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Happy New Year

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Economic Development 2022: Year in Review Year End Video



Miami Beach Business Spotlight Story: Celmas Dry Cleaners

This month we highlight a staple in the Mid-Beach community, Celmas Dry Cleaners. Learn more about this successful recipient of the City of Miami Beach Emergency Small Business Reimbursement Grant, with the support of the City of Miami Beach Economic Development Department.

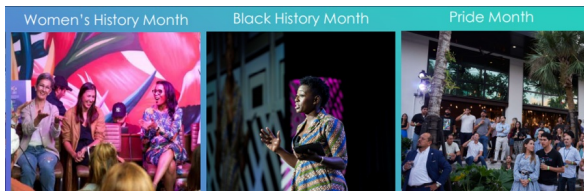
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Miami Beach Welcomes Pretium

The City of Miami Beach is thrilled to announce investment management firm Pretium has announced plans to open an office at Deco Capital Group's Eighteen Sunset, a Class A office building being constructed at 1769 Purdy Avenue in Miami Beach.



To read more click [here](#)



Tech Thought-Leadership Series 2023

eMerge Americas is partnering with Miami Beach to produce a series of forums targeted at diverse startups, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, financial services leaders and influencers interested in starting/expanding a business in Miami Beach or investing in a Miami Beach business. The 2023 series will focus and

shine a light on diverse founders and their success stories as a means to connect, learn and grow the tech business community in Miami Beach. The next forum is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Stay tuned for more information.

Miami Beach Supports Small Business 2023

Small-business owners love what they do, and they play an important role in supporting their local communities. By supporting a small business, we support the local community. Miami Beach is actively encouraging our residents, visitors and tourists to spend their money here in Miami Beach and help stimulate our economy and keep business booming. Small businesses help to create and sustain jobs as well as keep our neighborhoods vibrant and bustling with patrons near and far.



Five Useful New Year Business Tips

Please click [here](#) to view five useful business tips for you to implement in the New Year.



Love 41st Street

The Mayor's 41st Street Committee created a campaign, in partnership with the City of Miami Beach, to encourage business owners and their patrons to love 41st Street by being more proactive in cleaning their storefront, reporting issues and appreciating their commercial corridor. Businesses are putting the flyers in their store windows and social media to inspire and in solidarity to make 41st Street more attractive. Click [here](#) for a printable copy.



iConnections Global Alts '23 Conference

Miami Beach will be participating in the iConnections Global Alts '23 conference, Monday, January 30 – Thursday, February 2, 2023, in the Fontainebleau Miami Beach Hotel. The conference attracts thousands of leading financial services leaders, allocators and fund managers where they discuss investments, finance, politics and economics and their impact on the market.

Miami Beach will have a sponsorship presence to connect with the iConnections community and encourage investment and development in Miami Beach.

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Business Resources

Hello Alice Small Business Grants

In partnership with GEN, the Small Business Growth Fund provides the capital high-growth small business owners need to make their next big move. Each recipient will receive a \$25,000 grant, provided by

Mastercard, to accelerate their growth and achieve their goals in 2023.

Click [here](#) to view grant requirements and to apply.



IFundWomen First Strides Grant Program

Together with iFundWomen, Johnnie Walker is continuing to fund, mentor, and champion trailblazing women-owned businesses by awarding 10 businesses each with a \$10,000 grant.

Click [here](#) to view grant requirements and to apply.



Feed the Soul Foundation Cohort Program

Funding for the Restaurant Business Development Program (RBDP) provided by external corporations with vested interest in the creation and sustainability of businesses owned and operated by marginalized individuals including, but not limited to, people who identify as Black, Indigenous, Latinx, formerly incarcerated, LGBTQIA+ and senior citizens.

Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2023. Click [here](#) to view grant requirements and to apply.

Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce Small Business Meet Up Webinar January 10, 2023

With the rapid pace of things changing for small businesses, we invite you to join the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce for your chance to meet other business owners, talk strategy, and get the latest on resources for small businesses.

Click [here](#) to register.



