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Fall is just around the corner and we are ramping up our efforts with renewed vigor.

Dade Heritage Trust



Dade Heritage Trust is the foremost organization devoted to Historic Preservation in Miami-Dade County. DHT has been the "parent" organization of Friends of Miami Marine Stadium, providing us an administrative "umbrella". For more information on Dade Heritage Trust, click [here](#)

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Allen Ginsberg at

[A Summer Pause](#)

Throughout the late spring and early summer, we crafted a comprehensive proposal for the restoration of the Marine Stadium. Our initial negotiations with the City Administration were not successful so we decided to "take a pause" and re-evaluate our plan. We are working diligently to prepare an amended proposal.

Restoration of the Marine Stadium is a complex task. Our mission is to create a plan that involves no City financing, neither for restoration nor maintenance and ongoing operations. At the same time, we must function within the guidelines of the City-approved Virginia Key Master Plan and satisfy various City regulatory issues and community concerns.

Developing the right formula is both a challenging and time-consuming balancing act. We hope to publicly announce plans soon.

[Friends of Miami Marine Stadium To Develop As an Organization](#)

We told you in our July 1 Newsletter that Friends of Miami Marine Stadium was becoming an independent organization - a necessary step in undertaking the herculean task of redeveloping the Stadium.

We are pleased to announce that we have received our 501c3 designation. We can now directly accept tax-deductible charitable

Miami Marine Stadium

In our last newsletter, we highlighted the famous "hug" between Sammy Davis Jr and President Richard Nixon at the Marine Stadium. A great bookend to this was the poetry reading done by Beat poet Allen Ginsberg. Walter Secada has written a great first person account of this event-and the surrounding political climate. Click [here](#) to read it.

We continue to work on our book of memories of the Marine Stadium, IF SEATS COULD TALK. If you have a story about your experiences at the Stadium, let us know-we can interview you by phone and write it up. Just hit the "return" button to this email and we'll get in touch with you.

of stories submitted to IF SEATS COULD TALK123

Marine Stadium Presentations

To date, we have done 40 presentations to various civic, business groups, and neighborhood associations about the Marine Stadium. Our goal is to do 100 community presentations by the time the Stadium is restored. Upcoming presentations include The Miami Womens Club, The Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce, the Miami Memorabilia Collectors Club and The Villagers.

If you know of an organization that might be interested in a presentation about the Marine Stadium, please let us know by responding to this email. Our powerpoint presentation is always well received and it is an important way for us to

contributions and have begun setting up our bank account and selecting our initial Board of Directors. By the next update, we will inform you of the initial Board appointments.

We appreciate and acknowledge the efforts of Dade Heritage Trust (DHT), Miami-Dade County's foremost preservation organization. For over 3 years, DHT has served as our administrative umbrella and DHT members and Board have been involved in our advocacy efforts. We look forward to continuing our close relationship with Dade Heritage Trust.

Press



The Marine Stadium remained in the news over the summer. On July 28, The Miami Herald featured a [major story](#) on the cover of the Metro section - on our negotiations with the City. The same day, The Herald wrote an Editorial - their *sixth* - in support of our efforts to restore the Marine Stadium. Click [here](#) to read it.

Channel 10 News, the Miami ABC affiliate, had a [feature story](#) by reporter Neki Mohan about the Marine Stadium. Michael Lewis, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of Miami Today wrote a thoughtful [editorial](#) on the need for the City of Miami to establish a self perpetuating trust fund for the long-term needs of important cultural assets such as the Marine Stadium. Finally, there's the personal article by Tom Austin in [Ocean Drive Magazine](#) entitled "Other Cities have a Stadium, but we have a Marine Stadium."

Conclusion

We have been working diligently since February 2008 to initially save and now restore the Marine Stadium. While we are proud of our numerous accomplishments in the last 3 1/2 years, we have much to do before we can all enjoy magical evenings at the Marine Stadium once again. We will continue working until we are successful just as the Marine Stadium continues to inspire photographers like Michael Stephen McFarland's elegant Miami skyline and silhouetted stadium.

build community support and involvement.

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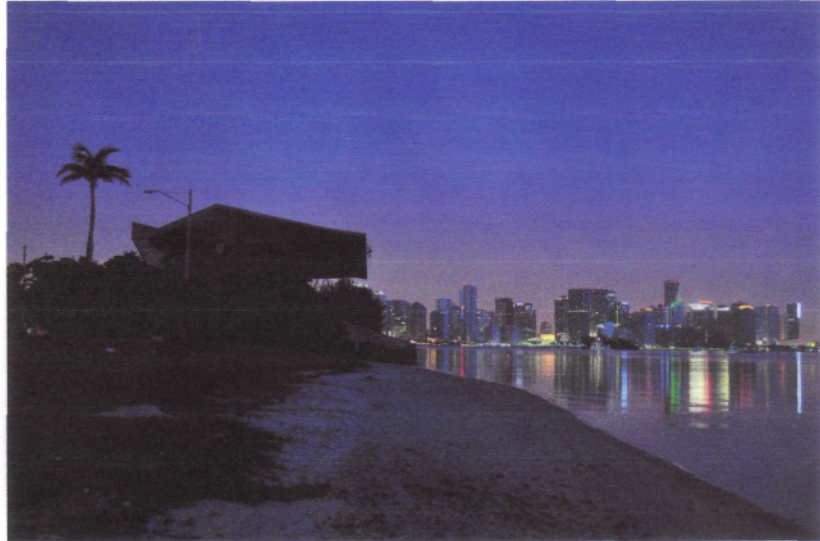


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