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## OFFICIAL MESSAGE

FROM VICE MAYOR DENISE LANDMAN

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## GENERAL ELECTIONS

NOVEMBER 8, 2022



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## Message from Vice Mayor Denise Landman

**Mayor**  
Enid Weisman

**Vice Mayor**  
Denise Landman

**Commissioners**  
Rachel S. Friedland  
Billy Joel  
Dr. Linda Marks  
Marc Narotsky  
Robert Shelley

**City Manager**  
Ron Wasson

**Assistant City Manager**  
Bryan Pegues

**City Clerk**  
Ellisa L. Horvath, MMC

**City Attorney**  
Weiss Serota Helfman Cole &  
Bierman

### Directory

Main Number	305-466-8900
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City Clerk Ellisa L. Horvath	305-466-8901
Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Jeff Kiltie, General Manager	305-466-8002
ACES Charter School Dr. Anthony Tyrkala, Principal	305-466-1499
Community Development Keven Klopp, Director	305-466-8940
Community Services Kimberly Merchant, Director	305-466-8930
DSAHS Charter School Geoff Mckee, Principal	786-481-3032
Finance Melissa Cruz, Director	305-466-8920
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Public Works/Transportation Joseph S. Kroll, Director	305-466-8970

It's hard to believe that almost eight years have passed since I was first sworn in as your commissioner. As I prepare for my final weeks in office, I would like to reflect on how far we have come – united in our mission with the entire Commission – to adapt and evolve just as our city and residents have done.



Due to expanded educational opportunities and the opening of our very own Don Soffer Aventura High School (DSAHS) in addition to the existing Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES), Aventura has become a younger city, with many more families moving in. To keep up with this trend and the needs of our residents, our city offers programming for all ages and across a variety of interests. From sports in our parks to theatre in the Arts and Cultural Center, to after-school tutoring, yoga at Founders Park or the many activities offered at our Community Recreation Center, Aventura has something for everyone – from the toddler to the grandparent.

This year, we are also building pickleball courts and additional tennis courts to ensure we keep up with the demand for these sports, which encourage a healthy lifestyle and allow our residents to spend time outdoors.

Our youth council, which was started to engage future leaders in our community, continues to impress, taking on meaningful projects year after year as they seek to improve and enhance the quality of life in our community for generations to come.

Many of the members come from DSAHS, a school that we founded with the outgoing commission, united in our mission to find innovative solutions for educational choices. This year, our first school grade was issued, and I'm proud to say that we've set the bar high earning an "A" and will continue to expect nothing less.

Over the past eight years, sustainability has been a priority. We have found ways to increase recycling opportunities throughout the city and worked hard to maintain all infrastructure that protects our community from sea level rise. We've also created two micro-transit solutions with our bicycle-sharing program and Freebee, an on-demand electric ride-sharing service in an effort to reduce traffic and carbon emissions.

Most importantly, we've done it all without ever raising taxes. Aventura has maintained the lowest tax rate in South Florida.

It has been an incredible honor to serve this city for eight years, side-by-side with formidable colleagues. I truly believe we accomplished great things together and I look forward to staying involved and supporting our next Commission in the years to come.

## Calendar Highlights

### City Events

- October 29 Halloween Movie Night
- November 11 Veteran's Day

### Arts & Cultural Center Events

- October 8-9 Siudy Flamenco: A Dos
- October 11 Aventura International Film Series
- October 15-16 Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: Classical & Neoclassical Ballets
- October 21 Rose Max and Ramatis Moraes
- October 22 Negroni's Trio

### 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](http://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 September



Aventura PD in the Childhood Cancer Awareness Parade



Share the Road Community Bike Event



Girls & Boys Soccer Opening Day

The City of Aventura presents

# MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, October 29

## Minions: The Rise of Gru

Art Projects • Trunk or Treat • Photo Opportunities  
Food Trucks • Goodie Bags • Inflatables • DJ • Costume Parade