Elevate District 5 - BizHack Cohort

Applications are now open for the third cohort of Commissioner Higgins' partnership with BizHack "How to Find Customers Online". The course is an in-depth digital marketing training and personalized coaching for up to 40 businesses in District 5.

"How to Find Customers Online" is a free 7-week course that focuses on practical skills and strategy in online lead generation.

The course is part of **Elevate District 5**, Commissioner Higgins' comprehensive recovery and growth plan that utilizes data and feedback to create, leverage, and expand existing small business programs and tools to support and strengthen small businesses in District 5. The program is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), President Biden's plan to provide direct relief to Americans and rescue the economy.

[Apply here](#). Courses start January 19, 2023.

Scale Up D5 Program

Are you ready to scale your business? Commissioner Higgins is launching the **Scale Up D5 Program** in partnership with The Idea Center at Miami Dade College as part of the Elevate D5 initiative. Scale Up D5 is a hands-on business training program developed with one goal in mind: get you and your business ready to SCALE.



The Idea Center at Miami Dade College has trained more than 200 business owners in our community on how to tackle daily challenges in all the areas of operations, including marketing, finance, and strategy. Business owners will apply the learnings to their business with the guidance and support of specialized business advisors. In addition, business owners will have the opportunity to present their learnings and **compete for a \$5,000 prize** towards your business.

The 8-week program starts on January 24, 2023, in English and Spanish. Applications can be found [here](#).

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Miami Beach Convention Center

Advanced Therapies Week January 17 - 23, 2023

By bringing the industry together, Advanced Therapies Week offers a unique opportunity to reflect upon the successes and failures from the last 12 months, enabling you to create actionable strategies and find new innovative technologies for the year ahead.

With a focus on commercialization, the event provides the perfect blend of both suppliers and biotechs, who come together to share their technical expertise and ultimately help biotechs advance along their commercialization journey.

Click [here](#) to register.

The Original Miami Beach Antique Show January 19 - 23, 2023

This unique 5-day event is a treasure hunt where history, artistry and innovation combine. Shop for all of your antique buying needs – from jewelry, watches, handbags to artwork, home décor and so much more!

For tickets and additional information click [here](#).



Life Time Miami Marathon & Half Expo January 27 - 28, 2023

The Life Time Miami Marathon & Half Expo houses race bib and packet pickup for race weekend. Open and free to the public, this two-day Expo at the Miami Beach Convention Center features Official Race Merchandise and a variety of exhibitors offering the latest and greatest in running footwear, apparel, nutrition and



technology. Participants and visitors alike will encounter engaging experiences and attractions throughout the venue!

Anime Ink Con 2023 January 27 - 29, 2023

Anime Ink Con is the world's first Anime tattoo convention combining all the best parts from the Anime and Tattoo worlds.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).



Forbes Travel Guide Hospitality Training January 30, 2023

The Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority has partnered with Forbes Travel Guide since 2017 to offer free hospitality trainings to both leadership and frontline level employees.

Please click [here](#) to register.

A screenshot of the Forbes Travel Guide Hospitality Training registration page. The top section features a banner image of a beach at sunset with a yellow lifeguard stand. Below the banner, the text "FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE HOSPITALITY TRAINING" is displayed. The date "MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH" is shown. Two training sessions are listed: "LEADERSHIP" (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM) and "FRONT-LINE" (3:30 PM - 4:30 PM). Each session includes a description of the topics to be covered and a "REGISTER" button. A footer note states: "This webinar is available to all hospitality employees free of charge. Register today!"

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eMerge America Thought Leadership Series Announced

The Economic Development Department (EDD) is focused on attracting business to and retaining businesses in Miami Beach. The goal is to develop and provide experiences, incentives and programs that engage founders, business owners, entrepreneurs, investors and startups and market Miami Beach by leveraging partnerships and resources to cultivate meaningful and sustainable relationships.

EDD is partnering with eMerge Americas, a venture-backed platform focused on transforming the Greater Miami area into the tech hubs of the Americas. The partnership will offer to host a fully immersive Thought Leadership Series focused on diversity, equity and inclusion in the technology community.

