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Spring Forward into Summer



April has arrived in South Florida, bringing with it longer days, warmer sunshine, and the unmistakable energy of spring. It's a season that reminds us how quickly things can grow and change, encouraging all of us to look ahead and make the most of the months to come.

Spring has long been associated with fresh starts and new possibilities.

After the cooler months of winter, April feels like an invitation to step outside, spend time with family and friends, and take advantage of everything our community has to offer. From neighborhood events to afternoons in the park, this time of year reminds us why South Florida is such a wonderful place to live.

In this month's edition, we're proud to present our Annual Summer Camp Guide, designed to help families start planning for the months ahead. Summer camps provide children with opportunities to learn new skills, build friendships, and create lasting memories. Whether your child is interested in sports, the arts, science, technology, or outdoor adventure, our guide highlights a wide variety of camps that offer something for every interest.

Planning ahead helps ensure that kids have a summer filled with discovery, creativity, and fun. Camps can give children the chance to explore new passions, gain confidence, and stay active while school is out. We hope this guide makes it easier for families to find the perfect fit.

As we move deeper into spring, take time to enjoy the longer evenings, the vibrant greenery, and the sense of renewal that this season brings. April is a wonderful reminder that exciting days are ahead.

Here's wishing you a fantastic spring and a summer full of great experiences.

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April Calendar



Rise - National Dance Theatre of Jamaica



Aden Perry Hero Event



Easter Eggstravaganza

April 1-9

PASSOVER

Wishing a happy Passover holiday to all of our Jewish readers. Passover is a Jewish holiday that commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. It is celebrated for seven or eight days, depending on the Jewish tradition. The holiday is marked by a number of rituals and customs, including the Seder. The Seder is a festive meal that takes place on the first night of Passover, during which the story of the Exodus is retold and special foods, such as matzo and bitter herbs, are eaten.

April 4

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Get ready for a day filled with family fun and Easter excitement at the City of Miramar's Easter Eggstravaganza, hosted by Commissioner Maxwell Chambers! This year's Easter Eggstravaganza promises a fun-filled experience for kids of all ages, featuring an egg hunt, where children can collect colorful eggs filled with sweet treats and surprises! This is a free community event, but early arrival is encouraged to make the most of the festivities. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Miramar Regional Park. Scan the QR code for more info.



April 4

MIRAMAR INVITATIONAL

World-class track and field will be back at the Ansin Sports Complex, bringing together some of the world's top athletes to compete in elite sprint, hurdle, relay, and field events. Competitors race head-to-head in disciplines such as the 100m, 150m, 300m, 600m, hurdles, long jump, shot put, and 4x100 relays. The event offers spectators an exciting opportunity to watch international-level competition and potential record-breaking performances up close. Scan the QR code for more info or tickets.



April 5

EASTER

Christians worldwide will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as described in the New Testament. The holiday is the culmination of Holy Week, following Good Friday, which commemorates Jesus' crucifixion. Easter is observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. Traditions include church services, festive meals, & egg hunts. Happy Easter to everyone celebrating, from all of us at Our City!

April 10

RISE - NATIONAL DANCE THEATRE COMPANY OF JAMAICA

"Rise" is a two-hour gala performance by the internationally renowned National Dance Theatre Company of Jamaica (NDTC). Rise is a cultural event designed to celebrate identity, resilience, and rhythms that unite us, through exceptional choreography, live music, and vocal ensembles. Hosted at the Miramar Cultural Center from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Call 954-602-4500 for tickets.



April 11

ADEN PERRY HERO EVENT

This community race honors the life and heroic legacy of Aden Perry, who lost his life in a selfless act of service to others. The event brings people together for a 5K run or walk while raising money for the Aden Perry Good Samaritan and Scholarship Fund, which supports students through scholarships and educational programs. Participants can also donate school supplies for students in need and enjoy a family-friendly day with live entertainment, activities, and post-race celebrations. Festivities kick off at 7:30 am.



