

# AVENTURA

<http://www.cityofaventura.com/index.htm>

## LOCATION

The Government Center is located at:  
19200 West Country Club Drive  
Aventura, Florida 33180

Aventura is conveniently located between Miami and Ft. Lauderdale, just east of I-95.

## HISTORY

Most of what would later become the City of Aventura was initially developed during the late 1970s and into the 80s as a high-rise residential area by Oxford Development Company, when the area was still mostly swampland known as "Biscayne Gardens". Some of the Miami area's tallest and most prestigious condominium towers are located there.

Aventura is also home to the Aventura Mall, a high-end regional mall which was developed by Donny Soffer and Eddie Lewis of Oxford Development and is currently owned by Simon Property Group and Soffer's Turnberry Associates. The enormous success of the mall encouraged explosive growth in the area and saw the closure of stores at the competing The Mall at 163rd Street, which only recently has been revitalized. On November 7, 1995, the City of Aventura was incorporated.

## POPULATION

Population: 30,000

## EVENTS

For current and upcoming events, contact the Community Recreation Center and check out the Events Calendar on the City of Aventura's website.

Community Recreation Center  
3375 NE 188th Street  
305-466-3883

## ATTRACTIONS

### SHOPPING

Aventura Mall  
19501 Biscayne Blvd.  
Aventura, FL  
305-935-1110

www.aventuramall.com

### GOLF

Turnberry Isle Resort and Club

18 holes over 6,403 yards with a par of 70 (Private Non-Equity)

19999 W Country Club Dr

Aventura, FL 33180-2401

(800) 327-7028

2 miles from the center of Aventura.

### MARINAS

Turnberry Isle Resort & Club Marina

19735 Turnberry Way

Aventura, FL 33180

(305) 933-6934

### **SCHOOLS**

#### PUBLIC/PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Aventura City of Excellence School • Grades: K-7

3333 NE 188th Street, Aventura, FL 33180 • 305-466-1499 • Fax: 305-466-1339

Residents of the City of Aventura attend Miami-Dade School District public schools. The schools listed below serve the City of Aventura by Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

General Information for Aventura City of Excellence School .

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Ojus Elementary School

18600 West Dixie Highway

North Miami Beach, FL 33180

305-931-4481

Greynolds Park Elementary School

1536 NE 179th Street

North Miami Beach, FL 33162

305-949-2129

Virginia A. Boone Highland Oaks Elementary School

20500 NE 24th Avenue

North Miami Beach, FL 33180

305-931-1770

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Highland Oaks Middle School

2375 NE 203rd Street

North Miami Beach, FL 33180

305-932-3810

#### HIGH SCHOOLS

North Miami Beach Senior High School  
1247 NE 167th Street  
North Miami Beach, FL 33162  
305-949-8381

Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School  
1410 NE 215th Street  
North Miami Beach, FL 33179  
305-652-6808

## **HOSPITALS**

Aventura Hospital and Medical Center  
20900 Biscayne Boulevard  
Aventura, FL 33180  
Telephone: (305) 682-7000  
[www.aventurahospital.com](http://www.aventurahospital.com)

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Founders Park  
305-466-0183 Welcome Booth  
305-466-8556 Office

In November 1998, Aventura Founders Park was dedicated to the Founders of the City whose vision and forethought led to the incorporation of the City of Aventura in November 1995. Centrally located in the park is a commemorative monument.

The 12-acre park is located just south of the Lehman Causeway and east of West Country Club Drive. The northern portion of Founders Park features a staffed welcome center, a quarter mile four-station exercise trail, age appropriate and handicap accessible playground, four sun shelters, two clay tennis courts and a multipurpose athletic and open space field with plenty of room for baseball, softball, football or soccer. A pro tennis shop, public restrooms and vending machines are also on site. There is an admission fee for non-residents to this portion of Founders Park.

### **Don Soffer Exercise Trail**

The 3-mile exercise path circling the Turnberry Isle Resort Golf Course along Country Club Drive is a popular place to walk, run, jog, rollerblade and bike. This ten-foot wide pathway is landscaped with an abundance of shade trees, complete with ground lighting, benches, trash receptacles and crosswalks. For residents with pets, convenient bags and receptacles are available in pooper scooper boxes along the path.

### **Founders Park Bayside**

The southern portion (bayside) of Founders Park is open and free to the public. There are tropically landscaped walkways, a bay walk that overlooks the Intracoastal Waterway and a beautiful open lawn area that hosts many special

events. Public restrooms and vending machines are also on site. Permits for the athletic field, sun shelters or special events can be obtained through the Community Services Department.

