



Hometown News



6th Annual Homestead Bike Festival

I believe that one of the best qualities of the City of Homestead is its connection to nature and our National Parks. I am not alone in my belief – outdoor enthusiasts, legislators, and citizens have all supported me in realizing the dream that is the Biscayne-Everglades Greenway (BEG). This trail would connect our two national parks in a 42-mile bike loop and cement our community's dedication to sustainable and citizen-focused development.

I'm happy that I can help the community support the BEG in the 6th Annual Bicycle Festival on March 22nd. This is a great family-friendly event that gets people out into nature and involved in building community. This year, the Bicycle Festival will have two ride options – an 11 mile ride from the Speedway to Biscayne National Park and back, and a 42-mile loop from the Speedway to Biscayne National Park, Everglades National Park, and back. What better way is there to explore

our beautiful city while getting some exercise? This is a ride designed for cyclists of all levels. There will be water provided along the route, and a guide for those who are interested.

Don't have a bike? We can help you! Call Parks and recreation at 305-224-4570 by Monday, March 16 to reserve a rental bike.

No matter how you do it, attending this event is a clear measure of your support for the BEG. I know that there is a demand for safe and beautiful bike routes in our city, and attending the Bike Festival is the perfect way to meet other people who are civic-minded, environmentally-conscious, and interested in building a better Homestead through green initiatives. Not to mention tons of fun!

And of course, if you see me there, please come say hello! I'm always happy to connect and hear your ideas on how we can achieve this dream together.



BIKE FESTIVAL: March 22, 2015 – Registration begins at 8 AM. For more information, visit <http://www.cityofhomestead.com/bikefestival>

“Thanks to this initiative, we can all enjoy a safe, scenic route through one of our greatest national treasures.” -Former Rep. Joe Garcia, April 16, 2015

CITY OF HOMESTEAD—News and Events!

Judy's Closet - Give Girls the Gift of Prom

Judy's Closet is a project I started several years ago. I came up with the idea when I attended an event hosted by the Mexican American Council. At the event I met many women of all ages who were migrant workers and wanted to better not only their lives, but also the future of their families. These women had gone back to school. They were celebrating their graduation. As I talked to the women, I quickly realized that they were anxious to start their new future but had neither clothes to wear for work nor work related interviews.

As I became more and more involved with MAC, I saw that these families wanted their children to go to school, stay in school, and participate in normal school activities. However, their young girls couldn't do that because they did not have the proper clothing to attend prom and homecoming events. So I called my girlfriends and asked them to donate clothing that was new or gently used. The response was huge, and I'm touched to say that the project continues to grow in response to the needs of our community.

Not only do we continue to help the migrant community, but we now supply clothing to women of Domestic Violence. These women often go to shelters with nothing but the clothes on their back. Judy's Closet provides them with the clothing they need and helps them to have the confidence they need to find employment to provide for themselves and their children.

When women need my help, they contact me through my office. I have a handful of big-hearted volunteers who meet the women at the closet location and let them select whatever they need, no questions asked. We are there with open arms to help anyone in need.

Judy's Closet has opened many doors for women in our community and I am very proud to have been a part of it. Our doors are open for donations and they are always greatly appreciated. So as you go through your closets this prom season, won't you consider donating your gently used formal gowns (or work clothing) to the members of our community who need them most? Help us make Homestead a more welcoming community. Contact my office for details.

JUDY'S CLOSET: Contact the office of Judy Waldman at 305-224-4454.



Councilwoman Judy Waldman

"You must expect great things of yourself before you can do them." - Michael Jordan

EVENTS

Bayfront Challenge Triathlon; Homestead Bayfront Park; 305-303-3545	Mar. 1 5 am
MDC 27th In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony; Coral Gables Country Club; \$65; 305-755-7804	Mar. 5 6 pm
Everglades National Park 5th Annual Vintage Day Celebration; 305-242-7700; Take Homestead National Parks Trolley from Losner Park	Mar. 7 10 am — 3 pm
Ford: The Car, The Culture; 30725 S. Federal Hwy.; Free	Mar. 7 11 am — 10 pm
Miss Homestead Scholarship Foundation Pageant; \$15, Homestead Sr. High School	Mar. 7 7 pm
Daylight Savings Time — (Spring forward 1 hour)	Mar. 8
Family Fun Fest; Biscayne National Park—FREE—Take Homestead National Parks Trolley from Losner Park	Mar. 8 1-4 pm
Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava Homestead office hours; 305-375-5218 for appointment	Mar. 11
Spring Bazaar Flea Market; Homestead Community Center-1601 N. Krome Ave.; 305-245-4934	Mar. 14 8 am — 3 pm
Homestead Main Street's Mardi Gras Parade & Crawfish Boil; Losner Park—Historic Downtown Homestead; 305-323-6564	Mar. 14 5—10 pm; Parade at 6 pm
Woman's Club of Homestead Fashion Show; 17905 SW 292 Street; \$40; 305-230-1780	Mar. 14 11 am
St. Patrick's Day	Mar. 17
Lauren's Kids Walk in My Shoes 2015; start at MUJER 27112 S. Dixie Hwy; 305-247-1388	Mar. 17 10 am
6th Annual Biscayne-Everglades Greenway Bike Festival; Homestead-Miami Speedway; 305-224-4570	Mar. 22 8 am
The Legends of Motown Starring Horizon; 28401 SW 167 Avenue; 786-390-3320	Mar. 22 2:30 pm
One Night in the Tropics—TREC; \$90; 305-246-7000	Mar 27 5:30-9 pm

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