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Weekley Brothers Pro Rodeo

April 18

WEEKLEY BROTHERS PRO RODEO

The rodeo returns to Davie, bringing an exciting night of authentic Western action to the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds. Spectators can watch top cowboys and cowgirls compete in classic rodeo events such as bull riding, barrel racing, bronc riding, and team roping. The family-friendly event celebrates Davie's "Cowboy Town" heritage and offers an evening of thrilling competition and classic rodeo entertainment. Action starts at 7:30 pm. Scan the QR code for tickets.



April 18-19

RHYTHMS OF AFRICA

Get ready for an electrifying musical journey! The Miramar Cultural Center comes alive with the heart-pounding, soul-stirring Rhythms of Africa. Featuring special guest performances by reggae songstress JC Lodge, international hit-maker Richie Stephens, and the dynamic Gem Myers — alongside the talented Somerset Academy Central High School students, all backed by the powerful Rhythms of Africa Band under the masterful direction of Reggae Ambassador Willie Stewart. Scan the QR code for info & tickets.



April 19

REBEL SALUTE 2026 USA

Rebel Salute, the largest showcase of roots reggae and culturally themed dancehall, will be having its inaugural celebration at Miramar Regional Park. This awesome festival has captured the hearts of music lovers all over the world. 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Miramar Regional Park. Scan the QR code for tickets or more info.



April 22

EARTH DAY

Earth Day encourages people around the world to support environmental protection and sustainability. Communities often celebrate with activities such as tree planting, park cleanups, recycling drives, and educational programs about protecting the planet. The day serves as a reminder of the importance of conserving natural resources and taking action to address environmental challenges like pollution and climate change.



Earth Day

April 25

FAMILY FUN DAY FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Join the American Legion Post 321 for a fun-filled day of food, raffles, games, vendors, silent auctions, and raffle baskets. Be a part of their annual Special Olympics fundraiser and Community Family Day! There will be activities and live music by SOUTHERN BLOOD, so bring your lawn chairs. Come support Special Olympics, which provides year-long training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. 11:00 am - 6:00 pm at Post 321, 9081 SW 51 St., Cooper City. For more info, call George De Angelo at 954 434-0965.



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Rose Thompson | High Equity Realty

Building Equity Through Relationships

For Rose Thompson, real estate is about far more than buying and selling homes. It is about helping people build stability, opportunity, and long-term wealth through homeownership. As the founder of High Equity Realty, Thompson has built her brokerage on a simple philosophy: relationships come first.

“High Equity Realty is built on relationships, not just transactions,” she says. “Our goal is to guide people through the real estate process with honesty, education, and a long-term focus on helping families build wealth through homeownership.”

Based in Miramar, High Equity Realty serves buyers and sellers throughout South Florida with a personalized approach centered on education, service, and results.

A Career Built on Understanding People

Thompson’s career began with a strong foundation in understanding people. She earned a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from the University of Florida and worked as a therapist, developing skills in listening, problem-solving, and guiding individuals through important life decisions.

She later moved into the mortgage industry, working in retail, wholesale, and correspondent lending as a mortgage advisor, underwriter, and account representative. That experience gave her a deep understanding of the financial side of homeownership.

“When several people encouraged me to pursue real estate, the transition felt natural,” Thompson says. “It allowed me to combine my background in helping people with my knowledge of the mortgage industry.”

At the same time, she was raising three children and wanted a career that offered flexibility while still allowing her to pursue her professional goals.

Creating High Equity Realty

Early in her real estate career, Thompson saw an opportunity to create a brokerage with a strong presence



in Miramar. Inspired by the entrepreneurial spirit she credits to her father, she envisioned a company deeply connected to the community it serves.

That vision became High Equity Realty.

Today, the brokerage provides full-service support for residential and commercial buyers and sellers. Thompson and her team guide buyers through every step of the process, from property searches and negotiations to inspections, financing coordination, and closing.

