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## CITY MANAGER SEARCH RESUMES

Amid questions about his background, candidate **James Beard** of Atlanta, who had been offered the position of City Manager, withdrew his name from consideration. During a City Commission meeting, the Commissioners expressed their dissatisfaction with the selection process and whether the applicants had been fully vetted.

A new search, under the direction of **Dabney "Bud" Park** of **Performance Executive Search** is looking at all viable candidates. Unlike the first search, which shied away from recruitment, Mr. Park is speaking with several candidates who currently hold executive positions such as "City Manager" in other jurisdictions. To remain in compliance with the **Sunshine Law**, Mr. Park is working with City Attorney **Craig Leen** (below). As long as communications remain verbal, there can be privacy. Anything in writing, however, becomes public record. Mr. Park has 60 days to find the right candidate. The City is paying Mr. Park \$25,000, plus an additional \$10,00 if the search is successful.

The GGG feels we have a number of qualified candidates right here in South Florida who should be considered. Rumors of names that are being considered include: **Cathy Swanson** (Hollywood City Mgr.), **George Burgess** (former County Mgr.), **Frank Nero** (former CEO, Beacon Council), **Chip Iglesias** (former Key Biscayne City Mgr.), **Bill Johnson** (Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Director) and **Alyce Robertson** (Dir., Miami Downtown Development Authority).

## CONTROL OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA SHIFTS

A divided Coral Gables City Commission passed an Ordinance that transferred the responsibility of preparing City Commission meeting agendas to the City Clerk, a function that was previously done by the City Manager. **Commissioners Vince Lago, Pat Keon, and Frank Quesada** voted for it, while **Mayor Jim Cason** and **Vice Mayor Bill Kerdyk Jr.** dissented.

Commissioner Lago said this change will now allow City Commissioners, the Mayor, the City Attorney, and the City Manager to put items on the agenda. Before, items proposed discussion items had to go through the City Manager, creating artificial barriers.

## IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

It's that time again. On **Election Day, Tuesday, November 4**, GET OUT AND VOTE for: Governor, cabinet positions, State Representative for Coral Gables (District #114), Property Appraiser, 3 State Constitutional Amendments, and 5 Miami-Dade County questions.

Before Wednesday, October 29th you will be able to request an ABSENTEE BALLOT online until 5:00 PM, at: [iamelectionready.com](http://iamelectionready.com). This absentee ballot must be returned by 7:00 PM on Election Day (11/4).

## TROLLEY GARAGE / RIVIERA FIRE STATION UPDATE

Initial project estimates are \$5M dollars for the enhancement of the Riviera Fire Station (525 S Dixie Highway), and another \$5.2M to add the new trolley facility. The City Commission will be looking into acquiring FEMA funds to help fund the project. The current trolley site on Le Jeune Road must be vacated by April 2015. While the new trolley/fire station is being built, the City will house the trolleys at a Miami-Dade County School District facility near SW 4th Street and SW 70th Avenue.

Plans for the new facility will include a two-story fire department facility, a tower for training (like there is at present), and storage for 16 trolleys with a protective overhang to park another 11 trolleys in the shade. The current fueling station on the site will be modified to provide a wash rack for the trolleys and fire trucks.

You can also VOTE EARLY at the **Coral Gables Public Library** at 3443 Segovia Street, on Monday, October 27th until Friday, November 1st from 11 AM to 7 PM, and on Saturday and Sunday, November 1st & 2nd, 8 AM-4 PM.

For more information, call 305 499 8683.





# GGG RECEPTION WELCOMES INTERIM POLICE CHIEF ED HUDAK

At an exclusive members-only gathering hosted by **The Palace at Coral Gables** on September 30th, GGG met and welcomed Major **Ed Hudak**, now Coral Gables Interim Police Chief. Chief Hudak spoke about the Department's plans to address the City's concern over the crime rate, especially robberies and burglaries. Standing behind Chief Hudak, L-R: GGG Vice Presidents **Evelyn Budde** and **Enrique Lopez**, President-Elect **Debbie Swain**, and Board Member **Richard Leslie**).



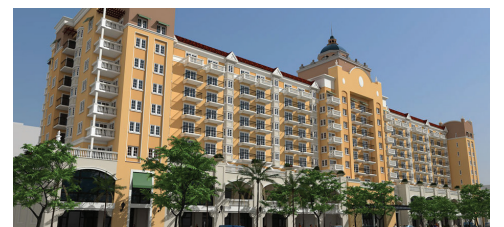
Chief Hudak reported to the members that he and his staff, and the entire department were committed to protecting the citizens of Coral Gables and their property. He has already assigned more officers to neighborhood patrols, and is anticipating the graduation of new cadets from the Police Academy to bolster the force, which has been short almost twenty officers for some time. The Chief intends to interact with the public at every possible occasion and to aggressively support grass-roots efforts like Crime Watch. Reception attendees departed at evening's end feeling that a new day was beginning in relationship to crime prevention.



