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Miami Lakes newest pocket park now underway at Florinda Estates



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY for the new quarter-acre Florinda Estates Park included (from left) Andy Gonzalez of South Florida Groundkeepers, Mayor Michael Pizzi, resident Kevin Morejon, Town Manager Alex Rey, Parks and Recreation director Tony Lopez, and parks staff member Dario Moreno. (See story on Page 2.) Photo courtesy of Town of Miami Lakes.

Groundbreaking signals start for new Florinda Estates pocket park

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The Town of Miami Lakes Parks and Recreation Department and Mayor Michael Pizzi hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on January 7 for a new pocket park on the west side of town.

The proposed park, located at 8767 N.W. 139 Street, will serve the children and families of the Florinda Estates and West Lake communities.

The design of the quarter-acre Florinda Estates Park features a double bay swing set for toddlers and children, a shade shelter, picnic benches, and a playground with a rock climbing wall and slides.

The park, which was partly paid for through a Florida Recreation Development Assis-

tance Program grant, is scheduled for completion later this year.

"This park is an important addition to our parks system," said Pizzi. "It will bring the type of recreational space that has long been needed in these neighborhoods and the west side of town."

The park includes a bonus – it will be all "green" as all landscaping will utilize xeriscaping principles which avoid the use of irriga-

tion and electricity.

"This new park project symbolizes the Town's commitment to the ongoing development of its parks and open spaces even in challenging economic times," said Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation director. "The Town truly understands and supports the endless benefits parks bring to its community."