



# DISTRICT 5 TODAY

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Our summer was filled with festivals, reunions, and back to school events. We celebrated our third installment of the MLK Wheels-to-Work program and completed the first wave of several community and home beautification initiatives. However, our greatest defining moment of this quarter includes our efforts as a community in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Your commitment to the resiliency of our community was inspiring and I thank you for your assistance in ensuring that our neighborhoods and residents survived the storm.

As you know, we publish District 5 Today in an effort to consistently provide you updates on issues that affect our community. I encourage you to contact my office if you have any questions regarding any issues or wish to be added to other mediums in which we connect with our constituency.

Warmest Regards,

Keon Hardemon  
Chairman  
Miami City Commission

# Summer in District 5

District 5 had an exciting summer. Moments of fun and fellowship are essential for the entire community. From back to school giveaways to concerts and family reunions, there was something for everyone. A few of our events included the inaugural People Matters Fest, the 13th Annual 4th of July Family fest and the 4th Annual Overtown Music and Arts Festival.



R&B legend Monica graced the stage.



Ceelo Green performs at The Overtown Music and Arts Festival



Thousands of youth within District 5 were able to prepare for the upcoming school year through back to school fairs.

# MLK Wheels to Work

Chairman Hardemon celebrated the third installment of the MLK Wheels to Work program with the Martin Luther King Economic Development Center (MLKEDC). Six individuals were surprised with their very own cars as a part of the anti-poverty program. Within the program, the new car recipients will attend workshops on financial literacy, life skills, and vehicle maintenance. They will also participate in ongoing community service projects.





## CRA Invests in Town Park North

Built in 1973, Town Park North is one of the oldest and largest multi-family housing developments. The Community Redevelopment Agency has invested \$15 million into Town Park North to improve living conditions for residents.

In total, there are 20 buildings undergoing major renovations which houses 169 condominiums. All 20 buildings have received metal roofs, built to last for 40 years. In addition, all 169 units will receive brand new high-impact doors and windows, which will provide safety for residents in the midst of natural disasters. These renovations will improve the quality of life for residents and assure them a home they will be proud of for many years to come.



Rehabilitation efforts include brand new kitchen areas, including stainless steel appliances.

## Reviving Wagner Creek and Seybold Canal



City officials join residents and the Miami River Commission at the Wagner Creek/Seybold Canal Groundbreaking.

July 31<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of a restoration project to clean Wagner Creek and the Seybold Canal. City officials joined the Miami River Commission to start the project that is expected to take about 15 months.

Named the dirtiest waterways in the state of Florida, Wagner Creek and the Seybold Canal extend about 1.67 miles through Allapattah, Overtown, and Spring Garden. Dredging the water will remove various toxins and debris. The materials removed from the water will be tested and properly sorted and disposed of by the level of toxicity. Cancer-causing chemicals will be removed to revive the waterway for residents, creating a safer environment.

# Commissioner Keon Hardemon's Anti-Poverty House Painting Initiative

Twenty-One homes were selected to receive a new coat of paint as a part of Chairman Hardemon's Anti-Poverty House Painting Initiative. The initiative allows low income seniors an opportunity to have their houses painted free of charge. Call our office at 305-250-5390 to learn how your house could be painted next.

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## Hurricane Irma



Hurricane Irma took a strenuous toll on South Florida leaving the City of Miami residents without power and access to daily resources. City of Miami staff and community organizations came together to distribute ice, water, and hot meals to the residents. Chairman Hardemon connected with businesses such as Chef Creole and House of Mac within the district to distribute meals for those in need. From door to door deliveries of ice to a community barbeque, the residents of District Five truly united to recover after the storm.