



## **Important Announcement**

### **Special Election – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

### **Mail-In Ballot**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT ELECTION ON JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 RELATING TO CUTLER BAY AND SEVERAL OTHER MUNICIPALITIES. THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CUTLER BAY WILL CONSIST OF TWO PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS. MAIL-IN BALLOTS WILL BE SENT TO ALL CUTLER BAY REGISTERED VOTERS ON JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2009. COMPLETED MAIL-IN BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT BY NO LATER THAN 7:00 PM ON JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2009.

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

##### **What is the first charter amendment on the Mail-in Ballot?**

The first charter amendment on the mail-in ballot is regarding the scheduling of elections and compliance with future elections laws and policies.

##### **What does this charter amendment mean?**

This charter amendment would allow the Town to change qualifying periods for its elections by ordinance whenever necessary in order to comply with changes to state or federal law or to the policies of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections office. This will save Town residents money, as it will be less expensive to hold an election at the same time as the County. Currently, a change in qualifying periods for elections can only be done by amending the Town of Cutler Bay Charter.

##### **What is the second charter amendment on the Mail-in Ballot?**

The second charter amendment eliminates the requirement that the Town pay separately for specialized police services with Miami-Dade County.

##### **What does this charter amendment mean?**

Subsequent to negotiations with the effected municipalities, the Miami-Dade County Commission passed a resolution in November 2008, which eliminated the need for new municipalities to separately contract with the County and pay the county for specialized police services such as homicide, robbery, canine unit and crime lab services among others. The County will continue to provide such services to the Town without any contract or additional charge.

##### **Does this mean that the Town is decreasing in Police services?**

No, the current level of police services will remain the same.

##### **Does this mean that the cost of Police Services to the Town will decrease?**

No, the current cost of police services will remain the same due to the fact that the Town had negotiated an end to these charges, which went into effect last year.

##### **So the Town is maintaining the same level of Police services and some cost efficiency has been realized?**

Yes.