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Police officer was sworn in on September 11, 2007.

U.S. Century Bank Ribbon Cutting

Tropical Guitars Ribbon Cutting

Dear Friends,

With this issue of The Hialeah Update, I would like to share with you the ongoing events throughout our city. The City of Hialeah truly is the City of Progress, and with this issue you can see that our efforts are making a difference in our community. With the help of our residents and business owners we are successfully moving forward for the betterment of Hialeah.

Tax Reform Educational Seminar: The Northwestern Dade Association of Realtors in conjunction with Mayor Julio Robaina and the Hialeah City Council hosted an educational Tax Reform Seminar on September 12, 2007, which was open to the public. John Sebree, Florida Association of Realtors Vice President, Marcus Saiz de la Mora, Acting Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser, and City of Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina discussed the recent tax reforms passed by the state legislature during the special session. The constitutional amendment vote that will be held on the January 29, 2008 ballot to create a Super Homestead exemption was also addressed.

Sunpass Event: Mayor Robaina and the Hialeah City Council in unison with Commissioner Natasha Seijas and the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority hosted a Reduced Price Sunpass Event at Milander Auditorium on September 14, 2007. The Sunpass transponders were sold at the reduced price of $8.36 on a first come, first serve basis.

Armando Valladares Art Exhibit in Hialeah: Mayor Julio Robaina and the Hialeah City Council hosted an art exhibit featuring the works of Armando Valladares on September 13, 2007 at the newly opened Walker Park E-Library. Mr. Valladares is not only a successful writer and poet, but he is also a renowned painter. The exhibit featured several of Valladares's surrealist paintings not often seen in public.

PASS Luncheon: Mayor Julio Robaina and his Educational Advisory Board hosted the Annual PASS (Partnership to Advance School Success Program) Kick Off on August 30, 2007. This event was sponsored by Citibank, Starbucks and Quiznos. The PASS program is comprised of a partnership to advance school success between Florida corporations and low performing schools. The main goal of the program is to raise the school's grade over a three-year period and to transform the lessons learned into on-going policies and specific strategies for the future, creating a permanent impact on the culture of the school and the community. Currently, 11 Hialeah Schools are in the PASS program with local businesses. Some of the sponsors include Allied Waste Services, Weeks Gas, Leon Medical Center and Higgins Development.

Slogan Competition: The City of Hialeah Fleet Maintenance Department and the Education and Community Services Department are pleased to announce the City of Hialeah Fleet Poster Contest 2007. This competition is designed to provide City of Hialeah high school students with the opportunity to showcase their artwork. Students are eligible to participate if they attend any high school that serves the residents of Hialeah, including Hialeah High School, Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School, Barbara Goleman High School, Westland Senior High School, and Miami Springs High School. Each student will create a poster to be displayed with artwork that represents a specific task of a city department and conveys a message. There must be a slogan, motto or catch-phrase to enhance the message being transmitted including recommendations or an explanation of the tasks performed. There are four categories: solid waste, streets, construction and maintenance, and water and sewers. Each student may submit one entry per category, up to four entries. The competition started on September 14, 2007. All submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 5, 2007.

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