La Casa, held on November 30, 2022, was the first of the four-part series and created a one-day event for tech founders and investors to connect, converse and collaborate. The remainder of the series will be presented in February, March and June 2023 and will celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion in the tech community.

To explore eMerge Americas, click [here](#) to view the eMerge Magazine.

Tech Beach Retreat Recap

The City of Miami Beach was a proud sponsor of the Tech Beach Retreat conference held on October 27-28, 2022, in the historic Confidante Hotel in the heart of Miami Beach. *Tech Beach Retreat* is a leading global ecosystem builder, founded in the Caribbean, with a mission to attract and connect the best companies and minds with undiscovered talent and opportunities. The conference provided a strong launching pad for businesses seeking to enter the US market. Participants included Jon Oringe, Founder and Chairman of *Shutterstock* and Melissa Pegus from *Tech Stars*. We look forward to Tech Beach Retreat coming back next year to Miami Beach!



Miami Beach Attends Money 20/20

The City of Miami Beach participated in Money20/20, a premier show where C-level executives, renowned speakers, innovators and disruptors from across the world drive change in the future of money.

The exploratory participation offered an opportunity to promote Miami Beach as a destination of choice to 8,000 leaders and influencers from over 2,800 different companies in the financial services and technology industries and

resulted in new conversations, connections, discoveries and insights on how we can achieve our goal to attract, diversify, and grow our business community.

Art Week Miami Beach Recap

Art Week Miami Beach 2022 featured new installments of the popular Art Basel Miami Beach with 4,000 artists from the world's leading galleries on display at the newly renovated Miami Beach Convention Center as well as the city-curated *No Vacancy*, which matched 10 artists with 10 iconic Miami Beach hotels. Art Week Miami Beach also featured diverse programming from monumental temporary public art installations by FriendsWithYou, Carlos Betancourt and the increasingly popular Miami Beach Legacy Purchase Program.



Art Outside Miami Beach, a public art exhibition curated by The Bass in collaboration with Art in Public Places, continues to bring residents and visitors the opportunity to see and experience a network of public art throughout Miami Beach, including works by Elmgreen and Dragset, Joep Van Lieshout, Abraham Cruzvillegas, Zanele Muholi, Ugo Rondinone, Franz Ackermann, Jim Drain, Dan Graham, Sylvie Fleury, Lawrence Weiner, Bill Fontana and Susan Philipsz, among others.

For more information on Art Week Miami Beach 2022 and Miami Beach Art & Culture, click [here](#).

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EcoFest December 11, 2022 3 PM - 6 PM Normandy Fountain

Clean Miami Beach and Normandy Fountain Business Association are hosting Miami Beach's first ever EcoFest at the Normandy Fountain.

EcoFest is a first of its kind sustainably focused festival held in Miami Beach benefitting several local environmental non-profits. It will feature local sustainable vendors, organizations, music, food & drinks, eco-action activities for kids, silent auction, giveaways and much more. Everything will be plastic free, of course!



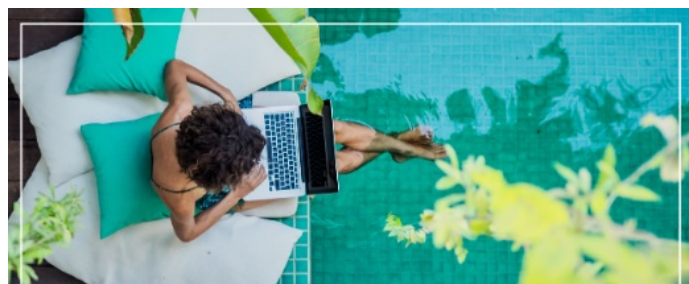
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Shop Local on Small Business Saturday November 26, 2022

Saturday, November 26, 2022, is Small Business Saturday – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for our community. Miami Beach businesses are the heart of our community and need our support as they navigate, retool and recharge from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUSINESS & WORKFORCE TRAINING



Miami Beach Business Academy Upcoming Seminars

Online Business & E-Commerce November 1, 2022

Business continuity management is essential for businesses and most organizations. As businesses recover from the impact of COVID-19, business continuity management is more important than ever. October seminars will discuss what

you can do for your business to prepare for disaster.

