

Miracle Mile & Giralda Avenue

# Monday, May 29, 2017 – Sunday, June 11, 2017

#### **MIRACLE MILE CELEBRATION!**









On Friday, May 19th, the City of Coral Gables, Business Improvement District of Coral Gables, and Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce celebrated the official unveiling of the first two completed blocks of the Miracle Mile & Giralda Avenue Streetscape project. The celebration reintroduced a section of the famed street to the community, as well as giving an opportunity for locals to see the work-in-progress taking place on the other blocks of Miracle Mile. The celebration kicked-off with a performance in front of Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre by *Young Talent Big Dreams*, and was followed by a ceremony commemorating the substantial completion of the first two blocks on the south side. Led by the Coral Gables High School Marching Band, guests were encouraged to stroll along the Mile and enjoy light refreshments, tasty bubbly beverages courtesy of Bacardi, shopping and dining promotions by area merchants, and live music performances provided by the University of Miami's Frost School of Music.



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### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE\***

The work being done this week is repetitive for the next few weeks in each block being worked on. Simultaneous roadway reconstruction work along Miracle Mile from Le Jeune Road to Salzedo and Ponce de Leon Boulevard to Douglas Road will continue this week along with paver work on Giralda Avenue. Demolition work at north side from Ponce de Leon to Salzedo to start this week.









#### MIRACLE MILE CONSTRUCTION – May 29, 2017 to June 11, 2017

### **Block 300**

- South Side Irrigation at plaza to start. Paver installation to continue along storefronts.
- North Side Oak tree installation and concrete starting this week.

#### Block 200

- **South Side** Sidewalk is open to pedestrian and valet parking station has been staged. Electrical and irrigation work on the median is being performed, plants to follow; both traffic lanes are open.
- North Side Demolition to start this week followed by excavation for drainage.

#### **Block 100**

- South Side Sidewalk is open to pedestrian and valet parking station has been staged. Electrical and irrigation work on the median is being performed, plants to follow; both traffic lanes are open.
- **North Side** Installation of drainage pipe encased with concrete to finalize within the next 2-week period.



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#### Block 000

• South Side – Paver installation to continue going east all the way to Douglas Road. Paver installation at storefronts to continue. One lane of traffic will remain open at all times on the south side of Miracle Mile from Le Jeune Road to Douglas Road.

#### GIRALDA AVENUE CONSTRUCTION – May 29, 2017 to June 11, 2017

The work being done this week is repetitive. Installation of pavers will continue east until completion. Bridalveil trees have been installed on the northeast corner of the street. Also, pavers have been installed on the east plaza and will continue with installation to the west. We will continue to open paved areas as they are completed. Date Palms at center of Giralda have been installed, catenary poles have been installed and catenary cables are to continue with installation for new lighting. The stone bollards at the west side have been installed and the west side has been completed. The east side of Giralda will have a similar look.

The street is closed to vehicular traffic; however, pedestrian access to the businesses will be maintained at all times for the duration of construction. Water barriers have been installed in order to separate the work zone from pedestrian traffic. Temporary crossings have been installed and will be relocated as construction continues.

<u>IMPORTANT GIRALDA NEWS</u>: The City of Coral Gables Commission voted to close Giralda Plaza to cars as a pilot project for a two-year period, as requested by the majority of businesses and property owners on the street. A dining plan is in the works to provide greater clarity with respect to outdoor seating locations, furniture and fees.

#### **OUTDOOR DINING**

The City is developing a Sidewalk Cafe Plan that will govern outdoor dining locations, furniture options, fees, and other related items on the new streets. The Plan is scheduled for a vote before the City Commission on May 30, 2017, and will be shared with you upon its adoption.

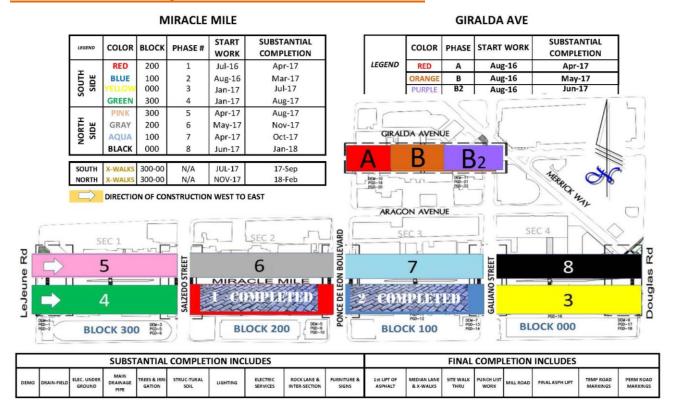
In the meantime, outdoor dining on the newly opened streets is prohibited. The outdoor dining that is taking place on Saturdays on Giralda Plaza is being done as a special event called Giralda Alfresco, and is restricted to only that location and on those dates.

While we know that you are anxious to start activating the outdoor dining areas, you are strongly encouraged to wait until the Sidewalk Cafe Plan is released, your permit is in hand, and the City has taken control of the streets from the Contractor. Any furniture that you purchase without the City's review and approval is at your own risk, and may not be allowed. Any merchant placing outdoor furniture on the street without a permit will be cited. Other outdoor activities, such as amplified music, tents, retail sales, signage, etc., are also prohibited at this time, unless otherwise approved by the City as a special event.