For sellers, High Equity Realty creates strategic marketing plans designed to attract qualified buyers,

including professional photography, video, 3D tours, and even complimentary home cleaning to help prepare homes for the market.

A Relationship-Centered Approach

What sets High Equity Realty apart is its focus on education and long-term relationships. With experience in both mortgage lending and real estate, Thompson helps clients understand not only the transaction, but the financial impact of their decisions.

Clients often describe working with her as supportive and knowledgeable, and many remain connected long after the closing table.

Her advice for today’s buyers is simple: do not try to time the market.

“Your first home doesn’t have to be your dream home,” she says. “It can be a stepping stone that helps you build equity and move into your forever home later.”

Rooted in Community

Thompson is deeply involved in the community she serves. She volunteers on the Miramar Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and the Pembroke Pines Charter Parent Advisory Board, and remains active in local chambers and Realtor associations. She is also very involved

in her local church, Christ The Rock Community Church, where she has served with infants and toddlers for more than a decade.

When she is not working, Thompson spends much of her time with her family. With three children and two elderly parents, she jokes that she often serves as the family's "Uber driver," shuttling kids to activities and helping her parents get to appointments. When time allows, she and

her husband enjoy traveling, attending comedy shows, and spending time with extended family.

Looking ahead, Thompson plans to continue expanding High Equity Realty throughout South Florida while mentoring agents who are knowledgeable, ethical, and committed to serving clients with excellence.




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Top Track Stars Head to Miramar for 2026 Invitational

The 2026 Miramar Invitational will bring world-class track and field competition to Ansin Sports Complex in Miramar on Saturday, April 4, 2026. As part of the World Athletics Continental Tour, the meet is expected to draw elite athletes and give local fans the chance to watch top-tier competition right here in South Florida.

Known as one of the area's premier track and field events, the Miramar Invitational has built a strong reputation for showcasing outstanding performances in sprints, hurdles, jumps, throws, and relays. Hosted at the nationally recognized Ansin Sports Complex, the event offers spectators an exciting opportunity to see national and international talent compete in a high-energy setting. City materials have previously described the meet as featuring renowned athletes, while World Athletics lists the 2026 Miramar

Invitational on its official calendar.

Beyond the competition itself, the Miramar Invitational continues to highlight Miramar's growing presence as a destination for major sporting events. For local families and track fans alike, the meet promises an

afternoon of speed, skill, and community pride. Fans should keep an eye on official event announcements for ticketing and final schedule details, but one thing is already clear: on April 4, Miramar will once again take center stage in the track and field world.



RHYTHMS OF AFRICA Returns to the Miramar Cultural Center

The Miramar Cultural Center will come alive with music, heritage, and island energy during Rhythms of Africa 2026, taking place April 18 and 19, 2026.

This year's two-night celebration, themed "Run Di Riddim: Every Beat for Jamaica," will spotlight the sounds, spirit, and cultural influence of

Jamaica in a performance designed to bring the community together through music and shared experience.

Hosted by Mayor Wayne Messam, the annual event has become one of Miramar's signature cultural showcases. Organizers describe it as more than a concert, framing it as a celebration of culture, connection, and community pride.

Audiences can expect performances by JC Lodge, Richie Stephens, and Gem Myers, along with the Rhythms of Africa Band led by reggae ambassador Willie Stewart.

Set for the Miramar Cultural Center, 2400 Civic Center Place, the event is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. each night and offers local residents a chance to enjoy an uplifting evening of live entertainment close to home. With its blend of music, tradition, and celebration, Rhythms of Africa promises to be a memorable April highlight for Miramar and beyond.



