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The City of Aventura honored Veterans at the Veterans Day Ceremony. The new Mayor and Commission were sworn in. The City's 27th Annual Founders Day welcomed over 8,000 residents. The first Winter Wonderland event was announced.

City Events

January 1	New Years Day
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
February	Share The Road Community Bike Event

Arts & Cultural Center Events

January 7	Can't Get Next to You A Temptations Experience
January 8	Miami International Piani Festival: Julien Libeer
January 10	Lost Illusions Aventura International Film Series

Visit aventuracenter.org for a complete schedule of events



The City of Aventura



Public Notice

City Commission 2023 Meeting Schedule

January Commission Meeting	January 5, 2023	6:00 p.m.
January Commission Workshop	January 19, 2023	9:00 a.m.
February Commission Meeting	February 7, 2023	6:00 p.m.
Special Workshop (Zoning)	February 16, 2023	9:00 a.m.
February Commission Workshop	February 23, 2023	9:00 a.m.
March Commission Meeting	March 7, 2023	6:00 p.m.
March Commission Workshop	March 16, 2023	9:00 a.m.
April Commission Meeting	April 4, 2023	6:00 p.m.
April Commission Workshop	April 20, 2023	9:00 a.m.
May Commission Meeting	May 2, 2023	6:00 p.m.
May Commission Workshop	May 18, 2023	9:00 a.m.
June Commission Meeting	June 6, 2023	6:00 p.m.
June Commission Workshop	June 15, 2023	9:00 a.m.
July Commission Meeting	July 11, 2023	6:00 p.m.
Commission Mtg. (Budget Review)	July 20, 2023	9:00 a.m.
July Commission Workshop	July 20, 2023	Following 9 a.m. Mtg.
August	NO MEETINGS	
September Commission Meeting	September 5, 2023	6:00 p.m.
September Commission Workshop	September 21, 2023	9:00 a.m.
First & Second Budget Hearings	September	TBD
October Commission Meeting	October 3, 2023	6:00 p.m.
October Commission Workshop	October 10, 2023	9:00 a.m.
November Commission Meeting	November 7, 2023	6:00 p.m.
November Commission Workshop	November 16, 2023	9:00 a.m.
December	NO MEETINGS	

All meetings will be held at the Aventura Government Center (19200 West Country Club Drive, Aventura, FL) unless otherwise noted on the applicable agenda. One or more members of the Advisory Boards of the City may participate in these meetings. These meetings are open to the public. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in these meetings because of that disability should contact the office of the City Clerk at 305-466-8501 or cityclerk@cityofaventura.com, not later than two days prior to such proceeding. Anyone wishing to appeal any decision made by the Aventura City Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Agenda items may be viewed online at cityofaventura.com.



On December 15, 2022, Aventura's new Mayor and Commission held their first workshop, discussing new ideas and working together to drive Aventura into a new generation of excellence.

1. A message from Commissioner Dr. Linda Marks
2. A recap from The City's first Winter Wonderland event.
3. Brightline opens new station in Aventura
4. Share The Road Community Bike Event

Message from Commissioner Dr. Linda Marks

Happy 2023. It is hard to believe that the holidays are over and we are beginning a brand new year. Our City Commission and staff are eager to bring you enhanced programming, better communication, more Freebie cars to help you travel throughout Aventura and a myriad of other exciting initiatives including road and park improvements. We are continuously working to make your living and working experiences the best in the entire area.

As we enter this new year, it is important to reflect on the events of the past two years. We should always remember the heroic acts performed by the health care workers who risked their lives every day to ensure our good health and the first responders who selflessly did the same. And then there are the educators who revised their teaching styles to encompass distance learning and then revised them once again, when the students returned to school, in person. And the list goes on and on. From the employees in retail, discount and food stores to the myriad of others in workforce areas too numerous to mention, we came together for the good

of humanity.

Why rehash the events that we would much rather leave behind and never see again? The answer is very simple. The past shapes our future and we must learn how to best use that prior information. I boldly suggest that we should all agree to continuously appreciate the work done by others that makes our City and beyond, a better place. The words, "thank you" never go out of style.

And so I close by asking for your patience as traffic continues to get worse and it takes longer than ever to drive one block, one mile, or through one county. I ask for your encouragement as your Commissioners face the tasks ahead of us to pave the way for the future. I ask for your understanding when we must make decisions that may not please you. And last but not least, I ask for you to refrain from honking your car horn, no matter how angry or impatient you are and then I can assure you, we will know that progress has taken place in our City of Excellence!

