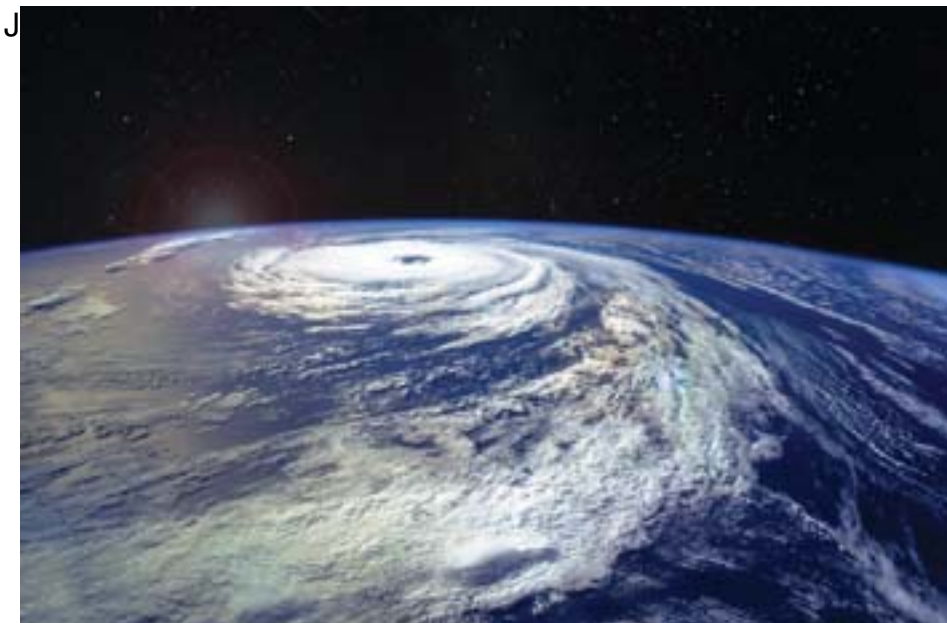


Sales, special events, and more from the people who make Biscayne Times possible



June is here. The month the last of the snowbirds leaves us to our giant-size creepy crawlies, daily gully washers, and a new season of hurricanes. But we year-rounders are a tough crew. We can brush off these trivialities and enjoy Father's Day like everybody else.

Although the humidity is now approaching murderous levels, don't call homicide -- call the new [Tidal Cove](#) waterpark at

JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa

(19999 W. Country Club Dr., 305-932-6200), where you can take Dad to enjoy a lazy river, thrilling waterslides, or simulated surfing. While the kids are frolicking in the pool, Dad can relax at one of the cabanas, enjoying tasty beverages and snacks. The best part? He doesn't have to be a full-time club member or stay overnight to use the facilities. A day membership costs \$75 on weekdays, \$105 on weekends. Don't forget, over at Corsair Kitchen & Bar, summer means the "Local Eats and Crafted by Corsair" series. Once a month, the restaurant pairs a curated meal with locally brewed beers. On June 27, Corsair invites J. Wakefield Brewing to complement the restaurant's four-course meal.

Old sitcoms are full of well-meaning husbands skewered for buying their wives practical gifts on special occasions. Diamonds, *si!* Vacuum cleaner, *no!* It's unclear how often this scenario plays out in real life, but what you never saw on TV was a man rejecting equivalent gifts. Sure, diamond cufflinks are appreciated, but are they as fun as a riding mower, a grill, or a chainsaw?

Returning advertiser

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Joe Blair Garden

(320 NE

79th St., 305-757-5554) might not sell jewelry, but there are plenty of potential Father's Day presents for dads at all levels and moms at all price points. And helpful staff who can assist you in picking out those gifts.

Dads allow themselves to enjoy sweet treats to a greater degree than moms do. **Nothing Bundt Cakes**

(15400 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 112, 305-974-4536) offers its signature bundt cakes in ten flavors, several sizes, and over 40 unique designs, including the

Daddy-O

, which will bring back fond memories of Dad's childhood; the nostalgic decorations include instructions on how to build a paper boat. These kosher cakes are made with real eggs, butter, and cream cheese, so Dad will love them. While there, browse through the store's selection of cards and gifts.

Dads also allow themselves to indulge fully in savory gluttony. What could be better than **Ginza Japanese Buffet**

(16153 Biscayne Blvd., 305-944-2192)? Imagine endless tuna, eel, hamachi, hokigai, ika, maguro, tako, and several varieties of rolls. There are hot dishes, too. Gyoza dumplings, tempura, teriyaki, grilled seafood, and more. Don't forget to save space for dessert. The weekend lunch buffet is only \$13.95 for adults, \$7.95 for kids. Weekend dinner buffet is \$22.95 and \$12.95. Weekdays are less expensive.