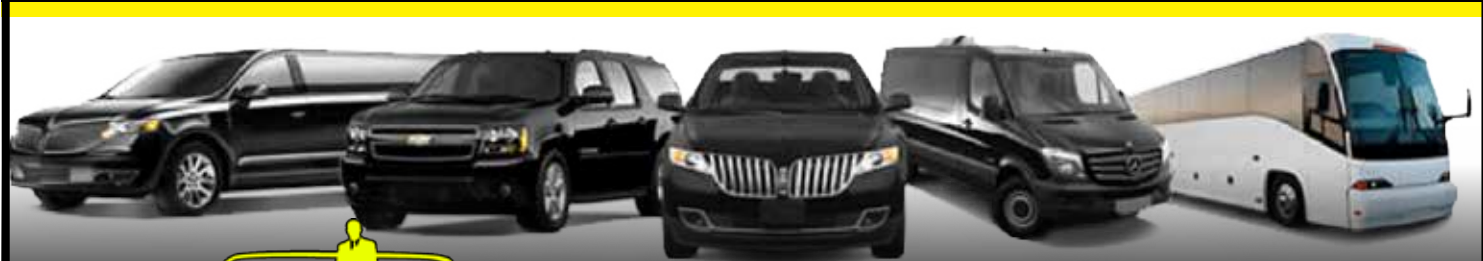
Miramar & Pembroke Pines Celebrated Amazing Restaurants



The Miramar-Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber of Commerce's hosted its annual soiree at the Miramar Regional Park Amphitheater. The event was an incredible success with food, wine, dancing, live music, and so much more. The annual event is the highlight of the Chamber's year and features tastes from many of the area's wonderful restaurants.



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Summer is almost here, and it's time to plan for fun, active days ahead. From sports and outdoor adventures to arts and STEM, summer camp offers something for every child to explore and enjoy. Beyond the excitement, camps help kids build confidence, make new friends, and discover new passions. Inside this guide, you'll find great local options to make this summer unforgettable.



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The Academy of Arts invites dancers of all ages and skill levels to join an exhilarating summer of dance. Catering to everyone from preschoolers to high school students, our studio serves as a vibrant creative outlet, offering a dance-intensive summer camp designed to refine skills, boost confidence, and instill discipline in every participant.

This immersive experience is not just about mastering dance moves; it's about the invaluable life lessons learned along the way. The skills developed over the summer will extend beyond the dance floor, enriching campers' lives in numerous ways. Dive into a summer where dance is the language of expression, growth, and connection at the Academy of Arts.

Camp Chameleon

www.CampChameleon.com

954-815-9054

Marking its 15th anniversary, Camp Chameleon takes pride in offering a summer filled with outdoor fun at Markham Park. The camp promotes the joy of outdoor activities and instills an appreciation for nature among children aged 6 to 15. Emphasizing physical activity, Camp Chameleon introduces campers to a range of non-competitive sports, fostering a healthy lifestyle.

Camp Embark

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At Camp Embark, the belief is that every child deserves a safe space to engage their minds and creativity, build friendships, and ignite their curiosity and excitement. The camp focuses on nurturing entrepreneurial values and mindsets, preparing children for their future. With a foundation in diversity, inclusion, and innovation, Camp Embark offers a variety of activities for all interests, ensuring an enjoyable experience.

City of Miramar Summer Camps

www.miramarfl.gov/551/Summer-Camps
954-883-5230

The City of Miramar offers a variety of Summer Camp options. Each week, different themes and camp activities are on offer. There is something for everyone! From sports to science, cooking, money avengers, water and outdoor fun, there are so many options to choose from! Camp locations are found throughout the City. Weekly sessions begin Jun 12 and continue through August.

Camp locations include Ansin Sports Complex, Miramar Regional Aquatic Complex, Miramar Regional Park, Sunset Lakes Community Center, Vernon E. Hargray Youth Enrichment Center, Vizcaya Park, MiramarVels Early Childhood Academy and Miramar Cultural Center.

Miramar Aquatics Camp

www.miramarfl.gov/551/Summer-Camps
954-883-5230

The City of Miramar will host nine weeks of aquatics camps all summer long. Focus will be on learning swimming fundamentals and pool safety with lots of fun thrown in!

