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Happy birthday, Miami! You're only 121



The city of Miami turned 121 on July 28, 2017. Here is a view of downtown Miami's growing skyline. (Johnny Diaz / Sun Sentinel)



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Happy birthday, Miami! Feliz cumpleaños! You're 121.

The capital of the 305 has been trending on Twitter as fellow municipalities and some celebrities send good birthday wishes for the city that was incorporated on July 28, 1896.

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One of the city's early pioneers was Julia Tuttle, who bought 644 acres of swampland and was key in developing the Magic City. She's been credited with influencing Henry Flagler to bring his railroad to Miami. (There's a big east-to-west causeway from Miami to Miami Beach named after her.)

The city has literally grown up with a skyline that's home to the tallest building in Florida (Panorama Tower), major sports teams and new museums such as the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science near Bayfront Park. And, of course, it's the birthplace of Mr. 305 himself, Pitbull.

To celebrate the birthday, the city tweeted a montage of Miamians in recognizable spots — including downtown, outside Versailles Restaurant and Cocowalk — wishing the city a happy birthday.

HistoryMiami Museum also shared a video with historic black-and-white pictures of Miami International Airport and people playing polo.

The city of Miami Beach also got into the act with a playful tweet about how “everyone confuses, but we're the younger, better-looking sibling.”

And people who just love Miami, from natives to transplants, also shared tweets, including one with a “Miami Vice”-themed birthday card by former WTVJ-Ch. 6 health reporter Diana Gonzalez.

“I live, work and play in the city I love,” she wrote.

Others thanked the city for what it offers.

“Thank you for Publix, palm trees, the women, the dolphins, hurricanes, and cocaine” wrote @cheftrillier on Twitter.