Or treat Pops to a juicy steak at **Palermo Restaurant and Wine Bar** (4582 NE 2nd Ave. 786-502-4460). The Argentine food there will satisfy the entire family's diverse appetites, even kids.

Another gift idea for dads comes from moms who doll themselves up. Schedule a new cut and color with stylist Hannah Lasky of **Hannah and Her Scissors** (305-772-8426), which recently moved upstairs at 6900 Biscayne Blvd. While there, consider asking Hannah to paint your portrait. Her quirky and joyful paintings grace many homes in the area.

While an oil change may not be among the more traditional Father's Day gifts, it would make sense at new advertiser **Ruben's Auto Care** (63 NW 71 St., 305-756-7426). Master mechanic Gregorio Reyes spent 22 years repairing BT readers' and staffers' automobiles at the recently shuttered Plaza Tire & Auto, but this Father's Day he's at a new shop -- Ruben's -- which he co-owns with his brother. Gregorio didn't make the transition alone, though. He's accompanied

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by his son Edgar, who is training to be a master mechanic as well, and service advisor Sherri Davis. So expect the same great service here, whether you need simple maintenance or extensive repairs to your electrical system, transmission, brakes, and more.

Single fathers with more kids than they have free time can use a different kind of “break service” -- a professionally cleaned home or office. **Maid Services 4 U** (561-577-9363, maidsvc4u@gmail.com, www.maidservices4u.com) appears in the

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for the first time this month, but owner Carmen Flores has plenty of experience providing detailed cleaning services for home or commercial properties, with luxury condos a specialty. She’s also licensed and insured. Call Carmen today for a quote. Yes, she does do windows...and balconies!

If you simply want to make Dad proud, consider entering the **2019 Knight Arts Challenge Miami**, a project of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Over the past 11 years, the foundation has donated \$32 million, supporting 384 art-related ideas in Miami. The aim is to fund great local art because it builds community, bringing people together to share understanding of each other. It’s open to all artists, regardless of genres or experience. The deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m. on July 26. For more information and tips, or to apply, visit www.kf.org/kacmiamiinfo. (Also see “Knight Arts Challenge Slows Down to Ramp Up” in this issue.)

For inspiration, view two new and contrasting exhibits opening ahead of Father’s Day at the **Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami**

(61 NE 41st St., 305-901-5272). An intimately scaled presentation of minimalist Dan Flavin’s 1960s work opens on Thursday, June 13. Flavin is best known for working with fluorescent tubes and creating sculptures made of light. On the same day, “Guadalupe Maravilla: Portals” opens. In this exhibit, multidisciplinary artist Maravilla explores his “geo-cultural displacement and personal mythology” as an undocumented minor, fleeing the Central American conflicts of the 1980s. His wearable sculptures, made of mixed-media, are the antithesis of Flavin’s seemingly impersonal minimalism, but both are equally enjoyable and thought provoking. Admission is free with RSVP.

Remember that great Miami Marlins Funday Pop-Up at **Bayside Marketplace** (401 Biscayne Blvd., 305-577-3344) last month? Billy the Marlin, Mermaid Dancers, face painting, caricatures, and fun games? Yes, that’s it! It was so much fun, the marketplace is hosting another Funday on July 4, Independence Day. Enjoy all the same activities, but this time they’re topped off with a front-row view of the 9:00 p.m. fireworks over Biscayne Bay. Make a whole day of it and enjoy

dinner and drinks at your choice of among more than 30 restaurants and bars. Also look forward to a special performance from Viva Band.

If you've been toying with the idea of opening your own bar or resto-lounge, now is the time to contact attorney **Steve Polisar** (407 Lincoln Rd., Suite 2A, Miami Beach; 305-672-7772, x 206), so the bar can open by the time the snowbirds come back. From his years in the trenches, Steve has learned all the shortcuts you'll need to get that coveted liquor license. Don't even think about trying to acquire such experience on your own; you'll be happier and richer by having Steve do the heavy lifting for you. Call today.

Dads, make good use of the Father's Day special at **Kids Go Kuts** (2130 NE 123rd St., North Miami, 786-618-5992), where the Daddy and Me services get a 15 percent break if you combine two or more of them. The list includes styles, braids, wash and blows, kolor, and kuts. Offer is good throughout June, but you have to mention the ad in the
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. This shop strives to make the salon experience fun for kids. The staff is trained to reduce the stress some children experience, with activities that refocus their attention: an interactive game system, sensory integration boards, magnetic play area, coloring station, and in-floor hopscotch. At the cutting stations, there are DVDs or PS4s -- and even ride-on chairs.

