



Hometown News

Race To The Fourth — on Independence Day!

We recently celebrated and recognized our current active and retired military men and women with our love and gratitude at Homestead's Military Appreciation Day. On Memorial Day, we pause and remember our military who have died serving our country whether fighting in a war or maintaining the protective boundaries in deployment.

On June 14, Flag Day, Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The U.S. Flag is an enduring, living symbol of our independence and is proudly flown to announce that pride and appreciation for our country and those who serve it.

As our nation's 238th birthday draws near, Americans will gather to celebrate freedom and reaffirm their belief in justice and the nation's unity. July 4, 1776, our independence was declared and life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were proclaimed for all Americans. I am ready to revel with my fellow Homesteaders and visitors alike.



Where, you ask? At the Homestead-Miami Speedway of course, for the City of Homestead's 5th Annual Race to the Fourth celebratory event. Last year, this event provided entertainment and fireworks to over 13,000 folks. We expect over 17,000 to attend this year. Why? Who doesn't love a great big birthday party? The guest of honor is our great nation.

On Friday, July 4, 2014, 6—10 p.m., the gates of Homestead-Miami Speedway will be open for you to enter absolutely free. There is no cost to allow your children to enjoy fun and games, while you all are entertained by live music, vendors, food and beverages and a big shebang of fireworks.



As Chairwoman of the City's Parks & Recreation Department, I will be sitting down with my team from Parks & Recreation, Homestead Police, and Homestead-Miami Speedway as we layout the plans for another huge, safe party in Homestead.

Tickets to the Champions Club program will go on sale at the Homestead Parks & Recreation Department,



350 SE 6th Avenue, Homestead, FL 33030, 305-224-4570. These tickets are limited and, if history repeats itself, will sell out very quickly. The Champions Club celebration includes VIP parking at the Speedway, food and soft drinks, and a "driver seat" view of the spectacular fireworks show under air conditioning. All this is available for \$20—ages 13 and up; \$10—ages 7-12; and a free ticket in hand for ages 6 and under. Plus, there will be a ceremony for military honorees. For those who attended the Champions Club for the first time, they swore it would become their annual venue for celebrating the holiday.



This event has become a welcomed, anticipated tradition for my family, friends, and colleagues. I hope to see you there—bring an umbrella and rain coat just in case. The fireworks show may vary depending on the weather.

"It is the love of country that has lighted and that keeps glowing the holy fire of patriotism."~J. Horace McFarland

CITY OF HOMESTEAD—News and Events!

Visions of Revitalized Downtown: Homestead residents voted on May 13. The result? A new building for our police and completion of our Seminole Theatre. Our City Manager and his staff worked long hours and gave numerous presentations to inform you, the voters; ensuring you had all the necessary information to make your choice. What is next? City Hall comes first with dirt (coral) flying by the end of summer, once we have approved bids. The Seminole Theatre will then begin the process of renovation and completion, which should go relatively quickly. The police should be in their temporary “home-base” at the Homestead Sports Complex by the end of this fiscal year, with plans in the works for a site and blueprint for their future permanent home. Next on the drawing board—the Iconic Attraction, followed by a parking garage. I am over-the-moon excited about the future of our downtown and our city. Proud to be a Homesteader and grateful to our residents for the support!



Councilwoman Judy Waldman

**“Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all!
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.”~John Dickinson**

SUMMER CAMP 2014

Information:
 Location: Keys Gate Charter School
 2355 SE 28th Avenue
 Homestead, FL 33035
 Dates: June 9th - August 1st
 Ages: 6 to 14
 Normal Camp Hours: 7am-4pm

Registration/Fees:
 Fee: \$10.00 Registration
 \$90 per week/per child
 Camp Hours: 7am-4pm
 Registration: May 1st 2014 @
 350 Se 6th Avenue
 Homestead FL 33030
 Time: 9am - 5pm

Additional Information:
 Free Breakfast and Lunch will be served daily Field Trips and Sports Activities
 Registration Forms Can be downloaded at www.cityofhomestead.com

City of Homestead’s Summer Camp: It is hard to believe summer break is just around the corner. The City’s Parks & Recreation Department has created a mini-vacation for you and the kids! The camp, for ages 6-14, takes place at the Keys Gate Charter School on 2355 SE 28th Avenue from 7 a.m.—6 p.m., June 9—August 1, 2014. Registration is \$10 and the \$90 per week per child includes breakfast and lunch and is complete with field trips, activities, and good old fashioned fun. May 1st opened registration so be sure to get to Parks & Recreation (350 SE 6th Avenue—305-224-4570) as soon as you can.

EVENTS

Homestead Main Street’s Mango Mania — promoting our local restaurants and bars	June 1-30
Shavuot	June 4-5
Watercolors beneath the surface-Tom Weinkle Biscayne National Park Dante Fascell Center-FREE	June 6-Sept. 7 9 a.m.-5p.m.
Meet the Artist Tom Weinkle reception-Biscayne National Park Dante Fascell Visitor Center—FREE	June 8 1—3 p.m.
Pentecost	June 8
City of Homestead Parks & Recreation Summer Camp—Keys Gate Charter School; 305-224-4570	June 9-August 1 7 a.m.—6 p.m.
ArtSouth’s Creative Arts Summer Camp-Miami Dade College Homestead Campus; 305-247-9406	June 16-Aug. 8 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
Flag Day	June 14
Father’s Day	June 15
National Picnic Day—a great day to visit our National Parks or our City Parks and enjoy a picnic	June 18
Summer Solstice	June 21

SOUTH DADE SENIOR HIGH—TRIPLE CHAMPS!

Congratulations to my alma mater for the third time this school year! The baseball team followed the coattails of the football and wrestling teams bringing home another championship title for the school. Unbelievable history-making group of athletes for sure!

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