Register [here](#) for the Spanish seminar on November 1, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

City of Miami Beach Building Department

Online Permit Training: Open Forums November 17 & December 15, 2022

The Miami Beach Building Department is hosting a series of open forums for questions related to the online permitting process. These sessions will provide attendees with a chance to ask questions about any step of the online permitting process.



WHEN

Thursday, November 17, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

WHERE

Building Department Conference Room

1700 Convention Center Drive, 2nd Floor

Miami Beach, FL 33139

If you prefer a virtual meeting, staff can accommodate one-on-one trainings. Schedule a virtual meeting by visiting our Appointment Booking system found [here](#). Once on this webpage, simply select **General Services (virtual) – Permitting Questions: Clarification on Permit Process**

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The Miami Foundation Unveils Microgrants for Technology, Equipment, and Machinery

The Miami Foundation's core mission is to build a stronger, more equitable and resilient Miami. Through the Open for Business program, the Foundation is supporting historically underserved small businesses and nonprofits to build resilience and generational wealth.

Funded with a \$20 million grant from Wells Fargo, The Miami Foundation and financial partner, Partners for Self-Employment, will distribute grants and loans to nonprofits and small businesses across Miami-Dade County to support their acquisition of critical assets, such as technology, equipment, machinery, inventory, and property. Ultimately, the program aims to ensure that historically underserved and underinvested entrepreneurs have a fair chance to build prosperity in the Miami they helped create.



Interested businesses can view full program requirements [here](#) and apply [here](#). Applications will be accepted until November 7, 2022.

MBF Small Business Training

Branding | Business Plans | Cash Flow | Finances
IT | Credit | Digital Marketing | Amazon | Legal | HR



MBF Miami Bayside Foundation

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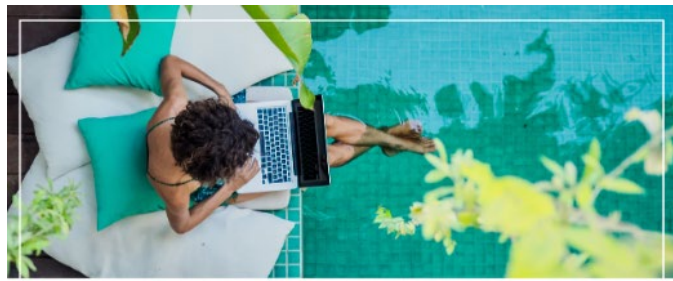
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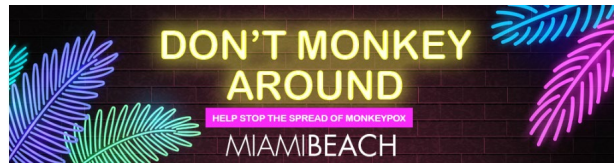
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Click [here](#) to read more.



City of Miami Beach Mourns Beloved DeAnne Connolly Graham

Click [here](#) to view press obituary.



2022 Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Award Winners

The Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee announced the 2022 Hispanic Heritage Award recipients. The award ceremony will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Normandy Shores Golf Course (2401 Biarritz Dr.).

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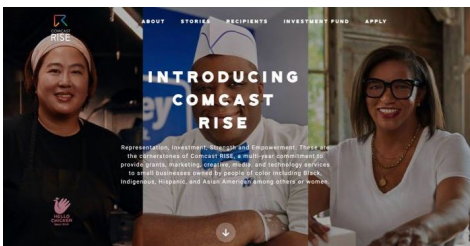
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BUSINESSES THAT COMPLETE THIS COURSE WILL RECEIVE:

- \$100 grant to be used towards marketing expenses
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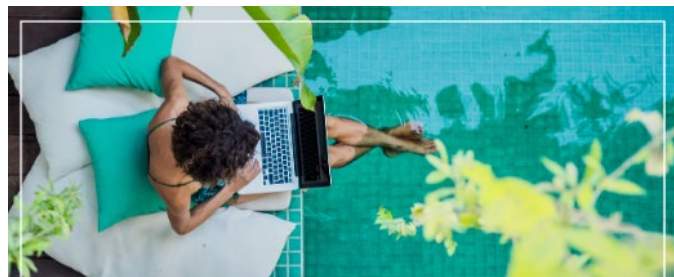
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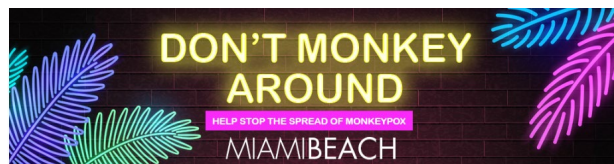
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Miami-Dade Business Navigator Small Business Tax Considerations Webinar

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Small Business, Big Dreams Presented by BankUnited

To celebrate women business owners, BankUnited, a national bank headquartered in Miami Lakes, is giving them an opportunity to pitch their business for a chance to win \$15,000 through the second annual BankUnited "Small Business, Big Dreams" Women in Business Challenge.

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS

To enter, eligible business owners must complete an application and submit an original "elevator pitch" video of up to three minutes. Businesses must be based in Florida or New York, and must be at least 51 percent woman-owned.

The Women in Business Challenge culminates in a live pitch event and business summit during National Women's Small Business Month in October. Ten semi-finalists will be selected to compete at the Small Business, Big Dreams Women in Business Summit in Ft. Lauderdale on October 20, where there will be two rounds of judging.

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The deadline to apply is September 16th.

More information, including official contest rules and entry forms can be found [here](#).



FREE ONLINE MARKETING COURSE with **BizHack**

Commissioner Eileen Higgins District 5

Created by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Elevate District 5 is funded by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), President Biden's plan to provide direct relief to Americans, contain COVID-19, and rescue the economy.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:
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PROGRAM DETAILS:
SEPTEMBER 7 - OCTOBER 19
Classes will be held: Virtually Tuesdays & Thursdays / 8:30-10:00 AM

REGISTRATION OPEN. APPLY NOW!

305-375-5924
Email: SmallBusinessD5@miamidade.gov

BUSINESSES THAT COMPLETE THIS COURSE WILL RECEIVE:

- \$100 grant to be used towards marketing expenses
- One 60-minute Private 1:1 Coaching Session
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- A Personalized Learning Journey Report
- 50% Scholarship for BizHack's "The Digital Marketer's Edge" course

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Elevate D5: How to Find Customers Online Workshop

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Lummus Artisanal Market September 10 - 11, 2022

The City of Miami Beach in partnership with Florida Fresh Markets welcomes a new shopping tradition to South Beach on the weekend of Sept. 10 with the grand opening of the Lummus Artisanal Market steps away from iconic Ocean Drive. In addition to specialty items, the market will sell fresh fruit, refreshing smoothies, baked goods, florals, plants and more.



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LUMMUS PARK ARTISANAL MARKET

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BETWEEN 6TH AND 8TH ST.
ON OCEAN DRIVE

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS 10AM-7PM

Fresh-Cut Fruits
Pet Accessories
Prepared Foods
Scarves and Handmade Bags
Artwork
Flowers and Plants
Apothecaries and Soaps
Jams and Jellies
Teas and Spices
Local Honey
Handmade Jewelry
and more!

Miami Beach Convention Center



Americas Food & Beverage Show September 12 - 13, 2022

The show is sponsored by the National Association of State Department of Agriculture (NASDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works to promote the export of U.S. agricultural products and reports on agricultural

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The show is ONLY open to food and beverage industry professionals/buyers, food service companies, exporters/importers, wholesalers or distributors. To be admitted, buyers must provide documentation reflecting a direct and professional affiliation in the industry.

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JIS: Jeweler's International Showcase September 30 - October 3, 2022

Exhibitors from popular domestic and international jewelry producing regions, including Italy, Hong Kong and Brazil, display their latest sample lines, present large inventories of finished merchandise, offer some of their best pricing specials of the year and build relationships with new and repeat customers.

