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Message from Mayor Enid Weisman

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School is in, election season is in full force, and Aventura is on the move.

I want to congratulate Howard Weinberg, Michael Stern, and Paul Kruss on their recent elections. I know they will do a great job for Aventura when they assume their new roles in November.

The new school year is in full swing, with students back in their classrooms. After both of our Aventura schools earned A's last school year, they've set the bar high for continued success.

This will be the first year Soffer High has a graduating class. We can't wait to see our seniors walk across the stage at the end of the school year.

Our teachers and principals at ACES and Soffer High certainly made the start of the new school year fun, starring in the two most watched videos the city has ever published. If you haven't seen them, you can find them on our city Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook pages.

Development in Aventura is booming, with Belmont, Esplanade, and the new Safra Bank rising and adding an estimated hundreds of million of dollars in property value to our city's tax base.

These new developments will help bolster our city's evolving image as we continue to work to maintain the lowest tax rate in South Florida.

Earlier this year, the city began holding quarterly meetings with property managers. We know that in a city where every home is within a condo or homeowners association, these professionals are critical stakeholders and communicators. Every property manager in Aventura is invited to join. Ask yours if they have. If they haven't, tell them to email Communications@CityOfAventura.com to get on the list.

Our quarterly meetings with property managers offer us the opportunity to both share important information and to receive feedback. We are here to listen, innovate, and solve challenging situations.

Last year, in the wake of the Champlain Towers South collapse, Aventura became the first city in Florida to require buildings to provide the city with engineering reports. We are working with buildings to ensure safety. If you see something troubling, please say something. Our newly added structural engineer works every day to help buildings stay safe.

For nearly eight years, it has been my honor to serve as your mayor. As I prepare to leave office in November, I have deep confidence that Aventura will continue to be the best place in South Florida to live, work, invest, and raise a family.



Calendar Highlights

City Events

- September 5 Labor Day
- September 18 Share the Road Community Bike Event
- September 25 Rosh Hashanah
- September 30 Parents Night Out

Arts & Cultural Center Events

- September 24 This is Elton, The Tribute

A Commitment to Community Involvement

The City of Aventura's newsletter represents the City Commission's continued commitment to keeping the community updated about important City government issues and services. This newsletter is published periodically 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.

City Commission Meetings

Commission meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month unless otherwise noted at the Aventura Government Center Commission Chambers located at 19200 West Country Club Drive.

For more information about upcoming Commission meetings and workshops, please visit cityofaventura.com.

To confirm meeting dates, times and locations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305-466-8901

Blast from the past

A look back at events from the month of August



ACES Welcome Back Luncheon



Don Soffer Aventura High School Welcome Back Luncheon



Aventura's Finest won the Summer 2022 Adult Softball Championship!



Mayor-elect Howard Weinberg throws first pitch at Adult Softball game

Aventura Launches Text Message Communications

What's new:

Aventura is the first city in Florida to offer text messaging communications with the public. Some cities use automated texting. Our new texting platform is human-to-human

Why it matters:

We want YOU to be able to receive important information from the city, as well as send us information and ask questions.

What's next:

Sign up! You can do that one of two ways.

1. Text the word Aventura to (305)677-8788, then fill out the form we text back to you.
2. Scan the QR code below and send the pre-populated message. Then fill out the form we text back to you.



One big thing: Please remember that all text messages sent and received by the city are subject to public records law. Don't text us any sensitive information.

