

Community Background Report

Arch Creek

County

Miami-Dade

Boundaries

North: Northeast 139th Street

South: Northeast 126th Street / Keystone Boulevard

East: Biscayne Bay

West: Arch Creek Road

Community Type

Neighborhood

History

Arch Creek is a neighborhood of the City of North Miami, of less than a half square mile in size. The neighborhood is named after an early settlement in Miami-Dade County, in present-day metropolitan Miami. Tequesta Indians thrived here before the first Europeans arrived in the early 16th century. The name is derived from the 40 foot (12 m) natural limestone bridge that spanned the creek until 1973. It is part of the Arch Creek Memorial Park at 1855 Northeast 135th Street, on Biscayne Boulevard. It was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places on July 15, 1986.

The neighborhood's natural area is watched over by the Arch Creek Trust, whose stated mission is as follows: "As our communities become developed, diminishing the once-pristine natural beauty of South Florida, the Arch Creek Trust works to enhance and defend the remaining echoes of the primitive inhabitants, the settlers that reached the shores of Biscayne Bay in the early pioneer era and the residents who fought to preserve the natural arch bridge from destruction."

The neighborhood also contains the Arch Creek East (ACE) Passive Park, which is in the median of NE 135th Street, extending for 1 mile from Biscayne Boulevard east to the ACE Preserve, then on to Biscayne Bay. The park includes a scenic walking trail, benches, a butterfly habitat and dog walking stations.

Arch Creek is subject to flood hazard, and recent capital improvements have focused on this. A project to improve drainage was scheduled to end in June of 2020, and covered the area from 130th Street to 133rd Street, and from Northeast 12th Avenue to Northeast 14th Avenue.

The neighborhood is divided into four sections, which meet at the intersection of Biscayne Boulevard and NE 135th Street. The northeast quadrant is characterized by several businesses, a few single-family homes and a mobile home park. The southeast quadrant contains the Keystone Point Park and is an exclusive area with single-family homes on larger plots of land, which have canal access to the Intracoastal Waterway. The southwest quadrant, nearest to Johnson & Wales University, is comprised of low-density multifamily land use and businesses that front Biscayne Boulevard and NE 135th Street. The northwest quadrant contains Arch Creek Park. The Arch Creek Park was formally dedicated on April 25, 1982. Today, Arch Creek is an 8-acre (32,000 m²) site at the junction of N.E. 135th Street and Biscayne Boulevard, and offers many opportunities for botanical, historical and archaeological study.

Community Dynamics

According to U.S. 2010 Census and American Community Survey 2015 5-year data, Arch Creek has a population of 8,494, 65.95% of which are working age from 18 to 64. The average per capita income of \$42,453 is higher than Miami-Dade County's average per capita income of \$28,823. The population is 44.2% Hispanic, and 55.8% non-Hispanic. Furthermore, 77.84% of the population is White (including Hispanic White), 11.57% is Black, and 10.59% Others. A non-English language is spoken by only 8.3% of the population. Regarding education level, 43.93% of the population has less than a high school education, which is slightly lower than Miami-Dade County's 48.86%. Foreign-born individuals make up 41.4% of the population, and 49.32% of the population are naturalized citizens, while 50.71% are not U.S. citizens.

Business Landscape

Though Johnson & Wales University (JWU) is just outside of Arch Creek's boundaries, it dominates the business landscape of this neighborhood. In 1992, JWU purchased a vacant hospital building and a medical office building in the City. Since then, JWU's North Miami Campus facilities and operations have grown considerably, serving more than 1,900 students. The campus (now 25 acres) includes seven residence halls. Other area business is retail in nature, located along Biscayne Boulevard.

Transportation

Though the City of North Miami has established a Community Redevelopment Agency with boundaries that cover much of the City, Arch Creek is beyond these boundaries. The majority of the traffic passes through the neighborhood without stopping, as Biscayne Boulevard directs motorists north or south to major employers or retail centers outside of the neighborhood. Arch Creek is located near the Intracoastal Waterway, Miami Beach, major retail centers to the north, two universities, the Florida East Coast (FEC) railroad and the Oleta Link Greenway.

The City of North Miami operates the NoMi Express, a free shuttle bus that runs every day except on major holidays and follows four different routes. There is a Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) proprietary mobile and NoMi Express app for tracking the current location of buses.

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