Summer camps are filling up quickly. If you haven't found a spot for your child yet, call **MM Equestrian Farm**

(1725 NE 135th St., North Miami, 954-881-5017) where kids ages 5-10 can make animal friends with Grandpa Opie, Little Shelley, and Hazel at the Friends Summer Camp. Each session has a different theme, but the kids generally will interact with animals and focus on nature and agriculture. The camp, inside Enchanted Forest Elaine Gordon Park, runs from June 10 to August 9 and is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays. Cost is \$275/week. Siblings get \$50 off the weekly rate.

Aventura Learning Center (2320 NE 171st St., North Miami Beach, 305-940-0475) is hosting a summer camp from June 1 through July 31. Activities include bounce houses, magic shows, movie time, petting zoos, arts and crafts, pottery, music, and dance. The camp also offers nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and snacks as part of the package. Call for details.

Miami Shores Community Church School (9823 NE 4th Ave., Miami Shores, 305-757-5866) offers a very affordable summer camp, featuring dress-up days, splash days, cooking, art,

dance, and more for kids who are PK4 through fifth grade. The camp at this progressive Christian church runs from June 11 through August 21. Call for registration rates as low as \$100 a month and just \$75 for siblings. Low weekly rates also available.

The summer school program at **Allison Academy** (1881 NE 164th St., North Miami Beach, 305-940-3922) offers intellectual stimulation for older children. Kids can earn high school credit or just strengthen their performance ahead of the next school year. With small classes, teachers are able to quickly adapt their instruction to each student's particular needs. Classes run from June 17 through July 25. Call for more information.

Monsignor Edward Pace High School (15600 NW 32nd Ave., 305-623-PACE) is holding a Summer Enrichment Program from June 17 through July 12. The classes are open to sixth-through eighth-graders who want high school credit for physical education, computer technology (virtual or on campus), and writing courses. Contact Mrs. Giberson directly at cgiberson@acehs.com. Basketball, football, dance, and theater camps are also available in June and July. Call for various fees and dates.

Summer's a great time to get your teeth in good order. **Sher Dental** (12000 Biscayne Blvd. #130, 305-891-2444) is welcoming new patients with a \$59 introductory deal that includes an exam, X-rays, and cleaning. Miami native Dr. Sydney Sher Segall will make your teeth and gums look and feel better with veneers, implants, orthodontics, and other services that can help you get a complete smile makeover. Among related therapies, she is an expert at using Botox and Juvederm to correct any smile issues taking place outside the mouth. Call today for an appointment.

Closer to North Miami Beach? **José J. Alvarez & Associates** (3483 NE 163rd St., North Miami Beach, 305-224-6714) has a new dental patient special for \$55, but here's a truly great offer if you lack dental insurance. The facility's Wise Choice Dental & Facial Aesthetics membership plan covers 100 percent of diagnostic and preventive procedures for the year, with no co-pays for two dental cleanings, exams, and X-rays. After that, you'll get large discounts on basic restorative treatments, surgeries, periodontics, Invisalign, and other cosmetic procedures. The annual fees start at \$160 for individuals, \$280 per couple, or \$360 for a family of four. Bigger family? Just add \$90 for each extra member.

Did you know that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in the United States? A quarter of

all women will succumb it. Will those statistics include you? Interventional cardiologist Juan Velasquez, M.D. is holding an interactive presentation on the topic at **North Shore Medical Center** (1100 NW 95th St., 833-759-5922) on Tuesday, June 18, at noon in the auditorium. Call to RSVP.

One way to reduce your chances of an incapacitating heart attack is to drop a few pounds. If you've already scaled up those "few pounds" to "quite a few pounds," consider attending the next free weight-loss lecture at **Jackson North Medical Center** (160 NW 170th St., North Miami Beach, 305-585-TRIM). Discover how the center can help you become your best at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13.

Also, start with a trip for low-calorie/high-nutrition foods at the **Legion Park Farmers Market** (6601 Biscayne Blvd.). With 40 vendors, you can find everything from fresh-made smoothies and bee products to hot lunches and more. The market is open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The bad news this month? Mosquitoes are among us. **Miami-Dade County** urges everyone to practice "drain and cover" efforts to reduce the mosquito population. Wherever you find a container of standing water, drain it. Then cover it, so fresh water doesn't refill it. The county also wants you to bring in household chemicals to its collection centers for free disposal. Don't flush those old chemicals down the drain; call 311 instead, or visit www.miamidade.gov/311direct for help with chemical or nuisance mosquitoes.

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