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Mayor Bell Hosts 2018 State of the Town Address



CUTLER BAY, Fla. – October 29, 2018 – On Wednesday, October 24, 2018, Mayor Peggy R. Bell hosted her last State of the Town Address at Town Hall. The Mayor highlighted the many ways that the Town Council, Town staff, residents, and community partners’ work has contributed to the overall success of this community.

The event received a full house audience consisting of residents, Town staff and Council Members, community partners and elected officials. Among the elected officials present were former Cutler Bay Mayor Paul Vrooman, former Cutler Bay Vice Mayor Ernest Sochin, former Cutler Bay Council Member Tim Meerbot, and current Pinecrest Mayor Joseph M. Corradino. Additionally, a representative from Miami-Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava’s Office was in attendance.

The State of the Town Address commenced with a brief speech by the Master of Ceremonies and Town Manager, Rafael G. Casals. Mr. Casals then introduced the Presentation of Colors by the Miami-Dade County Police Department Honor Guard. Next came the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bell’s husband, Marty Bell, followed by longtime Cutler Bay resident Diane Kessell’s rendition of the National Anthem.

Before listing the Town’s accomplishments, Mayor Bell took to the floor to present Council Member Mary Ann Mixon a proclamation and award acknowledging her eight (8) years of service as a Council Member. Along with Mayor Bell, Council Member Mixon will also reach her term limits in November 2018. “I had the unique experience of serving this Town as both a member of the staff and council. I am extremely proud of the work that we have accomplished during my time with the Town. From becoming the first municipality in Miami-Dade County to earn the Green City designation to implementing flood mitigation practices that allow property owners to enjoy some of the lowest flood insurance rates in the County, the Town of Cutler Bay continues to be at the forefront of sustainable development,” stated Council Member Mixon.

The Mayor then proudly acknowledged the many successes of the Town's small team of dedicated employees and recounted heartwarming stories of her time serving the Town. By the end of Mayor Bell's address, it was clear that the many accomplishments and progress the Town has made were a direct result of the dedication, work and loyalty given by the Town's residents. Following the Mayor's Address, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle presented Mayor Bell with a proclamation and award for her dedication and years of service to the Town.

To end the State of the Town Address, the Mayor enthusiastically introduced the 2018 State of the Town Address Video, produced by Multi Media Marketing Associates. The video further detailed the work of the community, the progress the Town has made in the past year, and goals for the future. "It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Town of Cutler Bay Mayor and Council Member. I couldn't be prouder of all the progress and accomplishments I've seen through the years as a result of the hard work from the Town's Council Members, staff and, most importantly, our dedicated residents. I will always be invested in the Town of Cutler Bay and will continue to support the bettering of our wonderful community," expressed Mayor Bell.

To top the night off, attendees retired to the Town Hall Penthouse for hors d'oeuvres provided by Delicious Catering, Music by DJ Ivan and live performances by Cutler Bay Senior High's talented SharkPAC Band.

The Town acknowledges and thanks the sponsors who made this event possible: Acosta Tractors, Baptist Health, Calvin Giordano and Associates, EnviroWaste Services Group, Stantec Consulting Services, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, Kimley-Horn, R. J. Behar & Company, VisualScape, Anfield Consulting, Caballero Fieman Llerena and Garcia, Marlin Engineering, Sunstate Bank, The Corradino Group, Ygrene Energy Fund, and Gomez Barker Associates. Their sponsorship is priceless to the Town.

To view the 2018 State of the Town Address Video, visit the Mayor's page on the Town's website at <http://cutlerbay-fl.gov/town-council/mayor/mayor-s-annual-state-of-the-town-address> and to view the 2018 Departmental Accomplishments follow this link: <http://cutlerbay-fl.gov/home/showdocument?id=13284>.

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