Each week will be dedicated to a specific swimming discipline, including Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Diving, Flip Turns, Freestyle and First Aid. The summer will end with Hawaiian Week!

Little Broadway Summer Camp

www.miramarculturalcenter.org
954-602-4519

The 9th annual Little Broadway Summer Camp is a seven-week fun-filled summer theater arts program for youth ages 8 - 14, designed for performing art students with all levels of ability and experience. Camp includes weekly field trips, arts enrichment classes, nutritional snacks and culminates with a public theater performance.

Florida Children's Theatre

www.FLCT.org
954-763-6882

Florida Children's Theatre serves as an educational center for theatre arts serving children and families across South Florida. The oldest documented children's theatre in the state of Florida, FLCT was founded in 1952 by two mothers in a garage. The theatre quickly grew to be the first children's theatre organization to perform at Parker Playhouse, the Broward County Main Library Theatre, and Dillard Center for the Arts.



Camp Nova

www.USchool.Nova.edu/summer
954-262-4506

Camp Nova offers a summer packed with fun, laughter, and new friendships for campers from kindergarten to grade 11. At the heart of the experience are Shark Camp and Minnow Camp, delivering traditional day camp joy. For those with specific interests, Camp Nova's specialty camps like Drobots, Marine Science, Sports, and Musical Theatre provide unique adventures.

The Summer Scholars program also enriches students with targeted learning in Reading, Math, Foreign Languages, Writing, and Language Arts, all in a supportive setting. Join us for a summer where memories are made, and passions are pursued.

Camp Live Oak

www.CampLiveOakFl.com
954-563-4880

Camp Live Oak presents an enriching summer experience with its focus on environmental and marine science. Each week, campers delve into captivating environmental themes, embarking on a journey of discovery and learning. The camp's diverse schedule includes a wide array of activities, ensuring something new and exciting for every day of the week.

Camp Woodland

www.campwoodlandfl.com
954-921-1497

Since its inception in 1983 at C.B. Smith Park, Camp Woodland has established itself as a premier summer day camp for boys and girls aged 5-16. With a deep-rooted mission to enrich young lives, Camp Woodland fosters friendships, new experiences, and cherished traditions within a secure setting. Here, campers are encouraged to explore, gain self-confidence, and learn the importance of empathy and kindness towards others.

Miramar Track Camp

www.miramarfl.gov/551/Summer-Camps
954-883-5230

Does your little one have lots and lots of pent up energy? Have them hit the ground "running" at Miramar's Track Camp at the Ansin Sports Complex. Each week will focus on a particular discipline including Sprinting, Long Distance, Jumping (long jump, high jump & triple jump, and much more. The little ones will not only get to run but also learn the fundamentals of proper technique.

Junior Dolphins Camp

www.JuniorDolphinsFootball.com
305-943-7272

Junior Dolphins camps provide the premier environment for youth players to learn and retain the game of football. The Junior Miami Dolphins Cheerleaders Program aims to inspire young women to be confident, caring, and good teammates while promoting a healthy lifestyle and commitment to becoming better performers.



DISTRICT 7 UPDATE

by County Commissioner
Alexandra P. Davis

Dear Residents of Broward County, April is recognized as Stress Awareness Month, an important reminder for all of us to prioritize our well-being

and take intentional steps to care for our mental and physical health. Managing stress can begin with simple daily habits such as staying active, connecting with loved ones, spending time outdoors, and taking moments throughout the day to rest and recharge.

This month also brings several opportunities for residents across Broward County to stay informed, stay healthy, and stay engaged in our community.

Autism Community Resource Walk & Fair - April 26

During this month, we also recognize Autism Awareness Month. Miramar will host the Autism Community Resource Walk & Fair on Saturday, April 26, from 9 AM to 11 AM at the Alexandra P. Davis Multi-Service Complex. This special event is designed to raise awareness, provide support, and celebrate individuals with autism and their families.