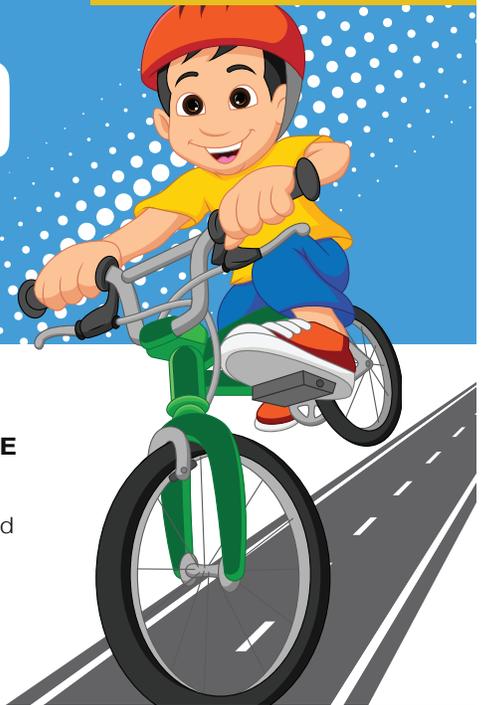
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SHARE THE ROAD

BIKE EVENT

SEPT 18
9 AM

FOUNDERS PARK
3105 NE 190 STREET
AVENTURA, FL 33180



AVENTURA **B**Cycle



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HELMET FITTING BIKE MAINTENANCE
BIKE RODEO HEALTHY SNACKS

Learn about bike safety and sharing the road in a fun environment with the Aventura Police Department. An escorted bike ride around the City of Excellence begins at 10 AM.

CITY OF AVENTURA

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

6 - 10 PM

DROP OFF
your children ages
5-12 years old &
get the night off!



REGISTRATION
Participants must be registered prior to attending the event. Complete registration online at cityofaventura.com/ors.

ACTIVITIES
Come join us for a night filled of camping adventures. Kids are encouraged to come in their pajamas and bring sleeping bags and/or blankets from home to enjoy a movie under the stars.

LOCATION
Community Recreation Center
3375 NE 188 Street

CONTACT
Community Recreation Center
305-466-3883

\$30
PER CHILD



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Teacher Planning Day Program

When school is out, Teacher Planning Days at the City of Aventura provide children an enjoyable day camp feel filled with a variety of enrichment activities such as sports, health & wellness programs, games, arts & crafts, project based learning, and recreational activities.

When
7 AM - 6 PM

Where
Community Recreation Center
3375 NE 188 St., Aventura, FL 33180

Fee
Fee includes all activities, supplies and lunch.

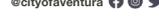
Aventura residents \$43
Non-Aventura residents \$52

Registration
Participants must be registered prior to attending the program. Registration can be completed exclusively online only. Please visit cityofaventura.com/ors to complete the registration process with a valid account.

Contact
Community Services Department at 305-466 3883
or email at crcenter@cityofaventura.com



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SCHEDULE

- Monday, August 15, 2022
- Tuesday, August 16, 2022
- Monday, September 26, 2022
- Wednesday, October 5, 2022
- Tuesday, November 8, 2022
- Friday, December 23, 2022
- Monday, January 23, 2023
- Friday, April 7, 2023
- Thursday, June 8, 2023
- Friday, June 9, 2023

A Complete and balanced program of recreational classes are offered throughout the fall. Browse through the official catalog of classes online at cityofaventura.com/ors.

Education

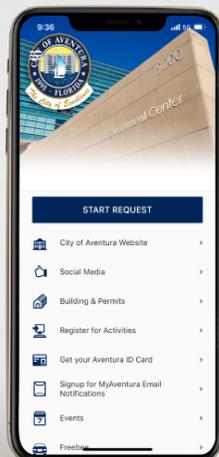


Aventura's Mayor and Commission were excited to host a lunch to welcome our Aventura City of Excellence School and Don Soffer Aventura High School teachers and staff back to school for another successful academic school year. Both schools received A grades for the 2021-2022 school year.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS!



Commissioner-elect
Paul Kruss



Mayor-elect
Howard Weinberg



Commissioner-elect
Michael Stern



AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER

2022-2023 Season



Bringing the brightest stars to the City of Excellence!



Tickets at aventuracenter.org
Ticketmaster 877.311.7469
Aventura Box Office
Groups 954.660.6307

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