Ginger Jochem | Art Torno | Jeannett Slesnick | John Allen | Evelyn Budde



Ana Baixauli | Martin Mendiola | Maria Prieto



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### ANNUAL DUES

\$50 Member (household)

\$250 Sponsor/Advertiser

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GGG was organized to support issues and causes that preserve and improve the quality of life in Coral Gables and promote the effective and efficient management of its government.

## WE WELCOMED NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

- Volker & Erin Anding • Ellen Joyce Berger
- Robert & Pat Berman • Ronald Canizares
- Jess & Hilda Lawhorn • Mark & Vickie Meranda
- Huber & Phillis Parsons • Olga Ramudo
- Wayne & Deborah Russell • Dorothy Stein
- The Palace • Jack & Dorothy Thomson





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Helen Shaham | Chief Hudak | Jacob Shaham



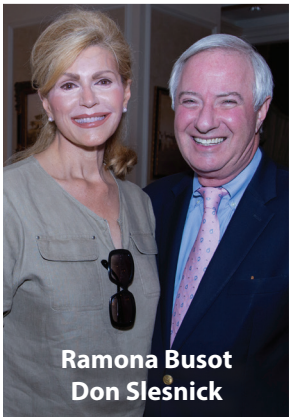
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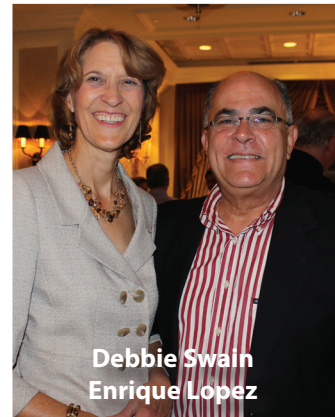
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Jill Anding  
Tara Finley | Ginger Jochem



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Don Slesnick



Linda Dixie | Jeannett | Edwina Prime



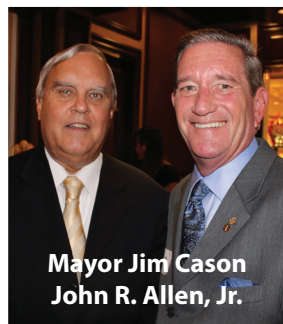
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Juan Parada  
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Wayne & Deborah Russell



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Yolanda Aguilar  
Dade Co. Deputy Mayor  
Alina Hudak





# LOCAL PROMOTIONS, HONORS, MILESTONES, AND REMEMBRANCES

Here are a few of the latest local job changes, hires, promotions, awards, and other milestones:



**Marielena Villamil** was honored by the **American Cancer Society** as one of their **Inner Circle of 12** on October 24th. This award recognizes outstanding women for their leadership, volunteerism, and philanthropy in our community.

The **Coral Gables Bar Association** has appointed a new Board for 2014-15. Yalie **Blake S. Sando**, a partner with **Cole Scott & Kissane, PA** is President. President-Elect is **Andres Correa**, Treasurer: is **William Sussman**, Secretary is **Jorge Fors, Jr.**, and Immediate Past President is **Kayla Riera-Gomez**. The Coral Gables Bar holds monthly membership mixers on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at venues around Coral Gables.



Congratulations to **Cory Eichhorn**, who has joined the firm of **Holland & Knight** as a partner. Previously, he was a shareholder with **Greenberg Traurig**. Cory's a Gator who received his J.D. from UM School of Law.



Congratulations to **Baptist Health South Florida's Phillis Oeters**, featured in the new WPBT series **MAKERS: Women Who Make America** (Tuesdays at 9 PM 9/30-11/4).

**Rotary Club of Coral Gables** President **Carlos Bolado** presented **Rotary Brickell Miami** with a check to support Brickell's **Lotus House** proj-

ect, which will receive a matching district grant.



**Lotus House Shelter** serves homeless women and children in Miami's historic Overtown area.



Congratulations to **Northern Trust Bank** South Region President **Ed Joyce** who was honored by the **South Florida Business Journal** as one of their **2014 Ultimate CEOs**.

Congratulations to **Donna Abood**, **Beacon Council** Chair for 2014-15. Donna has been an active member of The Beacon Council since 1985.



Former Gables Mayor **Dorothy Thomson** is serving as the President of the **Women's Guild of UM** this year. Recently, at a members event there was a presentation by **Joe Natoli** (UM Senior VP for Business and Finance and CFO ) on the **new UM Health Center**. The Women's Guild raises money to sponsor scholarships for women who are continuing their education. Speaking of women continuing their education, after raising 4 kids and being out of UM for 50 years, Dorothy returned and got her degree!



