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INTRODUCING THE NEW MAYOR & COMMISSION

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Message from Commissioner Rachel S. Friedland

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Howard S. Weinberg, ESQ.

Vice Mayor

Billy Joel

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Amit Bloom
Rachel S. Friedland
Paul A. Kruss
Dr. Linda Marks
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As we welcome in the holiday season, I know I speak for all of us in the Aventura Government in wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and family-filled time. This is a wonderful time of year to celebrate the blessings we have.



I know the holiday season can be difficult, especially for those who have lost loved ones or are struggling financially. I encourage you to take some time with family or friends this holiday season to do something for someone in need. Whether you invite someone in need to your holiday dinner table, volunteer with one of the many organizations in South Florida which serve the homeless, or donate toys to a worthwhile charity which will make sure they end up with a child who would otherwise go without, take the time to embrace the season of giving.

I am excited to tell you that as this year comes to an end, the Aventura Brightline station will soon be open, offering our residents the opportunity to reach downtown Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and Palm Beach without the burden of fighting traffic. Soon enough, Orlando will join the list of destinations as well. We are so excited to have this new transit option available for our community.

Finally, I want to welcome our new Mayor, Howard Weinberg, and our three new commissioners - Michael Stern, Paul Kruss, and Amit Bloom to the Aventura Commission. While most people are used to politicians fighting, our commission embraces collaboration, compromise, and ideas over ideology. Along with Commissioners Joel and Marks, the seven of us are committed to working together to make Aventura live up to its moniker as The City of Excellence. I couldn't be more proud to serve with such a dedicated group of public servants and wish all of our residents a happy and healthy year ahead.

Calendar Highlights

City Events

December 6	Winter Wonderland
December 18	Hanukkah Begins
December 24 & 25	Christmas Eve/Christmas Day
December 31	New Years Eve
January 1	New Years Day

Arts & Cultural Center Events

December 8	Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida: The Nutcracker Gala Event
December 13	Hit The Road
December 16	Andrea Bocelli Christmas Tribute

Visit aventuracenter.org for a complete schedule of events

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.



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Community Services



The City of Aventura thanks all who have served and continue to serve in the U.S Armed forces. At Our annual Veterans Day Ceremony, students from ACES and Don Soffer, The Aventura Police Honor Guard, The Boys and Girls Scouts of America, Bulger Richard Garrick and Singer Barry Roberts participated in honoring Our great Veterans while we listened to the families and shared the honorable stories of those who serve our Country. Rabbi Mario Rojzman led both invocation and benediction.

VETERANS DAY

Founders Day

Community Services



The City of Aventura proudly celebrated its 27th anniversary of incorporation on Sunday, November 13th at the annual Founders Day Celebration where 8,617 residents, including our Mayor and Commission as well as members of the community joined the festivities. Special guest Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava took center stage to wish the City a happy birthday. Families enjoyed a beautiful day outdoors participating in fun interactive games and activities, little ones roamed freely at Toddler Town, and many caught the latest game stats while enjoying an array of different foods from the many food trucks parked at the entrance of Founders park. Performers participated in friendly competition at the Aventura STAR talent show where Liza M. took the first-place title of Junior star with her rendition of the song "Diamonds". Isabel C. took the first-place title of Rising Star with her gymnastics routine and the first-place title of Teen Star was given to dancer Celine Q., who performed to "one dance". If you were lucky, you also took a memorable photo with the amazing stilt walkers that stood tall at the park entrance. Overall, amidst the almost 9,000 visitors, 26 attractions and 10 food trucks; it was a fun-filled day. We look forward to next year!



Mayor & Commission



On November 15th, we swore in our new Mayor and Commission, and heard about their vision for Aventura's future! Congratulations and welcome to Mayor Howard S. Weinberg, ESQ., Commissioner Amit Bloom, Commissioner Paul Kruss, and Commissioner Michael Stern!



City of Aventura

Public Works Department

Phase 2



DRAINAGE & BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

NE 34TH AVE FROM W COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE TO NE 213TH ST

What can you expect?

- New Stormwater and drainage
- New Landscaping

EXPECT TRAFFIC DELAYS

The traffic pattern on NE 34th AVE between 207th ST and 213th ST has changed.

- One southbound lane on NE 34th AVE between NE 213th ST and NE 207th ST will be opened
- The Northbound lanes along NE 34th AVE will have traffic going in both directions from Mariners Village to NE 207th ST.

The City recommends using caution in the construction areas during the duration of the project, and seek alternate routes when possible.

How long will these improvements take?

We are currently ahead of schedule on this project.





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Happy Holidays!

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City of Excellence