Buyers can choose to take immediate delivery of merchandise from the show or write orders for later

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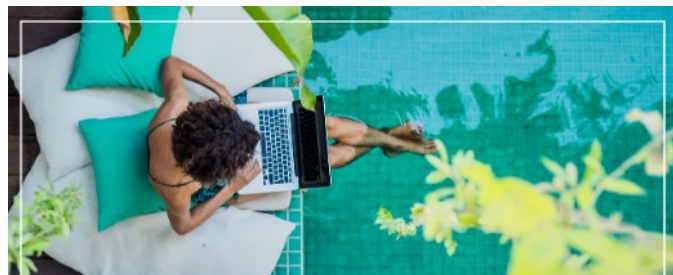


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Discover the tools available for businesses, entrepreneurs, investors and enterprising professionals to build an ambitious, prosperous and productive future.

The Economic Development Department is dedicated to fostering a robust economy that stimulates balanced growth by connecting business, community, people and jobs through business assistance and resources, community and commercial development and redevelopment, real estate and creating a diverse economy for this dynamic and resilient community.

BUSINESS CONCIERGE SERVICES
First-class personalized customer service assistance for new and existing businesses.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Free virtual and in-person training and capacity-building services and programs.

BUSINESS INCENTIVES & GRANTS
Funding opportunities for targeted industries and small businesses.

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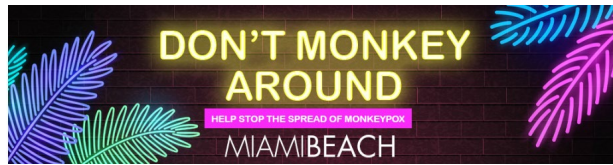
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NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

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Bold Business Balance

August is National Black Business Month. The annual celebration, created in 2004, by historian John William Templeton and engineer Frederick E. Jordan Sr., supports building awareness of Black-owned businesses operating across America.

National Black Business Month is a time when we focus on boosting Black-owned businesses in Miami Beach. We do this by providing a more welcoming and inclusive environment in which Black-owned businesses can grow, thrive and contribute meaningfully to the Miami Beach business community and with the residents and visitors they serve. Meet Bill Warren, owner of Benefits Design Resources where he is making bold moves.

Click [here](#) to read more.



MB NEWS

City of Miami Beach Special Election

The City of Miami Beach will hold a Special Election on **August 23, 2022** for the purpose of presenting to City voters 6 ballot measures.

To read the ballot measures in English and Spanish, [click here](#).



BUSINESS & WORKFORCE TRAINING



Miami Beach Business Academy Upcoming Seminars

Growth Strategy and Analysis August 25

Do you feel like you've reached a plateau in your business? Do you want to keep growing your business but don't know if it's sustainable? Learn strategies to help you grow your business effectively and sustainably step by step.

Register for the English seminar on August 25 , 2022 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. [here](#).

Miami-Dade Business Navigator Small Business Tax Considerations Webinar

Do You Dread Tax Preparation Time Every Year?

Whether you are filing your own taxes or rely on a CPA or accountant, it is important for small business owners to understand tax planning. Key decisions made during the year could make a big difference for your business come tax time. In addition, understanding the process could improve your consistency from year to year and help you maximize your time.

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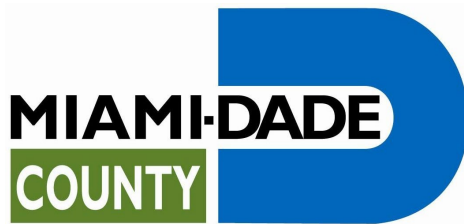


COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AVAILABLE

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RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES



Miami Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Launches 'Support BOB 305' part of Miami Dade County's Black Business Month Celebration in August

To celebrate Miami-Dade County's declaration of August as Black Business Month, the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust is launching the 'Support BOB 305' campaign to "promote and propel the County's multi-billion dollar Black-Owned Business community."

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DON'T MONKEY AROUND

DO

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol based sanitizer.
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DON'T

- Have close, skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox.
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