



**Town of Miami Lakes Blasting Advisory Board (BAB)
2024 Summary of Accomplishments and Initiatives**

2024 Accomplishments:

State-Level Engagement:

- In February, participated in the inaugural Tallahassee workshop addressing blasting issues, marking a milestone in statewide collaboration.

Municipal Outreach and Advocacy:

- Engaged with key municipalities, including Homestead, Doral and Miramar, to align efforts and build coalitions.
- Established partnerships with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and Miami Realtors Association to expand support for blasting reforms.

Public Awareness Campaigns by individual members: (*outside of committee*)

- Partnered with Councilmember Steven Herzberg to design and distribute impactful, easy-to-understand collateral that vividly illustrates the tangible effects of blasting on affected communities. The materials were intentionally crafted to be accessible to individuals of all literacy levels, ensuring the message resonates with a wide audience.

Strategic Community Engagement:

- Boosted resident awareness through targeted social media campaigns and collaborations with HOA and PSN Civic Associations.
- Supported the City of Miramar by creating tailored materials to aid their presentation to the council.
- Actively monitored and advised on the FDOT Miami-Gardens Drive expansion project, ensuring resident concerns were prioritized.

On-Going Initiatives

- **Town Council Advocacy:** BAB continues to work closely with the Town Council to address and implement the BAB recommendations.
- **Legislative Efforts:** Supported State Representative Fabricio's draft bill addressing blasting concerns.

Challenges Addressed

Attendance and Quorum Issues:

- Recommended reinstating the original attendance policy to mitigate quorum challenges and ensure uninterrupted progress.

Future Goals

Strengthening Legal and Legislative Actions:

- Seek a formal legal opinion on potential legal actions to safeguard affected residents.
- Facilitate continued outreach to local and state stakeholders.
- Coordinate a second delegation trip to Tallahassee (March 2025) to reinforce legislative advocacy.

Building Collaborative Solutions:

- Advocate for the Town's support in organizing a regional workshop, bringing municipalities and the County together to formulate a cohesive action plan.
- Leverage the expertise of past Chair Miguel Martinez, who has rejoined the BAB, to drive strategic initiatives.

Call for Support

BAB requests the Town's assistance in allocating resources for hosting the proposed workshop and other critical initiatives, ensuring sustained momentum and impactful results for our community.