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# **CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE MAP – NEWLY REVISED**



#### **PARKING VOUCHERS**

The City of Coral Gables has made parking vouchers for public parking garages available to merchants for the use of their customers. The vouchers were provided to the Business Improvement District (BID) for distribution to businesses being directly impacted by construction. Please call the BID at 305-569-0311 to pick up or ask for additional vouchers.

#### GIRALDA AVENUE VALET PARKING VOUCHERS

In addition to the parking vouchers provided to merchants for nearby garages, Giralda's Restaurant Row is also offering free valet. In partnership with the City, Restaurant Row merchants on the 100 block of Giralda Avenue may provide complimentary valet vouchers to their customers, at their discretion. Merchants requiring additional vouchers should contact the Parking Department at <a href="mailto:parking@coralgables.com">parking@coralgables.com</a> or 305-460-5541.

A valet station is now operating at the northeast corner of Ponce de Leon Boulevard and Giralda Avenue for lunch (11a.m.-5 p.m.) and dinner (6 p.m. -12 a.m.) Monday to Saturday. There is another station on the west side of Galiano Street between Giralda Avenue and Aragon Avenue operating for lunch (11a.m.-4 p.m.) and dinner (6-11 p.m.) Monday to Saturday. The valet station will remain open until midnight on Friday and Saturday.



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# NEW WATER MAIN ALONG MIRACLE MILE FROM SW 37 TO 42 AVENUES

#### **Project Information / Schedule**

The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) has embarked on a capital improvement project that will make necessary upgrades to the water and sewer infrastructure. WASD is installing a new 16-inch Water Main along Miracle Mile (on the north side of the median), from SW 37 to 42 Avenues.



Phase 2 of the project is currently underway (started Tuesday, January 17th with a projected completion date of June 2017). The construction work will occur between 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m., Sunday to Thursday only. The work will require phased roadway closures of both lanes on the north side of Miracle Mile during the construction times at night. Lanes will reopen to traffic by 10:00 a.m. every morning. The site will be cleared of construction equipment as the street reopens each morning. Block-by-block construction work will begin on Le Jeune Road, progressing toward Douglas Road. On-street parking will be impacted by this project between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. For a list of municipal parking garage and valet parking locations, visit <a href="https://www.gablesstreetscape.com">www.gablesstreetscape.com</a>. When the street is closed at 10:00 p.m. restaurant customers on the closed block will be provided an alternative location for retrieving their vehicles.

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# **HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN**



#### GIRALDA AL FRESCO

Every Saturday on the New Giralda Plaza!

Every Saturday, starting April 8<sup>th</sup>, the City of Coral Gables and the Coral Gables Business Improvement District will bring you Giralda Al Fresco, where you can dine outside, all day, on the section of the street with new pavers.

Enjoy spring outdoors while you get a glimpse of the beautiful pavers on Giralda.

For more information, visit CoralGables.com/GiraldaAlFresco.



#### HARD HAT HAPPY HOUR

Every Wednesday starting at 5p.m.

Grab a bite, get a drink, and talk some shop. It's all happening Wednesdays in Downtown Coral Gables. Join the Business Improvement District (BID) every Wednesday for Hard Hat Happy Hour and enjoy the best midweek pick-me-up Miami has to offer. Visit all participating restaurants and bars.

\*Merchants wanting to participate should call the BID at 305-569-0311. For more information, visit www.ShopCoralGables.com



#### WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday, May 31: Yoga Every Wednesday from 6 -7p.m. Through May 2017

The City of Coral Gables is offering free yoga, boot camp and Zumba classes in partnership with green monkey!

Join us every Wednesday at The Plaza at 150 Miracle Mile, courtesy of the McBride Family. Classes are held weather-permitting.

For a schedule, visit

coralgables.com/wellnesswednesdays.



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# LOOKS MATTER! VISUAL MERCHANDISING SEMINAR Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9-11a.m. Coral Gables Art Cinema

Looks Matter, sponsored by the City of Coral Gables and presented by Seattle-based Retail Strategist Kelly Kost of Downtown Works, welcomes local businesses to learn more about restaurant trends, exterior branding, and window and interior presence and displays.

This free event is brought to you by The City of Coral Gables as part of the implementation of The Downtown Retail Strategy and is limited to Coral Gables businesses.

#### **STAY IN TOUCH**

Please remember to visit the Gables Streetscape website for the latest up-to-date information on construction and programming, www.gablesstreetscape.com. Have questions or concerns? Please call the Construction Information Hotline at 786-444-6383 or contact Veronica Paredes, Public Information Officer at 305-445-2900 / <a href="mailto:veronica.paredes@stantec.com">veronica.paredes@stantec.com</a> or Roberto Gutierrez at 305-445-2900 / <a href="mailto:Roberto.Gutierrez@Stantec.com">Roberto.Gutierrez@Stantec.com</a>.

\*The construction schedule is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and/or weather conditions. Access to businesses will be maintained at all times.