Seize the moment, savor each day and find happiness in all of the little things which surround us. Thank you for being our neighbors, constituents, colleagues, friends, caregivers and service providers, to name a few. I am so proud to serve you and to call Aventura my home!



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Howard S. Weinberg, ESQ.

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Billy Joel

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Amit Bloom
Rachel S. Friedland
Paul A. Kruss
Dr. Linda Marks
Michael Stern

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A photograph of a man and a young girl looking upwards at a winter event. The man is on the left, wearing a white t-shirt and glasses hanging from his shirt. The girl is on the right, wearing a green jacket and a red dress. They are surrounded by falling snow and blue and yellow lights in the background.

Winter Wonderland

The City of Aventura held its first Winter Wonderland event to kick-off the holiday season on Tuesday, December 6th at the Government Center. About 900 residents watched as Our Mayor and Commission counted down the lighting of the tree and Menorah. Residents enjoyed sweet treats as snow cascaded down onto childrens faces and tiny performers graced the staged with holiday song and dance.



BRIGHTLINE OPENS NEW STATIONS IN BOCA RATON AND AVENTURA

Elected Officials and Community Leaders joined Brightline for the ribbon cutting and inaugural rides from Boca Raton and Aventura

MIAMI (December 20, 2022) – Brightline, the only provider of modern, eco-friendly, intercity rail in America, along with its partners in Boca Raton, Aventura and Miami-Dade County, celebrate the ribbon cutting of its Aventura and Boca Raton train stations. Congressman Carlos Gimenez and Mayors Daniella Levine Cava, Scott Singer and Howard Weinburg were joined by officials from the City of Boca, the City of Aventura, Miami-Dade County and Brightline executives to officially launch the highly-anticipated opening of the two new stations. The first day of service for Boca Raton and Aventura is December 21, 2022.

The ceremony at Aventura began at noon with remarks by Brightline President Patrick Goddard, Congressman Carlos Gimenez, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, City of Aventura Mayor Howard Weinburg, former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman and Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Second Vice Chair Robert Wolfarth. The ribbon cutting ceremony was followed by a tour of the Aventura station and the inaugural ride from Aventura to MiamiCentral.

Brightline's Aventura station is located at 19796 West Dixie Highway, Miami FL 33180. The Aventura station will allow guests congestion-free travel between all of Brightline's stations with an estimated travel time to MiamiCentral of about 20 minutes. The station will also offer express service between Miami during the peak morning and evening hour commute periods, saving time and stress for commuters. As part of the agreement with Miami-Dade Transit, Brightline guests will have access to discounted rides between Aventura and MiamiCentral through the Brightline website and app. Monthly commuter passes for travel between Aventura and MiamiCentral can be purchased at a discount at the Aventura station guest services desk. Starting in January 2023, discounted commuter passes will be available online or through the app. Brightline's initial schedules for Aventura and

Boca are designed to optimize commuter patterns and will focus on peak morning and evening weekday service. During non-peak hours and weekends, Brightline will provide service approximately every other hour. Regular hourly service will continue in West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and MiamiCentral.

To purchase tickets, visit www.gobrightline.com



"The City of Excellence was among the earliest supporters of Brightline and we are thrilled that the Aventura Station is now a reality. It is a game changer for our community as we embrace our transportation challenges today and into the future."

- Mayor Howard S. Weinberg, Esq.

CITY OF AVENTURA

SHARE THE ROAD BIKE EVENT

TO BE ANNOUNCED

 **FOUNDERS PARK**
3105 NE 190 STREET
AVENTURA, FL 33180



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.



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YOUTH CLASSES

- Young Yogis
- Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Balletland
- Silly Science
- Dance Fusion
- Homework Habitat
- Coding Club
- Art Masters
- Next Level Martial Arts
- Hebrew

YOUTH SPORTS

- Recreational Soccer
- Travel Soccer
- Private Training
- Soccer Tots
- Youth Basketball League
- Tennis

INFANT & TODDLER CLASSES

- Imaginative Play
- Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Sports for Minis
- Balletland
- Wiggles & Squiggles
- Jump & Jive



For a complete list of Recreational Programs and Classes please visit CityofAventura.com/ORS.

ADULT CLASSES

- Artmasters
- Yoga
- Stretching & Strengthening

ADULT SPORTS

- Adult Softball League
- Adult Tennis Clinic
- Yoga at Founders Park
- Zumba at Founders Park



It was a jolly good time at ACES first Winter Wonderland! Students and parents played games, shopped at the outdoor holiday market, and much more. Thank you to the teachers, volunteers and parents who made this event possible.



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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.