On October 14, at its 16th annual **Breakfast for Champions**, CCDH, Inc. awarded **Max Mogul** the MEGHAN HILL SPIRIT AWARD. Max is son of

**United Way of Miami's CEO Harve Mogul** (pictured below), and the late **Alesia Cruchley**



**Mogul**, a long-time advocate for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

**Claudine Claus** and **John R. Allen, Jr.** of **Home Financing Center** presented Miami Children's Hospital with a check for \$100,000. The opportunity was presented to Claudine by John and his wife Renee, who have served on the MCH President's Cabinet. The E.R. Lounge will be named in recognition of the donation.



## IN REMEMBRANCE . . .

We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of **Kathy Gaubatz**. She shared her passion for baroque music with the community as Executive Director of the **Miami Bach Society** for almost twenty years, founding the **Tropical Baroque Music Festival** in 2000. She was also one of the 'saviors' of the **Gifford Arboretum** at the University of Miami.



A memorial service was held at Plymouth Congregational Church on Monday, October 13. Her family asks that donations be made to The Miami Bach Society in her memory: [miamibachsociety.org](http://miamibachsociety.org)





## MOMENTUM2: COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

There is a **new health center** coming to the UM's Coral Gables campus. Thanks to a \$50M dollar naming gift by builders **The Lennar Corporation** via their **The Lennar Foundation**, the new **LENNAR FOUNDATION MEDICAL CENTER** will begin delivering the premier services of the **Miller School of**



**Medicine**, including specialty care by the renowned **Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center** and **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute** (ranked the No. 1 eye hospital in the nation for the past 11 years), starting in 2016. A 200,000 sq. ft. ambulatory center will provide easy access to **UHealth's** leading physicians for students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community. The facility will also include out-patient surgery (for simple procedures so patients don't need to travel to Jackson), men's and women's health, physical therapy, diagnostic imaging, radiation oncology, and other UHealth subspecialties.

West of the Bank United Center, the LEED-certified outpatient facility, designed by architects **Perkins+Will**, will be located at 5550 Ponce de Leon Boulevard. The center will be connected to an adjacent 1,000-space parking garage by a covered pedestrian bridge.



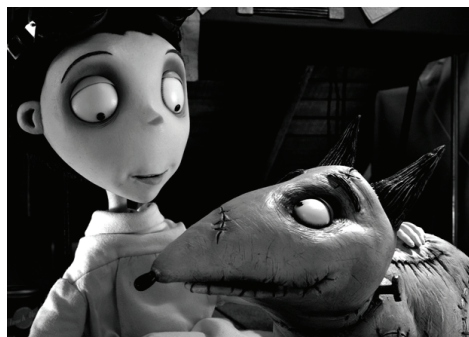
For more photos, an aerial view, and a site plan, visit [uhealthsystem.com/locations/coralgables](http://uhealthsystem.com/locations/coralgables).

## HALLOWEEN HOEDOWN

The **Edible Community Gardens Project** has partnered with The Merrick House to host a series of fun community events entitled **SUNDAYS ON THE PORCH WITH GEORGE**. This **Sunday, October 26th, 1-4 PM**, they are hosting a **Halloween Hoedown** complete with costume contest, pumpkin contest (bring your pre-carved entry, and scarecrow contest, as well as food (the Fire Dept.'s famous BBQ + Zombie Ice food truck), live music and line dancing, fire safety tips, and activities for kids. All free at 907 Coral Way, so dress up your little superhero and come on down!



## FAMILY DAY AT GABLES CINEMA



Family Day on Aragon (Every second Saturday of the month) returns to the Gables Cinema with **Tim Burton's FRANKENWEENIE** in 3D on Saturday & Sunday, 11/8-9, at 11AM both days. Tickets are just \$5 for everyone.

Tickets at [movietickets.com](http://movietickets.com) or call:  
**786.385.9689** | 250 ARAGON AVENUE  
[gablescinema.com](http://gablescinema.com) @GablesCinema

## "MURDER BALLAD" AT ACTORS' PLAYHOUSE



Book by **Julia Jordan** Music by **Juliana Nash**  
October 8-November 2, 2014

A hit off-Broadway just last season! A Lower East Side Bar and a love triangle gone wrong. "A hot and sticky rock opera . . . of illicit love, lust and betrayal" - **Variety**

Actors' Playhouse At The Miracle Theatre  
**305.444.9293** | 280 MIRACLE MILE  
[actorsplayhouse.org](http://actorsplayhouse.org) @APMiracle

## SAVE THE DATE 11/30 FOR THE J.O.B. PARADE

The signature event of the **Junior Orange Bowl** International Youth Festival is a 66-year tradition created especially for kids and it's perfect for families. Featuring marching bands, colorful floats, community groups, and creative performances, this year's "Route 66" theme will be a dazzling spectacle that is not to be missed: Thanksgiving weekend, Sunday, 11/30 at 5:30 PM in downtown Coral Gables.

