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District 5

STRICTLY BUSINESS

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Your monthly source for everything business in District 5

The small businesses in District 5 are what make our community special; in this month's edition of "Strictly Business," we feature tips, tricks and resources that will be essential this spring season.

As a small business owner, I know how stressful tax season can be. With deadlines fast approaching, I didn't want you to miss out on all the [Miami-Dade County Resources](#) that can help you get your paperwork filed on time. Summer is just around the



corner and it's time for some serious "Spring Cleaning" in your stores and offices; featured below are a few pointers that will help clear out some space and start off this new season feeling refreshed and ready to take on whatever comes your way. I hope we can help provide the best resources and tools to help you succeed but always feel free to reach out to our team at District5@miamidade.gov with any questions or feedback.

HAPPY SPRING!

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Mom and Pop Grant Program

Recipient Spotlights

[Alina Sportswear](#)

[South Beach Pet Shop
Grooming and Boutique](#)

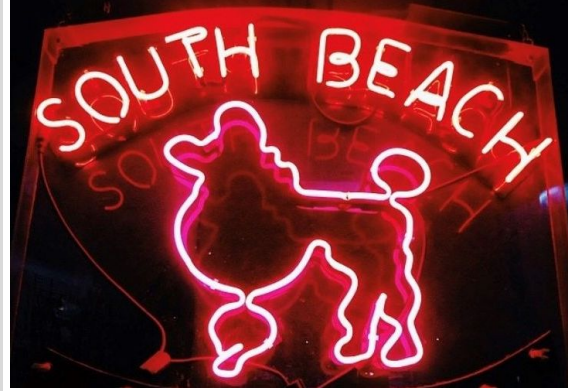


Alina Sportswear specializes in custom-made apparel, including uniform shirts, scrubs, hats, and T-shirts. The family owned business is located in the heart of Little Havana, where they have been embroidering products for their customers for over 40 years.

Address: 1732 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33135

Hours: Open Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 5:00pm and Saturday from 8:30am - 12:00pm

Phone: (305) 649-1303



South Beach Pet Shop Grooming and Boutique has been loving and caring for animals since 1994. The services they offer include grooming, day care, and boarding. They sell a wide range of dog, cat, and small animal food and supplies.

Address: 1757 Alton Road, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Hours: Open Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 6:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am - 6:00pm

Phone: (305) 674-1070

Mom and Pop 2019 Cycle Update

- The 2019 application window is closed
- All applicants who had mistakes in their application have been notified and given the opportunity to provide missing information
- If you applied and have not heard from NANA, we will be in touch when the selection process is complete
- Grants for this cycle have not yet been awarded
- We will provide an update in next month's newsletter
- For all further questions regarding your application, please contact Victoria from NANA at [\(305\) 756-0605](tel:3057560605)

Upcoming Events In District 5

April 3: [1 Million Cups Miami](#)

April 4: [Ladies Who Launch](#)

April 8: [C The Future: How To Get A Healthtech Startup Into The Market](#)

April 13: [Manage Your Cash Flow](#)

April 16: [From Start To Sale: How We Built And Sold Our Startup](#)

April 16: [Investment Breakfast and Learn Series: When to raise](#)

[Money](#)

April 23: [M-DCPS Doughnuts & Dialogue - Digital Marketing Projections](#)

April 24: [Budgeting, Forecasting & Projections](#)

Legislative Update

Florida Inclusive Workforce Act

On March 19th, The Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass the Florida Inclusive Workforce Act (FIWA). The legislation focuses on keeping Florida competitive in recruiting and retaining the best talent for its workforce by adding sexual orientation and gender identity to the Florida Civil Rights Act. FIWA would not only increase protections for employees across the state of Florida, but helps secure a stronger economic future for our state. Resolutions to support FIWA on the state level have been passed in The City of Miami, The City of Miami Beach, and now in Miami-Dade County.

Small Business News

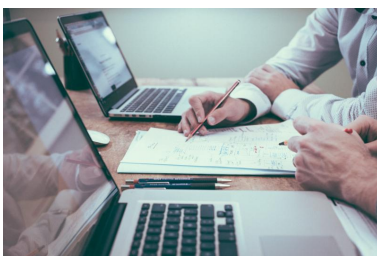
[Smaller Instagram Profiles – Like the One for Your Business – Less Likely to Use Stories, Data Says](#) (SmallBizTrends.com)

[GEICO's Tips for Small Business Owners at Tax Time](#) (Businesswire.com)

[Your Complete Small Business Income Tax Guide](#) (Thebalancesmb.com))

[Spring Cleaning: Have You Considered The Benefits For Your Business?](#) (Bigideasforsmallbusiness.com)

County Resources



[Free Tax Prep](#)



[Miami-Dade Living Wage 2018 - 2019](#)



[Small Business Enterprise Programs](#)