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Miami volunteers will clean up the beach that changed who could reach the shore

HIPHOUSE, The Brickyard and the Urban League of Greater Miami invite neighbors and news crews to Historic Virginia Key Beach Park on Nov. 21.

MIAMI, Fla. On Saturday, volunteers will gather at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park to learn why this stretch of shoreline matters to Miami, then head out together to remove litter. HIPHOUSE and The Brickyard are organizing the cleanup with support from the Urban League of Greater Miami.

In 1945, Black Miamians staged a wade-in at Haulover Beach to demand access to the county's public beaches. Virginia Key Beach opened later that year as a designated beach for Black residents during segregation. Generations of families made it a place to swim, gather and celebrate. Today the park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

That history sits on a shoreline Miami still has to protect. Seasonal king tides already flood low-lying areas, and tropical storms can push seawater ashore as storm surge. Healthy mangroves can slow waves and reduce erosion, and beaches absorb wave energy. Saturday's cleanup removes debris from the shoreline and gives volunteers a chance to see firsthand why caring for this habitat matters.

COVER THE CLEANUP

Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026 · Dance Pavilion, Historic Virginia Key Beach Park
4020 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149
11–11:30 a.m. Volunteer check-in · **11:30 a.m.–noon** Park history
Noon–1:30 p.m. Shoreline cleanup

News crews are invited to film the history session and volunteers working along the shore. To coordinate coverage or interview HIPHOUSE founder Aaron Jordan, email aaron@pebbletheapp.com. **Volunteer RSVP**

Next weekend · The HIPHOUSE Music, Art & Climate Festival comes to Wynwood Marketplace on Sunday, Nov. 29, from 3 to 11 p.m. with DJs, live performances, visual art, fashion and local vendors. **Festival RSVP and tickets**

Background for reporters · Park history · Miami-Dade king tides · USGS research on mangroves