27/11 - 5/8/11

Hilarity reigns supreme when a Jewish actor and four nuns attempt to entertain on a cruise ship.

DANCE

Next Step Dance ? 11/13/10

Presents "An Invitation to the Dance." After seven highly successful seasons at the Broward Center, Next Step Dance, a contemporary dance company, makes its debut in Miami-Dade at the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center.

Arts Ballet Theatre, The Nutcracker ? 12/10/10 - 12/12/10

Snowflakes, sugarplums, naughty little boys, and magical dolls! The charm of the Holidays fascinates all audiences, as Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida presents the classic ballet "The Nutcracker" to Tchaikovsky's popular score based on the tale of Ernest Hoffman. The critically acclaimed performance choreographed and directed by renowned Ballet Master Vladimir Issaev.

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Seven decades of American history as seen through the perceptive and hopeful eyes of Irving Berlin.

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Celebrate the songs of Jule Styne, one of the most prolific songwriter/composers in American theater.

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Enjoy a salute to the lasting legacy of the RKO era.

WHERE TO GO

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- ▶ Take I-95 South; exit Ives Dairy Road (Exit 16). Head east.
- ▶ Turn right onto Biscayne Blvd. Turn left onto NE 191st Street.
- ▶ NE 191st Street turns south and becomes NE 29th Avenue.
- ▶ Turn left at NE 188th Street. AACC is at the end of the street.

Directions: I-95 (From the South)

- ▶ Take I-95 North and exit Miami Gardens Drive.
- ▶ Turn left onto Biscayne Boulevard. Turn right on NE 187th Street which becomes NE 29th Avenue. Turn right on NE 188th Street.
- ▶ The AACC is at the end of the street.

Valet parking and self parking are available for all events.

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

Box Office is open from Tuesday - Saturday, Noon - 5:00 PM and 1.5 hours prior to performances.

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Open Mon - Sat, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Sun, Noon - 5:00 PM
Toll-free 877.311.7469 (SHOW)
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*Aventura Government Center
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**Our next meeting is:
Tuesday, November 9.**

For information on upcoming Commission Meetings and workshops and to confirm all meeting dates, times and locations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (305) 466-8901. 📞

Watch for These Upcoming Events!

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

- October 31Halloween Harvest
- November 715th Annual Founders Day
- November 11Veterans Day Ceremony
- December 20-31Winter Camp

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UPCOMING AT AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER

- October 30Saul Vera Ensemble
- November 6*Giggle Giggle Quack*
- November 12Jim Witter's *The Piano Men*
- November 13Next Step Dance – *An Invitation to the Dance*
- November 19A.B.B.A.'s *Remember Then*
- November 20Maria Rivas
- November 28Miami International Piano Festival – Francesco Libetta
- December 10-12Arts Ballet Theater: *The Nutcracker*
- December 18Kathy Kosins – *The Ladies of Cool*

For show details, visit www.aventuracenter.org