



City of Miami Commissioner Marc D. Sarnoff

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Exclusive Green Event



When it comes to "Green" cars, most of us first think about the Toyotas, Hondas, and even the French made Smart Car which I drive. Unfortunately, American companies have lagged behind imports when it comes to environmentally friendly vehicles. That will soon change. I've invited American companies to showcase their newest eco-friendly hybrid

Dear Friends,

I'd like to start out with some great news that many of you have played a major role in making. We reported last month that one of our local elementary schools was in danger of losing their very successful Summer Learning Program due to budget cuts. I requested help from community members like yourself to raise \$16,000 to cover the cost of the four certified teachers and the overhaul of the school's ball field so the kids can exercise safely during the hot summer months. I am extremely proud to report back that your thoughtfulness and generosity have paid off! Principal Eva Ravelo is reporting to me that we have just about reached our goal! Thanks to your support the young students at Coconut Grove Elementary will be able to attend the the Summer Learning Program.

vehicles to you here in South Florida. Our First GO GREEN, BUY AMERICAN event will be Thursday, MAY 21st at 6:30pm in front of City Hall.

Chevrolet executives will present for us:

The 2009 Tahoe Hybrid



The 2009 Malibu Hybrid



The 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid



Each of these cars will be on hand at our event. Feel free to



Reading teacher Maria Orjeda accepting donations

To see how grateful teachers and students are click on these links to see media coverage on this success:

[WSVN-7 News Story](#)

[Miami Herald Article](#)

I can't tell you how thankful I am to everyone who contributed to saving this wonderful and effective program for these deserving children. Your help is absolutely going to make a positive difference in their lives!



Students celebrate the survival of their Summer

check under the hood, kick the tires, and sit behind the wheel. Chevy and GM execs will even let you take the cars out for a quick spin! This is your chance to see these hybrids up close and personal and ask all the questions you want to the people who are touting their success. Our friends at Miami Goin' Green will also participate to offer suggestions on how you can make your own car more fuel efficient.

Israel Day



Commissioner Regalado, Commissioner Sarnoff, Consul General of Israel Ofer Bavly, Mayor Diaz, Mayor Diaz's daughter Elisa, and Commissioner Spence-Jones

I am very proud to have taken part in a special tribute to honor the State of Israel's 61st Independence Day. Israel is one of our nation's most trusted allies and our entire City leadership supports their struggle to remain a state. "The City of Miami has once again highlighted the strong bond of brotherhood and common values that the State of Israel and Miami share," says

Learning Program

"We are very happy that you've taken an interest in our school and that so many people in our community have come forward to help us out, says reading teacher Maria Orjeda.

Our entire community benefits from local schools, and it is incumbent on all of us to step up to fill any gaps in funding.

I am extremely proud of our community and everyone else out there should be as well.

Paul Walker Park



One of the biggest thrills of being an elected representative is to see what starts out being an "initiative" become a reality.

Israeli Consul General Ofer Bavly.

The City also granted a special honorary citizenship to Israeli Corporal Gilad Shalit.



Israeli Corporal Gilad Shalit

On June 25, 2006, 19-year old Gilad Shalit was abducted on the Israeli side of the border with Gaza and has been held in captivity ever since. We join Gilad's family and all Israelis in calling for the safe and prompt release of this young man. We are very proud to bestow Gilad Shalit as an honorary citizen of Miami.

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Restoring the once beautiful Paul Walker Park in Downtown was one of my very first goals when I was elected Commissioner. It is extremely gratifying to see this pocket park restored to its former glory after being dormant for so long.

The park is located at 46 W. Flagler Street and is a great place to enjoy a lunch out in the fresh air.



Paul Walker, seen in the above pictures with his wife Mary, was instrumental in bringing Miami-Dade College to Downtown. He is also recognized for his actions as President of Richard's Department Store where he ended the policy of segregated restrooms and drinking fountains and offered store credit to anyone who recently arrived from Cuba and was trying to start a new life. We are very proud to honor Mr. Walker and his achievements with this beautiful park. I'd also like to thank Mario Maung, GM of ParkSafe Systems, for the



Kicking off the Clean Vehicle Parade in Miami

It's not often that you get a chance to promote preserving the environment and compete for a world record at the same time, but that is exactly what our friends at the great organization Miami Goin' Green attempted with their spectacular "Clean Vehicle Parade."

I had the honor of leading the parade from the Miami Science Museum to City Hall. Hundreds of people took part in what was to be the largest alternative fuel vehicle procession in history. It was a great time to send an important message that alternative fuel vehicles are here to stay and are our best hope for the future of transportation. That future must begin now.



generous use of his limousine for the Walker family's transportation to the event.

Rebuilding Together

It's a theme I keep repeating, but one always worth mentioning. One of the things I am most proud of as your elected representative is when I get to see just what a caring and generous community we have. I recently had the privilege of joining hundreds of volunteers with "Rebuilding Together" for a day of refurbishing homes in our community for residents most in need.



Miss Connie Ham reacts to having her home refurbished

Rebuilding Together Miami is a wonderful organization that is helping to improve lives of people right here in Miami. I urge everyone to consider our neighbors who might need a bit of a helping hand and do something special to make a difference in their lives.

Hometown Hero

Miami Fire Captain Chris Musser is proving instrumental in improving the Cardiac Arrest Save rate for our citizens. Captain Musser is recognized by the Department for his passion and dedication to the training and use of the Autopulse CPR Device, an instrument that is yielding successful results. Chief William Bryson tells me Captain Musser took an active interest in acquiring this life-saving device well before the funding was available. He Encouraged his Department to make the investment by taking on extra duties which include training and repairing the device when needed. Captain Musser continues to go above and beyond the call of duty within his Department. I join Chief Bryson in commending him for his outstanding work!

We have such a vibrant and energetic city. District-2 is full of people who are quick to lend a hand and it is a great honor to serve as your Commissioner. I value this open line of communication with all of you and look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to drop me a line at msarnoff@miamigov.com.

Yours very truly,

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District-2



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