Founders Park 3105 N.E. 190 Street  
Park Opens at 5:00 PM • Movie starts at 7:00 PM

Reserve online at [cityofaventura.com/ors](http://cityofaventura.com/ors)



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THE CITY OF AVENTURA'S 27TH ANNUAL

# FOUNDERS DAY



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022  
NOON - 5PM AT FOUNDERS PARK

3105 NE 190 STREET  
AVENTURA, FL 33180



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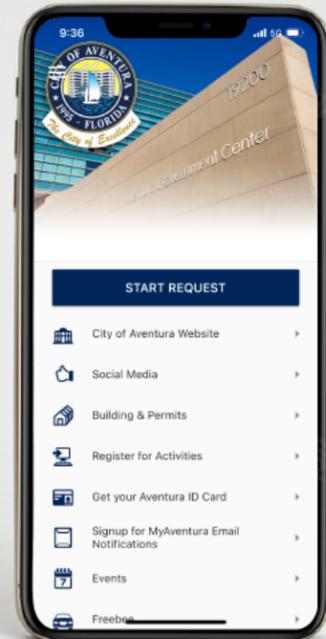


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## CITY OF AVENTURA GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The City of Aventura General Election to elect members to the City Commission is scheduled for November 8, 2022. The Mayor Seat, as well as Commissioner Seats 2, 4, and 6 were open for election. The qualifying period to determine eligibility to be placed on the November ballot was August 15-19, 2022. Following qualifying, the following members were the sole candidates to qualify and, as such, are deemed to be elected by operation of law:

**Mayor-Elect Howard S. Weinberg (Mayor Seat)**  
**Commissioner-Elect Michael Stern (Seat 2)**  
**Commissioner-Elect Paul A. Kruss (Seat 4)**

Those members will be sworn into office on November 15, 2022 and their terms will begin at that time.

An election will be held on November 8, 2022 to determine the Commissioner for Seat 6 on the Commission. The following residents qualified in August to be placed on the ballot:

**Amit Bloom**  
**Alberto Zaltzberg**

City of Aventura residents must be registered to vote by October 11, 2022, in order to participate in the City's Election. Please contact the Miami-Dade County Elections Department to register to vote via phone at 305-499-VOTE (8363) or online at <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/elections/home.page>. Information regarding vote-by-mail ballots, early voting schedule, and checking your current voter information is also available through the Miami-Dade County Elections Department.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructions: To vote, fill in the oval completely ● next to your choice. Use only a black or blue pen.</li> <li>• If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instrucciones: Para votar, rellene completamente el óvalo ● ubicado junto a su selección. Utilice solo un bolígrafo de tinta negra o azul.</li> <li>• Si comete un error, solicite una nueva boleta. No haga tachaduras o es posible que no se cuente su voto.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enstriksyon: Pou vote, ranpli oval la okonplè ● akote chwa w fè a. Itilize sèlman plim nwa oswa ble.</li> <li>• Si w fè yon erè, mande yon nouvo bilten vòt. Pa bife erè a sinon vòt ou a ka pa konte.</li> </ul>

**Aventura - City Commissioner Seat 6**  
**Aventura - Comisionado de la Ciudad Escaño 6**  
**Aventura - Komisyonè Vil la Syèj 6**  
 (Vote for 1 / Vote por 1 / Vote pou 1)

- Amit Bloom 80
- Alberto Zaltzberg 81



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**I'm a ten-year, stage 3 breast cancer survivor. I endured six months of aggressive chemotherapy and several reconstructive surgeries. During this humbling process, I used my three children as motivation to overcome my fight against this disease.**

**“ OFFICER TERESA WILLIAMS**  
 on her fight with breast cancer



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# VETERANS DAY Ceremony

In Honor of All Who Serve and Have Served Our Nation

**NOVEMBER 11, 2022 10 AM**

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