Founders Park programs include Adult Softball, Summer Tennis Camp, Tennis Lessons, Tournaments & Open Play. Ball machine rental is also available. Youth Tennis Camps & Soccer, Flag Football, T-Ball, and Softball are available throughout the year.

#### Founders Park SplashPad

The SplashPad is located at Founders Park. Summer hours are Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 7pm, weather permitting. It is free for Aventura Residents. Don't forget to bring your Resident ID. One guest maximum is allowed. The non-resident fee is \$10 and there is a 137 person maximum bathing load.

#### Arthur I. Snyder Memorial Park

Arthur I. Snyder Park features an outdoor plaza that is suitable for outdoor concerts and events, open quadrangle play area, shade trees, and covered areas for outdoor recreational pursuits.

#### Veterans Park

Veterans Park is located at 18375 NE 31 Avenue. The hours of operation are 8 AM until thirty minutes prior to sunset. This two acre park has separate and secure areas for both children and pets. Veterans Park features a covered playground, soccer net, and open play area for children, with parking and a separate play area for your pet to exercise leash free. Amenities include doggie water fountains and showers, playground equipment and red fire hydrants. Future programming will include pet health and obedience activities, pet registration and vaccination programs, and special events just for you and your puppy!

Tonya Nimark

Parks & Recreation Superintendent

305-466-8932

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## **TRANSPORTATION**

### AIRPORTS

Aventura is centrally located between both of South Florida's major airports. We are 10 miles South of Fort Lauderdale International Airport and 15 miles North of Miami International.

#### Fort Lauderdale

Aventura is 10 miles from Fort Lauderdale International Airport. To reach Aventura from the airport, take 595 East to I-95. Aventura is 10 miles south. For more information, call their main information line at 954-359-1200 or visit their official website: [www.broward.org/airport](http://www.broward.org/airport).

Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

320 Terminal Drive

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315 - (954) 359-0200

Miami International Airport  
4200 NW 21 Street  
Miami, FL 33142

Aventura is 15 miles north of Miami International Airport. To reach Aventura from Miami Int'l, take State Road 112 east to I-95, then travel north. For more information, call their main information line at 305-876-7000 or visit their official website: [www.miami-airport.com](http://www.miami-airport.com).

### PORTS

Fromberg Perlow & Kornik: Port Brian E

18901 NE 29th Ave # 100  
Aventura, FL 33180  
(305) 933-2000

Port Jackson Corp  
2600 Island Blvd  
Aventura, FL 33160  
(305) 792-7199

### BUSES

#### **AVENTURA EXPRESS**

Information Line (305) 932-1BUS aka (305) 932-1287  
[express@cityofaventura.com](mailto:express@cityofaventura.com)

#### **AVENTURA EXPRESS SERVICE OPERATING HOURS**

- Monday through Friday:
  - Blue, Green, Red, Purple
  - 7:45am to 6:30pm
  - Yellow - 8:45am to 6:30pm
- Saturday: All Routes 8:45 am - 9:30 pm
- Except the following Holidays:
  - New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day

### **DEPARTMENTS**

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## UTILITIES

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Public Works manages and maintains all public property including public streets, facilities, right-of-ways and medians within the City limits. The Public Works Division issues permits for any work within the public right-of-way in the City, and is responsible for fleet maintenance.

In keeping with the City's philosophy of operating the government as a private business, all of the public services are contracted to the private sector. This approach to delivering public service targets the public dollar to direct services, rather than related costs such as equipment, personnel, commodities and supplies.

The following services are contracted to the private sector:

- Street sweeping
- Stormwater drainage maintenance
- Beautification, landscaping and irrigation
- Street and sidewalk repair
- Median and right-of-way maintenance
- Engineering inspections
- Park maintenance
- Landscape architecture
- Public Works permits

This Division also reviews engineering plans, makes appropriate recommendations, and coordinates with the County on all traffic matters. If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding public property maintenance, drainage, sidewalks and streets, or any other public works related item, please call the Public Works Division at 305-466-8931. For questions regarding public works permitting or GIS Maps, please contact Anthony Mihalko, Engineering/Tech CAD Operator, at 305-466-8927 or e-mail [amihalko@cityofaventura.com](mailto:amihalko@cityofaventura.com).

FPL: 305-442-8770

Water Department: Miami-Dade Water & Sewer: 305-665-2967

Sewer: Miami-Dade Water & Sewer: 305-665-2967

Garbage: Miami-Dade Department of Solid Waste: 305-594-1500

Recycling: Miami-Dade Department of Solid Waste: 305-594-1500

Phone: AT&T/BELLSOUTH: 888-757-6500

Cable: Comcast: 305-232-8132

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