During my tenure, I was proud to help champion initiatives that strengthen awareness and resources for individuals with autism and their families.

Free Preventive Heart Screening for Broward Residents

Broward County residents 45 years and older may be eligible for a free preventive heart test through the Broward County / Florida Panthers Preventive Heart Program. This cardiac CT screening, provided by Cleveland Clinic, helps detect plaque buildup and narrowing in the coronary arteries before symptoms appear.

To learn more or determine eligibility, residents can visit: Broward.org/HeartScan

Free Drive-Thru Tree Giveaway - April 18

Join us for our upcoming Free Drive-Thru Tree Giveaway on Friday, April 18, from 8 AM to 12 PM at Miramar Pineland Park.

I am proud to present this initiative as part of our commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship across District 7. One free tree per Broward County household, with four varieties available: Banana, Mango, Papaya, and Jamaican Caper. You are encouraged to arrive early, as supplies are limited.

To register, visit: www.broward.org/NatureScape/trees

It is always an honor to serve the residents of District 7. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to connect with neighbors, access valuable resources, and continue building a healthier, stronger Broward County together.

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and Instagram | broward.org/Commission/District7

Pet of the Month



“Zoe”

Zoe is an adorable little dog with a sweet and loving nature. Whenever I leave the house, she curls up in my bed and waits for me to return. She is truly unique and holds a very special place in our lives.



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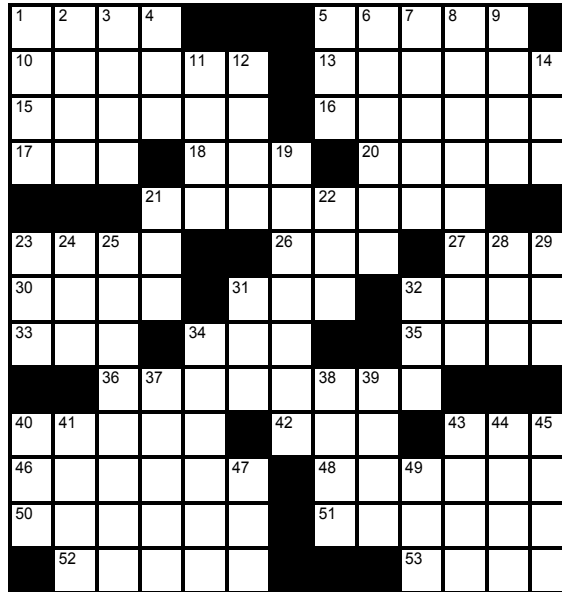
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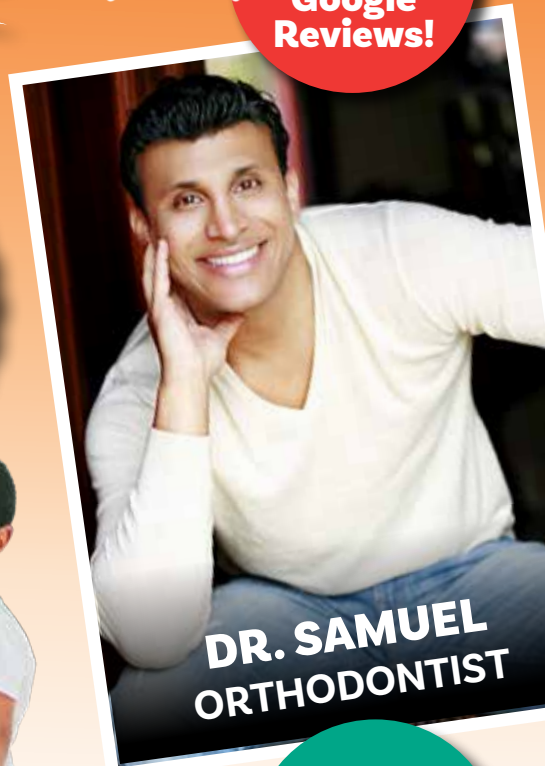


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