



Friends of Miami Marine Stadium Newsletter #52 March 2012

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Dade Heritage Trust



Dade Heritage Trust is celebrating 40 years of advocacy, education and restoration in Miami-Dade County.

Thanks to Dade Heritage Trust: the Cape Florida Lighthouse on Key Biscayne was restored, the Freedom Tower was saved from partial demolition, the **Miami Marine Stadium** was saved and historically designated, the 2000 year old Miami Circle was saved from the bulldozer; the original Miami High School building was relocated and restored; Dr. Jackson's 1905 Office and Clinic was restored for DHT's Headquarters, the original Sears/Art Deco Tower was saved as part of the Performing Arts Center; the Hubbard/Alvarez Bungalow in Little Havana was renovated; the 1917 Dice House was restored as a community center in

To: Miami Marines

We are at a critical junction and we need your help.

Marine Stadium Legislation Will Go Before Miami City Commission

On **Thursday, March 8, time certain of 2:00 PM**, the Miami City Commission is scheduled to vote on legislation to form a public private partnership between the City of Miami, The Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority (MSEA) and Friends of Miami Marine Stadium (FMMS). The goal of this partnership is analyze alternatives to restore and operate the Marine Stadium. **We are asking you to support this legislation and contact the Miami City Commissioners listed below.**

Please attend the meeting if you can. The location of the meeting is:

Miami City Hall,
3500 Pan American Drive
Coconut Grove

You don't have to speak-showing your support is important.

Please email the Commissioners below and ask them to approve this legislation. You can simply say the following:

Please approve the legislation establishing a partnership with Friends of Miami Marine Stadium to restore the Stadium. You can then add any personal reasons why you want to see the Stadium restored. Click on the names to email the Commissioners individually:

[Commissioner Willy Gort](#)
[Commissioner Marc Sarnoff](#)
[Commissioner Frank Carollo](#)
[Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones](#)

Continental Park; the 1858 Wagner Homestead was relocated and restored in Lummus Park;

Preservation Today Magazine has featured Miami's historic sites since 1983; Dade Heritage Days showcases Miami's heritage and historic places every spring; thousands of students have been inspired to appreciate their community's heritage through historic tours and programs.

Dade Heritage Trust is delighted to announce the celebration of its 40th Anniversary by "Dancing Through The Decades" at the Country Club in Coral Gables, built in 1924 and recently restored. Invitations are going out soon. Tickets are \$150 for members and \$200 for non-members. For additional information, please call DHT at [305-358-9572](tel:305-358-9572).

[Commissioner Francis Suarez](#)

To send to all five Commissioners at once, click [here](#)

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The legislation, as developed by the Administration, is a vital step in moving this complicated process forward. It establishes a Steering Committee that will provide recommendations to the City Manager as to the specifics of the final agreement. The Steering Committee will meet regularly, will be subject to the Sunshine Laws, and will assure the public an opportunity for input. Because the final agreement must be approved by both the City Commission and MSEA, the City can first work with Friends (FMMS) to flesh out the plan. Finally, the legislation designates FMMS as the entity to work with the City and MSEA to develop the Stadium. This is both appropriate and necessary. Since the Marine Stadium was closed in 1992, we are the first (and only) group to come forward with a plan for its restoration. To continue our work, and begin developing both fundraising and operating strategies, we need the commitment from the City. The proposed legislation will provide this.

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Email List

Our email list continues to grow steadily. It is the best way to stay informed and involved with our efforts to restore the Marine Stadium. Please encourage others to sign up!

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of Marine Stadium
email list..2140

February 2012: A Big Month For Friends of Miami Marine Stadium



[Robert Hammond and Phil Aarons at Miami Marine Stadium](#)

We respect your time and only send emails on average once a month. We do not give or sell our email list to anyone.

Graffiti at the Marine Stadium

More and more, people are noticing the graffiti at the Stadium. We got this [memory](#) from graffiti artist Fubar of Crew 28.

We continue to work on our book of memories of the Marine Stadium, IF SEATS COULD TALK. If you have a story about your experiences at the Stadium, let us know-we can interview you by phone and write it up. Just hit the "return" button to this email and we'll get in touch with you.

of stories submitted to IF SEATS COULD TALK
.....153

Presentations of Miami Marine Stadium

We have upcoming presentations on the Marine Stadium to the North Dade Life Member Club, Telephone Pioneers, South Florida Triathletes, and Matheson Hammock Yacht Club.

February was an important month for us. Robert Hammond and Phil Aarons, the Co-Founder and Founding Chair of [the High Line](#) made their presentation to a full house at University of Miami School of Architecture on February 17. The talk entitled "The High Line: New York's Park In The Sky-Lessons for Miami Marine Stadium" was inspiring for all.

Earlier that day, Robert and Phil toured the Marine Stadium as part of a major press conference to promote our plans to restore the Marine Stadium. Considerable local and national print and media attention was generated for the Marine Stadium. We'll feature some of those articles in our next email update.

On February 29, we hosted a dinner honoring Jack Meyer, engineer of the Miami Marine Stadium. A sold-out house of 160 people under the stars at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club featured a fascinating array of speakers including leading professionals from Engineering organizations and a special award from the University of Florida School of Engineering (Jack graduated from there in 1949). Meyer, a man of few words, summed up the evening best:

"Hilario made the Marine Stadium beautiful, I made it strong."



Jack Meyer and Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado
Photo by Irene Sperber

Conclusion

If you know of a group that may be interested in a presentation on the Marine Stadium, please reply to this email.

Total community presentations made to date.....50

The time for action is now. Together we must show the Miami City Commission the importance of renovating the Marine Stadium! Please email letters of support-and forward this email to anyone who may care about the Marine Stadium.

Let's make it happen!

Friends of Miami Marine Stadium
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To satisfy needs of the press for some "new" images of the Marine Stadium, we've been rephotographing the Stadium. Thanks to Michael Stephen McFarland for this great photo-and to Paul Dudley of Watson Island Heliport Services for making this shot possible.



Michael Stephen McFarland

[Forward email](#)