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Miami Beach Hosts Earth Month Events

— *The global theme of this year's celebration is 'Water... Now or Never'* —

Miami Beach, FL – Sea turtles, native plants, solar energy, environmental cleanups and a tree planting take center stage at the upcoming Earth Month celebration in Miami Beach.

“We only have one Earth and it’s everyone’s responsibility to preserve it for future generations,” Miami Beach City Manager Alina T. Hudak said. “We invite all residents and visitors to come out and appreciate the great natural beauty that abounds in our city while celebrating Earth Month.”

The global theme of this year’s celebration will be “Water ... Now or Never,” according to not-for-profit Earth Month Network. April 4 marks the 53rd anniversary of Earth Month, which was conceived by a high school student in 1970 as a nonpolitical event during the month of April.

Miami Beach will host the following month-long series of events to educate residents, visitors and staff on the beauty of our natural surroundings and the importance of protecting the environment:

Saturday, April 1 – Start of Sea Turtle Season

Multiple Miami Beach departments are collaborating to help protect our lovable marine friends. Residents are encouraged to use sea turtle-friendly lighting, keep blinds and curtains closed at night and remain at least 10 feet away from sea turtles and their nests.

Visit www.mbrisingabove.com/seaturtles

Thursday, April 6 – Solar Co-op Launch and Information Session

Virtual Solar 101 Session – 6 p.m.

A new solar co-op is set to launch on March 31 in Miami-Dade County through Solar United Neighbors of Florida or SUN. The co-op will bring together interested homeowners and small businesses to obtain volume discounts on rooftop solar systems. This first virtual session will serve as an introduction to solar energy and solar co-ops.

To register, visit www.SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/Miami/Events

Saturday, April 15 – Baynanza

Various Locations – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The 41st Baynanza in Miami-Dade County will engage thousands of community volunteers for cleanups at 31 locations along Biscayne Bay, including Maurice Gibb Memorial Park, Flagler Memorial Island (Monument Island), and the Julia Tuttle Causeway in Miami Beach.

To register, visit www.miamidade.gov/environment/baynanza/volunteer_form.asp

Friday, April 21 – Mid Beach Freebee Tesla X Ribbon Cutting

2100 Washington Avenue – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Miami Beach is taking its transportation to the next level with the introduction of Tesla X vehicles, replacing the existing fleet of golf carts for the Mid Beach on-demand transit service. To celebrate this innovative change, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held to mark the official launch of the Tesla X service as an eco-friendly, luxurious and efficient way of getting around Mid Beach.

Visit www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/transportation/mid-beach-on-demand-transit-service/

Saturday, April 22 – Earth Day at Miami Beach Botanical Garden

Miami Beach Botanical Garden, 2000 Convention Center Drive – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Miami Beach Botanical Garden will host an Earth Day celebration that includes a native plant giveaway, compost workshop and other activities.

Visit www.mbgarden.org/event/9587/

Saturday, April 22 – #MiamiTech Earth Day with eMerge Americas

Collins Park, 2100 Collins Avenue – 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join eMerge as the #MiamiTech community helps keep Miami Beach parks and beaches clean while having fun. This event is supported by BITMAIN in partnership with eMerge Americas and also benefits the Blue Scholars Initiative, which educates and empowers students through hands-on (and virtual) marine science education to foster a connection with the ocean and launch long-term environmental stewardship.

Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/miamitech-earth-day-park-beach-cleanup-family-fun-tickets-560024627737?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Thursday, April 27 – Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony and Proclamation

North Beach Compost Hub (85 Street and Collins Ave) – Time pending

Miami Beach will celebrate Arbor Day with a proclamation and tree planting in partnership with the Miami Beach Botanical Garden. This event highlights the importance of the urban forest and requalifies the city to receive the Tree City USA designation. Miami Beach has held this designation for 18 years thanks to the community's hard work in protecting our vital tree canopy.

Saturday, April 29 – Miami Beach Sea Turtle Fest

Altos Del Mar Park, 76 Street and Collins Avenue – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event offers a day of fun and celebration to honor these magnificent creatures and raise awareness about protecting their habitat and our environment. Activities will include beach cleanups, craft activities, games, tree giveaways, educational programming and more.

Visit www.miamibeachfl.gov/event/turtle-fest/

For more information on Earth Month events in Miami Beach, visit

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