

## High Pines and Ponce-Davis Annexation Facts

The High Pines and Ponce-Davis neighborhoods are surrounded on 2 and 3 sides by the City of Coral Gables. Be part of the conversation and consider becoming an integral part of Coral Gables– **A world-class city with a hometown feel!**

The mission of the City of Coral Gables is to honor our history by providing exceptional services that enhance the quality of life of our community.

**WHY BE PART OF CORAL GABLES?** Current and future residents are welcomed. In the United States, there are 40 cities accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) with an ISO Class 1 Rating. Of those 40, only 18 are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Commission on Accreditation for Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) has accredited only 12 of those 18. Of those 12, only four of them have a global long-term rating of Aaa by Moody’s Investors Service. And of those four, only one U.S. city has a population of less than 125,000 ... **Welcome to Coral Gables, Florida – The City Beautiful.**

**WHAT’S IT GOING TO COST ME?** Approximately **\$1,086 per year (or \$21/week)** in additional property tax, solid waste fee and fire fee for a typical \$600,000 home (taxable value) assuming Coral Gables provides all municipal services including police, fire and emergency medical. The City also provides a property tax exemption of \$50,000 for low-income seniors living in their homes for 25+ years which would lower the additional cost above by \$60 per year.

### WHAT SERVICES CAN I EXPECT?

**✓ Police Response**

\* **City emergency police response is 5:00 minutes on average;** the County response averages 10:20 minutes

\* **For non-emergency calls, City Police response averages 8:00 minutes;** County response is 34:40 minutes on average

**✓ Fire & Emergency Medical Response**

\* **City emergency Fire/EMS response averages 5:20 minutes;** County response is 6:50 minutes on average

\* **City Fire Station 4 at 1300 Sunset Drive is closer to High Pines** than County Station at 5860 SW 70<sup>th</sup> Street



✔ **Frequent and Convenient Residential Waste Service**

\* **City garbage pick-up at side of house by vetted City employees – 2/week; recycling – 1/week**

\* County garbage pick-up curbside 2/week; recycling – once every 2 weeks

\* **City bulk waste pick-up 1/week;** County is 2 times per year

✔ **New and Upgraded Parks**

\* **Renovate and upgrade median trail on NW 76<sup>th</sup> Street**

\* **Purchase and construction of new neighborhood park (1/2 acre)**

\* Access to City parks and other recreational venues at discounted residential rate (i.e. Biltmore and Granada golf courses, UM sporting events, Kerdyk Biltmore Tennis Center)

✔ **Substantial Infrastructure and Landscape Improvements**

\* **Road resurfacing and improved drainage**

\* New and repaired sidewalks

\* Extensive tree plantings and trimming along roads and in parks

✔ **“Helping Community” Government Attitude Nearby**

\* **Coral Gables City Hall is 4 miles from High Pines**

\* Miami-Dade County Administrative Center is 10+ miles north into the center of Miami

\* **City “ombudsman” is available to help residents and businesses** with governmental needs

\* Coral Gables is very proud of its Aaa bond rating from Standard and Poor’s (S&P) and Moody’s

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