



Hometown News

HONORING U.S. ARMED FORCES



Please join



Councilwoman Judy Waldman

for a very special

Annual Veterans Day Service

Palms Woodlawn Cemetery
(under the flagpole)

27100 Old Dixie Highway
Monday, November 10, 2014
4 p.m.

The service will begin at 4 p.m.
to honor the Veterans of
yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Following the ceremony,
everyone will place a flag at each
military gravesite.

Flags will be provided.



Every Veterans Day, I hold a small service to bring people together and remember those who have fought for the freedoms we have today. At the end of the ceremony, everyone transports bundles of flags and places one at each tombstone of a veteran laid to rest. Palms Woodlawn Cemetery at 27100 Old Dixie Highway is a very special place for me. This is the gravesite for so many of our U.S. military, including my father, Wyatt Abshire.

My daddy served as a gunner on a ship in the U.S. Navy. He became 100% disabled when the strap on a

machine gun snapped and severed an artery in his left arm. My family relocated in 1960 from Kentucky to Homestead because of the Homestead Air Reserve Base and their full veterans hospital. It is because of my dad that I strive to make a difference whenever possible in the lives of the military and their families that support them.

This year, as last year, we will hold the Veterans Day service at 4 p.m. on November 10, the day before Veterans Day. This is to allow those who visit their loved ones on Veterans Day to embrace the blanket of U.S. flags covering the cemetery floor. It truly is a sight to behold. We then pick up the flags on Wednesday to reserve for use each year.

The VFW Post 4127, the American Legion Post 43, and the Boy Scouts will be joining me to mark the graves. We will lead with invocation, The Homestead Police Explorers Color Guard, Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem sung by Katelyn Bourke. Please stop by to be a part of this special service as I promise you will be moved.

Join Us in Honoring All Who Served

VETERANS DAY
November 11, 2014

Join VFW Post 4127 and
American Legion Post 43 Commanders
as we salute America's Veterans,
Active Duty Military and their families

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY
11:00 AM ~ Losner Park
*Honoring all those who served in
The United States Armed Forces*

VETERANS DAY PARADE
12:00 NOON
along Krome Avenue to Campbell Drive

For applications
to enter parade contact:
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On Veterans Day—November 11—our local VFW Post 4127 and American Legion Post 43 will host a ceremony saluting America's Veterans, Active Duty Military and their families in Losner Park at 11 a.m. Following, at noon, the Veterans Day parade will begin at Mowry Drive and Krome Avenue and proceed north to Campbell, along Krome. I always look forward to this event and am grateful to the VFW and American Legion for organizing and funding this event each year so that we may never forget! I hope to see you there!

"My heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place—police, firefighters, and members of our armed forces." —Sidney Sheldon

CITY OF HOMESTEAD—News and Events!

VOTE YES ON 1

Vote Nov. 4 County Election: I cannot stress enough the importance of exercising the 15th Amendment—right to vote! Early voting began October 20 and will continue to November 2. If you are prepared and research the ballot before you get there, your time at the polls will be greatly diminished. Visit www/miamidade.gov/elections for more information on what you need, where to go, and view a sample ballot.

As a Homestead resident, mother, grandmother, city official, and visionary of the Biscayne-Everglades Greenway for the past 12 years, I have every reason in the world to vote YES on Amendment 1. The 42-mile loop Greenway is coming to life. The support we have on every level is overwhelming. All that is left are the funds to build it.

This amendment will NOT have any affect on your taxes. It will however help protect and restore Florida's water quality, provide funding for land conservation, support Florida's economy, and protect private property rights and farming. VOTE YES!

NASCAR in Homestead:

Most people in Homestead and in the race world think of



NASCAR when we think of Thanksgiving. The Championship series leads us into the start of our holiday. This year is even more exciting than ever because there are new rules to determine the season's winner. There is no busier week at our Homestead-Miami Speedway than NASCAR's Champion Series. Residents in Homestead enjoy the company and on November 12, The Speedway's RV campgrounds start filling up. On Thursday, November 13, I hope to see you at the 3rd Annual Championship Taste held at the Chalet Village. This is such a fun night filled with the crème-de-la-crème of local restaurants' menus, celebrity chefs, and a silent auction. The food and beverage are more satisfying knowing it is for a good cause. All proceeds go to fund the Speediatrics Unit at Homestead Hospital, a special ER care unit just for kids in a motorsports theme and frequented by NASCAR drivers during Championship week! So be on the lookout! Friday is the Camping World Truck Series Ford EcoBoost 200 Race, Saturday is Nationwide Series Ford EcoBoost 300 and the FREE BURGER BRAWL in downtown Homestead where our local restaurants battle for the title



of Best Burger in Homestead. Finally on Sunday, we find out who is champion of the Sprint Cup Series Ford EcoBoost 400!

EVENTS

Churches of Homestead Family Day, 27500 Old Dixie; 305-804-7607	Nov. 1 9am-5pm
Chapman Partnership Gala, JW Marriott Marquis, 305-329-3066	Nov. 1 7 pm
WeCare Western Bonanza, Rancho Victoria, \$40; 305-247-9693	Nov. 7 7 pm
Youth Fishing Foundation Festival/Gold Cup Tournament at Black Point Park Pavilion; kidfish@bellsouth.net	Nov. 8 9-11:30 am
Councilwoman Waldman's Veterans Day Service at Palms Woodlawn Cemetery, FREE	Nov. 10 4 pm
VFW 4127 and American Legion 43 Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade—Losner Park, FREE	Nov. 11 11 am Parade 12 pm
Veterans Day	Nov. 11
3rd Annual Championship Taste, Chalet Village at Homestead-Miami Speedway, 305-224-4454 for tickets.	Nov. 13 6 pm
NASCAR's Championship Races—Homestead-Miami Speedway	Nov. 14 Nov. 15 Nov. 16
Main Street Speedfest Burger Brawl, Downtown Homestead-Losner Park, FREE	Nov. 15 6 pm
THANKSGIVING	Nov. 27



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"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting" - Franklin D. Roosevelt

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